



Diana and Revd. Warren Williams  
ring themselves in at St. John's

**May - Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1st Hartley Staples  
Margaret Ball (senior)  
Lynne & Steve Bye W.A.
- 3rd Cyril Willcox  
Chloe Hayzen
- 4th Nigel Middleton
- 5th Sarah & Tom Clark W.A.
- 8th Mike Stowell  
Tina & Nigel Middleton WA
- 10th Jilly Butland  
Jane Morris
- 11th Tina Middleton
- 12th Matilda Jane Harkness  
Robert Porch
- 15th Samuel Leiper
- 19th Emily Limage
- 20th Harrison Flower
- 22nd Duncan Mackay  
Bradley Beardshaw
- 26th Jane Staples  
Colin Webb
- 27th Christopher Jaehme
- 28th Sally White
- 29th Millie Stowell  
Trina Willoughby  
Samuel Rogers
- 30th Joanna Brain

**St John's Altar Guild**



**May Rota**

**Grace & John Griffin and Troy Gale**

Thanks to everyone who so beautifully decorated St. John's for the Easter Celebrations.

The Altar Guild Supper at The Drum and Monkey was a great success.

**Kenn Christian Aid Week 2013**



Christian Aid Week 2013 runs from 12th to 18th May.

As usual, I'm looking/appealing for help with the house to house collection, *which has comprehensively proved to be the most effective way of collecting.*

If you would like to help please contact me. The more collectors, the fewer houses each has to visit. This year's Christian Aid theme simply confronts the fact that every night, 1 in 8 people in this world goes to bed hungry. We are invited to 'Bite Back at Hunger'

Julia Bush 01275 873554

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm  
All Saints' Church K/Seymour**

If you would like to be confirmed please speak with David Harrex or Warren Williams a.s.a.p.

**Our Flag was flown in April**

23rd April—St. George's Day was celebrated with our St. George's Flag.

29th April—Our Flag was flown at half mast to mark the passing on Sunday 28th at Sandford of Renee Bell, who was for many years a Churchwarden at St. John's.

Details of Renee's funeral arrangements will be published in the weekly church pew sheets.

**Friends of Kenn Church**  
**Annual General Meeting**

7.30 pm Thursday 16th May in the new room of  
St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

**All Parishioners and Friends are invited to  
attend this meeting**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
  2. Minutes of Annual General of 31st May 2012
  3. Matters arising
  4. Finance
  5. Election of Committee
  6. Annual Deep Clean
  7. Best Kept Village – churchyard
- Future events –  
Coffee Mornings in the Church Room  
Harvest Meal  
Altar Linen  
Any other business

**Kenn's April Family Service**

While this service was at the planning stage, the sun was fleetingly showing its face and Celia and Julia thought it was a sign of the long awaited spring.

Thus the theme was 'Cheer up, it's Spring', based on the premise that when things have been tough, the good times that follow are especially precious.

Well, the weather was slowly, hesitantly, marginally improving. Celia's gave a talk inspired by the reading in which Mary of Magdala, so sad and downhearted after the crucifixion, is thrilled at meeting Jesus in the garden, and although not at first believed by the people she told, nonetheless went on to be one of the most important contributors to the Easter story.

Caroline gave us some lovely prayers. Julia used the 'junk' she had been given to make a glass xylophone, with which she, ably assisted by John Griffin, played a jolly tune with Jo on the keyboard.

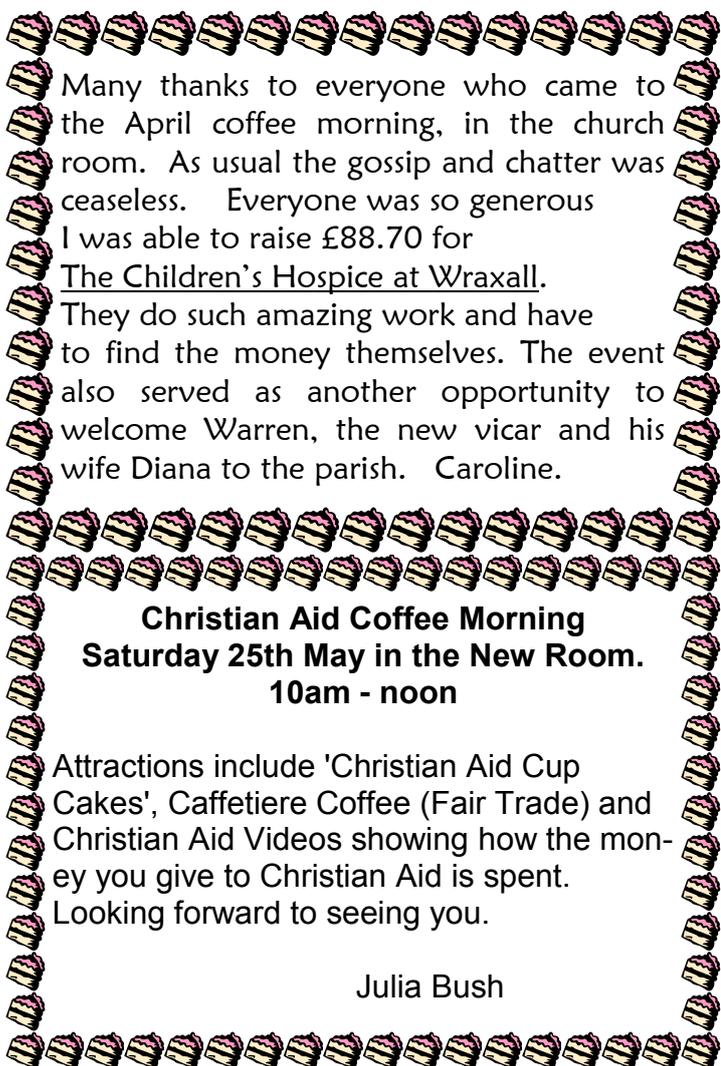
The irony of this was not lost on the congregation, as Celia, between writing her piece and preaching it, broke her wrist playing Frisbee, the tune being 'Always look on the Bright Side' from 'The Life of Brian'. Celia said the bright side of this was not being able to wash up for some time (a collection will soon be started to buy John some Marigolds).

After the service, we enjoyed coffee with Warren and Diana Williams and Warren's 'special' curate Hector.

We also had a pineapple cake with a bit of a history, but that's another story.....

Julia Bush

Following the service Stuart Welch confirmed to Warren that he would be a Candidate for Confirmation at Kingston Seymour on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm. It is hoped that lots of us from Kenn will go along to support him.





Warren and Diana write....

Thank you all so much for your wonderful welcome to the parishes of Kenn and Kingston Seymour within the Yatton Moor Team, it is truly great to be with you and we are delighted to have met so many lovely, warm-hearted people already, not only in the churches throughout the team but also in the life of the villages as well.

It has been a whirlwind experience so far, the move from Mid-Wales, the unpacking, the trying to find things *which still need to be unpacked!*, the delight in setting up our new home and most of all the experience of worshipping together and getting to know you! Following on from the memorable Licensing service and other services / church related events within the Team, I have attended a choir practice at KS, tolled a bell at Kenn (!) had my photograph taken a number of times and attended the local history group AGM.

Diana and myself have visited the village markets at Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Claverham, visited various places in Yatton and taken a look at the lovely garden centre at Cleeve.

Throughout we have met people from the churches who in turn have introduced us to their friends and so our circle of new friends grows across the team area which is marvellous indeed. Warren being an ex-seafarer says it is a delight to live near the sea once more and within relative walking distance of the banks of the estuary just down the road so to speak, and he looks forward to walking there before too long, something close to his heart.

Talking about hearts..... Warren's note about defibrillators is on page 18 ....

**Simnel Sales....Thank you**

Due to the generosity of the folk in Kenn and Yatton Moor, who bought Simnel Cakes at Easter, and items from the cake stall at the April Village Market, I was able to send £100 to Mr Emmanuel Blay and his family in Ghana. I will forward any info I get from Mr Blay when he acknowledges the arrival of the money in his account.  
Julia Bush

A photo of members of the congregation for Mr Blay was taken in church after family service in April!

**'Sandwich Central' and 'Dessert Dept' Thanks.**

May I send a great big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who made cakes and sandwiches for Warren's licensing evening, and those who made desserts for Ian's retirement lunch.

Both occasions were remarkable by the wonderful refreshments, enjoyed by all who attended.

Julia Bush

- Friday 12th April Cleeve Village Hall
- Friday 19th April Yatton St Mary's Church
- Friday 26th April Kingston Seymour V. Hall
- Friday 3rd May Cleeve Village Hall
- Friday 10th May Yatton St Mary's Church
- Friday 17th May Kenn Village Hall
- Friday 24th May Trip to Laser Combat
- Friday 7th June Cleeve Village Hall
- Friday 14th June Kenn Village Hall
- Friday 21st June Yatton St Mary's
- Friday 28th June Kingston Seymour Village Hall
- Friday 5th July Kenn Village Hall
- Friday 12th July Cleeve Village Hall
- Friday 19th July BBQ and Swim

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**and  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,  
11th May from 10:00am till midday.

**Recycling - 7th/14th/21st/28th**

**Dustbin - 7th/14th May**

**Green Waste - 14th/28th May**



**North Somerset Times**

Copies of this local  
newspaper are freely  
available from the  
Drum and Monkey from  
Wednesday afternoons week.

**Kenn Women's Institute**

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm  
Wednesday 8th May  
All Welcome

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**Quarterly Specialist Sale**  
Thursday 23rd May 10.30am

**Viewing at Saleroom**  
Tuesday 21st May 2pm - 5:30pm  
Wednesday 22nd May 10am - 7:30pm  
Morning of sale from 9am

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

### KENN W.I.

Gerry Watkins came to our April meeting with three helpers and eight greyhounds. They were all so good – the only sounds we heard from them were when we started to sing Jerusalem! Many of them had been abused in their former lives and they must have thought life had taken a turn for the worse again.

Greyhounds are such gentle animals and seem to bear no malice towards humans after the bad treatment they have had. Most have been racing dogs in Ireland or traveller's dogs.

It was decided that the outing in August should be to Coldharbour Mill near Tiverton in Devon. When all the details have been worked out we will publish them and invite visitors.

At the May meeting Mrs. Pritchard from the Friends of the Bristol Oncology Unit will come to tell us about the latest appeal and the equipment that they hope to buy with it. If you have received treatment, or know someone who has reason to be grateful for the wonderful work that they do, please come along on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. We will be delighted to see you.

Ann Holtham

### Kenn village (Coronation) Celebrations

One of the events being planned is games for the children that might have been played in 1953. We would be grateful for ideas. Perhaps there are some things in boxes, lofts or garages that could be brought out for the day like jacks or dibs and skipping ropes and rounders' bats...!! Please talk to us if you are old enough to remember the play of the past, or are energetic enough to want to join in and help us on the day.

Thanks,

Jan, Colin, Steve and Sarah...(Bedfords and Tholes)

The Next 7@theHall in Kenn is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, but young people are welcome to come to any session at any venue.

On Good Friday. we walked on Wrington Hill and then returned to Cleeve Village Hall for cakes and hot chocolate. Later we watched a film, and after pizza we enjoyed a disco.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we have a trip planned to Laser Combat in Avonmouth. Bring £5 and a consent form to the next session if you want to go. Meet at Cleeve Village hall, and you will be dropped home afterwards. Consent forms must have been completed by parents and handed in, with your £5, BEFORE 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact Jane for details on 01934 35812



Orangina at Yew Tree Farm, Kenn sun bathing last year, she is 6 years old and 300kg just farrowed 9 piglets all doing well must be the Guinness!

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
KINGSTON SEYMOUR  
Friday 3rd—Monday 6th May  
CELEBRATIONS

Church open 10am - 5pm

A Celebration of  
The Book of Common Prayer

Floral Art  
Plant Stall, Fairtrade Stall daily

May Merriment  
An evening of music & verse 7.30pm -  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Tickets £7.50 from Churchwardens

Cream Teas & Homemade cakes in Church  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2.30 - 5pm

All proceeds to General Fund

Seasonal pet bantam eggs for sale, small  
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who lay spring and summer. Delivered to  
Kenn residents £1.20 for 6- Lise Willcox,  
Yew Tree Farm, Kenn [lise.willcox@sky.com](mailto:lise.willcox@sky.com)



## What's on in May

All Saints Kingston Seymour  
3rd-6th May - Celebrations

Monday 6th May  
North Somerset Show, Wraxall

Wednesday 8th May — 7.00pm  
Confirmation at Kingston Seymour

**Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm**  
**Kenn W.I. meet at K.V.H.**

Friday 10th May 7.15pm  
Kingston Seymour Village Hall  
Jumble Sale for Church Funds

**Saturday 11th May — 10.00-12 noon**  
**VILLAGE MARKET & COFFEE MORNING**  
**Kenn Village Hall**

Christian Aid Week  
12th-18th May

**Tuesday 14th May — from 12noon**  
**Kenn Village Lunch—The Drum & Monkey**

Thursday 16th May — 7.30pm  
Friends of Kenn Church AGM  
Kenn Church Room

Friday 17th May — 7-9.00pm  
**7@theHall**

Monday 20th May 7.30pm  
Book Group meet at The Drum & Monkey

Saturday 25th May 10-12noon  
Christian Aid Coffee Morning  
Kenn Church Room

Sunday 2nd June from 12noon  
Village Coronation Jubilee Celebrations

SERVICES FOR MAY 2013

**1st Sunday 5th May THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **WHITE**  
**ROGATION SUNDAY**

**8:00am** *Holy Communion at Kenn\**  
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 9:30am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
 11.00am First Sunday Special at Claverham  
 11:00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour  
 6:00pm Evensong at Yatton\*

**Wednesday 8th May**

**7.00pm** *DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE at All Saints'. Kingston Seymour*

**2nd Thursday - 9th May - ASCENSION DAY** **WHITE**

**6.30am** *Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour followed by breakfast at Kingfisher Cottage*  
 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
 7.30pm Holy Communion/Choral Eucharist at Yatton

**2nd Sunday 12th May THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **WHITE**  
**THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*  
 9:30am Holy Communion at Claverham  
 9:30am Family Communion at Yatton  
**11.00am** *Holy Communion at Kenn*  
 11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
 12.30pm Holy Baptism at Cleeve ~ *Rosie Ann & Ryan Steven Ahmed*  
 6:00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour\*

**3rd Wednesday 15th May**

**11.00am** *Holy Communion at Kenn\**

**3rd Sunday 19th May PENTECOST- WHIT SUNDAY** **RED**

8:00am Holy Communion at Claverham\*  
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
 11:00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour  
 12:15pm Holy Baptism at Yatton - *Florence Hunt & Jacob Cole*  
**6:00pm** *Evensong at Kenn\**

**4th Sunday 26th May TRINITY SUNDAY** **WHITE**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*  
 8.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour\*  
 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 9.30am Patronal Communion at Cleeve  
**11.00am** *Family Service at Kenn*  
 11.00am Family Service at Claverham  
 6.00pm Ecumenical Evensong at Yatton

(\*Book of Common Prayer 1662)

**'Noisy Neighbours' - Drum and Bass Rave at The Hand Equestrian..... June 1st & 2nd.**

There were 39 objection letters regards this future permanent event, it even made the North Somerset Times, 7,500 people partying to a 96kw 'legendary' Valve system for 18 hours might cause 'issues'.

Some people are aware, but a large majority are not, we did not get much notice about the event but I will be forever grateful for Margaret informing me of who and what 'Noisy Neighbours' are and the permanent implications of the proposed licence. There was not enough notice to close any roads, or footpaths perhaps this might be an idea for the future if it is of concern then.

I was inspired to learn more, what I heard, read and learnt caused me to wonder how others would feel about this. If you know people in Clevedon pass them the Environmental Health number below. Hopefully if the events go ahead all will be well. What can I say, there are no previous complaints laid against The Hand Equestrian that the Licensing Department have on file.

We understand that the Vibe is closing and that the Football Club's licence will probably therefore come up for review for a licence variation application! We have been told that they too are wanting to be an "Events Venue".

So in the meanwhile a community group is being proposed, initially to elect a couple of spokes-persons to be present at the Licensing Committee on May 17th. The four licensing objections discussion subjects allowed are; i.e. Crime and Disorder, Public Nuisance, Public Safety and Welfare of Children.

If possible I will try to collate all 39 objections for this meeting in order to reflect the most important concerns, these so far are noise and traffic; though there are many others, which is why if I may have a copy of the letters written to the Council, as soon as possible, I can make sure they are all reflected. Robert Downs will speak to George Rowe of the Licensing Department this week to ensure that whilst we have a 'spokesperson', (as requested by Licensing due to the volume of objections), that each 'objector' still retains the right to speak should they want to.

Lise Willcox

Yew Tree Farm, Kenn, 07768416738 [lise.willcox@sky.com](mailto:lise.willcox@sky.com)

*If the event goes ahead, there will be a specific telephone number available from the Parish Council. If you do not have it before the June Village Magazine comes around, look on the Parish Council notice boards. However, there is always the alternative permanent out-of-hours emergency number you can ring 01934 622669. Do not be put off by it being an emergency number—the out of hours council staff are used to noise complaints being received and will act for you. They will relay your complaint to duty Environmental Health staff who will be able to deal with the matter. Each complaint will also be collated for the Licensing Department. There must be a minimum of 3 complaints before the sound monitoring engineer at the Hand Stadium will investigate and if he agrees, then levels should be reduced. If however you are still not happy, phone again, our council tax pays for this facility. Do not hesitate to ring if you feel aggrieved..*

# NORTH SOMERSET SHOW

Wraxall (on B3130) near Bristol

## Monday <sup>6th</sup> May 2013

**SAVE with advance tickets**

**Phone 01749-813899 or buy @ [www.nsas.org.uk](http://www.nsas.org.uk)**

Adults £10, children £4.50, family £25

Show day price: Adults £13, children £6, family £30

Featuring

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*An agricultural spectacular with something for everyone!*

Show opens 8.30 am. Free car parking

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### Sponsorship Opportunity!!!

Leon Naish, writer of our farming notes each month is looking for sponsors or donations towards his "Skydive for Joe Appeal."

Leon has "volunteered" to do this sky dive in memory of, and to raise funds, in Joe's name for

### Teenage Cancer Trust & Bowel Cancer UK

Joe who was a member of Nailsea and Long Ashton Football Club, tragically lost his life at the tender age of 16 to Bowel Cancer after a very short illness.

Sheila will be hosting the tea and cakes stall at the Village Market in May, and will also have a stall selling jewellery gifts and bits and bobs..

Sponsor forms will be available if anyone wishes to sponsor.

### **Book group.**

Book group met to discuss 'The Yellow Wallpaper' by Charlotte Perkins Gilman on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.

This is essentially a short story as opposed to a novel. The narrative follows a woman's descent into insanity.

We discussed at length if she was driven to insanity through oppression and stifling of her creativity. Or was her distress a chemical imbalance.

We all agreed it was a good read, even if a little disturbing.

We will next meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30 in The Drum.

We are going to discuss 'Bitter Lemons of Cyprus'.

The Book Group.

**What's on at the Drum and Monkey.....**

JAZZ ON SUNDAY— 26th May at 4pm til 7pm  
we will have for your entertainment  
THE NEW SOCIETY JAZZ BAND all welcome,  
no entrance fee and menu available.

On Monday the 27th May it's Caribbean night  
£7.95 per person eat as much as you like....

Thursday 30th May we have for your  
entertainment PAUL DA VINCI -The Real deal,  
the voice of the Rubetts and sold over 8 million  
singles. £20 per person to include a 2 course  
meal. Songs include sugar baby love and the lion  
sleeps tonight plus more.

Don't forget the usual Wednesday evening -  
Steak Nights and Quiz Nights

Sunday lunch with a choice of 4 meats and  
3 seasonal vegetables, roast and new potatoes  
and real gravy.

**Village Lunch Tuesday 14th May  
meet from 12 noon**

**Drum & Monkey — Monthly Monday Night Buffet -**  
Monday 24th June - Spanish  
Monday 29th July - Thai

**KINGSTON SEYMOUR VILLAGE HALL  
JUMBLE SALE  
FRIDAY 10th MAY  
7.15pm  
ADMISSION 20p**

**BARGAINS GALORE!**

**IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS  
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**Magna Carta Celebration**

on  
**Saturday, 15th June, 2013**

at the Bridge Inn, North End Road, Yatton,  
North Somerset, BS49 4AU.

Guest speakers will include  
**NEIL & CHRISTINE HAMILTON** and  
**PAUL NUTTALL MEP, Deputy Leader of UKIP**

Entertainment provided by the notable  
**Silk Street Jazz Trio**

Admission by ticket only at a cost of £16 is on a first come, first served basis.  
A hot buffet plus coffee are included in the price of a ticket.  
Those wishing to attend are invited to arrive by 12.30 pm for 1 pm start.  
Dress code is smart casual, or historic fancy dress at your option!

There is ample car parking at the Bridge Inn and there are forty bedrooms for those who wish to make a weekend of it. If you wish to book an overnight stay at the hotel, please contact Louis, as we may be able to organise a block booking with a discount.

Yatton has its own railway station and the Bridge Inn is a short taxi drive away.

Tickets are available from Louis Rostill, 20 Pilgrim's Way, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 9EQ.  
Tel: 01934 522657 ~ Email: kaiserbill@hushmail.com

Cheques should be made payable to - L.P.Rostill (please provide your email address if you have one).

The Weston-super-Mare & North Somerset branch of the UK Independence Party is hosting this celebration in order to have fun, to raise awareness and to remind our fellow-citizens that Magna Carta has been of enduring global influence, with its clauses on social justice forming the cornerstone of modern democracy and liberty worldwide and remaining as pertinent today as they were 800 years ago.

Published & promoted by Louis Rostill on behalf of the UK Independence Party at 20 Pilgrim's Way, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 9EQ.

**Hot Food at the Drum**



Sunday evening supper became an amazing educational event as well as a foodie treat. We arrived at exactly the same time as two fire engines, blue lights flashing and sirens wailing...

No one seemed to be rushing around, however, so we ventured in to investigate.

A chimney, swept last week, had decided to misbehave. Smoke filled the upstairs rooms, while downstairs all looked serene, if a tad murky.

The firemen took the burning fire grate outside, secured the hearth, deployed ladders, soaked the chimney, checked everywhere for signs of combustion, tidied up, and left. The whole thing was over in half an hour.

Amazing calm efficiency.

Relief all round that the Drum didn't end up as a pile of ashes.

Looking forward to the smoked mackerel this evening...

### **Bell-ringing at St John's Kenn**

Little to report except that, despite me quoting Ray's old saying last month, we did have **3** bells for Easter Morning Service!

I remembered a) that Mary Holmes had given me the note of our church bell, and b) that someone at Kenn had said that they could hear the one handbell I rang by the churchyard cross for service when our church bell was at the foundry, could be heard right down the village, and as loud as the church bell behind the tower louvres.

So for the special Easter service I looked out the next two hand-bells down the musical scale and wielded them for 10minutes or so! (I think Cliff thought I had gone mad when he came by, but Eleanor rang the tower bell at a slow pace so that the other two fitted in quite nicely.

Also, last night 21st April, after Warren's first Evensong with us, Hazel took a photo of him, and then with Diana, swing chiming Kenn tower bell. Whereas he did 7 donges at Kingston for his licensing (= 7 years hopefully in the parish?!) he managed 11 at Kenn, so make of that what you will!

(We still await a visit from David Harrex to get him ringing our bell, as both he and Lisa can ring full circle; hope he does that **before** its 200 year celebrations in 2015!!)

Oh, just remembered - I did have a surprise phone call one afternoon from Renee Bell's daughter thanking me for ringing the bell for her dad's passing - that was very nice of her and much appreciated. She had read about it in 'Kenn News and Views'.

Recently, we said 'farewell' to our Team Rector, Rev. Ian Hubbard and we rang a special selection of his favourite hymn tunes and one of his own many compositions, "Breathe On Me", at the February coffee morning at St. Mary's. Following this, we had a request from him to take part in his final service on 14th. April. We rang before that service and again included his own composition, transposed for our set of hand-bells, and finished with his favourite hymn, 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer', which was also the last hymn of the service. Our next booking is at the June Cream Teas at Kingston Seymour on Sunday June 2nd, 2.45pm when we shall play tunes appropriate for the Coronation anniversary, Warren's arrival, and "This is Kingston Seymour"!!

Geoff Marchant

### **Margaret's Mutterings**

A warm welcome to Sue Marsh and Tony Parker who are now residing at The Cottage, in Duck Lane.

**Sam White and Stuart Welch** have asked Avril to officiate at their wedding at St. John's on the 27th July.

Apology— Last month I reported that Revd. Canon David Harrex had officiated at Deryck Bell's funeral; when in fact it was Revd Avril Gaunt, who has for many years been a good friend to both Deryck and Renee.

Thanks to everyone for so much info this month - all copy welcome — email Margaret.john@btinternet.com or phone 01275 874077 or drop through the letterbox at Chaseside, (opposite the Village Hall)

### **Churchwarden's report APCM 2013**

When my fellow churchwarden, John Ball, kindly read out my report last year in my absence, I had written that once again St John's had provided a small place of quiet in a busy world, and a reliable constant for the villagers of Kenn in the previous year.

At that moment, I was also wondering how we would fare during the imminent vacancy, occurring after John and Celia Andrews' retirement. I am hugely relieved and grateful to report that we have emerged from this interlude in good form, ready and enthusiastic, at the start of a new chapter in the history of St John's under the care of our new incumbent, Warren Williams.

This has been due to the hard work and generosity of many folk. Firstly I would like to thank the congregation, the 'Friends' and all the people in Kenn, who, week by week, do the hundred and one jobs that keep St John's ticking over. Naming individuals, like quoting verses in the Bible is a very dangerous sport, so I won't, but the folk to whom I'm referring know who they are.

Like the Altar Guild, I always know that if I take visitors to the church it will be clean and tidy and that there will be flowers. Also the band of volunteers who keep the churchyard up to scratch and do the small maintenance jobs, who put out the bins and keep a watch on the premises with security in mind. Thank you all very much.

Now I must thank everyone who has helped us have an uninterrupted sequence of services throughout the vacancy. Thank you to the clergy, readers and musicians, including the retired and the visiting, who have cycled on chilly days, driven round floods, or just fitted us into a busy schedule. Thank you for all your time and effort, we made it!

I would not like it to appear that we got everything right during the vacancy, John and I have experienced many challenges in the past year. After a period of comprehensive care, such as that we enjoyed from John, there are bound to be moments of alarm when one thinks 'How an earth does this work? Is there a form for that?' Some things did 'fall through the cracks', I apologise, we will try to do better the next time.

At this point I'd like to acknowledge the help we received from the staff in the Parish office, who bailed us out more than once, using the miracles of modern communication, to fill the gaps and cover the last minute cracks. When I described St John's to a potential 'House for Duty' applicant, I told them that one of the things we do well (as well as Evensong) is provide a sensitive space for families and friends when they gather for the funeral of someone they loved. I didn't know then that indeed, we would be saying 'Goodbye' to so many 'good men and true' in the following months, including several who had not lived in Kenn, or worshipped there for a while, but who wanted their services in a place they remembered with affection.

Of course, our most recent, and keenly felt loss was that of Raymond Victor Naish, just before Easter. Well, Ray really had his Churchwarden's hat on when he left instructions for his funeral, and I'd like to thank him for that here and now. '*If there should be a large congregation. If the weather should be inclement.*' Ray asked that his service be held at Yatton Church. As if it would have been anything different! On a bitterly cold day, with a multitude wishing to attend, John and I would have been hard put to arrange the event satisfactorily in Kenn. Thanks to the good offices of the churchwardens and all the folk at St Mary's, the service, led by John Andrews, was a phenomenon, and just as Ray would have wanted.

So, here we are, after this interval, which has brought out the best in many, self examination and achievement in some, and an appreciation of how lucky we are, in all of us, at the start of another church year. It looks good.

Julia Bush

**Down on the Farm**

These notes are being written in April, late spring. Many local farmers would have cut some of their silage by this time last year. This year there has been nothing, no grass and very little spring crops. People are trying to find hay and silage everywhere and as it's harder to find, prices are up putting a strain on everything. Grass sales are nearly double the price they were last year.

There have been a few Swallows, hopefully one Swallow makes a summer, they've finally come in this week 2 weeks late.

After a hard old winter, we've had a nice bit of rain, hopefully this week everything will wake up.

Considering all the hardships lambing has been fairly successful in the South West. Also, many foals have been born ok. Many more to come.

We are fortunate to have tractors today. 60-70 years ago, when people cut hay with horses and turned it by hand, weather like we've had the past summer would have been a disaster, as you need four to five days for haymaking. If the hay did not have enough time to dry and got repeatedly wet, it would spoil and be very poor feed. Nowadays with modern machinery silage can be cut and harvested the same day.

The wet conditions also cause parasites such as gut worms and liver fluke to thrive, liver fluke is the larval stage of snails and destroy the liver of sheep and cattle. We now have the medication to control these problems.

In times gone by the large numbers of stock would have died from the effects of these parasites. This would have made food short and in medieval times people could well have starved.

Thank God for big machinery and medicines!

Dictated by Jeff Naish and written by Leon Naish

Do you know that 80% of all pork sold in this country is from abroad? check the label has a red tractor and UK logo on before you buy.....keep our Pig farmers in work.....Farmers need us to support them...lets go back to the I'M BACKING BRITAIN campaign....who remembers those days??

Sheila Naish



**Farming in difficult times.... ( Warren Williams writes ... )**

Although we have been blessed with fine weather over the last few days it wasn't such a long time ago that much of Britain was suffering with heavy snow and high winds which caused much disruption to farming communities across the land.

It has brought to mind how important it is that we are all supportive to our farmers locally and to say to them how much we appreciate that they farm within our parish; and we thank them for their dedicated stewardship of the land and stock which help to provide food for us in society at large.

Although some of us who are involved in farming have been affected by the snow, most of us can hardly begin to enter into trauma of losing ewes and lambs in such great numbers this year especially in the area of Mid and North Wales where I have recently come from after twelve years of ministry serving rural scattered communities.

Farmers in the West Country will also have had similar devastating experiences. In those areas greatly affected, may well have put an extra strain on farm buildings, some of which have themselves been damaged or even destroyed by the weight of snow. The last few weeks will have meant either very little sleep, or no sleep at all, and farmers may well still feel exhausted by what they have experienced. Additionally, there is the worry of what the financial implications might be for them in the months ahead.

We recognise that there is perhaps very little that we might be able to do for them practically at this time, but we can assure them of our prayers and say that we are always there for them.

One practical thing we can do is commend to them the Farm Community Network (formerly Farm Crisis Network). This Network operates throughout the UK and their confidential helpline is open 365 days a year, from 7.00am to 11.00pm.

Their dedicated team of volunteers offers individual support in all matters relating to farming and their number is: 0845 367 9990.

It will be Rogation Sunday on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, when we shall be especially praying for farmers, our land, the world around us and give thanks for the blessings God has given us. We can also include some reflection on the difficult early spring that farmers and others have experienced.

A warm welcome to everyone at all our churches.



## The Village Market



The April Market was once again fairly quiet but I am assured all the local villages are in the same position so we carry on undaunted.

The refreshments were provided and served by Andre and Chris. We thank them very much.

The cakes were delicious. Profits after the Hall rent was paid, was £57 which again passes to the Village Hall fund towards renovations.

Next month will be a little different in that it will raise money for The Teenage Cancer Trust and Bowel Cancer trust. Leon Naish is involved in this in memory of a late friend. His Mother Sheila will provide and serve the refreshments and also take a table to sell items in aid of these charities. We thank her for helping us out and wish them success in raising funds for worthy causes.

May is also the month for getting the hanging baskets and summer bedding plants. Our faithful gardener Lorraine will have plenty of these for sale to help brighten up our gardens after the very long winter.

**Come along on May 11th and join us for a pleasant morning.**

## Neighbourhood Watch

*received 9<sup>th</sup> April*

This is a message from your local neighbourhood police with regards to Cold Callers / Rogue Traders. We are requesting that you report all Cold Callers / Rogue Traders or suspicious activity to the police immediately.

It is an offence for anyone not to leave your premises when requested to do so, therefore please dial 999 to report this offence. If possible please note the registration number of the vehicle with a description of the persons involved.

Thank you.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) website.

Thanks to Colin Bedford for passing this information on to us.



# Kenn Village

will be celebrating the 60th anniversary  
of the Coronation of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
with a day of fun, food and festivity!

June 2nd, 12.30pm until very late at the  
Village Hall, Kenn Street



Tickets are on sale now - £10 for adults and  
£4.50 for children, and will include:

A glass of bubbly  
for the Loyal Toast;  
Hog Roast and Fabulous Pudding;

Cream Tea and light entertainment  
during the afternoon; and  
barbecue and disco in the evening.



## Licensed Bar

Make a date for your diary and be sure to come  
along and enjoy the very best of days!

Tickets from John and Caroline, John and Grace,  
Robin and Marianna or telephone 01275 349535

All proceeds for Village Hall Improvement Funds



### Defibrillator kit update

We have been asked at Parish Council where we are to with regard to the Defibrillator . Since Councillor Mackay proposed and was supported by council members that £500 should be set aside towards the cost of the defibrillator for Kenn, subject to the rest of the monies being raised, nothing much has happened. BUT!!

I am pleased to announce that Mike Beardshaw at the Drum has volunteered to have a collecting tin in the bar, this has proved to be very successful in the Yatton pubs! and is donating the proceeds from his forthcoming tribute night raffle to the cause. Thanks to Mike! Sizzle Summerell has completed training for the Defibrillator.

John Ball has offered to build the kit a case outside of the Village Hall if this is where it is decided that it is best placed. There has been an offer for funds from the Village market..

So things are on the move. There have been several differing views on whether we need one or not in Kenn, it is a personal matter, but if you wish to donate or raise funds all monies would be gratefully received.

Eleanor Wade our Parish Clerk is willing to hold the funds for the kit, although it should be stressed that this is not official Parish Council business, it is a village initiative. Joyce Down has kindly offered to collect any donations that are taken to the Village Market .

The costs involved in obtaining the defibrillator are currently; Unit is £1,795 plus VAT= £2,155, plus £200 for a battery (lasts 2 yrs), plus £75 for the pads = £2,430

It is insured by the NHS, can be fitted by a local handy person and requires a Guardian to carry out regular checks and sends an update email.

Kind regards Sheila

### Warren Williams on the subject of Defibrillators.....

Talking about hearts, there was an open meeting on Thursday night at KS Village Hall for the area to discuss the possibility of introducing a **Defibrillator Unit** (AED) to the village. I wasn't at the meeting (but attending the Eucharist for the Feast of St. Mark at Yatton) so I don't know the outcome (at least at the time of writing) but whatever the case it is good to be informed on what a Defibrillator (AED) is. So, **what is an AED?** An AED is an **Automated External Defibrillator** which is a small portable electronic device which analyses the heart rhythm and delivers a shock only if it is needed. The unit is about the size of a box of chocolates, it is safe, easy to use, voice prompted, semi or fully automatic and informs the user what to do.

Lifesaving community defibrillators are housed in secure, weather proof, heated cabinets on the exterior walls of public places with 24 hour access. All cabinets are keypad locked for security. In an emergency calling 999 will obtain the Access Code for the cabinet so that the AED can be taken and used on the patient. Meanwhile Emergency Services are dispatched to the scene. So **why are they needed?** Sudden cardiac arrest strikes often without warning, and takes the lives of around 250 people per day in the UK, with less than 5% of victims surviving. It is a bigger killer than lung or breast cancer. Recovery chances can be increased to over 70% if certain steps are undertaken: Early recognition that there is a problem and making the 999 call, early rescue breaths and chest compressions (CPR), and early defibrillation.

When CPR and defibrillation are provided within eight minutes, a person's chance of survival increases to 20%. When these steps are provided within four minutes and a paramedic arrives within eight minutes, the likelihood of survival increases to over 40%. As you can see access to a defibrillator is vital. It seems that every day a member of the public helps to save a life using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) so it would be great if we could acquire a unit for each of our parishes in due course.

The unit, signage and cabinet would cost around £2,500 and can be purchased locally (this information can be provided).

## What If?

You may have seen the large red question mark outside our house and others across North Somerset and wonder what they mean. I think there are 6 in total and they move around!

It is not a bout of eccentricity but part of a campaign by North Somerset to encourage residents and communities to become more aware and better prepared to deal with emergencies such as flooding, fires and cold weather.

The dot at the bottom of the question mark is a scannable code which will take you to a website ([www.communityresilience-ns.org.uk](http://www.communityresilience-ns.org.uk)) for more information.

A community resilience project had been piloted in Congresbury and it is hoped that other communities in North Somerset will get in touch with North Somerset with a view to setting up something similar in their village or town.

I think residents of Kenn already work well together in emergencies but take a look at the website and see if it gives you ideas.

Stephen Brain



### **Tidy Up Day In Kenn**

Some, but not all, of the willing band of helpers, who having worked, clearing up around our Village, enjoyed Bacon Butties and Coffee at The Drum and Monkey

Thanks to Hazel for the photo, and for providing the Kenn Pride safety gear.

## **Bird News**

This little monthly column owes much to dear Ray Naish. Around twenty years ago, the editors asked for articles; I asked Ray if he thought a piece about the birds on Kenn Moor would be suitable. Ray was very encouraging (he encouraged lots of people in farming and countryside matters) and whilst he loved all of the local area, he was particularly fond of Kenn Moor.

Jill and I had got to know Ray at St. John's. When we were married and moved to Yatton, we attended Yatton, Kingston and Kenn churches in rotation and the friendliest welcome we received was at Kenn, courtesy of Ray.

We were bird-watching on Claverham Drove when Ray came along and stopped his Land Rover. He was absolutely delighted that we were interested in the birds on "his" Kenn Moor and subsequently when he greeted us at Church he would ask what we had seen and tell us what Miles, Jeff and he had seen.

After the initial article, I went 'monthly', often using information provided by Ray and his family. He used to send a copy of KN&V to the Revd. Frank Stevens, former vicar of Kenn, and reported to me how much Revd. Stevens enjoyed reading about birds around Kenn—just one more example of the encouragement that Ray provided. It was wonderful to know Ray, and many people will be the poorer for his passing.

Last month, I mentioned a Grey Partridge reported by Chris Blake at Orchard End. This month John Croxton saw one at Kingston Seymour as well. This prompted me to undertake some research and it seems that although Grey Partridges are generally sedentary, they do disperse in snow; perhaps these birds have been displaced from the Wiltshire Downs.

The exceptionally cold spring has delayed migration and song. Most Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps seem to be too busy feeding and trying to stay alive rather than waste energy singing.

Hartley Staples reported strange goings on at the rookery near him. A pair of rooks tried to build a nest on the edge of the colony, but when it was almost completed the other rooks flew in and dismantled it—this happened four times! After that Hartley heard a commotion and found a Rook, pinned to the ground and under attack from four or five other Rooks and subsequently two Magpies as well. This attack was fatal, and I reported the circumstances to the experts at the British Trust for Ornithology, who thanked me for the report but were unable to provide any explanation. It just shows how much we do not know.

The exceptional March weather has led to lots of Ring Ouzels staying on Mendip, rather than heading further north, and an unprecedented four Ospreys at Blagdon Reservoir. Normally these birds move swiftly on in spring, but they were in absolutely no hurry this year. One bird had to be rescued three times from under netting on a fish "stock" pond, but was later reported to have arrived at his nest site in Northumberland. (he was ringed and so could be identified).

Chiffchaffs eventually started singing and I heard my first Blackcap on the 16th—about three weeks later than normal. There were still plenty of Fieldfares and Redwings around early in the month and Waxwings in Congresbury. Morph reported a Reed Bunting in his garden in Duck Lane and we were astonished to see a Merlin over Kenn Moor on the 16th. The local Swallows started to arrive on the 13th after which a few passage Redstarts were being recorded.

Trevor Riddle — 01934 835208

**An old farmers prayer,**  
*read by Jerry and Vanessa Naish  
at Ray's funeral*

Time just keeps moving on  
Many years have come and gone  
But I grow older without regret  
My hopes are in what may come yet.

On the farm I work each day  
This is where I wish to stay  
I watch my lambs each springtime born  
I walk about the flock each morn,

All that will live is in the bosom of earth  
She is the loving mother of all birth  
But all that lives must pass away  
And go back again to her someday

My life too will pass from Earth  
But do not grieve, I say, there will be other birth  
When my body is old and all spent  
And my soul to heaven has went.

Into the earth please lay me down  
For here I will rest, heavenly bound,  
For now that is where I wish to be  
Then nature can nourish new life with me.

So do not for me grieve and weep  
I did not leave, I only sleep  
I am with the soil here below  
Where I can nourish life of beauty and glow.

Here I help the falling rain  
Lush green fields to sustain  
Here I join the winds that blow  
And meet the softly falling snow.

Here I help sun's warming light  
Grow food for birds of gliding flight  
I can be the lambs that spring  
and in every other lovely thing.

So do not for me weep and cry  
I am here, I do not die

**Open Weekend at St. Nicholas Church Brockley (BS49 3AX)**

*Tucked away across the fields, off the A370 near Brockley Stores, is the church of St. Nicholas. This little gem is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust and is holding an "Open Weekend" on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when the Church will be specially decorated.*

*The Church will be open 10am-5pm on Saturday and 11am-5pm on Sunday.*

*Refreshments will be available.*

*On Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be service of "Songs of Praise" at 5.15pm.*

*All proceeds will be in aid of the work of the Churches Conservation Trust's work in caring for the Church. Further details from Wendy Dorey (01275 463738)*

**Renee Bell**

Sadly Renee Bell has passed away at Sandford Station Nursing Home on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. This is less than 3 months after her husband Deryck.

**Thank you**

I would like to say a big Thank You to all those who sent me cards and good wishes while I was unwell. They were much appreciated.

Iris Callow

**Ray Naish,**

Ray's family would like to thank so many people for their help or support while dad (Ray) was so poorly.

For support in caring for Dad from Village members, offers of a cup of tea when Heather had a few minutes to spare. Thanks for the many cakes which arrived for the family. For organizing lots of arrangements.

Special thanks to the doctors, clergy and choir members for their support, for the nurses, for Weston Hospice care, for the co-ordinating team, the district nurses, the renal unit and Marie Curie.

The quantity of tributes, cards, flowers and messages was overwhelming, and greatly appreciated.

Dad was a truly incredible person. He touched so many hearts and he encouraged so many in the community, in the church, in the farming world and in his family.

He will be greatly missed by us all.

Jean, Miles, Jeff, Heather and all the grandchildren.

Thanks to everyone, who has generously given. Around £900 has been donated to the renal unit and Weston Hospital.

**Mr Raymond Victor Naish, deceased.**

When I told my secretary of 22 years that Ray had died, she said "I know you will miss him, and are sad". The answer in each case was in the affirmative.

I first met Ray and Jean over 27 years ago, on business. You will not be surprised to hear that a close, personal friendship quickly developed. I have never met a more lovely or genuine couple. Our lives seemed to touch at so many points.

Very much as a result of Ray's articles in Kenn News and Views, I developed a strong attachment to Kenn and its people and became very impressed by the willingness and ability to work cohesively—the more so in fundraising and supporting good causes.

He has left an indelible memory upon Kenn and its people that will live on in his family and the people of Kenn. I am proud to have known him and salute him for all those qualities of which you are all aware. I do not expect to meet a better man and he has surely merited the accolade—Well done thou good and faithful servant..... St. Matthew Chap 25 v 21.

Mr Harold James

### More memories of Ray

We first met Margaret, Daphne and Ray in September 1939. Their mother, Mrs. Naish had met us at Yatton station as we alighted from the Paddington train, having been 'bombed out' of our London home.

For the next 70 years Ray would introduce me : 'This is Glenis. She was an evacuee in the war'.. We went to live in 'The Poplars' (now Latcham House) opposite Stonehouse Farm. Ray could always remember these events better than I could. He would sum up by saying ' How could a lovely lady like your mother be married to a tinker like Alf Jones?'

Nevertheless he would recall the wheelings and dealings that Dad got involved in and the hilarious evenings they spent at 'Baden's' (Rose and Crown now Drum and Monkey).

Each day after school, we would play in Kenn Street----the Naish family, the Griggs, the Fletchers. Ray was in charge .. Even at that age---he must have been about 15----, he would look out for the shy ones and make sure they were included in games.

He and Ralph (Bye) were a dynamic duo and would make even a little girl's heart flutter. Ray loved dancing and 'I hope I always will' he said. We used to have great evenings in the village hall. At one of these, my mother said to the two boys 'What an attractive girl Hazel (Stowell) is and she's not dancing. They both made a beeline for Hazel. I don't remember who made it, but obviously nothing came of it in the long run. After a few years we moved to the Moors but still saw a lot of Ray and family.. My mother and I were regular church attenders and brother Alfie was in the choir..

All through the years we were in touch with Ray and Jean especially as my father lived in Yatton till 1990.. We spent a lovely week at Stonehouse Farm with our children. The days would be spent in Clevedon and Weston and with son Peter following Heather around the farm. In the evenings we loved to sit & chat & chat & chat about the old days of course. Out would come the photo albums If a plane flew overhead Ray and I would look at each other hold our breath, then he'd say 'It's OK it's one of ours.' When Ray last came out of hospital. I sat at his bedside. We held hands and he said 'I won't see you again Glenis. I am content. I have a wonderful family. I've had a great life. The village has been my life'.

What more can anyone ask? Bye for now Ray.

### A Friend

What more can one say? When so much has been said about Ray. He was a friend to all who know him. He loved his village, his church. He was a true country man. Above all he loved his family.

In later years I was able to spend time with him and listen to his vast knowledge of past and present village life. Always a sociable man, even as a seven year old, when I trundled to Kenn School with my sister Margaret, Ray would be putting out the milk churns always with a smile—"Hurry up young Sam, you will be late".

Sadly missed, Hartley



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**Parish Council Meetings 2013**

**3 June, 5 August  
7 October, 2 December**  
Meetings are in the Village Hall,  
Kenn Street, Kenn at 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to come along  
and there is time at the start of the  
meeting to ask questions or give  
information.

Agendas are displayed on the  
noticeboards 3 clear days before  
the meeting.

Date changes will be advertised

**LOCAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

**FUNDRAISING**

This is a village project to raise funds to purchase a unit and put in a public, easily accessed location.

It is in a fixed, locked box but when it is needed the control at the 999

Emergency Centre will give the code

to open it and then explain how to use it.

**There is a greater chance of survival if a defibrillator is used in the first 5-6 minutes of a heart attack.**

**TOTAL COST £2,450**

- Kenn Parish Council contributed £500 to start the fundraising.
- The Drum & Monkey have agreed to put a collection box on their bar and to give the money they raise at their raffle towards this project.
- The monthly Market Café is also helping to raise funds

**Thank you to everyone who helps and contributes to this lifesaving project**

All money raised will be held by the Parish Council until the full amount is collected.

**Thank you to Robin Mackay for his time and effort while he was a councillor. He will still be helping out with various things around the village.**

**Kenn Parish Council welcomes its 2 newly co-opted councillors; Wilf Bessant and Stephen Brain**

**It has been a busy April on the Parish Council with lots of topics to keep the councillors occupied;**

- Holding the Annual Parish Meeting and preparing various reports to this
- Listening to residents and commenting on the application for a license to have a music festival at The Hand.
- Reviewing and commenting on North Somerset's Sites & Policies Plan
- Calculating how many free flowers will be needed around the village, North Somerset Council have a scheme to provide some flowers
- Checking the signage for the forthcoming Model Air Show
- Along with the usual Planning, Finances, new Dog Bin contract etc