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To add to, or correct, the Birthday and Anniversary lists, please contact the Editor -

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Our Flag was not flown in August

**St John the Evangelist, Kenn
Altar Guild**



**SEPTEMBER ROTA
Margaret Bessant with Sylvia Staples**

**Harvest Festival in Kenn
Sunday 14th September**

**Arrangers, please decorate on
Saturday 13th September**

Kenn Church Room - Coffee Mornings

September Coffee Morning

**Saturday 27th September
10.00 — 12 noon**

For Macmillan Cancer Support

Hosted by Celia Andrews

The August Coffee Morning which was wonderfully attended and hosted by the ladies of Kenn W.I. raised funds for the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

A warm welcome to Revd Denise Calverley and her family



Revd Denise Calverley pictured cutting her 'welcome cake' following her licensing as Priest in Charge of Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin Yatton on Wednesday 30th July.



Denise with her family,

Introducing myself...

You will hear in my voice that I am an American transplant. I've been here for many years after coming here to continue serving in ecumenical missions through *Youth With A Mission* in Scotland. This is where I met my future English husband Richard, an Occupational Therapist, who was also serving with YWAM.

We have three adult children between 19-23 years old in work and university study. They'll appear from time to time as work and study allows.

I'm very happy to be here with you where God so clearly called me. For that reason I'm even more excited to find out what God has for us together in ministry and life.

I won't say more than this for now, because it might rob me of sermon illustrations.

I do hope to get to know well and each of your stories as we joyfully live out and tell the story of Jesus in all aspects of our lives and faith together.

Denise

Denise's first service was held at our church, St. John the Evangelist, Kenn on Sunday 3rd August. A wonderful event, a full church with a congregation from the whole of Yatton Moor, followed by cake and a huge amount of joyful conversation.

Hilary and Julia

Revd Daile Wilshere comes to Cleeve with Claverham

On 14th July Daile Wilshere was licensed at Holy Trinity, Cleeve as the new House for Duty priest for Cleeve with Claverham.

She writes: I'm married to Paul and have two wonderful daughters: Rachel who lives in Weston and Rebecca who will be moving with us.



We also share our home with two dogs: Charlie, a lively cockapoo and Betty, a border terrier who definitely thinks she's in charge.

You might like to know that I came to faith at a youth mission in Weymouth back in 1984 led by Peter Hancock when he was a curate.

I was ordained in Salisbury cathedral in 2009.

Before ordination I was a nurse, specialising in palliative care and community nursing.

THANK YOU

I would just like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the villagers who have called me, sent cards or flowers following my recent knee replacement surgery.

I am recovering well, and I'm so grateful to everyone for being so kind and thoughtful, it means a lot!

Thank you once again,

Sue (Pugh)

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**Saturday
13th September
10 —12 noon**

North Somerset Times -

copies available in the
Church Porch from
Wednesday Mornings.



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10am–5pm

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Kenn Village Market,

With Coffee Morning



Saturday 13 September

from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Kenn Village Hall - Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be propping up the bar at Disati on
Wednesday 17th September — from 2.30 - 4pm .

September, season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, and tea and
coffee, cakes and chat.

Lovely

Julia and Lyn



St John the Evangelist, Harvest - Sunday 14th September

Harvest 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday 14th September in Kenn Church at 11am.

The service will be led by Rev Denise Calverley, the new Priest in Charge for Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton Churches.

The speaker will be Ann Hatton from the charity Ripple Effect.

This charity was first called 'Send a Cow' (history can be found on line) which involved farmers in this area.



'Send a Cow's' influence exceeded all expectations, its effect rippling out to millions of people, hence the rebrand Ripple Effect.

The new name for Send a Cow

As usual, the church will be decorated by the Altar Guild, and filled with farm implements and odd paraphernalia.



Our food donations will go to the Clevedon Foodbank and our money collection will go to Ripple Effect.

Julia Bush and Hilary Landers

This year we will be joining Kingston Seymour villagers for our Harvest Celebratory Meal.

This is for *all village residents* and will be held on Sunday 21st of September, 12.30 for 1pm in Kingston Seymour Village Hall.

For details see the poster in this magazine.

I have tickets. Thankyou, Julia Bush, 01275 873554

Please request your tickets prior to 7th September as numbers are required for catering purposes.



Kenn and Kingston Harvest Lunch Sunday 21st September

Kingston Seymour
Village Hall 12.30pm for 1pm

Cold Meats, salmon and salads
scrummy puds
All as locally sourced as possible

Bar tea/coffee

Tickets: £20

Judy: 07896 692813

Julia: 07851 421175 - 01275 873554

The caterer needs numbers by 7th September!!



KENN W.I.

There was no formal meeting of the Kenn W.I. in August, instead some members enjoyed a day at Sidmouth and the Donkey Sanctuary. It was a great deal cooler there than it had been in Kenn so a very good time was had by those who went.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10th September when Jo Richardson will speak to us. Jo is an astronomer and will talk to us about the stars that can be seen on Exmoor. It should be good, so please join us if you wish to hear her. You will be very welcome.

There are several events due in September.

The Annual Meeting of the Avon Federation is being held on 23rd September when Ann Widdecombe will be speaking.

Mary Ashton has knitted a splendid post box topper for the competition. She is going to display it at the Clevedon Flower Show if possible.

On 24th September Southern Clevedon W.I. are holding their quiz in Tickenham Village Hall. We have reserved a table for that. Members are busy choosing from the available menu for their lunch at the Annual Meeting in November.

The Committee for 2025/26 will be chosen at the Annual Meeting.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange for a Secretary as the duties are shared at present.

Sadly, Kenn lost the skittles match in the final of the Tournament. We hope to win again next year.

The Lunch Club is meeting at the Windmill, and there is to be a meeting for coffee, so although there was no meeting in August members are being kept busy.

We look forward to starting again in September.

Ann Holtham

Lunch Break

After a summer break in August, Lunch Break is back serving homemade soup, bread from Pullin's, cheeses, homemade cakes and tea and coffee on Monday 1st September from 12.30.

Please come and join us and catch up with friends.

A warm welcome awaits!

Sarah and Tim

September - 1st

October - 6th

November - 3rd

December - 1st



Reminder from Elizabeth Blake

On the 21st September, I'll be taking on a sprint triathlon to raise funds for **Wings for Life**, a charity dedicated to spinal cord injury research.

I'll be swimming 300m, biking 7 miles, and walking 1km, finishing in the village hall, and I need your support!

Please come along to support and join us in the village hall afterwards as a thank you for all your support. If you can, then consider donating to this amazing cause and sharing my efforts to help raise awareness.

Every contribution helps fund vital research for people like me and many others living with spinal cord injuries.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/elizabeth-blake-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Regards

Elizabeth



September Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

Violin with organ and piano concert at St Mary's, Yatton, 27th September.

The Yatton Music Society commence their Autumn season with a prestigious concert by the brilliant violinist Leora Cohen, a double first graduate from Cambridge University with two diplomas from the Royal College of Music.

Her accompanist Adrian Partington is Gloucester Cathedral's director of music, conductor of the Three Choirs Festival and an organ soloist with the Berlin and BBC Philharmonics. The first half of their concert will be a violin/organ recital, and the second half a violin/piano recital.

A wonderful opportunity to hear two top musicians play at St Mary's and to hear the violin separately accompanied by the organ and piano.



Leora and Adrian's concert starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church.

Tickets price £15, YMS members and students £10, accompanied children under 16 free.

Details of this concert are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk

Leira Cohen (violin) with Adrian Partington (organ and piano):

7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton, Tickets £15 (members £10), details:

www.yms.org.uk

St John the Evangelist, Kenn - Church Floodlighting

Now the nights are drawing in, you may wish to remember
someone, or celebrate an event,
by having our church tower floodlit .

If so, please contact:

Geoff Hulance 077 1554 8860

A small donation towards the cost of power is appreciated.

Bird News

August saw few birds of note, many were still moulting and the warm dry conditions did nothing to provoke much activity.

A trip along the Pier to Pier way produced 70 Swallows at high-tide at Tutshill Sluice with a Hobby, heard but not seen.

There were also 60 Redshanks, a couple of Curlew and a family of five Egyptian Geese.

A couple of days later at the Channel View section of the sea wall half a dozen Stonechats suggested a productive nesting season.

On the wader front 25 each of Ringed Plover and Oystercatcher with a couple of Dunlin and a Grey Plover signalled the beginning of Autumn migration. A Wheatear on the Dowlais section observed by John Croxton indicated likewise. A Barn Owl was hunting over Congresbury Moor at dusk on the 12th, the first report from there for several months.

On the 22nd a flock of 40 Swallows had a late Swift with them and there were three Cattle Egrets feeding amongst the cattle.

The hot weather encouraged a lot of people to the Marine Lake in Clevedon and two friends were startled by a Peregrine shooting low over their heads carrying a blackbird as they were swimming.

There were several Kingfisher reports from Wemberham but the most unusual was one which flew across the B3133 by the Little River in front of the observer's car!

Moorhens had lots of young in Wemberham and Biddle Street Rhynes, a Kestrel was seen occasionally and by the 21st the large gulls were moulting, 200 Herring and 100 Lesser Black Backs by the River Yeo. The next day two Hobbies were around the pylons between Kenn and Kingston and a Red Kite passed over the same area.

Trevor Riddle. birds@yacwag.org.uk
01934 835208



Red Kite circling over Kenn - photo Jo Batten

Bird News from Olive Tran

We had just finished supper at Quercus when I looked out of the window and I saw an Owl perched on the chimney pot next door.

We were very excited and looked at it with binoculars, we decided it was a Little Owl.



It stayed there for quite a long time, basking in the evening sun.

Olive Tran



Clevedon Celebrates VJ Day Saturday 16th August

The Shopland Collection, based on Kenn Road, in Kenn and at the Sawmills in Clevedon organised a most successful display of military vehicles and cars etc.in Queen Square, Clevedon.

A huge number of people were there to enjoy the atmosphere of the 1940's including many in 40's dress and driving cars and other vehicles of the era.

After a two-minute silence there was a service of Remembrance, concluding with the National Anthem.



Throughout the day we were regaled with the live singing of wartime songs.



Thanks go to James and David Shopland and their enthusiastic team for bringing so many people together to share so many memories and the super sunny weather.

Thanks to Dicky Howett for most of the photographs





Sadly our Parish Council Clerk - Eleanor Wade has been too busy to prepare her usual piece for the back page.

Above is a photo from the Village Hall Noticeboard.

Margaret

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm
Monday 15th September 2025**

Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn



I've had a busy August here as Parliament takes a break.

I'd like to thank all of you who've written, called and met me in my 'surgeries' to tell me what you care about, be that of local, national or international interest.

One of the most pressing issues for this area is the Environment Agency's inability to carry out maintenance on our main rivers, confirmed by letter to riparian landowners. The Agency's funding has been slashed in recent years.

Our complex network of streams and rhynes lead into the main rivers, and these waterways require on-going maintenance to ensure that when it rains, water can get away to the sea.

Our climate is changing, and rain falls in shorter and harder bursts which can cause catastrophic local flooding in a very short time, so solutions to regular maintenance of our waterways have to be found, and swiftly.

I've raised this situation with the Chief Executive of Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium, and with the Flooding Minister, and I'll keep you updated.

The Government has indicated that MPs will consider the following over the next four months:

- Mental Health Bill ● Bus Services Bill ● Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill
- Victims and Courts Bill ● Pension Schemes Bill ● Elections Bill
- English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill
- Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Territory Bill

The Government may also introduce:

- A Rail Bill ● A Hillsborough Bill ● A Sentencing Bill
- A Cyber Security and Resilience Bill

If you have any thoughts or ideas on the above, please let me know. I'm running 'surgeries' across the area, so come along: the full list is available if you call or email me; the most local are listed below:

Friday 5th September from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Friday 19th September from 09:00 to 10:00 at **That Coffee Place, Yatton**

Friday 26th September from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served.

If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)

Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

A couple of issues ago I described my woes with my solar panels and how the panels clearly didn't know that they should be more reliable than in fact they turned out to be. I mentioned that two panels had failed and were being replaced. Two out of 15 panels is an unacceptable failure rate but at the time I wrote this up I didn't know that worse was yet to come.

Some days later, on close inspection, I found two other panels were showing signs of charring and damage. That is now a failure rate of over 25%, so what do I do? The statistics say this should not happen. My current views on "statistics" are better not being published.

Clearly I have to do something. Although there are signs of damage my system is generally safe as it is ground mounted, away from the house and so there is no danger of the house burning down as with roof mounted systems.

However the less panels that are fully operational the less income I receive from them.

After some research I have decided to scrap all the existing panels as I have no surety that the remaining panels will not fail also.

The original system was set up on the initial Government Feed In Tariff scheme (FITs) and still has some years to run. Under that scheme I receive an amount per unit of electricity exported to the grid, which is over twice what I pay for electricity from the grid. In theory, on that basis, I would not use any electricity in the house when the sun was shining but keep the heavy use for the evening or when the sun was not shining. However in practice I don't need to do this as the meter system is arranged so that I get paid on what the panels generate, irrespective of where it goes.

Anyway I am going to replace all the panels. The deadline for this article is Tuesday and men are coming to change the panels on Monday and I'd like to tell you how it went but that looks a bit tight. We'll see.

The original FIT scheme was deemed too generous by the government and a few years after it started, the tariffs were slashed. (This is hardly surprising as what business with any sense would pay people not to use their product and in fact pay them twice as much to make the product themselves and sell it back to them?) Anyway, little notice was given and orders were cancelled and some installers went bust. The situation has changed again over the years and now bears no resemblance to early schemes.

The deal nowadays works like this. If you have solar panels installed you can export the electricity to the grid (but you will need a smart meter). The electricity suppliers can pay you what they feel like but it cannot be zero. The current rates are around 4.5 to 5p per unit. A far cry from the original and only a fraction of what you pay for electricity. According to my PV consultant, based on current costs that will take 16 years for you to recoup a typical installation investment.

There are two ways to handle this and make life better. The first is to make sure you use as much of the electricity you generate yourself, so you lessen your imports from the grid.

This is why the small print from some installers says their figures on how great a deal they offer are based on people being at home during the day. I guess if you are out at work you can set washing machines etc on a timer but modern homes have many other gadgets consuming electricity all the time – think of your broadband, fridges, TV's (even on standby) which all add up.

Someone told me that his house is using 300 watts per hour due to items which are constantly on. That alone equates to consumption of around 7 units a day or roughly £2 per day on your bill or £750 per year! Personally I think his figure is above what I'd expect but then I've never measured my usage.

Before I come onto the second alternative let me throw in an additional complication. You may remember the old white meter tariffs and cheap rate electricity deals. With the advent of electric vehicles and how to charge them at home, there are tariffs where you get cheaper electricity at night so you could do your washing etc overnight and save money that way. (I am assuming that readers have an idea of what appliances consume a lot of electricity and which ones have minimal demands. Sometimes people can get confused and turn off something which hardly uses any electricity!)

The second option is to add batteries to your PV system. This can double the installation price of your system and you have to factor replacing batteries every 15 years or so. If sized appropriately you don't have to worry about when to switch on the heavy appliances etc. as they will get their electricity from the battery (which is charged by solar or by cheap nighttime electricity from the grid). It is becoming more popular but make sure you do your research. The problems I have with the idea of this system are firstly that lithium batteries are not as environmentally friendly as the media would have you believe. Lithium is relatively common but there are a number of troubling news items describing locations targeted for mining which will ruin some areas of outstanding natural beauty or where mining will devastate communities. Furthermore, processing the mined lithium is quite a nasty process, often quite polluting. Dealing with old batteries at end of life is also problematic.

My second issue with batteries is you need to decide where to put them. House, garage, outside? You must do a risk assessment. In general, modern lithium batteries are quite safe – according to the statistics! You are unlikely to have problems. However if you do, the results can be quite devastating. An article by the BBC (I think) some years ago said that an electric bike battery contains the same energy as 6 hand grenades! The batteries used in a PV installation are many times more powerful and if they catch fire they are very hard to put out. I believe fire brigades are still researching the best way to do this. Some insurance companies require you to notify them as well.

So back to my system. I have some years to run with the old FIT scheme so it makes sense to keep my system running more or less "as is". When the scheme expires I will have a rethink. I'm not committed to having PV for ever. This may upset people but I'll say whatever you or I do about PV is not going to make an iota of difference in saving the planet.

It might make you feel good however. If used carefully it might even save you money!

Stephen

PS -- My solar panels are now working again



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

**Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and
All Saints' Kingston Seymour
September 2025**

7th September Trinity 12

8.30am St John's	Traditional Holy Communion
11.00am All Saints'	All Together

14th September Trinity 13

8.30am All Saints'	Traditional Holy Communion
11.00am St John's	All Together for Harvest

21st September Trinity 14

11.00am All Saints'	Holy Communion
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28th September Trinity 15

11.00am St John's	Holy Communion
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Revd. Denise Calverley email revdencalverley@icloud.com

**Zoom Services 8.15 Tuesdays/Wednesdays
Contact Mike Cooke for link 01934 838622**