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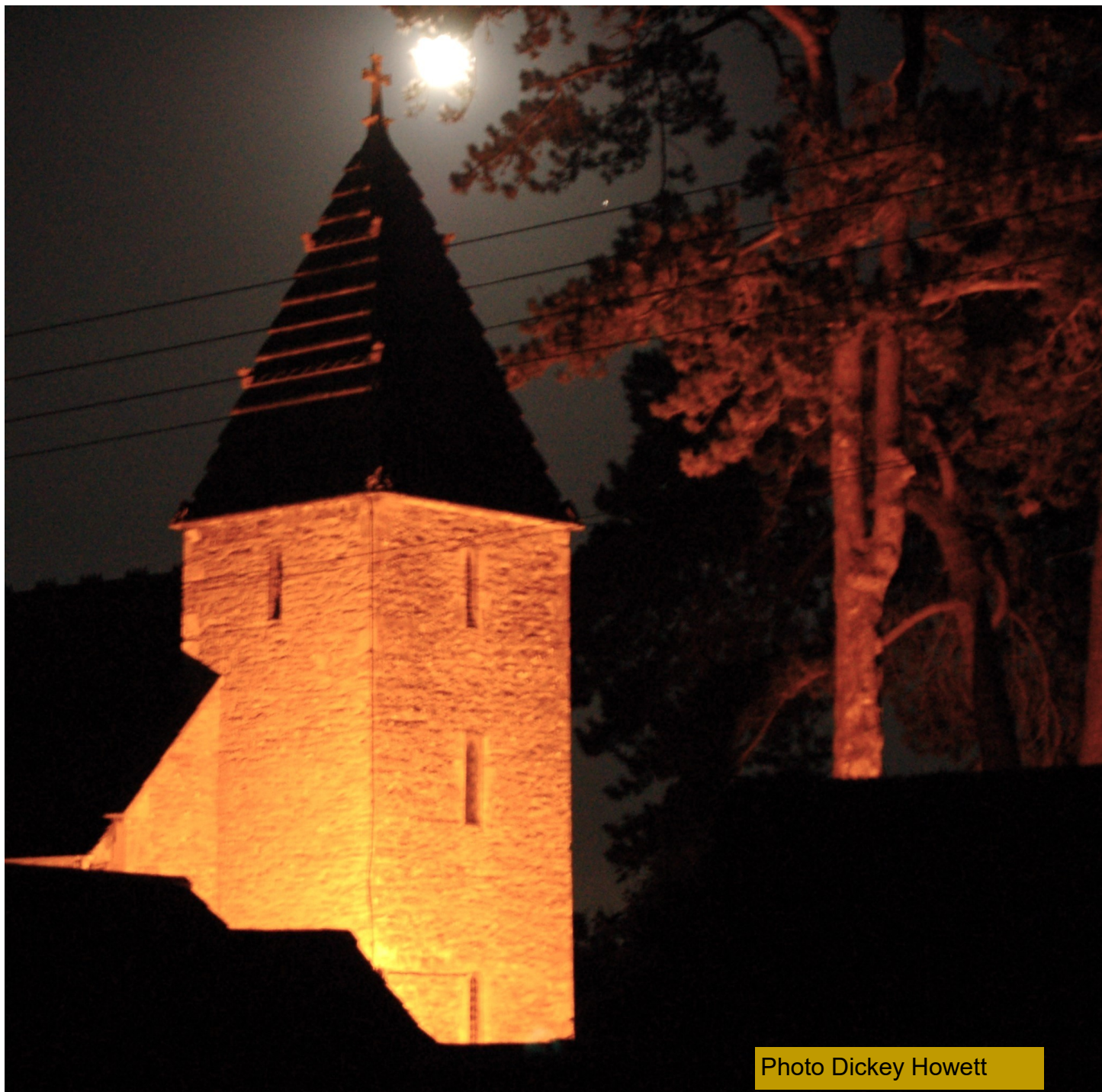


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NEWS & VIEWS

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**October**

3rd Gill Taylor
 4th Ann Holtham
 7th Julia & Tim Bush W.A.
 8th Robin Rogers
 9th Angela Alexander
 17th Callum Hobbs
 18th Kayleigh Stowell
 22nd Troy & Julian Gale WA
 23rd Robert Brown
 24th Matthew Clarke
 26th Justin Naish
 Margaret Bessant
 27th Jack Treble
 Maisie Taylor
 31st Roman Bessant

St John the Evangelist, Kenn**ALTAR GUILD****October Rota**

**Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and
Tina Middleton**

Kenn's Village Flag

Our flag was flown at half-mast on Wednesday 3rd September to mark the funeral of Chris Holloway at South Bristol Crematorium.



Our church tower was floodlit early in October to mark the first anniversary of the passing of David Pugh.

Charity Coffee Morning**Kenn Church Room**

**Saturday 25th October
10am - Noon**

**For: Transform Trade -
Host: Julia Bush**

*Anyone wishing to host a 4th
Saturday Coffee Morning please
Contact:*

Celia Andrews 01275 877806

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary:

Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189

Kvhallbooking@gmail.com**Yatton Moor Parish Office** 01934 832184office@yattonchurches.org**St John the Evangelist****Priest in charge Rev. Denise Calverley**revdeniscalverley@icloud.com**Churchwardens:**

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Hilary Landers 878283

(technical John Ball 078 1667 1304)

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Geoff Hulance 077 1554 8860

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Chris Taylor 01275 872781

Altar Guild Secretary:

Marianna Mackay 01275 340323

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn

**COFFEE
MORNING****Saturday 11th October
10.00 - 12noon****North Somerset Times**Copies are freely
available in the
porch a St. John's**CLEVEDON
SALEROOMS**

Clevedon Salerooms Ltd, The Auction Centre, Kenn Road, Kenn, Clevedon, BS21 6TT

<https://www.clevedonsalerooms.com>Antiques & Quality Furnishing,
CollectablesThursdays 2nd & 23rd October
10.30amViewing Wednesday prior
10.00am - 5.00pmQuarterly Specialist Sale
Thursday 4th December 10.30amCatalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedonsalerooms.com

St John's Harvest Festival 2025

Our new Priest-in-Charge, Rev Denise took our Harvest All Together service and experienced the church in all its autumn glory for the first time.

The Altar Guild had decorated the porch, windows, font, pulpit and Altar with stunning arrangements of flowers, fruit and veg.

Small items of agricultural and dairy paraphernalia were also displayed. The effect was glorious and Hilary (CW) and I were thrilled and very thankful that so many people had worked so hard.

We were also very fortunate to welcome Ann Hatton, from the 'Ripple Effect Charity' who talked to us about this organisation.

The name is the recent rebrand of the original 'Send a Cow' charity, which started in 1988, when a few local Christian farmers sent dairy heifers to impoverished areas of Africa, to women widowed by war and famine. The cows revolutionised these women's lives, their children's health improved and they could go to school, surplus milk was sold, the women became entrepreneurs, small businesses evolved, the ripples spread.



Since that small start over 4 million people have been affected, hence the new name.

'Ripple' no longer sends European personnel to Africa, but sends funds to finance new initiatives deemed effective by local-staff. It was great to hear this from someone as closely involved as Ann.

We sang hymns old and new, watched slides and prayed thankfully at our good fortune living in a country that is so fertile.

Coffee and chat followed, for nearly as long as the formal service.

Hooray.

Julia and Hilary

Spot the church mouse?

Kenn and Kingston Harvest Lunch - Sunday 21st September

This year the two villages ate their Harvest meal together in Kingston Seymour Village Hall.

On a lovely sunny day, the hall looked perfect with three long tables decked with sparkling glasses and cutlery, and after Grace at 1pm we were served with a scrumptious salad meal courtesy of caterer Scotty.

By now the noise level was impressive as everyone introduced themselves to new friends or caught up with old ones. Eventually, everyone had had enough 'firsts' and we were called to help ourselves to home made 'Crumble and Cream' or fruit salad, followed by tea and coffee.

The chat didn't diminish for an hour or so, then quite quickly it seemed time to go, and folk set to, putting away tables and chairs etc, and before we knew it, the Hall was back to normal and we could all go home and put our feet up.

Huge thanks to Scotty and his team, whose hard work made the food such a success. Also, a big 'Thankyou' to everyone who set up the Hall, donated raffle prizes, made Crumbles, and helped clear up after a very successful event.

Julia Bush



**The Annual General Meeting of
The Friends of Kenn Church
Has been postponed till November
details next month**

All Members of the Congregation, Parishioners and Villagers will be welcome to attend this meeting

Village Market

Thank you to all who came along and supported the market in September. The sun was shining and the hall was buzzing with stall holders and shoppers.



Julia provided the delicious selection of cakes for the refreshments and the proceeds went to The Blay Family in Ghana. She is delighted to be sending £152 which will be so appreciated by the family. With thanks to everyone's generosity.

The next market is Saturday 11th October from 10am to 12pm

If you would like to run the refreshments or would like a table for the October Market please get in touch.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Kenn Church Room Coffee Morning October - for Transform Trade Saturday 25th October.10 — 12noon

Transform Trade is the company formed after Traidcraft sadly went bust. It champions small traders in the developing world, who produce high quality goods for a fair price. I will use Fairtrade ingredients for cakes and drinks and the money raised will go to Transform Trade.

I will have as much up to date info as I can, including some words from Michael Blay about Ghanaian cocoa and chocolate, some of the best in the world.

Thankyou,

Julia Bush

The Yellow Teapot will be overseeing tea and coffee consumption, cake nibbling and a lot of chat on

Wednesday 15th October at Disati.

She will sit on the bar from
2.30 to 4pm.

See you there, Julia Bush





KENN W.I.

Members met again in September after their August break and you can imagine how the decibels rose as people exchanged news and gossip after the summer break.

Jo Richardson was our speaker for the afternoon and was excellent.

Jo is an astronomer and talked to us about the stars that can be seen on Exmoor and all the other delights that can be seen. It is so near to us that we should really know it better.

There were 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 which we hope will win. 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.

The Lunch Club met at the Windmill and had a lovely time, and there was a meeting for coffee at Desati. There is a full programme for the autumn so members will be kept busy.

Ann Holtham

Thank you to the WI for August Coffee Morning collection for GWAAC

As many of you know I am trying to swim 40 miles this year to raise money for GWAAC. I am now down to less than five miles to go.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the WI for their kind donation, especially Mary and Marian. Every penny raised is going to help fund another flight by the helicopter when someone needs their help which costs £2,200 every time they take off.

I have received an amazing amount of support for what I am doing and it gives me the encouragement to keep going.

Thank you for helping me make a difference for someone who may need the helicopter in the future.

Sophie Pascoe

Kenn Village Festival

27th - 28th June 2026

Plans are being made to hold a Kenn Village Festival on the weekend of 27th June 2026.

Clevedon Flower Club are organising a wonderful flower festival in St John's Church and we thought it would be a great idea to incorporate the flower theme and arrange a Kenn Open Garden trail/festival.

Other ideas include a social event in the hall on the Saturday evening, perhaps a BBQ, local band, pop up bar; tea and cake in the village hall; decorate a wheelbarrow; scarecrow etc.

If you've got any ideas or would like to help in any way, please come to an informal meeting on 23rd October at 7pm at Downscote (Duck Lane).

If you're unable to come to the meeting, but have a great idea or offer of help please email

sarahlrossiter26@gmail.com

Sarah and Jane

Tuesday October 7th

Yatton Local History Society talk by Steve Osman on Swiss Air Crash 1973

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

October Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.**Piano concert by Joss Wort at St Mary's, Yatton, 25th October.**

A very welcome return from our own Yatton Protégé. Joss, a former student from Backwell School has recently graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama where he was awarded the John Roberts Memorial Award for his passion for the works of Beethoven. His programme will include music by Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert.

Joss'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 and their programme are on the Yatton Music Society's website

www.yms.org.uk



AMADEUS by Peter Shaffer

Tickenham Drama Group

18th to 21st November

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a rowdy young prodigy, arrives in Vienna determined to make a splash. Awestruck by his genius, court composer Antonio Salieri has the power to promote his talent or destroy it. Seized by obsessive jealousy he begins a war with Mozart, with music and, ultimately, with God.

Performances Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st November (there is no Saturday performance.)

Tickets £15 are now on sale with the following BOX OFFICE options available to you.

Call Lynne Purcell on 01275 852663
Or from the Tickenham Drama Group website
http://www.tickenhamdrama.org.uk/?page_id=310

Or from the ticketsource website
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tickenhamdramagroup/e-joemql>

Sue Parker notes that Maggie Hobbs is in the cast with Simon Vardakis playing Salieri

Tickenham Drama Group
AMADEUS
By Peter Shaffer
Directed by Felicity Peries

COMEDY TRAGEDY MURDER?
18th to 21st November 2025
7:30pm Tickenham Village Hall
Tickets £15
www.ticketsource.co.uk or Call 01275 852663
This amateur production of "Amadeus" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

BIRD NEWS

Following the note last month regarding the Peregrine seen from the Marine Lake, Steve Spratt from Duck Lane got in touch to say that remarkably he had witnessed the incident too. He was also able to provide more detail in that the prey was a black bird not a Blackbird, namely a Jackdaw. There was another sighting of a Peregrine there on the 11th from another swimmer. It seems that if you wish to spot a Peregrine go for a swim in the Marne Lake!

The unsettled weather produced a passage of migrants along the sea wall. Ringed Plovers were observed in record numbers, 500 at Clevedon and 300 (probably part of the Clevedon flock) at Kingston Seymour. A few more unusual small waders accompanied them, with Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper and Little Stint, of note.

An unprecedented influx of Glossy Ibis into the South West included over 90 birds that arrived at Chew and Blagdon reservoirs and a probable Glossy at Kingston Seymour.

The White Tailed Eagle that had visited Chew Valley Lake returned for a couple of days and Jill and I were fortunate to see it, at one time mobbed by a Red Kite which appeared very small.

The Eagle reportedly preyed on Herring Gull, Coot and Cormorant- I was hoping it would thin out the Canada Goose flock.

The change from unsettled weather on the 20th brought a big passage of Meadow Pipits on the estuary and inland with Wheatear and Whinchat.

Skylarks were possibly on the move too although it is difficult to tell how many are local birds.

A single Cattle Egret at Kingston Seymour was carefully picking insects from an indulgent cow

Most of our local Swallows have departed now but birds from further north are still passing through. October is the month for Finch and Woodpigeon migration.

Trevor Riddle. birds@yacwag.org.uk



Lunch Break

It was lovely to see Lunch Break guests in September after the summer break. There was lots of chat and laughter in the hall.

Homemade soup, bread donated by Pullin's, cheeses, homemade cakes, tea and coffee all served at your table for a suggested donation of £5.

News of where the latest donation has gone to will be in the next issue of Kenn News & Views.

Please come and join us and catch up with friends.

A warm welcome awaits!

Sarah and Tim

October - 6th

November - 3rd

December - 1st



Each Friday morning
Liz Jaehme visits the
porch at St John's church
to collect donations
which she takes to the
Clevedon District foodbank.



Jenny Pascoe shared this sunset snap from her holiday in the USA.



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Services at St. John's Kenn and
All Saints' Kingston Seymour
October 2025

October 5th Trinity 16

8.30am St John's

Traditional Holy Communion

11.00am All Saints'

All Together for Harvest

October 12th Trinity 17

8.30am All Saints'

Traditional Holy Communion

11am St John's

All Together

October 19th Trinity 18

11.00am All Saints'

Holy Communion

October 26th Last Sunday after Trinity

11.00am St. John's

Holy Communion

Priest in Charge for Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton

Revd. Denise Calverley email revdenecalverley@icloud.com

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



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn

I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this summer and it was so interesting to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns.

It is likely that today's 12 year olds and upwards will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's good to know what the next generation really cares about.

In my last update, I shared my concerns about waterway maintenance and future flooding in Somerset.

In August, I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation with the Environment Agency and, when Parliament returned in early September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

It has been great this summer to visit some excellent local charities and organisations, including Prickles Hedgehog Rescue, the Somerset Armed Forces Cadets and Somerset Wildlife Trust.

There is so much going on and it's a real privilege to recognise the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility for so much activity locally.

Outside my 'patch', I met the specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines. Many of you will know I've pressed the Government for many years on the availability of up-to-date machines in the NHS. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

I'm running 'surgeries' across the area, so please come along.

A full list is available if you call or email me, and the most local are listed below:

Friday 3rd October from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

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

Friday 17th October from 09:00 to 10:00 at **That Coffee Place, Yatton**

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.

It's been a bit of a turbulent summer so I feel it is time to return to items of a more local nature. Therefore as we approach the season of "Mists and mellow fruitfulness" (John Keates), I thought I'd share how my garden and orchard have gone this year.

We had a warm spring which in the main gave everything a good start. In some years the blossom on my fruit trees comes all at once but this year the trees blossomed in sequence according to their type and variety. First the cherries and apricots, then damsons and plums and then the various apples in order of early to late fruiting.

Sometimes the blossom is destroyed by cold winds and a frost can also prevent fertilisation. Pollination – or to be more accurate, fertilisation - is not instantaneous. When a pollen grain reaches the stigma of a flower it travels down a pollen tube to complete the fertilisation and this can take up to a week. Untoward weather in that time can hinder or halt the process. However this year it does seem to have gone reasonably well, with the exception of the cherry tree which seemed a bit sparse.

Actually I have two cherry trees, the newer one is a Morello cherry which I'm hoping the birds won't like. Unfortunately I think I've planted it in too shady a place so it is not prospering as it should.

Apart from the cherries which I don't even bother to harvest as its too much of a fight with the birds, whose timing is impeccable, the apricots were the first crop to appear. Last year I had very few so this year I was pleased to see a reasonable number and most of them are now in my freezer. Although most of my crops are given away my spirit of generosity does not apply to apricots and I'm hanging onto them.

I had a good crop of damsons compared to last year and the tree is small enough to make picking easy. Because it is a stone fruit I pruned it immediately after harvesting, which is probably a bit late in the year. Whether it was the right thing to do or not I don't really know but it seemed to make sense. Doubtless readers can put me right.

The plums this year were "so so" with the notable advantage of very few fungal infections, presumably due to the dry weather. From forming and developing to the right size and then ripening took longer than I expected. I could probably have delayed harvesting by three weeks or so but hey, if you cook them with the stones still in you won't know the difference.

Friends helped pick the plums and at the time of writing there are still some remaining at the top of the tree, tantalisingly just out of reach. Over the years this particular tree has grown a bit too large for easy picking and I notice some limbs are splitting or getting a little rotten. Therefore I have procured and planted another plum tree to take over in the future. Unfortunately I can't remember what variety I ordered! All I know it is yellow.

I only have one cooking apple tree – a Bramley, which always appears too vigorous, with the drawback that I am always tempted to prune it severely. If I do succumb to temptation the tree gets its own back the next year with even more growth.

Anyway I think at the moment we understand one another so there is a guarded neutrality in our relationship. In terms of cropping, this year isn't brilliant but better than last year. Because of the drought the apples are much smaller than usual which means the apple peeling devices you can get at least have a chance of working.

My other trees are eating apples. My early tree produced really sweet apples in abundance. A couple of the other trees have extremely small apples. One of them has done that in the past and is in danger of being replaced. Interestingly however, with the recent rain, some of the apples have swollen over the last two weeks so there is some hope.

Outside of the orchard my soft fruit has had mixed success. Two of the gooseberry bushes decided to die in the spring. Normally I propagate my own bushes but this time I decided to get new stock so purchased a couple of bushes which I think are doing well.

My blackcurrants also had two die, but as one was over 40 years old I suppose it had an excuse. The crop from the remaining one was ample and harvesting took several days of part time backbreaking work. I was worried the birds would beat me to it but I notice that berries I missed have been ignored.

Rhubarb was as plentiful as ever but for reasons I can't remember not a lot got picked. Raspberries seemed very confused as to what they should do. My late ones cropped early and then recently had another go. I might pull some of them up as they are a pain to harvest and if you're not careful you get stains all over your clothes.

Anyway enough of that. How do I manage all this produce? You might think harvesting all this is a lot of work and you would be correct. You might also wonder what I do with it all.

Firstly I have good friends who come along and give a hand and yes, it takes a lot of time and many visits as we try to match the ripening with the harvesting. Without this help I would be stuck. I am in a better position than many in this regard. It has been a bumper year for apples and harvesting can be a problem. I know people who are happy to have the produce if you pick it but won't come and help, even though they are physically able to. I know of an orchard in north Bristol several times the size of mine and they have no-one to pick the fruit so every year it is mown over. It seems such a waste. When I was a kid I read children's stories of boys "scrumping" apples and getting in trouble or being chased by the owner but it was a different world. It's hard to imagine boys of today stealing apples. Fruit and healthy eating are probably far from their minds!

So what do I do with it? In the past we could have stored most of it for our use over the year but times have changed. It is too much for me. I could chainsaw the orchard but I view it as an investment for the future and I am its current guardian.

Instead, the produce goes elsewhere, especially to folk who can really benefit from it. Again good friends are useful. They have good contacts and we have developed a sort of distribution system. Some produce has to be disposed of quite quickly - such as plums - or cooked and frozen, whilst apples for example can last a long time. In any event it does get moved on and sometimes I get lengthy notes of where it has gone, places ranging from Bristol to Weston, which makes it feel a little more worthwhile.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL**2025****2025 Meetings**

3 November - Council
 Meetings held at 7:30pm in the
 Village Hall, Kenn Street agendas
 on parish noticeboards and Parish
 Council website 3 days before.

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Steve Bridger Tel: 07762 023 423
 Wendy Griggs Tel: 01934 834 143

KENN PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Tony Parker	Tel: 07815 908 542
Mark Titterton	Tel: 07960 240 960
Robert Treble	Tel: 07831 316 760

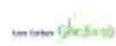
Parish Council meeting held on the 15 September 2025

6 Kenn Councillors, 3 Kenn Residents, 1 North Somerset Councillor in attendance.

- **Local information** – thanks to those clearing an area at junction with Colehouse Lane. Historic boundary stone needs to be reinstated. Update on local bus to Southmead. Discussion about the Nailsea housing developments' impact on the sewerage system which impacts the moors – does not seem to come within planning considerations.
- **Road sign issues** (horse advisory, missing boundary sign) have been reported to NSC.
- **Kenn St 20mph** – recent Vehicle Activated sign statistics considered, it was seen that the most vehicle speeds are reducing. A replacement solar powered sign was discussed.
- **Bollards on The Green** – enquiry made to NSC about permission to replace these. Some recent misuse by cars parking on the area were highlighted.
- **Planning Application** on an area of Kenn Court Farm considered.
- **Avon & Somerset Police** had sent information relating to security at large events.
- **Road Closure** – Nailsea Wall, just after bridge entrance to farmer's field outside Wild Orchard for Wessex Water to reline a sewer to restore service.
- NSC's new Chief Executive had sent a message to all North Somerset Town and Parish Councils – provided for KPC members' information.
- Details of KPC's accounts for payment and receipt of the second half of the precept.

**Workshop on energy
 in your community:
 Clevedon & Kenn**

**11 October | 10:00-13:00 | Clevedon
 Community Centre BS21 7SZ**



Interactive workshop hosted by Low Carbon Gordano, North Somerset Council and Centre for Sustainable Energy to enable local people to explore renewable energy in their area. The workshop is for anyone who lives or works in the Clevedon and Kenn

area. Everyone is welcome - if you have an opinion on community energy, we want to hear it. You don't need to know anything about community energy as there will be information provided during the workshop.

[Community renewable energy in the Clevedon and Kenn area Tickets, Sat, Oct 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#) - this is a link to book a place