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Thanks go to Jo Manning for this photo of a Peacock Butterfly displaying on the font at St. John's after our Holy Communion on Sunday 25th January

NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

1st Tim Taylor
2nd Katy Hill
4th Beth Stowell
9th Sizzle Summerell
11th Alexis Papasolomontos
11th Hallie Rebecca Bessant-Hawken
14th Andrea Mapstone
15th John Andrews
16th Marianna Mackay
17th Jeff Naish
17th Julian Gale
21st William Cheek
22nd Polly Summerell
22nd Lizzy Dyer
23rd Lorraine & Jonathan Allison W.A
25th James Griffin
25th Rebecca Stowell
26th Amelia Ann Bone

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Altar Guild for February



Jan Bedford and Maggie Hobbs

Our Flag

Our Flag was flown at half mast on 6th January for Maurice Ford when his ashes were interred in the Churchyard at St. John's, just behind The Old School, where he had lived for many years with his wife Margaret and daughter Diana, whose ashes are close-by.

Trevor David George formerly of Kenn Pier, passed away in November after a period of ill-health.

His funeral service was held at All Saints, Kingston Seymour on the 11th December.

We send our deepest sympathy to his family



A Service for the Life of

Trevor David George

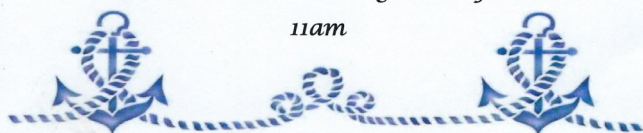
12th June 1937 - 14th November 2025



Thursday 11th December 2025

All Saints' Church, Kingston Seymour

11am





Kenn Village Festival

27th - 28th June 2026

Plans are starting to take shape for the Kenn Festival weekend in June.

There will be a meeting on Thursday Feb 26th at 7.30pm at Downscote (Duck Lane), please come along and discuss the plans, we'd welcome new suggestions and ideas. Tea, coffee, biscuits and maybe wine will be served!

If you can't make the meeting on 26th February but have an idea for the weekend, or would like to offer your support please email Sarah

sarahrossiter26@gmail.com

More details of how to get involved during the weekend will be published in future editions of Kenn News & Views, watch this space!

Sarah & Jane

Kenn Supper Club

FIRST SUPPER CLUB OF 2026

Well January has nearly passed and it's time to arrange the first supper club of 2026.

As usual we'll be meeting at the Moorend Spout at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month which is the 12th February.

As usual we need to pre-order so please let me know your menu choices one week in advance.

Everyone in the village is welcome to join us for some lively chat (or gossip), so if you know someone who you think might like to join us do invite them to come along on the 12th.

Best wishes

Martin

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Please note that the next market

is

Saturday 14th February from

10am to 12pm.



If you would like to raise money for a favourite charity by running the refreshments or would like a table for the Market please get in touch.

Maggie 876277 or Lyn 870189

Lunch Break

Thank you to everyone who came to the 1st Lunch Break of 2026.

The Village Hall had a lovely atmosphere, with lots of chat and laughter, there was plenty of Christmas and New Year news to catch up on!

After a great deal of discussion, it's been decided to increase the suggested donation to £6. However, this is only a suggested amount, the basket will be in the usual place in the hall, ready for any donation you may wish to give.

Homemade soup, bread, cheeses, homemade cake and tea and coffee served at your table.

Please come and join us on **Monday 2nd February**

A warm Village Hall and a warm welcome awaits.

Sarah and Tim

February 2nd - 12.30 - 2pm

March 2nd

The Yellow Teapot

will be waiting for friends at the bar in Disati at 2-30 to 4pm on

Wednesday 18th February.

All the usual attractions, coffee, tea, cake and a warm place to chat if the weather's chilly.

See you there, Julia and Lyn



Love Your Village Hall

Saturday 7th February KVH - 10.00am

On Saturday 7th February we have decided to meet at 10,00am at the hall to give it a Spring Clean and carry out some small maintenance tasks.



We would welcome volunteers to join us, the hall committee, to help on the day.

The hall is of course cleaned weekly by Sam, but there are tasks that are slightly more challenging, too awkward or need tools to fix, that also need doing.

So, if you have an hour or even more, can help clean, tidy, paint, move heavy objects or help us get rid of unwanted items/waste, or if you have a particular skill we need you!

Jullian G and John H.

Tuesday February 3rd

Yatton Local History Society talk by Katherine Bell on Ancient Textiles
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

WELCOME

We are so happy to welcome our lovely new neighbours the Williamson family; Tim, Helen, Amelia & Amber.

We wish them the very best, good luck and fortune in making Stonehouse their new home.

It has stood derelict for over 30 years and it's wonderful that finally there's action to return it to part of the living village.

Rob & Jo Treble

Bird News

Bryan Thompson reports a Goldcrest feeding on a small shrub in his front garden and a regular Buzzard behind his bungalow perched on a fence in heavy rain on one occasion.

The count at YACWAG's Kenn Moor Reserve at the beginning of the month only produced six Snipe and a similar number of Meadow Pipits.

At Littlewood on Claverham Drove a small flock of Siskins was present with, unusually a couple of Greenfinches.

A Great Spotted Woodpecker and a Sparrowhawk were also in residence along with a few Redwings and Fieldfares.

Up to three Kingfishers were seen on the Rhyne by Wemberham Lane, along with a couple of Stonechats and Reed Buntings. Small birds were scarce there, with flocks of 30 Linnets and 20 Meadow Pipits being single day occurrences.

The herd of Mute Swans built up to 42 and a couple of Green Sandpipers were on the river. On the 5th Lapwings were flying south ahead of cold weather. I counted just over 250 in mostly small groups. A single Great White Egret and up to five Little Egrets were regular but left after the 22nd.

A Peregrine was on one of the T pylons with prey on the 22nd and was back again three days later.

A trip to the sea wall at high tide on the 23rd produced a huge flock of Dunlin, comprising around nine thousand birds! The flock swirled over the estuary in the manner of a starling murmuration, an incredible spectacle in the winter sunlight. Eventually the flock headed towards Sand Point but returned in a seemingly never ending line towards Clevedon. A few Ringed Plover, Turnstones and Grey Plover were roosting there.

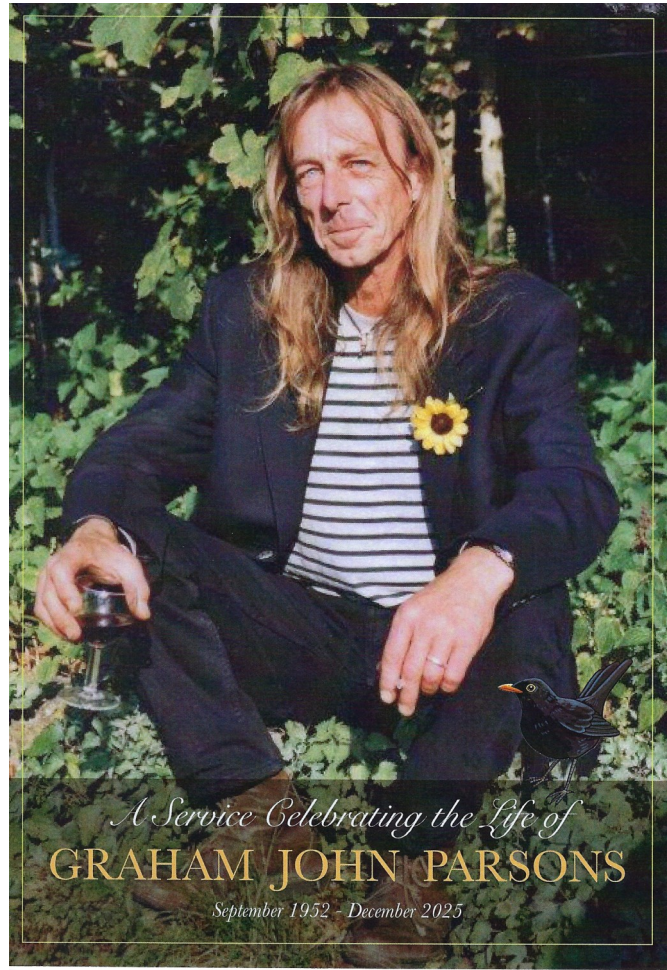
Winter thrushes and small birds seem to be in short supply but at least a few Barn Owls have been seen, in the flesh and on trail cameras so we are hoping that they will stay and nest this summer.

In Nottinghamshire last summer a Barn Owl with a chick was found to be carrying a ring indicating that it was 18 years old, a new record for longevity for the species.

Trevor Riddle

birds@yacwag.org.uk

Graham Parsons 1952 - 2025



On the morning of 22nd January a large crowd gathered at Kenn Village Hall for the Funeral of Graham Parsons.

Graham was born in Kingston Seymour and spent all of his life around Clevedon, working in the building trade. If you had spent any time in the hostelrys of Clevedon in the last 50 years you would have come across Graham with his long hair and battered hat, usually accompanied by at least one dog.

The coffin arrived in an old Morris Minor van, accompanied by motorcycle outriders, reflecting the twin interests of his life.

The congregation then heard about Graham's fairly bohemian lifestyle and continued the celebration of his life at the Blue Flame Inn until well into the evening.

It was a testament to Graham that so many people felt the need to be at his service

Tim Bush.



KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

January is Resolutions month for Kenn W.I. when all the Resolutions that have been nominated are discussed and one is chosen to go forward to the National Federation of Women's Institutes to be debated at their Annual Meeting, and voted on by the delegates.

There were five to choose from and each one was discussed. They were:

1. Public Toilet Facilities,
2. Women's Homelessness, 3. Nearer to Nature,
4. Vulval Cancer,
5. Befriending children in the Care Service.

After general discussion a vote was taken and Self Checking for Vulval Cancer was chosen. This result will be sent forward and if it is the most popular will be the one that is brought forward at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is to be held on-line this year so it is hoped that the proceedings will be available in the Village Hall for members to watch on 4th June.

There will be more information about this nearer the time.

The Treasurer was able to report that there was £2,775 in the funds , so it may be possible to subsidise the fee for joining the W.I. which this year is to be £54 and will be due by April.

The Annual Outing which takes place in August, when there is no meeting, was talked about and a trip along the river Wye was being considered and enquiries will be made from coach and boat companies.

The Flower Demonstration on 26th November
and the Birthday Lunch on 11th November have both been booked.

The Ladies Who Lunch will meet at the Star on the Roddy on 18th February.

The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday in February, the 11th at 2p.m.

Do join us., you will be made very welcome.

Ann Holtham

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Saturday 14th February
10-12noon

North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies of this local newspaper are available in the Church Porch from Wednesdays.



CLEVEDON
SALEROOMS



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Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am-5.00pm
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Saturday 28 February 7.30pm Music Concert at St Mary's Church, Yatton.

The Yatton Music Society (YMS) is delighted to welcome **CarmenCo** 'A Pocket Opera' written, arranged, and performed by Emily Andrews mezzo/flute; David Massey & Francisco Correa guitars.

CarmenCo will have the audience in turn laughing out loud and listening in absolute silence to the immersive and evocative music and performance. It's a brilliantly accessible and fun way to present classical music. A fun-filled evening of fantasy, comedy, drama and wonderful music arranged from Bizet's 'Carmen' and other Spanish-inspired music by Boccherini, Falla, Garcia-Lorca, Granados, Ravel and Albeniz.



Saturday, 28 February, at 7.30pm; CarmenCo at St Mary's Church, Yatton.

A Carmen opera inspired extravaganza.

Tickets priced at £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

KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday 28th February 10.00–12 noon

**For Macmillan Cancer Support
Host - Celia Andrews**

Anyone wishing to host a 4th Saturday Charity Coffee Morning from April onwards should contact Celia on 01275 877806.

Children's Society . Kenn's Donation 2025.

A Big Thankyou to everyone who donated to Kenn Church's donation to The Children's Society, December 2025.

I was able to send £220 to this very forward thinking charity, raised mainly at our Christingle and Crib Services.

To donate, in several ways, during the year, look up The Children's Society on-line.

Thanks again, Julia Bush



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

First of all, thank you so much for all of your continuing help, support and donations which villagers give to the Clevedon foodbank. You help in so many ways.

According to the Trussel Trust (the charity which runs the food banks throughout the UK) there is an urgent appeal to help provide food for people on the lowest incomes.

1 in 4 kids under 5 face hunger in the UK!

Please donate to stop hunger and fight poverty.

Emergency food parcels given out to help people in need contain at least 3 days' worth of meals for individuals and families. Contents may vary, but a typical food parcel can include:

Cereal - Soup - Pasta - Rice - Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce - Lentils, beans and pulses Tinned meat - Tinned vegetables - Tinned fruit - Tea/coffee - Biscuits - Long life milk - Fruit juice

Cleaning products and personal hygiene products are also included.

Please donate whichever items you can to help to make up these emergency food parcels.

Items can be left in the box in Kenn church porch, or in the front porch of Carpenters Farm halfway down Kenn Street and I will happily take them to the Clevedon foodbank every Friday morning.

Thank you to you all, Liz Jaehme

Receipt from the Carol Singing collection on the Village Green

Liz Jaehme



News Update from the Blay Family in Ghana

Julia Bush received the following from Michael Blay at the end of last year..

Hello mummy,

Happy New year we thank God Almighty for taking us through this year we hope for better things to come this 2026. About the children's Christiana is now seventeen years and in Senior High school level 2,. She is offering Home Economics as a course. Kwame is also in his final year (Junior high school) and will be writing his final external examination on 4th May,2026.He is 15 years now, turned it in December 11th.

Reuben, the last born is also 10 years now and in grade or primary 5.

These are some pictures of them, May God richly bless you and your family.

Michael Blay.

This picture shows Michael Blay's children Inah far left, and Emmanuel far right. In the centre are Christiana, Kwame and Rueben, the children of Michael's brother, the late Denis Blay, for whom he cares, with his wife Beatrice and Denis's widow, Hannah.



Many thanks to every one who supported the Coffee Morning In support of the Blay Family.

We raised £89.12p.
Julia Bush



*Hello mummy,
I'm glad to hear from you. I hope everyone is fine by the grace of God. We are also fine here. I have received the money safely, thanks for the support .my greetings to everyone there*

Best regards , Michael Blay.

*A Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving
for the Life of*

Robin Soutar Mackay

23rd June 1948 – 8th November 2025



St John's Church, Kenn
Saturday, December 27th 2025
at 1.00 p.m.

Robin Soutar Mackay Duncan's Eulogy

Robin led a life of compassion, generosity and hard work – not to mention his complete devotion to our mother – and was always interested in the company of others, in partying and in spreading his own joy in life.

One of the most abiding memories I will hold of him was at my wedding. He had just been diagnosed with the first of his cancers, facing an uncertain future.

Others might have been quiet, pensive, grave, by contrast father was kneeling in the middle of a dance floor in his kilt, enthusiastically playing along to Queen on an inflatable guitar. That guitar playing set the template for the way in which he handled his various illnesses – committed to seeing the best of the moment.

Even this year, as the end approached, he chose to mark the occasion with a farewell party for family and friends.

This refusal to be cowed by circumstance derived from the great energy, drive and determination that he demonstrated throughout his life. Few people would make the decision that they had to marry a girl after just 72 hours of knowing her, no matter how beautiful she was. But not only did our father do just that, he and our mother, Marianna, formed a loving partnership of equality and respect that lasted more than five decades.

His belief in the middle way was also there in his willingness to make friends with people from across the political spectrum, politely yet firmly putting them to the test, often over a meal and a glass of wine. His friends, whether Labour, Green, Conservative or Reform, will remember his combination of good humour and moral clarity.

Of course we never knew him in his days at Marlborough, during which, as he gleefully told us, he once faced down the threat of a caning by pointing out that it would incapacitate him for the following day's cricket match.

That enjoyment of sport was lifelong, particularly to be seen in his love of golf, his passionate support for the Scottish rugby team, and his more recent and unexpected passion for lawn bowls.

His decency led him to be a tireless volunteer in the name of good causes - particularly the raucous golf days on which he and his friend Mike Southwick raised tens of thousands of pounds for the Children's Hospice Southwest.

But he was also regularly involved with events here in Kenn village, such as the Big Lunch, the annual Christmas Lights switch on and carol singing which I am pleased to say continued last week.

Robin Soutar Mackay - James' Eulogy

Kind. Considerate. Funny. Witty. Warm.

An unyielding source of strength and comfort in life, a shoulder, a hug, a smile that was broad and always a twinkle in his eye. A father interested in the world.

Who ensured we grew up in a household always alive with discussion, debate, politics, ethics, looking out to the world and using that same gaze to look back at ourselves.

Who filled the house with books: old encyclopaedias, dictionaries, novels, biographies, puzzle books, histories.

Who read us poetry, everything from DH Lawrence's *The Snake* to Evan Jones's *Lament of the Banana Man*. Who told us stories and read from books, in a voice that could switch up accents in a second, but was always rich and always left us wanting more.

Who never wanted anything from us other than that we be what we wanted to be.

A father who brought us up to see laughter and fun and light as the things to hold to.

Who took pleasure in so many things – bright coloured shirts, a glass of good wine, the sensation of eating something he himself had grown from the Somerset dirt, connecting with people near and far.

Who knew that success and hard work were no achievement by themselves, though he was both incredibly hard working and highly successful.

That life – and he had above all a talent for living – was nothing without beauty, without generosity, without liberal inclusivity, without humour, without that quality that sums him up above all others, decency.

Who spent a life on the love of one woman, and would if he could choose have spent another lifetime, and another, with that same woman.

Who loved his children, and who loved the four special grandchildren who are, as he would have wanted, so individually different, so uniquely themselves.

A man who, in Kipling's words, could meet with triumph, and disaster, and treat those two imposters just the same. And as Kipling said, the world, and everything that's in it, was there for a man.

This man, Robin Mackay, this husband, this Bobba, our father.



Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Like many others I've caught one of the nasty colds going round the area and it's taken 2 weeks to feel better and be able to think again. It's not nice being ill on your own and I did manage a few pity-parties during that time. However I was very touched by one of my kids who lives a couple of hours away who asked if she should come over to help me.

Anyway, during that time I was thinking of writing about our Bed and Breakfast days. Occasionally I have alluded to them in previous writings so you are not unaware that we ran The Limes as a B&B for a number of years. Heather had always wanted to run a B&B, although I must say I was not very keen but there was a stage in her teaching career where a change was welcome and so we gave it a go.

Opening up your house to strangers is not something you do lightly. Later on in our B&B venture we teamed up with other B&B owners and we felt that their premises were more suitable for guests than ours. In B&B's the accommodation can vary from the guests being almost totally separate to the rest of the house, to being almost embedded with the hosts.

We came in the second category. One of our friends was very much in the first category and the other in between. Interestingly none of us are running B&B's now.

Another factor is that it is unrelenting. There is no real break. It's easy to think all you have to do is make some beds and cook a breakfast and the rest of the day is free but it isn't like that. There is no real getting away. You have to time your schedules around B&B arrival times, hang around until guests leave and of course there is extra shopping and housework. If one of us was ill then the other had to take over.

On one occasion when Heather's father was seriously ill and she had to visit him she was away for 3 weeks and I had to run everything in her absence.

Holidays and time off was a major issue. If you wanted a holiday you either closed down or found someone to take over. We tried both. Sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. If you closed down it messed up regular guests and cost money. If you got someone in that also cost money and they had to pick up the ropes very quickly.

In terms of guests we generally had very nice people. The regulars were the best as you got you know them and didn't have so much housework as they stayed most of the week. Usually they were working in the area on some long term contract and lived far away and needed to stay during the week. We had one guest stay 18 months Monday to Friday. He worked at a local engineering company, which sadly has closed down and now is a housing estate.

Another guest came from near Shrewsbury and drove agricultural feed lorries. He stayed Mondays to Fridays but we never saw him in the mornings as he left at 5am or so for work. Often in the summer he would tell us of the foxes and other animals he would see at that early time of day as he drove around. One weekend he brought his wife to stay so she could see where he was during the week. We were surprised to see she was a lovely Thai lady, such a contrast to the typical countryman that he was!

Another long term guest was a financial advisor. Sadly he was in the process of a messy divorce. Occasionally he brought his son over for a weekend when he had custody.

Actually that was an area we wondered would develop further. We came across so many dads who were divorced or separated and for a variety of reasons were not now in the same locality as their children, so when they did have access they had to stay in a B&B or something and had nowhere to take the kids. One guest ended up taking his daughter to coffee shops so she could also do her homework. Our hearts went out to these dads.

Our general pattern was regulars during the week and families at weekends. It could be parents and children or an older couple down for some family event. Families could be a bit of a squeeze but the kids loved it here as they could run around the garden and help with the animals. Often Heather would ask the children if they wanted to collect the eggs or feed the hens and so we would kit them out and I'd give them a little basket to put the eggs in and go in search of eggs. Often the dad would come out and take pictures. The children then gave the eggs to Heather who would cook them for breakfast. You can't have them fresher than that!

I mentioned that families could be a squeeze but we managed. There was one occasion it could have gone badly wrong but another couple of guest came to our rescue. One of our rooms is small and although technically a double room it is tight. Eventually when finances improved we stopped letting it out. However on one occasion it was booked for a couple by the husband. When they turned up with a baby we looked aghast. The husband hadn't told us! When his wife realised he hadn't told us I could see he was going to be in for some trouble. No way was the baby going to fit in that room! Fortunately another couple who had the room opposite agreed to swop. After that the weekend went quite well.

One family who came for the weekend arrived back late on the Saturday afternoon after being out for the day and asked if they could use the washing machine! They had had an interesting encounter at Noah's Ark Farm and I've always wanted to write this one up.

The reason for the washing machine request was that the little girl, probably late primary school age, needed a change of clothes. At the farm they had been wandering around and were looking at the tapirs when one turned and shot a stream of urine horizontally from 4 feet away straight at the girl. She was soaked! I have been told since that the tapirs are now fenced off a bit more! I was recently talking to Antony Bush from Noah's Ark Farm about this and he confirmed that tapirs have this reputation. He also said the urine was quite harmless and you could drink it safely. He also told me that tigers are even worse. They will aim straight for your face!

With the advent of Airbnb the business has changed a lot since our days. We stopped in 2012 after around 8 years. We met some very interesting people who otherwise you would never encounter. We had one or two we'd rather not have again but on the whole we made it work. Life moves on however and I would not wish to return to those days although one of my children has picked up the mantle as it were, and does Airbnb combined with a full time job.

Stephen



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn

Now we're well into 2026, I'm flat out representing you in Parliament and here in Somerset.

I'm glad there's a reprieve for farming as our campaign to raise the inheritance tax threshold from its £1 million base was supported by many locals, bolstering the calls of farmers who met my colleague Alistair Carmichael MP, Chair of Parliament's Environment Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee at Yeo Valley last February. I'll continue to do all I can to persuade Government to scrap this tax altogether.

Next, we're trying to sort out fair business rate bills for pubs, hospitality and our High Streets.

I met local farmers to discuss the problems of hare coursing, theft and the serious organised crime which is driving a rise in rural crime incidents in Somerset.

Don't hesitate to call 101 if you see something suspicious - 999 if a crime's in progress - but please don't tackle these situations yourself, as it's not safe to do so.

At the end of 2025, I spent days in Committee and meeting Ministers, Government lawyers and Clerks, poring over the detail of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill, better known as the 'Hillsborough Law'. Now I'm in new rounds of discussions between Ministers and lawyers, thrashing out the final wording and trying to stop clauses being left to 'interpretation'. Frankly, it's embarrassing that Ministers have tried to weaken the 'Hillsborough Bill' at every turn - insisting some public servants should be 'shielded' from having to tell the truth when things go wrong. It's critical this legislation is right - not just for the many individuals and families who've suffered appalling injustice when public servants have lied to protect themselves and their organisations, but because failure now might take decades to remedy.

As ever, if you have any concerns you'd like to talk about, please write, call or come and see me. I'm running my regular and ad hoc 'surgeries' throughout 2026, including the following over the next two months:

Friday 6th February from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Monday 16th February from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Congresbury Community Café**

Friday 20th February from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Note Warehouse, 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:

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

To keep updated on my work as your MP, find me on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn.



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

February 2026

February 1st

8.30am St John's
11.00am All Saints'

Candlemas/Epiphany 4

Traditional Holy Communion
All Together and Baptism

February 8th

8.30am All Saints'
11.00am St. John's

Second Sunday before Lent

Traditional Holy Communion
All Together

February 15th

10.00 St Mary's

Sunday next before Lent

Benefice Holy Communion

February 22nd

11.00am St. John's

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

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

Priest in Charge for Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton
Revd. Denise Calverley Email revdenca@icloud.com

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2026

Kenn Parish Council - Clerk Vacancy

Joining the Parish Council is an interesting, rewarding and valued way to become involved in the local village community. This is a paid position for approximately 5 hrs a week, with a combination of working from home and attending meetings in Kenn.

The Parish Council consists of 7 members who meet in Kenn Village Hall for 6 scheduled meetings a year. Duties include preparing the agenda and minutes for the meetings and managing the Parish Council's expenditure and income, including bookkeeping, audit and VAT. The Parish Clerk is also responsible for updating the notice boards and adding documents to the Council's website.

The ideal candidate will have good verbal and written communication skills, be computer literate, be able to oversee the website. Also, can work on their own initiative and have a positive outlook.

Financial management and organisational skills are required; training can be arranged through the local council association.

If you are interested, please visit the Kenn Parish Council website www.kenn-pc.gov.uk/vacancy to read more information. An application form is also available on the website.

Applications are invited by email, by 11 April 2026; with a decision by 14 May 2026.

The current Clerk is leaving on 31 May 26 but will be available after this to help with the transition.

Parish Council Meeting – 12 January 2026

- **Village Agent for Kenn**, Sian Taylor, the new WERN Village Agent for Kenn had been in contact and would appreciate hearing about events in the village that might give a chance to meet residents and local groups. Agreed to reply providing some information.
- **North Somerset Council and Low Carbon Gordano** engage different communities in North Somerset about community owned renewable energy. Clevedon and Kenn is one of the areas they'd like to engage with people. They recently ran a workshop in Clevedon and now would like to broaden their reach and speak to as many people as possible. There is a short survey based on the outputs and they would be very grateful if this could be shared in the Kenn area. <https://forms.office.com/e/xD4qBiqNBS>
- **20mph Vehicle Activated Sign**, a discussion about options to progress
- **Local Plan 2041**, correction to some sites sent, also notice the village boundary had increased
- **Precept for 2026/27** agreed, the Band D charge will be £77.64 for the 12 months.

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Meeting dates have returned to the 1st Monday of the months shown, except when Bank Holidays

2026 Meetings

2 March – Parish Meeting / Council
 11 May, 6 July, 7 Sept, 2 Nov
 Council meetings
 Meetings held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Kenn Street agendas on parish noticeboards and Parish Council website 3 days before.

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