

KENN

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MAY 2026



BADGERED AT DAWN, Early morning visitor to a Kenn garden.

NEWS & VIEWS

May - Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Hartley Staples
Margaret Ball (senior) 98
Lynne & Steve Bye W.A.
3rd Chloe Hayzen
4th Tony Parker
5th Sarah & Tom Clark W.A.
8th Mike Stowell
10th Jilly Butland
Jane Morris
12th Robert Porch
Adeline Humberstone
15th Samuel Leiper
22nd Duncan Mackay
24th Deacon Mapstone
26th Jane Staples
27th Christopher Jaehme
29th Millie Stowell
Samuel Rogers
30th Joanna Brain
India Bessant

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Kenn Altar Guild

May Rota



Caroline Holden and Jo Manning

A huge thank you to everyone for the
Easter flower arrangements

Our Flag 5th April Our Flag was flown for Easter Day

23rd April - Our St. George's Flag was flown.

YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners - Important Correction: Contrary to the information given in last week's pew sheet, at the AMP held on 12th April John Dickinson was elected as the sole churchwarden for St. Mary's; once again, we thank John for all his hard work in the past, and wish him well for the forthcoming year.

Summer Placement: Arthur Wacker will be doing a voluntary placement at St. Mary's during his Oxford break, serving behind the scenes in the ministries that so many of you help with. At the APCM, Arthur will also be standing for the PCC and as a Deputy Warden, so that he can gain recognisable experience of ministry towards any future calling. I know that you'll wish to encourage him in this. *Revd Denise.*

Sunday 19th April All Saints' Kingston Seymour Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Sue Thomas and Judy Seward were elected as Church Wardens.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at St John the Evangelist in Kenn on
Sunday 26th April - Julia Bush and Hilary Landers were re-elected to serve as
Churchwardens for Kenn for 2026—2027.



It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces at the April Market — thank you, for your continued support.

We were delighted to welcome Jane & Sarah, who joined us to promote the Kenn Festival in June. They'll be back again at our May Market, so do stop by to learn more.

Thanks to your generosity, we're pleased to have raised £163 for St Peter's Hospice in memory of Callum's grandfather, Tony.

Callum, who is running the Bristol 10K on 10th May, is incredibly grateful and sends his sincere thanks to everyone who donated.

Now it's back to training!

Our next market will take place on Saturday 9th May, from 10am to 12pm.

Refreshments at the May Market will be provided by Kenn WI, and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you'd like an easy way to support a charity close to your heart by running refreshments at a future market, we'd love to hear from you.

And if you're interested in booking a table for May, please get in touch!

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Kenn Village Supper Club 19.00, Thursday 14th May, Moorend Spout

The next supper club is booked for Thursday 14th May starting at 19.00.

Everyone is welcome and as usual please may I have your menu choices one week in advance.

Any queries please contact me: e: martin.jaehme@gmail.com T: 07831 137339

Best wishes, Martin

Donations to the Clevedon District foodbank are collected from the Church Porch at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn every Friday morning.



Thanks to everyone who contributes and to Liz Jaehme who delivers them for us.

Lunch Break

April Lunch Break saw the Spring sunshine coming through the windows in the village hall, and Spring flowers on the tables.

There was lots of chat and laughter in the hall as everyone caught up with news.

Homemade soup, bread (provided by Pullin's), cheeses, homemade cake and tea and coffee served at your table.

Please come and join us on **Monday 11th May (2nd Monday)**

A warm village hall and a warm welcome awaits.

Sarah and Tim

May - 11th (2nd Monday)
June - 8th (2nd Monday)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

KENN W.I.

At the April meeting of the Kenn W.I. we all celebrated Betty Loveridge's 100th birthday with a glass of fizz to wish her well.

We do not know of any other W.I.'s who have an active member who has celebrated her really big birthday.

We were shown the card that she had received from the King.
As you can imagine we are all enormously proud of her.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Geoff Hammond, a member's husband, who spoke about the Magic of the Soil, and it really is magic. It was pointed out to us that literally everything has its origins in the soil and it behoves us to take great care of it.

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £3,478.68.

There are now 44 members. Because of our Charitable status Gift Aid can be claimed on any donations that we might receive.

It has been decided that lapel microphones should be purchased so that everyone can hear the goings on without too much distortion.

In May the speaker will be Clovis who will make and sell his marvellous pastries. If you intend to buy any please bring cash with you.

The Summer Outing will this year be a morning spent in Abergavenny which has a covered market if it should be wet and many opportunities for lunch. In the afternoon there will be a Cruise on the River Wye which will be finished off with a cream tea.

Details will be available at future meetings with a chance to sign up.

We all had a splendid afternoon so if you would like to join us, please do. The meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August, at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We shall be delighted to see you.

Ann Holtham

Morning Prayer in Kenn

Kenn Church is open every day, a quiet space to take a moment.

Now, on Wednesday mornings at 10am, there will be a quiet time for Morning Prayer.



No hymns, no sermon, about 30 minutes to hear and reflect on the readings for the day, then a time of informal or silent prayer.

If you would like a prayer to be said on your behalf, please contact:

Jenny Pascoe 01275 878451

or Julia Bush 01275 873554

Cream Teas
Sunday 3rd May
All Saints
Kingston Seymour
2.30 - 4.30
Cash Only

All Proceeds to Yatton Moor PCC General Fund Registered Charity No. 1132177

Village Hall Booking:
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kvhallbooking@gmail.com

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Hilary Landers 01275 878283

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Chris Taylor 872781

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Marianna Mackay 340323

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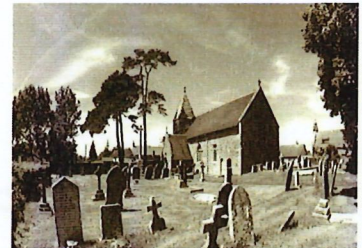


with coffee morning

Saturday 9th May 10.00-12 noon

North Somerset Times

Copies of this local newspaper are available in the Church Porch.



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SALEROOMS



Clevedon Salerooms Ltd, The Auction Centre, Kenn Road, Kenn, Clevedon, BS21 6TT
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Viewing Wednesday prior
10.00am—5.00pm
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Viewing Wednesday prior
10.00am - 5.00pm
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Kenn's New Village Agent

In April, Friends of the Yellow Teapot (drinking coffee and chatting in Disati) were joined by Sian Taylor, Kenn's new Village Agent.

North Somerset Village Agents work with the West of England Rural Network (WERN).

Their brief is to link people in rural areas to advice and support services for independent living. They offer .

A free confidential service for anyone 50+
One to one support
Signposting to professionals as required
Promoting health and wellbeing.

It was great to tell Sian about Kenn, and she hopes to attend village events in the future.

Julia Bush



Breast Cancer Now
6th Floor
The White Chapel Building
10 Whitechapel High Street
London E1 8QS

Mrs Jean Fenwick
The Laurels
Kenn Street
Kenn
Clevedon
BS21 6TL



15 April 2026

Your Reference: 8-14265430

Hello Mrs Fenwick,

Thank you so much for raising £300.00 at your coffee morning. And a big thank you to everyone who helped make your fundraising a success too, including Jane Staples.

You're helping change happen

Change is happening in our labs right now. Our scientists are working to develop new and better treatments. Treatments that can save and improve lives. But this is only half the battle.

Even when we have life-saving drugs, that doesn't mean everyone is able to get them. The reasons are complex, but the outcome is the same. People are denied the drugs they need to live and live well. We're working to change that.

With support from fundraisers like you, we've run groundbreaking campaigns to make more treatments available to the people who need them. Campaigns that have saved or extended thousands of lives. And we've successfully campaigned for drugs like olaparib, trodelvy, kadyla and perjeta to be made available to thousands more people across the UK.

As one of our incredible community of fundraisers, you're making change happen. And bringing us one step closer to a future where everyone with breast cancer will live and live well.

With best wishes,
Ellen Hindley
Community fundraising operations manager

Call us: 0333 20 70 300
Email us: hello@breastcancer.org

Breast Cancer Now is a company limited by guarantee registered in England (9147608) and is a charity registered in England & Wales (1150558), Scotland (SC045584) and the Isle of Man (12109). Registered office: 6th Floor, The White Chapel Building, 10 Whitechapel High Street, London E1 8QS.



KENN CHURCH ROOM

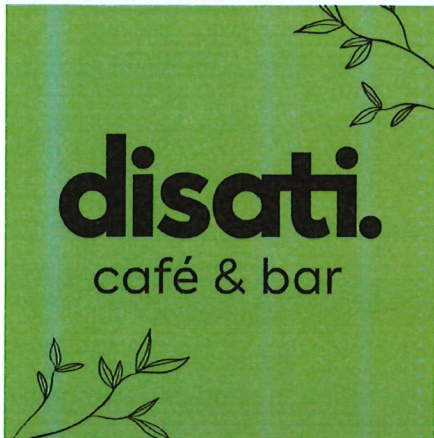
March Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th March

Jane Staples and Jean Fenwick are delighted to share this letter of thanks from

Breast Cancer Now

They send huge thanks to the many people who supported them and raised such a magnificent sum,



As many of you will know, Disati has now been open for over a year, and we wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has supported, encouraged, and smiled at us, it means so much.

You've helped Disati feel like part of the community, and we're grateful that you have made this year so special.

We're really looking forward to the month ahead and are excited to be hosting a range of events. We thought we'd give you a bit of advance notice so you can pop them in your diaries:

Friday 8th May - Black Mercian - featuring Chris, the incredible electric guitarist many of you will have seen at our open mic nights

Saturday 16th May - Eurovision night - join us for a fun evening watching Eurovision and scoring the acts together

Friday 22nd May - Music Bingo with the fantastic RB' Spoke Quizzes – the last few have been brilliant, so it's definitely one not to miss

These events are a lovely way to get together, relax, and enjoy something a little different right on your doorstep. Whether you come with friends, family, or on your own, you'll always find a warm welcome here.

Do keep an eye on our notices and social media for more upcoming events and updates. Thank you again for being part of our journey — we couldn't do it without you, and we look forward to welcoming you back very soon.

Warm wishes, Nathan and The Disati Team

KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 23rd May 10.00am – 12 noon

Hosted by Celia Andrews for Christian Aid

Anyone wishing to host a Fourth Saturday Coffee Morning for a charity of their choice should contact Celia on 01275 877806

Easter at Kenn



Leon, Raquel, Thea and Sheila Naish



Our Easter Bunny - Lesley





St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour - May 2026

1st SUNDAY 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.30am St. John's: BCP Holy Communion
11.00am All Saints': All Together

2nd SUNDAY 10th - Sixth Sunday of Easter
8.30am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion
11.00am St. John's: All Together
6.00pm All Saints': GROUP Songs of Praise

3rd SUNDAY 17th - The Sunday after Ascension Day
11.00am All Saints': Holy Communion

4th SUNDAY 24th - Pentecost
11.00am St. John's: Holy Communion

5th SUNDAY 31st - Trinity Sunday
11.00am All Saints': Holy Communion

MID-WEEK SERVICES on Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom –
01934 838622 Mike Cooke for the link

Tuesdays - 10.00am All Saints': Morning Prayer
Wednesdays - 10.00am St. John's: Morning Prayer

Bird News

The first Spring survey along the Yatton section of the Strawberry Line at the beginning of April revealed lots of Robins, Wrens and Blue Tits. These species enjoyed a productive breeding season last summer and have survived the winter in large numbers, probably due to the generally mild conditions. There were also ten singing Chiffchaffs and four Blackcaps, The first Reed Warbler was recorded on the 11th, with Willow Warbler and Sedge Warbler following two days later.

On the 16th three Grasshopper Warblers appeared at least they were heard, they do sing like grasshoppers.

At least two were still present on the 23rd so we are hoping they will stay to nest.

There has been a major influx of this species across a wide area this year.

By the 23rd Whitethroats had appeared along with a Lesser Whitethroat and adding the resident Cetti's Warblers also doing well there were nine Warbler species in a small area, with a tenth, a Garden Warbler on Clevedon Moor. It promises to be a bumper year for all these birds.

Bird of the month was a Cuckoo, heard calling for an hour in the vicinity of Kenn Court on the afternoon of the 8th, an early date.

It wasn't heard subsequently so has moved on. The next day Rob Treble's garden was visited by a Blackcap and a Willow Warbler.

Unfortunately Swallow news is not so encouraging. There was a pair at Yatton on the 5th and at Duck Lane on the 13th but numbers generally seem to be low. Two Swifts over Yatton on the 22nd were early but didn't hang around. The following day three House Martins put in an appearance at Chestnut Park, Yatton.

A Peregrine on a pylon by Wemberham Lane early on the 18th was the first that I had seen there for some months. Two days later a fine male Marsh Harrier was over Congresbury Moor, it circled to a great height in the sunny weather. Another bird of prey a Red Kite drifted low over Yatton on the 23rd, probably a young non breeding bird drifting around.

Migrant birds are still arriving and will continue to arrive until around the middle of May.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

May Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

**Clarinet and Piano concert at St Mary's Church, Yatton
16th May.**

This will be the final concert for Yatton Music Society's Spring season and will be an evening of French music which Meg Davies (clarinet) and Catherine Millege (piano) who have themed their concert 'Sous les étoiles'.

Their performance will include music from French composers selected to please the audience with soothing melodies interwoven with dramatic climaxes.

Meg is a first class honours graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Catherine teaches and accompanies at the RWCM&D and at Cardiff University. She also undertakes freelance work for Welsh National Opera, BBC National Orchestra of Wales.



We are assured an evening of virtuoso music, and the evening will be even more memorable with refreshments provided with a French flavour.

The 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

**Saturday, May 16th Meg Davies with Catherine Millege (clarinet and piano),
7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton.**

Tickets £15, Children free, details: www.yms.org.uk

Yatton Local History Society

talk by Katherine Groves on Commonwealth War Graves

Tuesday May 5th, 7.30pm Yatton Methodist Church

Contact - yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week 2026

Christian Aid Week 2026 will start on Sunday 10th of May, when our All Together Service in Kenn Church will feature facts and a film about this year's theme, life in Burundi in Central Africa.



In the previous week donation envelopes will be delivered to homes in and around Kenn.

If you wish to contribute, please put your donation in the churn outside Quercus, Kenn St (look out for the bunting!).

The Christian Aid Charity was founded after WW2, sending food parcels to displaced people in Europe.

Over the years it has evolved to face the varying needs of people in the developing world.

Originally sending direct aid during famine and conflict, now working with local groups to develop resilient farming techniques to mitigate against the effects of climate change.

For more info on Christian Aid's activities, ask Google

Thank you, Julia Bush 01275 873554

The Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be on the bar at Disati from 2.30 -4pm

on Wednesday 20th May.

All the usual attractions, coffee, tea, cakes, chat and 'New In' cheese and Marmite scones.



Looked absolutely scrumptious, but I wasn't quick enough, hoping to grab one next time!

In April, the Yellow Teapot was pleased to meet Sian Taylor, our new Village Agent, see separate article.

Julia and Lyn



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn

I attended the annual Legal Service which marks the appointment of the new High Sheriff of Somerset, Peter Dixon. Somerset's beautiful ceremonial sword and scabbard are kept safely by High Sheriffs during their term of office.

I ran 29 surgeries last month – 13 at my regular monthly venues and 'extras' in 16 rural venues including Disati Café.

Thank you if you came to speak to me. I value listening to your views and concerns, which inform my work in Westminster.

I was proud to join Amnesty International's local representatives to mark International Women's Day. They campaign relentlessly for access to legal and welfare support for the many female prisoners held in terrible conditions worldwide.

I welcomed Tim Farron, MP and Lib Dem Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to Somerset. We visited inspiring people and projects and Tim spoke publicly, answering questions from farmers and others. If you'd like to know about future events, please contact me.

In Westminster, I met the 'real' Ash Smith and Peter Hammond of '*Dirty Business*' fame, discussing newly-released sewage spill data for 2025 and what can and should be done to clean up our rivers, streams and rhynes.

I also attended a joint NFU/WWF/RSPCA meeting advocating fair trade - high standards for food imports and I've met the Energy Minister, highlighting problems for rural households dependent on increasingly expensive oil for heating and hot water.

My most local 'surgeries' for the next month are listed below.

Please visit my website - www.tessamunt.co.uk - or contact me for the full list.

Friday 1st May from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Monday 11th May from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Congresbury Community Café**

Friday 15th May 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:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone out of office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

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

Kenn Village Festival

27th - 28th June 2026

"Celebrating Summer"

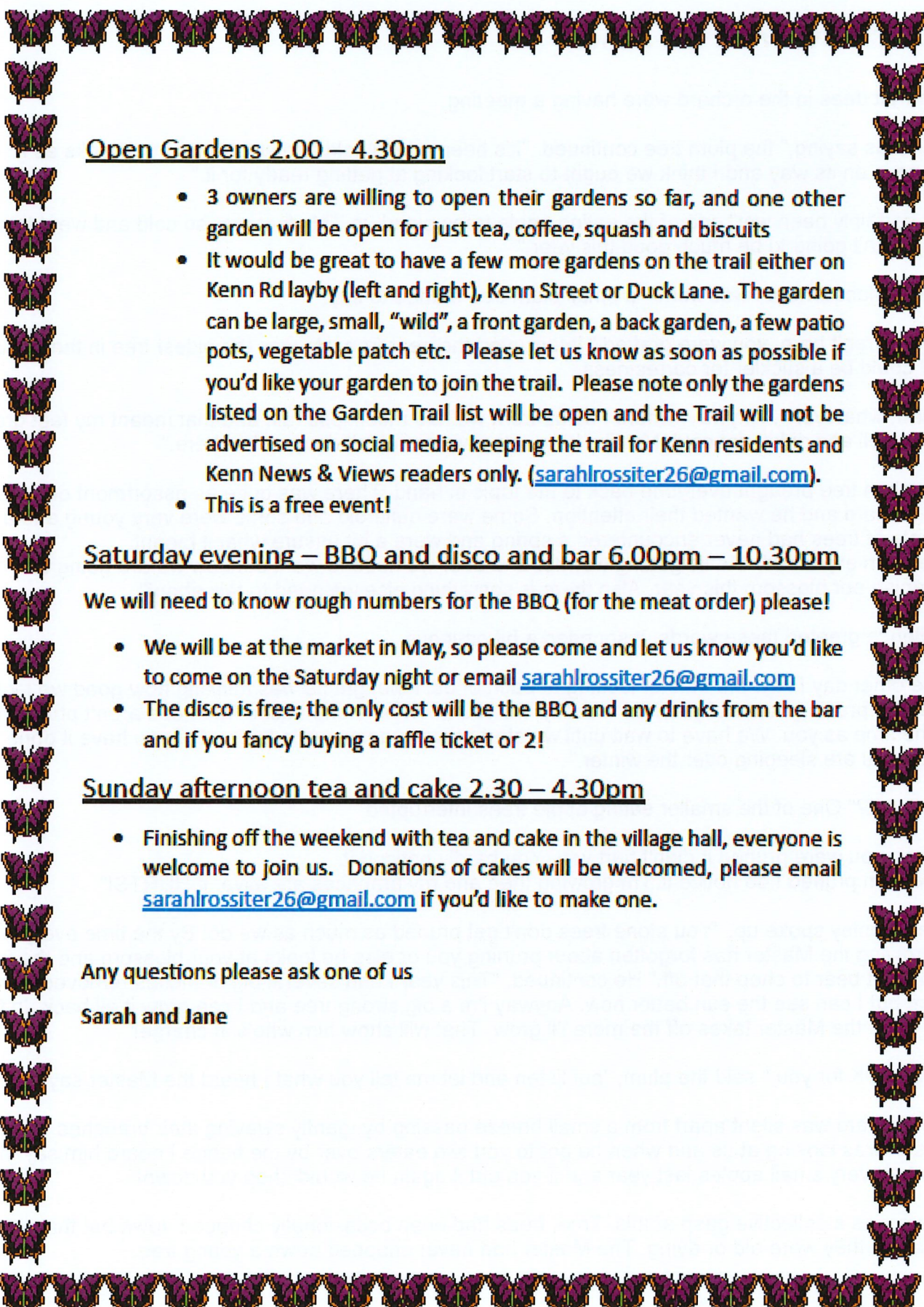
We have a timetable -

- Friday evening – St John's church open for cheese & wine to launch the flowers in the church. More details of how to buy tickets for this event in Kenn News & Views. The Church will be open all weekend to view the displays.
- Saturday morning – perfecting your front garden/drive "display"
- Saturday afternoon (2.00pm – 4.30pm) – garden trail in Kenn
- Saturday evening (6.00pm – 10.30pm) – BBQ, bar and dancing - Kenn Village Hall
- Sunday afternoon (2.30pm – 4.30pm) – finale of the Festival – tea and cake – Kenn Village Hall

Front Garden/drive "Display" could be....

- A "scarecrow" dressed up to Celebrate Summer
- Summer bunting
- Wheelie bin decorated to Celebrate Summer
- Wellies potted up or decorated to Celebrate Summer
- A garden table with a display to Celebrate Summer
- A collection of flower pots to Celebrate Summer
- A wheelbarrow filled to Celebrate Summer
- Any other ideas – let your imagination run wild!

The front gardens/drives will need to be in Kenn Rd layby (left or right), Kenn Street, or Duck Lane, ready for when the Garden Trail begins on Saturday afternoon. The displays will need to be visible from the road as no one will have access to these gardens. The displays don't need to have plants in them; they can be whatever you like to Celebrate Summer!



Open Gardens 2.00 – 4.30pm

- 3 owners are willing to open their gardens so far, and one other garden will be open for just tea, coffee, squash and biscuits
- It would be great to have a few more gardens on the trail either on Kenn Rd layby (left and right), Kenn Street or Duck Lane. The garden can be large, small, “wild”, a front garden, a back garden, a few patio pots, vegetable patch etc. Please let us know as soon as possible if you’d like your garden to join the trail. Please note only the gardens listed on the Garden Trail list will be open and the Trail will not be advertised on social media, keeping the trail for Kenn residents and Kenn News & Views readers only. (sarahrossiter26@gmail.com).
- This is a free event!

Saturday evening – BBQ and disco and bar 6.00pm – 10.30pm

We will need to know rough numbers for the BBQ (for the meat order) please!

- We will be at the market in May, so please come and let us know you’d like to come on the Saturday night or email sarahrossiter26@gmail.com
- The disco is free; the only cost will be the BBQ and any drinks from the bar and if you fancy buying a raffle ticket or 2!

Sunday afternoon tea and cake 2.30 – 4.30pm

- Finishing off the weekend with tea and cake in the village hall, everyone is welcome to join us. Donations of cakes will be welcomed, please email sarahrossiter26@gmail.com if you’d like to make one.

Any questions please ask one of us

Sarah and Jane

Our Missive from the Limes

The fruit trees in the orchard were having a meeting.

"As I was saying," the plum tree continued, "It's been a long cold and wet winter but it looks as if spring is on its way and I think we ought to start looking at getting ready for it."

"It's certainly been wet" one of the eating apple trees piped up. "My feet are so cold and wet I think they aren't going to be much good this year."

"In the place where I was born-" a small plum tree started to say.

"You weren't born, you were grafted," interrupted the pear tree. He was the oldest tree in the orchard and could be a stickler for correctness.

"Yeah, whatever... Anyway, where I come from we had much less rain and that meant my feet grew really well and didn't get cold. Not like here. Also winters didn't drag on like here."

The plum tree brought everyone back to the topic in hand. There was quite an assortment of trees in the orchard and he wanted their attention. Some were quite old and some were very young and a couple of trees had never encountered a spring and were a bit unsure what it meant.

The plum explained. "As its getting warmer and drier we need to work out how we are going to organise our blossom this year. Also there is something else we need to talk about".

A silence greeted these words. It sounded a bit ominous.

"The other day I saw the Master looking at each of us. I thought he was thinking how good we looked after the pruning some of you had recently. As you know us stone based fruit trees aren't pruned the same time as you. We have to wait until we start growing again while the rest of you have it done when you are sleeping over the winter."

"So what?" One of the smaller eating apple trees interrupted.

"When you were pruned it didn't hurt you. You hardly noticed it. When I'm pruned I do notice it. I'm growing then and my branches are alive. It HURTS!"

The Bramley spoke up. "You stone trees don't get pruned as much as we do! By the time everything is growing the Master has forgotten about pruning you or else he looks at your blossom and the fruit and can't bear to chop that off." He continued, "This year I had several big branches removed. I miss them but I can see the sun better now. Anyway I'm a big strong tree and I can grow it all back. In fact the more the Master takes off the more I'll grow. That will show him who's in charge!"

"That's OK for you," said the plum, "but listen and let me tell you what I heard the Master say."

The orchard was silent apart from a small breeze passing by, gently swaying their branches. "The Master was looking at us and when he got to you two eaters over by the hedge I heard him say that you had very small apples last year and if you did it again he would chop you down!"

There was a collective gasp at this. True, trees had been occasionally chopped down but that was because they were old or dying. The Master had never chopped down a young tree.

The plum continued. "It's even worse for me. I saw him looking at my limbs and he said, "This limb is rotten and that one there is rotten and perhaps the whole tree is too old and should come down!" I am older than most of you and I'm wondering if he has been thinking about this for some time and that is why he planted Vicky plum over there last year to replace me."

All eyes turned towards the newcomer who was looking quite uncomfortable. "It's nothing to do with me," she stammered. "I just stay where I'm planted."

"No, it's nothing personal" said the plum, "But we need to be aware of this, as well as thinking about spring. Actually there is something else to mention. The Master was talking about some event in Kenn at the end of June when lots of people might be coming to look at us and he wants us to look good."

"But I've nothing to wear!" exclaimed the newest tree, a small cooker. "All my blossom will have finished. All I will have is leaves. It's a stupid time of year. There's not even fruit to show."

"You look good whatever you are wearing," said the apricot comfortingly. The small cooker blushed and coyly looked away. The apricot explained, "It's at the end of June because that's when the flowers are out. People want to look at them, not us."

The cherry tree grunted. "Typical! Who is more important, us who provide food or something tiny that looks pretty for a time but is no earthly use?"

The orchard was silent as it considered this.

The elderly pear tree brought everyone back to the issue in hand. "Plum is right. Spring is coming and we do need to look good. It might be that if we look really good then the Master will forget about chopping trees down or taking other bits off."

There was a pause while they digested this. It made sense and the trees waved the ends of their branches in affirmation. "How are we going to do this," someone asked? "The Master is stingy with feeding us and doesn't keep those greedy weeds away. I've not had a good meal of compost for years. Those stupid bluebell weeds don't help either. I'm sure they are grabbing our food. Sometimes I feel I'm starving and only just managing."

"Not much we can do about that," replied the elderly pear. "The Master did mow down those bluebells so I don't think he is keen on them either and I agree he could do better. But never mind that, I have an idea. Suppose we take it in turns to show off our blossom? We can work out a rota - everyone has a rota nowadays - so we bloom one after the other and don't overlap. As I say, hopefully it will make the Master admire each one of us and he will appreciate how lovely we are and forget about anything else."

The fruit trees thought about this. The elderly pear could be a stickler on things but he was a wise tree and it made sense. They put together a rota. The apricot said she would go first followed by the damson. The Bramley and the russet decided to go last and everyone else found a place.

It was late spring. The blossom was over. The Master was leaning on the gate regarding the orchard as he did most days and wondered how the harvest later in the year would go. Certainly he had seen a goodly amount of blossom this year which was encouraging. It was strange however that the trees seemed to take their time over blossoming and only one tree blossomed at a time. It was almost as if.... No. Surely not....?

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2026



Citizens Advice North Somerset's Advice Shop is at The Sovereign Shopping Centre, High St, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1HL and is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm where they can see clients by appointment.

Their local Outreach locations are:

Wednesday Clevedon, 9:30am – 3pm (Clevedon Town Council, 44 Old St, Clevedon, BS21 6BU)

• **Nailsea** – 9:30am – 4pm (65 High St, Nailsea, BS48 1AW)

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month Clevedon Foodbank (Yatton), 9:30am – 12pm (Yatton Youth Club, Rock Rd, Yatton, BS49 4JE) This service is available for foodbank clients here.

Friday Portishead, 9:00am – 4:30pm (The Folk Hall, 95 High St, Portishead, BS20 6PR)

• Clevedon Foodbank (Clevedon), 9:30am – 11:30am (Speedwell Industrial Estate, Needs Court, Unit 3 Knowles Rd, Clevedon, BS21 7XS). This service is available for foodbank clients here.

• Clevedon Foodbank (Nailsea), 12:30pm – 2:30pm Southfield Church, 85 Southfield Road, Nailsea, BS48 1SB) – 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. This service is available for foodbank clients here.

They recommend arranging an appointment and the easiest way is by completing their Online Request Form on their website at [Citizens Advice North Somerset](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/north-somerset/) where there is also lot of info.



Waste crime is dealt with in accordance with size, scale, environmental impact and who's involved.

The Environment Agency is responsible for dealing with large scale waste crime, for example more than a lorry load of waste. Indications that it could be waste crime include:

- increased numbers of lorries entering a site
- drastic increases in waste stored on sites in a short period of time
- activity out of hours – also waste going in but not coming out
- smoke and/or water pollution
- machinery operating like excavators, dust, noise and increased site work

This type of waste crime can be report to; Crimestoppers. 100% anonymous. Always. 0800 555 111 or online: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

Local councils are responsible for dealing with small scale waste crimes, such as fly-tipping. They also have powers to fine unregistered waste carriers, to investigate and deal with statutory nuisance and waste issues, such as someone burning waste in their garden impacting their neighbour and noise and dust nuisance from waste activities.

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2026 Meetings

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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