

# KENN ISSUE 454 JUNE 2026



**Hay-making in Kenn in April !!!**

for Mark Rogers near the radio mast

*Traditionally Hay is made from early in June to August*

**NEWS & VIEWS**

### June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2 - Rachel Alexander  
5 - David Porch  
9 - Lois Webb  
10 - Thomas Hibbs  
11 - Naomi Brain  
Wendy Papasolomontos  
13 - Lynne Bye  
18 - Ian Pascoe  
21 - Tom Bye  
24 - Andrew Staples  
27 - Pip Jenkins  
28 - Liz & Martin Jaehme W.A.  
29 - Ava Alexander  
29 - Simon Alexander

### **St John the Evangelist, Kenn**

### Altar Guild — June Rota



Grace Griffin, John Griffin and  
Troy Gale

### Flag Flying on the Village Green and Floodlighting at St John's.

3rd May The flag was flown at half mast for Paul Ashton  
who sadly had passed away during the night

There has been no floodlighting of the church tower this month.

### **Morning Prayer in Kenn**

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

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

## Thankyous gleaned from the APCM report

Thank you once again.

In mid May, the churches in Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton held their APCM, a church equivalent of an AGM.



Each church presents a report of the goings on that occurred in the previous year, and as St John's was read out it reminded us of just how much Kenn Villagers do for their church.\*

The Altar Guild organise the weekly cleaning of the building and flower arrangements all through the year. At Festivals, this is augmented by guest arrangers, the results are always stunning.

Small maintenance jobs get done quietly, thus preventing them from becoming whopping great expensive jobs.

The church and toilet are opened every day, the bins are put out weekly. The churchyard is mown and strimmed regularly.

This work, done by a small army of volunteers, does not go unnoticed, visitors express their admiration as they walk through the door.

We are always proud to welcome clerics from Bath and Wells, confident that the church will be welcoming and spick and span.

So, 'Thank you all'

Julia and Hilary Church Wardens St John's Kenn

\* Everyone in this country lives in a Church of England Parish.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU  
To every one who donated to Christian Aid Week.

I will record the eventual total in next month's News and Views, but I'm thrilled that 1 in every 4 envelopes has been returned.

Remember

*It's never too late to donate.*

Details of ways to give are on the Christian Aid website, as a last resort, contact me.

Thanks again

Julia Bush 01275 873554





**Sunday night this camped out on my conservatory roof.**

**Stephen Brain**

## **Bat Detections in Kenn Hall Field - 18th May Report from Dr Georgina Laycock -**

(her children have music lessons with Jo Manning)



*Well this is great,*

*The number of detections behind Kenn Village Hall was quite low, given the weather and it being quite an exposed area, some nights had very low levels of activity, others much higher. And yet there were 11 species of bat - all with high probability of accurate detection, and some less common ones as well, notably a high number of greater horseshoe bat detections. There are 2 big roosts in the area so the bats may be flying some distance to feed there.*

*Some of the bats are detected only at a certain time of night, so if you want to see a whiskered bat you need to be out at about 2am. Bird song registering at the ultrasonic level is mostly at 4-6 am, although there a low level at 8-9pm.*

*Thank you for letting me put the bat detector in the field there and keeping an eye on it, I was concerned it would blow over one night, there were very few bats detected that night. All the data has been received by the North Somerset Bat Survey*

**The results are printed and displayed in the Village Hall Noticeboard**

## Village Market

We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our May Market, with shoppers coming from both our local community and further afield.



The WI ladies were almost rushed off their feet serving delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks in aid of Weston Hospice care, a charity very close to their hearts.

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, an amazing £162 was raised for the charity. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Last month, Callum raised funds for St Peter's Hospice in memory of his grandfather, and took part in the Bristol 10K. I am delighted to report that he completed the run in an impressive 46 minutes and 58 seconds!

He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is already planning to take part in more events in the future.

We hope you will join us again for the June Market, where Andre and Dee will be raising money for the British Heart Foundation.

If you are looking for a simple and enjoyable way to support a favourite charity, why not volunteer to run the refreshments at a future market? We would love to hear from you.

**The next market will take place on Saturday 13 June from 10am to 12pm.**

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

**Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189**

## The Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be cool as a cucumber, enjoying the air con at Disati on Wednesday 17th June, from 2.30 to 4pm.

All the usual beverages, including chilled Raspberry Lemonade, scrummy when it's hot outside. Julia and Lyn



## **Kenn Village Hall**

**Subject: Village Hall Booking**

**Our Village Hall Secretary Dee Bigwood will be taking on the role of Booking Secretary for the hall.**



**Kenn Village Hall Booking**

**Please check the hall calendar for availability [www.kennvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.kennvillagehall.co.uk) then email via the contact page.**

**Dee Bigwood 07977415326**

## **KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS**

There is no June Coffee Morning as there is so much else going on then in the village.

**Next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 25th July  
10.00am – 12 noon**

**For: Tommy's Charity (research into miscarriage)  
Host: Jean Fenwick**

May's Coffee Morning raised £128.00 for Christian Aid.  
Many thanks to all who contributed. Celia.

Margaret Bessant thanks everyone who supported  
April's Coffee Morning which raised £115 for Dementia UK

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

# Lunch Break

May Lunch Break was busy; there was lots of chat and laughter in the hall as everyone caught up with news.

3 soups were on offer, Mushroom, Leek & Potato and Carrot & Coriander. Some guests sampled all 3, quality control, apparently!

£250 was donated to St Peter's Hospice at the end of April. (Receipt received)

Homemade soup, bread (provided by Pullin's), cheeses, homemade cake and tea and coffee served at your table for a suggested donation of £6.

Please come and join us on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) from 12.30 onwards**  
A warm village hall and a warm welcome awaits.

Sarah and Tim

**June - 8<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) 12.30 - 2pm**

**July - 6<sup>th</sup> 12.30 - 2pm**

***Kenn Village Supper Club 19.00, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Moorend Spout***

*The next supper club is booked for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:martin.jaehme@gmail.com) T: 07831 137339

Each Friday Liz Jaehme collects the donations which Villagers kindly leave in the box in the porch at St John's Church and delivers them to Clevedon foodbank..



These donations are greatly appreciated.



## KENN W.I.

At the May meeting of the Kenn W.I. we had a fantastic talk from Clovis who was also selling his wonderful pastries. He went home with only one cake, he proved so popular. He told us all about his childhood in France and how he came into baking. His pastries are sold in various places in Clevedon and he makes to order so fortunately we do not need to go without.

In the absence of Mary Ashton the meeting was taken by Marion Hulance ably assisted by Sylvia Genge.

We all sent our condolences to Mary on the death of her husband and signed a card for her.

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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, except August, at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We shall be delighted to see you.

Ann Holtham

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 13 June from 10am to 12pm.**

**North Somerset Times**

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



**CLEVEDON  
SALEROOMS**



Clevedon Salerooms Ltd, The Auction Centre, Kenn Road, Kenn, Clevedon, BS21 6TT  
<https://www.clevedonsalerooms.com>

**Quarterly Specialist Sale - Thursday 11th June 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am - 5.00pm**

**Morning of sale 9am — 10.30am**

**Catalogues can be viewed at: [www.clevedonsalerooms.com](http://www.clevedonsalerooms.com)**

## Bird News

Migration was definitely early this year and generally nesting (and many other events in the natural world) was early too.

Reed Warblers were nesting for a second time by the 25th. Jack Stowell filmed a Red Kite from his tractor whilst ploughing on Kenn Moor on the tenth but two weeks later grass cutting operations produced five Kites there (thanks to Chris Blake for this.) There seems to have been more Mistle Thrush activity this year, one was singing well at Kenn Court mid-month and three together flew over Yatton a couple of days later.

The warbler song has been impressive with Cetti's continuing to expand their range and numbers. They are nesting on the edge of public spaces now.

Common Whitethroats are more plentiful than for many years and the occasional Grasshopper Warbler is still singing occasionally. Along the sea wall there was a steady passage of Whimbrel and large flocks of Ringed Plovers.

A rare Black Winged Stilt turned up at Portishead by the boating lake.

It was surprisingly confiding and Isobel Finlay snapped this fine picture. Just a handful of pairs nest in the UK most years.

Another exotic but much less welcome was a Ring Necked Parakeet at the YACWAG Kenn Moor Reserve.

An overflying Hobby there was much more welcome.

The Peregrines at Weston-super-Mare Old Town Quarry have a record five chicks, the adults have been reducing the town's Feral Pigeon population to feed them apparently .

Single Peregrines were seen over Yatton and Cadbury Hill.

At the month end two pairs of Barn Owls were active at Congresbury. This follows a completely barren season last year and again they appear to have started to breed much earlier than normal this year.

Trevor Riddle. [birds@yacwag.org.uk](mailto:birds@yacwag.org.uk)

01934 835208.





# Kenn Village Festival

## 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*“Celebrating Summer”*

### Flower Festival

- St John’s Church all weekend

### Open Gardens 2.00 – 4.30pm

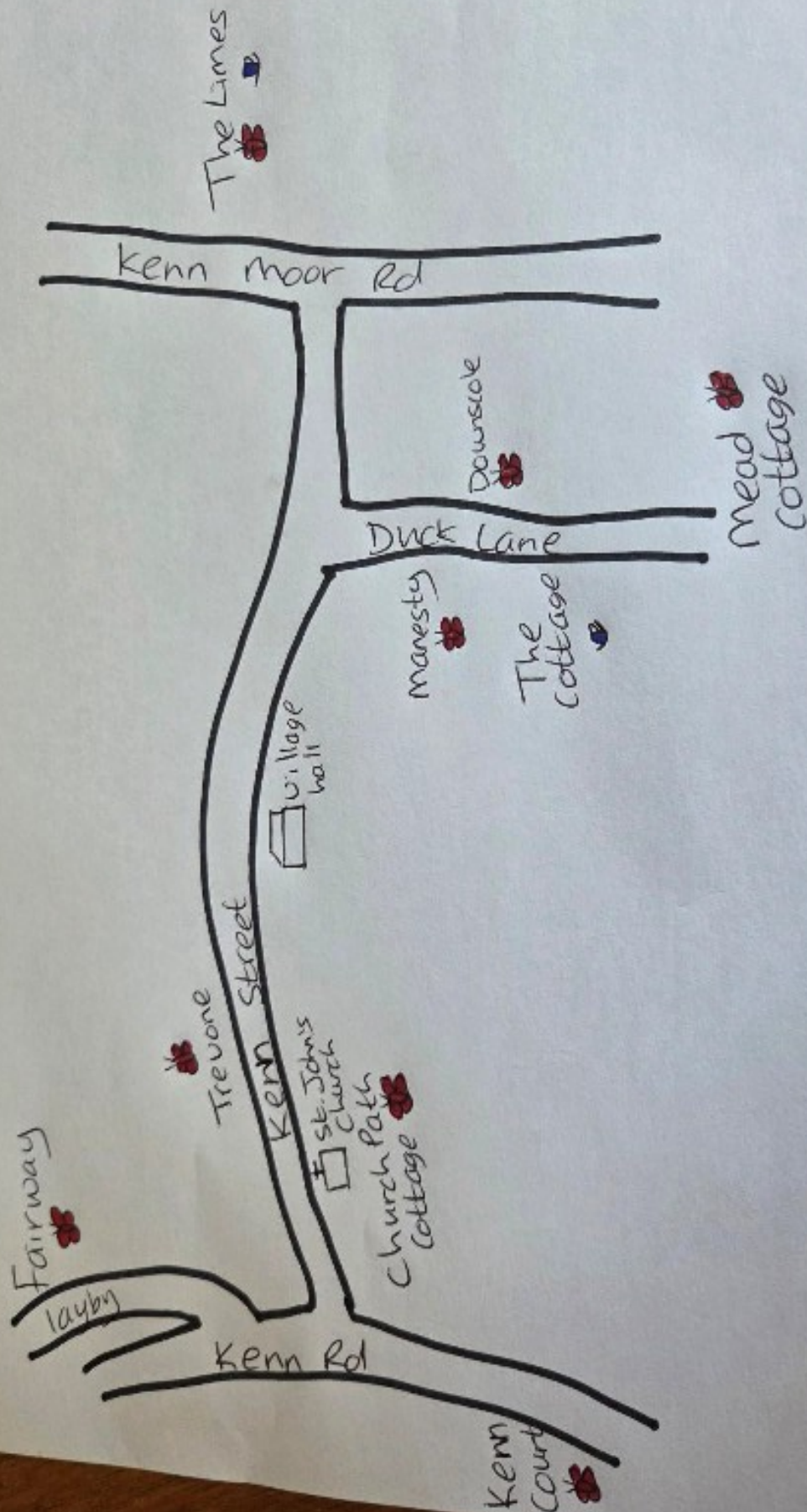
- See the list of open gardens and “map” – look out for a butterfly on a stake to let you know the garden is open

### Saturday evening – BBQ, bar & dancing 6.00-10.30pm

- Village hall – enjoy a BBQ, a drink and a dance with friends!

### Sunday afternoon tea and cake 2.30 – 4.30pm

- Village hall – spend the afternoon enjoying tea and cake and a chat with friends – donations gratefully accepted for charity



# Kenn Village Festival

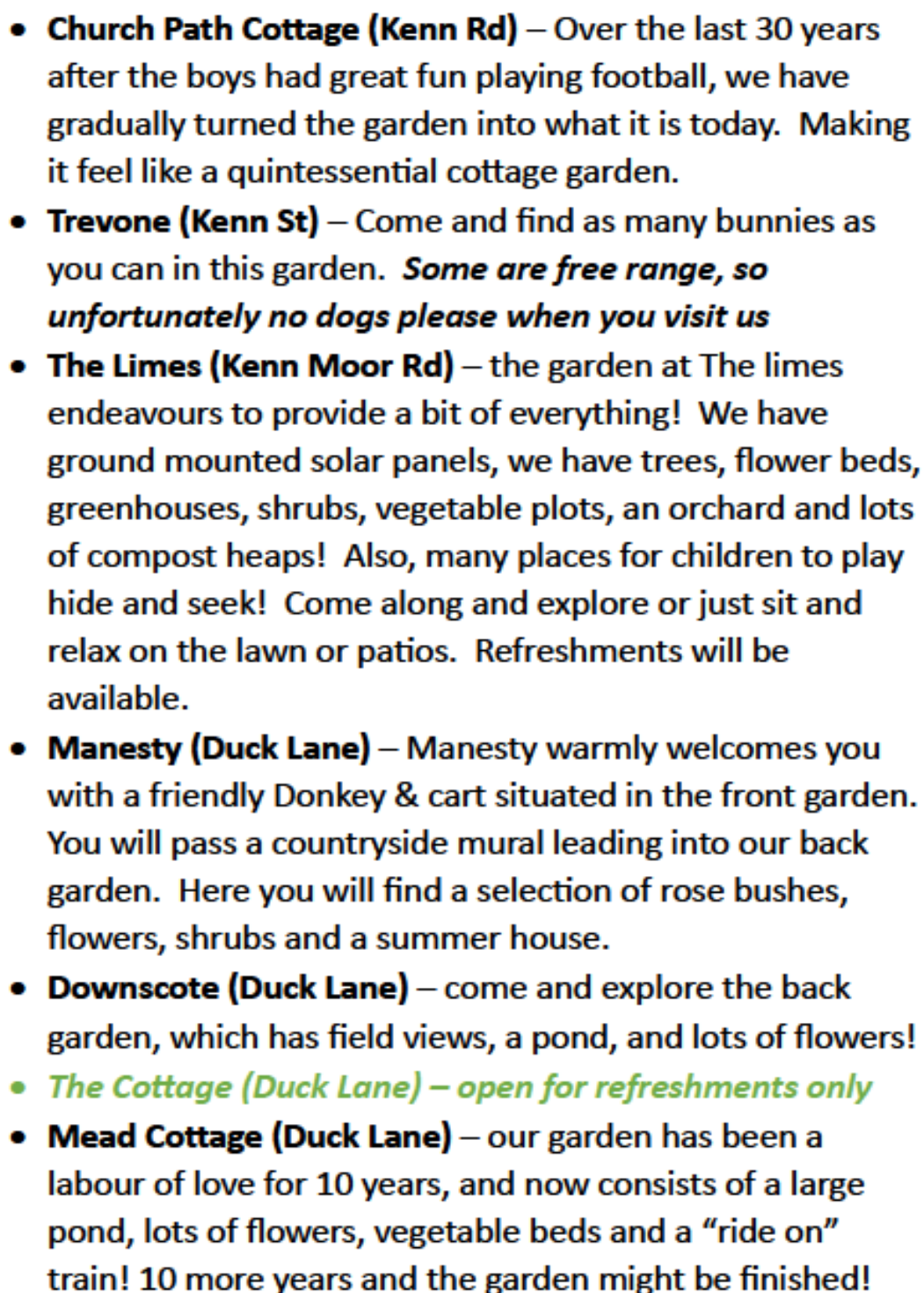
## 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*“Celebrating Summer”*

Open gardens – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

2.00 - 4.30pm

- *Remember to look out for a butterfly on a stake for each open garden*
  - *Please take care when walking on the road*
  - *Toilets available in the village hall and near the church*
- **Fairways (Kenn Rd)** – Reclaiming, restoring and rewilding – work in progress; a garden tended by 3 generations of women that is now eclectic, a bit haphazard and experimental, but with lots to interest garden lovers. Advice on what to do next very welcome!
- **Kenn Court (West Wing, Kenn Rd)** – Our garden is three-generation, permaculture-inspired space centred around no-dig vegetable growing, wildlife-friendly planting, and working with nature. We have productive vegetable beds, pollinator-friendly flowers, fruit trees, and planting designed to encourage biodiversity and create a garden that is both beautiful and useful throughout the seasons.
- **St John’s Church (Kenn St)** – open all weekend to view the Flower Festival arranged by Clevedon Flower Club

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- **Church Path Cottage (Kenn Rd)** – Over the last 30 years after the boys had great fun playing football, we have gradually turned the garden into what it is today. Making it feel like a quintessential cottage garden.
  - **Trevone (Kenn St)** – Come and find as many bunnies as you can in this garden. *Some are free range, so unfortunately no dogs please when you visit us*
  - **The Limes (Kenn Moor Rd)** – the garden at The limes endeavours to provide a bit of everything! We have ground mounted solar panels, we have trees, flower beds, greenhouses, shrubs, vegetable plots, an orchard and lots of compost heaps! Also, many places for children to play hide and seek! Come along and explore or just sit and relax on the lawn or patios. Refreshments will be available.
  - **Manesty (Duck Lane)** – Manesty warmly welcomes you with a friendly Donkey & cart situated in the front garden. You will pass a countryside mural leading into our back garden. Here you will find a selection of rose bushes, flowers, shrubs and a summer house.
  - **Downscote (Duck Lane)** – come and explore the back garden, which has field views, a pond, and lots of flowers!
  - **The Cottage (Duck Lane)** – *open for refreshments only*
  - **Mead Cottage (Duck Lane)** – our garden has been a labour of love for 10 years, and now consists of a large pond, lots of flowers, vegetable beds and a “ride on” train! 10 more years and the garden might be finished!

# Flower Festival

St John's Church Kenn  
BS216TN

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am-5.30pm  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June 12.30-5pm

Parking available  
free entry,  
donations to



Hosted by  
Clevedon and District  
Flower club



## Garden Party Duck Lane - Sunday 24th May



Tim and Sarah Rossiter opened their garden and Jo Manning took some lovely snaps featuring Jo Batten's father Hamish, aged 102 - being driven by Tim, with Jo taking photographs.

### Sarah reports

The open garden was a great success on Sunday, there were 58 people! Kenn is so good at supporting each other, we feel very lucky to be part of such a great community.



I'm taking the St Peter's Hospice Bucket and gift aid envelopes to their office tomorrow, so I should have a total sum raised from the afternoon very soon.

## A Summer Celebration - In aid of Children's Hospice South West

Over the weekend of 27th-28th June Clevedon Flower Club together with friends from Kenn will be holding a Flower Festival at Kenn Church

We are hoping to make the festival as sustainable as possible, using flowers and foliage from our own gardens

To begin the weekend in style, we will be hosting a Cheese and Wine Evening on the Friday night, tickets will be available shortly

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of, or dedicated to, a loved one we would be delighted to include it.

We ask for a minimum donation of £25, which will go towards some especially lovely flowers and a card with your dedication will be displayed alongside the arrangement

Marianna  
07860 497203

## Need Help in your garden ?

I'm Liz from Kenn Court, and for the past two years Max has been helping me with my garden.

Max originally came to work with me through a college programme supporting young people into employment and work experience opportunities.

Since then, he has become a reliable, hardworking and much-valued help around the garden.

He has assisted with mowing lawns, weeding borders, trimming, tidying and general garden maintenance, and always takes pride in doing a good job.

We are now wondering whether there may be other local residents who would welcome a helping hand in the garden.

Max can assist with mowing, weeding and general garden maintenance, whether you struggle to keep on top of things or simply don't have the time.

If you think Max's help might be useful, please feel free to get in touch with me for an informal chat.

Liz 07708 733564

## WINE AND CHEESE EVENING - Friday 26th June

To launch the Flower Festival we are holding a Wine and Cheese Evening at 6.00pm

This will be held in the church and surrounding area!

All are welcome, it will be a lovely start to the weekend of festivities.

Tickets £10.00 from Marianna.

07860 497203



*Flower Festival*

St John's Church Kenn  
BS216TN

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children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

Hosted by  
Clevedon and District  
Flower club



Tickenham Drama Group  
invite you to our  
**SUMMER SUPPER  
EVENINGS 2026**



Join us for  
One act Play - 'Alarms' by Michael Frayn,  
Two-course Supper and  
Songs from our TDG Singers 🎵

7pm Friday 3rd July  
and 7pm Saturday 4th July

Tickets £25 from our website [tdg.org](http://tdg.org)  
[www.ticketsource.com/tickenhamdramagroup](http://www.ticketsource.com/tickenhamdramagroup)  
or call Lynne 01275 852663

## Tickenham Drama Group Summer Supper Evenings

7pm Friday 3rd July  
7pm Saturday 4th July

It's always a wonderful evening and will begin with a short one act comedy play - "Alarms" by Michael Frayn, with our own Maggie Hobbs in the talented cast. There will then be a two course supper followed by a selection of songs by Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors, Hercules, Sister Act etc) sung by our Tickenham Drama Group singers.

Many thanks Sue x

## Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn



In April, I held my 200<sup>th</sup> surgery since July 2024. I'm always happy to listen to you, wherever you catch me! I look forward to the next 200!

In Westminster, I met a Treasury Minister to discuss Basic Financial Advice for consumers, Health Department officials about what's on offer for those with ME, attended an Inter-Governmental Round Table on Frozen Pensions, and accompanied constituents to a meeting with a Justice Minister to discuss victims' rights when prisoners are deported.

I led a short debate on regulating the description of marmalade. You may have seen headlines about 'rebranding' marmalade post-Brexit, which led to confusion about what is, and what is not, 'marmalade'. Bristol University analysed marmalade in the 1920s and determined it comprises only citrus fruits.

I'm pushing Government to recognise the ingredients used and standards set for one of our most successful exports are important.

I'm holding two events for constituents in June:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 19:00 to 20:00:** I'll be joined by members of IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) for an online discussion about the future of SEND provision.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – daytime: I'll be holding a 'Parliamentary Insight Day' in Westminster for young adults aged 18-23 who are interested in a career in Politics. You'll have a tour of Parliament, spend time with my team, watch proceedings in the Chamber and learn how Parliament works. If you are interested in either event, please contact me and I will send you further information.

My most local 'surgeries' for the next month are listed below. Please visit my website or contact me for the full list.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 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](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk)  
 Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)  
 Website: [www.tessamunt.co.uk](http://www.tessamunt.co.uk)

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

A poster for Trinity Singers featuring a vibrant field of pink and white cosmos flowers under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

**Trinity Singers**   
Registered Charity No 3202501

# Lazing on a Sunday afternoon

An afternoon of madrigals, motets and more.  
Including works by Tallis, Morley, Rutter and Duruflé

**Guest conductor Alison Blundell**  
Accompanist Anne Kershaw

**Sunday 7th June**  
**3.30pm**

**St Mary's Church,  
Church Road,  
Yatton BS49 4HH**



**Tickets £8**  
**Accompanied under 18 free**  
**Tea and cakes afterwards**



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

June 2026

**1st SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday after Trinity**

**8.30am St. John's: BCP Holy Communion**

**11.00am All Saints': All Together**

**2nd SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday after Trinity**

**8.30am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion**

**11.00am St. John's: All Together**

**3rd SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> – Third Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am All Saints': Holy Communion**

**4th SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am St. John's: 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**

## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Meaning of "Road Closed" signs:

- It isn't. It's an old sign they forget to remove
- It's nighttime, so it isn't. No-one will be working and you can get through.
- I'm not going far. It will be closed further down the road.
- I'm a police car. I can go anywhere.
- I'm a cyclist. Road signs don't apply to me.
- It's just narrow. It's not really closed. You can always wiggle round or say you are local
- Road is CLOSED. Oh no! The road is closed! I didn't expect that. That's not fair. What do I do?

Much to my delight - and surprise, because we weren't told about it - Kenn Pier has been shut for 4 days while the decades old concrete blocks are being replaced. Before they were put in place we regularly had cars taking a nosedive into the River Kenn. Motorists seemed unable to appreciate that roads have bends in them and while I didn't have much sympathy for the drivers I felt a little sorry for the Environment Agency who periodically had to rebuild their infrastructure as it got smashed.

Anyway, speaking to the workmen doing this particular job it seems that after all these years North Somerset Council has decided to do something and install motorway-style barriers. The workmen had no idea why they were doing it now, perhaps some deadline had been put on the council to do something.

Of course nothing is simple. The guy in charge was told to just go ahead and start digging for foundations for the barriers but fortunately he had more sense and checked the ground beforehand. He found an underground fibre optic cable, a BT cable and an electric cable which no-one had told him about!

It helped to restore my faith in the workmen who we see out in all weathers working on our infrastructure. Perhaps they do know what they are doing after all.

It would just be nice to see them on site more often

Coincidentally, during the roadworks at Kenn Pier I got a bit down. (Yes, I know I'm usually perfect and the epitome of cheerfulness but sometimes things get at me\*.) This morning the trigger was Tesco. They had just removed, scrapped or binned half the cash desks and replaced them by self-service things. Some of you may like serving yourself and pretending you are a till boy or girl but I hate them. Yes, I have a degree in Computer Science and I like gadgets but I really detest these self-service points. Also it means that my choice of cashier is now extremely limited - I usually pick one I like the look of and queue there. What was strange was that Tesco had staff at the self service areas offering to scan your shopping for you! Surely in that case you might as well keep the old tills. Actually if you do a Google search you'll find a number of stores and supermarkets are regretting replacing the tills but clearly not Tesco - and if you go to Sainsbury's at Yatton it's even worse. At least on the old tills someone speaks to you and depending on the store, even smiles, so you have some people contact in your day. I remember years ago one of the children worked in a veg shop in Clevedon and every day a lovely old gentleman came in to buy something and would have a brief chat. We think he was probably a widower and that might have been his only regular contact with people.

Anyway when I got home today, I felt I needed to do something useful as it might also cheer me up. As my road was "closed" why not trim the front verge so the flower tubs could be seen? Recently, all the verges around The Limes had been cut but not mine! Why? I don't know. Apart from the possibility of the tractor driver disliking my KN&V columns (surely not) and wanting to send a message the only other explanation was that we had an intelligent tractor driver, who saw the daffodil leaves still there and decided they should not be cut down yet.

Whatever the reason, I decided it was time to get started and this is when my day started to get better than I expected.

It is extremely gratifying to see motorists ignore the Road Closed sign at Kenn Street and come down the road, because you know what is going to happen. You see most of them go all the way down to the barrier at Kenn Pier before realising the road really was closed.

My real "schadenfreude" (which is a German word for pleasure derived from someone else's discomfort) was then seeing them turn round and come back past me. What glee!

There was even more glee when a large people carrier got caught and then tried to turn without ending up in the ditch. It had to reverse a long way to find a space to turn.

We even had a police car caught! I was about to go out when a police car passed the house at high speed towards Kenn Pier. By the time I was driving up Kenn Street it had turned round, caught up and was behind me. As there is a 20mph speed limit I decided to be a good motorist, observe the limit and see what happened. I don't think he was happy. Have you ever been tailgated by a police car along Kenn Street?

I let him tail me for a little distance and then I pulled over. I had two reasons for that - well three actually as I just wanted him out the way. The other two reasons were to see what speed he did along Kenn Street - which was well over 20mph, probably 30mph - and to get his registration number on my dashcam. If anyone wants the footage I'm sure I can do a deal.

Apart from motorists whose ability to read has been switched off, Kenn Moor Road has been very quiet. Its lovely! Apparently tomorrow, not only will Kenn Pier be shut, but also Nailsea Wall as well. I did ask the workmen if they could go slow and keep Kenn Pier closed for longer but unfortunately they have other projects after this.

I did ask if the bridge could be knocked down instead but apparently not.

OK, I know that all this is quite selfish and the farmers may not exactly agree with my sentiments but some of us have to take our pleasures when we can. I imagine residents in Kenn Street aren't too keen on the extra traffic either. Never mind, I'm sure that at the rate of road closures in North Somerset your turn for a closure will come again. I think over the last 6 months, every access from The Limes has been closed at one time or other.

Stephen

\* On a serious note, I've just passed the 9 year mark since Heather died so that didn't help either.

## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2026

### KENN PARISH COUNCILLORS

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### 2026 Meetings

**Date change 13 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 clear days before.

### NORTH SOMERSET YATTON WARD

Cllr Steve Bridger Tel: 07762 023 423  
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### Parish Council meeting on the 11 May 2026

#### • Kenn residents & Yatton Ward Councillors items:

Layby outside Disati, Cllr Bridger is following this up at NSC. Dangerous potholes on the moor roads (Cllr Grigg formally reported the worst one). Enquiry about the KPC precept.

#### • Appointed 2026/27 – Cllr Sheila Naish appointed as Chair & Cllr Neal Breeden Vice Chair

- Missing Boundary Sign – Kenn PC has been negotiating with NSC about getting the sign replaced that is missing from the Kenn / Clevedon boundary. When the sign came off the posts NSC were advised but they found the sign's fixings were damaged. They are now asking KPC to fund replacing the sign. Following receiving a reply from NSC to their query about this, KPC have agreed to fund replacing the sign onto the existing posts.



- Kenn St 20mph – The Parish Council have been considering and obtaining quotes to replace the existing Speed Activated Sign (which is battery powered) with a solar powered sign. The quotes were considered at this meeting and the one agreed has now been ordered.



- Bollards on The Green – still being discussed with NSC to stop cars parking on the area.
- Planning Application – Land to West of Kenn Rd (previously St Modwens) the outline application has now been approved. KPC's objections were reported in full by NSC.
- Dog Bin near the junction of Kenn St and Kennmoor Rd – consideration was given to replacing this. It was felt the cost was too much when dog bags can be put in home bins
- Bristol Airport Expansion Application 26/P/0686/OU2 – It was reported Felton PC were very concerned at the proposed encroachment onto Felton Common to enable the siting of landing lights. KPC agreed to object to this part of the application.
- Kenn Church Grant – The Parish Council received a request for a grant of £100 to assist with church yard maintenance. This was agreed to.
- KPC accounts payments & receipts report.
- Wildflower areas have been replanted.



### KENN PARISH COUNCIL'S NEW Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

From the 1 June 26 Alicia Fox will be taking over and replacing Eleanor Wade, who is retiring. Alicia lives in Yatton and has been working with Parish Councils since 2017.

The Parish Council's contact details will remain the same – emails, phone and website.

Parish Clerk – Eleanor Wade

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