

# KENN

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**'BEYOND OUR KENN'**

## Scenes of Kenn 2024



A special village video record filmed during 2024  
by Kenn photographer *Dicky Howett*

See yourself on film if you dare!

The film will be shown on

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1st**

at the **Village Hall**. 6pm onwards.

\*Continuous presentation.

Friday November 1st FROM 6.00pm

**KENN VILLAGE HALL - POP-UP BAR  
FILM SHOW and BONFIRE**

No fireworks please, just sparklers!

**NEWS & VIEWS**

### November Birthdays & Anniversaries

9th Andrew Jenkins  
10th Irene Stowell  
12th John Allison  
Oliver Hill  
Sue Baber  
13th Sheila Naish  
Jody Stowell  
16th Miles and Sheila Naish - W.A  
22nd Emma Palmer (Smith)  
27th Rebecca Brett (Fenwick)  
Sarah Melling (Griffin)  
28th Sarah Clark  
Jo Manning  
28th Grace & John Griffin WA 65 years

### Our Flag

Our flag was flown at half-mast on Wednesday 2nd October for the funeral of David Pugh

Our flag was flown to celebrate the wedding at St John's the Evangelist, Kenn of Sophie Mager and Jack Stowell on Saturday 5th October

### St John the Evangelist, Kenn - ALTAR GUILD - November Rota



Sarah Clark, Clare Hibbs and Ann Holtham

December - Everyone to help please

### KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 23rd November 10.00 -12 noon**

**CHARITY GIFTS - (formerly Present Aid)**



Hostess Celia Andrews

*Come along to choose Christian Aid gifts to send worldwide.*

## How do you feel about Kenn Church?



This has been a challenging year for The Friends of Kenn Church, firstly Rev Fran Binding retired in February and then our Treasurer, Simon Pascoe, died suddenly in July..

St John's benefits from many folk who express their affection by helping with the maintenance, cleaning, flower arranging and care of the churchyard.

Many visitors say how beautiful the building is and this must have a positive effect on many aspects of village life

The Friends of Kenn Church Group was constituted in 1995, its remit is to support the church and contribute towards its maintenance.

We need new blood in the Friends, who, by putting on enjoyable village events could raise funds which would enable improvements to the church's access etc.

**Could you be one of those people?** Please think about it.

We have no school, so no PTA to run events, but Pub Nights in the Village Hall are popular, there is life here!

St John's is open every day It is there for everyone, it's a quiet space in a busy world, somewhere to sit and think once in a while

Julia Bush



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## **Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour November 2024**

### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Saints' Day**

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints' All Together – Patronal

### **November 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday**

10.45am St John's Act of Remembrance – all Together

3.00pm All Saints' Act of Remembrance – starts at War Memorial

### **November 17<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday before Advent**

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

### **November 24<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King**

11am St John's Holy Communion

Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings – 8.15am

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Contact - Mike Cooke – 01934 868622

## Village Market

It was lovely to see everyone at the October market again.

Andre and Denise made some delicious cakes and through your kind donations were able to send £116.25 to the Alzheimer's society.



Thank you all.

**The next market will be on 9th November 10.00—12noon**

***Kenn W.I. will be hosting in aid of Clevedon Pride.***

Hope to see you then.

Lyn & Maggie

Contacts Lyn 870189. Maggie 876277

Noisy, but pretty Fireworks ?

Hi Margaret,

We do Enjoy the Kenn News please keep up the great work! I have notified JP Humberstone and he has told another Farmer but Karen and I are having a few close family and friends with some fireworks and a bonfire on the 9th November -between 18:00-20:00 hrs, and I thought you might please put a piece in the mag at the end of this month of the intended noise for a maximum of 3 to 5 minutes.

Trust you and John are well and look forward to seeing you maybe at the next village gathering

Kind Regards , Jason and Karen Howell,  
Orchard House, Kenn Road, Kenn

## Church Floodlighting

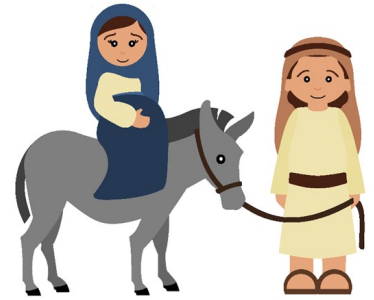
Now the nights are drawing in - you may wish to remember someone by having our church floodlit.

If so, please contact - Brian Thompson 01275 873896

A small donation towards the cost of power is appreciated.

## The Posada in Kenn 2024.

We have a beautiful village Christmas tradition. Knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey go round the village in a box on their journey round Kenn to Bethlehem.



If they come to your home, please take the couple in, light their lantern, and give them shelter for the night. Also take a picture and post it on the village Facebook page. We can then track where Mary and Joseph are finding hospitality. The next day pass them on to a neighbour or friend in the village.

I will send Mary and Joseph out towards the end of November. They are going out early so more people can be involved in our tradition. Between us with intuition, texting and Facebook I reckon we have enough wit to ensure the couple go to as many houses with children as possible. I know there are grown-ups who also like to be part of the tradition as well.

I will put my mob number in the box if you need assistance.  
If we work together on this, it will be easy to coordinate.

Whoever has the Posada on the night of the 23rd of December can you please take them to the church for the Crib Service on the 24th.

Caroline xx

## Chris and Elizabeth Blake

pictured at KVH for the Auction.

Absolutely delighted to see this couple out and about again.

Elizabeth was involved in a road traffic accident in Kenn a while back, whilst on her bicycle.

After a great deal of treatment, she is now recovering and they would like to thank neighbours, friends and everyone in the village for cards, messages and Encouragement, in all forms, during the difficult times.



Ed.

## Harvest Lunch.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October we did what we do best in Kenn. Coming together to share a meal, sing and enjoy good company.

Marianna and Sarah did the meeting and greeting. Setting a warm friendly atmosphere. Their job description expanded as they had to receive and organise the donations for the food bank. The generosity from Kennites was so heartwarming. Not a surprise as we are kind people.



Robin said The Grace. A respectful pause before we had a three-course meal. Simple and plentiful fayre. People generously brought delicious crumbles for pudding.

Sue played the piano and led us in singing between pudding and the cheese, crackers and coffee course. We sang the Kenn favourites including 'food glorious food' and 'help from my friends'.

Sue sang us a harvest hymn. Then we sang 'Sweet Caroline'. Not for me I hasten to add. It has become a post covid anthem.

Our guest to the lunch was our local M.P. Tessa Munt and her partner David. She introduced herself to us and said we could contact her at any time. A politician out meeting her constituents in a Sunday afternoon. She was interested in the village, loved our hall and was good fun to be with.

There is nothing better than listening to group of happy neighbours and friends chatting and laughing together. Villagers lingered over coffee and were in no hurry to go home. That is my measure of success.

Special thanks to John Hayden who helped organise and serve the food. Worked out how to use the new hob!! Nearly a disaster!! Then cleaned the oven. John Ball who made sure the technology was working. Liz, who took all the donations to the food bank. I believe the boot of her car was crammed. Thank you to the people who served coffee and sorted out the cheese and biscuits. As I like to say it was a truly co-created event.

To raise money for the lunch I held a coffee morning on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in The New Room. I raised £150 and spent £152.74. Julia is the independent adjudicator and has checked the receipts.

Caroline xx

Margaret and Dicky Howett, at the Harvest Lunch

Dicky is our Village Photographer—see his film on 1st November at the Hall and he and Margaret with their grandchildren, are responsible for the Fresh Produce Stall at the top of Kenn Street



## Clevedon Food Bank.

Dear Friends, Neighbours and Villagers,

On behalf of Clevedon's Foodbank I've been asked to pass on their huge gratitude for all the donations of food and money donated by all who attended the wonderful harvest lunch which was organised by our wonderful Caroline and John Hayden.



As you can see in the photo, my car was fully loaded with harvest gifts.

In total 117.85 kilograms of groceries and £40 in cash were delivered to the Foodbank.

Everyone at the depot were most impressed when I explained that these items had all been donated at the Village Harvest lunch.

As always, the need to help people who are struggling to make ends meet continues.

As we are now approaching Christmas it would be wonderful if Kenn could continue our generosity by donating Advent Calendars to the Foodbank charity.

They are a small way in which we can help local children to enjoy the run up to Christmas.

If every household in Kenn could donate one Advent Calendar the numbers would soon add up. In 2022 and 2023 we managed to donate over 120 Advent Calendars each year. Can we beat that number this year? I'm certain we can! The Foodbank need to have these calendars by 1st December, so November is the month for them to be donated.

Please leave your donations in the large plastic box inside Kenn's church porch and I will happily collect them. Alternatively, please leave them inside Carpenters Farm front porch (halfway down Kenn Street, behind the fir tree hedge, long pink house).

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed general food and cleaning items to the Foodbank collection. Believe me, nothing is wasted!

Best wishes,  
Liz Jaehme

For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are the bank details

Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50



## Update from Tessa Munt, Member of Parliament for Kenn



Thank you for making David and me so welcome at your Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. We had a lovely time, and thoroughly enjoyed both your company and our lunch. We'll be back in the village soon.

On 7th October, Parliament reconvened after the Party Conference break and since then, I've questioned Ministers in the House of Commons on:

National Grid's capacity to connect individual and community power projects

The rising age limit ban on smoking, and whether vapes will be included in that ban

The impact of the Lord Chancellor's sentencing review on different socioeconomic groups

The creation of the Office of the Whistleblower

Anonymity in court for the victims of threatened violence

Making superfast broadband a reality for homes and businesses in rural North Somerset

I've spoken in debates about:

the great work of the RSPCA, particularly in its local animal centres

Hinkley Point C's plans which affect Kingston Seymour and Kenn Moor

Greater clarity in legislating for help for young people with Special Educational Needs

I attended our first 'Opposition Day' debates in 15 years, highlighting the crises in health and care: the Carer's Allowance repayments scandal, support for unpaid carers, and improving access to GPs, NHS dentists and community pharmacists. Regrettably, Government MPs voted against our motions, but we'll continue to put health and care top of our Parliamentary priority list.

I'm due to meet the Flooding Minister, and the Police & Crime Commissioner to address particular concerns raised by local people.

At the end of November, Parliament will debate two Private Members' Bills:

**Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** which would allow adults who are terminally ill, subject to safeguards and protections, to request and be provided with assistance to end their own life.

**Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill** which would restrict imports and non-commercial movements of dogs, cats and ferrets.

If you'd like more information or have any thoughts on these proposals, please let me know.

I'm also delighted to have been elected as a Member of the Justice Select Committee, which scrutinises the policy, administration and spending of the Ministry of Justice. If you have any comments, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Please contact me for details of my regular surgeries - no appointment is necessary. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can get hold of me in a number of ways:

Please call: 01934 440639 (there's an answerphone for out of office hours)

Email: [tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk)

Text: 07714 599669

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

## Sophie Pascoe's Sponsored Swim - "The English Channel"

At 8:15 am last Saturday, the family gathered at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre to watch Sophie swim the last half a mile of her 21 mile virtual English Channel Swim.

As many of you will have read in previous magazine articles Sophie chose to do this swim to raise money for:



### The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.



The air ambulance had come as part of the specialist care offered to her Gramps, Simon Pascoe when he collapsed and died suddenly in July.

Sophie's intention was to try and raise the £2,200 that is needed every time the helicopter takes off, so that someone else could have the chance of their help, should they need it.

Since July Sophie has been working away swimming every week and on Saturday 26th October she completed her swim.

She did part of her last swim towing a manikin as she does in her lifeguard training, just to add a little more of a challenge.

Her last two lengths were very emotional as her brother and cousin were able to swim alongside

her and her lifeguard tutor and other team mates were there to cheer her home.

She was presented with a super medal to reflect her efforts

Sophie has well exceeded her target and has managed to raise £3001 for the charity. Due to huge support from family, the village, friends and Yatton Bowls Club this donation can now be passed to the charity to help others in need.

What a special girl.

Jenny

*Ps. A further £20.00 has since been received.*

Useful numbers

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**  
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 870189  
[Kvhallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:Kvhallbooking@gmail.com)

**Parish of Yatton Moor**  
Parish Office 01934 832184  
[teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com](mailto:teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com)

**St John the Evangelist**  
Priest in charge; Vacancy

**Churchwardens**

Julia Bush 873554  
Hilary Landers 878283

**Church Floodlighting**  
Brian Thompson 873896

**Village Flag Flying:**  
Marianna or Robin 340323  
Chris Taylor 872781

**Altar Guild Secretary:**  
Marianna Mackay 340323

**News & Views:**  
Margaret Ball 874077

Email; [Margaret.john@btinternet.com](mailto:Margaret.john@btinternet.com)  
Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**Saturday 9th November**  
**10-12 noon**

**North Somerset**  
**Times**

Don't forget that  
copies are freely  
available in the  
porch at  
St. Johns from  
Wednesdays.



**NOVEMBER Waste collection MONDAYS**

**Recycling & food waste 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November**  
**Dustbin 11th and 25th November**



**CLEVEDON**  
SALEROOMS



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

**Antiques, Interiors, Collectables**  
**& Jewellery**

**Thursday 14th November**  
**Auction starts 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday 13th November**  
**10.00am—5.00pm**

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**

**Thursday 5th December**  
**Auction starts 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday 4th December**  
**10.00am to 5.00pm**

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

### BETTY MARGARET WHITE 1939 – 2024



Betty White was born as Betty Hazell at Clevedon Farm, Kenn on October 28<sup>th</sup> 1939. She was the only child of George Hazell and Eveline his wife. She lived an enchanted childhood there until George died when she was nine. Betty attended Kenn School until she and her mother moved to Clevedon and she then went to Wycliffe School. When Betty lived there it was before the Motorway and the Kenn River were built and there was no electricity.

When Betty left school she did a secretarial course and worked first in Weston-S-Mare and then Tanner, Vowles and Cheshire in Clevedon until she married and had her children.

Betty married John White and lived her whole married life in Nailsea. She had a beautiful garden and produced flowers and vegetables which we were always glad to receive.

Her two children were Timothy and Judith.

Sadly, Judith died some years ago of breast cancer leaving a small son. Betty was instrumental in bringing him up.

Losing her daughter was a great sadness to her and she was buried beside her in Wraxall Church on 18<sup>th</sup> October having died

on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Sycamore Lodge in Nailsea. Her husband, John, outlives her and still lives in the marital home. He looked after her beautifully when she first became ill and visited her daily when she needed more care.

There are several of her relatives living in Kenn and we extend sympathies to them all.

Betty was a splendid person.

Ann Holtham

### Death Head Hawk Moth pupated !



# Michaelmas Auction

*supporting the village churches of  
Yatton, Kenn and Kingston Seymour*

*Saturday 28th September*

*Huge thanks to everyone who  
contributed*

*£8,875.00*

*was raised. Wow!*

## Sophie Mager and Jack Stowell Wedding at St John's the Evangelist, Kenn Saturday 5th October at 12.30pm

The sun shone and our church was filled to overflowing with joyful guests, Rev. Avril Gaunt officiated, Jo Manning provided the musical accompaniment. The celebrations continued in a huge Teepee erected in a field at their home, Mill Farm, Davis Lane, Kenn



Love and  
best wishes  
to the  
Happy  
Couple

## Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday November 5th

Yatton Local History Society talk by Anita Jays on  
Yatton Film Project 1992 Part 2

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

Contact: [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Yatton

### West Mendip Orchestra with Joss Wort (piano) at St Mary's Church, Yatton - 30<sup>th</sup> November

The West Mendip Orchestra is one of Somerset's principal amateur orchestras and will be joined by local pianist Joss Wort playing Beethoven's 1<sup>st</sup> piano concerto. Joss is from Yatton and after attending Backwell School entered the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and is now in his fourth and final year. Joss gave a highly acclaimed solo recital for the Yatton Music Society shortly after the covid restrictions were relaxed, and this will be his concerto debut.

The WMO was formed in 1974 and was originally known as the Winscombe orchestra. They currently have around 25 regular members and well known talented local musicians are invited to perform as guest soloists for their concerts. Their performances are highly regarded and their concert at St Mary's will be conducted by John Johnson and include Schubert's Rosamunde, Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 1, and the stirring Reinecke's Symphony no. 2.



The concert starts 7.30pm, tickets £12, students £6, children free. For details of the concert please see [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk).

**Saturday, November, 30**

**West Mendip Orchestra with Joss Wort (piano):** 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton, Tickets £12, details: [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk)



## KENN W.I.

Felicity James, who was to have given us a talk on her visit to farms in India had been unwell so was unable to prepare for the meeting. Happily she was able to join us for the picture quiz that we had instead.

Nominations were taken for the new Committee which will be elected at the November meeting, which will also be the Annual Meeting. It was emphasised that candidates should be asked and give their consent before they are nominated. The current President, Secretary and Treasurer wish to stand down but are willing to give every help possible to the new incumbents.

After this meeting there will be a Birthday Lunch which will be catered for us. Husbands and partners are invited and will have coffee and a chat in the Parish Room until they are able to join us. The meeting will begin at 10.30 a.m.

At the December meeting which will also be a morning meeting beginning at 10.30 a.m. there will be an exchange of Christmas Cards (or a donation to a Charity in lieu) and a present from Santa's Sack.

There will be a light lunch in the Village Hall, provided by the Committee, and then those who wish will attend the AFWI Carol Service at St. John's Church in Clevedon.

The W.I. will be responsible for the refreshments at the Village Market on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Members were asked to make tray bakes or cakes for this event.

The Annual Flower Demonstration will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. All are very welcome to this event. The demonstrator will be Sarah Lewis. Invitations have been issued to other Institutes in the Group.

Those members who went on the Group Outing to Berkeley on October 2<sup>nd</sup> had a splendid day. The gardens were beautiful as always and there was a most interesting guided tour of the Castle.

Members were asked to remember that the meetings in January and February will begin at 2 p.m. so that they are well on their way home before it is too dark.

A walk along the Seafront had been arranged but (surprise, surprise) it rained so it will be rearranged.

Mary Bessant and Diane Woolf were congratulated on their Diamond Weddings.

Ann Holtham

## **Bird News**

The star bird in October was without doubt a Hoopoe that visited a garden in Claverham reported, but not seen, by Jackie Huxtable. A photo subsequently appeared on the Portishead Wildlife Group Facebook page.

A few Swallows were seen early in the month and only small numbers of our passage and wintering Redwings and Fieldfares have been seen although some have been heard calling as they pass over on clear nights.

The usual waders have been present along the coast with a few Sanderling at Channel View Bay and a Whimbrel at the old Kenn Estuary being notable as was a flock of 40 Greenfinches (Channel View). Stonechats have arrived in good numbers, Wheatears were on the coastal strip and unusually Yellow Wagtails (not yellow in Autumn) livened up my walks along Wemberham Lane, Yatton and nearby at the Little River.

The Wemberham area produced three Green Sandpipers early in the month but they seem to have moved on probably because of the fluctuating levels on the Yeo. A Great White Egret was spotted and a flock of Linnets contained over a hundred birds on the 22nd. That day was mostly about Woodpigeons, I counted over 2,200 heading south west and thousands were reported from the local area. To put it into perspective 110,000 flew over Portland Bird Observatory and out to sea on the 23rd!

Peregrines were seen at Wemberham and Dowlais Farm Clevedon but birds of prey were generally scarce although an unseasonal Red Kite flew over the Horsecastle area of Yatton on the 22nd and a Barn Owl was seen after dusk at Wemberham.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.

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



Robin and Marianna invite you to witness the  
**LIGHTING OF KENN'S CHRISTMAS TREE**  
Plus  
**SINGING OF POPULAR CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
**ACCOMPANIED**  
**BY THE RETURNING LOCHRAN FAMILY BAND.**  
**MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE WILL BE**  
**SERVED AT**  
**CHURCH PATH COTTAGE**  
**7.00pm**

### Church Room Coffee Mornings

Thanks to everyone who came to the October Charity Coffee Morning in support of Transform Trade (replaced Traidcraft) on Saturday 26th, also those who made donations.

We raised £90. Julia Bush



The Yellow teapot will be visiting KVH on

**Monday 18th November - 2.30 to 4pm.**

There will be crumpets (very popular in October) and cake, tea, coffee and chat.

Everybody welcome, Julia Bush





Open, Fair, Green

## Consultation on proposed speed limit changes in Kenn, North Somerset

North Somerset Council is considering changes to the speed limits on Kenn Street and Duck Lane in Kenn. We want to make these streets safer for all road users. Lowering speeds will also help contribute to a healthier and more enjoyable environment for local communities.

Kenn Street and Duck Lane currently have a speed limit of 30mph, though part of Kenn Street is subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. North Somerset Council is proposing the implementation of 20mph zones on both Kenn Street and Duck Lane and the reduction of the 60mph section to 40mph.

North Somerset Council want to hear from all members of the public (with particular attention to users of Kenn Street and Duck Lane), residents living on or near these roads and businesses that may be impacted by the proposed changes.

The consultation will start on Monday 7 October 2024 and remain open until 5pm on Friday 15 November 2024.

To participate, and for more information, please visit the North Somerset Consultation homepage and submit your response: <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/>

If you require the consultation materials in large print, audio, easy read, or any other accessible format, please contact the Sustainable Travel and Road Safety team at [sustainable.travel@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sustainable.travel@n-somerset.gov.uk).

# PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT IN KENN STREET and DUCK LANE

There is still time to participate in the consultation process -

Closes 5pm -

Friday 15th November



# Lunch Break

Thank you to everyone who came to the October Lunch Break.

The Village Hall had a lovely atmosphere, with lots of chat and laughter. We are very grateful to Pullin's who provided the bread for us once again.

Brown Rock Community Market Garden (based in Tickenham) provided the squashes for one of the soups.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to be part of the Lunch Break team, we're very grateful for your support.

Homemade soup, bread, cheeses, homemade cake and tea and coffee served at your table, all for a suggested donation of £5.

Another donation of £120 has been taken to Foodbank.

To date, Lunch Break has donated £1,835 to Clevedon Foodbank.

Please come and join us on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12.30.

A warm Village Hall and a warm welcome awaits!

Sarah and Tim

**November - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**December - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The 7th October was also the occasion of the 96th Birthday of John Perry, a regular visitor to Kenn Lunch Breaks - Hilary's photo shows John with his daughter and an impromptu birthday cake.



## David Christopher Pugh "Dave"



**21st June 1939 – 7th September 2024**

A Celebration of the Life of Dave Pugh was held at Weston-super-Mare Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd October.

The Service, was conducted by Emma Britton, of Radio Bristol fame, who read the Eulogy prepared by Dave's family.

Among the mourners were a large number of neighbours and friends from Kenn, Clevedon and the surrounding area.

Dave was born in Clevedon. An only child, born to his parents Chris and Ivor, He attended St Andrew's Primary School then went to Clevedon Secondary Modern. When he left school Dave began working in the family's Butcher's Shop, in Old Church Road.

In 1959, Dave did his National Service, based in Cyprus. He also undertook a tour in Libya. Dave's army days were a great source of pride to him. In 1961 he returned to the family butcher shop. He joined The Regent skittles team and especially enjoyed their coach outings to resorts on the south coast, and the ensuing chats at Forte's on The Beach the following day.

Dave was a keen cyclist, in his youth he cycled through France to Spain. He and his mates would sleep rough. Once, when sleeping on a park bench, in Paris, a Gendarme hit him on the feet with a truncheon, to get him to move! Dave loved drawing and he put his love of art to good use, when he designed the Clevedon Road Club's cycle shirts.

In 1963, Dave's love of jazz music took him to The New Hall, in Clevedon, where he met the love of his life. Sue. Whilst Dave and Sue were courting, Sue moved to King's College in Taunton where she had to live in, as she cooked for 400 boys every day. It's at this time that they would only meet on a Sunday, when Dave would drive down to see her.

However, love prevailed and Dave and Sue were married on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1965, some two years after meeting. With Dave working in the Butchers and Sue's parents owning the local Dairy, they were married on a Wednesday afternoon as this was half-day closing! The marriage announcement went in the Clevedon Mercury with the headline 'Business Families United'.

Following a honeymoon in Majorca, Dave and Sue moved into their brand-new home, a bungalow in Kenn – a home that they would go on to share for nearly 59 years! It's here that they welcomed Mark, and later, Louise into the world.

When Dave's father retired, Dave continued as a butcher in various supermarkets, finally working at Bakers of Nailsea until retirement in December 2003.

Dave joined the Parish Council, in Kenn, and was proud that the year he helped to spearhead the 'Best Kept Village' Competition, with his neighbour, Mike Stevens they won! - The plaque is proudly displayed in the porch of Kenn Village Hall. After he retired from the parish council, Dave was often seen clearing the weeds from the church car park or brushing out the bus shelter. When health allowed, he and Sue were on the rota for Church cleaning, and he was in charge of the Church floodlighting for many years.

For nearly 40 years, the family have enjoyed an annual holiday together in Cornwall where a lot of fun and laughter took place. Whilst Dave was able to enjoy his retirement, including many wonderful holidays, especially in his favourite, the South of France, what brought him the most joy during this time was becoming a grandparent to Chloe and James. A role he took on with great pride and enthusiasm. When he learnt of becoming a grandparent, he wanted to be known as 'Gramps', however, when Chloe started to talk, she called him 'Burt'. The family have no idea where the name came from, but it stuck, and he embraced it well. 'Burt' was a hands-on grandparent, when his health allowed, and would happily play football with James or stand on the side of the pitch, watching him play and cheering him on.

Closing words - Dave has left the family with wonderful memories which they will hold onto at this difficult time and going forward, however, Sue, Mark, Louise and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone that has shown their support over the last few weeks and for joining them today as we celebrate Dave's life. A life that was lived to the full, and always shared with those he loved the most.



The whole family together in August to celebrate Sue's 80th birthday

## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Stephen has let me loose this month so this is Peppa dog writing. I'm technically not a dog but a bitch, (actually a Lakeland/Patterdale female terrier) and I have belonged to Stephen for the last 11 years or so. I let Stephen think he is my master and usually we get on quite well together although he does have his moments and sometimes I get cross with him and have to lick him into shape.

Although I am a bitch I am actually a nice bitch, unless you happen to be a squirrel or a mole or a cat (yuk!) or poultry. When I see any of them I go into hunter mode – a sort of doggy Jekyll and Hyde and chase them. When I was much younger and fitter I could jump a farm gate into the orchard and get to Stephen's poultry before he realised. He was not impressed and in the end had to give up keeping the hens and turkeys and geese. Sometimes he says he misses them. So do I but probably for different reasons.

Stephen has friends who used to have a cat. They kept telling him to come over and bring me and he kept saying that if they had a cat it wouldn't work. In the end he gave in. What fun I had! As soon as I arrived I could smell a cat and I soon found her and chased her all over their flat, across the floor and up and down the furniture. It was just like a Tom and Jerry cartoon. Someone had bare feet and got scratched as the cat took a short cut over their feet. I really enjoyed that chase but then Stephen caught me and bundled me into the car. I am the only person – human or animal, ever to be banned from those friends. It shows what a good job I did in chasing the cat and I'm quite proud of myself.

I have written before for that "nice lady wot does KN&V" so many of you know about me but most of you won't have met me. To give you the chance to meet me, Stephen took me along to the village lunch earlier this year. I had a great time going round everyone and saying hello and getting bits of food. People say I am cute and they are quite right. As I am a small dog children really like me and want to pat me. That's fine by me. I like attention. Sometimes I think Stephen ignores me too much and I have to put my paws on his lap to get him to notice me. He doesn't like that and tells me to lie back on my cushion but other times he gives me a chewy treat or makes a little fuss of me.

I usually know what Stephen is thinking. If he is about to go out he has his little routine and as soon as he begins it by putting his shoes on I know. I really don't like him going out without me so I tend to give him a hard time when I see him getting ready and I run off and hide. I don't make it too difficult for him to find me, just enough for him to get the message that I disapprove of him going out without me.

I also know that he doesn't like me running around the house when he isn't there so if he goes out on his own I have to go on a long lead outdoors in the garden or in my nice cage indoors. I think this started after I once did a wee on a brand new carpet when he was out. He was rather upset. He didn't understand that as it was new, the carpet had an odd smell and I thought that doing a wee on it would make it smell more normal. That seems very sensible to me.

I can also tell if he is going to take me for a walk. He doesn't know how I know the difference and I'm not sure I do either but I do. I get all excited and run around and jump up and down. Stephen tells me to sit so he can put my lead on but I'm too excited so he gets a bit cross. I do like walks, especially when I can run round off my lead and explore. Nowadays I don't run off too far from Stephen and I do get a little tired after a time so I will walk closer to him and then he says I'm getting under his feet!

Stephen plays a musical instrument and when he gets it out I think the best thing is to pretend to be asleep. There is nowhere to go to get away from it so I just have to live with it. It was pretty awful when he started but it sounds better now. In fact someone rather diplomatically told him how much better he is now compared to some years back. He wasn't sure if it was a compliment or not.

Stephen also has friends who are very musical. Sometimes they all get together to play and, before Covid, they would play in our garden. Once he took me to one of their houses when they could play together. I just lay down and ignored the sound. One of the musicians commented to Stephen that I hadn't started howling or whining or running away. Apparently this person's previous dog hated music and did all of that. Stephen said that as he practised at home I just had to get used to it! Hmmm.

I think in a recent KN&V article Stephen had a moan about me running off at night. Sometimes I just like sleeping under the stars but I always come back. Stephen gets annoyed at this because he has to get up regularly during the night to check if I've returned to outside the back door. He doesn't have to, as I'm happy for him to wait till morning to let me in but I think he gets worried in case something has happened to me. Some years ago I did get hit by a car so its nice that he cares.

Anyway, because I am black its hard to see me at night so Stephen had the (bright) idea of putting a flashing light on my collar so he can see where I am and get me back if I try and hide. What he didn't realise is that if I lie down on the light, he can't see it and I can then hide quite nicely. That got him annoyed and he got even more annoyed when he found that as the light had been flashing all night the battery was now flat. I thought I had won on that but now he puts me on a lead when he sends me out at bedtime. That's alright when the weather is decent but when it gets bad and he doesn't want to get wet or cold himself I'll see how long it lasts. I'm a patient dog and I think eventually as usual I will win, although the trick is to let him think he is in charge.

Peppa

The 'nice lady' thought Peppa might like this snap of Stephen with Tessa at the Harvest Lunch

(Peppa, presumably was not invited)



## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2024

### Discounted home energy surveys in North Somerset

A home energy survey is a great first step to make your home more sustainable, helping you to save energy and money in the long term.

If you live in North Somerset, you can get an exclusive £250 discount on a home survey. With a survey, you can better understand the upgrades you could make to improve the energy efficiency of your home, sometimes called 'retrofit.'

To be eligible for £250 off a home survey, you must:

Live in North Somerset. Own your home. Book & complete a survey by 31 December 24

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Explore your survey options and follow the instructions to book.

### Marmalade Trust is open to new referrals for the Marmalade Christmas Cheer 2024 project.

They will be offering Christmas Day lunch time meal events, in local pubs and restaurants, for those who are able to self-mobilise and are keen to socialise with others on Christmas Day. They will also be offering a festive doorstep social visit for those whose physical or mental health mean they are unable to attend an event but would still like to share some conversation with a friendly volunteer on Christmas Day. We can accept people who live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire or North Somerset.

For more information: [www.marmaladetrust.org/christmas](http://www.marmaladetrust.org/christmas) or call them on 07566 244788

If anyone is interested in helping out by volunteering on the day, for example as a driver, please do get in touch! They need around 150 volunteers to make it all happen!



**Two free support programmes for small businesses** in North Somerset. They are now open for applications, but spaces are limited so we encourage businesses to get in touch quickly if they are interested.

**High street business support** High street retail and hospitality businesses now have the opportunity to enhance their operations and growth strategies with free one-to-one retail support. **Tech for Growth**

**business support** The Tech for Growth programme, managed by Business West in partnership with

techSPARK, is designed to help enterprises adopt new technologies that can improve operations. Facing tech challenges or looking to explore new digital opportunities, this programme provides consultancy to guide you through the process. Both programmes have been funded through North Somerset Council's allocation of **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**.

### 2024 Meetings

04 November - Council

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

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