

KENN

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NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays & Anniversaries - August

3rd Clare Rogers
4th Ollie Staples
6th Steve Bye
7th Lorraine Allison
10th Stephen Brain
12th Margaret & John Ball W.A.
15th Nathaniel Stowell
Ruby Hill
16th Max Naish
18th Matt Hibbs
20th Bridget Slade
23rd Mark Pascoe
26th Peter Woods
Sylvia Staples
27th John Staples
28th Steven Mapstone
28th Caroline & John Hayden W.A.
29th Sylvia & John Staples W.A.
Jane & Hartley Staples W.A.
31st Jilly & Matt Butland W.A.

St John the Evangelist, Kenn



ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST

Jilly Butland and
Margaret Ball

If you would like to join
Kenn Altar Guild,

Please contact:
Marianna Mackay 340323

Our Flag

2nd July -The flag was flown to welcome a new granddaughter for Jack and Millie Stowell - Freya, born on the 1st July. - daughter to Jack and Sophie of Davis Lane.

Sunday 26th July the baptism at St John the Evangelist, Kenn of Thea Sheila Naish, daughter of Raquel and Leon Naish, granddaughter of Sheila and Miles..

New Village Agent

Dear Julia,

I have been given your email by Sian, who was the village agent for Kenn.

I would like to introduce myself as the new village agent for Kenn. Sian has told me about the Yellow Teapot, which is a monthly community get-together in Disati café in Kenn. Please could you let me know when the next coffee morning is as I would love to come down and introduce myself in person. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards. Jan

Janet Tyler, Village Agent - For the villages of Abbots Leigh, Clapton in Gordano, Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Portbury, Tickenham, Walton in Gordano, Weston in Gordano, Wraxall & Failand, Leigh Woods, Cleeve, Brockley & Chelvey.

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



No Market in August

Next Market

12th September 10am-12noon

North Somerset Times -

copies available in the Church Porch each week.



From Wednesday morning



CLEVEDON SALEROOMS



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10am-5pm

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 10th September 10.30am

Viewing Wednesday 9th September
10am-5pm

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KENN W.I.

There is no formal meeting of the Kenn W.I. in August. Instead, we are going on our Annual Outing to Abergavenny, a boat trip on the River Wye followed by a cream tea.

We meet at the layby by the bus stop in Kenn at 9.30 a.m. It should be a really good day.

Formal meetings begin in September when Jo Richardson, a space detective, is coming to speak to us. We have heard Jo before when she gave an illustrated talk on Exmoor and we all loved it and hoped that she would come again.

If you would like to hear her come to the Kenn Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday in September at 2.30 p.m. when we would be delighted to welcome you.

At the July meeting Jo Jeffery showed us the most amazing collection of costume jewellery and told us all about it. Joyce Jeffery was a very able model for her and showed everything off to perfection.

A Social Evening is to be held by the Yeo Valley Group at Tickenham Village Hall on 30th September. The cost will be £10.

Tickenham W.I. will host the Carol Service at Tickenham Church. The date is to be announced.

It is hoped that we will be able to field a team at the Southern Clevedon Quiz on 22nd July. Who knows – we might even win!!!

The Lunch Club, The Craft and Natter Group and the Walkers continue to meet.

The W.I. continues to flourish and we would be so pleased to welcome any new members.

Ann Holtham

Lunch Break

We were really surprised how many guests arrived for soup on a hot July day, it was lovely to see so many people. As usual there was lots of chat and laughter in the hall. Thank you to everyone who came.

We've been in contact with Pullin's to ask them which charity they would like us to donate some of our surplus funds to, more details next month!

Please note, Lunch Break will have a break in August!

Sarah and Tim

August - no Lunch Break

September - Monday 7th 12.30 - 2.00pm



Holy Baptism — St. John's, Kenn

Kenn Church was thrilled to host the baptism of Thea Sheila Naish, the beautiful daughter of Leon and Raquel.

The baptism, taken by Bishop Alastair Redfern, formed part of the monthly 11am Holy Communion service. The church was full, with many friends and relatives of Leon and Raquel, joining them to celebrate Thea's joining our church family.

The Naish's are a well established Kenn family with members in St John's service registers over many years notably Theas's great grandfather Ray Naish who was Churchwarden for many years

Hilary Landers and Julia Bush - Churchwardens

**August Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room
Saturday 22nd August - 10am-12 Noon
for Kenn Women's Institute**

Everyone welcome

The Yellow Teapot will be on the bar
at

Disati, 2.30 - 4pm on 19th August,

for chat, coffee and cake. A haven for
those not wanting to get too hot.

See you there, Julia Bush



New Treasurer needed for Yatton Moor.

Are you an Accountant? Maybe recently retired and have done all those odd jobs! Would you have 3-4 hours a month to spare? Then this role could be for you.

Yatton Moor consisting of 3 churches and a Pre-school needs a new Treasurer to oversee a small financial team - (book keeper, planned giving officer, pre-school administrator), monthly reconciliations, chair the Finance Committee's 2 meetings/year. Prepare FRS 102 compliant accounts and manage the pay-roll and other ad hoc tasks.

If you are interested in the role and would like a full job description, or would like speak to the current Treasurer, please contact Karen on yattonmoortreasurer@gmail.com

Thanks J

Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room Saturday 25th July

Jean Fenwick would like to thank everyone who attended the Coffee Morning for Tommy's on 25th July which raised the amazing sum of £250.00

With special thanks to Rebecca, and Beth and Jack for all their help

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

A Huge Thank you

A huge thank you to every one who reacted to my plea for 'Jars in July'. I was down to my last four jars when I started finding boxes and bags of a wide assortment of jam and chutney jars on the front door mat, some of them old friends which must be coming round for the 3rd or fourth time. Wonderful!

Just a couple of lines to state the case for 'Heaven Preserve Us' products. Everything is packed in recycled jars, does not contain anything artificial, and uses local produce where possible. Very low food miles!

Many thanks to the folk who offer me the fruit from their gardens and orchards.

All profits go to The Yatton Moor General Fund, which keeps the lights on etc in St Mary's Yatton, All Saints' Kingston Seymour and St John's Kenn.

H P U jams, chutneys and marmalades are available from St John's Kenn (open every day) -

Kenn Village Market (2nd Saturday in the month except January and August), and St Mary's Yatton, open every day.

Many Thanks, Julia Bush



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

Don't forget that there is a collection point for donations for Clevedon Foodbank in the Porch of St. John the Evangelist Church, Kenn

Each Friday Liz Jaehme collects the contributions and delivers them to Clevedon foodbank.

If more convenient; donations can be left in her porch at Carpenters Farm in Kenn Street.



It was good to see so many familiar faces at the July Market.
Thank you for your continued support.



There was a steady stream of customers despite the record temperatures, and fortunately the village hall's overhead fans helped to keep everyone cool.

Julia served a choice of refreshing homemade elderflower cordial along with tea and coffee, and a wide range of delicious cakes, in order to raise funds for the Blay family. Julia was delighted to raise £108, thanks to your generous donations.

Please note that there will be no market in August.

The next market will be held on Saturday 12th September, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

If you are looking for an easy way to raise money for your favourite charity and would like to run the refreshments at a future market, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to book a table for the **September Market**, please get in touch.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Doris Edwards 3.3.1928– 21.6.2026



Doris Kathleen Edwards was born, grew up and lived for part of her adult life in Wembley. She had two sisters Peg and June, and a brother, Clifford.

She was a school girl during the blitz and on leaving school joined the Land Army. This outdoor work in turn led to a career in gardening, and she became part of the team caring for Barham Park, Wembley.

She also cared for her mother and when they moved to Clevedon after she retired, invited her sister Peg to live with them.

Doris joined Clifford, who lived in Kenn St, in worshipping at St John's for several years.

Doris was a caring daughter and sibling, with a great sense of humour.

She will be greatly missed by her family who attended her funeral at Weston Crem, which was taken by Rev Denise Calverley.

When Doris became too frail to attend church, I would deliver her cakes and jam from the Village Market. Then one day she rang me and said 'I won't need a cake this month Ducky, I've got Mary Berry's book and I'm going to try baking my own.' which at the age of 90, she did. (see picture).

Doris's ashes will be interred with her mother Rose, in the churchyard at St John's Kenn, her abiding wish.

Julia Bush

“Celebrating Summer”

After a great deal of time and planning, Kenn Village Festival is over. Listening to everyone's comments about the whole weekend it seemed to be a great success. Hopefully there was something for everyone to get involved in. The weather was great, not too hot, not raining, just right!

On Saturday afternoon, Kenn Street and Duck Lane looked beautiful with bunting, little windmills, extra flower pots, and even a wheelbarrow or 3 plus a comfortable teddy! Both roads were busy with people wandering around, enjoying spending time together. Visitors ventured as far as The Limes, Kenn Court and Fairways, either ends of the village. The train was very busy giving lots of rides in one garden, there was a miniature farmyard on a trailer in another garden, rabbits living in luxury in another, and so many beautiful flowers and vegetable plants in every garden. Every garden was different.

On Saturday evening the weather was perfect for sitting outside enjoying a delicious BBQ and a cold drink or two, whilst listening to Nathan sing on the “terrace”, a perfect way to spend a Saturday evening! The children played happily on the field, it felt like a very relaxed and special village event.

On Sunday afternoon the village hall played host to afternoon tea and cakes. The hall looked beautiful decorated in its bunting, the hall doors were open to let in the lovely summer weather and there was lots of chat, laughter, cake and tea consumed!

A great way to end the festival.

We held a raffle on Saturday night, and asked for donations on Sunday afternoon and Saturday afternoon for tea, cakes and biscuits.

The donations were in aid of Weston HospiceCare.

The buckets have been counted and the total raised is £658.27!

There are so many people to thank for helping to make the weekend a success

Everyone who offered to open their garden

Sue and Tony – for serving tea, squash & biscuits in their garden

Stephen Brain (and helpers!) for opening his garden and serve tea and cake

John Hayden for helping us set up the Village Hall ready for Saturday evening

John Critchley for organising the BBQ, sourcing the food, and cooking it, and to Jo who helped serve the food and wash up

Julian for showing us how to use the card machine for the BBQ!

John & Margaret Ball for lending their BBQ and gas

Brian for taking on the unenviable task of cleaning the BBQ on Sunday morning!

Nathan (Disati) for running the bar

Nathan (Disati) for singing to us on Saturday evening

Everyone who baked a cake for Sunday afternoon

The small team who helped set up the hall on Sunday morning ready for tea and cake

The teams of servers, “washer uppers”, “tidy uppers” on Sunday afternoon

And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who walked around the gardens, came to the BBQ, bought a raffle ticket, or enjoyed a cup of tea and slice of cake. Without the support from the village the festival wouldn't have worked.

Here's to next year.....maybe !!

Sarah and Jane





Many thanks for the photographs

What a super event—Margaret

Flower Festival 26th -28th June

What a fabulous weekend we had, the sun shone, everyone worked so hard to make it work, so much support from Clevedon Flower Club, the Village, Family and friends. Visitors really enjoyed the arrangements, and wandering around the village, lots of lovely comments. And on top of everything else we raised £2,400.00 for Children's Hospice South West



Thank-you!



What a wonderful weekend the Flower Festival turned out to be. Once again our Kenn community worked together to produce something very special and then came together to enjoy the fruits of their labours!

Thank you so much Marianna, and your friends at the Clevedon and District Flower Club, for coming up with the idea. Thank you also Sarah and Jane, for deciding you could find ways of making a whole weekend of celebration around it. You certainly did this with incredible planning and organisation. More thanks go to the lovely people who so generously opened up their gardens for us to walk around. It is impossible to name all the people that had a large or small part in bringing the weekend together, but you know who you are!

So how did the weekend work out? Firstly of course, the sun shone on Kenn – a little too much for those so busy working hard to set it up! The Clevedon and District Flower ladies welcomed people at the church with wine, cheese and other goodies on Friday night. The church, inside and out, was transformed by their incredible summer-themed arrangements - so skilful and absolutely beautiful. For the whole weekend they then worked hard to keep them watered for the stream of visitors.

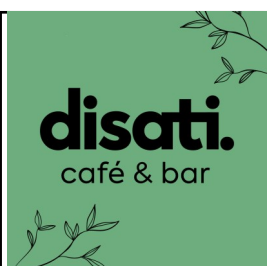
On Saturday afternoon we followed the butterflies around Kenn to see the open gardens. Each garden had its own unique style. Their owners had put so much work into them and it was a privilege to have the opportunity to share them – fabulous!

We were not able to be at the Saturday barbecue, bar and music evening, but by all accounts it was great, with Nathan, and the Disati team, providing the bar, and John C and Jo, the barbecue. Later in the evening Nathan showed his talent again with a brilliant music set.

The weekend was rounded off so nicely with the afternoon tea party. Loads of scrummy cakes to choose from, with tea, coffee or cold drinks served to your table. Lots of chatting and laughter among good friends and neighbours – aren't we lucky to live in Kenn!

Once again thank-you and well done to the main organisers of the weekend. We know how hard you worked to make it happen. How satisfying for you to know that your efforts have also helped two local Hospices in such a big way!

Jan and Colin Bedford



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Live Jukebox and Music Bingo** events in July. We had such a brilliant time singing, playing and having a laugh with you all.

What's happening at Disati this August?

OPEN MIC NIGHT – Friday 14th August 7.30pm

Fancy a night of fantastic local talent? Our next **Open Mic Night** is coming up on 14th August, and we'd love you to join us. Entry is **completely free**, and it's always a great evening packed with a fantastic mix of performers — so come along, grab a drink, show your support and give our performers a big cheer.

Want to take to the mic yourself? We'd love to hear from you.
Just pop into the café or give us a ring to get involved.

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 28th August 7.30pm

Get your thinking caps on — our next **Quiz Night** is coming up. Expect plenty of laughs, a bit of friendly competition and, of course, the chance to prove who's got the best general knowledge

£2 per person Maximum 6 people per team

Spaces are sure to fill up, so get your team together and **book your table** at the café or call us on **01275 595350**.
We can't wait to see you!

Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Emissions

Have you thought, as I have, why agriculture, particularly livestock farming is cast as the villain when calculating Carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Firstly the climate change lobby choose to categorise emissions from cattle and sheep as if it were the same as fossil fuel which has been locked away for millions of years. This is a gross misrepresentation of the actuality whereby livestock are part of the carbon cycle in the same way as we humans are.

If we examine our position in the carbon cycle, we breathe in CO2 at a concentration of 0.04% and breathe it out at 4%, so for every breath we are increasing the CO2 100 times but conveniently we are deemed to be carbon neutral because of the amount of carbon we eat in our food. Why does this not apply to cattle and sheep? Ah but it's the Methane (CH4) I hear you say, Methane breaks down into CO2 and water in 12 to 15 years and enters the same carbon cycle so I would argue that a stable cattle population is carbon neutral. In fact, the global cattle and sheep population has been falling. Incidentally it takes 12 to 15 years for the tree that was planted to offset your flight to Malaga to capture a meaningful amount of Carbon.

Why is the livestock industry scapegoated in this way? I think it suits the fossil fuel industry to blame agriculture for more than its fair share of CO2 emissions, otherwise the fossil fuels would be shown to cause almost all of the global warming. Members of the petroleum industry sit on the climate change committees but I doubt there are any farmers.

This is obviously a very complex argument and I have over simplified it massively, Carbon dioxide is a very important gas, present in the atmosphere in the tiny amount of 0.04% if it fell to 0.02%, very little plant life would survive.

I would suggest that we question the motive of those that want us to give up meat and dairy products in the name of saving the environment. I am not anti using oil and gas, it is hard to see how the human race could manage without them in the foreseeable future, equally the rush to net zero with the current technology is costing us dear.

Tim Bush

Bird News

I noted last month that July is a quiet month for birds as many of the small birds are finishing their nesting cycle and going into moult. This was certainly true this year probably exacerbated by the hot dry conditions.

That said two Blackcaps were frequently singing against each other by Osmond Bridge at Wemberham Lane, Yatton on the 25th. Otherwise only a Peregrine on a distant pylon there was noteworthy.

The Barn Owls at Congresbury Moor had at least two juveniles still on site on the 14th and a Tawny Owl appeared there at 10pm.

Two young YACWAG members were delighted and surprised to see a Barn Owl fly over the Old Inn at Congresbury on the 17th. They were sitting in the pub garden! By the 24th the juvenile owls had dispersed so perhaps this bird was one of them moving away.

A Spotted Flycatcher was feeding young at Cadbury Hill mid-month and a Yellowhammer was singing in the Rewilding site at Watercress Farm, Wraxall. This species is still in decline locally.

Not so Green Woodpeckers, they seem to be everywhere including three in a Duck Lane garden.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Carols on the Green - usually last Friday before Christmas

Volunteers needed to organise this year please

Marianna has details of the band etc and is willing to offer advice.

Contact phone; 340323



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn

It's been another busy month both here and in Westminster. David and I enjoyed Yatton Schools Carnival – such a brilliant event!

There was an amazing 'sticky' football game, and it was good to catch up with members of YACWAG, and the team from The Note Warehouse, one of my fab monthly surgery venues.

I attended 'Claverham Futures' presentation about proposed development on green field land, and was interested to hear what people thought about over-development of sites in rural villages without sufficient infrastructure.

In Parliament, I requested a debate about the extraordinary High Court decision which will allow building on flood plains, filed two amendments to the Health Bill relating to the new 'Single Patient Record', and to following NICE 2021 guidelines which the NHS has implemented inconsistently, leading to a 'postcode lottery' for patients with ME.

In Committee, I voted for a 'minority report' on the Courts & Tribunals Bill as I disagree with the Government's plans to remove the centuries-old right to a Jury trial in many cases.

I also spoke in a debate about Child Sexual Offender Data.

I've asked Ministers questions about:

- * protecting agricultural land to ensure our food security into the future
- * speeding up free court transcripts for victims
- * contracting newly qualified dentists to work in the NHS for a period of at least three years
- * the lack of funds for the Music and Dance Scheme which benefits young people from less privileged backgrounds
- * Priddy Folk Festival's supply of water from Bristol Water and its contractor, Aquam
- * repayments of overpaid tax from HMRC which can't be cashed as they're in the wrong name
- * quashing convictions for victims of child sex abuse who have been coerced into criminal activity
- * the use of shell companies and flags to disguise Russian shadow fleet activities and evade sanctions
- * introducing a 'right to be forgotten' to ensure that children's data footprints are destroyed on request
- * a local company waiting months to be paid for defence and security work relating to submarine disposal
- * the lack of a special 'rural' mileage allowance for mobility vehicle users who travel great distances to access health and care facilities in rural areas

My most local 'surgeries' for August are listed below. Please contact me for the full list.

Friday 7th August from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**
Monday 10th August from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**
Friday 14th August from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Note Warehouse, Yatton**
Tuesday 25th August from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Disati Café & Bar, Kenn**

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

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St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

August 2026

1st SUNDAY 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am St. John's: BCP Holy Communion

11.00am All Saints' All Together

2nd SUNDAY 9th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am All Saints: BCP Holy Communion

11.00am St John's: All Together

3rd SUNDAY 16th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am All Saints' Holy Communion

4th SUNDAY 23rd August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am St. John's: Holy Communion

5th SUNDAY 30th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am St Mary's: Benefice 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

Some time ago I was driving along one of our main roads and suddenly realised that the drive felt different to usual. When you are driving in the area regularly you get to know the road surfaces and where the bumps are or the potholes or ridges.

You know where to brace yourself or prepare for a dip and where you will get dazzled by oncoming motorists at night. This time the ride was not the same as normal.

I woke up from autopilot, had a look around and realised that the potholes had gone! Instead of potholes there was a lovely diamond groove pattern in the road which was a lot smoother than before. How clever of North Somerset Council I thought. Instead of filling potholes you remove everything around them so they are no longer potholes! My next thought was that until now I have never in my entire life used the words "clever" and "North Somerset Council" in the same sentence and in fact there was nothing clever about this. It is just part of the process involved in road resurfacing.

The idea is similar to preparation for painting etc. When you decorate you rub down paintwork to get a decent base for the new paint, and road resurfacing is like that.

You scrape off all the rubbish top stuff to get to something that will take a new surface.

Now of course you would think that with all the road works in the area we would be experts in road resurfacing and know all that. Unfortunately very little of our local roadworks is resurfacing. Most of it is dealing with what is underneath, such as water, gas, broadband etc. In fact the chances of you having a road resurfaced close to you are very low as some Oxfordshire residents found out recently.

This is from an article on MSN: -

"Residents who have not had their potholed road resurfaced since 1983 were shocked to be told by the council that the average wait is over a century long. Locals living in Horsham Close in Banbury reached out to their council asking if they could carry out repairs on their badly damaged cul-de-sac road. But, when they asked Oxfordshire County Council to fix the road, which hadn't been surfaced for 42 years, they were shocked to learn the average wait time.

"According to the latest Annual Local Authority Road Maintenance survey (ALARM), the average road repair cycle is 103 years. "The average frequency of resurfacing across all road types and regions is calculated to be once every 93 years. This breaks down as once every 103 years in England, once every 44 years in London and once every 108 years in Wales," its 2025 report, released earlier this year, states.

"After raising the issue with Cllr Andrew Gant, the council's Cabinet Member for Transport, he revealed that resurfacing was facing a 103-year wait. 'The funding received by local authorities, unfortunately, means that not all roads can be resurfaced within the timescales we would prefer,' Cllr Gant said."

So there you are. You are more likely to see a solar eclipse than witness a road resurface near you. Yes, we have been fortunate and had some potholes repaired in our area but just don't get excited about when it will happen again and it looks as if the chances of a full resurface are about nil. At least if it did happen it will give you something to tell your grandchildren. I suggest you put a note in your diary for 2129 to check on progress. (2026 plus 103 = 2129)

Actually as it is so rare I wonder if there could be a business opportunity here. Instead of coach trips to exotic locations in the UK, someone could organise coach trips to roads where a proper resurfacing job is being done. Even better if a new road was being built. Perhaps I ought to suggest this to Bakers Dolphin.

Which brings me nicely onto my next point. Yes, we have a partial solar eclipse coming! It will be visible from Kenn at teatime/early evening on Wednesday August 12th. Assuming of course it doesn't rain. As the balloon fiesta is just before this hopefully the rain will have passed over, and if you think that is cynical then try this from Google:

"Rain or strong wind affects at least one mass ascent in roughly half of all Bristol Balloon Fiesta events, as balloons require perfectly dry conditions and wind speeds under 10 knots to fly safely. Because of the UK's unpredictable late-summer weather, fully dry weekends with all morning and evening slots flyable are rare".

So we have a 50-50 chance of bad weather around then unless you are an optimist in which case we have a 50-50 chance of good weather around then.

Anyway, back to eclipses. According to the Greenwich Observatory:

"A total eclipse occurs when the Sun is fully covered by the Moon. An eclipse's 'path of totality' is a track where viewers are fully in the Moon's shadow and therefore see a total eclipse. For the 12 August eclipse, the path of totality falls over parts of Greenland, Iceland and Spain.

"From the UK and Ireland on 12 August 2026 we'll see a partial eclipse, where a portion of the Sun is covered by the Moon. However, it'll be a particularly large portion at 90%, making this as close to a total eclipse as we've seen in almost 27 years from the British Isles".

In fact some of you may remember that last one. It didn't get dark but the light did dim noticeably and all the birds went silent. You could see (with appropriate sun protections) the moon obscuring part of the sun and then the moon moving away and everything returning to normal. A few years ago I was fortunate to witness the edge of a total solar eclipse in Texas and although it didn't get totally dark it was enough to switch the street lights on. In our case in August the partial eclipse will start at 6.17pm with the peak (or should it be minimum?) at 7.12pm.

If you want a full total eclipse viewable from Kenn you will have to wait until 2090 although there are a number of partial ones before then. Make sure you put that date in your diary as well but I'm sure KN&V will remind you in good time.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL 2026

Kenn Parish Councillors

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Neal Breeden- Vice Chair	01275 879 636
Wilf Bessant	01275 872 406
Jon-Paul Humberstone	07990 690 060
Tony Parker	07815 908 542
Mark Titterton	07960 240 960
Robert Treble	07831 316 760

North Somerset Yatton Ward

Cllr Steve Bridger	07762 023 423
Cllr Wendy Griggs	01934 834 143

2026 Meetings

**7th September, 2nd
November**

**Meetings held at 7.30pm
in Village Hall, Kenn
Street.**

**Agendas on the parish
noticeboards and Parish Council
website 3 clear days before.**

Citizens Advice local outreach centre's:

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

Thursday

Clevedon Foodbank (Yatton) – 9:30am – 12pm (Yatton Youth Club, Rock Road, Yatton, BS49 4JE) – 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Please note our service is available for **foodbank clients only** at this location.

Friday

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

Clevedon Foodbank (Clevedon) – 9:30am – 11:30am (Speedwell Industrial Estate, Neads Court, Unit 3 Knowles Road, Clevedon, BS21 7XS). Please note our service is available for **foodbank clients only** at this location.

Clevedon Foodbank (Nailsea) – 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Updates from the Parish Council meeting on the 13th July:

- We are now on Facebook, please search Kenn Parish Council and add us as a friend to receive updates.
- We have agreed to pay for the missing Kenn boundary sign to be installed by North Somerset Council.
- We are waiting for a new pole to be installed so we can erect the newly purchased speed sign for Kenn St.
- Our latest minutes can be found on our website: <https://www.kenn-pc.gov.uk/minutes>

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Missed bin collection?

Notice antisocial behaviour?

Environmental issues?

If you notice or suffer from any of these and many more please use the below website to report directly to North Somerset Council.

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-or-request-services>

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