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The River Kenn Swan family visited again on 7th August

See how they grow!

NEWS & VIEWS

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To add to, or correct, the Birthday and Anniversary lists, please contact the Editor -

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**St John the Evangelist, Kenn
Altar Guild**



SEPTEMBER ROTA

Margaret Bessant with Sylvia Staples

**Harvest Festival in Kenn
Sunday 13th September**

**Arrangers, please decorate on
Saturday 12th September**

Our Flag was flown on 26th August to celebrate Sylvia Staples' 80th Birthday.

Kenn Church Room - Coffee Mornings

September Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th September
10.00 — 12 noon
For Macmillan Cancer Support
Hosted by Celia Andrews

The August Coffee Morning which was hosted by the ladies of Kenn W.I.
raised £85.00 for their charity

Parish Ponderings

Each year for the last 4 years I've helped staff a weeklong Scripture Union youth camp in the Quantocks at Great Wood. My youngest daughter was a first-time camper at 15. She loved the camp so much, she asked me to volunteer as staff the following year. Since then, we've both volunteered with 14–17-year-old campers sharing "The Real Thing," which is also the camp name.

Activities include orienteering, a 17-mile hike with camp out, small group activities, games, challenges and a final night ceilidh.

Through all this there is Jesus. Worship, talks from young leaders about who Jesus is and how He transforms lives, and bible study happen every day.

This year God was on the move as usual, doing amazing things in the lives of campers and staffers alike. This year a rare secret window opened after the eclipse. Full on, youth fuelled, at the top of their lungs, with their whole bodies, extraordinary worship!

Imagine dancing the night away under the stars, headphones on, surrounded by friends, and immersed in tunes — welcome to the silent disco at Christian camp!

This innovative activity around a light machine with fairy light campfire meant everyone got a headset. Three channels featuring contemporary music were on offer on each camper's headset. Lights would switch colours between green, blue or red depending on what they were singing while hearing the music in their ears.

We heard only their voices. When a song caught on, headsets quickly switched colours. Suddenly, a new song came on. All headsets turned blue.

Suddenly, campers were belting out How Great Thou Art in the moonlight while dancing. It was profound and beautiful worship. Jesus was at work, helping teens build new friendships and deepen their faith, while liberating themselves from social boundaries that isolate them. The campers and young leaders have a life changing experience with God.

It's a privilege to be a part of that mission happening every year.

God bless you, Rev Denise

Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Kenn



September sees me back for a new 'term' in Westminster, having had the pleasure of working locally in August. David and I are thankful for the warm welcome we receive at so many local events, including the recent Lions Beer Festival.

I hosted a meeting for local Headteachers with James McNeillie, Head of Ofsted South West. Feedback reveals that the opportunity to talk to and about Ofsted face-to-face was greatly appreciated. I look forward to holding another event next Spring.

I was so pleased to be able to join one of our local Vicars at the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. It was a packed and joyful event, organised by the Christians in Parliament

All-Party Parliamentary Group, with excellent speakers and musicians. I look forward to returning next year. It was lovely to welcome 11 young adults to Westminster for my 'Parliamentary Insight Day'. They toured Parliament, watched a debate and took part in a workshop.

Please let me know if you'd like to come to future Insight Days.

I held a debate in Parliament on changes to the 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF) and how it currently prioritises building homes over protection from flooding.

The High Court's 'Yatton decision' is likely to set a national precedent as it clarified that the NPPF allows building on land - even in Flood Zone 3a - when there is housing need, on the basis that residents will have at least 42 hours' warning to vacate their properties before they flood. I believe this misses the point - that existing homes will become unmortgageable and uninsurable, therefore unsaleable - and I share the concerns of many local residents. I've questioned Ministers about the decision, and explained that it is vital that sections of the NPPF are re-examined to protect properties from flooding, as well as people.

After the debate, I spoke to the Housing and Planning Minister and agreed to meet him and discuss my concerns in detail. I shall share further updates with you once I have met the Minister.

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

Monday 7th September from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

Thursday 17th September from 11:00 to 12:00 at **The Café, Garden Park, Puxton**

Friday 18th September from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Note Warehouse, Yatton**

Wednesday 23rd September from 14:00 to 15:00 at **The Owl in the Oak Café, Kingston Seymour**

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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News from Clevedon Salerooms

A member of our team, Ruby Willmore, will leave us at Clevedon Salerooms on Kenn Road to take up a position at an international book auctioneers in London.

Ruby joined us in 2023 as a Saleroom Assistant with previous experience cataloguing and selling antique books. She quickly became our book specialist as well as a cataloguer and valuer.

She is known to many in Kenn through regular interactions on our busy valuation days at the salerooms and will be greatly missed by all. We wish Ruby the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

Best wishes, Henry

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Antiques, Interiors,
Collectables & Jewellery

Thursday 1st October - 10.30am

Viewing Wednesday 30th September
10am-5pm

Autumn Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 10th September 10.30am
Viewing Wednesday 9th September
10am-5pm

Catalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedon-salerooms.com

**Kenn Village Market,
With Coffee Morning**



Saturday 12th September

from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be at the bar in Disati

2.30 to 4pm on Wednesday
16th of September.

Coffee, cake and chat.

'Yes please.'

Julia and Lyn



Somerset Gallery Quire

Somerset Gallery Quire are starting their autumn season of practices in the Trinity Centre, Nailsea, BS48 4NG on Saturday 12th September at 2pm.

New members, or those who just want to see what we are all about, are invited to come along.

We sing and play the sort of music that was performed from the west galleries of English country churches in Georgian times.

Think Thomas Hardy and "Under the Greenwood Tree" and you will get the idea.

We meet once a month, on the second Saturday, at 2pm, and do a couple of performances a year, so it is not a big commitment, but very enjoyable.

For more details, please get in touch with Pete on petecr13@gmail.com.

Hello Friends and Neighbours,

First of all I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has left donations for the Clevedon Foodbank at either St John's church (Kenn village church) or at Carpenters Farm.



They have all been gratefully accepted by the Foodbank and distributed very quickly to those people in need of assistance in Clevedon and surrounding villages.

The need for donations continues. In fact the need constantly grows as more and more people find themselves in such need that they have no choice but to turn to the Foodbank for help.

So, I know this is a constant request, and I know that it sounds boring, but PLEASE could you donate one extra item each week to the box inside the church porch and I will collect everything donated and take it to the Foodbank on your behalf.

Thank you very much indeed.

Liz Jaehme

The Blay Family

Over the years, many people in Kenn have supported the Blay family, who live in Kumasi in Ghana.

Michael Blay cares for his own two children and the three children of his late elder brother Denis.

Denis's son Emmanuel and Michael's son Kwado are taking exams to attend senior school, (I think the equivalent of GCSES).

If anyone would like to contribute to the costs involved, exam fees, uniform, starting kit etc, could they contact me.

Thank you as always for your faithful generosity.

Julia Bush

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**Saturday 12th
September
10.00 —12 noon**

**North Somerset
Times**

Copies are available
in the Church Porch
from Wednesday
Mornings.



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



KENN W.I.

The next meeting of Kenn W.I. will be in September when Jo Richardson is coming to talk to us.

Jo came to talk to us before on the night sky on Exmoor and was much enjoyed by everyone who heard her so do try and come to this meeting and hear what Jo has to tell us.

In August we went on our Annual Outing on what proved to be the hottest day of the year, so far, in Wales.

Even though it was so hot we all had a lovely time in Abergavenny and the time allowed us there passed very quickly.

Several members bought clothes in the Sales that were going on in the town and there were quite a lot of plastic bags brought back to the Coach.

We then travelled to the River Wye where we had the most delightful river cruise.

Considering how dry it has been there was enough water in the river for us to enjoy our cruise and admire all the small boats that were on the water. We had all eaten a cream tea before we embarked so it was then back to our Bakers Dolphin Coach for a journey home that was without any hold ups so we were all ready for the eclipse which took place that evening.

Our thanks go to Marion for arranging it all so that it all worked so smoothly. Thank you Marion.

If you would like to join us we meet in Kenn Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.30p.m. We would all love to see you.

Ann Holtham

Lunch Break

After its summer break Lunch Break will be back on Monday September 7th from 12.30.

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

Please come along, share lunch with friends and catch up on all the summer news.
Sarah and Tim

September Monday 7th 12.30-2.00pm **October - Monday 5th 12.30- 2.00pm**

Basic Life Support and Defibrillator Training

Kenn Village Hall - Wednesday 2nd September 6:30 pm

All are welcome to this update in a friendly non-threatening session.
Don't forget you never know when you may be called upon to try and save a life.
This is the time to learn, when it is a plastic manikin.
No one will make mistakes, you will just make learning opportunities.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Jenny Pascoe

St John the Evangelist, Kenn - Church Floodlighting

Now the nights are drawing in, you may wish to remember someone, or celebrate an event, by having our church tower floodlit .

If so, please contact:

Geoff Hulance 077 1554 8860

A small donation towards the cost of power is appreciated.

September Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

VIDA Guitar Quartet at St Mary's, Yatton, 26th September.

The Yatton Music Society open their Autumn season of music with a stunning performance from the VIDA guitar quartet (Amanda Cook, Mark Ashford, Mark Eden and Chris Stell).



Since forming in 2007, VIDA has performed to critical acclaim in major UK venues including King's Place (London), London's Southbank Centre, The Sage (Gateshead), and St George's (Bristol). They are sought-after festival artists throughout the UK, Europe, North America, and China.

Saturday, September 26th—VIDA Guitar Quartet - 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton, Tickets £16 (YMS members £10), details: www.yms.org.uk

September Events at Disati

There's plenty to look forward to at Disati this September, with two popular music events returning to keep the evenings lively.



Music Night with Amber - Friday 11th September – Join us on Friday 11th September to welcome back the talented singer-songwriter Amber for a live music night. If you haven't seen her perform before, then you are in for a treat.

Entry is free, with the music starting at 8 pm, so come along, grab a drink, some food and settle in for an evening of entertainment.

Music Bingo - Friday 25th September

The ever-popular Music Bingo is back on Friday 25th September. Expect a fun-filled evening of music, competition and cash prizes.

The evening starts promptly at 7 pm, with four games for just £10. Whether you're a regular music bingo player or trying it for the first time, it's sure to be a great night out.

Players must be 18 or over. To guarantee your seat, please pop into Disati to book, or call us on 01275 595350.

Make a note of the dates, and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Bird News

The hot dry weather has suppressed a lot of activity, particularly among the small birds. Most warbler species appear to have enjoyed a successful breeding season, certainly if the number of small birds flitting across the Strawberry Line is a reliable guide. I haven't seen many Swallows locally but reports from other sites are more positive. A remarkable flock of 75 House Martins was perched on the high voltage wires at North End, Yatton.

An early Wheatear was on Kenn Moor with a Stonechat on the 1st with another at Kingston Seymour on the 15th then three seen at Clevedon a week later.

It has been a good year for Clouded Yellow butterflies and there were records from Kenn Moor and Wemberham Lane.

The visit to the sea wall at Kingston Seymour produced a mixed flock of 200 Dunlin and Ringed Plover with three Black Tailed Godwits and a couple of Whimbrel.

Peregrines also seem to have done well, unusually two were calling loudly over Moorend Spout, Nailsea and perhaps the same birds were similarly calling over Kenn Moor on the 19th.

Barn Owls have also produced young this year after a complete blank in 2025. A brood of seven at Kingston Seymour was exceptional and the Congresbury Moor pair have produced a second brood of a more usual four Owlets.

Migration will gain momentum in September and should be particularly noticeable along the estuary but unusual birds could turn up anywhere, particularly if we have unsettled weather.

Trevor Riddle. birds@yacwag.org.uk

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***Kenn Village Supper Club 19.00, Thursday 10th September,
Salthouse pub, Clevedon***

After consulting with those who attend Supper Club, the consensus is to try different venues each month. That makes for a more interesting evening trying out the food at different establishments.

For the next supper club, I have booked us into

The Salthouse at 19.00 on Thursday 10th September.

Everyone is welcome and I will email the Salthouse Menu to everyone in good time.

As usual please may I have your menu choices one week in advance. Any queries please contact me:

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Best wishes, Martin

Welcome to the Welsh Family

A slightly belated, but warm welcome to the Welsh Family who moved into Wimberidge in Kenn Street at the beginning of May.

Neighbours, Geoff and Marion enquired on my behalf and Jackie and Bob kindly replied that they had moved into Wimberidge at the beginning of May.

They are retired from NHS, and there are three of them at the moment, as their son is with them waiting on the sale of his house.

They are called Jackie, Bob & Shaun Welsh

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2ND – 4TH
OCTOBER 2026

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH
KINGSTON SEYMOUR

FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES

	Friday	10am – 4pm
	Saturday	10am – 4pm
	Sunday	2pm – 4pm

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MONEY FOR
OUR CHURCH
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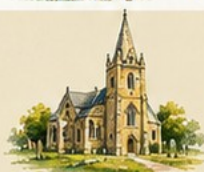
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& CAKES



DEMONSTRATIONS



SCARECROW TRAIL



CONCERT

Saturday 3rd October
7.00pm in Church



FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 4th October
11am in Church

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Thank you for supporting our community and helping
preserve our beautiful church for future generations.

On the first weekend in October, Kingston Seymour Village will be holding a Flower Festival to celebrate Harvest, Farming and their Community.

Kingston folks supported 'Celebrating Summer ' and there will be plenty for Kennites to enjoy on

2nd/3rd and 4th of October in Kingston Seymour

Profits will go towards the All Saints' Church Roof Fund, after recent major repairs.

Anyone wishing to help with catering
(traybake, washing up) or stewarding etc,

please contact Caroline or me.

Thank you, Julia Bush
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Caroline Holden
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Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

There are times when I am writing when it seems that the pen, or in my case the keyboard, takes on a mind of its own and I end up as surprised as you are by the time we get to the finish. I suspect that this month's article may be of that kind. Certainly at the moment I have no idea where it is heading.

However I was struck by Tim Bush's comments last month setting the record straight about emissions from animals. It was good to get an expert opinion to counter the hysteria we so often get in the media.

Sometime ago I attended a riveting talk by an eminent beekeeper and geologist who had been researching climate change. He made some interesting comments. For example, due to various factors he said the climate is always changing and always will. Secondly we should be more concerned about the next Ice Age than a bit of warming and lastly he had yet to meet a politician or journalist who understood the science.

This last point is the most worrying as it means that decisions taken and the policies that are announced have a good chance of being wrong and in addition the media are forcing us into a certain way of thinking that could be extremely unhelpful.

Years ago I worked for a semiconductor company that was meant to be crucial to Britain's technological future and was to be the subject of a debate in Parliament. Both sides of the debate realised they needed a briefing so the management team was sent to London and basically said the same thing to both sides. The team's reaction on listening to the subsequent debate was "why did we bother?" as the debate itself bore little resemblance to the real situation that the briefings had addressed.

Anyway thanks Tim for your input. It also reminded me that Kenn is a rural village. True we have lost the working farms sending cattle up and down Kenn Street several times a day and we have lost the sound (and smell!) of animals and I haven't heard a cockerel for ages but we are in a rural area and still surrounded by farms and long may that continue. It would be a terrible shame if the building developments in the area ever caused us to merge with other towns and we lost our identity.

I recognise that over the years the demographics of Kenn have changed but I'd like to think we still have a rural outlook on life which is reflected in our village events and community. Again long may it continue and thanks to all who keep the spirit of Kenn alive in such ways.

From time to time there is a series of programmes repeated on television which recreates the activities of a farm during the Second World War. Not surprisingly it is called "Wartime Farm" and I do recommend next time it is on you follow the series. I have the DVD's and in the long winter evenings will often play through the series.

It takes us back to a time when the nation could have been starved into submission and farmers had to increase food production by extraordinary amounts. Until then, the country had been dependant on food imports which dried up at the start of the war as ships were diverted to military uses and some of our food sources were not accessible anyway.

Also agriculture had been allowed to fall into decline by successive governments, a situation all too common in this country over the decades, whether it is food security or defence or any other area.

At the outset of the war hard decisions had to be taken. Farms came under strict government control and could be told what to grow, whether it made agricultural sense or not. More controversially, the decision was made to cull as many animals as possible to allow concentration on food crops, with the result that some pig varieties are now rare breeds and the nation's fields became less fertile due to the lack of animal manure to fertilise them. Towards the end of the war the wisdom of these policies was being questioned at high levels as to whether it was the right thing to do.

I do wonder how we would cope in a similar situation today? Apart from the obvious issue that agricultural land is being gobbled up by developers or solar farms I have no idea how we stand as a nation for food production. When we came to the area many years ago, most farms had milking herds but a lot of that has gone and I miss the old articles that Ray Naish regularly contributed to KN&V which informed us on farming issues.

Perhaps we can encourage more farming news in KN&V somehow?

Anyway here at The Limes it gives me an opportunity to give an update on the garden and orchard. Like everyone else we have suffered due to lack of rain. I have lovely large cracks in the orchard and lawn and so far Peppa has avoided falling in them and being lost for ever. The orchard is doing "OK". Eating apples are surprisingly good and the tree threatened with being cut down has responded to a good talking to. Soft fruit is taking its time to ripen but it is full size. Early on this year I lost all my remaining few apricots to predators so I will keep a close eye on the damsons and plums to beat the birds and the squirrels.

Cooking apples will be less than last year and I lost a gooseberry bush due to drought. Also for reasons I don't understand last year's massive rhubarb plant has sulked and done nothing - literally.

The veg patch is mixed. Root crops are not great - the less said about the beetroot the better and carrots have generated some creative shapes. We have large potatoes and the beans etc have done fairly well. Brussel sprouts are coming on well and the earlier cabbages were fine. In the greenhouse the grapes are slightly small but very sweet and the tomatoes aren't as good as usual. The strawberries gave a good crop but only once - we had no ongoing cropping, most unusual.

I think overall we have done fine. I have lost at least one of my bay trees which was in a pot and there are gaps elsewhere but on the other hand many shrubs and bushes have grown a huge amount and will need cutting back. I now have a large bonfire pile but of course dare not light anything until the wetter weather comes. Where possible we have shredded or composted but there is always something that doesn't fit in those categories and I don't use a green bin as I feel I shouldn't need to, so it's all on site.

Finally I am writing this after a couple of days of rain and it is amazing how quickly the grass is turning green. I might even have to hunt for the mower in a week or so!

Stephen

Andre Olsen received this Letter of Thanks from the British Heart Foundation Raised at the Village Market



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Mrs Andre Olsen
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Date: 31/07/2026
Ref: 8-28208059

Dear Mrs Olsen

I'm writing to say thank you so much for the recent donation of £155.00 to the British Heart Foundation raised at the Kenn Village Market selling refreshments.

With people like you at our side, we are taking huge steps towards healthier hearts, and keeping people with their loved ones for longer. It's a simple fact that without your generosity we just could not sustain our life-saving work.

I'm proud to say that the money you give helps us to support pioneering research and deliver life-saving care to the people who need it most. Your kindness gives us hope for a future without heart disease – and the confidence that we can be there for those whose lives are affected by it now.

Please remember, we're here for you too. So if you have any questions about heart health, or if you need support and advice, just call us on 0300 330 3311. Our lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Caroline Finnis".

Caroline Finnis
Director of Customer Service and Experience

Sarah and Tim Rossiter have received this Thank You Letter from Weston Hospicecare Raised from their open garden event





St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

September 2026

1st SUNDAY 6th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am St. John's: BCP Holy Communion

11.00am All Saints' All Together

2nd SUNDAY 13th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am All Saints: BCP Holy Communion

11.00am St John's: All Together for Harvest

3rd SUNDAY 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am All Saints' Holy Communion

4th SUNDAY 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 for 10.00am Group Café Church at Cleeve Village Hall

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