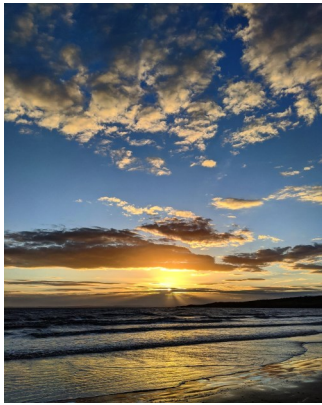




Kewstoke Parish Council Newsletter 2022



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Message from the Chairman

With 2022 quickly slipping away, its time to look back at the year before looking ahead to see what 2023 has in store for us. The highlight of the village year must be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. A lot of hard work by Grant Rogers and his team created a fantastic community celebration which was well supported by the whole community. The Scarecrow trail was another successful event.

Earlier in the year Kewstoke School planted a number of trees on the village green as part of the late Queen's Green Canopy.

Last year I heralded the coming of the 2022 Kewstoke Parish Council Survey. Thanks to everyone that took the time to fill it in. Well its done now and you can read more about it later in the newsletter, as well

as download your own copy of the results.

I wrote in last December's Newsletter about the Parish Council buying the phone box on the Junction of Crookes Lane & Kewstoke Road. It cost £1.00 and was in a sorry state. As you will see later in this newsletter, it's now spruced up and up and running as a location for the Parish's second defibrillator.

It's nice to see that the Reverend Gail from St Paul's Church starting to make her presence felt in the community. The Parish Council look forward to working with her more and more.

Throughout the year all of the above and the normal Parish Council work has quietly gone on. The grass & hedges around the village and on the promenade are cut & the dog bins emptied and the streetlights maintained.

The Village Green & its play equipment owned and maintained by the Parish Council continue to look immaculate as a public space. The toilets with their new mechanisms and doors are continuing to pay their way, whilst providing an important service to visitors to our beach & village. The Village Website and Facebook page are a great resource which continue to provide residents with information.

I would like to thank the Parish Councillors, volunteers, Mike Hardwick the Parish Clerk and our team of wardens for their hard work, which makes all of this happen.

It was sad to see the passing of Queen Elizabeth II back in September, however looking ahead, it will give the community the opportunity to celebrate the Coronation of King

Beach Orderlies and Tots Praise

Charles next year. I know that plans are afoot for another big village celebration. Prepare for another great event in 2023.

Jim MacDonald

Beach Orderlies

I wonder if you all realise that we have a little band of Village and beach orderlies that keep this village clean and free from rubbish. Its not the Fairies, but a team employed by the Parish Council and trusty volunteers that keep this village clean. Rubbish, especially take aways from a well known burger chain are thrown out of car windows, bags of clothes, rubble, rubbish etc, is dumped in our village.

Even this week , a double child's car seat was Just left in a field gate. The Village

orderlies collect on a daily basis all this and the litter around the village keeping our beach, dunes, play areas and roads clean and tidy.

Its amazing how many black bags per week are collected.

The visitors to the village, think nothing of enjoying our village and then leaving their rubbish on the car parks, roadsides and dunes. All we can do, is make sure we clean up ! So a special THANKS is sent to the village orderlies , Volunteers, Ron and Ken, who are out in all weathers keeping our village clean and tidy.

If you spot an orderly in the village, (they wear high viz jackets), Say Hello

Also a special thanks to Adele in the Pink shop for supplying the workers, with hot drinks on their rounds.

Tots Praise

Tots praise is a moms and tots group help at St Pauls School Worlebury. Led by our Vicar the Reverend Gail.

Its on Thursday mornings between 10am – 11.30. during the school terms. We have singing, stories, then lots of new toys to entertain babies and under school age children .

It's a time for them to make new friends and for Carers, Parents, Grandparents, to socialise with others over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. Everyone likes cake, especially the children. Children - Come along and join us for a biscuit and a drink !!

Your Thursday morning could never be the same again, unfortunately, you do have to bring an adult with you.

Kewstoke Parish Council Survey Results 2022



Back in 2002 Kewstoke Parish Council with funding from the Countryside Agency produced a questionnaire that was delivered to every house in the Parish of Kewstoke. The questions covered all aspects of Village life. The Survey was completed by over 400 households and the resulting information has been used by local organisations and the Parish Council when faced with making decisions on planning, transport, providing local amenities and as a tool when dealing with the local authorities and other organisations.

Now 20 years later in 2022 the Parish Council felt that it was time to

do the survey again to make it a more up to date and valid tool for the coming years. The questions covered: The Village Hall, The Parish Council, St Pauls Church, Local shops & businesses, Tourism, Transport, Highways & Parking, Street lighting, Land Use & Planning, Young people and Climate change. Along with a wish list. This time use of the internet to create the survey, send out and collect the results, has made the process a lot easier to do.

The responses to the questions were converted into graph format and comments made by residents where they thought appropriate. Many of the topics have suggested action plans to follow up by the various organisations who asked to have the questions included in the survey.

The sections School &

Church were asked by both of these organisations. The results have been given to both parties and this will help them with their planning. The Parish Council will use the responses to the questions that they posed going forward, when dealing with the relevant authorities and to help make decisions affecting residents & visitors.

We had a total of 578 people went into the survey online. Paper copies were made available to residents without internet access. These were distributed & collected by volunteers and the data input into the survey. Of the 578 people going into the survey 163 people partially completed the survey. Of these only 28 people completed more than 50% of the questions. These have been not included in the final results.

Phone Box Defibrillator

Thank you to all that took the time to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the organisations posing the questions. We would also like to thank the volunteers who gave up their time to distribute and collect paper copies to those without internet access and those who studied the data in order for us to complete the survey.

The complete survey answers are available in the Parish Council website. Here is a link.

<https://www.kewstokevillage.com/parish-survey>

A number of paper copies have been made available for collection from the Pink shop, the New Inn and the kiosk in the Bus terminus car park. If you know of anyone without internet access that would like a paper copy of the results delivered to them, please send an email to Mike the Parish Clerk .



You may have noticed that the telephone box on the Junction of Kewstoke Road And Crookes Lane has had a makeover recently.

Councillors Tony Morris and Glen Verncombe have painted it inside and out and have replaced the missing panes of glass in preparation for the arrival of a new defibrillator purchased by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council bought the phone box from BT for the princely sum of £1.00, however it was necessary to have a new electricity supply & meter that complied

with all current regulations. This cost a further £2300.00.

This now gives us two parish Council owned defibrillators in the Village. One on the wall of the Village Hall and now this one. There are others in the village: Pontins and the Entrance to Ardnave Park come to mind.

***How to access and use the defibrillators:
The two Parish Council owned defibrillators are in locked cases to avoid theft. Both of these are logged with the South West Ambulance Service. In the event of a 999 call being made where a defibrillator is thought to be required, the caller will be given the code of the nearest defibrillator. The individual machines have a talk through procedure for the user.***

It is the Parish Council's intention to install a further defibrillator to accommodate those

St Paul's Church

living in Beach Road/
Sand Road.

We have identified a possible site on the Toilet/kiosk in the Bus terminus car park. We have the lease on the building, so it looks to be an ideal spot. It is hoped that funding can be precepted for in next years budget.

The Phone box does lend itself to other uses as well as housing the defibrillator. There may be space for a small set of shelves. This could be used for a book swap, plant swap.



If you have a particular idea that you would like to voice, please let Mike the Parish Clerk know.

parishclerkkewstoke@gmail.com



**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas from
all at
St Paul's Church,
Kewstoke**

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year when the twinkly Christmas lights appear everywhere you look and brighten the darkness, especially when the evenings draw in so quickly and the mornings are so dark.

However, I am acutely aware that the lights do not bring comfort to everyone, and that is

why the message of Christmas is for everyone and not just for those who put up the twinkly lights.

The Christmas message is for those who are facing darkness; the darkness of a first Christmas without someone they love, or facing illness or personal crisis, or the worry and turmoil of the politics in our country and further afield.

The Christmas Message I am talking about is not the sanitised sentimental version of the Christmas story

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that we see in Christmas adverts and on Christmas cards, but the real message; that Jesus was born into a dark world of political upheaval and uncertainty, and into a world of pain and loss.

He was born as a human being to experience everything we do so that he can truly walk with us in whatever darkness we face. But most of all Jesus came to earth as the light of the world, to win a victory over the things that hold us hostage and to shine his light and dispel the darkness. It is in this Christmas message that we find hope and joy.

And so this Christmas and New Year I pray for the light of God to shine brightly in each of your lives. We look forward to welcoming you into St

Paul's over the Christmas period (and all year round!). Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With every blessing
Reverend Gail Thomas



Christmas Services 2022

St Paul's Church,
Kewstoke

27th November
10am Holy Communion
4pm Advent Songs of
Praise Service

(Choose your favourite
hymn)

4th December
10am Holy Communion

11th December
8am Holy Communion



10am Christingle
4pm Carol Service

18th December
10am Holy
Communion

25th December
9.30am Holy
Communion

1st January
1pm Holy Communion

Kewstoke and Wick St
Lawrence Churches
warmly welcome you
to join with us this
Christmas to celebrate
and rediscover the
blessings of that first
Christmas.

We wish you a very
happy and blessed
Christmas.

Kewstoke Jubilee Celebrations 2022

Question: could we hold a mini-Glastonbury style event in Kewstoke? Loads of different activities over 4 days? Something for everyone?

The original document is dated 29th June 2021 (and surprisingly it is not too far from the end result!) was presented to the Community Group – who bizarrely, and perhaps some will now say stupidly, thought it might work. And all of this on the back of our planning for our biggest project to date - a one-night hog roast for 120 people. In hindsight it was madness.

A successful hog roast blind confidence, and so we took our idea to the Parish Council. We knew that key resources would get sold really quickly so needed backing to get this off the ground. We presented on or around 12th October. God knows how or why.

But the PC bought the idea. And agreed to fund the hire of a large marquee. This point needs recognising, because had the PC done the sensible thing and sent us home with our tails between our legs, we would have seen a hog roast and street party over the Jubilee weekend and nothing more. Let that sink in. This would not have happened without the active support of Kewstoke Parish Council.

We booked the marquee the following day – and by being a cash buyer were able to nick a marquee that another community had



tentatively booked, but not secured.

Now the really difficult bit. Getting an agreed timetable and securing what we need to support it. The timetable changed shape significantly over the next couple of months, but we did recognise the central parts which we could not do ourselves and focussed on securing



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the necessary infrastructure and musical acts. Members of the team had “contacts”! So, Reoffender, Sunday Affair, Dennis DeMille and The Kingsnakes were booked alongside a Race Night. The provision of food stalls, portaloos, generator, security, PA / sound, waste management and insurance were arranged. All on tick at this stage. The Village Hall committee offered the use their facilities for the four days at no cost. Yet another significant village contribution. We recognised that we

were not able to provide bar facilities on this scale and The Chip Shop stepped up to take this on as well as providing a wine and gin bar (my favourite over the weekend!) and snacks. It all started to take shape. Next was advertising. We had Facebook (and used it extensively) but recognised that not everyone used FB, so we made arrangements for posters and 2 leaflet drops with the team and Parish Councillors delivering to every household in the village. All of this needed cash. We approached a number of local

businesses and were gobsmacked by the result. We managed to get enough funding to continue. And then the icing on the financial cake. A half-hearted, speculative application for National Lottery funding resulted in a significant donation and we were now rolling. Detailed day-to-day planning and resourcing sessions continued. Local wellbeing practitioners agreed to support us for morning sessions. A logistical plan was developed for both the dog-walk and the horse parade. The latter involved



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consideration was always car-parking. If we are providing events for up to 400 people and we work on 2 people per car, that's 200 cars, right? How do we park 200 cars in Kewstoke? We approached local car park and landowners who gave us access to some overflow facilities, but would it be enough?

marshalling of traffic around the village and so was extremely complex – it was still being tweaked and amended on the day before the event itself. In depth (and I mean in depth!) planning was undertaken for the Sports Day, Horse

Parade, Dog Walk, Village Fete, Jumble Sale, Bake Off and Arts & Crafts activities.

Teams are being rounded up for the Tug of War. Plans and requirements for sound are changed and changed again.

Logistical plans were considered, discounted, amended and revisited and a general approach was agreed, but it would take some very careful management to enact. Tickets for the Thursday and Saturday night music events are printed



We're in April – just 2 months from go live - and we are finding ourselves busy with details. Stuff to arrange. Stuff to buy. Schedules to devise. The team are in overdrive and we are in danger of failure by simply not being able to cover the ground. A major practical



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and made available for sale from The Pink Shop, The New Inn and The Chip Shop..

We planned for a capacity of 180 for the Thursday night (so that we could hold the Rock & Roll band in the hall) and 400 in the marquee



for the Saturday night, but by mid-May it looks like we'd be lucky if we got many more than half of those amounts.

As we approach June it is recognised that there is no way the team can on their own support and manage activities that span a 16-hour day over 4 days. Let alone think about set-up and take-down of infrastructure.

A number of activity leads collar family members and friends to help out with both planning and delivery. In addition, the net is cast and local helpers are sought with a volunteers



meeting being held mid-May resulting in a further 12 helpers being engaged, alongside 3 of the Village Hall staff bringing the total supporting team to about 30 in total.

In addition, the Scouts offer to help out over the weekend and to camp over Wednesday to Friday night to look after on-site equipment.

We were able to secure the services of local 80's band High Impact and so maintained our schedule.

Reoffender (our

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headline act for the Saturday night) were brilliant.

We're in the final week and suddenly Thursday and Saturday night tickets become like gold-dust and start flying out of the door. We moved from a projection of about 50% capacity to one of a sell-out in a matter of 2 days. The final batch of tickets were released and were sold within days. Tickets for Thursday Afternoon Teas are issued and are snapped up.

As we moved into Jubilee week itself all tickets are sold and all that's left is to deliver



the plan.

The last few days before the Jubilee and we're into nail-biting time.

We've now made all payments for equipment – but would it arrive? Would the marquee actually be delivered? Would the portaloos and waste bins and Saturday night Security team turn up? Would any of our attractions become unavailable or would any of our entertainers pull out at the last minute? Were our plans robust? What had we missed? And – really importantly – what would the weather do?



The forecast a couple of weeks before the Jubilee had been really good, but as we got closer forecasts got much more mixed, with some suggesting we could see some very heavy rain at times over the weekend. Our fingers were very much crossed.

In the afternoon of Tuesday 31st May the first piece of infrastructure arrives – the portaloos! We're now officially up and running. Wednesday 1st June arrives. It's a bright and warm day and right on

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time the marquee arrives and by early afternoon is fully erected. The generator that will be needed to power the food outlets, bar and inflatables is collected and delivered to site. The stage is delivered and installed while off-site the Bake-Off team are feverishly preparing Afternoon Teas for the Thursday afternoon. The bar, refrigerated storage van and beer stocks are delivered.

Come Wednesday evening, all is peaceful and the Scouts are on site for their first night's camp.

Thursday 2nd June. We



wake up to beautiful blue skies and sunshine. And the day got off to a great start with a yoga session being held on the playing field.

At 11am, our royally attired dogs congregated by the Chip Shop before a communal walk on the beach. Upon return there were puppachinos for all! The winner of the fancy-dress competition was Hugo

aka Simba The Lion King!

As we enter the afternoon, there's final preparations in the marquee for the Arts & Crafts and Bake Off events, while the Horse Parade weaves it's way through the village. Marshalls are placed at strategic points to temporarily stop traffic so that everyone stays safe.

The Horse Parade arrives at the village hall and both the Arts & Crafts and Bake Off are now in full swing. As the afternoon ends, the Arts & Crafts and Bake Off concludes and we transition and get



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ready for the Thursday night musical entertainment! Both the main bar and prosecco bar are up and running.

And first up on Thursday evening we have a disco!

And then Dennis De Mille of Britain's Got Talent fame bringing his very own style of Swing, Soul and Jazz with a smattering of Rock & Roll!

We then move from the marquee into the Village Hall for local Rock & Roll band The Kingsnakes. The evening ends. And what a successful first day we've had!

Friday morning arrives and again the morning is set fair. Everyone is checking the weather apps on their phones as the forecast says rain at some time during the day – but when? The morning yoga session though is still able to be held on the



field. get the inflatables up in preparation for the afternoon Sports Day. Our volunteers receive a full safety briefing and, once everything is ready, the Scouts have a real good time testing out the equipment!

Come Friday afternoon we are in full sunshine. Kewstoke sees a Family Day like it hasn't seen more many a year. The field is packed.

The younger village residents take part in races, a penalty shoot-out and the assault course challenge and are helped out by those of greater years in a game of family

rounders.

The Friday sees the return of the highly competitive Kewstoke Tug of War competition, eventually won by the New Inn team.

As the afternoon activities end, we make ready for the Friday night. And it starts to rain! There's frantic movement of tables and chairs back inside the tent and the outside food and prosecco bars are relocated to be under cover as well.

The Friday night Race night is really well supported and the investment in the

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marquee pays off as it rains persistently and heavily outside, but we all stay dry under the canvas.

It's the end of Day 2 and all has gone as well as it possibly could have done. We now start to prepare for the weekend.

We get to Saturday morning and the day starts grey and drizzly. The morning's Fit-Steps takes place in the hall and we are all praying that we get the forecast of improved weather late morning and early afternoon.

And so it is! Come about midday the sun breaks through as we prepare for the jumble sale and annual village fete.

Though this turns out to be one with a difference – the car park and overflow car park are full! We've never had so many people at a fete before – and again the marquee proved

invaluable as we were able to house all stall holders in one place.

We now move on to our headline event, the sold-out Saturday night concert. Our Caribbean food vendor had been in the village preparing food during the afternoon and then, as she was making final preparations, sent out for more produce so that they can cater for more customers.

We have a team on the car park gates ready for the deluge of cars we were expecting. Plans were in place for the use of overflow facilities and the team on the evening

come up with a streamlined process to handle tickets on the door. Our Security team arrive and we are as ready as ready can be. But where are the cars?

We have a steady stream of ticketholders, but the message of arrive by foot seems to have got out and we end up with a half empty car park.

After an hour's disco, first on stage are 80's band High Impact. The crowd enjoyed watching and dancing both inside and outside under some lovely evening sunshine. And then our headliners, Reoffender,



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who play a raucous set to a hugely appreciative crowd. Kewstoke definitely rocked on the Saturday night!!

For those wanting some post-gig late night drinks, all roads led back to the New Inn which was heaving! And the partying (apparently!) went on until the early hours of the morning.

Sunday morning. Our last day. And the day started with a few showers and feeling a little cooler than the previous few days. But the marquee again does its job as the village congregates for a service on the field. Unfortunately, Reverend Gail was unwell and so the service was held by pastors.

In the afternoon, the grey clouds gathered and the village picnic was held under the marquee. We were entertained by Des Henley's Strummers and Ken Lintern.

This was a lovely relaxing way to conclude the weekend's Jubilee celebrations. And then we were done.

All that planning and work had delivered a weekend that the village will not forget about for many a year. At the outset we had a scatterbrain idea – could we hold a mini-Glastonbury style event in Kewstoke? Loads of

different activities over 4 days? Something for everyone? And the answer was, unequivocally and resoundingly – YES!!!!

The Jubilee event was created, planned and delivered by a really special team.

***Nancy Whyte
Shiralee Baxter
Debs Kingshorn
Shelly Long
Colin Devereux
Rose Cunningham
Tony Barron
Julie Hawkes
Chris O'Rourke
Christine Bates
Grant Rogers
Karen Jenkins***



STOP PRESS!



As you'll appreciate, this sort of event does take a quite some time to arrange, so if you'd like to be involved in planning and delivering these village celebrations, please contact Grant on

07836 234357 or grantjrogers@aol.com



The date of King Charles III coronation has now been confirmed as Saturday 6th May 2023.

While we are awaiting details of any Bank Holiday, we would like to give Kewstoke the opportunity to celebrate this momentous event.

So, The Kewstoke Community Group will soon start planning for a

(hopefully extended) weekend of fun, frolics and entertainment and so please block out the weekend of 6th May in your 2023 calendars and diaries!

Details will follow in due course, but you can expect something along the lines of what was arranged for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations this year.

Would you like to advertise your business on the Parish Council website?

Contact the Parish Clerk, Mike Hardwick, for details at: parishclerkkewstoke@gmail.com



The Grumpy Farmer

Hello again from me
The Grumpy old
Farmer.

I'll try not to be too
grumpy as there is so
much bad news at
the moment: The
war in Ukraine and
predictions about
climate change etc.
The war in Ukraine
has had a big impact
in the cost of living,
the cost of energy
and food. Red Diesel
almost doubled in
price to around £1.20
a litre and cattle feed
also up by a third at
least.

My life here on the
farm is very busy
with farming and
helping to convert an
old stone barn to let
out.

The government has
been encouraging
farmers to diversify
and to support the
viability of the farm.
Another attempt at

diversifying has been
cider making. Caroline,
one of my daughters
has a small cider press
and was keen to help.

We began collecting
apples from our own
small orchard and
some from Home Farm
and other places that
were offering them
free. The job was then
to make them into a
pulp by putting them
through a pulper. It
helps squeeze all of the
juice out. We put the
pulp through the press
and were able to make
somewhere around 30
gallons.

This all happened last
autumn and we are
now sampling our
attempts. It has an
acquired taste, quite
dry but it's OK with a
splash of lemonade.
We haven't sold any
yet as we are drinking
it ourselves.

The long hot summer
seems a distant
memory now.

It made haymaking
easy. We could cut one
day and almost bale
the next, which is
unbelievably quick. But
being so dry, the grass
didn't grow back after,
so I ended up having to
feed some of the hay
to the animals long
before winter, so I'm
hoping I'll have enough
to last through the
winter to next spring.

Did anyone notice how
early the swallows left
this year? It was still
warm with plenty of
flies around, but still
they went. I wonder if
anyone out there
knows why?

I did learn something
the other day when
walking along Elmsley
Lane just after
Kewstoke rhyne has
been keetched. I came
across a pike, quite a

The Grumpy Farmer

size, still gasping for breath. I thought that I should take him home for tea but I took pity on him and put him back into the water. He quickly swam away. One lucky pike. After talking to the drainage foreman, they had thrown 8 to 10 back in one day along with eels and a roach on a previous occasion.

One of the ponds on the farm dried out during the hot summer.

It's now been desilted and will be a nice pond for ducks, moorhens and other wildlife

when the winter rains fill it back up. I remember catching eels there when I was a young boy. I would take them home to cook for my grandfather's supper.

A young chap has started a nature reserve not far away and has a lovely photo of a barn owl in flight taken locally. So seems like a lot of wildlife around. All good signs.

A number of the cows didn't calve this spring and I think that Loxton Commander has lost his interest in sex, so I'm afraid he had to go.

Ended up down the local pie shop I think.

Then the hunt was on for a new bull at the right price. Decided on another Simental and found one from a farm in Wiltshire by the pedigree name of Huntingford Lord 20.

Look on the internet and you can see his father. He is only a young bull, so hope he managed to serve all his ladies. I will update you next year.

Grumpy old Farmer.



GRUMPY FARMER

Community Speed Watch System

Community Speed Watch System

Back in November 2021 after a request from concerned residents living on Kewstoke Road about the speed of drivers using Kewstoke Road, the Parish Council commissioned 3 speed surveys to run concurrently for 7 days, 24 hours a day.

This monitored not only the speed of the vehicles travelling both ways and the type of vehicle. The strips in the road can differentiate between a car, lorry or van.

The results from the three surveys showed that in general the majority of the traffic using the road was within the acceptable parameters of both the 20mph & 30mph limits applied by North Somerset Council

Highways. There were those that did travel too fast, but these were isolated enough that the North Somerset Council Highways team didn't feel that any action should be taken in the form of traffic calming.

Their point was also that there were very few accidents reported and that their priority was to areas where there were accident black spots.

It was suggested that Parish Council with the help of the Police could set up a Speed watch system. This was offered to the residents who at the time did not want to take this on.

Fast forward now to 2022. There have been more and more reports of speeding vehicles, not just on Kewstoke Road but throughout

the village. At a recent Parish Council meeting Police Inspector from Avon & Somerset Police was invited along to answer councillor's questions as to why we not getting the monthly crime statistics as we used to and on the occasions that we did receive them, they were so vague as to be of little use to inform residents. This along with why representation from a PCSO each month had also stopped happening.

The Parish Council have now been promised that we will have more detailed crime figures and regular representation at monthly meetings by a PCSO.

The topic then moved onto speeding motorists. In response to a member of the

public's reference to speeding issues on Kewstoke Road, it was agreed that Speed Control Vans would be, subject to an initial survey, deployed at strategic points along Kewstoke Road. In addition, he agreed to help set up a Community Speed Watch group if local volunteers and a coordinator could be found.

We do have a couple of interested residents at the moment. In order for this to happen we really need to have a response from anyone that would be interested in getting involved with this.

You can show your interest by contacting Mike the Parish Clerk via the website, by email parishclerkkewstoke@gmail.com or calling him on 07836 386244



Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities. It gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.

How does SpeedWatch work?

A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.

A team of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time

each week are trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds. Vehicles observed speeding will be sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour.

Further action will be taken by the police against persistent and high end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch/>

Recipe

CHUNKY CURRANT SHORTBREADS



MAKES APPROX 8 GIANT COOKIES

Ingredients

100g golden caster sugar plus extra for dusting

220g unsalted butter or stork chilled and cubed

200g plain flour plus extra for rolling

120g ground almonds

2 tsp mixed spice

60g currants

1. Whiz the butter, sugar, flour, ground almonds and spice in a food processor until the crumbs start to cling together or with your hand mixer.
2. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl, work in the currants and bring the dough together. You can use either the dough straight away or wrap in clingfilm and chill until required. Preheat the oven to 160/140 fan/gas 2half.
3. On a lightly floured surface roll the dough to about 1cm thick then use a 9cm fluted cutter to make about 8 biscuits or you can make them as small as you wish.
4. Arrange these on one or two non-stick baking sheets spaced slightly apart, then cook for 50 minutes or until lightly coloured.
5. Dust with caster sugar, then loosen with a spatula before leaving them to cool. They will keep well for up to a week in an airtight container.

You won't stop eating just one....it will be followed by another!

Nancy Whyte



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