

Jack Butland of Kenn - soon to be England Goalkeeper????

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NEWS & VIEWS

### June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 1 - Simon Pascoe  
- Tyler Sylvester  
4 - Anya Jordan  
5 - David Porch  
- Margaret & Brian Cook W.A.  
9 - Lois Webb  
10 - Thomas Finlay Hibbs  
11 - Naomi Brain  
Wendy Papasolomontos  
13 - Lynn Bye  
18 - Ian Pascoe  
21 - Tom Bye  
Heather Brain  
Dave Pugh  
23 - Robin Mackay  
27 - Pip Jenkins  
28 - Liz & Martin Jaehme W.A.

### St. John's Altar Guild

#### June Rota



The volunteers for this month are  
Lise Willcox, Caroline Holden, John Hayden  
and Jo Manning.

**Our Flag** flew in celebration on

Sunday 6th May for the 150th Anniversary of  
the re-opening of St. John's Church.

Sunday 20th May for the baptism at St. John's  
of Lucy Jane Rogers - baby sister of Harrison  
and daughter of Stephen and Claire.  
The Revd. John Andrews officiated.

### **Christian Aid in Kenn 2012**

A big, big 'THANK YOU' to every one who  
helped with the Christian Aid Collection this  
year.

Another big THANK YOU to everyone who  
donated.

I do not have the final figures yet but will  
submit a full account in next month's News &  
Views

Julia Bush

PS If you still have an uncollected Christian  
Aid envelope, please call me on 01275  
873554 or drop it in to the mailbox at  
QUERCUS Kenn St,

Thanks

### **Helping Future Generations**

Many readers will already have received a copy  
of the Diocesan booklet entitled

***"How you can make a lasting difference to the  
work of your church",***

which explains about the importance of making a  
Will, and the opportunity this gives to leave a  
legacy to your church for the benefit of future  
generations.

If you have not yet received a copy, please pick up  
one of the spares available in all our churches or  
phone Clare in the Team Office.

Here in Yatton Moor we have benefited from a  
number of legacies over recent years, both from  
church members and from others who welcome  
the active Christian presence in the community as  
well as the beauty and history of our church  
buildings.

If you have already left a gift to the church in your  
Will, please accept the thanks of our PCCs.

If not, we do hope you will find the booklet  
interesting and helpful, and that you will give the  
matter some thought.

If you would like any aspect of legacies explained  
further, please do not hesitate to contact Ian  
Hubbard or Michael Earle.

**YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY**

**Welcome to David and Lisa Harrex**

On Monday 21st May David Harrex was licensed Team Vicar of Cleeve with Claverham, at a service at St Mary's Yatton, led by Bishop Peter Maurice of Taunton.

As well as folk from all the Yatton Moor churches there was a large contingent from David's last parish in Yate, also representatives from the council and local organisations.

David's short address, in which he thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make his and Lisa's arrival, especially at the vicarage, so welcome, hinted that David's sense of humour is going to fit in really well with the way Yatton Moor functions.

The energy and efficiency of the catering squad was reflected in a truly stupendous bun-fight after the service, the end to a lovely evening.

Julia Bush

NB David will also be responsible for part of South Yatton, and will occasionally preach in all the churches.



**YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY**

**A Celebration of John Andrews' Ministry as Team Vicar, will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Kingston Seymour Village Hall from 6 - 9pm – With a presentation from the whole team at around 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.**

**John's last Service in Kenn (for a long time) will be Holy Communion at 8.00am on Sunday 3rd June - Celia will be helping Julia at the Family Service on the 24th June.**

**After the 3rd June, for a while, the cure of our souls will be in the care of Ian Hubbard**

**John Ball**



### **John and Celia's last family service at St John's.**

During the family service at St John's on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012 John told us that while he is getting ready in the vestry he loves the sound of the Kenn folk chatting to each other. Sunday was no exception. As the church filled with regulars and well wishers the people of Kenn greeted each other and chatted with increased volume.

We sang John and Celia's favourite hymns and Celia delivered a talk on the movement of time and how time has past since their ten years in Kingston and Kenn. It was a warm and sunny midday as we walked to the village hall for a shared lunch. There was literally enough to feed the 5000, such was peoples generosity.

Hazel presented Celia and John with two cakes to mark the pivotal moment in their history. One cake had a sad face on the top to represent John's retirement. The next cake had a happy face that represented John and Celia's imminent move to Kenn. This cake had not only a candle but a fabulous sparkler, which I believe Lise has posted on face-book.

Hazel then did a humorous parody of a Baptism where John and Celia promised to turn into Kenn Street and we all promised to look after them. (I can't understand why they could not renounce Kingston, but there!)

John Griffin gave a speech thanking all the people who had put the lunch together and thanked John and Celia for their ministry in Kenn. They were presented with a gorgeous sun dial on a plinth. Something for their garden that does not need watering feeding or pruning. A special thanks here to Robin and Marianna for their inspired idea for a present and they also organised the purchase.

The lunch became more about welcome to Kenn than about retirement. We look forward to John and Celia becoming part of our village life.

Caroline



## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Kenn

As we are sure you will all have heard by now our Caterer for the Jubilee Lunch, Cheryl Quinn, has recently been taken very ill and is still in hospital.

Because of this we have had to scale down our celebrations and we are sure you will all understand, and will join with us in wishing Cheryl a speedy recovery.

We are going to go ahead with the Hog Roast at lunchtime, and this is where we would please like some help from you:

If you could please bring along some salad (e.g. rice, pasta, potato, green, (or coleslaw - or a salad of your own devising!)), cake or pudding that would be brilliant - we are unable to provide these on the day.

The timetable will now be:

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 12 noon -               | Gather at the Village Hall with your contribution! |
| 12.30pm <b>prompt</b> - | Glass of bubbly, Speeches and Village Photograph   |
| 1.00pm -                | Hog Roast  |
| Followed by             | Cream Tea  |
| 8.00pm -                | Band and a Barbecue                                |

There will be a (non-profit making) bar for most of the day.

Kenn is renowned for coping with the unexpected, and, with everyone's help, we will all have a wonderful day for the celebration of

## Diary Dates for June

Sunday 3rd June from 12 noon  
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Yatton Moor Team Ministry  
Friday 8th June - 6.00-9.00pm  
Kingston Seymour Village Hall  
A Celebration of John Andrews' Ministry and Presentation of Gifts

Saturday 9th June - 10 -12noon  
Kenn Village Hall  
Village Market and Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th June  
'Village Lunch' 12 for 12.30  
The Moorend Spout, West End, Nailsea

Wednesday 13th June - 7.30pm  
Kenn W.I. Meet at Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 16th June 2.00pm - 6.00pm  
Tutshill Farm  
Kingston Seymour  
North Somerset Fleece Fair

Saturday 23rd June - 10-12noon  
Church Room  
Charity Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd June from 7.00p.m.  
Nailsea Wall Farm  
**Big Barn Bash**  
**In aid of Breast Cancer Research**

23<sup>rd</sup> June  
2012  
**Big Barn Bash**  
**BIGGER & BETTER**



**Live Band 'JD EXPERIENCE'**

**Hog Roast**

**Fully Stocked Bar**

**Raffle**

**All in aid of Breast Cancer Research**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June @ Nailsea Wall farm 7pm**



**£6 ADV**

**For tickets call**

**£8 Door**

**07807725062/07538 463148**

The next "Village Lunch" will be on  
Tuesday June 12th at the  
Moorend Spout, 12 for 12.30.  
Come and join us for a convivial  
meal.

Heathrow Parking Voucher

On collecting our car from 'Purple Parking' at Heathrow, we were given a £10 voucher to give to a 'friend', planning to park at HR 'soon'. Ring us if interested.

Tim and Julia Bush 01275 873554

North Somerset Fleece Fair

To be held at  
Tutshill Farm, Yeo Bank Lane,  
Kingston Seymour

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs T. Harris

16th June 2012 from 2.00 to 6.00pm

Fleece competition and sale\*  
Refreshments  
Sheep Shearing  
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Admission £1.00 per person.

Come and join us for an afternoon to  
celebrate wool and our wonderful craft  
heritage.

*For further information contact:  
Sarah Harris 01275 876000  
Email: mail@spinningweal.com*

*or*

*Sue Thomas 01934 833593*

*\*Fleece vendors by prior arrangement only*

**Thank you**

Caroline would like to thank everyone who  
supported the

**COFFEE MORNING**

In the

**CHURCH ROOM**

On Saturday 26th May

The wonderful sum of £105 was raised for  
The Children's Hospice South West

## **THE VILLAGE MARKET and COFFEE MORNING**

Another Village Market and Coffee Morning in the sunshine. We always seem to be lucky with the weather. Once more all the tables were taken and we had lots of visitors.



This Market was extra special as the refreshments were run by Jean in aid of Breast Cancer. She and her helpers raised the sum of £233. I have to say the cakes were delicious.

Next month at the Market on June 9th we welcome a new "Avon Lady" She will be known to some of you and she is very excited to become part of our Market. She will have lots of cosmetics with her as well as catalogues to browse and order from.

## **St. John's 150th Anniversary Service**

Just a note re Sunday's excellent anniversary service and tea. We felt it went very well and John Andrews got the balance just right (no 3 hour sermon!!).

Lovely to see Ray there, pity Jean couldn't accompany him.

I just wanted to say that three of us rang the bell (which of course would have been  $50-3 = 47$  years old at the time of the 1862 service), Eleanor and myself before the service and John Griffin afterwards, so a good representation.

Also it was rung before the service in two separate sessions of 150 strokes each, and then a more hurried 150 as the bell was rung down and chimed "at the bottom". Unfortunately we have no information as to who the bell ringer would have been in 1862 (or at any other time, unless the History Group have uncovered anything I haven't been able to find).

I like to think that sometime later, before he was called up for military service perhaps Anthony Marchant was taught to ring it, as he was very much into church life.

We shall probably never know but it is nice to feel we might be carrying on in his footsteps – we would have to join the choir to be certain of that!

What a great pity that his life, like so many others in the Great War, ended so prematurely. May they all "rest in peace and rise in glory" as John and the present choir say by the font most weeks at the conclusion of our services.

Geoff. Marchant

**Useful Numbers:**

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Then Revd. Ian Hubbard  
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Julia Bush 873554  
John Ball 874077

**Church Floodlighting:**  
David Pugh 874278

**Village Flag Flying:**  
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Hazel 349535

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Marianna Mackay 340323

**North Somerset Council:**  
01934 888 888  
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**News & Views:**  
Sheila Naish 01934 838357



**COFFEE MORNING**

Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,  
9th June 10:00am till midday.

**Recycling - 5th,12th,19th,26th,**

**Dustbin - 5th, 19th**

**Green Waste - 12th, 26th**



**North Somerset Times**

This local newspapers is freely available from  
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**Viewing at Saleroom**

Wednesday 20th June 10am - 7:30pm  
Morning of sale from 9am

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**  
Thursday 30th August 10.30am

**Viewing at Saleroom**

Tuesday 28th August 2pm - 5:30pm  
Wednesday 29th August 10am - 7:30pm  
Morning of sale from 9am

**Bird News**

The unsettled weather (in Southern Europe, as well as the UK) has led to a very extended migration.

Sand Martins were still arriving in numbers during the second half of May when they would normally be expected in late March or early April. In early May 10,000 Swallows were reported heading up the Severn Estuary and Wheatears numbers have been unprecedented. 90 between Clevedon and Blake's Pools. A few Whinchats were with them and Yellow Wagtails were at Dowlais Farm. This site, which of course was ideally wet, also hosted Bar Tailed Godwits, Whimbrel, two Wood Sandpipers and three pairs of Lapwings with chicks.

Lapwings have also attempted to nest on Kenn Moor but the outcome is unknown. Back at Dowlais Farm, a Short Eared Owl was hunting in the evenings in early May. Red Kites were seen over Claverham (8th) and Kenn Moor (14th).

A Kingfisher was on the Kenn river and another at Kingston Seymour fishing lakes. A Tawny owl in Yatton had three owlets by the beginning of May. There were two in Littlewood and another two at a box in Kingston Seymour, although sadly one of the latter did not survive.

The inclement weather grounded Spotted Flycatchers. After hundreds of walks along the Strawberry Line without ever seeing one, I recorded two this spring and John Croxton saw another in Littlewood.

A Cuckoo was reported from Blake's pools on 7th May and (after a tip-off) I saw one at Mendip Springs Golf Club, Congresbury from the Strawberry Line path.

By the 15th May our Reed Warblers and Sedge Warblers had taken up territories with 17 Reed Warblers and 6 Sedge Warblers singing along the Strawberry Line at Yatton on the 15th May.

Trevor Riddle 01934 834208

**Bird News Plus - Illegal Squatters in Kenn!!!**

Blue Tits have moved into a House Martin's nest at One Elm. They have chosen the highest of the two nests right at the top of the apex. There have been a few squabbles when the rightful owners have tried to gain entry but the Blue Tits seem to have established "Squatters Rights".

Also, in the area of The Drum and Monkey a Red Kite was seen by Colin Cooper.

Bryan Thompson

**Tim and Julia in Australia.....2012**

Arrived an hour early (5.30am) Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, so took a taxi and got to Northumberland Rd in time for a cup of tea with Rachel before Parker woke up and started entertaining us. Jeremy joined us around b'fast time (gig the night before, I think). The next ten days were spent catching up with family stuff, supper with Nanny Jude and Grandad Daryl, shopping, snoozing, watching Parker, babysitting if Rachel and Jeremy were working at the same time, and all the other things that go with autumn in Melbourne. Melbourne weather is as changeable as here so we had everything, showers, sunshine, chilly breezes, the lot. We took in a Showcase performance by Jeremy and some of the other 'Bakerboys', great.

Tim and I could now take a GCSE in clasps, snaps, harnesses, buggy assembly from folded to ready to roll in 2 secs, sock and shoe retrieval on pavements and off-road etc. We discovered the delights of Australian children's TV, lots from UK and most of it charming. We went to 'Gymbaroo' (soft assault course for toddlers) and 'Mums and Bubs'

We thought we should give the Diffeys some space and headed 1040 miles north to Nanango in Queensland, to meet some of Tim's distant Parker cousins. We decided to go on the train so we could see the countryside and get the feel of how big Australia really is.

We caught the 8.30am out of Melbourne, joining mainly locals, some only going a few stops, others doing the day's entire 555 miles to Sidney. Some of the stops were at big towns like Wangerata and Albury, at others the stop was just a planking platform and a sign. 'If any one wants 'The Rock' please make yourself known to the attendant' The train only stops briefly, and when a lady was too slow in finishing her chat and missed the isolated Yass Junction, the staff had to cook up a complicated connection so she could eventually hook up with her relatives.

Arriving in Sidney at about 9pm we just managed to find the hotel in time for a bite to eat, shower and shuteye before a 6.30am rush back to the station for the 7.15 train. You can travel for a couple of hundred miles in Oz before the scenery changes, north of Melbourne it had been mainly rolling expanses of dry grassland, sparsely stocked, with some arable crops. As we pulled out of Sydney there was more cultivation, some horticulture and even a couple of dairy herds. We wound through miles of dense woodland and passed some banana plantations. In our whole trip I only saw two pigs, and they were pets!

Our complete route called at Benalla, Wangerata, Albury, Culcairn, Henty, Waggawagga, Junee, Cootamundra, Yass Junction, Goulburn, Mossvale, Cambeltown, Strathfield, Sidney, Hornsby, Wyong, Fassifern, Broadmeadow, Maitland, Dungog, Gloucester, Wingham, Taree, Kendal, Wauchope, Kunda-bung, Kempsey, Nambucca Heads, Urunga, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour and finally Casino. The gov won't maintain the track north of Casino so we then finished the day's 500 miles with a hair raising 3 hour coach trip. As we pulled into Brisbane it was 10.45 and we were glad to see Denise and Virgil waiting for us, and got a new burst of energy as we trudged off to the comfort of the Holiday Inn.

In the morning D&V drove us the 2.5hrs to Nanango via Touwoomba, the scene of the horrific floods we'd seen on TV last year. Virgil has his own 'Artisan Village' which is really an excuse for his superb skill as a woodworker, Denise does the teas/runs the shop/keeps the show on the road.

Next day more cousins arrived (typically from 3 hours away 'up back') and we spent the day in the tea room chatting, eating and tracing Tim's antecedants. We left next morning on an ancient coach, passing through the massive works 'on the range' repairing the flood damage. We flew from Brisbane, arriving in time to pick up Aussie Fish and Chips for Friday supper.

Then it was back to day to day autumn life with family meals with Marna (Cheralyn) and BoBo (Phillip), Parker's third set of grandparents, trips to the supermarket (wildly expensive compared to UK). We all took Parker to 'Puffing Billy', a local steam-train which he loved, fortunately. We paid for it for the rest of our stay as his first words on waking up and throughout the day were 'Toot toot', meaning 'Get the pictures up on your PC Granpa'

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> was Mother's Day and Rachel Parker and I joined in the 'Mother's Day Classic' charity walk round the Botanic Gardens, chilly breezes, hot sun and torrential rain, all in 4K. In the evening the whole family went out for a meal, the last time we would all be together for the foreseeable future. Our last couple of days were spent trying to have as much quiet time together, before it was back to the airport and the great 'Cattle Class Experience'.

### **Kenn Silver Jubilee Committee**

What do we do if it rains? Asked someone. Have faith and it won't, was the answer. Faith wavered at approximately 9pm when the heavens opened and one or two intrepid donkey riders got very wet indeed. This was the only flaw in an otherwise perfect day.

All the months of plan making and preparation meant that all systems were go at 2.30pm on the great day. Festivities began with a fancy dress parade judged by Capt. and Mrs. Plunkett. First Prize was won by Rosemary Willcox, Second Prize; Andrew Staples and James Griffin as Steptoe and Son. Emma Fenwick was a very pretty bride and Barbara Scouler a charming Miranda.

Mr. Peter Baker arrived to take a group photograph, and a splendid number of villagers arrived to be in it, including Mr. Hazell, a brother of Rowley and the Mesdames Gale, who is on a visit from Canada after 50 years away from Kenn. The whole proceedings were very good-humoured and eventually a picture of about 200 people and a dog was achieved.

Sports for the children in a field belonging to Mr. Naish with a picnic tea and presentation of commemorative mugs continued into the early evening. As the last of the children were driven away to their homes the advance guard of catering ladies moved into the beautifully decorated hall to prepare for the next stage in the festivities.

A sizeable proportion of the population made considerable inroads into a very sumptuous feast of cold beef and salad, fresh fruit flan and cream, cheese and biscuits. During the meal we were asked to drink a loyal toast and the text of a telegram we had sent to Her Majesty and the reply were read.

We were glad to see so many people there, particularly those who have been prevented by ill-health lately from being as active as they would wish. Our peripatetic vicar on his second orbit of the day also managed to join us. The evening concluded with dancing and games. The music was very ably provided by Mr. George Saunders. The bonfire, so beautifully lit by Mr. Les Neath, was destined to waste its sweetness on the desert air as the rain started at the precise moment of lighting. It says much for its construction however that it was still blazing merrily when we all made our way home at midnight.

In their telegram to the Queen the committee said: The parishioners of Kenn send your Majesty their loyal greetings and congratulations on your Silver Jubilee and unite in expressing gratitude for all your service to the country.

In her reply Her Majesty said: The Queen sincerely thanks the parishioners of Kenn for their kind and loyal message on the occasion of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

We began our celebrations with a very moving service in our church on Sunday 5th June. The Committee hope that this and our day of celebration reflected the feelings of gratitude and love we have for the Queen and her family.

The Committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the day the success that it was. It would be invidious to mention names, but you know who you are, and we are truly grateful.

A full statement of accounts will be published later when all bills have been settled.

Ann Holtham

Thanks to Grace Griffin for forwarding this report which appeared in the Kenn Church Magazine



### **Village Tidy Up - Thanks and Well Done to Everyone**

Against all the odds it was a nice day. Rain had threatened, and we weren't sure if the pub would still be open...

No matter! Village trustees (thank you all!) gathered on the green at 10 o'clock - lots of children this year, which was brilliant - equipped themselves and sallied forth. This year we didn't even attempt Davis Lane - it's an enormous undertaking all on its own, and completely pointless. No sooner are our backs turned than the verges are a mess again.

The main road is always badly littered, but thanks to the regular monthly litter pickers and the villagers who never go out without an old plastic bag for collecting rubbish, it was a bit easier this year. Cigarette ends, though - millions of them!! The little blighters are difficult to grab with the litter helping-hand - but all the bending and stretching was worth it.

Special thanks really must go to Helen Callow who cleaned the (human) sh\*t out of our telephone box. What on earth goes through people's heads?! So Helen was our heroine on the day.

Jamie and Pete at the Drum and Monkey laid on Bacon Sandwiches and tea and coffee for those who had the time to reconvene at midday. A huge thank you to them for getting stuck in with the Tidy Up and making themselves part of our lovely village.

So we can pat ourselves on the back for a job well done - and getting together in the pub afterwards was another of those quietly brilliant occasions. Here's to next year!!

Hazel

News from Duck Lane

We are moving in to Clevedon in June so I will no longer be organising the Harvest Supper, I have asked my helpers but no one is willing to take it on so if the village wish for this great evening to continue volunteers will be needed.

Also Jonathon does the morning papers, Monday to Friday and we wondered if there was anyone in the village willing to take the round on from the 19th June.

It is Monday-Friday, it takes him about 20 minutes on his bike, papers delivered to your door, £15.00 per week.

If anyone is interested let us know, 870765 and we will contact Yatton News.

Thank you.

Caroline Hicks

So sorry to lose you all - We have so enjoyed watching the boys (and the puppy) grow up, hearing their music - especially round the Christmas Tree and of course the wonderful Harvest Suppers. You are always welcome to visit ..... Margaret

Mr Harold James  
York House  
38 Upper Church Road  
Weston-super-Mare

7th May 2012

The Editor, Kenn News & Views

I am now in the 25th year of my association with your delightful village. Courtesy of Mr. Ray Naish I have received most of your excellent magazines over the years.

I am most impressed by what I read of the many activities into which you involve yourselves with vigour and good spirit and it is appropriate that many of these activities are centred around your Parish Church.

Very many persons in Kenn and throughout the world at large have reasons to be grateful to you.

When I was a younger man, I fancied myself as anchor-man in the tug-o-war contests. Never very good at throwing the welly.

I read the happenings recorded in Kenn News & Views with much pleasure, such a concentration of bird enthusiasts, Ray, Trevor, Miles, Jeff.

Delighted that Ray continues his very knowledgeable articles "Down on the Farm" with the excellent help of his grandson.

In my 80th year, having been raised in a coal-mining village in South Yorkshire, I can appreciate the value of a close knit community.

May I accord you the accolade from Holy Scripture -  
Nehemiah Chapter 4 verse 6  
FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK  
A motto which would achieve much for our Country at the present time.

Harold James

**George Wainwright**

Veronica and family would like to thank the residents of Kenn for giving George so many happy memories of times past and present in your lovely village setting.

School days and OAP Christmas Parties were enjoyed with great enthusiasm. Finally as a great animal lover and in particular horses, he would have been so delighted with the wonderful picture of Ruby and George portrayed in your May Issue 285.

The family look forward to future issues and maybe, an update on the progress of Ruby and George.

Veronica

THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2012

**1st Sunday 3rd June TRINITY SUNDAY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
- 9.30am Patronal Communion at Cleeve
- 11.00am First Sunday Special at Claverham
- 11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour
- 6.00pm Evensong at Yatton\*

**2nd Sunday 10th June THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - ST BARNABAS**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton
- 9.30am Patronal Eucharist at Claverham
- 9.30am Family Communion at Yatton
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve
- 6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour

**3rd Sunday 17th June THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Claverham
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
- 12.00pm Holy Baptism at Yatton ~ *Olivia-Mae Eileen Richardson & Sophie Ann Tracey*
- 6.00pm Evensong at Kenn**

**3rd Wednesday 20th June**

- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**

**4th Sunday 24th June THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton
- 8.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
- 11.00am Family Service at Kenn**
- 11.00am Family Service at Claverham
- 6.00pm Ecumenical Evensong at Yatton
- 6.30pm Holy Communion at Cleeve

## Down on the Farm

What a difference on the farming scene it makes when the weather changes as it has this spring. When the last notes were written we were at the end of a very dry period of weather. But since then, as everyone knows, we have had a tremendous amount of rain. Very welcome in many parts of Britain that were suffering drought. But rather too much rain, for some of the low lying land here in the South West.

The very heavy rain saturating the land has changed things around from what was written last month. We were then talking about the cattle being let out in the fields nice and early, saving a lot of cattle food. Whereas, since that time many cattle have had to be re-housed, or in the case of the very large herds of dairy cows, not being able to be let out at all. Therefore what was thought may be surplus food, is going to be used up straight away.

Many farmers have grass ready for mowing, but there is no way heavy machinery can be used on this saturated soil. Also the planting of maize for cattle feed, for next winter, has had to be delayed for the same reason; the machinery cannot work on very wet land.

It looks as if many such farming activities will be delayed at least a month. I have just read a report that thousands of acres in the Somerset levels are completely under water, hopefully we will get some dry sunny weather soon to get it back to normal.

Sheep shearing will definitely be delayed this year. Apart from being wet, the weather has been too cold to think about shearing. The wet weather has held up all sorts of farming activities, farmers who grow large acreages of potatoes are going to have difficulty getting the seed planted on time.

The winter corn planted last autumn in the large corn growing areas, has benefitted greatly from the good soaking of rain.

The large cattle markets in Somerset have been packed with cattle recently. Probably some farmers are trying to reduce the number of cattle on their farms. One good thing about it, is that the trade for these cattle has kept up with many cattle making record prices.

The ewes in this part of the country, chiefly lambed in the dry weather, have got away to a good start.

Farmers who keep sheep in mountainous country, like Exmoor, the Welsh hills and the northern part of Great Britain lambed their ewes from mid April onwards.

I expect they had a lot of losses. Newly born lambs have difficulty to survive and get on their feet in such wet windy weather, enabling them to suckle the ewes.

Once they have had a good fill up of milk, lambs can stand most weather.



OUR TELEPHONE BOX – A big, big thank you to Hazel and her team of helpers who have painted and revitalised the iconic red phone box outside the old post office. A job well done and a credit to the village.

Robin



### **Kingston Seymour Sports Weekend**

This year's Sports will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July at Bulbeck Field, Back Lane (entrance near Bullocks Lane). The Olympic-themed fancy-dress competition at 2.30pm will be followed by a host of traditional races for children (and adults too), plus cakes, ices, face-painting and games.

In the evening there's "Hay Fever", a family social event, featuring live music from local band "Flash Harry", plus BBQ food and bar. The children can run round the field with their friends while the adults sit and chill. No need to buy a ticket - it's free!

If you fancy a game of cricket on the Sunday afternoon, please ring Joe Thomas on 07897 140484 to book your place. It's just a friendly, fun game – no need to be a brilliant player! Spectators can sit back in the sun (we hope) with a drink from the bar, or a cup of tea and some home-made cake.

Janet Calderbank  
Secretary, Kingston Seymour Sports Committee

Friends from Kenn are invited to join in the fun.

### **Kenn Church 150th Anniversary Service**

It was my privilege to be able to attend the 150th Anniversary service of the restoration of Kenn Church. Full marks to those who have been investigating records of this event at Taunton Archives.

It was very encouraging that over 50 people attended this wonderful little service, led by the Reverend John Andrews. Very old fashioned hymns were sung which by chance may have been the same as the ones sang 150 years ago!

At the reception afterwards we also did what was done in the time of Queen Victoria, which was held in the Village Hall. We have no idea where they would have held this reception in Victorian times, because that was many years before the Village Hall was built.

When the church was rebuilt it was from the window sills up. This is quite visible when you look at it closely. When you are inside you've got to admire the wonderful stonework that those Victorians did.

I have heard strangers come in to the church and say what wonderful stonework it is. The church was decorated with wild flowers, much as it would have been in Victorian times.

During the service, on show was the beautiful new staircase into the church tower, which has recently been constructed with great skill by one of our parishioners, John Hayden. The money to pay for all this was left to the church by the late parishioner, and regular churchgoer Jack Hanson, who died some years ago.

The reception tea was kindly provided by ladies from the village, it was a lovely afternoon. People could fit round tables on the lawn outside the Village Hall. A big attraction were the mares and foals that were grazing nearby.

One of the visitors to this service was Glenys (formerly Jones) who was an evacuee in Kenn during war time.

Ray Naish

## 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations at Kenn.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012 a fine congregation turned out to celebrate 150 years since the church had been reopened following extensive rebuild and renovations.

This event was organised with St John's Church in conjunction with the Kenn History Society. The aim was to observe a solemn religious service and have a light hearted re-enactment of the 1862 order. That ambience was achieved perfectly. The porch and altar were decorated beautifully by Jo Cheek and Jane Staples. They used the flowers and materials that flower arrangers would have used in 1862. Ornate pots and jars with clematis, ivy braids, bows and ferns. The windowsills had rustic displays with not an oasis in sight. Jugs and jam jars sufficed.

John Andrews chose hymns that would have been popular 150 years ago. Hazel read us the newspaper review of the service. This had been found by local historian Jane Lily, who joined us for the afternoon. We smiled at the description of the lengthy sermon. John's sermon was not so lengthy!

Best of all. In May 1862 they had 'a tasteful scroll'. Hazel has produced an equally tasteful and beautiful banner with the same words. "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into The House of the Lord." The church is open on Saturdays so even if you do not frequent The Temple it is worth seeing.

After the service we retired to the village hall for tea. Again in keeping with 1862 we had Victorian fayre. Fish paste and cucumber sandwiches, cream tea and cake. Hazel made a delicious cake and we sang 'happy birthday' to St John's. No one was in any hurry to leave so more pots of tea were made. Caroline.

## Neighbourhood Watch

This is a message from PCSO Michele Barrett 8487 from Nailsea Police Station.

We are being hit quite heavily around Clevedon, Portishead, Nailsea and surrounding villages of theft of tools from sheds, garages and motor vehicles.

Please secure your property and vehicles. Please do not leave items on display in your vehicle and remove anything of value.

If you feel in need of any security advice please make contact with your local beat team or me on 101.

If you see any persons or vehicles acting suspiciously please ring 101 or 999 for a crime in progress.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) website.





## PAELLA EVENING

Once again I think I must have fallen foul of that “extra” glass of red wine and in an unguarded moment agreed to put on a Paella Evening.

An early morning start found us preparing onions, peppers, tomatoes and chicken.

By lunch time we were congratulating ourselves at getting ahead – complacency was to be a bit premature as with over 70 tickets sold

there was a need to hire a big Paella pan. Given a 7.30 start I will admit to a feeling of mild concern when at 5.30 said pan was nowhere to be seen. All was well however and what turned out to be a great piece of kit worked perfectly and created much interest and comment.

The sangria and nibbles seemed to be going down well and the general chatter gave way to spontaneous applause when Martin and I paraded the finished dish through the assembled gathering.

Judging from the number of requests for “seconds” I think that all who attended had a good evening.

Thanks must go to those who helped decorate the hall-those who helped with the washing up and generally those who attended for their help in tidying up the hall at the end and to Jake for the Paella photo.

Simon & Jenny

### What a fabulous Paella Night .....

An **ENORMOUS** thank you is due to Simon and Jenny Pascoe, who once again excelled themselves last month, singlehandedly bringing back their legendary Paella Night for approximately 75 lucky guests.

To the strains of classical Spanish guitar music we munched our way through platefuls of fabulous, authentic paella, which was described by one guest who had spent a year living in Spain as “the biggest and best paella I’ve experienced outside of Spain”. What a compliment!

Two days later Simon and Jenny headed back to Spain for a well-deserved rest – and perhaps to re-stock their paella herbs and spices for the next one?! We can live in hope .....

Kate

**Mystery Worshipper at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn - Evensong Sunday 20th May**

Marianna, as she does, welcomed a stranger at St. John's and asked who he was - his response referred her to the web-site

<http://www.ship-of-fools.com/mystery/2012/2382.html> précised here

The cast: The Revd Prebendary John Andrews, Bath and Wells Diocesan Communications Officer and Bishop's Press Officer and half time team vicar. It was his last service at Kenn before retiring from the benefice.

The date & time: 20 May 2012, 6.00pm.

What was the name of the service? Evening Prayer.

How full was the building? I was quite surprised. Including the choir, there were 27 people present. Not bad for a small village – I would have expected a handful at the most!

Did anyone welcome you personally? I had cycled the Strawberry Line at Yatton (a disused railway line that used to transport strawberries to Bristol). I noticed a service was about to take place, so introduced myself to the vicar.

As I entered my pew, a lady introduced herself and mentioned that she didn't think there'd be an organist at this service.

I said that I was an organist and was about to head off to the organ when Roy, the organist, came in at the last minute!

Was your pew comfortable? Standard Victorian pew – however, not too bad!

How would you describe the pre-service atmosphere?

My immediate neighbours introduced themselves. There was some chatting going on but not across the aisle!

What were the exact opening words of the service?

"Good evening, everybody!" The vicar then said hello to individuals in the congregation (clearly a local congregation rather than gathered) and welcomed back one lady who had just returned from Australia ("G'day," he said). He also said that he had asked the organist to play the tune of the football club that the other Yatton vicar supports, as they had lost! He was quite amusing.

What books did the congregation use during the service? Good old *Hymns Ancient and Modern* and the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*.

What musical instruments were played? An organ. It sounded like a real pipe organ, but my neighbour in the pew in front said something about there being an electric instrument. There was an organ chamber but there were no visible pipes. There was a small choir at the front of the church.

Did anything distract you? Christopher Kenn and his family (wife, two daughters, and infant) in their 16th century costumes and ruffs looking down at me from the west wall during the whole service!

Was the worship stiff-upper-lip, happy clappy, or what?

It was Prayer Book evensong at its most traditional. No showmanship or gimmicks – just a beautiful plain 1662 service. The immortal words "We have erred and strayed like lost sheep" and "Lighten our darkness we beseech thee O Lord!" hung in the timeless atmosphere.

Exactly how long was the sermon? 15 minutes. On a scale of 1-10, how good was the preacher? 10

The vicar had a very clear style of preaching – and I'm sure he saw me jotting notes a couple of times.

In a nutshell, what was the sermon about? Looking back! He referred to a return trip to the parish church at Burnham on Sea where he had served his curacy. He was taught many things there, especially about pastoral work, that he could not have learned at theological college. He said that God was more concerned about now rather than the past and present. However, he stressed the importance of heritage and knowing where we have come from, which he said was pertinent to recently celebrating the restoration of the present church.

One phrase that stayed with me was "God's eternal day is here for ever."

Which part of the service was like being in heaven? Without doubt, the 1662 liturgy and the hymns chosen. The words "Lighten our darkness O Lord" and the words of a hymn written by the Oxford Movement churchman John Keble were really very moving indeed.

How would you feel about making this church your regular (where 10 = ecstatic, 0 = terminal)? 10

A friendly local congregation keeping a lovely liturgy alive.

Did the service make you feel glad to be a Christian? Yes.

What one thing will you remember about all this in seven days' time?

The Kenn family looking down from the tower wall at me!

**Margaret's Mutterings**

What a wonderful month May was for our family -

May 5th - Granddaughter Beth was confirmed by Bishop Peter Maurice at Wells Cathedral.

May 27th - Grandchildren Talitha and Elijah were baptised at All Saints, Harrow Weald by their mum The Revd Jody Stowell, who will be priested on the 1st July at St. John's Church, Ealing.

Great-nephew Jack Butland of Hazel Cottage, Kenn Street, has been picked as a reserve goal-keeper for the England Football Squad for Euro 2012

Also, Chris Taylor tells me that there is now a regular double-decker bus route through the village -more info on this please.

Hopefully the Drum and Monkey will soon be open for business again - it is looking really smart with its new paint..... 'hand back' reputed to be 16th June - watch for signs.....

Thanks go to everyone in the village for pulling together so wonderfully for the Jubilee - We understand that Cheryl is making good progress - but everything will be well in the end.

Thanks to John Hayden for helping John Ball to tidy up the chancel ceiling, clearing cobwebs and ensuring the gold bosses are all in good order. (thanks to Hazel for the photograph.)

Friends of Kenn Church AGM - held in the Church Room on Thursday 31st May report will be in next issue.

Next Issue - towards the end of June - sorry this one is late, but that is life.....

**Three Johns - John Hayden and John Ball at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn**





## KENN W.I.

Would you like to know why the hedgehog population seems to be declining? If so, come along to the next W.I. meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 and hear Mrs. Casey tell us all about it. It should be fascinating.

At the May meeting Mr. Tinker paid us another visit and took us on a well illustrated tour of Bath and its environs. Bath is a really interesting city and there is so much to see away from the usual tourist route.

The W.I. Olympic torch passed through the village on its way from Nailsea to Kewstoke. The change over was without incident and at least it did not get lost in the lanes of North Somerset!

This year a delegate from Kenn will attend the AGM at the Albert Hall in London. She will represent four W.I.'s – Clevedon, Nailsea Old Church, Yatton and Kenn.

The resolution is to ask the Government to increase the number of midwives and to ensure that enough are trained in the future to give mothers proper care. It will be interesting to hear from the expert speakers why numbers have fallen as the birth rate is rising.

For our Outing this year we are planning a day trip to the Black Country Museum on August 8<sup>th</sup>. If there is anyone who would like to join us for a day out please let me (01275 875877) know and we will just make sure that we order the correct size coach. The cost will be £24 to include entrance to the Museum and driver's tip. I look forward to hearing from you

Ann Holtham

## Book Group

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 we met to discuss 'Round Ireland with a fridge'

This is a very funny book by Tony Hawks about his hitch hiking travels round Ireland. It was a laugh out loud ripping yarn about his adventures and the people he meets on the way. We recalled with humour the comic scenes in the book. There was no analysis though as it was not deep and meaningful, just good fun.

Our next book is 'At Swim-Two-Birds' by Flann O'Brien. We were to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012. However the pub will still be closed. Also at the moment we are all really busy attending and planning Kenn events, we do not have time to read! We will have to reconvene this date.

Caroline.

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2012

## Commemorative Book 3 June 2012



North Somerset are collecting pages for a book of commemoration. Kenn Council has asked for some of the pages to be at the Village's Diamond Jubilee celebrations for residents to sign. At the end of June, all the sheets will be collected together and bound into a single volume, the completed book will then be sent to Buckingham Palace.

### Kenn Parish Council meeting – 25 April

- North Somerset's forthcoming review of its Sites & Policies Development Plan (DPD), a report was received from a councillor who had attend an event held to provide information on this important process
- An update on the outcome of Planning Enforcement issues was provided.
- 4 Planning Applications were considered;
- One being 12/P/0570/F for Warrens Village – to allow permanent residential use on part of the site – Parish Council's comments are on N S Councils web site.

Other items also discussed were; follow up of asbestos concerns on Mytle Cottage develop. Also a review of Council insurance, Diamond Jubilee arrangements and Hinkley update.

Minutes available after 28 May on Kenn PC web site – select tab 'Minutes'.

### Parish Council Meetings for 2012

30 July, 1 October, 3 December

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

Everyone is welcome to come along and there is time at the start of the meeting to ask questions or provide information.

Agendas are displayed a week before on noticeboards at the Village Hall, Church porch, telephone box, pub green, bus shelter.

Date changes will be advertised.

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### VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Clive has had a change in his work hours and he now finds it difficult to carry out the duties of a councillor.



There are 2 parts to filling a CASUAL vacancy, these are:-

1. The electoral dept. of North Somerset are notified. They will then display a notice to Kenn electors – please check the notice boards and read the details.
2. If after 14 days they have not received a request from 10 voters, they notify the Parish Council to fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable by co-option.

When the Council receives notification it will advertise inviting people who may be interested to come forward and give a date deadline to do so – again, check notices.

#### APPLYING FOR CONSIDERATION;

- If interested you do not have to wait until stage 2 is reached, you can write before asking to be considered if there is a co-option. This request will be kept until the deadline date and the meeting at which all applications are considered.

But, whether elected or co-opted, a person putting their name forward still has to meet a requirement for Eligibility for Office.

There isn't room here to give details but for more information go onto the Kenn PC web site, select the tab for 'Councillors' and then click on either the [booklet](#) link (go to page 6) and/or on the [Directgov](#) link.



More news & information can be found on the Council's web site