

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY

8th Cliff Edwards
11th George Noad
13th Abigail Smith
14th Rebecca Brain
16th Fred Fenwick
26th Elijah Stowell
30th Mike Smith

Thought of the month

*Let no one ever come to you without
leaving better and happier!*

Naish's notes

A Very Happy New Year to all our readers, let's hope it is happy, healthy and prosperous!!

A very big thank you to Margaret who brings this magazine to us each month, in spite of the fact that we contributors have usually got to be chased for copy on time!! (I am the worst!)

Thanks to all the people who contribute, without you we would have a very ordinary magazine, however, our mag is much sought after from outside the village!

Well done to you all and thanks to the people who distribute the magazines.

Ruth Dyer.....a personal memory

Ruth had a very big impact on me and my life. When I first moved here, I was terrified of her!! She seemed so formidable. However, as my time in the Village grew and I became more involved in Village life and its many committees I soon learnt what that Mrs D was a woman of infinite talents and

wisdom. Ruth always supported me even when she perhaps didn't quite agree with what was happening! When times were difficult with booking the Village Hall in our Disco's noisy heydays, she and Sam gave full support.

Whatever function I was organising, Ruth would be interested in it, a raffle prize or a donation always arrived.

Ruth's kindness and understanding at a time of personal grief to me has always been with me, and it taught me that her 'live and let live' attitude and 'you did your best and that's all you can do' advice is one that is not always easy to practice but is very welcome when you need it.

When Ruth was in Cherry Orchard it was a great help and leveller to me to go and see her after visiting my own mum, who sometimes drove me batty! although I was always sorry that she was there, a shadow of her former self. I imagined Ruth to always be the same and never frail. But she would be sat there, wanting a new leg, and cheering me up!

I can honestly say that for me, our Village will never be the same. Ruth was a Village stalwart and indeed in all things English a true patriot. Second only to Mrs Thatcher on that front ...

To Richard, Marianna and families and Sarah and Johnny, we share in your loss, but be proud that Ruth made such a difference to this Village and it is a much better place for having had her energy and drive for such a long time.

May God Bless her.

Sheila

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Village Party

Thanks very much to Stuart and Avril for organising such a brilliant Xmas party...our hall was packed and everyone had a really good time, a really good start to Christmas, the raffle was amazing, the food excellent and the punch something else!!

Sheila

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

St. John's Altar Guild January Rota

Mrs M. Willcox and Mrs. J. Staples

The Service of Lessons and Carols

There was a very large congregation for the Service of Carols and Lessons on the 18th December. There were between 80 and 90 people present including 20 people in the choir.

It was a wonderful start to the Christmas Celebrations. There were many comments from the congregation saying how well the singing and readings were performed.

On Christmas Morning there was a much larger congregation than in previous years. A large proportion of the congregation at this service were young people.

At this Service a wall plaque was dedicated to the memory of Sam and Ruth Dyer. Sam was Churchwarden at Kenn for 37 years.

The church had been beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Many thanks to all those who helped with this and a very special thank you to the kind parishioner who donated the very large Christmas Tree.

Julia Bush and Ray Naish

Plough Sunday

As is our custom, the Family Service in January held on 22nd January will be our Plough Sunday. R.V.N.

A Clock from Kabwe

Recently, the people of the Parish of Kabwe, Zambia, with whom we are connected via the Diocesan 'Zambia Link' sent Yatton Moor a clock.

Like the crucifix we received a couple of years ago, the clock is fashioned in copper, in a very characteristic style. Kabwe, once called Broken Hill, is in an area where copper mining used to be the main industry.

The PCC was faced with the vexed question of where to put this clock, and following a suggestion from Mrs Margaret Ball and tireless efforts on the part of Rev Preb John Andrews (and possibly the Team's longest recorded email), Kenn won the day, and the clock now resides in the 'New Room'.

Julia Bush

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Coffee Morning for January

Come and see the new clock in the New Room at the Monthly Coffee Morning, on Saturday 21st January, ten 'til noon. There will be cakes on sale, proceeds to go to the Blay Family in Ghana.

Julia Bush

Crib Service at St John's Kenn (or the Adventures of Playing the Baby Jesus)

Well, I've been involved in Kenn's Crib Service for over 20 years now, and I have to say this 2005's takes the prize for brinksmanship, stretching the production team's nerves to the very last minute.

Celia wrote the story from the point of view of the children living near Jesus' home, who would overhear news from the grownups, and try in vain to tell them of their own experiences as the first Christmas story unfolded, ('Really Mum, it was an Angel.').

We were joined by Nicola, from Yatton Methodist Church, now training in Youth Work, and a faithful posse of mums and dads who tweaked costumes and assembled props and listened to lines between rehearsals.

There was a possibility that we might have a real baby in the stable scene, Celia insisting in that case that it came in its own

crib (health and safety), but baby doll Annabelle was wrapped and ready 'pro tem'.

We were fortunate also to have a toddler Jesus resident in Kenn, ready for the return flight into Egypt. Deep in the costume box was an the holy infant of yesteryear, who emerged briefly half an hour before kick off, only to come to grief, when the littlest angel was overtaken by excitement and both had to be taken home for an early bath.

On the day, the production opened with a lovely solo song from Mary and progressed amazingly smoothly, with Annabelle braving the rigours of the wooden manger.

Pages and young shepherds told us what it was like to back up the adults working in Bethlehem, who constantly nagged the children with 'voices off'.

Then the toddler Jesus decided not to leave home alone but did eventually make the trip if dad came too.

The play ended with another sweet song written by Celia, sung by the whole cast, followed by a huge sigh of relief.

No matter what ups and downs occur, the Crib Service always 'reaches the parts' for me.

It's the moment when Christmas really starts.

Julia Bush

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Carols Round The Tree

A crowd of about 50 gathered to sing carols on Saturday 17th December.

It was a lovely evening with a beautiful full moon shining through the Scots Pine trees in the Churchyard. Although it was a chilly evening everybody had wrapped up in warm clothing and the hot punch and mince pies meant that everyone was in fine voice.

Lots of well-known carols were sung with gusto and mainly in tune. The children sang a couple of songs beautifully on their own and the adults sang "Whilst Shepherds Watched" to the unlikely tune of "Ilkley Moor Bar Tat". A great time was had by all and £68 was raised for the Children's Society.

Robin Mackay

Typist's note – Thanks to Robin and Marianna for the Punch and to Mike and Kelly at The Drum for the Mince Pies. Also thanks to Mike for the Crackers, Pigs in Blankets and more Mince Pies for our various parties.

Somerset People

Born and bred Somerset people are often nicknamed 'Cuckoo Penners'. Can anyone tell me how this name came about?

The following verse about Somerset contains every letter in the alphabet.

Zome talk of purty Devonshire,
Zome Cornwall grant the best,
Ax me, I say that Zummerzet's
Just Queen of all the rest.

(from a very ancient publication)
Ray Naish

St. Distaff's Day

The first weekday after the Epiphany and the conclusion of the Christmas Festive Season was the day on which the women prepared to resume their spinning.

The men amused themselves by burning the flax and tow used by the women, who, in turn, drenched the men with water.

Partley work and partley play
Ye must on St. Distaff's day
From the plough soone free the teame
Then come home and fother them
If the maides a spinning goe,
Burn the flax and fire the tow
Bring in pailles of water then
Let the maides bewash the men
Give St. Distaff all the right
Then bid Christmas sport goodnight
And next morrow everyone
To his own vocation

Hesperides John Henrey Serrich 1646

Hartley Staples

Christmas Lunch

Jean Fenwick and Grace Griffin arranged a Christmas turkey lunch with all the trimmings, chiefly for people who live alone. This was held in the Village Hall, some elderly people who were unable to attend had a dinner delivered to their homes.

This event was greatly appreciated by all who took part. Jean and Grace and their helpers were warmly thanked for their kindness and generosity by Cliff Edwards.

Ray Naish

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Christmas Tea Party 7th December

Over 70 people, guests and helpers, arrived at the Village Hall early in December. The occasion was the senior residents and friends of Kenn Christmas Tea Party.

There were guests there from as far afield as Wedmore and Cullompton.

Everyone, including the helpers had a very enjoyable afternoon. After a splendid tea provided by ladies of the committee, there was a free draw followed by carol singing led by the organizers.

A very special guest was 103 years old Mrs. Gladys Griffin who was greeted warmly by many of her old friends. Before leaving each guest was presented with a Christmas present.

The people who organize this annual party get great pleasure from arranging it, long may it be able to take place.

R.V.N.

Kenn Village Party 10th December

Another great turnout of villagers and their friends, full of Christmas Spirit and Party Mood.

The evening started with local guitarist Nigel, strumming away whilst we ate our meal, followed by the fabulous Band "Jusould". We were treated to two sessions, which had everyone up dancing, only to be interrupted by the Raffle.

The Raffle helped raise a total of £1,025 over the evening for the Bristol Oncology and Kenn Village Hall.

Thanks for all raffle prizes donated from Snows, Timbmet, Somerlap, Palm Equipment, Hugh Childs, Staddons Timber, John George, Kenn Garage and many from the village.

Community spirit helped with the food, especially John Hayden working up a sweat on the Jacket Potatoes.

Pizza Magic donated some yummy pizza which was the first to go!. They deliver out to Kenn!!
Lee's punch was a head-banging success we hear.

The clear up was made easier with the help of Emma and Gill and of course Stuart Summerell did a great job cleaning that floor again this year.

We would like to thank all those who supported this year's event. After two years we would like to step back and let some 'fresh blood' with new ideas continue this Christmas event.

Stuart and Avril

Children's Party 20th December

Santa Claus was a welcome visitor to Kenn at the annual Children's Party along with around thirty children.

The children were entertained by Uncle Brian and his helper with a Puppet Show, Games and Dancing.

A super tea was provided by mums, grandparents and helpers and a great time was had by all.

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Mr. St. John Hartnell

Former High Sheriff of Bristol Mr. St. John Hartnell has died aged 66.

What is probably not generally known is that he at one time lived in Kenn. When his father Marcus was in the forces during the war, his mother Delta brought her son St. John with his baby sister to live at "Latcham House" or "The Poplars", Kenn Street as it was called at that time, to live with her parents Mr and Mrs. Hall.

St. John attended Kenn School when he lived here and was probably a member of the Church Choir as his grandfather Mr Hall was, for a short time, a Churchwarden.

In his business life, St. John was a senior partner in the estate agents Hartnell, Taylor and Cook.

He was totally committed to the "Matthew" project and did much towards the work to build the replica ship.

Taylor & Cook were originally a Clevedon firm and were commissioned to value all the war damaged property in this area for the government including the tremendous damage done to "Stonehouse Farm" when a bomb dropped near where our bungalow now stands.

Ray Naish

Ruth Dyer

The funeral service for Ruth Dyer, my grandmother, was held at St John's on Wednesday 14th December.

The service was conducted by John Andrews and Avril Gaunt, and a selection of Ruth's favourite hymns were sung.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank two hundred plus people, many from this village, who turned out to celebrate her life. She would certainly have been very pleased to see you all there! Also, many thanks for the cards and letters from those who could not be there due to illness or other engagements.

Since the church could not accommodate all those who turned up, a speaker system was rigged up to pipe the service into Church Path Cottage, and also to those brave souls who chose to stand outside on a wintry December afternoon.

After the service it was good to see so many people at the Village Hall, which was such an important place for Ruth during her lifetime. It is at hard times like these that the value of a strong community like Kenn's really comes to the front, and it was great to hear so many kind comments and all those shared memories.

There can be no better feeling at the end of a funeral than that the person celebrated would have approved of the occasion, and as so many people said, there can be little doubt that Granny would have been delighted. She is now with her beloved husband, my grandfather Sam, but it is a great comfort to know that their memory lives on so strongly.

James Mackay

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Ruth Mary Dyer

As is reported elsewhere in this magazine, Ruth recently passed away, aged 85.

Ruth came to Kenn on her marriage to Sam Dyer in 1948. She quickly became involved in many village activities, including being a regular visitor to the sick and elderly.

She was also a great contributor to Kenn News & Views. Her regular writings, appearing under the heading 'Snippets', were always interesting and informative, giving a colourful picture of what was going on here. Ruth always made sure the flag was flown for any important occasion.

The Village Hall benefited from Ruth's great interest and she was secretary of the Hall Committee for many years, raising large amounts of money for its upkeep. Ruth was also a member of the Parish Council.

Ray Naish

Ruth Mary Dyer

Reflections

Ruth was simply a phenomenon, an enduring presence in Kenn, both in the village and the church. We shall not see her like again.

When I fetched up in Kenn in 1976, Ruth was quick to introduce me to St. John's and everything that happened there, for at that time she was involved in almost every aspect of the church's life. Sam was then a Churchwarden and Ruth loyally and vigorously

supported him, whilst complementing his role with hers as leader of the Altar Guild. This organisation of ladies from the congregation, shared out the duties of cleaning and flower arrangement on a monthly basis, thus ensuring that at any time, visitors would find the inside of the church a picture. I'm pretty sure she was keeping a keen eye on the churchyard too, and would have been quite prepared to offer a reminder if she thought it necessary.

I well remember her introducing me to the intricacies of changing the altar frontal for Harvest Festival, just after we arrived in Kenn.

Ruth saw many changes in the life of her church and fearlessly stood up for St. John's when the Yatton Moor Team was formed.

She was a passionate advocate of the church being a local and accessible part of family life.

Recently Ruth rejoined the PCC after a gap of some years, and saw church going as an important part of family life.

Reflecting on the fractured state of some parts of society today she would say "If the families were alright, the country would be alright" and clearly thought it wouldn't do any harm if the church got a bit more involved. In short where Kenn church was, Ruth was.

Julia Bush

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Ruth's funeral 14th December 2005

The large number of people attending Ruth's service (200 approx.) was a true reflection of how much she meant to the life of the local community. She was held in high regard by farming folk, W.I. members and those who were simply her friends. Members of her family contributed to a beautiful service led by Rev Preb John Andrews and Avril Gaunt. We extend our sympathy and best wishes to her family.

J. Bush and R.V. Naish

RUTH DYER

On behalf of the family of my mother Ruth Dyer I would like to thank everybody who has given us such fantastic support following her death.

There were a lot of people from the village at the funeral showing how much she was loved and admired by the inhabitants of Kenn.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; she worked tirelessly for the benefit of the village and its residents and this was reflected in the dozens of cards, donations and letters of sympathy we have received. Thank you.

Marianna Mackay

It's January – and what must we do?

Find the flies!
Look in the loft!
Inspect the outhouse!
Examine the barn!
Suck 'em up in the vacuum!

And the prize for finding them? –
A 'plague-free' summer.

Kenn Women's Institute

A most enjoyable Beetle Drive was the high spot of the December meeting together with the Christmas Post Box .

The January Meeting will be held on the 11th at 7.30 pm at Kenn Village Hall, when the speaker will be Caroline Holden.

Non-members are always welcome!

Irene Stowell

The Julian Trust

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Julian Trust.

A car full of blankets, clothing, food and generous donations were delivered to the emergency night shelter in Bristol, which provides a haven for the homeless over Christmas.

This is vital work as many of the homeless are suffering from mental illness and are often left to wander the streets without any support.

Kenn has supported this charity for many years and as always many people have contributed very generously.

Robin Mackay

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Kenn Parish Council

It is with very great sadness that the Parish Council will record the death of Ruth Dyer. Ever since she came to Kenn as a bride she had devoted herself to the village and its interests. Ruth served on the Parish Council from 1987 until 2003 and between them she and Sam gave more than 60 years of service to the people of Kenn.

Ruth's particular interest was the Best Kept Village Competition and the Britain in Bloom Competition, which Kenn entered a few times.

She was tireless in her attempts to organise villagers to each take responsibility for keeping a small section of the village neat and tidy. She always told them that they could keep any £5 notes that they found. She, herself, regularly litter picked the section from the bush shelter to the gates of Kenn Court.

Ruth was also one of the instigators of the provision of our lovely Christmas Tree on the green and she had great fun choosing the Celebrity of the Year to switch on the lights. It was always supposed to be a secret until the night.

A woman of very strong convictions, Ruth loathed the County of Avon with a passion and was a fully paid up member of the Back to Somerset movement. She always felt that the whole local government re-organisation exercise in 1974 had been a wanton waste of money.

The Parish Council was only one of Ruth's interests. For many years Ruth was Secretary of the Village Hall Committee and it is largely due to her efforts that we are lucky enough to still have our village hall. She was also a staunch member of the Women's Institute, the Mother's Union, the Farming Women's Union and many other organisations. It could be said that she was a networker par excellence.

She used her life to make a difference and to try to improve things for everyone. We shall miss her very much indeed. Our thoughts and sympathy are with all her family.

Ann Holtham,

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 30th January at 7.30 pm. Do come along.

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Dates for your Diary

Refuse Collection/Recycling

Refuse normal day Monday –
Wednesday 4th January
Tuesday 10th January
Recycling as normal
Wednesday 4th January
Wednesday 18th January

Tuesday 3rd January

Village Lunch from 12.30 pm at
The Drum and Monkey, Kenn

Wednesday 11th January – 7.30 pm

Kenn Women's Institute meet at
Kenn Village Hall the speaker will
be Caroline Holden
from Chapel Cottage.
Non-members are always
welcome.

Clevedon Sale Rooms

Auction dates:
Thursday 5^h January
Thursday 19th January

New Church Room

Coffee Morning 10 – noon
Saturday 21st January
Cake Stall
Proceeds to The Blay family

Kenn Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm Monday 30th January
Kenn Village Hall - All Welcome!

What's on at The Drum

There are a few tickets left for
the New Year's Party with The
Duo Atlantic Crossing and a
Buffet for only £8 per person.

Kenn Village Lunch

Tuesday 3rd January meet from
12 noon - everyone welcome

Tuesday 24th January 7.00 pm

Marcus Andrews is
ELTON JOHN

Been before (not to be missed)
£15 for a 3 course meal and
entertainment.

Kenn Village Lunch

February's Village Lunch on the
7th will be a Christmas Dinner
and will be Mike and Kelly's
treat (please let them know you
are coming)

Tuesday 21st February

THE BLUES BROTHER

(lots of energy)

£15 per person for food and
entertainment

£1004 was collected at the
George Michael evenings at the
Drum - Mike and Kelly thank
everyone.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

News from Ilexmead

Domestic – our (new) next door neighbour has advised us that his Christian name is John-Paul but he is quite happy if we use the initials J.P. when greeting him.

Typist's note – I understand that Ella (nee Saunders) who joined us at The Christmas Tea Party and chatted a long time to old friend Pam Stuckey is grandmother to J.P.

Birds – Very recently we positively identified a Black Cap gorging himself on cotoneaster berries. He was then joined by his mate and she ain't no Black Cap, she has a Brown Cap!! (I expect everyone knows that).

Regards Colin

Message from Moorgate House

Romilly Georgina Hatcher Wilkins was born on Friday 18th November 2005, weighing 6 lbs 15 oz to Kevin and Kate of Moorgate House.

We would like to thank neighbours for their lovely cards and presents and good wishes.

Romilly looks forward to meeting everyone shortly.

Typists Note – it was good of Romilly to bring her family to St. John's to celebrate on Christmas Day.

News from Duck Lane

Robert Down, our resident cameraman, has an exhibition of photographs at **gallery370** in Cleeve from 24 Jan 06 to 4 Feb 06 inclusive.

All readers are invited to the viewing.

The gallery is at 39 Main Road, Cleeve.

Opening times are:

Tue 10am - 5.30pm

Wed 10am - 2pm,

Thu/Fri/Sat 10am - 5.30pm,
Lunch 1pm - 1.30 pm.

Sun/Mon closed

Weekend Paper Round

I would like to thank all the very kind residents of Kenn for the, very much appreciated, gifts given to me at Christmas.

I do enjoy chatting to everyone in the morning, which makes me a little late sometimes (sorry!), but it is great to keep in touch with you all rather than just driving through our lovely village.

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Thank you again and Happy New
Year from your Weekend Paper
Girl

Heather

Thanks from The Willows

Punch, Pies & Coffee - 17 December

John and Marlene are pleased to report a high attendance at their gathering on 17 December and would like to thank the band of willing helpers notably a door-keeper, drinks providers, willing waitresses, raffle ticket sellers and very importantly the washers-up.

We would also like to thank all those who provided raffle prizes - making that so very successful.

Finally and most importantly we must thank all the locals who attended and those from Clevedon, Yatton and Kingston Seymour.

As a result having donated £100 to Clevedon Cottage Hospital (which is the charity of the Clevedon Ladies Evening Group) the balance of £244 has gone to the Village Hall Fund.

Well done all of you!

Bird News I

Much of my local bird news is included in the separate note about the bird surveys, so this month we are looking a bit further afield.

Early in December, Jill and I went on one of the River Exe boat cruises from Exmouth. These trips always provide a wonderful variety of birds and of course the Avocets are pretty much guaranteed. The previous day had been stormy and this had driven about a thousand Shags into the river mouth. The rarest bird we saw was a Slavonian Grebe but there were hundreds of Oystercatchers and Dunlin

and a few Sanderlug, Plovers of the Golden, Grey and Green variety as well as the Avocet flock.

We also saw both Black Tailed and Bar Tailed Godwits a few Knot, Turnstones, Redshank and Greenshank so pretty good for waders. There were splendid Red Breasted Mergansers, Brent Geese and Pintails. The trips run regularly and if anyone would like to go I can provide details and booking information.

Trevor Riddle

01934 835208

Bird News II

Miles Naish has reported a huge flock of Lapwings or Peewits in the Russ area for the past few weeks. He has also seen a huge bird that he is unable to identify several times in the same area. He thinks it may be some sort of an Eagle.

Jeff reports a large flock of Teal in ditches near Cadbury Garden Centre.

There seem to be a lot of Blackbirds all around this area, perhaps some have migrated here. Brian and Juliet

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Stowell have had a dozen in their garden all winter.

Although the weather has been very cold it doesn't seem to have driven large numbers of birds into this area. People are still hearing flocks of Geese flying overhead during the hours of darkness.

Ray Naish
01275 872493

BIRD SURVEY RESULTS

As noted in last month's Kenn News and Views, John Croxton and myself started our British Trust for Ornithology pilot survey in December. On the 7th we surveyed Kenn Village to the edge of Clevedon, the new industrial estate and Russ Lane. Then on the 13th, we did Kenn Moor and this includes Duck Lane and Kenn Pier.

The aim of the survey is to test the recording methods prior to a nationwide start in 2006/7. Basically the surveys lasted for 3 hours, but split into nine periods of 20 minutes. For our first survey we were joined by Robert Down so there is likely to be photographic evidence of our activities. I have to say that when we trudged back along Kenn Street at the end, it did remind me a bit of "The Last of the Summer Wine".

Anyway, our first day produced 694 birds of 37 different species. The Kenn Moor Walk provided 30 less birds but 3 more species which for reasons connected with methodology we could not include. In total we saw 51 different species, a very creditable score for diversity and we didn't see a Kestrel (in 6 hours trying!) My highlight was a Merlin over Kenn Moor but Tree Creeper, Siskin (8),

Kingfisher (3), Little Egret (4), Little Owl and Peregrine were all notable records.

Further surveys will be undertaken at about the end of January/early February and I will let you know the results of these, hopefully in the March issue of K.N.V.

Trevor Riddle

Our Flag

Bob Burd

We flew our flag on the 18th December to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Bob Burd, of Kingston Bridge. Bob and his wife Doreen joined us at the Christmas Tea Party this year.

Ruth Dyer

Our flag was flown at half-mast on Friday 3rd December to mark the passing of Mrs Ruth Dyer and again on Wednesday 14th for her funeral and memorial service.

We flew our flag on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Margaret's Mutterings

Thanks

Thanks go to all who helped make Christmas 2005 such fun, to those who decorated the Village Hall, Church and Christmas Tree and organised the fun events, to Jean and Grace, to Avril and Stuart, to Jo and Rob, to Robin and

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Marianna, to Celia and John, to Ray and Julia, to Mike and Kelly, to Irene and Marlene and John and all those others who helped.

All the various events were well supported and lots of money was raised for Church and Charity – Thank you all.

Ruth Dyer

The passing of Ruth is a great loss to the village but her influence lives on in the Altar Guild, the Village Hall, the W.I. (of which she was a founder member) and of course her beloved church, where she delighted in adding the names of the newly baptised to the Cradle Roll.

Personally, I remember Ruth as the hostess of the village: so many W.I. Cream Teas, Coffee Mornings, Altar Guild Annual Meetings and she was still entertaining 'old people' at Kenn Court when she was in her eighties. Her generosity knew no bounds, if she saw a need she did her best to fill it and she was always concerned about others.

Ruth was blessed to have members of her loving family living in Kenn and we extend our sympathy to them.

Margaret.

A very happy New Year to all our readers and thanks for the support given in 2005. We are always hoping for more news, info, funny stories and anything of general interest for the magazine, please don't be shy, just give it a go!!

Ring **US**, Sheila Naish 01 934 838357, or Margaret Ball on 01 275 874077 or Fax Margaret on 01 275 342050, leave your copy at Ray Naish's, home, Cloverlea or we will collect if necessary, alternatively email Margaret direct on margaret.john@btinternet.com

The Children's Society

Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your kind donation of £68.00 which will go straight to helping those children most in need.

We are focusing on four groups of children whose needs are all too often overlooked, ignored or even rejected: those who are disabled, at risk on the streets, in trouble with the law or refugees. Society likes to turn a deaf ear to them. But The Children's Society wants to open everyone's ears - and with your help we're succeeding.

Our projects work directly with 50,000 children each year, but our research and campaigning create positive change for thousands more. Your donation will be used to help those children most in need; children at risk on the streets, disabled children; children in

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trouble with the law and young refugees.

Thank you again for supporting our work, your donation really will make a difference.

Kind Regards,

Martin Field
Fundraising & Campaigning
Director

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11.00am **PLOUGH SUNDAY –
Family Service Kenn**
6.00pm Ecumenical Service Week Of
Prayer For Christian Unity at Yatton

YATTON MOOR SERVICES

1st Sunday 1st January

The Naming of Jesus

(Second Sunday of Christmas)

8am Holy Communion Kenn

9.30 am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30 am Holy Communion Cleeve

11am Family Service

Kingston Seymour

**6pm Patronal Festival Evensong
Kenn**

2nd Sunday 8th January

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Family Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Claverham

11am Family Service Cleeve

11am Holy Communion Kenn

6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 15th January

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8am Holy Communion Claverham

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11am Holy Communion

Kingston Seymour

2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton

6pm Evensong Kenn

4th Sunday 22nd January

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 2006

5th Sunday 30th January

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8am Holy Communion Claverham

10 am Team Communion Yatton

6.00 pm Evensong Kenn

HOLY DAYS IN JANUARY

25th Conversion of Paul

10 am. Holy Communion Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 8.30am Morning Prayer at
Yatton (except Saturdays and Holy
Days)

Every Wednesday:

10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday in month:

4th January

11am: Holy Communion

Kingston Seymour

3rd Wednesday in month:

18th January

11am: Holy Communion at Kenn

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4th Wednesday in month:

26th January

11am: Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday:

9.30am: Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30pm: Holy Communion Yatton

Term-Time Wednesdays

2.15 pm First Steps Yatton