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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5th Leon Naish
9th Tassos Pappasolomontos
10th Jack Butland
15th Jenny Treble
 Alex Gardner (The Drum)
16th Brian & Julie Stowell WA
17th Lee Staples
 James Mackay
 Liz Stowell
18th Quinton Stowell
 Grace Griffin
20th Olivia Gale
21st Margaret Cook
27th Amy Bye
 Pam Stuckey
30th Jean & Fred Fenwick WA
31st Iris & Mike Callow

Naish's Notes

COMIC RELIEF - Sport Relief

Comet are lending 'Sport Relief' their call centre to take pledges and donations on their phones on Friday 14th March between 6.30pm and midnight – the staff are all volunteers but will be encouraged by Comet with free B.B.Q. and entertainment.

Liam Fox will be popping in during the evening – if you feel you would like to be involved – give me a call!

Sheila
01934 838357

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

St. John's Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild on duty in March are Mrs Julia Bush, Mrs Jean Fenwick and Mrs Jenny Pascoe.

Ceiling Sunday at Kenn

The February Family Service was an act of Thanksgiving for the recent redecoration and refurbishment of the ceiling in St John's.

The work was made possible due to a generous legacy from Kathleen Cawston, late of this congregation.

We were thrilled that Pete Thynne and his son Greg were able to join us and see the church without the scaffolding. It was the day after Lorraine and Jonathan's wedding, so everything looked especially nice.

Celia's talk was about widening our vision, seeing all of God's Creation. The last hymn was accompanied by an instant rhythm combo, cool!

Julia Bush

Simmel Cakes

I will be making Simmel Cakes this year, to be delivered/collected over the Easter weekend.

Small cakes £3.00 - Large £5
Order on 01275 873554

As usual proceeds will go to the Blay family.

Julia Bush

COFFEE MORNING - MARCH

Our March Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 15th March

10 am - 12 noon at the

New Church Room

Your hosts will be

Jean and Bill Pugh

Everyone welcome.

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LENT LUNCHESES.

The annual Lent Lunches continue at John and Celia's, Cherry Tree House, Ham Lane, Kingston Seymour, from Noon to 2pm each Wednesday until the 19th March.

As with the recent Coffee Morning, we will welcome donations to Christian Aid's Present Aid Scheme.

All are welcome – just drop in.

The Restoration of the Interior of Kenn Church

The inside of the Church at Kenn has had a transformation. The first time anything on this scale has been attempted since the church was rebuilt in 1850-1860.

The ceiling has been cleaned and repainted by Mr. and Mrs. Thynne and the bosses above the Chancel and the cross behind the Altar have been enhanced with gold coloured paint.

While the scaffolding was in place many people took the opportunity to get up into the roof to clean and repair many parts that are generally inaccessible.

So many people helped with all this work, but special thanks must go to John Griffin, John Ball, John Hayden, Bill Pugh and Norman Harris and any

others who got up into the roof to do all this work.

When all this work was completed an army of people arrived at the Church for the great clean up. John Griffin told me that when he looked into the church immediately after the scaffolding had been removed it looked as if the church had been unused for 100 years; there was so much dust and rubbish on the floor.

Within a few hours, all those wonderful people – I can't name them all, who vacuumed, washed and polished had the church back into immaculate condition as it is always kept.

I take this opportunity to thank all the many people who helped in any way to accomplish this great repair and clean up.

It was great that all was back in place and clean and tidy for Lorraine Staples and Jonathan Allison's wedding on the 23rd February.

Ray Naish

THANKS

Win Cole would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent gifts, or cards or messages of good wishes on the occasion of her 90th birthday last month

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Noads News

Tim and I went to see the new Noad abode one afternoon in Feb (as you do when retired) and found them in great form. The Noads and the Bushes moved on the same day. While we have cleaned the windows and experimentally strimmed the pocket handkerchief lawn once, Jim, Heather and George have hedged, fenced, rebuilt and generally refurbished their property so that driving in, it seems as though they've been there for years.

George has found lots of mates and is well in with village life. We had a lovely time and were glad to see them so well settled.

Julia Bush

Margaret's Mutterings

Jumble Sale 20th February

for Christmas Parties Fund

Profit including donations £329

Many thanks to all those who helped, contributed, served, bought raffle tickets, gave raffle prizes or sent donations and especially to Jean, who took charge.

The proceeds more than paid for the 2007 parties.

My John took the unsold goods to St John's Church, Clevedon for sale at their Jumble Sale on the following Saturday - Gill Hackett reports that this was also a very successful event!

In addition Rachel's table for Cancer Research raised £85 - Thank you all again for your generosity.

Jumble Sale

A couple of items donated to the recent jumble sale caught my attention and I decided to take them to the Auction House for a more informed opinion.

As a result of this they have been kept for inclusion in the sale at the end of March.

The proceeds of an already successful sale should hopefully be boosted by this.

Watch this space!!

Joyce Down.

Thanks to all our friends in Kenn

Just a note to say Thank you very much to all the people who gave us some lovely articles for our Oncology Centre/Breast Cancer Stall and to all the very generous people who bought such a lot of our goods that were on the stall.

We had a really lovely afternoon and it was so super to see so many generous happy friends.

Love and Best Wishes
From Rachel, Joseph and Charlie.

Also, thank you for the donations that we received. We will be sending a cheque for £85 to the above unit.

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Our Flag - was flown on the following occasions in February.

10/02 Win Cole's 90th Birthday

22/2 Lizzie Dyer 21st Birthday

23/2 Wedding of Lorraine Staples & Jonathan Allison

23/2 Birth of Polly Summerell

Church Floodlighting

23rd February to celebrate the wedding of Lorraine and Jonathan Allison.

Parish Council Notes

During the beautiful days that we have experienced in February we have been able to see the daffodils that were planted in the autumn coming up to delight us all. Some are already in flower. The village will look absolutely lovely when they are all out.

In order that we may keep the village looking good a preliminary clean-up day has been arranged for Saturday 29th March. This is just to pick up the most obvious litter before the grass starts to grow in earnest and the hedges come into leaf. The proper village event, complete with bacon butties, will still be held in May before the Village of the Year Competition.

There are to be changes to the collections of recyclables and garden waste in April 2008. Recyclables will be collected on the same day as the rubbish bin and the garden waste. The collection from the recycling boxes will be on alternate weeks to the garden waste. A calendar should be delivered to every address. The recycling collection will then include printed cardboard such as cereal packets.

Some of your Parish Councillors will have attended a meeting in February to discuss setting up a Flood Action Group. It will involve all the very vulnerable parishes in North Somerset.

To hear a report do come to the next Parish Council meeting which will also be occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 7th April. Councillors look forward to seeing you there.

Ann Holtham, Clerk to the Council.

Welcome

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival on Friday 22nd February of Polly Grace Summerell, weighing 7lbs. 14 oz. Mum Sizzle and baby are now home and being wonderfully looked after by proud father Stuart and big sister Drew at Stonehouse Farm.

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February Coffee Morning

On Saturday 16th February we held a Coffee Morning at Chapel Cottage. We raised £180 for the Children's Hospice at Wraxall. As they say in the homeland "the crack was great".

Around 40 people came and drank tea/coffee, ate various delicious cakes, made very generous donations to the charity, bought raffle tickets and with a lot of laughing and gossiping confirmed the strength of our small community.

Many, many thanks to all the lovely people who helped. John for cleaning the house. Hazel, Kate, Mary and Chip for baking sumptuous cakes. Matthew for being officer in charge of the raffle. Marianna and Lise for donations for raffle prizes. Also thanks to those who could not come but left a donation.

Left over cakes were given to the Hospice staff to enjoy with their coffee break when I dropped off the cheque.

Caroline

Matthew's version of events

It was Saturday morning; everyone in the house was rushing around frantically trying to get ready for the coffee morning. "Where are the tea bags?" mum cried. "Ough! God they're arriving" "Calm down dear" said dad. "It'll be fine".

Of course, while all this was happening, I was in the living room selling raffle tickets to the guests. "so how many tickets would you like?" "Only one please" "ok how do you spell your name?" You see, I had a system whereby I would write down the names of the people who bought tickets and which tickets they bought.

Also, Rebecca (my sister) was meant to be helping me but as soon as her friend turned up she was off to her room to play with her Bratz dolls. So I ended up spending 2 hours doing the whole raffle all by myself. There were so many people, so I never stopped selling. In the end we managed to raise £180 in aid of the children's hospice.

Typist's note! I have received letters of thanks as follows:

To Rachel Smith, from the Bristol Oncology Centre £54 (last year).

To Rebecca Brett, from the Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre. £450 (last year)

To the Hayden family, from the Children's Hospice South West £180 this month

To Liz Jaehme, from the Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal for the Bristol Children's Hospital. £281 (last year).

The originals are now on the Village Hall Notice board.

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Kenn Women's Institute

We were delighted to welcome three new members to the W.I. at the last meeting.

We all hope that they will find their membership enjoyable and fulfilling.

The speaker at the February meeting certainly entertained us all immensely. Mr. Peter Tinney paid us a return visit to retell some more recollections of his Mendip childhood. He had previously told us of schooldays in a small village school which was so redolent of memories for us all.

This time it was his boyhood life on a small farm in the Mendips. He had an absolutely charmed childhood, which was an enormous tribute to his parents who must have had a tremendous struggle between the wars.

A full programme is in store for the Spring and Summer. Members will have the opportunity to try archery and fly fishing as well as outings to Birmingham and the Black Country Museum. There are also many craft and other courses on offer.

If you would like to give it a try, please come along. We shall be delighted to see you. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Ann Holtham

Gordano Machine-Knitting Club

Are there any people with a knitting-machine who would like to join like-minded enthusiasts?

We enjoy our craft and have some hand-knitters too!

We meet monthly at North Weston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The £1.50p monthly subscription includes a cup of tea, or coffee or squash and a biscuit.

What fun and a chance to have a lovely natter with lots of other lovely people (we have a male member too)!

*Our next meetings are:
25th March and 22nd April.
Hope to see you there!*

*Or' phone Jenny Gillard
(secretary) on 01275
854105 for further details.*

The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time!

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Prices are £8.50 for adults; £6.50 for concessions; £27.00 for a family ticket. Refreshments are included.

Dates for your diary

Drum and Monkey
Tuesday 4th March
Village Lunch
Meet from 12 noon
Everyone welcome

Kenn Village Hall
Wednesday 12th March 7.30 pm
Kenn Women's Institute
Non-members always welcome

LENT LUNCHES.

Cherry Tree House, Ham Lane,
Kingston Seymour from
Noon to 2pm
Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th March
Proceeds to Christian Aid.

The New Church Room

Saturday 15th March

10.00-NOON

Coffee Morning
Your Hosts will be
Jean and Bill Pugh
Everyone Welcome

Clevedon Salerooms, Kenn Road
Auction
6th March 10.30a.m.
Quarterly Specialist Antique,
Fine Art and Collectors' Items

Clevedon Salerooms, Kenn Road
Auction
20th March 10.00a.m.
Victorian and Later Furniture and
Effects

Friday 7th March
7.30 pm St. John the Evangelist.
Kenn
Women's World Day of Prayer

DRUM AND MONKEY
Tuesday 25th March
THE CELL BLOCK 7
Dixieland Jazz Band
3 course meal and
entertainment £15.00
tickets available at the bar.

Variety Gala Concert
7.30pm Saturday 8th March at
Christchurch, Clevedon

Tickets are available by telephoning
Rachael or Chris Cooper on 01275
340748.

Meet at Village Hall
For Village Clean Up
10.00am Saturday 29th March

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The Drum and Monkey
Kenn Village Lunch
12.00 onwards

A note from Mike at
The Drum:

Just a few words about the
changing ways of Clevedon and
Kenn.

A month ago Chico, one of our
staff, was walking home after
leaving work.. He was met on
the Motorway Bridge by three
hooded persons, stopped and
asked for his wages. He refused,
so he was beaten up, his mobile
phone was taken but he refused
to give his wages. He had
considerable bruising to the face
and ribs where he was kicked
when down.

The police were informed and
statements were given, but it
seems to me that things like
boundaries moving, with more
houses and business parks etc.
close to Kenn we have to put up
with the problems that small
town have!

The worst thing is that it is
moving closer to the
countryside; Is no one safe!

What's on at the Drum

Tuesday 4th March

Tuesday 25th March
Back on another tour of the
West Country
THE CELL BLOCK 7
Dixieland Jazz Band

**3 course meal and
entertainment £15.00**
tickets available at the bar.

Tuesday 29th April
SPANISH TAPA
and
FLAMENCO EVENING

**Please don't forget - Every
Wednesday is
QUIZ NIGHT**
With Raffle for Charity
Come early, have a meal and
stay for the quiz
Everyone welcome

WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7th March

**The Service has been
prepared this year by the
Christian Women of Guyana.**

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn
7.30pm
The speaker will be

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Jenny Humphreys
the Diocesan World Mission
Adviser

Roy Burstow.

Many of you will remember Roy Burstow who lived with his wife Cathy and daughters Kelly and Emily at Meadowlea until the mid 90's.

Roy worked for the hospital transport system based in Bristol. He could often be seen walking his Red Setter dog Toby up and down Kenn Street. When Roy left Kenn he moved to Clevedon, but more recently he had settled happily in Teignmouth, Devon with his partner of 11 years, Janet.

It is with great sadness that we let you know Roy died suddenly on 6th February. He suffered a heart attack at home at the age of 65.

Roy was a good-humoured, gentle and easy-going man. He loved the countryside, in particular bird-watching. He also had a passion for cars. He was a loving father and grandfather, and will be sadly missed by his four children, Kelly, Emily, Nesta and Neil, and his 6 grandchildren.

Our last fond memory of Roy was last month at Kelly's 30th birthday party at the Conservative Club, Clevedon, where he was hand in hand with both Kelly and Emily on the dance-floor.

The whole family were together. Kelly still lives in Clevedon, but Emily had returned with her partner and two children from Dublin, and Cathy from Spain. It was a happy

family occasion, which will now have poignant memories for all who were there.

Jan and Colin Bedford

BIRD NEWS I

John Croxton and myself have been out and about counting birds for the new atlas.

There are lots of Robins, Dunnocks and male Blackbirds, and Song Thrushes are doing well too.

One of my friends has recently been on holiday in Tunisia where he reported lots of male Blackbirds. Does anyone know where all the females are?

Thank you to the person who reported 2 Little Egrets near Rust Lane, apparently many of the local Little Egrets (up to 30) roost near Kingston Forge.

There have been reports of a Great White Egret in the area, latterly near Tickenham Church.

A recent report indicated that our Swallows do best in areas grazed by cattle. Swallow numbers are declining in eastern England but are stable in the west.

The Peregrines on the pylons now have Ravens for company and if this situation persists there could be some 'fireworks' if either or both species attempt to breed - they most certainly do not make good neighbours!

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A pair of Little Owls was posing nicely near to the Strawberry Line in the sunny calm weather and a couple of Water Rails

were squealing at each other.

The YACWAG Congresbury Moor reserve produced 25 Snipe and 1 Jack Snipe on count day.

Goosanders were present on the Blind Yeo near Clevedon and more unusually on the Congresbury Yeo near Phipps Bridge.

Along the sea wall a flock of 3000 Dunlin made a fantastic spectacle, as it turned and twisted in brilliant sunshine over the estuary. At the same location a Short Eared Owl flew low over the water and across towards Wick St. Lawrence.

Rob Treble reported a flock of Siskins flying over Kenn and there have been a few local garden records and half a dozen in Littlewood recently.

Three Great Spotted Woodpeckers (presumably including an 'intruder) were making a terrific racket in Littlewood, with chasing squawking and screaming. Later the male was drumming, so possession of the territory had obviously been secured.

Finally there are lots of Redwings, but only a few Fieldfares around – the Fieldfares must have moved elsewhere.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

BIRD NEWS II

All around Kenn there seem to be Thrushes singing. We are very lucky to have so many. Some places around here never hear them.

The orchard behind Stonehouse Farm is alive with birdsong of many sorts each morning.

Miles Naish reports that a pair of Greater Spotted Woodpeckers is visiting the oak tree near their house and continually drumming to claim their territory.

Jeff Naish has told me that 30 Swans have taken up residence in a field off Nailsea Wall Lane. I don't expect Farmer Gray is very pleased, it has been said that 3 swans eat as much grass as a sheep. Jeff also reports lots of Stonechats in the same area.

There is a tame Golden Eagle kept in a large aviary in Tickenham. It was flying loose recently; it caught a hare and devoured it on the spot.

Nine deer were seen in two fields nearby, until about ten years ago they were never seen in this area.

Ray Naish

Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
That is why we call it the present

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How we lived in Kenn in the early 1930's

Living in Kenn in the early 1930's was a huge contrast to what it is like to be living here in 2008.

First of all, there were no services of any sort, in the Village. No gas, no electricity, no piped water, no telephones, no sewers.

Each house was lighted by oil lamps or candles. A few houses had a hand pump fixed over a well, but most houses had a well in the garden where a bucket on a rope had to be thrown down into the well; the rope given a flip to made the bucket fill, then drawn to the surface. People didn't waste water in those days – it was such an effort to get it.

There was one telephone in the Post Office. Most people were very nervous about using such a new contraption, so they got Mrs Moores, the Postmistress to make their calls for them. It was generally only used to call a doctor or other emergencies.

Every house had an outdoor toilet, which drained into a cesspit, or if it was near a ditch or rhyne it drained straight into it.

I have just remembered that those houses that were on the bank of the River Kenn dipped their drinking water straight from the river.

A few cottages had to share their outside lavatory with their neighbours.

The six cottages that stood near where the car sales are, shared a well between them.

In those days flushed toilets or bathrooms were unheard of.

People bathed in a tin bath in the back kitchen or in front of the fire.

The first person up in the morning had to find enough dry sticks to get a fire going to boil a kettle to make a cup of tea. Firelighters hadn't been invented then.

All cooking had to be done over an open fire. Some people were fortunate enough to have a black leaded range for cooking fuelled by coal or wood.

Farmers had to carry lanterns about in the winter to be able to see to feed and milk their cows. As you can imagine Kenn was completely dark on winter nights.

The lamps that were in the houses were very dim and people pulled their curtains so no light shone out.

It was very scary for children who had to go out at night, especially going past the old school where large willow trees hung over the road, it felt like going through a tunnel.

In those days, every child between five and eleven attended Kenn School, with out exception. This was good because all the children in Kenn knew one another.

There were only two cars in the village.

People walked or cycled everywhere, they had no need to go far because the butcher, the baker and the grocer

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delivered their goods to the village several times a week.

A man came around collecting boots and shoes to be repaired and returned with them two days later.

People at that time were extremely poor, the retirement and widows pensions were ten shillings per week (50 pence in today's money). Farm workers earned between 32 and 36 shilling a week.

Most of the men from Kenn worked at Wake and Dean's furniture factory at Yatton.

Anyone earning two pounds a week was very well off. Casual workers earned 10 pence an hour.

Farm workers worked 365 days a year. Paid holidays, except Bank holidays, were unheard of.

Events at the Village Hall were always popular. Whist Drives, Dances and Socials were the main sources of entertainment. Entry fee was generally sixpence with children half price.

The Services at the Church on Sunday mornings were held without the oil lamps being lit. Kenn was, and still is, a dark church, but people could read from books with very small print.

The Congregational Chapel in Kenn Street drew large congregations.

Ray Naish

Kelly's Directory 1866

In February's News & Views Hartley Staples sent in excerpts from Kelly's Directory 1866 referring to Kenn, there was a list of people from this village under the heading Commercial. I think I can name the places where they lived:

Griffin John Esq.
Portbury House
Amesbury Henry, Blacksmith
The Old Forge
Avery William, Farmer
Kenn Pier Farm
Baker Robert, Farmer
Yew Tree Farm
Board John, Farmer
Colehouse - now Lake Farm
Dyer Samuel, Farmer
Kenn Court
Dyer Samuel jun. Farmer
Laurel Farm now The Laurels
Dyer William, Shopkeeper
Corner Cottage
Fry James, Shopkeeper
Possibly Myrtle Cottage
Hedges George, Farmer
Stonehouse Farm
Rowles John, Farmer
Possibly Moorgates
Sprod Thomas, Tallow,
Chandler & Farmer
Mill Farm
Stuckey Joseph, Farmer
Carpenters Farm
Wall Henry, Farmer
Manor Farm
Wallis George, Farmer
Poplar Farm, behind the six houses
in Kenn Street

Ray Naish

Bell News - Thursday 14th.
February. 2008

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Readers may remember that we have already had Matthew Higby, Bell-Hanger from Chilcompton, Bath, and Alan Hughes of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to assess the state of Kenn Church bell and give estimates for necessary work. (The Diocesan Authorities require us to get more than one quotation, and, of course, a faculty to do the chosen job).

Matthew came in September 2002, so he is now revising his figures. Alan came in January this year, as reported in the February 'Kenn News and Views'.

Our final visit was by Jed Flatters, Technical Services Director at Taylors Eayre & Smith of Loughborough at 2pm today. Jed brought a lady assistant and both climbed the ladders to the bell-chamber.

They measured-up the tower, the position of the existing bell-frame, and its main support beams. Jed did not give out much information or opinions – presumably that will come in a couple of weeks in the quotation documentation.

He did say he thought the bell could be a Mears bell rather than a William Jefferies one, on the other hand it could possibly be by Rudhall of Gloucester (I had mentioned its claim to fame either as a very early Jefferies casting or, as some bell-historians believe, that it was by Rudhall).

He agreed that, with the small window openings in the bell-chamber, it would be best to have the bell swinging high to get its sound out to the parish. I said that currently the bell sound was very quiet outside and when we eventually descended the tower his assistant went outside to listen and take a picture of the church while Jed chimed the bell.

While we were up the tower, Jed did get her to chime it from the intermediate chamber while he and I listened – he thought it “whistled” a bit, as he said would be expected from a casting of 1815 when bell tuning was an acquired skill and not done by scientific measurements as nowadays, so a high pitch, slightly non-balanced note existed. He would not suggest re-tuning, though, as otherwise it was of good tone. (I had my hearing-aid in to ensure I heard his comments, so I thought it was just that which ‘went into orbit’ when the bell sounded so close to us – only a foot or so from our ears, as the bell chamber is not much larger than the bell-frame!)

Jed and his assistant took several digital photos of the bell and the ancient beam which holds the pulley-block for the rope on its way down through the bell-chamber floor. He included one of a view up inside the bell. Apart from these photos, there was not a great inspection of the bell and its fittings of the sort Alan Hughes had carried out. However, Jed did mention that the crown of the bell was probably quite thin as, by 1815 bell-founders had realised that there was no sound generated in the crown (he demonstrated this by gently tapping the bell from about 3 inches below the crown, where it ‘sang’ well, and up onto the crown where it was quite ‘dead’.) He mentioned that Mears, at the Whitechapel Bell foundry years ago, had been the worst “thin crown” producers and several bells of that time had become badly cracked. Perhaps that was what had happened to our earlier Bilbie (Chew Stoke) bell of 1775 which only lasted 40 years.

Jed also mentioned that most single bells were now being re-hung to be swing-chimed only, and nearly all those for Roman Catholic churches were electrically operated at the push

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of a button. This was in fact a cheaper option, but he agreed the sound would not be so great as the bell would be below window level when sounding, and also there is not the “human skill” input, or the variety of sound – quick and joyful for weddings, slow and mournful for funerals. What it does mean, however, is that no ringer is ever required, and as we don’t seem to be able to get any younger person interested in Kenn to ring the bell, it is indeed a thought! (But I would much prefer to teach someone to ring it if and when it’s re-hung, so who out there is going to offer to do so?)

The structure of the spire, both inside and out, took their notice. Jed said that the inner orientation of stone slabs reminded him of a certain spire in Shetland, and he queried where the stone might have come from – could it be reasonably local as would be expected for those days? – Clevedon, Yatton, or Dundry quarries?

Does anyone have any ideas? His comments on the outside features were not so kind – he likened the ‘decoration’ on its roof to an Indian shrine and when I said I did not know who had designed it, he said “Design?” very scornfully! Well I like it, and I’m sure many others do, as it’s such a change from a normal Somerset tower and spire (or any other county’s, come to that!) He did think though, that the inside was clean and dry, with no rain seepage evidence seen at all, so that was a bonus as far as the frame and fittings were concerned. He did proffer one suggestion, which was that if nothing at all did happen to re-hang the bell at this time, we should smother the inside of the bell crown at the cast-in staple roots, and the staple itself, with thick grease to reduce the chance of moisture ingress and thus cracking of the bell due to the staple rusting. (A bit

late though after nearly two hundred years!!)

Having been held up by the closure of the M5 earlier in the day which caused him to have to find a route across country to an earlier appointment at Bitton, Jed was keen to be away to his next call at Yeovil, so with all the measurements completed, they left Kenn at about 3.10pm

Geoff Marchant

Variety Gala Concert 2008

Here is an opportunity to hear and see Rachael Cooper sing together with Dylan Cheasley following their successful appearance at The Clevedon Proms Concert last October.

On the 8th March 2008 this Variety Gala Concert will take place at Christchurch, Clevedon.

Supporting Rachael and Dylan are Chantel Chilton and Magpies favourite Linda Roberts. These wonderful singers are joined by a host of musicians – The Cameo Orchestra conducted by Andrew Foister; John Johnson on piano; Grahame Osborn on bass and Dave Sims on drums. In addition to this line up is some comic relief from two very talented ladies – Sandy Taylor and Lis Jeffery.

Rachael has brought these artists together for a one night only performance to raise funds to enable her son Thomas Cooper to continue his education at the Royal Ballet School. Many of you will have read in the local press about his success last year in winning a coveted place at this world renowned school.

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Tickets are available by telephoning Rachael or Chris on 01275 340748. Prices are £8.50 for adults; £6.50 for concessions; £27.00 for a family ticket. Refreshments are included.

7.30pm Saturday 8th March at Christchurch, Clevedon.

11.00am Easter Communion Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Festal Evensong Yatton

5th Sunday 30th March

EASTER II – Team Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion Kenn

10.00am Team Communion Cleeve

6.00pm Easter Songs of Praise Yatton

PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday 2nd March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion Kenn

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham

9.30am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Family Service/Holy Communion Cleeve

11.00am Family Service at Kenn

11.00am Family Service at Kingston

6.00pm Evensong at Yatton

2nd Sunday 9th March

PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Family Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Claverham

11.00am Family Service Cleeve

11.00am Holy Communion Kenn

6.00pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 16th March

PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion Claverham

8am Holy Communion Kenn

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11.00am Holy Communion Kingston

6.00pm Family Service Kenn

6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

4th Sunday 23rd March

EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Easter Communion, decoration of the Cross Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

10.30am Easter Service with Communion Claverham

11.00am Easter Communion Kenn

Friday 7th March

7.30 pm St. John's Kenn

Women's World Day of Prayer

HOLY WEEK

Monday 17th March

11.00am Holy Communion, Kenn

7.30pm Address/Compline Yatton

8.00pm Meditation/Compline Claverham

Tuesday 18th March

11.00am Holy Communion Kingston

7.30pm Devotion, St. Mary's choir, Yatton

Wednesday 19th March

10.00am Holy Communion Yatton

11.00am Holy Communion Kenn

7.30pm Address/Compline Yatton

8.00pm Meditation/Compline Claverham

8.15pm Nightlight - Youth Group Yatton

Maundy Thursday 20th March

10.00am Easter Service for Court de Wyck KS1 Claverham

11.00am Holy Communion Kingston

2.00pm Easter Service for Court de Wyck

KS2, Claverham

7.30pm Lord's Supper, Cleeve

7.30pm Maundy meal and

Communion/Vigil Yatton

9.00pm Watch 'til Midnight Kingston

GOOD FRIDAY 21st March

10.00am Devotion with drama Cleeve

10.00am Children's Workshop Yatton

10.00am Walk Kingston Seymour

11.00am Devotional Service Kenn

2.00pm Hour at the Foot of the Cross

Kingston Seymour

2.00pm Last Hour Meditation Yatton

2.00pm Last Hour Meditation Claverham

3.30pm Cross Walk to Cadbury Hill

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EASTER EVE - Saturday 22nd March
8.00pm Ceremony of New Fire Yatton

HOLY DAYS IN MARCH:

31st March

**ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton