

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### **May**

1<sup>st</sup> Hartley Staples  
Lynne & Steve Bye WA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cyril Willcox (2008 78)  
4<sup>th</sup> Nigel Middleton  
5<sup>th</sup> Sarah and Tom Clark W.A  
8<sup>th</sup> Mike Stowell  
Tina & Nigel Middleton WA  
10<sup>th</sup> Jilly Butland  
Jayne Morris  
11<sup>th</sup> Tina Middleton  
12<sup>th</sup> Robert Porch  
15<sup>th</sup> Samuel Leiper  
20<sup>th</sup> Harrison Flower  
22<sup>nd</sup> Duncan Mackay  
Bradley Beardshaw (1)  
26<sup>th</sup> Brian Stowell  
Jane Staples  
Colin Webb  
Emily Limage  
27<sup>th</sup> Christopher Jaehme  
28<sup>th</sup> Sally White  
29<sup>th</sup> Milly Stowell  
Trina Willoughby  
Samuel Rogers  
30<sup>th</sup> Joanna Brain

### Naish's Notes

Congratulations to Kay Golding-Ellis who recently passed her driving test First Time.

### **Kenn's Big Night Out at The Hand Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Tickets have been printed, £10 in advance and £15 on the night

Anyone in Kenn who sells 5 tickets will get one free  
Call me for further details  
01934 838357

Please remember I am collecting 'Vouchers for Schools' from Tesco, for Yeo Moor Infants School. Please leave with Ray or phone me and I will collect.

Sheila

### St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

#### 17<sup>th</sup> May - ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day begins early with a celebration of Holy Communion at All Saints, Kingston Seymour at 6.30 am.

This will be followed by a full English breakfast for the congregation at the home of John and Celia, Cherry Tree House, Ham Lane, Kingston Seymour.

### Kenn Altar Guild

#### May Rota

Mrs Grace Griffin, Mrs Joyce Kent and Mrs Troy Gale

### Good Friday in Kenn

A small, thoughtful congregation attended the 11 o'clock Meditation, and on emerging into the spring sunshine, found the village gridlocked due to a serious hold-up on the M5.

We were glad to offer the hospitality of the New Room and Looroom to 'Max' and his family, especially his tiny baby, taking a 'feed and change' break from the traffic jam. They had set off that morning from north London.

At noon the children arrived to hear the Good Friday story and make their own Easter Gardens, which they placed on the children's table in church.

Absence is to love, what wind is to fire.  
It extinguishes the small,

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it inflames the great

## Easter-tide at Kenn Church

This year we were lucky enough to have Rev Avril Gaunt, ex-Kennite (now in eKSile...groan) to take our Easter morning service.

The children showed us their Easter Gardens and then some of us got puzzles to keep us quiet in the next, more grown up, part of the sermon.

Avril asked us if we were Good Friday people, Holy Saturday people or Easter Sunday people.

Some of us are still wondering!

Due to clamorous demand an Easter Evensong Service was held at Kenn on a lovely evening, a fitting end to a beautiful day

Julia Bush

## Christian Aid Week 2007 in Kenn

I'll be away for Christian Aid week this year, and I'm really grateful to Lise Wilcox, who has said she will organise this year's collection in the village. Please give her all the support you can,

Julia Bush

## Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of the folks of Kenn and St John's, I

will be able to send £120 to the Blay Family in Kumasi, Ghana.

My husband Tim wonders how much £1 will buy in Kumasi, he was alarmed to see that Mr Blay's last Air Letter cost 7000 cedis to send to us.

The cedi is a closed currency. I will ask Mr Blay the price of a few household items when I next write to him, and we should be able to work out a comparison.

Thank you once again.

Julia Bush

## Christian Aid Week 2007

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

## **HELP POOR COMMUNITIES GROW A FUTURE!**

Darfur Emergency Appeal.

An estimated 1.9 million people in Darfur are living in overcrowded makeshift camps.

Clean water and food are in short supply.

Please donate to Christian Aid

Lise Willcox and collectors will be round the village 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

*Celia's Coffee Morning in  
The Church Room on  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
will also be for  
CHRISTIAN AID  
Please give generously!*

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Hartley Staples

## Friends of Kenn Church Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
in the new room of  
St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

**All Parishioners and Friends are  
invited to attend this meeting**

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 18th May 2006
3. Matters arising
4. Finance
5. Election of Committee
6. Future Events

## First Summer Walk of 2007

It is hoped to arrange a Summer Walk on the second Monday of May 14<sup>th</sup>. We expect to take a walk in Kingston Seymour, meeting at 'Cloverlea', Kenn Street at 7.00 pm.

Walkers, old and new, are very welcome to join us.

Ray Naish

## Rogation Sunday

This is the fifth Sunday after Easter and the Sunday before Ascension Day. Rogation Week is the week in which Ascension Day falls, and this festival falls in May more often than in any other month. It is very much a rural festival, during which it was the custom for the clergy to go out into the fields and bless the crops.

## Celebrations

### Our Flag

We were delighted to fly the flag for the wedding at St John's the Evangelist Kenn of Mark & Magda Pascoe on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

We flew our St. George's Flag to celebrate our patron saint St. George's day.

### **Church flood-lighting.**

Our church was lit up to celebrate both Easter and Mark and Magda Pascoe's wedding.

*The difference between intelligence and stupidity, is that intelligence has its limits!*

## Village Clean Up

Saturday 5th May

Meet at the Village Hall at  
10.am

Come for a couple of hours of Litter Picking to help keep the village looking good. Every little helps!

**Don't forget! You can still pick up  
your  
North Somerset Times and Clevedon  
Mercury at The Drum and Monkey**

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- Times Thursday
- Mercury Friday

## What's on at The Drum!

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 12.00  
Village Lunch - All Welcome**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
A very relaxed and  
entertaining evening with two  
young lads who will entertain us  
with easy listening of  
Simon and Garfunkel  
£15 per person for a 3 course  
meal and entertainment  
All in aid of Charity

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
June**

**The Fabulous Paul McCartney  
Neil Tudor, a finalist of  
Stars in your Eyes  
Sound alike, look alike and he  
comes from Liverpool  
2 nights of Beatles  
Entertainment  
£20 per person for 3 course  
meal and entertainment.**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
The Paul Brazier  
Rock n Roll Night  
Please dress accordingly, sing,  
dance  
£20 per person for 3 course  
meal and entertainment

**Let's see what you're made of  
and a prize for the best dressed  
couple**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**Comedy Duo -  
The Mocking Birds  
Two ladies with the best voices  
and a full comedy act  
£20 per person meal and fun  
PROCEEDS TO KENN VILLAGE  
HALL FUNDS**

**The New Conservatory  
will soon be open and  
Stefan would appreciate  
the loan of any Village  
Photographs to put on the  
walls**

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**Thank you – Well, what fantastic  
neighbours you all are!**

I want to thank every one for all their offers  
of lifts, help and support since I have  
broken my arm.

I have at least another four weeks in  
plaster, so I will be taking you up on your  
kind offers as Pip and Tandy have gone  
back to Uni, so I have lost my wheels.

Many thanks to you all.

Heather Jenkins

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**May Holiday Refuse collection  
dates for Kenn**

**Normal Day                      Revised Day**

Monday 7th May - Tuesday 8th May

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Monday 28th May - Tuesday 29th May

Recycling 10th and 23rd May

## Parish Council Notes

There will be no election for Parish Councillors this time.

There have been seven nominations for seven seats, so the Parish Council will remain unchanged. There will, however, be an election for District Councillors. Three councillors will be elected from the list of names nominated. The election will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Village Hall from 7 am. until 10 pm.

There is a continuing problem with dog fouling in Kenn Street and the Parish Council has undertaken to pay for a bin for dog poo and also to pay the fee for emptying it. Thanks to Lise who is going to arrange it.

It is Best Kept Village time again and there will be the usual village clean up arranged by Robin Mackay. (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May). Grateful thanks go to him.

It has been decided not to attempt to clean Davis Lane this year - dreadful though it is - because it is too dangerous. However, it is possible that the lay be will be removed and the verge bunded so that people cannot park there and leave their disgusting litter behind them.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be advertised in the usual places. When it will take place

depends on any developments on you know what!

Ann Holtham

## The Employment Site -

### The Continuing Saga!

Contrary to what you may have read in the local press, there have been eighteen letters of objection from parishioners (not two as it says) about the planning application for the new employment site.

In addition there have been letters from Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Yatton and Clevedon Councils all saying the same thing.

The application came before both Central Area and Northern Area Planning Committees on April 12<sup>th</sup> and was deferred until the May meetings for further reports. It is hoped that at that meeting there will be a request for a site meeting so that it is probable that no decision will be made until June.

If you have not commented yet and would like to do so, it is not too late. We shall not know who our local councillors are until after the election so you cannot lobby them at present. The

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addresses you can write to are at the end of the article.

As a result of all the letters that he has received Dr. Liam Fox paid the village a visit last weekend to see the site for himself.

He promised his support and suggested another reason for objecting

The said that the unemployment rate for Clevedon is one of the lowest in the land and that there was no need locally for the 900 jobs that the site would generate. People would only travel long distances to get here with rather defeats the object. There is more need for employment at Weston-super-Mare and development should take place there.

As part of the proposed Section 106 agreement, a very well-attended meeting was held in the village hall to ascertain the ownership of the land on which disused railway ran as a preliminary to the feasibility study to which ROK have undertaken to contribute.

About twelve of the current owners were present so the leader of the study was able to fill in most of the names on his map. A representative of Clevedon Town Council, a

gentleman from Sustrans and Cllr. Wendy Griggs were also present.

He was also seeking permission to go onto the land in question to see whether it was suitable and what species of flora and fauna there are.

It is doubtful if that will be forthcoming in some cases. The meeting was lively and I think that the convenor was left with the impression that it was probably not feasible to hold a feasibility study.

If it is proceeded with there are about three rounds of consultation and the whole exercise could fail at any one of those stages.

If you would like to write on any of the aspects of the application the addresses are:

Mr. N. Underhay, Department of Development and Environment, Somerset House, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1TG

Copies please to: Dr. Liam Fox, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA and Miss A. Holtham, 16 Parnell Road, Clevedon.

**Some folk are wise**

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## Others are otherwise

### ROK Development Update

A huge "thank you" to those of Kenn's residents who have written letters to North Somerset Council.

The issues raised are now beginning to achieve a much higher profile, and will be given greater consideration by the planning officers.

The planning meeting has been deferred until mid-May [post local elections], so if you have not written your letter of concern yet **IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!**

Details of whom to address your letter are detailed below, and if you would like another copy of the flyer that was distributed door-to-door last month, please call to see Kate at Moorgate House.

A number of you also copied your letters to our local MP, Dr Liam Fox. In direct response to this, Dr Fox requested a meeting with these particular individuals on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, and we met him close to the proposed site.

He supported our concerns over the impact of the development, in terms of traffic, road safety, environment, architecture and planning enforcement. He also raised the point that with such a low level of unemployment [0.7%] in Clevedon, ROK Development's approach based on job creation may well be more appropriate elsewhere in North Somerset.

Dr Fox committed himself to making contact with the Chief Executive of North Somerset Council with regard to the specific issues we have raised, and in addition to producing an immediate press release [complete with photos!] his constituency office have asked me to keep them informed of our progress.

If you would like to write to the Council airing any concerns that you have over the proposed development, please use the following addresses. **Now that we have achieved some momentum, it would be good to keep it going!**

- *Address letters to:* Mr N Underhay, Department of Development and Environment, North Somerset Council, Somerset House, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1TG. Email: [dcomments@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:dcomments@n-somerset.gov.uk)
- *Use the following reference:* 07/P/0291/0 Land to the west of Kenn Road bound by the former railway, the M5 and Colehouse Lane. Outline application for the development of a business park.
- *Send a copy to our local MP,* as his office will also lobby the Council on our behalf. Address the copy to Dr Liam Fox, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA [if your letters are handwritten, then photocopies can be made at the Library]. Email: [douglasi@parliament.uk](mailto:douglasi@parliament.uk)
- If possible, please also copy your letters to the District Councillors, whose postal details are provided in April's Kenn News and Views. Email addresses available at this link:

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<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Your+Council/The+Council/Councillors/councillorsbyward.htm>

Kate, Moorgate House, Kenn Street

## Dates for your Diary

### The Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Village Lunch from 12 noon

Everyone welcome!

Kenn Village Hall

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

7am - 10pm

Local Council Election

### Village Clean Up

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Kenn Village Hall at 10 am

Followed by refreshments in  
the Hall

### Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 9th May 7.30 p.m.

Kenn Women's Institute

Heather Saxby will talk about her  
trip to the Amazon  
Everyone welcome.

AT YOUR GARDEN GATE

THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> and

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Don't forget to put out your Green  
Box with Bottles, Paper and Cans

### Clevedon Salerooms

Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 am

Sale of Victorian and later  
Furniture and Effects.

### Cloverlea, Kenn Street

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm – Meet for a  
walk at Kingston Seymour  
with Ray Naish

### The Church Room

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**COFFEE MORNING**

*10.00 – 12 noon*

*Your hostess will be*

*Celia Andrews and the proceeds  
will go to Christian Aid  
All Welcome*

### St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

7.30 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Annual General Meeting of  
The Friends of Kenn Church  
in the New Room

### Hand Equestrian Centre Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

### KENN'S BIG NIGHT OUT!

with

The Wurzels, and Eddie Large

Tickets - £10 in advance

£15 on the night

for early tickets

contact Sheila Naish

01934 835757

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 am – 12 noon

**A SUMPTUOUS BRUNCH  
In aid of Village Hall Funds  
Tickets are on sale  
from John & Grace  
Adults £5  
Children (under 12) £3**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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**Drum and Monkey  
Simon and Garfunkel  
£15 per person for a 3 course  
meal and entertainment**

## **ADVANCE DATES**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
MIDSUMMER MADNESS**  
Live Music at Kenn Village Hall

Garden Party and Fundraising  
at  
The Willows, Kenn  
on  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2007.  
at 3.00 pm  
£3.50 (£1.50 children under 12)  
Proceeds to Kenn Village Hall Funds

When you get to the end of your rope,  
tie a knot and hang on!



**Kenn  
Women'  
s  
Institute**

At the April meeting members watched spellbound as they saw ladies from the Costume Society dress one of their number in a

dress of 1861 vintage with all its underpinnings. They had made the dress themselves as a tribute to an eminent costume historian from authentic patterns, even going so far as to print the design on the fabric with blocks obtained from the Victoria and Albert Museum and to sew it all by hand.

It was fascinating to see the corsetry required – this had also been made by hand. Bras were not worn them. Beautiful though the garment was, we are the lucky ones able to wear our comfortable easy-care clothes.

May will see the intrepid skittles team compete in the Grand Final of the skittles tournament. Fingers are crossed all round.

At the May meeting, Mrs. Heather Saxby will tell us about her trip to the Amazon. Kenn residents get themselves to some very exotic places and we look forward to hearing about them. Come along if you would like to hear about Heather's travels. The meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

## **THE NORTH SOMERSET SHOW**

**Bank Holiday Monday,  
7<sup>th</sup> May**  
at WRAXALL, near Bristol, on the  
B3130

*One-day countryside and  
agricultural show  
with plenty to see for all the family*

**TRACTOR PULLING**

**PONY CLUB GAMES**

**TERRIER RACING**

Cows, sheep, pigs, llamas, alpacas, horses,  
hamsters, rabbits, birds

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**Country crafts    Rural demonstrations  
Entertainments    Trade stands  
                    Vintage vehicles**

**Food and licensed bars**

**FREE CAR PARKING**

**Adults £9 – Seniors £8 -  
Children £3 (under 5 free)  
Family (2 adults, 3 children) £23**

Roger was the only pupil chosen from Millfield Preparatory School with three other selected from the senior school.

We are all very proud of his achievement!

Joyce Kent

## News from Joyce Kent

My twelve year old grandson, Roger Harris, who lives in Stoke Fleming, Devon was privileged to be chosen to represent Somerset Schools in the mini-London Marathon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with all expenses paid by the London Marathon Committee.

Roger is a pupil at Millfield School (preparatory) in Glastonbury and has excelled in Cross-Country Running with several recent successful events. Running, both at County and National levels, the best to date has been sixth in the National Preparatory Schools event at Malvern College.

Roger has always enjoyed running since he was very young. He has a general love of sporting activities.

It was a warm, sunny day in London, but a little too warm it is understood for the competitors. Roger ran in the eleven-twelve year group and his final position was twenty-fifth. He came away well pleased with Medal, Tee Shirt and a bag of goodies. We were able to picnic in glorious sunshine in St. James Park, close to Buckingham Palace.

## Margaret's Mutterings

Proud Parents – Matt and Jilly Butland of Hazel Cottage are delighted that Jack has been signed for the next two years to play for Birmingham City Football Club. He signed two days after his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. (His photo was in the Evening Post)

Every Monday evening he catches the train to Birmingham, stays with a family overnight does training on Monday evening then training all day Tuesday with Nigel Spinks, who is a famous ex-Aston Villa player. There is a possibility of a scholarship when he is 16.

At Illexmead proud grandparents Colin and Jo Cooper are thrilled that Chris's son Tom has been awarded a place at the Royal Ballet School in London from September. There were only 12 places for boys available throughout the whole country.

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Brian and Juliet Stowell are pleased to announce that Kate and David Hills are now engaged and that the wedding is planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September this year at St. John's Church, Kenn with the reception at Kenn Village Hall.

### Yatton babies born in Gwent

Not really village news, but as Clare Bessant is Vince Stowell's P.A., a close friend, Bethany's godmother and was bridesmaid at his wedding as well as being related to Margaret Bessant, and I think this is really interesting:

Clare gave birth to **TRIPLETS** by caesarean section on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Gwent Royal Hospital at Newport, South Wales.

The babies were not due until July, so the plan is that they will remain in hospital until then. (they will be moved to Southmead Hospital when they are all strong enough).

Details: first to arrive was Jeannie, weighing 1lb 13 oz Then Ruby at 1lb 15 oz Followed by Harrison 2lb 2oz.

Mother and babies are doing well and proud father Matt and step brother Callum are 'over the moon'

along with grandparents Bobby Harvey and Mary and Dave Bessant.

My won't she have her hands full!!!

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Hazel's Coffee Morning was an enormous success and raised a wonderful sum for Aids Orphans – it also gave me the opportunity to meet her lovely friend Miki – who did the washing up – Miki – otherwise Monica May Etherton – is a poet and I have a copy of her book "Three Logs Pond Verse and Song" with permission to print extracts as I please – these will be appearing occasionally in News and Views.

### BIRD NEWS I

Firstly, thanks to everyone who attended the YACWAG "Littlewood Exhibition" at the Church Room on 14 and 21 April. We hope to organise an open day at Littlewood in late summer and details will appear in News and Views.

Plenty of Kennites came to chat and I picked up lots of interesting local bird news so we will start with that, with due acknowledgements to the "Kenn correspondents".

Hartley Staples reported a small fast-flying falcon early in the month, which he thought was a Hobby. I believe

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(and Hartley has given my theory his blessing) that it was probably a Merlin. Generally Hobbies do not arrive from Africa until late April, whilst our small wintering Merlin population often hangs on until mid-late April; there is no point in heading to our northern uplands until the weather is warmer there.

John Hayden saw a Red Kite along the Sea Wall and a Claverham resident saw one over her house.

An Osprey passed over Clevedon on 7 April and on 12 April. John Croxton spotted one whilst we were putting up a bird box at Congresbury Old Railway Station. This bird circled a couple of times, then headed north following the course of the Strawberry Line. Doubtless it would ‘turn right’ at the estuary and fly north-east until the channel narrowed allowing it to cross easily.

Colin Bedford had House Martins return to their nest site on his garage on 14<sup>th</sup> April – a very early date for this species.

I saw my first Swallow at Kingston Bridge on 5<sup>th</sup> April when there was also a Wheatear along the Sea Wall.

Jeff Naish called to say that he had seen a strange brown bird at Clevedon that was the colour of a female Pheasant but looked like a crow. This is the famous (or infamous) “Clevedon Brown Crow” – it or its parent has been around for some years and it has confused dozens of birdwatchers – me included. It is almost buff and presents a strange apparition. Crows do have a tendency to colour aberration – usually white feathers in the wings, but the Clevedon bird is most unusual and there were some chocolate brown ones too.

The new Conservation Area at Dowlais Farm had a Ringed Plover on the scrape early in the month, with a couple of Wheatears nearby. At Yatton, a Peregrine Falcon sat on the very top of an electricity pylon and I have heard both Bullfinch and Goldcrest behind our garden, without seeing either.

A couple of Lapwings were displaying on Nailsea Moor, where Skylarks and a Willow Warbler were in song, mid month.

Speaking of song, ten Blackcaps were singing along the Strawberry Line with 6 Lesser Whitethroats. This latter species winters in Ethiopia and has arrived early and in abundance. There are also four singing Cetti’s Warblers, a record count but by the 20<sup>th</sup> no Reed Warblers only one of possibly two Sedge Warblers and a Common Whitethroat had arrived.

The Kestrels are settling in their usual box on Congresbury Moor so let’s hope for success this year.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

### **BIRD NEWS II**

Jenny Brockway of Moor Road rang me on April 10<sup>th</sup> telling me that a pair of Swallows had just arrived at her home and flown straight into her garage where they nested last year.

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Miles Naish has reported seeing a pair of Cuckoos flying around “Naish Farm”, Clapton in Gordano, unfortunately they were not calling. He also reports many broods of young ducks all around the district, also several broods of young Moorhens.

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Jeff Naish reports seeing a very light brown Crow amongst a flock at Castle Farm Clevedon. In Tickenham Moor he says there are lots of Reed Buntings, Whinchats and Wheatears, many in full song.

April 26<sup>th</sup> Miles has just heard a Cuckoo in Russ, the first this year.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, the birds around this bungalow started singing at 5.30 this morning. A Chaffinch has been singing for several days, all day long, in an Ash Tree opposite our gate. This morning a pair of Swallows has just flown into the old cowshed behind our house; straight into last year's nest, the first this year, several pairs usually nest there.

The Oak Trees are well in leaf, well before the Ash.

"If the Oak is out before the Ash, we shall only get a splash",

probably meaning another dry summer.

Ray Naish

### It's a Small World

Roly Hazell, who lives on Moor road, has a friend called Ken Mathews who formerly lived in Tickenham. Ken emigrated to Australia some years ago, but has always kept in touch with Roly. He has recently written to Roly saying that he has received a message from a man called Paul Ashbury, who is a direct descendant of Mary Wall, who lived in Duck Lane, Kenn before being transported to Hobart, Tasmania in 1832.

Mary was the wife of William Wall, one of the three Kenn men who were

hanged in a field off Kenn Street for setting fire to a rick of wheat in 1830.

Mary's crime was that she made the matches that started the fire. She was transported for life, having to leave six young children behind. While Mary was in prison, waiting for transportation, she had another baby which she took with her on the terrible four month voyage to Tasmania on a convict ship called The Hydary. During this voyage her baby contracted pneumonia, but by some miracle he survived only to die soon after arriving in Tasmania.

About two years after arriving in Tasmania, Mary got permission to marry a fellow convict John Hawkins who was from Bristol. They had two children from this marriage, one was a daughter who married an Irishman. She and her husband moved to mainland Australia where they produced a family of fifteen children – doing their bit to populate that vast country when it was being developed. I expect Paul Ashbury is one of this couple's descendants. He lives in Queensland and has a brother who lives in Victoria.

I intend to write to Ken Mathews hoping to be put in contact with Paul Ashbury. I will try to report back in Kenn News and Views on any other information I may obtain at a later date.

Ray Naish

### The People who lived in Kenn in 1934, when I was eight, continued..

In 1934, an Air Circus was staged in the field called "The Park" opposite Kenn Court. People could go for a ride in an aeroplane out over the channel for ten shillings. There were also parachute jumping displays.

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Huge crowds arrived for this entertainment, many people took advantage to go on rides. One young man from Kenn spent his entire life savings, about £5 on rides. Aeroplanes were a rare sight in those days.

In Pound Cottage, now called Kenn Court Cottage lived Joe and Lillian Cox with their seven children Jim, Sam, Elsie, Dorothy, Jean, Phillip and Iris, also Lillian's physically handicapped sister Beattie. How they slept I don't know. They had one bedroom, and a box-room. One living room and a back kitchen. Joe was a carter at Kenn Court. He was an expert at living off the land.

Next door lived Miss Isobel and Miss Fanny Pilgrim. Isobel was infant teacher at Kenn School for many years. Fanny stayed at home and did the housekeeping.

Next stop was Church Path Cottages, it's difficult to believe now, but four families lived there. In the one nearest the road lived Harold Dibble and his wife and daughter Audrey. Harold worked at Wake & Dean in Yatton. In the back of that cottage in a bed-sit approached by a little gate off the road, lived Stanley Chapple who was a carter at Stonehouse Farm.

In the cottage nearest the church lived Ernest and Florence Edwards. Ernest worked in the woods above Tickenham. Florence was the church cleaner, she also did housework in many farm houses around Kenn. In the back of this cottage, living in two rooms were the two Miss Westons, who were retired. In their younger days they had been house keeper and farm worker at Yew Tree Farm. On the top of Kenn Street where the Bus Shelter now stands, there was a

sign-post which was a meeting place for the boys and young men of the village. On Sunday nights young men met there after attending Church, many of them smartly dressed, wearing bowler hats. They always arrived on their bikes. Sometimes moving off to Clevedon for a walk along the Beach.

In the Old Post Office, now called Corner Cottage, lived Mr. And Mrs. Teddy Staples. Mrs. Staples was a kind little lady known as Aunt Ted. Teddy never seemed to do any work.

On the main road, situated between where the bungalow now stands on the top of Kenn Street and the car sales, were six cottages in an 'L' shape. In the one on the eastern end,, facing Kenn Street lived Charlie Hippesley a very old man who had, in his young days, been Landlord at Kenn Pub. He lived with his daughter Mabel Tripp and her two children Horace and Esme. Horace sadly died when only seventeen of what was then called consumption.

Next door, nearest the main road, lived Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Selwyn and their children Keith and Daphne. Kenneth had various jobs.

Four cottages were on the main road facing Kenn Court. The first was entered down two steps off the road. It was a one up and own down. Tommy Williams, his wife and son Tommy and Mrs Williams' sister lived there. Tommy was famous for having large collections of cigarette-cards. His claim to fame was that he could take the whole family to Clevedon on his bike in one go. His son sat on the handlebars, his wife on the crossbar, his sister-in-law on the carrier at the back and he sat on the seat and pedalled.

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Next door lived Bert and Elsie Watts, their children Phyllis, Lillian, Leslie, Alfred and Ada. No one ever knew where Bert worked, he left early in the morning on his bike and returned in the evening, a mystery.

In the middle cottage lived Harry Tucker, his wife and children Herbert, Henry, Dorothy, Margaret and Raymond. Harry was a formidable character. He worked as a stoker at Yatton Gas Works. Twelve hours on, twelve hours off. Besides all this work, he worked part time at Stonehouse Farm.

In the end cottage lived Leonard Cook, his wife and son, also Leonard. Leonard was a plasterer by trade, doing contract work as all his family had been doing for many years.

The address for all these cottages was The Slaughter House Cottages. The Slaughter House was next door, but no longer used.

To be continued.....

Ray Naish

**The following is an extract from Grey Power Matters:  
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If only it were funny!

### IN MEMORIAM

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend Mr Common Sense. Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how hold he was since his

birth records were lost long ago in Bureaucratic Red Tape

He will be remembered for having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies, (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned, but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense's health declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled a bit in her lap and was awarded a huge financial settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife Discretion; his daughter Responsibility, and

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his son Reason. He is survived by two step-brothers – My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on, if not, join the majority and do nothing.

## SERVICES FOR MAY 2007

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### *8 am Holy Communion Kenn*

8 am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30 am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30 am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11:00 am Family Service Kingston Seymour  
6 pm Evensong Yatton

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

#### THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### 8 am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30 am Family Communion Yatton  
9.30 am Holy Communion Claverham  
11 am Family Service Cleeve

##### *11 am Holy Communion Kenn*

6 pm Evensong Kingston Seymour  
6.30 pm Holy Communion Cleeve

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### 8 am Holy Communion Claverham

9.30 am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30 am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11 am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
2.30 pm Holy Baptism Yatton  
**6.00pm Evensong Kenn**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### PENTECOST

8 am Holy Communion Yatton

8 am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour

11 am Pentecost Service with Communion

Yatton Junior School

6 pm Evensong Yatton

## PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

### HOLY DAYS IN MAY:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

8.30 am Holy Communion Yatton

#### 14<sup>th</sup> MATTHIAS the APOSTLE

8.30 am Holy Communion Yatton

#### 17<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION DAY

6.30 am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour

(followed by breakfast at Cherry Tree House)

9.30 am Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30 pm Holy Communion Yatton

#### 31<sup>st</sup> The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

7.30 pm Holy Communion Yatton

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

#### Every Wednesday

10:00 Holy Communion Yatton

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour

#### 3rd Wednesday in month

*16<sup>th</sup> May*

*11 am Holy Communion at Kenn*

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Claverham

#### Every Thursday

9.30 am Holy Communion at Cleeve

7.30 pm Holy Communion at Yatton

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

2.00 pm First Steps, Yatton

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*Thursday 24th May 7.30 pm AGM of  
The Friends of Kenn Church  
at The New Room of St .John The  
Evangelist ,Kenn – All Welcome!*