

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

- 1st Katy Golding Ellis
3rd Gill Taylor
Erin Silvester
4th Roland Hazell
6th Daniel Quinn
6th Dave and Sue Pugh W.A
7th Tim and Julia Bush W.A.
8th Robin Rogers
16th Cheryl Quinn
11th Kelly Higgs (The Drum)
18th Kayleigh Stowell
Wendy and Sotoris
Papasolomontos W.A.
22nd Troy and Julian Gale W.A.
26th Justin Naish
27th Jack Treble
29th Stefan Beardshaw

October 31st Hallow E'en

This was the night that the spirits of the dead were supposed to appear. In certain parts of the country the custom was to light ceremonial fires on All Hallows Eve for the relief of souls in purgatory.

Hallow E'en was thought to be a favourite night for witches to make their appearance and country folk, being very superstitious would take every precaution to safeguard themselves and their animals from the evil influences of witches and witchcraft.

Hey-how for Hallow E'en
When all the witches are to be seen
Some in black and some in green,
Hey-How for Hallow E'en

Denham Tracts
1895

Hartley Staples

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sheila,

Can I thank you through the News and Views for the lovely box of things the church sent me.

They were much appreciated especially the beetroot they tasted like the ones I used to grow

Thank you, Win Coles

Riverside, Nailsea Wall, Kenn

Dear Sheila,

May I thank, through your News and Views which I very much enjoy reading each month when Ray delivers it to me, the Church people who sent me a lovely basket of goodies from the Harvest Festival.

I was very pleased with the eggs, I had just run out, also all the lovely vegetables and fruit. I was very pleased that it was the children's gifts.

I am pleased to say that I am keeping reasonably well, after all I am now in my 99th year. I am very fortunate that my family look after me to the best of their ability. I wouldn't be able to stay in my own home without them and friends who call in almost daily.

Again many thanks,

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Yours, Edith Tripp.

Thanks for Harvest Gifts have also been received from Pam Stuckey and Jesse Gardener.

Church News

Harvest Festival at Kenn 10th September

As usual the church looked lovely for Harvest, a genuine reflection of the season in a country parish.

72 souls attended the morning Family Service, including a welcome crowd from Kingston Seymour Sunday School.

Celia and John had written us a lovely service, in which everyone had a chance to think about the wonder of the harvest, and all the good things we enjoy.

Kenn Sunday Club performed a drama to illustrate the theme that no matter how much technology and whizz -bangery we throw at nature, the crops won't grow with out that mysterious spark of life that we call God.

In the evening we had a well - attended Harvest Evensong (42) at which Rev Wendy Mitchell preached a most moving sermon.

Using simple statistics involving each one of us personally, Wendy made us realise just how blessed we are, as well as maybe inspiring us to be more aware of the needs of others.

Then, to round things off wonderfully, many folk took the short walk from the church to the Village Hall for the Harvest Meal, where a great evening was enjoyed by all.

Kingston Seymour had their Harvest Festival the following week, in total 21 people from Kenn joined in their Family Service, including all of Kenn Sunday Club Hooray!

Kenn a generous village.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Kenn, at village events in the last month, I have been able to send the magnificent sum of £400 to the Blay family in Kumasi, Ghana.

First of all Kenn and Kingston folk bought all the cakes at the cake-stall at the Kombine's Village Tea Party. Then Jean and Bill Pugh dedicated the September coffee morning (third Saturdays in the New Room) to the Blays, thank you.

Lastly, half of the after supper collection from the Kenn Harvest Meal swelled the fund. Many thanks to everyone who helped or donated in any way.

So that you can see where the money goes, I have made up a small information pack, tracing my friendship with the Blays over the last 23 years.

If you want read it, call me on 01275 873554. Otherwise, it'll be in the church.

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Julia Bush

Julia Bush 01275 873554

HARVEST SUPPER 2006

More than 100 people enjoyed the dinner of roast pork and all the trimmings, a vast array of delicious looking puddings, cheese and biscuits followed by coffee and a chocolate. The vegetarians amongst us also enjoyed a wonderful nut roast (although they always have to be served first otherwise the carnivores scoff the lot!).

We cannot possibly name everyone who helped as this article would be far too long, so a brief but heartfelt thank you to all those who helped peel veg the day before, our three expert carvers, the magnificent washers up, all those who provided puddings and other food, the adults and children who so expertly decorated the Church and Hall.

An especial thank you to all those who joined in the auction for the delicious Pavlova, your generosity is much appreciated. But most of all a huge thank you to all who supported the event and a wonderful £550 was divided between Medecin Sans Frontiers and the Blay family. Hopefully we will all be back again next year on 9th September 2007, see you all then!!

Jenny, Simon, Marianna & Robin.

The Puddings Return!

Once again I'll be selling the 'Ultimate Plum Puddings' in aid of the Yatton Moor General Fund. There will be a flyer/order form in the pews in October, or contact me directly. Small puddings (1lb, serves 4) £5 Large (2lb serves 8) £8

JAM JARS

Julia is still gratefully accepting jam jars for her preserves.

**New Room Coffee Morning
Saturday 21st October
10.00 – 12 noon**

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Altar Guild – October Rota

Jean Woods, and Tina Middleton

CHALICE HANDBELL TEAM.

HANDBELLS AT CHRISTMAS ??

Once again it is getting near to the time when we have to think of building up our team and holding practices if we are to provide any 'carols on handbells' for Christmas.

We are always hopeful that some new people will come forward to help us fulfil this aim.

We now even have a 'slot' on the Team website which you may be able to view soon for more details.

All tuition is free and evening or daytime practices can hopefully be arranged to suit.

Everyone is welcome as long as you have some sense of rhythm!

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Please ring Geoff and Eleanor
Marchant on 01934 834550

Clerk to the Council,

Kenn Flag

At the time of going to print – 28th our flag has not been flown this month.

However –

We have received sincere thanks from the Streat family of Cherry Tree Cottage, Moor Lane after our flag was flown at half mast for Maxine's father Ronald Padfield who passed away on the 11th August.

We send Maxine, together with her husband Terry and their son John our deepest sympathy at this sad time, and are pleased to welcome Queenie, Maxine's mum, who, having been a regular visitor to the village for many years, has now come to join them in Kenn.

Maxine told me that just before Christmas last year she was 'adopted' by a cat, after enquiring of Cheryl at the Kennels and putting an advertisement in the Mercury no owner was found so Maxine accepted the adoption and named the feline Lily

Recently, a rather plump Lily gave birth to four kittens Mungo, Jerry, Sox and Apricot who consider Bruno the boxer to be a rather large cat whilst he thinks they are tiny puppies and Maxine is delighted with her enlarged family.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on
Monday 2nd October at 7.30 p.m.
Councillors hope to see you there.
Ann Holtham

Diamond Wedding

Former Kenn residents Ralph and Joan Bye, who now live in Clevedon, celebrated 60 years of marriage recently and received congratulations from the Queen.

They were married at Yatton Church on a very wet day on 31st August 1946.

Ralph and Joan made their home at Kenn Pier Farm where they lived for over forty years and where their four children were born. When they lived in Kenn they were involved in many village activities. At one time Ralph was a Churchwarden at Kenn Church. When he took this post he was the youngest Churchwarden, at the age of 22, in the Portishead Deanery, perhaps in the country.

He was a member of the choir for many years and Joan was a founder member of Kenn Women's Institute and a member of the Altar Guild.

I am sure the many people who know Ralph and Joan would wish to join with me in offering them our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Ray Naish

Clevedon Mercury and North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies of both these local newspapers are freely available in the bar of The Drum and Monkey each week

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Garden Party at The Willows

Saturday 12 August

John & Marlene Arney and Irene Stowell would like to thank everyone who said a little prayer for a fine day - it surely was! Then to add their thanks to all those who attended (about 130 we believe) and the generous way in which all contributed to the Tombola, Raffle and White Elephant stall to make the day so successful.

To name everyone individually would be difficult but the help given was so very much appreciated.

Firstly the working party who put up the awnings, tables, chairs etc. in the morning. (What would the village do without being able to borrow these things - thank you Margaret and John).

Then to the gatekeeper who wouldn't let anyone pass without a ticket.

The helpers who ran the Tombola, Raffle and White Elephant, their hard work was much appreciated.

To those behind the scenes preparing teas (coffees), cakes, etc. and attending to everyone's needs then washing-up and putting away afterwards.

What a wonderful team - our sincere thanks.

Finally the working party who disassembled the awnings, tables etc. and the general tidying and clearing

- it all seemed to have been done in record time.

Last and by no means least, to those who contributed Tombola and Raffle prizes and the goodies sold on the White Elephant stall.

We would at this point say a special thank you to Mike, Kelly and Stefan for their contribution in providing all the scones, cream, butter, jam, tea bags, plates, etc. Also Mike we thank you for the generous Raffle prizes - the contributions you continue to make to the Village on such occasions is appreciated by all.

In conclusion, as a result of much hard work by so many, we were able to donate the wonderful sum of £800 to Village Hall Funds. Well done everyone and thank you.

Typists note - sorry this should have been included in September's issue

SUMMER WALKS

After the last of our Summer Walks, I am pleased to report that £107.75 was collected for Kenn Church from the four walks from Cloverlea. Very many thanks to all who took part and donated.

Olive Lawrence is pleased to report that £42 was donated on the walk at Bullocks Farm, Kingston Seymour this money was given to a Charity for Disabled Children. Olive sends her thanks.

Ray Naish

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The Not-So-Secret Diary of a Ten Month Old – by Romilly Hatcher Wilkins

Hello again! September has been a big month of discovery for this ten-month old.

My best discovery has been the power of spitting. It all started out with a few harmless “raspberries” between Grandma and I, and before we knew it, I was virtually crop-spraying! It has the best effect when I do it with green food, or orange food. In fact, in the hushed and hallowed environment of Wells’ Cathedral’s Cloisters Café, I managed to cover my high chair table, mummy’s table, the floor, and the wall with an effect that wouldn’t have looked out of place in the Tate Modern. Needless to say, Mummy doesn’t find it funny [except when I do it to Daddy], and is now considering wearing a balaclava when feeding me.

In early September, during one of my daily constitutional walks around Kenn, I sensed a quiver of excitement around the village. However that evening, I realised that I don’t necessarily get invited to ALL village activities. Mummy and Daddy, spotting an opportunity to go out without me, attended the WI Quiz, along with my aunt and uncle, and although they didn’t win, they came weaving their way home most contentedly later on that evening. Clearly they had had a great time. So, detecting an air of complacency, I waited until I could hear snoring, and then I implemented a Parental Response Test.

All babies issue these from time to time, and we all know that they work best in the small hours, when adult responses are slow, and babies’ are extremely quick. It’s amazing how far tiny fingers can poke up adult nostrils, how stretchy bottom lips are, and how hairpulling causes squealing!

The following morning, I noticed that they appeared to moving rather slowly, and speaking rather quietly, so I took them

along to the Village Hall. Having placed my chair in a key position of authority, I oversaw a number of villagers in a frenzy of potato and carrot peeling in preparation for the Harvest Supper. Once again, I was most indignant not to be joining in this lovely event, but have been promised that when I am five, I shall be able to come along and join in.

My crawling is now very speedy, and I have therefore been able to highlight some health and safety issues around the home, including wedging myself underneath a coffee table. As a result, my cousin is visiting today, to spend some time with me, while Daddy fixes fireguards and stairgates, while Mummy tells him how to do it.

Another big discovery has been our Dyson upright cleaner, which is pink and purple, and frankly, quite terrifying when switched on. [“Something else you get from your father” muttered Mummy, “although in fairness I’ve never seen him actually reduced to tears when faced with it”]. This has rendered cleaning the house quite a challenge for Mummy, as she can’t do it when I’m awake, and doesn’t want to do it when I’m asleep. Daddy helpfully suggested a 1950s style carpet-sweeper, but I think Mummy had a paid cleaner in mind.

And finally, onto the greenhouse. Since Mummy acquired Robin and Marianna’s greenhouse, approximately 6 weeks ago, I have noted an increase in passers-by, who slow down, and gaze in, as they pass our gate. Indeed, there appear to have been some smirks. Mummy didn’t stop talking about the greenhouse when it arrived, but Daddy never really started. In fact, I have noted a slightly mutinous look on his face each time he looks at it! However, we are now in possession of a very detailed three dimensional diagram, complete with an inventory of glass panes and clips, and I suspect all things will be operational by Christmas?

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Next month, as I approach my first birthday, I shall be conducting an Annual Appraisal of The Parents, examining their key performance indicators, and highlighting areas for improvement. I hope you will join me!

Romilly

Kenn Online

If you search the internet using Google.co.uk for "Kenn Somerset", you'll see that one of the first results is a brief entry on the village in Wikipedia, a free online encyclopaedia that anybody can contribute to. The entry can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenn,_Somerset, and it currently reads as follows:

>Kenn, Somerset

>Kenn is a small village in [North Somerset, UK](#).

>It lies on the B3133 near [Clevedon](#) in the [North Somerset Levels](#), and near the edge of the [Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#).

>Kenn is notable as the site of the last public [hangings](#) carried out in the UK at the scene of the crime.

>Two [arsonists](#) who had torched a local farmer's hay were hanged, another three being [transported](#) to [Australia](#).

>The village pub is the *Drum & Monkey*, and the church is the *Church of St John the Evangelist*.

Wikipedia is often used as a primary resource for journalists and other writers and is viewed by millions of people every day. It would be great for Kenn's entry in this unique encyclopaedia to be as encyclopaedic as possible.

It would be wonderful to be able to add extra information to this entry (Yatton, for example, has a very full entry which can be seen at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yatton>), particularly details of local history with historical sources, any connections to famous people, and details of any books written about Kenn or its surrounding area.

If anybody would like to contribute to the encyclopaedia it is possible to do so directly by clicking on the "Edit this page" button on Kenn's entry, but if you prefer not to then do please email James Mackay with additional information at james.mackay@cytanet.com.cy.

PS It is great to be getting Kenn News & Views out here in Cyprus and to see that the village's community is as strong as ever. Keep up the good work!

James Mackay

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Dates For Your Diary

Kenn Village Hall

Monday 2nd October

7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council
Meeting.

Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 3rd October

12.00 onwards

Village Lunch

all welcome

Your Garden Gate

Wednesdays 11th & 25th
October
Recycling Collection

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 11th October, 7.30 pm

Kenn Women's Institute

Clevedon Salerooms

Thursdays 5th and 19th October

10.00 am.

Victorian and Later Furniture and
Effects

Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00-7.30
and morning of sale from 9.00-10.00 am

New Church Room

Saturday 21st October

10.00am – 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

ADVANCE DATES

Kenn Village Hall

Friday 17th November

WINE AND CHEESE

In aid of Village Hall Funds

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Tea Party

Mainly for senior residents, but all age
helpers are more than welcome!
Invitations will be out in November
Contact Margaret Ball

THE WILLOWS

Saturday 16th December

COFFEE MORNING

WITH PUNCH AND MINCE PIES

Very Advanced Date

Saturday 23rd June 2007

Live Band and Party KVH

History Corner

Roland Hazell of Moor Road, has asked me to report that his sister-in-law Inez Hazell, who lived in Canada, has passed away aged 94.

She was the wife of Tom Hazell, Roly's brother, who emigrated to Canada with Jim Staples, who was Sam Staples, brother in 1926. They were school friends from Kenn School.

Tom worked for his father George Hazell of Manor Farm before emigrating and Jim Staples worked at Stowell's dairies and meat processing factory at Moorgates, Kenn Street before emigrating. I met them both when they revisited Kenn some years ago.

Tom and Inez Hazell had one son, four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

Ray Naish

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Fact

In 1811 the population of Weston-super-Mare was 163 people. I expect the population of Kenn at that time was at least twice that number, probably more. Around that time there were more people living in Kenn than there were living in Clevedon. This was before Clevedon started developing into a seaside resort. It was still a fishing and farming village based around Clevedon Court, the old Village (now the Triangle) and West End.

Ray Naish

Margaret's Mutterings

Sympathy

We send our condolences to the Porch family of Duck Lane on their recent bereavement.

Harvest Supper

May I add my thanks to all who supplied us with a wonderful evening, with a special word of thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Robin Mackay who did a wonderful job.

Kenn Village Hall

Booking Secretary Jean Fenwick's telephone number is 01275 875073

Free Horse Manure

Tim Taylor is willing and able to deliver fresh horse manure within the village - give him a call on 871585

Kenn News and Views

We are always delighted to receive copy for our 'mag' - the easiest for me is if you E-mail me at

Margaret.john@btinternet.com

Alternatively Fax on 01275 342050, pop it through the letterbox of Chaseside or leave with Ray Naish at Cloverlea - the earlier in the month the better.

What's on at The Drum

Tuesday 3rd October
12.00 onwards meet for the
VILLAGE LUNCH

**Book your Christmas Party
now.**

**3-course meal
£13.95 per person**

**Christmas Day Bookings now
being taken**

**5-course meal plus
for £49.95**

**Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.
All welcome.**

There is no charge - just a Fun Night

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Bird News I

Colin Cooper (K. N. & V. September) is quite correct in describing the Dunnock as an Accentor – it is known as the Hedge Accentor. Hedge Sparrow is a colloquial name, probably more used by country folk – a comparison would be the name Peewit used for Lapwing.

The Hobbies have produced at least one youngster on the edge of Kenn Moor and there were some acrobatic flying displays during the first half of September. Whilst watching these we saw a Kingfisher, a Little Grebe (on winter territory already!) and both Clouded Yellow and Small Copper Butterflies. Three Wheatears were present on one visit, but had moved on by the next day.

A trip to Chew Valley Lake (still 99% full) provided a spectacle of thousands of Swallows, House Martins and Sand Martins feeding low over the surface of the lake. There were also a couple of Yellow Wagtails with a flock of Pied Wagtails.

The Peat Moors near Glastonbury had an Osprey stay over for around 10 days, also Marsh Harrier and Hobbies.

A drained lake provided an attraction for a whole host of migrant waders, the most notable of which was a Temmincks Stint. This bird (just bigger than a sparrow) nests in northern Scandinavia and spends our winter in the middle-east or Japan – so it has a long journey ahead of it.

There was also a Pectoral Sandpiper, a bird from North America that should be in South America now. The lake has a couple of deep channels, which

were not drained, and here we watched a large dog Otter spend 15 minutes catching a modest fish and then a bigger eel. Otters are seen regularly at Shapwick Heath – it must be the premier site for Otter watching in England.

Trevor Riddle

01934 835208

Bird News II

September 1st – Three young Swallows have just left their nest in the old cowshed near our bungalow. This must be the last brood this year.

September 25th – Birds are getting over their moult, all around the buildings and trees around Stonehouse Farm this morning, large numbers of birds of all sorts are very noisy. Robins and Wrens are singing to claim their winter territories, Chaffinches are frantically feeding on seeds from Ash trees, Blackbirds are giving their alarm calls and Jackdaws are very noisy as they feed on apples in the orchard.

This evening there are no Swallows or House Martins to be seen. I expect they have left on the first stage of their migration.

Jeff Naish reports seeing a large flock of Lapwings in Tickenham Moor and a flock of Pied Wagtails migrating down the coast at Castle Farm, Clevedon.

There have also been several sightings of Kingfishers in various parts of the moors around here.

Ray Naish

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PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday 1st October
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Kenn
8am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Family Service
Kingston Seymour
6.00 pm Evensong Yatton

2nd Sunday 8th October
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

CLEEVE HARVEST FESTIVAL
8am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Family Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham
11am Harvest Family Service Cleeve
11am Holy Communion Kenn
6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour
6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 15th October
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

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

**3rd Wednesday in month:
18th October
11am: Holy Communion at Kenn**

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2006

4th Sunday 22nd October
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
10am Family Service Claverham
11am Family Service Kenn
6pm Evensong Yatton

5th Sunday 29th October
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham
10.00am Team Communion Yatton
6.00 pm Evensong Kenn

HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER:
18th LUKE THE EVANGELIST
10.00am Holy Communion Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 8.30am Morning Prayer
Yatton (not Saturdays & Holy Days)
Every Wednesday:
10am: Holy Communion Yatton
1st Wednesday in month:
11am: Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
3rd Wednesday in month
11am Holy Communion Kenn
4th Wednesday in month:
11am: Holy Communion at Claverham
Every Thursday:
9.30am: Holy Communion Cleeve
7.30 pm Holy Communion Yatton
Term Time 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
2.00 pm First Steps - Yatton