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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
Ray Granger (60)
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

Church News

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Altar Guild

Thank you to Grace Griffin for doing the first week in September and to Kate Hatcher and Jan Bedford for the rest of the month. We are looking for someone to help during that month for next year so any volunteers would be welcome.

October Altar Guild - Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and Tina Middleton

Marianna Mackay 340323

Thanks

Barbara Dixon, would like to thank everyone who gave so generously when she took the Salvation Army collecting box around Kenn. £75 was added to their funds.

Harvest Thanksgiving in Kenn

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services held at Kenn Church on September 14th were wonderfully attended. 130 people were in the church for the two services. During the morning service, Drew and Polly Summerell were baptized by Prebendary John Andrews.

The church had been beautifully decorated by ladies from the village. Many gifts of fruit, vegetables and produce were brought to the church, much of it by children of the congregation. All these gifts were later distributed to the sick and elderly.

Ray Naish

Monday 15th September the harvest gifts were distributed to senior members of the congregation and old friends. Some went to Andrew House which is a drug/alcohol abuse rehab centre in Clevedon.

Julia Bush

Nathaniel Jack Stowell.

By 11 o'clock on Sunday 28th September, the early morning mist had cleared, but there was still an autumnal nip in the air as Nathaniel's family and friends joined the congregation at St John's for his baptism which took place in the service of Holy Communion.

The church was still decorated with the beautiful flowers from Harvest Festival and looked lovely. I don't think I can remember when there were so many small children at a morning service at St John's. It was just great to see them all. Nathaniel was charming, and everyone behaved themselves really well, even the grownups! Thank you John for a lovely service.

Julia Bush

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Thank you, from Julia and the Blay Family.

Due to the support of people in Kenn, I have just sent £150 to the Blay Family in Ghana. This money was raised through cakes sales at the new Kenn Village Market, and a kind donation. I plan to attend the market regularly and channel the profits to various causes, which will be clearly illustrated on the day.

For many years I have sent money to the Blays twice a year and hope to maintain this support through the market and the sale of Simnel Cakes at Easter.

Julia Bush

From The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Many thanks to everyone who made it to 'The View' for the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning, which was held on 26th September, along with thousands of others all over the country. We raised £143 !.

The fabulous weather was a real bonus and there was lots of socialising out on the deck which made all the tidying up well worthwhile!

Julia Bush

HARVEST SUPPER 2008

A friendly crowd of 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 delicious homity pie and a nut roast.

At times the noise in the Village Hall was deafening as people chatted to their neighbours and friends, a fantastic sound of a community in harmony.

As always Jenny and Simon organised everything with precision and humour, the atmosphere in the kitchen was one of calm and efficiency.

Thanks to all the other helpers who contributed to the success of the event, your efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone.

A magnificent £674 was raised and distributed equally between a water borehole for Chamuka in Zambia and the Village Hall.

Thanks to all who contributed to our silent collection.

Hopefully we will all be back again next year, so see you all then!!

Robin Mackay

Typist's note -

More donations have brought the total to £699 with £362 going to Chamuka

CHAMUKA

VISITORS to the monthly Coffee Morning at Kenn New Room on 18th October will be helping to make a dream come true.

Proceeds will go to the Pipe Dream Appeal launched in the Yatton Moor Team to install a bore hold in the Zambian village of Chamuka.

Other parish events have already raised some of the money needed to supply villagers with a clean water source and free them from the chore of trekking some distance to a pool each day.

The Coffee Morning from 10am to Noon will offer the usual refreshments, cakes and chat – plus something extra to buy.

Celia

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SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club on the first Sunday of each month is doing a nature survey of the churchyard. I had thought this would be a 'ten minute job' and take one session.

On Sunday 7th September we ventured into the churchyard to do the survey. We only identified the trees and some very interesting fungi. There is now an on-going survey, which we hope to document. The purpose of this project is to give the children ownership of a public area of Kenn so children who do not come to church are very welcome. It is such a beautiful churchyard with a spectacular view of the Mendips.

Caroline.

Many thanks to Romily who very capably mixed the ingredients for the flapjacks and cookies served after the harvest festival service.

Caroline 843133

Parish Plan

As the Parish Plan is developing, we want to hear the views of the younger people in the village.

There will be a Pizza Evening in the Village Hall on 24th October at 5.00-6.30.

I will circulate a flyer nearer the time.

Are there any parents who can help?

The commitment is very small – come to one planning meeting for the event (possible at The Drum) and on the evening itself, either supervise small group activities or serve Pizza.

Caroline 343133.

Parish Plan

We have two events in October related to the Parish Plan:

Monday 20 October a Road Safety meeting in the village hall at 7:30 pm for 8:00pm. This is in response to an earlier straw poll when Kennites said it was their number 1 priority. This meeting is open to all Kennites and we hope plenty will turn up to express their concerns about road and footpath safety in the parish. This is an important meeting and your opinion matters, so please do attend. We will have wine and cheese and other refreshments as an inducement.

Friday 24 October a Pizza Evening for the younger members of the parish (up to age 18). This is also in the village hall between 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Parents are welcome but it is the young peoples opinions and hopes for their village that we want to capture. As well as free Pizza and soft drinks we will also be launching a photo competition and handing out single use cameras. The competition runs until Christmas and as well as prizes we want to use the best pictures to illustrate the Parish Plan.

Please take these opportunities to contribute to the Parish Plan.

Robert Down

THANKS

Our gracious and sincere thanks to all concerned with the Harvest Festival for the very welcome gifts that we received.

Thank you,

Doris, Peg and Clifford Edwards

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Our flag

Our flag was flown on the following occasions:

10th September Cyril & Mary Willcox's Golden Wedding Anniversary

13th September Nigel & Jill Hackett's Golden Wedding Anniversary

13th September Christenings of Drew Christine & Polly Grace Summerell

15th September Christopher Hicks' 18th Birthday

28th September for the baptism of Nathaniel Jack Stowell

St. John the Evangelist Kenn Tower Floodlighting.

Our tower was floodlit on the evening of Sunday 13th September to celebrate the baptism of Drew and Polly and our Harvest Festival and again on Sunday 28th following Nathaniel's baptism.

Don't forget, especially with the dark evenings coming, if you would like the church floodlit just call David or Sue Pugh on 874278.

Thanks

Cyril and Mary Willcox would like to thank everyone for their good wishes to them on the occasion of their Golden Wedding and made it such a memorable day.

Thanks

Just to say 'A BIG THANK YOU' to my friends and neighbours for your kind wishes and support throughout my recent stay in hospital, it was very much appreciated.

It's been a very stressful time, but now I am finally home I can hopefully concentrate on making a full recovery back to good health.

Thank you once again,

Lynn Probert

Jack Butland

Jack's dream to play Football for England has come true. He has been selected for the ENGLAND U16's squad against Northern Ireland 4th October (In Ireland).

The Team Goal keeping coach is Ray Clemence who was Goal Keeper for Liverpool and Tottenham and is now The England coach.

The Tournament is the Victory Shield against Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

All the best Jack,
Love Mum, Dad and Harry X

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS IN KENN

There have been two Golden Wedding Celebrations in Kenn this past month.

Cyril and Mary Willcox have celebrated their Golden Wedding with a great party at Kenn Village Hall. They have just moved into a new house in Kenn Street, after spending the past fifty years at Yew Tree Farm, also in Kenn Street. Actually Cyril was born at the farm. Mary, before her marriage lived in the village of Godney near Glastonbury. They have two children Robert and Rosemary who both live in Kenn.

The Reverend Nigel and Mrs Jill Hackett, who came to live in Duck Lane on their retirement some years ago have also celebrated their Golden Wedding with parties at the Village Hall and at their home. Before coming to Kenn their home was near Birmingham.
R.V.N.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

Owing to the absence of the Clerk the Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. and not the usual first Monday.

Sadly Kenn was unsuccessful in the Village of the Year Competition. Marshfield was the overall winner in the small villages section and Cleeve won the North Somerset award.
We congratulate them.

It is sad that Kenn did not win, but taking part does give an

opportunity to tidy up and take stock. The Big Clean Up is a very good social event too.

There are posters up about North Somerset's zero waste challenge from Monday 29 September and Sunday 5 October and if you come to the meeting on 13th October you will hear all about North Somerset's Scrutiny Panel on Plastic Bag Reduction. Does this mean smaller plastic bags or less of them? You decide! Come along and see.

Ann Holtham
Clerk to the Council

Thanks

A huge vote of thanks is due to Cliff Edwards for updating the Book of Remembrance that is kept in the church to record the names of people whose ashes are buried with no marker stone.

Cliff has made about 10 entries over the past month in his beautiful calligraphy, a great skill.

This book is open on the anniversary of those people's deaths wherever possible and the records go back over 40 years.

Ray Naish will continue to ensure anniversaries are kept up to date.

J.B. & J.B.

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Flying visit to Los Angeles

Since growing up around computers, I have found myself in a job working with them every day as a Visual Effects Artist.

I worked on a programme for 18 months, which was for the Discovery Channel called The Human Body – Ultimate Machine. The programme showed how the body reacts in certain extreme situations, and I had the task of making computer-generated muscles and bones move in a realistic way.

The success of the television programme resulted in six of us, from the company I work for, being nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Special Visual Effects in a Series.

Last weekend I flew to Los Angeles for the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony to experience walking down the red carpet with the stars (and getting interviewed for a slightly higher circulated publication than News & Views, the LA Times).

It was a whirlwind weekend of limousines, cocktails, parties and tuxedos. I was in LA for 51 hours, plane to plane, 24 of those hours were spent at receptions and parties, 10 hours asleep and I'm not sure where the other 17 went..

Unfortunately, we didn't win the Emmy, suffice to say that the words "Battlestar Galactica" are no longer to be mentioned in this household!!! It was an honour and a priceless experience to see how the other half live – back to reality now – but there could always be "a next time".

Mark Pascoe



**Kenn
Women'
's
Institute**

The speaker at the September meeting was Mr. J. Wilson, a very entertaining man with a lively personality, who described his efforts to break into the world of show business while holding down a full time job at British Aerospace. He followed the route of amateur dramatics, clubs as a comedian and impressionist and television quiz shows. He is now to be seen regularly as a 'resuss' nurse on Casualty.

The talk at the Group Meeting in October is about the Missions to Seamen and members are asked to knit woolly hats for seafarers (male or female). Names were also being taken for the Birthday Lunch, which this year is being held at the Moored Spout on October 15th.

We are also looking forward to the Annual Flower Arranging evening on 19th November when Joanna Cheek will be demonstrating for us. Joanna has visited us before and we always look forward to her visits.

At the October meeting Mrs. Parker will describe meeting her brother and finding her birth mother. If you would like to come along, please do. Visitors are always welcome.

Ann Holtham

**FREE TO GOOD HOME
Round Pine Table
Contact Margaret Ball**

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VILLAGE MARKET

The next Village Market will be held on Saturday October 11th, 10am till noon. After you have stocked up on the usual eatables why not think ahead to Xmas and browse the gifts and cards on show.

**Mink Hollow, Duck Lane, Kenn
BS21 6TP**

Hi Sheila/ Margaret

Just thought I would drop a quick line for inclusion in the next edition of Kenn News & Views.

Following the celebrations of Christopher's (Kenn's local paperboy) 18th Birthday Party held in the village hall on Saturday 20th September we would like to thank the Hall Committee for allowing us the use of the Village Hall.

As local residents it was wonderful to be able to make use of **Our** Village Hall to hold a Family celebration, long may it continue. Thanks also to Margaret & John for the use of the field in return for a donation to the village hall fund to house an adults bouncy castle which was very entertaining as the majority of lads were from Clevedon Colts rugby team, on a personal note that's the last time I stand on the sidelines and tell them to get stuck in as I can assure you that they are very strong boys, I've still got the bruises to prove it!

Thanks also to Clive Golding-Ellis & Kevin Froude who gave up their Sunday morning hangover in return for several bacon sandwiches and coffee

in order to ensure the hall was returned clean and tidy.

Despite the concerns of the Hall Committee and in this day and age of bad publicity of teenagers I am delighted to report that the evening passed off without incident, no knife crime, stabbings, shootings or muggings! A real testament to those teenagers who attended which just goes to show that we should not tar everyone with the same brush.

The evening was brought to a close at a very respectable midnight.

Many thanks

Caroline and Andy Hicks

Typist's note - As Chairman of the Hall Committee, may I say thank you to you all - we have had bad experiences in the past, mainly from non-village 18 year old parties - but you lot were exemplary.
Thank you!

Ray's Summer Walks

The last of this summer's walks have been completed. During the five walks £85.60 was collected for Church Funds. Many thanks go to all who took part.

Ray Naish.

'Hat Hire for Charity'

Ladies, do you have any hats, you no longer use, that you would like to get rid of and donate these to "Hat Hire for Charity".

All proceeds to charity - if so please contact Grace Griffin on 01275872948

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Thanks to all who supported the September Coffee Morning almost £60 was raised towards the cost of floodlighting.

Neighbourhood Watch

John Baber, who has moved into Wimberidge, Kenn Street, has kindly not only taken over Maurice Ford's bungalow, but also his role as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Just to remind you, your other two N.W co-ordinators are – Clive Golding-Ellis, Duck Lane and myself, Jan Bedford, Kenn Street

At the local co-ordinators meeting recently the police alerted us to the latest spate of burglaries where houses are broken into to obtain car keys for car theft. Please be warned to keep your car keys in a secure place overnight.

The police are always looking for volunteers to help them. They have a scheme where members of the public accompany police officers on the beat at potentially difficult times. At the moment they are asking for help, perhaps around Clevedon or Yatton, on Halloween night.

They are also always looking for help with local speed-watches.

Please let us know if anybody is interested in this voluntary work.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, there will be no edition of the yellow N.W. Newsletter this autumn. They are, however, hoping to produce another issue around November or December. When they do, we will attempt to distribute it to you as usual.

A message from Romilly [now aged nearly 3] and Jemima [aged one and half]

Once again, we will be hosting our annual **Fundraising Coffee Morning** in aid of **Children in Need**, on **Friday 14th November**.

From 10.30am – midday, you are invited to pop along to the Village Hall, and enjoy freshly brewed coffee and homemade cakes.

We will be baking like mad leading up to the event, and there will be lots of fabulous cakes to buy, and flower arrangements to be won.

Last year we raised over £800, and with your help again, we are hoping to raise as much as possible for children who sadly aren't as lucky as us.

**Please come along and support us
- we look forward to seeing you!**

**Clevedon Mercury and
North Somerset Times**

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

**Hostess Celia Andrews
Proceeds to the Pipeline
Appeal for the Chamuka
Borehole in Zambia**

Dates For Your Diary

Clevedon Salerooms
Thursdays 2nd/16th and 30th 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

Your Garden Gate
Mondays 6th /20th Green Waste
13th/27th Recycling

Drum & Monkey
Tuesday 7th October
12.00 onwards - Village Lunch
all welcome
Every Wednesday is
Quiz Night

Kenn Village Hall
Wednesday 8th October, 7.30 pm
Kenn Women's Institute

Kenn Village Hall
Saturday 11th October
10.00 – noon
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Kenn Village Hall
Monday 13th October
7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council
Meeting.

New Church Room
Saturday 18th October
10.00am – 12 noon
COFFEE MORNING

Kenn Village Hall
Monday 20th October 7.30 for 8.00
Road Safety Meeting
Wine and Cheese

Kenn Village Hall
Friday 24th October 5.00-6.30pm
PIZZA EVENING

KENN VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday 29th October 2.00pm
JUMBLE SALE

Proceeds to Hall Funds
Jean Fenwick 875073

ADVANCE DATES

Kenn Village Hall
Friday 14th November
10.30 – 12 noon
Romilly and Jemima's
Coffee Morning
For Children in Need

Saturday 15th November 7.30 pm
St Mary's church Yatton
Medieval banquet
Tickets £10 - Concessions £7
More details from
Chris Stead 01984 883258
Tickets Margaret Ball

Kenn Village Hall
Wednesday 19th November
Christmas Flower Demonstration
By Joanna Cheek

Drum and Monkey
Tuesday 25th November

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Colin Alexander is Frank Sinatra
£15 per person to include a
two course meal -book at the bar

KENN VILLAGE HALL Wednesday 3rd 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 Village Green Friday 19th December Ceremonial Lighting of The Christmas Tree With Carol Singing etc.

Batty Birds at Yew Tree Farm.....

I did so enjoy the 'Kombie' on Sunday,
fab weather, mad scarecrows, great
company and loads of social fun, (Top
nosh too!!).

However I did pop home half way to
check on my dear pets. With over a
hundred of them there is always one
creature on the 'wobble' somewhere.
Usually it's an injury from a daft fight
or a dispute over food, or in the case of
the ducks - it will be not enough water
to splash in so they've gone and thrown
the chickens drinking water about
instead!

My one ongoing concern though was
for an older 'Silver Dorking' Cockerel,
named Napoleon. He has been rather
low in spirits and appeared to be going
'down hill' rapidly. Suffering from a
mystery illness, which has knocked
him for six! I wondered guiltily if he
was just stressed out from the recent
addition of 10 new energetic young
girlfriends to keep in order. Then

again maybe it was the relentless damp
weather taking its toll on him; not
being able to get a decent dust bath due
to the mud can't be much fun!

Anyway when I got back he was
reasonably happy to have a herbal
boost with a garlic capsule disguised in
a raspberry: downed in one before one
of the girls or a pilfering sparrow
grabbed it!

However as I stood up quite satisfied
that he'd make it through another day I
heard the other birds making weird
warning screeches, all of them stood
around bolt upright, but rooted to the
spot! All was utterly still except for
the wind whipping through the apple
trees in Napoleon's coop.

I looked about and searched for the
intruder... I expected it to be a farm cat
or even a fox. But I could not see
anything amiss other than my petrified
chickens all stood like statues making
low throaty fearful calls. What could it
be?

As I picked up the water bucket and
turned towards the coop exit I focused
on two devouring, icy, staring eyes...
about two or three feet directly in front
of my face!

In the shadows, of a leafy apple
tree was a large dark bird with a small
hooked beak. It continued to stare at
me. I was so shocked I just looked
straight back for a second. Then
realising that this was a small hawk
and therefore logically the source of
my pets' fright I shook the water
bucket in its face and it suddenly
rocketed upwards, through the apple
tree branches, flying out of sight.

John Croxton told me later that this
was a sparrow hawk. Presumably it
was waiting for me to leave the coop

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so that it could swoop down and grab an unsuspecting sparrow! We have quite a few living in the hedge next to the farm. They are very adept at pinching chicken food.

Lise

Manor Farm Summer Walk

The last of Ray's summer walks for this year was held at Manor Farm, on Kenn Moor Road courtesy of Tom and Sarah Hazell. After almost two weeks of daily rain about twenty of us were able to enjoy a calm and dry evening.

We began on the front lawn by looking out across the moor, which Ray explained would flood every year until the new Kenn River was dug in the early 1950s.

The view across towards Nailsea and Claverham being of regular rectangular grass fields which dated back to the time of the Enclosure Acts of the 1800's.

We were told a story of a couple of locals who set out in a boat across the moor one evening and during their return were unexpectedly tipped out as they paddled home. It was not until the next spring, when the waters subsided, they found that the offending obstacle was a farmers' horse drawn rake which had been left in out in the field.

Ray explained how, until the time of enclosure in the 1800's, Kenn Moor was farmed as common land by the poorer people of Kenn who lived in simple cottages such as Mead Cottage at the end of Duck Lane.

However, following enclosure by local wealthy landowners, the poor were

dispossessed and many suffered great hardship, some even emigrating to find a better life.

Manor Farm house is an impressive listed building and it has a commanding view across the moor. It is built of stone and traditional clay pan tiles. Ray said that he was puzzled as to why such a large farmhouse had been constructed here. Especially

given the difficulties of moving stone to a location which must have lacked good roads and how extremely wet the area was most of the year. We wondered had stone even been brought by boat?

On the front- porch of the house there is plaque with a Griffin Motif under which is the date 1820, however the house is much older than this and Tom showed us another plaque inside one of the farm buildings with the initials and date "JP 1751". Sarah said this is believed to relate to the Smith Piggott family who were large landowners in North Somerset at this time.

Sarah and Tom, Sarah's father Roly Hazell and Roly's parents, George and Agnes Hazell have farmed here since about 1895. Ray said that a farmer Wallis farmed it before this time.

Manor Farm was brought into Kenn village parish boundary when Ray was Parish chairman, until then Kenn Village boundary had only covered one square mile of land. The new boundary frames Kenn by three major watercourses on all but the southern side.

After looking around the buildings we set off on a slow walk across the grass

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fields out onto the moor. We walked down an old track, which is now grassed over and may once have been the main entrance of the farm until we reached a farm drove. This drove, like many others is a service road to the fields for the farmers.

The fields in this area were surrounded by hedges such as hawthorn and willows, which are still regularly pollarded, this provides some shelter for the cattle from the wind.

We eventually reached Black ditch, this is one of the main drainage ditches, which runs slowly and darkly in a straight line across the moor draining into the river.

As dusk came bringing our evening to a close we slowly ambled back across the fields to the farm where we first started our walk.

Julian Gale

Bird News I

Firstly, thanks to Matt Butland and Rob Treble for providing details of Hobby sightings over Kenn. Naturally just after I had delivered last month's Bird News copy, John Croxton and myself located the Hobbies not far from last year's site! I do feel that either there is a different male bird this year or the weather conditions have dictated a different hunting pattern. Anyway the good news is that the pair have raised 2 young that were flying strongly by early September. It may be possible to organise a Hobby Watch for interested Kennites next August if

the birds are back at, or near, their usual site.

Staying with Raptors, Jack Treble saw eleven Buzzards over Kenn Street – a group of seven and another group of four. Some Common Buzzards do migrate (41 were reported from Lands End) and it is quite possible that these were birds moving through.

Rob Treble mentions Willow Warbler song, which is fairly unusual in autumn, but is perhaps a young bird practising for next spring. It is always interesting to hear of local sightings so please continue to keep John Croxton

updated, or ring me and I will include them in Bird News.

Star bird in the village must be the Wryneck in John's garden on 5th September. John has written a separate note about this real rarity – there are on average just two sighting per year in "Avon". The Wryneck is a Woodpecker with wonderful cryptic plumage and gets its name for the ability to turn its head through almost 360 degrees. Wrynecks used to breed in England but were in decline by the 1930's and gone by the 1970's. It is thought that the reasons are climatic – the big populations breed in eastern Europe and England was always on the edge of its breeding range.

A week later not one, but two Wrynecks turned up by the sea wall at Kingston Seymour (and one of these may have been 'John's Bird'). They had been blown off course (south through mainland Europe) by easterly winds, but moved on when the winds lightened and the nights were clear.

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Jill and I did the scarecrow walk a day late and saw a Peregrine Falcon flying very fast over Kenn Church towards Clevedon.

A farmer from Congresbury called me to say that he believed he had either a Hen Harrier or a Montague's Harrier on his land. This seemed fairly unlikely but when I visited I found an Albino Buzzard. This exotic creature was about 80% brilliant white – it did a reasonable impersonation of a Snowy Owl. I have never seen one before and Robin Prytherch the local Buzzard expert (he has been studying them for over 30 years) has never seen one in England.

Lots of Swallows with smaller numbers of House Martins have been migrating along the sea wall together with plenty of Meadow Pipits, Wheatears, Whinchats and a Redstart have been present stopping off on their long journeys south.

A Marsh Harrier flew steadily north on the 15th whilst a Juvenile Peregrine a few days later was almost certainly a local bird.

Trevor Riddle

01934 835208

Bird News II

I had a chat with Jackie Huxtable nee Summerell recently. Jackie now lives with her family at "Smeath Farm", Cooks Lane, Clevedon Moor. This area, called Smeath, is a little hamlet of just four houses at the end of Cooks Lane, quite isolated.

Jackie says it is a great privilege to be able to live in such a haven for wildlife. She says she sees Kingfishers almost daily on the Yearling Rhyne

and most days sees deer grazing in the fields near her house. She spends a lot of time blackberry picking and exploring the many lanes and isolated fields around the area. She told me she had found a forgotten orchard by a ruined cottage in what I would call no man's land.

In the second week of September she saw the first flock of Fieldfares of the autumn, at the same time the last flock of Swallows flew over on migration.

Bullfinches are often seen in the lanes and lots of Pheasants. Jackie is very grateful to Margaret Ball for posting a copy of News & Views to her each month. She enjoys reading all the

Kenn news. She was born at Nailsea Wall.

She has also seen a Barn Owl recently entering the bird box on Nailsea Wall.

Miles Naish reports large numbers of Mistle Thrushes congregating at Naish Farm, Clapton-in-Gordano as they do every autumn. He has also seen a Kingfisher flying along the Little River at Horsecastle Farm, Yatton.

Jeff Naish reports Meadow Pipits, Gold finches, Stonechats and Wheatears flying around in various places in Tickenham Moor. He has also seen 12 Roe Deer in one field.

I heard a Little or Screech Owl calling one night recently. They always seem to get noisy at this time of the year.

A few Blackbirds and Thrushes are beginning to appear again having recovered from their moult.

The resident Swallows and House Martins that have been about the farm all summer disappeared very early this

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year, immediately after the last broods of young left the nests.

Ray Naish

Bird News III

It's an ill wind but on Friday 5th September it brought an exciting visitor, or to be more exact, several exciting visitors of the feathered variety.

The first and most exciting was a bird I had heard about, but never expected to see, especially in my garden. It was a Wryneck and hopefully Trevor can explain a bit more about this unusual bird in his column.

The Wryneck was around the garden for most of the day and when the weather cheered up later in the afternoon it was joined by another striking bird, albeit more common, a Green Woodpecker.

No sooner had the Green Woodpecker departed than a Grey Wagtail appeared, so Jenny and I were able to watch Wryneck and Grey Wagtail simultaneously.

The show was still not over as a Lesser Whitethroat and Willow Warbler were seen feeding in an overhanging tree. These events occurred in a period of perhaps 30 minutes and our eyes were glued to our binoculars until our arms ached.

We thought 'the show' was over and put down our 'bins' with a sigh of relief, only to see a smart male Sparrowhawk shoot into the garden and perch on the pergola for five minutes or so – luckily our other visitors did not hang around to see him!

John Croxton

Margaret's Mutterings

Harvest Supper

May I add my thanks to all who supplied us with a wonderful evening – special thanks for your generosity to the Pipeline Appeal for Zambia and Village Hall funds.

A quote has just been received for borehole digging and equipping and hand pump of 23,500.000 kwacha (£3,600 - £3,800).

Fundraising so far, has reached over £2,000 so please support Celia's Coffee Morning on the 18th October – wouldn't it make a wonderful Christmas Present from Yatton Moor to Chamuka!

Kenn and Kingston Kombine 24.8.8.

On the subject of giving – John and I are overwhelmed by the generosity of you all – the total raised as at 28.9.8 is a staggering £6,655.00 plus whatever was put in the Macmillan Collecting Pots.

Thank you, thank you and again thank you.

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

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

Margaret

Note to Mike Callow – I did enjoy your bit but ran out of space – maybe next month!!

PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday 5th October TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY **YATTON & CLEEVE HARVESTS**

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

2nd Sunday 12th October TWENTY-FIRST AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham
10.00am 'Back to School Sunday'
Yatton Junior School
11.00am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Holy Communion Kenn
6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

3rd Wednesday in month:
15th October
11am: Holy Communion at Kenn

3rd Sunday 19th October TWENTY-SECOND AFTER TRINITY LUKE THE EVANGELIST

8am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
(with the laying on of hands)
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton
6pm Evensong Kenn

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2008

4th Sunday 26th October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
10.00am Family Service Claverham
11am Family Service Kenn
6pm Ecumenical Evening Prayer
Yatton

HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER:

28th SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES
8.30am 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:

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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