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Jubilee Celebrations at Kenn

NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays & Anniversaries - August

3rd Clare Edwards
6th Steve Bye
7th Ray Naish
8th Suzanne Golding-Ellis
10th Stephen Brain
12th Margaret & John Ball W.A.
15th Jean Naish
Nathaniel Stowell
Ruby Hill
16th Max Naish
18th Matt Hibbs
23rd Mark Pascoe
26th Peter Woods
27th Caroline & John Hayden W.A.
29th Sylvia & John Staples W.A.
Jane & Hartley Staples W.A.
31st Jill & Matt Butland W.A.
Annie Sylvester

Kenn Altar Guild
August Rota

Sizzle Summerell & Margaret Ball

Our Flag

Our flag was flown at half mast to mark the passing of Richard Evans of Colehouse Farm on Tuesday 17th July and again on Friday the 27th on the occasion of his funeral service at All Saints, Kingston Seymour.

The number of mourners was such that All Saints was full with around 100 people in the churchyard.

Kenn July Family Service

This service fell on the Sunday when the church remembers St Christopher, the patron saint of travellers.

The theme of the service was
'Going on Holiday' ,
the kind of travel most people are thinking of at the moment.

The talk was about dealing with those burdens that fill up and weigh down the knapsack of your mind.
The service was, as ever, followed by coffee and lots of chat.

Julia Bush

PS While Celia and I are 'in charge' of the Family Service, *please* don't hold back from commenting/offering to read etc, we would love to hear from you.

25th August - Coffee Morning

As usual, there will be a Coffee Morning in the New Room on the fourth Saturday in August (25/8) from 10.00am to noon.

This will be in aid of New Room Supplies (coffee, washing up liquid, tea towels etc), *not* a charity. So, just put a few pennies in the pot for your coffee and have a good chat.

Marianna Mackay will have a selection of cards on sale and the church will be open for jam sales and quiet reflection.

See you there, Julia

St Barnabas
Claverham

Coffee Morning
Saturday 4th August
10.30am – 12pm
All welcome

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE OLYMPIKKKS
SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

KKKenn Village Hall and fields - Meet from 2.30pm
Cream Teas early and Barbecue later on.
The KKKingston Seymour Team will do a Licensed Bar

Free entry - Fun and Frolics for all the Family

Not too serious - except the TUG OF WAR
Planned Events include Welly Wanging - Three Legged Races - Sack Races - Biathlon - Egg and Spoon Races - Egg throwing - Tiddlywinks - Skittles - China Smashing - Wheelbarrow Obstacle Race - and who knows what -

Next planning meeting at Chaseside at 7.30pm Thursday 23rd August
volunteers welcome - Proceeds to Charity
Also Book Stall - Tombola - Bottle Stall - Jam and Cake Stall

Donations please.....
I will be running a bottle stall for the KKK OlympiKKKs - and would be pleased to receive donations.
Keep a look out for 'buy one get one free' offers etc so it need not cost you any thing. Thank you, Julia Bush

Come and watch a brilliant film…
Romero
An inspiring film about the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero
who preached against repression in El Salvador
and was shot on 24 March 1980 whilst celebrating Mass

Monday 24th September at 7pm
St Mary's Chapter House

Coffee & Biscuits
& discussion after the film

More details from Mary Kesby 01934 833707

The next Village Lunch will be at the Moorend Spout on Tuesday 14th August 12 for 12.30. All welcome.

CREAM TEAS
Next Sunday – August 5th
All Saints'
Kingston Seymour
2.30pm – 5pm
with the Chalice Handbell Team

The Parish of Yatton Moor
11+ Youth Group Summer Activities

Mon 30th July – Weds 1st August &/or Monday 13th Aug – Weds 15th Augusy

Two 3-day summer activity sessions based at St Mary's, Yatton, each to include a one-day trip to Skern Lodge, North Devon.

Contact Jane Lumkin (01934 835812) or
Email dlumkin@greenbee.net for more information.
Cost for each 3-day session is £50 to include day trip, transport and all activities

What's on in August?

Saturday 4th August 10.30-12noon
Coffee Morning at
St. Barnabas, Claverham

Sunday 5th August 2.30pm-5pm
Cream Teas at All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Tuesday 14th March 12 for 12.30pm
"Village Lunch"
at The Moorend Spout, West End, Nailsea

Monday 20th August 7.30 pm
Kenn Village Hall - Parish Council

Tuesday 21st August 8.00pm
Drum and Monkey - Book Club meet

Thursday 23rd August 7.30pm KKK meet at
Chaseside, Kenn

Saturday 25th August 10.00-12noon
Coffee Morning
Kenn Church Room

What's on in September?

Sunday 2nd September
KKK - OLYMPIKKKS
From 2.30pm Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 8th September
10-12noon
Village Market and Coffee Morning

Sunday, September 9th 7pm for 7.30pm
Kenn Harvest Supper
also featuring Kenn's Fabulous Puddings!
Kenn Village Hall
Licensed Bar serving Beers, Wines, Cider and soft drinks

Tickets from Julia 873554 or Caroline 343133
£7.50 adults £4.50 children under 14

All proceeds will go towards helping the Village Hall buy kitchen equipment

Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm
Kenn W.I. Meet at Kenn Village Hall
Friday 14th September 8pm
Christian Aid Quiz at Chapter House, Yatton

Tuesday September 18th 7.30 for 8.00pm
Kenn W.I. Fashion Show

Monday 24th September 7pm
Chapter House at Yatton
Screening of the film **ROMERO**

THE VILLAGE MARKET

We filled all the tables this month and had another new seller who had interesting craft work which she sells for charity.

Most of the faithful were with us and Sarah and Marianna took charge of the refreshments for which we thank them. They (with your help) raised the great sum of £80 which will go to the Children's Hospice.

We have our summer break in August so the next Market will be 8th September.

Have you lost a pair of spectacles ? A pair of Ladies' Glasses were left at the July Village Market. If they are yours - please telephone me on 01275 873554

Have you lost a walking stick? Found in church during June or July - Contact Julia 873554

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary:
Sarah Clark 01934 833307

St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:
Revd Ian Hubbard 01934 832184

Churchwardens:
Julia Bush 873554
John Ball 874077

Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

Village Flag Flying:
Marianna or Robin 340323 or
Hazel 349535

Altar Guild Secretary:
Marianna Mackay 340323

North Somerset Council:
01934 888 888
out of hours:
01934 622 669

News & Views:
Margaret Ball 01275 874077
Email: Margaret.john@btinternet.com
Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn

Village Market

NO VILLAGE MARKET IN AUGUST
See you on Saturday 8th September

Recycling - 7th,14th,21st,28th

Dustbin - 14th,28th August

Green Waste - 7th,21st August

North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies of this local newspapers are freely available in the bar of the Drum and Monkey from Wednesday afternoons.

Kenn Women's Institute

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm
2nd Wednesday of each month

Clevedon Salerooms
FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS
Tel: 01934 830111
Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Antique and Quality Furnishings. Collectables etc
Thursday 9th August

Viewing at Saleroom
Wednesday 8th August 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

Quarterly Specialist Sale
Thursday 30th August 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom
Tuesday 28th August 2pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 29th August 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

Another Kenn Grandchild

Alexis and Suzanne Papasolomontos have become the proud parents of Chloe Aika, born in Tokyo at the beginning of June.

Needless to say Sotiris and Wendy are thrilled to bits to be grandparents and can't wait till September when Chloe will bring her parents back for a visit.

Jubilee Crowns

The Parish Council purchased Jubilee Crowns for all the school age children living in the village, as a memento of the celebrations.

We have made attempts to deliver them but unfortunately we have missed some people when we have called.

If you haven't received the coins for your children, we apologise, but if you ring the numbers below and let us have a convenient time to call we will deliver.

Sheila Naish 07808920962 01934 838357

Kate Hatcher 01275 871860

Hello Sheila,

Thanks for your time today.

I and two good friends go metal detecting on a regular basis all over Somerset. Particularly in The Weston-super-mare to Bristol areas.

We are members of NCMD and FID. This means we are insured and follow a good code of conduct.

Before we go, we always seek the landowners' permission and have a good chat with the land-owner. After a day of detecting or a weekend, we like to show all our finds to the landowner. Hopefully some good finds. Great finds!!

Any finds of importance will be reported to the Somerset Finds Liaison Officer (FLO).

As discussed, if you could put my name and mobile number into your local magazine that would be absolutely fantastic.

We are constantly trying to build relationships with farmers and landowners for responsible detecting.

Here is my mobile number: 07810 028 855.

Thanks, James Hatch

Book Group

Following all the activity in Kenn we did not have a book group in June. On the 16th July we met at The Drum to discuss 'At Swim-Two-Birds'.

Some of the group enjoyed this challenging abstract novel. Others had to admit defeat and own that they could not get past the first 30 pages.

We agreed it was a creative abstract fantasy and those of us who found it unreadable would return to it at a later date.

Next we will read 'Veronika Decides To Die' by Paulo Coelho.
Some of us also realised we had copies of 'The Alchemist' by the same author.

If time permits we will read both and compare and contrast. We will meet at The Drum on Tuesday 21st August 2012 at 8'ish.

Caroline.

KENN W.I.

At the July meeting of the Kenn W.I. two of our members who had been fortunate enough to visit eastern Canada showed us pictures and mementoes of their stay. They had had a wonderful time and had seen some spectacular buildings and scenery.
We were all very envious.

Sadly the trip to the Black Country Museum has had to be cancelled for a variety of reasons.
It has been decided that, instead, we will meet for tea in the Village Hall on that day.
We hope that the weather will be kind enough for us to sit on the Patio.

The next formal meeting is on September 12th when Mr. Alan Mildren will give a talk entitled Heaven on Lundy which should be very interesting. We are always glad to see visitors at our meetings so if you would like to hear him come along at 7.30 p.m.

The County federation AGM takes place at the Winter Gardens in Weston-S-Mare in September. The principal speaker this time is to be Adam Henson of Countryfile fame. He is proving to be a very popular choice.

There will be a Fashion Show given by the Edinburgh Wool Company on Tuesday September 18th at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Please put the date in your diaries and more details will follow.
Tickets will be available soon.
The cost per ticket is to be £5 to include a glass of wine.
All proceeds are for the Bristol Oncology and Haematology Unit. Ann Holtham

Margaret's Mutterings

Congratulations to Kenn cyclist Troy Gale on completing the gruelling Bristol Night Ride for the "Above and Beyond" Charity - to donate log onto www.justgiving.com TroyandBernie.

Sympathy - We send our deepest sympathy to Zoya Grey and her family on the sudden passing of her husband Don - we understand that his funeral will be at Kingston Seymour early in August.

Congratulations - to Colin and Angela Alexander of Colehouse Farm, who became grandparents again on the 29th June. Ava Violet Dulcie Alexander was born to Simon and Nikki, a baby sister for Alfie James and Ellie May.

Harvest Supper - Grateful thanks to Stefan Beardshaw who has kindly agreed to cook our Harvest Supper this year - proceeds for kitchen equipment at the Hall - Puddings and help will be requested nearer the time - Thanks also to Hazel who is doing the posters and tickets.

September News & Views - to Margaret.john@btinternet.com - Fax 01275 342050 as soon as poss.

THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR
SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2012

1st Sunday 5th August THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN

8.00am Holy Communion at Kenn
9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
11.00am First Sunday Special at Claverham
11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour
6.00pm Evensong at Yatton

2nd Sunday 12th August THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton
9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham
11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve
11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn
6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour

3rd Wednesday 15th August
11.00am Holy Communion by extension at Kenn

3rd Sunday 19th August THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN

8.00am Holy Communion at Claverham
9.30am Family Communion at Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
12.15pm Holy Baptism at Yatton ~ *Jack Walter Denny & Sophie Ann Tracey*
6.00pm Evensong at Kenn*

4th Sunday 26th August THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton
8.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
11.00am Family Service at Cleeve
11.00am Family Service at Kenn
12.00pm Holy Baptism at Kenn ~ *Sebastian Nikolai Harrison*
6.00pm Ecumenical Evensong at Yatton
6.30pm Holy Communion at Claverham

N.B: NO Vestry Hour on Thursdays during AUGUST

Press release: Cycle of a lifetime

On 22nd July 2012 Jamie and Jackie Huxtable embark on a great challenge; cycling the entire length of Britain from Lands End, the most south-westerly point, to John O'Groats, the most north easterly point of the British Isles..

Over two weeks they will cycle over 1000 miles and climb over 35,000 feet (more than the height of Everest). They will have muscle ache, chafing, numb hands and other extremities. They'll be battling head on winds, rain and many punctures.

This year, Jackie and Jamie lost their dear friend Judith after a long battle with cancer. In her memory they have chosen to raise funds for Penny Brohn Cancer Care, who supported her through the illness.

Penny Brohn Cancer Care is a charity which look to support a good quality of life when living with cancer. They help you live well with the impact of cancer through a unique combination of physical, emotional and spiritual support designed to help you at any stage of the illness.

Please dig deep and give what you can!
http://www.pennybrohncancercare.org/Fundraisers/huxtable-end-to-end

Many Thanks

Richard Evans – 12th April, 1945 – 17th July 2012

Richard should be making this speech – he was always the first to volunteer to say a few words..... most recently at Tony Mew's retirement bash.

However, he can't be here so .....

When it came to Rugby – Richard always supported Wales.

He was born on the 12th April 1945 at Berkeley the 2nd son of Elsie and Revd Evan Evans, attended Lydney Grammar School and grew up in various vicarages in the Gloucester area, notably Churcham and Park End.

Frank Bullock tells me that his first meeting with the Rev. Evans' family was in 1957 when Richard's brother Barry was school leaving age and about to start an apprenticeship at Fielding and Platt.

The family were taken on the grand tour of the factory, much to the delight of the workers who found it amusing and unusual to have a vicar in their midst. At this time Richard would have been 13 or 14 years old. As time progressed Richard left school and also became an apprentice there.

Richard was always an energetic outgoing type of person and played hockey on a Sunday for the Fielding team and during the season there would always be cuts, broken noses and collar bones, the matches were very friendly.

As Richard got older he worked on various sites around the country, indeed all around the globe - making many friends along the way.

One job comes to mind at Whitehaven in Cumbria where a large extrusion press was being installed, on the site there would have been 6 or 7 in the installation team including Richard and of course during the evening everyone would meet in the local pub. One particular evening Richard had got everyone singing and the atmosphere was great, one of the locals asked Richard where he was from and what he was doing in Whitehaven, Richard's reply was they were part of a Welsh Choir on Tour.

Thank you for those thoughts Frank.....

After a spell in Scotland he married Anne-Marie and in 1975 their son Mark was born. As Mark grew up he often accompanied his parents at social events.

There are folk here from near and far - many of you worked with him.

He was a brilliant engineer and almost fanatical about steam engines, motorcycles and anything mechanical – his understanding of practical things was instinctive and he was always willing to share his skill and knowledge – although he felt that 'the labourer was worthy of his hire' and he appreciated payment – if only in the form of a pint.

Having said which, I wonder how many of you here have pulled a pint for him– probably quite a few.

Richard enjoyed a drink, and a chat and a song and a joke and good food - he was loud, he was generous, he was gregarious - he was kind and considerate – the first and sometimes the last at the bar.

The first to visit someone in hospital and the first to offer help.

Apart from his work, Richard enjoyed skittles and rugby and he was a mean spoofer - in fact much of his leisure time was spent in licensed premises.

I first met Richard around 1968 – when Roger decided that Stowell's should make paving slabs.

Richard and Roger became firm friends and I was grateful for his support when Roger suddenly passed away in 1997.

Our first Fielding and Platt press was a 1930's model with a huge accumulator – a heavy weight that came down, usually in a controlled manner to press the concrete. Times were hard then – so most of the repair and rebuilding work of the machinery was done on weekends. I well remember Richard, along with John Burrows with his three daughters Judith, Zillah and Angela coming on a Sunday to 'rebuild a pump' – no matter how mucky the girls got during the day - playing with my lot in the yard – when they went home they were spotless - they had to collect mum from her shift at the hospital – Happy days

Richard trained and served his time at Fielding and Platt in Gloucester – when I met him he was an independent engineer and he later traded as Evans Engineering from a unit at Avonmouth.

After Richard and Anne-Marie split up, he moved into 92 Wemberham Lane, adjoining the yard - very close to number 103 where John Hazell was the expert producer of home-made beer. At that time John was driving an old hearse. ..... more memories.

Richard's final home was Evan's Gate, a caravan at Colehouse Farm, Kenn which he used as a base for various trips abroad – including his trip to Australia to watch the Rugby.

Richard's formal employment with Stowell Concrete started on the 1st September 1987 until he took voluntary redundancy on the 31st January 2009 – during the recession - this was probably a blessing – as it gave him a few years in which to enjoy retirement. However he was officially employed as a consultant until recently.

He was a mine of information and with his prodigious memory could recall in detail what work he had done on which machine, and when and where..... In fact until his death, if the fitters had a problem with a press they could phone him and he would immediately put his brain in gear and give excellent advice.

Whilst it was not in Richard's job description he naturally took the role of Christmas Party organiser and with Sandy some great evenings were arranged..... His imaginative 'prizes' were legendary – airfix type toy soldiers for my John after he had bought an ex-army forklift, and a photo of an employee's own house – taken in daylight – as he worked from dawn to dusk and may have forgotten what it looked like.....

Richard was never lonely here and so many of his friends have gone before that he is probably up there having a party now – I am sure that we can all remember at least some of them.....

Over the past week, many people have talked to me about Richard – his kindness, his brilliance and his sense of fun. I am not too good at funny stories – but Colin, Steve and many others will no doubt regale you with some later on.

John and Lenny tell me that over the past few months – since Richard became poorly – he sorted through his father's papers and photographs and – with Marie Ann his close friend - went to many of the churches where his father had served – where appropriate returning memorabilia and photographs – typical of Richard, helpful, sociable, making a party of every occasion – but at the same time taking a trip down memory lane - returning to those places where he had grown up – served as a choir boy and enjoyed his childhood.

I understand that Marie Ann intends to complete the task in his memory.

Only a week before he died, Richard entertained John Hazell's sister Susie from Cyprus at the Cider House at Colehouse Farm.

Richard also enjoyed a funeral – paying his respects to those he loved – catching up with old friends – and singing well known and loved hymns – his voice was Welsh – deep, big and booming – so sing up – make sure that he can hear us at Heaven's Gate.....

Margaret Stowell (Ball)

Neighbourhood Watch - *thanks to Colin Bedford for this information*

This is a NHW message from PCSO Michele Barrett at Nailsea. 27th July

I have started receiving reports again about scam phone calls. One reported caller received one claiming that there was a problem with her computer and they were trying to get her to log-on to allow them to 'fix' it. The lady knew what was going on and tried to get the name and number from them, sounded like Findals Tele Skills. No trace of them on the internet

A relative of the above, an 81 year old lady received a call also, but thankfully she was sharp. She let them ramble on making them think they were in with a chance and then informed them that it was very kind of them to give her all the dreadful information about what was going wrong with her computer and kind of them to offer to fix it, but that it was also very odd since she didn't have one! The line went dead immediately.

A second scam from Yatton reporting an English sounding woman phoned a member of public asking if she had a credit card. Fortunately the lady concerned told her off for phoning and banged the phone down.

Please don't give out personal information, credit card details over the phone unless you instigated the call and trust who you are speaking too.

Please call 101 if you have any concerns.

Hello this is NHW message from PCSO Michele Barrett at Nailsea. 10th July

Please be aware, over the past few weeks there have been a number of distraction burglaries in Somerset.

The offenders have pretended to be workman needing to check manhole covers in the street and gardens or they are from the water company and needing to check the pipes in your house by pouring dye down the sinks.

They have then distracted residents by taking them into the house leaving the front door open.. If you receive any cold caller at your home,

Keep them at the door - Ask and check their identification - Ring their company to confirm identity - And if in doubt don't let them in.

This is a Horsewatch/Farmwatch/NHW message from PCSO Michele Barrett 8487 from Nailsea.
2nd July

There has been a further theft of horse related equipment from Tickenham between Friday 29th June 5.30pm and Saturday 30th June 10.30am. Two commercial Leisure Numax 70 batteries worth £60 each have been taken from a secure shed in a paddock.

On the same dates a shed was broken into overnight in Congresbury and a strimmer worth £200 was stolen.

Overnight between 28th and 29th June 2012 a shed on a farm in Langford was broken into and a small children's 50cc quad bike was stolen.

There have been other reported thefts from sheds and garages around the Portishead and Clevedon areas. We are being hit with shed and garage breaks in North Somerset. Please where possible secure your property. Put your postcode on valuable items. Take photographs and note serial numbers. Keep locks on bikes even when they are in the garage. Let's make life as difficult as possible for thieves.

If you have any concerns about your security please contact your local PCSO through the Avon and Somerset Police website.

Please call 101 if you see anything suspicious or 999 in an emergency.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.ourwatch.org.uk website.

Bird News

Not much to report locally this month, due in part to the extreme wet weather in June and July. John Croxton has seen a Hobby fly over the village on a couple of occasions, during brief dry spells.

Hopefully the barn Owls at Nailsea Wall have fledged successfully; the YACWAG box on Congresbury Moor seems to have failed, probably finished by the prolonged wet weather on 6th /7th July.

The rain flooded the RSPB reserved at Weymouth causing the loss of a Marsh Harrier nest and lots of Common Tern chicks amongst others. One of the wardens snorkelled out (there is a photo on the website) to the flooded tern island and anchored a blow-up mattress there, onto which about 30 tern chicks escaped.

Following the news of the first ever nest of Great White Egrets in the UK comes details of a second successful nest at the same site.

Along the seawall at Kingston Seymour a Wheatear was already heading south on 4th July, whilst a pair of Oyster catchers raised two young. Skylarks were still singing over Mrs. Blake's fields but it is difficult to be optimistic for any ground nesting birds given the weather.

Conversely, garden, hedgerow and woodland birds seem to have fared reasonably well; presumably there have been plenty of insects and invertebrates available to them.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

A Great Moment in the History of Kenn

We have our own Olympian - Jack Butland. We heartily congratulate him on a remarkable achievement. He has become a player in the world's oldest and greatest international sporting event, one whose origins date back nearly 3,000 years.
First held in Olympia in 776BC, they continued for more than 1100 years (until banned by the Romans in 393AD). They lay dormant for some 1500 years until a Frenchman Baron Pierre de Coubertin floated the idea of holding them again in Paris in 1900. However, the Greeks, excited by this, swiftly arranged a revival games for Athens in 1896; only about fourteen countries took part.
The rest, as they say, is history!

Jack Butland is now a part of a glorious piece of the world's sporting history.
"Well done Jack" footnote for him, in the ancient games a three times winner was exempt from TAXATION.

John Griffin

Down on the Farm

As readers will realise, the main subject on the farming scene has been about the continuing wet summer. Those farmers who are lucky enough to get some silage making done a few weeks ago are in a good position. Some managed to make enough to feed their cattle next winter but they are dipping into it now as cows are inside again on winter rations. Others are not so lucky. The prospects of haymaking on some of the lower lying land is poor. Much of the very low ground is still underwater.

Hopefully the weather will settle down before these notes are published in August, so that farmers will have a chance to get on with their silage and hay making. Also the corn harvest is going to have to be tackled at some point. Farmers are not worried about the weight of the crop, but of getting the land dry enough to get the heavy harvesting machinery on the land.

We are also being told that the potato crop is in danger in some areas. It will take some time with fine weather for getting the crops out of the land. Some may have rotted through inundation of water.

There are contrasting estimates about this year's harvest around the world. In the USA they have drought conditions. A friend of ours from Michigan, who was brought up here at Stonehouse Farm, has reported that where they are is consistently 100º. The only way they can keep their crops growing is by spraying daily. By contrast, here in Britain, there is a worry about the amount of crops to be harvested due to the wet weather. There is some talk that bread making wheat may have to be imported from Russia and the areas around the Black Sea.

The big late summer and early autumn sheep sales are just about to get started. Before these notes are read there will have been a very big sale at Sedgemoor Market, here in Somerset. One big problem for sheep this year is that thousands and thousands have not been dry enough to be sheared yet, which puts them a month behind. Also many of the lambs that are born in March, in good weather, are on the way to a flying start; they have never slowed down in growth, due to the wet weather. There are less sheep for the meat trade coming in to the markets, which will help lift their price from the very low point some weeks ago.

Some of the cattle in the fields have suffered slightly due to continuous wet weather.

Hopefully when it warms up they will get back into good condition again.

Dictated by Ray Naish, written by Leon Naish

Kenn Before the Services Came

It is difficult to remember and realise how people lived in Kenn before about 1936. It was around this time that piped water, electricity and private telephones were installed. How did we manage without piped water?

In about 1936, Clevedon Gas Company & Clevedon Water Works joined forces to put a pipe track in. This came as far as the top of Kenn Street. The gas one continued into Yatton. People in Kenn Street used to dip in water from wells in their garden. In a dry summer it was very difficult for farmers to get water to their animals.

The farms on the North Side of Kenn Street were in a good position because they had the Old River Kenn running through their fields, where their animals could drink. But on the south side of Kenn Street it was a very different story, because their are no natural water sources for their cattle to drink. At Stonehouse Farm the main source of supply was from a pump over a well in the yard. Water had to be carted in redundant milk churns to the fields, wherever the cattle were.

When the water main was put into Kenn Street it totally changed how people lived. Most cottages had a stand pipe in their gardens, and of course the fields could be watered by trough. It was about that time that electricity arrived in Kenn. Most houses were immediately converted, but others relied on their oil lamps.

When telephones became available, at first there was only one, at Stonehouse Farm, Clevedon 343.

It took a long time to get water and electricity to the outskirts of Kenn, like the Kenn Pier area. Most of these services didn't arrive in that area until the 1950s. It was many years before the water supply was put in on the road to Yatton. Even the brand new Kenn Estate which was built in about 1938 did not have a water supply until many years later. They relied on a pump at the bottom of their gardens.

In the mid 1930's, it was a time of great unemployment. So the opening of these pipe tracks created work for many men. They were paid about a shilling an hour and had to dig out so many yards of track per day and find their own shovel! There was a 'stop and go point' just outside Stonehouse Farm for weeks. An old chap from Clevedon called Bill Perry who only had one leg did the night watching there for weeks on end. He wasn't kept very busy as there were so few cars about, especially by night.

We gradually took advantage of these services and had supplies fitted. People used to come to Stonehouse Farm to make a telephone call. My parents, Victor and Maggie Naish, charged people about thruppence per call. Which many people didn't like paying! Many people were afraid to get connected, so my mother had to get through to the exchange. This is when the people who ran the Clevedon exchange were known by many people and you could talk to them by name. The same tracks that were put in the trenches in Kenn Street are probably still their today! The only other telephone was at the village shop, were Mrs Moors would put the call through for people. The telephone kiosk, which is now redundant, was installed in the late 1930s, putting Kenn on the map. Our sister village of Kingston Seymour was not connected to the services until many years later.

Many of the people in Kingston fetched their drinking water from a well near Kingston Bridge owned by elderly Mrs

KENN PARISH COUNCIL 2012

Parish Council Meetings for 2012

~~30 July~~ now on the 20 August
1 October, 3 December

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, Kenn Street, Kenn at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and there is time at the start of the meeting to ask questions or provide information.

Agendas are displayed a week before on noticeboards at the Village Hall, Church porch, telephone box, pub green, bus shelter.

Date changes will be advertised.

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NOTICE OF CO-OPTION

North Somerset Council has display notices on the village notice boards for 14 working days. They have not received a request for an election and have notified the Parish Council to fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable by co-option.

Kenn Parish Council now invites interested persons who live, work, occupy or own land in or within a 3 mile radius of the Parish of Kenn to submit, for consideration by the Parish Council, an application to be a Parish Councillor on Kenn Parish Council.

The applicant should give a brief outline of what they feel they can bring to the Parish Council and the residents of Kenn, who they will be representing.

Applications should be received by the Parish Clerk

Please send these to;
Eleanor Wade, Clerk to Kenn Parish Council,
98a Walton Road, Clevedon, BS21 6AN

or email them to; clerk@kenn-pc.org.uk

A person putting their name forward must meet a requirement for Eligibility for Office. There isn't room here to give details but for more information go onto the **Kenn PC web site**, select the tab for '**Councillors**' and then click on either the booklet link (go to page 6) and/or on the Directgov link.