



Mr & Mrs Stuart Welch 27.7.13



Dr Chris Blake aka Spiderman 28.7.13



Rosie & Jenny Treble at the Kenn Extravaganza with friends 28.7.13

# NEWS & VIEWS

### Birthdays & Anniversaries - August

3rd Clare Edwards  
6th Steve Bye  
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...** was flown in celebration of new babies in July

13th for Angus Humberstone 8lbs. 6 oz to Hayley, Angus is second son for Parish Councillor Jon Paul, and brother to Hector on 12th,

20th for Polly Rose Griffin, 8lbs 8oz to James and Jane Samuel on 19th.

23rd for Prince George Alexander Louis 8lbs 6oz son of William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on 22nd. Also on

Saturday 27th for the Wedding of Sam and Stuart Welch at St. John's, Kenn

### Kenn July Family Service

The July Family Service was part of a truly memorable Village Weekend. Biblical weddings were long drawn out affairs, so it seemed right and proper to feature weddings in a service less than a day after the marriage of Sam and Stuart.

The church looked at its beautiful best, full of flowers and the sun shining through the stained glass windows. (Rev) Avril (Gaunt) took the service with several references to Sam and Stuart's celebration and Celia maintained this theme as she talked about all the lengthy preparations, stag-night, hen night, the dress, the groom's attire etc that are recorded all through the Bible.

Julia got out the ironing board (food prep table), 'Oven' and dough, and with a little help from Freya, Harry, Jeannie and Ruby showed just how long it would have taken to make the Challah Loaf, the traditional bread given to a newly married Jewish couple.

Celebratory hymns were accompanied by impromptu percussion. After the service the Challah bread was eaten with coffee and chat before the congregation headed off for the 'Great Kenn Village extravaganza.'

Julia Bush



A Request Tra La

If any one has any old sheet music that they don't want, could I have it?

It doesn't matter how old it is, or what kind of music, the older and tattier the better.

I will not be able to return it.

Thank you,

Julia Bush 01275 873554

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Tristan Jude Diffey with big brother Parker  
Photo of Tim & Julia's grandchildren in Australia

**Saturday 27th July at St. John's**, the wedding of Samantha White and Stuart Welch was conducted by The Revd. Avril Gaunt. The church had been beautifully decorated with flowers by family friend Katie Spinks and Jo Manning accompanied the singing. The congregation of friends and family was augmented by members of St. John's church family who came along to support them.



Sam and Stuart are thrilled that so many of their "Kenn Friends" were able to join them, not only in the Church, but also at the Village Hall for the reception.

Thanks to everyone for their kindness and for the lovely puddings which they brought along.

Celebrations continued at Family Service on Sunday morning then at the Kenn Extravaganza.

## Sunday 28th July

Thanks go to The Beardshaw family, Mike, Kelly, Stefan, Laura, Jade, Bradley, plus brothers and wives, cousins and in-laws.

What an amazing day—from 12 noon we were able to eat Hog rolls with all the trimmings, hot dogs, burgers, pies of many varieties, ice-cream - the bar was open for business and so many activities to occupy us.

Thanks to Liz Jaehme for the Tombola, Hazel Limage for some superb cakes and for organising the Treasure Hunt. To Caroline Holden for the book stall and to Lise Willcox for her bric-a-brac, Margaret Bessant for flowers and produce and to Irene Stowell for the guess the name of the Teddy and how many Marshmallows in the Jar. Classic Cars in the field and George entertaining the children.

Thanks to John Hayden for organising outdoor games. To the artist who freely painted some superb pictures and designs on willing faces. Thanks to Keith Redman for his two Magic Shows, each lasting well over half an hour when he kept the many children rapt with joy, but by no means quiet.

Come 6.00pm our own compere Colin Alexander enthralled us with his tribute to Frank Sinatra, special thanks to Colin as it is two years since he last performed in public - Greatly appreciated by us all. More..... More.....

Then for the younger generation "Rule The World" who filled the marquee with dance and song in the style of Take That. They left with rapturous applause after many encores.

Not sure if any funds were raised for the Village Hall, but it was a wonderful practice event. Looking forward to 2014.....

**1st Annual Kenn EXTRAVAGANZA**  
AT THE KENN VILLAGE HALL  
**NOT TO BE MISSED!**

- STALLS / SIDESHOWS
- HOG ROAST
- TRIBUTE TO THE BOY BANDS FROM THE 50's TO THE 00's with a special tribute to TAKE THAT... FROM THE FABULOUS JAY AND THE BOYS.
- FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE FROM COLIN ALEXANDER
- LICENSED BAR
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**SUNDAY 28th JULY**  
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## THE VILLAGE MARKET

The last Market before our summer break was fairly quiet which was not surprising as most people with any sense would have been paddling at Weston, given the glorious weather.

Refreshments were provided by Steve & Sarah Thole and they donated the takings to the village defibrillator fund. £ 60 was raised from this. We thank them very much.

**The Market will be back in action in September.**

**Thanks to every one who has supported us this year.**

Useful Numbers:

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**  
Sarah Clark 01934 833307

**St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:**  
Rev. Warren Williams 01934 833608

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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:**  
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**News & Views:**  
Margaret Ball 01275 874077  
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**NO VILLAGE MARKET IN AUGUST**  
See you on Saturday 14th September

**Recycling - 6th,13th,20th,27th**

**Dustbin - 13th,27th August**

**Green Waste - 6th,20th August**



**North Somerset Times**

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

**Kenn Women's Institute**

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## Kenn Church Room Coffee Mornings

July Coffee Morning - Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning in the Church Room £75 has been forwarded to the Air Ambulance.

**August Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 24th from 10-12 noon**

### **CREAM TEAS**

**Next Sunday - August 4th**

All Saints'  
Kingston Seymour  
2.15pm - 5pm

**Theme**

**Farming of Yesteryear**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 9th August  
10.30am  
Herons Way,  
Lampley Lane,  
Kingston Seymour B S21 6XS

Proceeds to Prostate Cancer

## A message from The Drum and Monkey

We at the Drum want to thank many people in Kenn for their support and for having faith in us, as a family, to try and get the Drum back on its feet.

We have really enjoyed the short time we have been back at The Drum, customer numbers are up and we are due to sign a 10 year lease at the end of August 2013.

We have delighted in being part of the last year's Harvest Supper, the 2013 Village Coronation Party, Sam and Stuart's Wedding and the First Kenn Extravaganza and hope to have a Second Kenn Extravaganza in 2014.

Recent events however have soured some relationships in the village, and have made us a little doubtful about the wisdom of our return.

Mike and Kelly would like you to accept their apologies for raising these doubts, but are seriously considering their position before signing the new lease.

This is an amended note from Mike and Kelly, who are hurt that their efforts for our community are being baulked by discord and petty-mindedness.

We need to keep our Pub alive and vibrant, and many of us feel that Mike and Kelly are the best people for the job, but they are being undermined by others who are putting obstacles in the way of their business.

Margaret.

**Book Group** met at 'The Drum' on Monday 22nd July 2013. We discussed 'Oryx and Crake' by Margaret Atwood. In reading this novel we entered a world of extensive corporate genetic engineering of food, animals and humans. We loved Atwood's style and her construct of a world that valued numbers over words. The plot takes an eerie turn that leads to a global pandemic. The novels realism shook us readers. We were left questioning the ethics of genetic engineering, diseases, science, literature, friendships... there was much to talk about.

There will be no book group during August. Instead we are having our book group outing. On Wednesday 28th August 2013 we are going to St George's in Bristol to see Margaret Atwood. She will give a talk on her latest book. It is the third in the Oryx and Crake trilogy, 'MaddAddam'.

We will meet again in September and we are going to read the second book in the Atwood trilogy called 'After the flood'.

The Book Group

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

### KENN W.I.

There is to be no meeting in August and members are taking themselves to Coldharbour Mill, near Cullompton, for a day's outing. It would be wonderful if the gorgeous weather that we are all enjoying were to last.

In July, we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Reeves who told us all about their adventures in North and South Islands in New Zealand and very many of the Pacific Islands.

They were away from home for some months and only carried a back pack each. It was a salutary lesson for those of us who are used to flinging everything we think we might need into the car before we depart. There was a display of some of the things that they had collected en route and their beautifully written diaries.

Information has been circulated about the Silent Auction that we hope to hold on October 5<sup>th</sup>. There are already some very interesting pledges. We do hope to raise a nice lot of money for the Air Ambulance

When we meet again in September Ann Gawthorpe will take us down memory lane to 1951. If you are interested in joining us we meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. We are always delighted to welcome visitors.

Ann Holtham

### Margaret's Mutterings

**News from Papua New Guinea ....** The new Deputy High Commissioner, Rebecca Brett nee Fenwick, has travelled from Kenn to take up her three year post. She arrived on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, with husband Paul and children Jack and Olivia. On the way they had visited their elder daughter Jessica, in Australia. Jessica is with "Y-Wam" which is a Christian Charity for young adults. They will be living in the capital Moresby, and at the end of the school holidays Jack and Olivia will return to England to continue their education so we may see them in Kenn on the weekends.

Congratulations to Kate Hill (nee Stowell) on her sponsored 56 mile cycle—which included riding up Brockley Coombe. Kate, born at New House Farm, now lives with husband Dave and children Ollie and Ruby at St. George, W-s-M.

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

## SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2013

**1st Sunday 4th August THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN**

**8.00am Holy Communion at Kenn\***  
9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
11.00am Sunday Morning Prayer at Claverham  
11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour  
6.00pm Evensong at Yatton\*

**2nd Sunday 11th August THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*  
9.30am Family 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 Sunday 18th August THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY GREEN**

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

**3rd Wednesday – 21st August**

**11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**

**4th Sunday 25th August THE THIRTEENTH 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**  
6.00pm Holy Communion at Claverham \*  
6.30pm Ecumenical Evening Service at Yatton Methodist Church

**N.B: NO Vestry Hour on Thursdays during AUGUST**

\* Book of Common Prayer (1662)

**AVON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**



Dear All

Each year Kenn W.I. nominates a local charity for which they hold a fund raising event.

This year's charity is the Air Ambulance and the event is to be a Silent Auction which will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Kenn Village Hall.

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance receive no direct Government funding. It requires over 1.5 million a year to keep the helicopter flying. They are deployed 3-4 times a day (up to 8 times in summer). The helicopter is based at Henstridge Airfield, meaning it can be anywhere within the 2 counties within 19 minutes.

To help them help us we need your help to ensure that the event is a success by donating an item for our Silent Auction (this can include, baby sitting, dog walking, gardening, cake making etc as well as items.

If you are able to support our event kindly complete and return the attached pledge form.

**Watch out for more details in News & Views as well as posters that will be around the village.**

**Kenn W.I. Silent Auction on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Kenn Village Hall in aid of the Air Ambulance  
Donation Pledge**

Donor's Name.....

Donors Address.....

Telephone No.....

Email Address.....

Auction Item Information (description of item to be auctioned)

Approx Value (if known).....

Are all proceeds to be donated Yes/No. If No how much.....

## Farming Notes

What a pleasure to have a prolonged spell of fine weather. Farmers have been able to make quantities of good quality hay and silage and the early cereal harvest will be starting in the next few weeks. The harvest goes so much better with the hot weather and saves the need to expensively dry the grain. On the down side if we don't get some rain soon we will be in drought conditions and be very short of grass for the livestock.

I finally heard the cuckoo at the end of June, at Puxton. This is the first this year and they appear to be so much rarer these days. When I was young the spring and early summer days seemed to be full of the sound of cuckoos calling from the tops of trees. The Lapwings seem to have had a better year and several pairs have successfully reared their young in the fields behind the farm.

Miles Naish



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**Celebrating their 56 Mile Sponsored Cycle  
For the Children's Hospice in July**

**Kate Hill (nee Stowell) and her friend  
Louise Sweeting.**

## Little Owl Returns

After a few year's absence, Little Owls have bred in the village!

Morph spotted an adult on a fence post in front of the orchard adjacent to the Village Hall. An evening visit the same day produced two adults, plus a newly fledged chick in the orchard. It transpired that Rob Treble, John Hayden and Simon Pascoe had seen or heard owl activity in the recent past and here was the evidence!

One adult dropped down into the ditch and returned to the post with a frog in its talons, some of which it seemed to eat, before flying off to feed the owlet.

The next evening the owls were pestered by Magpies—at one time there were at least seven and four were seen to chase an adult into a tree!

The next visit was made with some trepidation but at least one adult and chick were seen—what a relief!

Our next report came as a surprise; Bryan Thompson and John Ball 'phoned Trevor to say that an adult and a chick were using the Kestrel box!

We have yet to see more than one owlet at the time of writing this note, but a postscript may be added to confirm an additional chick!

John Croxton 23.7.2013



A Little Owl - not a Kenn specimen  
But this is what we are all looking for !!

## **Noisy Neighbours** (longer report on page 17)

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> a Licence Committee decided that several permanent and special conditions were to be applied to the entertainments licence granted to The Hand Equestrian.

There will be up to 4 events a year, each up to 3 days long and the indoor and outdoor music is permitted until 6am.

However the first event on June 1<sup>st</sup> had extra conditions imposed by the Licensing Committee on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was held due to the 40 letters from Kenn voicing concerns and objections.

Using The Freedom of Information Act Information has been obtained and if you would like further details contact Lise Willcox [lise.willcox@sky.com](mailto:lise.willcox@sky.com)

Lise has forwarded various minutes to the Parish Council for their consideration.

**Warren writes...** recently I was quite taken back for a moment when someone said to me, "What is this *New Wine* thing you often talk about and walking about in the long grass"? I realised what was meant by *New Wine* but rather confounded by the *long grass* bit! Like many others, Diana and I belong to the *New Wine* organisation, an umbrella of churches of differing denominations throughout the UK which exists to encourage, resource and to help people grow in the Christian Faith.

Our Archbishop, Justin Welby will be one of the principal speakers this year at the upcoming New Wine Summer Conference shortly to be held on the Bath and Wells Show Ground at Evercreech, to which thousands of Christians will be attending over a period of two weeks.

The first week, 27<sup>th</sup> July onwards Christians from the London and South East region attend and the second week will be the turn of the Central and South West region. The Northern region attends at Newark, near Nottingham. The Summer Conference Gathering is one with a holiday camp atmosphere to which many Christians from all walks of life come together in an unique way as they gather to relax, and have a great holiday.

A typical day could begin with worship and inspirational Bible teaching, later to have a hot or cold drink with snack maybe from one of the many cafes, then to shape one's day by choosing from a huge selection of relevant and engaging seminars or none. The choice is yours.

One can take time out for BBQ's, games and relaxing with family and friends, then gather again in one of the evening venues for more live worship and celebration, with a different guest speaker each evening. It doesn't stop there... The after-hours entertainment continues late into the night, with comedy, live music, open mic, quiz nights and much more.

There's a packed programme for children and youth, with top-quality teaching, worship, sports, games and general mayhem tailored to suit all ages from tiny tots to teens. Also there are youth cafes and live gigs from the hottest Christian bands providing an exciting end to each day. Worship is at the heart of *New Wine*. Each year the organisers invite a range of different worship leaders and bands with the aim of inspiring worship that is passionate, intimate, culturally appropriate, and which facilitates encounter with God.

There is an area called the Marketplace which is an on-site shopping mall, providing all you could want with art, workshops, cards, books, CD's, DVD's and clothing. In addition, the Marketplace is where you can connect with a number of different organisations that offer ways to put your faith into action, for example through mission projects, child sponsorship, sustainable development and social action.

On site you can bring your tent, caravan or motor home. Many people camp together in church groups in villages, providing a great opportunity to build community. The *New Wine* organisation provides showers, flush toilets, disabled facilities, water taps and disposal points to make people's stay as comfortable as possible. If camping is not for you then there are plenty of B&B's and self-catering cottages nearby and one can come and go as one pleases. By joining *New Wine* one can have the opportunity to meet new people or get one's friends and family together for an inspiring, empowering and altogether unforgettable week at the Summer Conference and also at other locations throughout the year. Full details from the website [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org)

## **Bird News**

Further to last month's note I am pleased to report that the Tawny Owl chick in the YACWAG box on Congresbury Moor successfully fledged without human assistance.

This was almost the only positive news from the owl boxes though. A barn owl nest containing two eggs had been abandoned and a late kestrel nest seems to have gone the same way.

The lack of small mammals following last year's floods is probably the major cause. One of our boxes did have a single barn owl and there was a stock dove chick in another. This is a poor outcome from eight boxes and it looks as if there will be no breeding kestrels for the first time in 12 years.

On a happier note John Croxton spotted a Little Owl with at least one, possibly two chicks in the orchard by Kenn Village Hall. Bryan Thompson watched the adult bird eating a frog - with the ground so dry no doubt it is having to eat what it can get.

Jeff's piece last month was interesting: red kites are becoming ever more regular ( but I still haven't spotted one locally) and it is thought that these are young birds ( one year old) wandering looking for potential territories in future years. As far as I know, none are yet breeding locally.

The Mandarin Duck reported by Jeff is probably an escapee, but not necessarily. The UK population has increased considerably and some birds do disperse. Of course they all derive from captive birds, but apparently the species is in serious decline in its native China and the UK stock is now seen as internationally important. The Mandarin is one introduced species that, so far, doesn't seem to have impacted on native species.

Duck Lane seems to have been a wildlife hot spot this month with Robert Down reporting a kingfisher taking a fish from his garden pond and a roost of 30 bats at Little Orchard.

Finally, many garden birds are now moulting and therefore are inconspicuous.

It seems that most of our small birds have enjoyed a productive season and have been able to rebuild their numbers. Our summer visitors are still nesting - reed warblers, blackcaps and chiffchaffs have all been singing in the last couple of days and are no doubt on second or even third broods.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

## **Kenn's Coronation 60th Anniversary Celebrations** ~ reprinted because | missed out a lot last month—sorry M.

A few months ago a group of Kenn faithfuls were wondering how to raise money for the village hall funds. Our treasured and much loved village hall needs repairs. The fabric of the roof will soon become critical. We decided to repeat the fabulous day we had last year. Instead of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee we would mark her Coronation. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 we had a wonderful, happy time and the day ran from 12.00 noon to 11.30pm.

There are so many people to thank for making this a memorable occasion. People have been so generous buying tickets, making donations and giving of their time and energy. Firstly, many thanks to Hazel for doing the publicity and the tickets. I do not even think we asked her, we just assumed she would do it!

Once the marquee was put up on the Saturday we set about decorating our venue. A busy team sorted bunting, balloons, lights, making ready plates, serviettes and cutlery. Marianna and Sarah decorated the tables and made the most elegant flower arrangements.

We thank Margaret and John for their generosity letting us use the fields for car parking and an area for children's games. Thanks also for use of all their equipment.

No matter how well coordinated a village special day is there is bound to be a hitch. The ever obliging Robert Down was going to do a village photograph. With hours to go Robert phoned to say that he and Joyce had a family crisis. 'Family first always' We reassured him. The photo would have to be cancelled. Robin had an idea, he knew a woman with the right equipment. Without hesitation Hazel agreed to do the village photograph. With the aid of John Ball's cherry picker Hazel did a series of group photographs including a photo of villagers who were there for The Coronation party in 1953. She has also done a series of photographs that capture the mood of the day.

Many thanks also to Robin and Marianna for their generosity. They kindly donated the bubbly to accompany the speech and toast to Her Majesty.

Mike from The Drum provided us with a delicious hog roast, complete with stuffing and apple sauce. He did this feast at an unbelievable bargain price for the community. Stefan deftly served the food making sure there was enough for everyone.

We want to thank everyone who brought a salad or a pudding. Some of us had fretted about if we would have enough puddings. There was enough creativity, variety and certainly calories to feed the five thousand! Grace did her now signature regal pudding. Thank you Grace it was a centrepiece.

Later in the afternoon Hazel and her family provided a sumptuous cream tea. This was complete with freshly baked scones and freshly whipped cream. Jo Manning played the piano to create a relaxed atmosphere.

The day also saw the book launch of a local publication. John and Grace Griffin, Hartley and Ann Holtham had put together their reflections on village houses and their inhabitants at the time of The Coronation. Hazel had collated and edited all the memories, information and photographs they had provided. John and Grace sold so many copies during the Coronation Day the print has run to a second if not a third edition! The book is a bargain at £7.50.

What can we say about the children's games? Colin and Jan Bedford put up the most beautiful display of games and pre Elizabeth II pastimes. These included marbles, Jacks, skipping ropes, happy families, and a craft table. The children enjoyed having a go at each of the games. For the main games Colin and Jan organised rounds of 'what's the time Mr Woolf', chasing, tug of war, French cricket, and Rounders 1953 style.

Throughout the day John Hayden ran an excellent well stacked bar. Thank you so much to Lise who helped serve.

As the day turned to evening we were still not finished. Jenny and Simon did their pop up barbeque and Margaret provided onions to go with our hot dogs. The delicious hot dogs kept us going. Didn't we need it- there was dancing to be done!

Hazel's son in law, James, did the disco. His disco had the most subtle sound. We could hear the well chosen music and still talk to each other. He played brilliant dance music and we bopped until bedtime. We hope he will come back!

The next morning by ten in the morning there was a willing team of helpers to clean and tidy. However Sarah was already in the kitchen getting the place back to its pristine state. Someone took all the bottles to the bottle bank and Lise took all the plastic bags. Several trays of tea later and everything was back to how it previously had been.

**We raised £1207.55p for village funds.** Coronation Committee.

Neighbourhood Watch

<http://www.sclt.moonfruit.com/#/senior-siren-editions/4573598653>



Please find here, a link to the latest edition of the award-winning Senior Siren magazine, the main communication tool of the Senior Citizen Liaison Team (SCLT).

I would encourage you to share this link with friends and family, or in fact anyone who could benefit from the message of confidence and safety in later life.

Please feel free to visit the website of the SCLT (<http://www.sclt.us/>) for even more good advice on home and personal safety.

Best wishes, Ash Jones  
Chair of Trustees ~ SCLT Charity

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](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) website.

ps. .... We have also an email from SUE MOUNTSTEVENS, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, inviting participation in Home Office consultation on whether stop and search is used appropriately and fairly, and how it can be better targeted and more intelligence-led.

[http://www.consultation.avonandsomerset.police.uk/aspola/stop-and-search/consult\\_view](http://www.consultation.avonandsomerset.police.uk/aspola/stop-and-search/consult_view)

also....We have an email advising us of volunteers working through RVS to support isolated or vulnerable individuals. For details about becoming a volunteer or to discuss making a referral, please contact Jenny Jenkins Royal Voluntary Service Community Service Manager Bristol and Somerset Mobile 07714 898656.

When we were very young .....



When We Were Very Young  
Kenn in Coronation Year

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Tickets available in August

# Simply Kenn



In last month's KN&V we highlighted the IF campaign's contribution to alleviating hunger in the world.

A small number of us met as arranged to discuss what we could do within our village and predictably concluded that it was very little, and that we had different perspectives on the issues.

We talked particularly about the ownership of land and the tension between local produce for local consumption and the global trade in agricultural produce.

We talked about the commodification of food, the "added value" created by the corporate traders in food, the lack of tax revenues in countries of production, the role of subsidies, and aid agencies.....

We talked about some particular cases where we had some limited information.....the trade in bananas, and the beneficiaries of sugar production in Cambodia.....

All of this reinforced our sense of both impotence to act, and ignorance of the core facts.....but what did emerge was one common belief or value which is encapsulated in the cliché:

**"Live simply that others may simply live"**

We therefore concluded our meeting with the common purpose that we would like to encourage each other in trying to live up to this maxim.....and that we would like to continue as a group which we will call "Simply Kenn".

In the meantime we will try to think internationally but act locally....especially in the way we choose and consume the food we buy.

## Hand Equestrian Centre

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> a Licence Committee decided that several permanent and special conditions were to be applied to the entertainments licence granted to The Hand Equestrian. There will be up to 4 events a year, each up to 3 days long and the indoor and outdoor music is permitted until 6am.

However the first event on June 1<sup>st</sup> had extra conditions imposed by the Licensing Committee on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held due to the 40 letters from Kenn voicing concerns and objections .

The Sound was well controlled due to the condition that The Hand must employ an independent engineer, this engineer set the sound levels well below the expectation of the company who hired the venue, ('Noisy Neighbours'), The event was widely advertised to have been very loud using a valve system. Many well-known drum and base entertainers had been due to attend and organisers estimated that there would be up to 6000 people at the event over 18 hours.

However, some of the acts pulled out at the last minute allegedly because they were aware of the sound conditions imposed, others complained on social networking sites that the cables had been seized from louder speaker systems. There were also comments from revellers subsequently demanding refunds as the events was not what they had expected, (that's the polite version!).

The scheduled de-brief at the council on June 20<sup>th</sup> where the Licence department, Environmental Health, Health and Safety, Fire brigade and police attended. The Hand could not attend this date and though the meeting initially went ahead, it was adjourned until July 24<sup>th</sup> to include The Hand.

Using The Freedom of Information Act minutes from the meeting held June 20<sup>th</sup> have been obtained and those from July 24<sup>th</sup> have been requested. Avon and Somerset Constabulary have also been asked for information too. This will be shared via the village magazine Below is a précis of the minutes from the debrief held on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The full document has been emailed to the Parish Council for their information and is available to anyone who would like a copy, please just ask, or my email is [lise.willcox@sky.com](mailto:lise.willcox@sky.com)

### Condition breaches:

Entry was on a pre- bought ticket accompanied by passport or driving licence ID. This condition was breached due to the huge queue & fear of overriding public disorder potential. The Police and security were left to guess the entrants age in order to control the crowd waiting to get in.

"due to the queue being backed up and confusion amongst the security company staff & The Hand" SAG Meeting 20.06.13

Another condition was for tamper proof wristbands given to each entrant to prove their age to buy alcohol, the condition stated the bands must be tamperproof.

"Wrist bands were not Tamperproof" SAG Meeting 20.06.13

"Drugs amnesty bins were not fit for purpose, they were u secured and left unattended, they were also not fitted with 2 locks as agreed with the police" SAG Meeting 20.06.13

"There was lack of control over the numbers of people in the various areas of the event leading to concerns over public safety...people entered .... before stewards and door staff were in place and no number counting clickers were in use" SAG Meeting 20.06.13

There seems to have been a breach in maximum capacity in some buildings; pinch points being in sufficiently assessed and failure to prevent smoking indoors. The dome was not fire assessed. Car, pedestrian and coach numbers, (1 coach arrived rather than 60-80 coaches), caused concerns regards traffic speeds and invasion of pedestrian only areas.

"Concerns re stewards not being able to assess numbers...fire safety risk assessment... Had not assessed the overall risk.... Security did not appear to have appropriate experience to deal with this type of event". SAG Meeting 20.06.13.

"The organisers were not able, at any time to provide a definitive number of ticket sales or attendees at the event... The CCTV system turned itself off at midnight and reset" SAG Meeting 20.06.13

The overall thread running throughout the SAG debrief document of the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes is the impression of the event being mismanaged by untrained, unqualified staff, unprepared and inexperienced management.

Lise Willcox

## Lived to tell the tale!!!!

Catching a train at 7.30 on a Sunday is bad enough but coupled with the prospect of a 5 mile run on top is sheer lunacy!

As the train neared Waterloo more and more blue running shirts were evident and the tube to Stratford was a mass of blue. As far as the eye could see the route from the station to the Olympic Park was a sea of people, some 12000 runners and about double that of spectators.



10.30 soon came around and it was too late to question my lack of commitment to training and to the sound of the siren we were all shuffling towards the start briefly stopping for a “high five” with cycling legend Sir Chris Hoy on the starter’s rostrum.

The crocodile of blue shirts was soon passing the velodrome, the copper box and the aquatics centre before about halfway and worryingly (for me anyway) leaving the stadium in our wake once again for the last couple of mile loop.

At about 4 miles the legs told me I had not done enough training but they managed to keep going and the last half mile under the stadium was filled with the encouraging beat of Vangelis and Chariots of Fire before the turn into the sunlight and the noise of the stadium which everyone said was the highlight. The last 300 metres was on the same track that Mo Farah, Jess Ennis and Usain Bolt had graced just a year before – a truly memorable experience.

A tired sprint (well slight increase in pace) towards the finish line and I had run 5 miles. It was all part of a fundraising day at Yatton bowling club to raise money for V.I.B.E. (Visually Impaired Bowls England). Some £2600.00 was handed over to V.I.B.E from Yatton’s efforts and special thanks must go to the past and present international bowlers, including Kenn’s own Laura Holden who signed an England shirt which was auctioned.

Simon Pascoe

## George



23.4.12

This week many have been celebrating the birth of Prince George ... the village has its own George too in the form of the young stallion who resides behind the village hall.

He was born on St Georges day last Year. On Thursday 25th June he disappeared for 24 hours and was gelded at Bristol University Equine Vets in Langford under full sedation. He had a pedicure and his jabs

as well as his horse passport issued.

It is hoped that George will shortly start a period of training and may stay in the village he was born.

Lise Willcox

Stop Press—from mid August—George will be in the field at the end of Duck Lane being cared for by Carole & Denise.



28.7.13

## **Parish Council Chairman's Chat**

Further to Lise's note last month here is the update on the following

### **Hand Equestrian Centre**

Nick Davis has been in contact and will be coming to chat to the Council in the near future, he still has a licence for 3 events but is not planning anything at the moment, he may well look at airport parking again in the near future, but at the time of the last conversation, they were looking for ideas of events.

### **Hand Stadium**

Not to be confused with the above which is happening!

Steve Spicer is the New Owner and Chairman, he is looking to build up a sporting academy, which will run youth teams as well as Clevedon Town Football Club. He is concentrating on the sporting side, to this end, Clevedon Town played and beat Bristol City and he has games with Bristol Rovers, Plymouth and Exeter booked in so watch this space and support where you can. (I was hoping for Liverpool! but not yet I was told....)

Steve is looking for sponsorship for shirts, hoardings or any form of advertising so if you can help, let him know.

It would be great to see a sporting academy, he has already links with local schools and great things planned The Vibe will still run for now.....but that is not long term. He has not any plans to alter the way things are at the moment.

Steve is going to come along and talk to the council as soon as he is able.

When they let us know of any new planned event we shall let you know.

### **Noisy Neighbours**

The Parish Council will be receiving a copy of the review when it is published, at the time of writing the various agencies had not managed to agree a time, however, they are trying to get together at the end of the month. We will let Parishioners know when we receive the copy of the report and they will be welcome to read it. There is not a quicker route or way to speed things up, we shall have to wait.

### **Last meeting**

This was well attended and very nearly had a full house, it was in the Church room as it was a special meeting, only 2 chairs were left!

JP Humberstone was elected as your new councillor

The information was given that the pub were going to be issued with a notice to remove the fence as it stands at the moment, Stefan informed me when I went to see him before the meeting that they had not had this yet, but said that they were applying for a street licence and this was in hand.

**Flowers update** was that they were well received

Various other items were discussed then the public and some councillors went to the pub for a well earned drink.

That's all for my first chat, Eleanor will have put other brief info in elsewhere

Kind regards

Sheila Naish

A selection of images from the party at  
The Village Hall on Sunday 28th July

With thanks to Mike and the Beardshaw  
family for their organisation and  
encouragement to the Village Hall

Our own  
Frank Sinatra



Colin with Kenn's dancing girls



Rule the World - Dancing for us

