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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April

- 1st Clare Stowell-Hibbs
Mike Beardshaw
3rd Antonis Papasolomontos
Avril Withyman
4th Rosie Treble
6th Andrea Waters
7th Jo Batten
Archie James Alexander
8th Emma Brooks (Fenwick)
10th Mary Lamb
Anna Edwards
Jean and Ray Naish (W.A.)
12th Richard Evans
13th Troy Gale
16th Brian Cook
19th John Ball
21st Barbara Middleton
Lisa Court
22nd Liz Jaehme
Ray and Chip Granger (WA)
23rd Mary Willcox
Talitha Stowell
24th Margaret Ball
Emily Golding-Ellis
28th Theresa Walters
29th Miles Naish

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

The Vestry Meeting, when Churchwardens are elected for the following year was held in Kenn Church following the Communion Service on the morning on Sunday 25th March.

Prebendary John Andrews was in the Chair. He thanked the retiring wardens, Julia Bush and Ray Naish for their dedication, work and commitment over the past year.

Election of Churchwardens

As the Church Law now stipulates, nomination forms from those willing to stand for the office of Churchwarden have to be presented to the Vicar before the meeting.

There were two valid nominations, Julia Bush was proposed by Jane Staples and seconded by Jessie Gardner. Raymond Victor Naish was proposed by Margaret Ball and seconded by John Griffin.

The Vicar declared that Julia and Ray had been legally elected to serve as Churchwardens for St. John the Evangelist, Kenn for the coming year.

There were twenty-five people in attendance at the meeting. Their names have been recorded for posterity.

The Vestry Meeting Register in Kenn Church has the names recorded of all the people who have attended these meetings for, at least, the past 30 years and in some of the old registers there are records going back well over 100 years.

Altar Guild- April Rota

Mrs. Irene Stowell,
Mrs Margaret Bessant and
Mrs. Jean Ings

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Julia's jottings

Simmel Cakes.

I am making Simmel Cakes again this year.

Large £5 Small £3

Last orders Wed 4th April
Ansafone orders will be acknowledged.
01275 873554

Profits will go, as usual, to the Blay family in Kumasi, Ghana.

Blay Family News

Today, 27th March, I was thrilled to get a letter from Mr Emmanuel Blay.

I had not heard from him for some time and enquired through the Catholic Chaplaincy if he was in trouble.

Many of you know Mr Blay sustained serious burns in an accident in the university lab, where he had returned to his job as a technician, as he needs to support his children's education, even though he's over retirement age (no old age pensions in Ghana)

Mr Blay is still off work and in pain. He sends his thanks and blessings to the people of St John's. I was also REALLY pleased to hear that his oldest son Denis, a draughtsman, at last has a job, so he will be able to contribute to the family economy.

Praise Be!

Julia Bush

Mothering Sunday at Kenn

Mothering Sunday started at St John's at 9.30am when Sunday Club met in the New Room to make posies of spring flowers.

We had a great and mighty crew turn up, and the job was soon done. Mums chatted and girls practised playground games and the noise was TREMENDOUS.

We were especially thrilled to meet Erin and Nadia from The Brambles in Duck Lane. We welcome them and Tyler and Scarlett, and hope to see them often.

For the first time in living memory (well, a long time) our Mothering Sunday Service was in the afternoon, and it was great that the church was full, as some regulars had gone to visit their mums and grandmas.

Celia asked us to think about an 'Identikit Mum' with all the features of mothers in the Bible stories. It all sounded very familiar.

The service was followed by drinks and Simnel Cake,

Easter Garden

Calling all children!

We will meet, quietly, in the church porch at noon for half an hour on Good Friday 6th April, to read the story of Holy Week,

Julia Bush

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Village Clean Up

We will be holding a smaller scale clean up of the village this year.

Davis Lane is no sooner cleared of rubbish than more is deposited. Therefore this year we propose to clear Kenn Road, Kenn Street, Duck Lane & some of Moor road.

We will be asking North Somerset Council to undertake the rubbish collection in Davis Lane.

A date for this will be decided at the Parish Council Meeting on 2nd April and posters will be put up advertising the day.

Robin Mackay

Congratulations

We send congratulations to Molly Cheek, aged 8, who is Jane and Hartley's granddaughter.

Molly and family were delighted after she finished second and third with distinction at verse reading and third in memorised prose at the Mid-Somerset Festival at Bath.

John and Jenny Croxton are delighted to announce the birth of their second grandchild.

God's gift of a daughter, Esme Minnie to Andrew and Rose. She was born on 15th February and weighed 7lbs 10oz

Marion Lloyd R.I.P.

Barbara Dixon has asked me to tell members of the St John's congregation of the death of her friend, Marion.

Marion loved to stay with Barbara, in her caravan, and come to church.

Marion was undeterred by her physical challenges. She made soft toys to sell for various animal charities, mainly the RSPCA.

She would copy our Family Service prayers and take them back to her church in Bristol.

Julia Bush

Our Flag

Our Flag was flown on the 14th March to celebrate the birth of Emma and Peter Brooks' twins Esme Bonnie and Jasper Barnaby, brother and sister for Isaac.

Church Tower Floodlighting

The arrival of Esme and Jasper was also the reason for the floodlighting of the Tower on Mothering Sunday 18th March.

Monday 19th March

Our tower was lit to celebrate of Grace Griffin's birthday

Dave Pugh reports that Margaret and Maurice Ford are so appreciative of the floodlighting that they have donated £20 towards the costs. Thanks to them both

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Summer Walks

It is hoped that the first of our Summer Walks can be arranged in early May.

Watch this space!

Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday in Passion Week, sometimes called Shere Thursday or Holy Thursday, when the religious ceremony of washing the feet of others, especially inferiors, in commemoration of Christ's washing of his disciples' feet at the Last Supper takes place.

Edward II appears to have been the first English King to observe Maundy Thursday, when he washed the feet of fifty poor men in 1326.

There are various theories as to the derivation of the word Maundy. Some think the word comes from mandatum, through the old French mande, meaning an order or command. Others that it derives from maund, meaning a wicker basket with handles, which, it is said, was used for carrying the Maundy Gifts. A third suggestion is that it comes from an old verb maunder, meaning to beg.

Shere (or Sheer or Chare) Thursday is a name for this day which is thought to derive from the custom of shaving and cutting hair in preparation for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, though it could be taken to express cleanliness, which is of

course, closely associated with Maundy Thursday, through the custom itself and the custom of cleaning altars on this day.

Maundy Thursday was in many Parishes, the day chosen to give alms to the poor or to deserving widows. The money came from established village or church charities and was usually distributed from the Church Porch after a special service. In other cases the money had to be collected from the tomb of the benefactor, to remind those receiving the gift of the donor.

Hartley Staples

**If you want your dreams to come true
Don't oversleep!**

Kenn Parish Council

New Employment Allocation Site

As everyone must know by now, it is proposed to build another business site on the opposite side of the B3133 on the piece of land bounded by the former railway, the M5 and Colehouse Lane to employ about 900 people.

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 13th March to which all parishioners were invited in order to get the views of the village. Twenty or so of you turned up and we were joined by representatives of Kingston Seymour Parish Council and two of our District Council.

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The main points raised were:

1. There is a lack of regard to the existing road infrastructure. The B3133 is inadequate for the traffic that uses it already.

2. There must be a proper traffic assessment.

3. The proposed entrance to the site is totally unacceptable.

4. The height of the buildings and the roof materials should be stipulated at an early stage to mitigate the visual impact.

5. The environmental statement (although using several forest's worth of trees) is very woolly and imprecise.

6. Flood mitigation rules were changed in December 2006. Will the Environment Agency be updating its requirements?

7. There is no report on land contamination from seepage from the petrol tanks at the garage.

8. It is assumed that the site will be carbon neutral.

9. In view of North Somerset's poor record on enforcement the infrastructure must be in place before any buildings are constructed.

10. The Section 106 Agreements (what is in it for Kenn!!) must be acceptable.

11. There is support for people being able to walk or cycle to work. How will this be achieved?

12. Is the water supply to the site adequate without diminishing the local supply?

13. Ditto Electricity

14. Will North Somerset do a survey of the present use of the B3133 between Clevedon and Yatton?

The Parish Council would be grateful if lots of letters or e-mails could be sent to North Somerset and the District Councillors using these points, if you wish, or any others you can think of. The Parish Council would be grateful for copies for the record too.

The addresses are:

Mr. N. Underhay, Department of Development and Environment,
Somerset House, Oxford Street,
W-s-M
BS23 1TG

Mrs. I. Cummings
2 Rock Road,
Yatton
BS49 4JE

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Mrs. W. Griggs,
12 Henley Lodge,
Yatton
BS49 4JQ

Mr. P. Kehoe,
Stonebatch,
Lower Claverham,
BS49 4PX

Mr. D. Shopland
67 Teignmouth Road
Clevedon
BS21 6DW

Mr. A. Cotton
12 The Avenue,
Clevedon
BS21 7ED

Copies to:

Miss A. Holtham
Clerk to Kenn Parish Council
16 Parnell Road
Clevedon
BS21 6DD

Bulletins will appear in News and Views and on the Village Notice Board and the Village Hall porch whenever there are significant developments.

The next stage is a meeting at Weston-super-Mare with representatives of Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Yatton and Clevedon Councils with the District Councillors involved and the planners.

New Employment Allocation Site Instalment 2 - 23rd March 2007

Following the Parish Council Meeting of 13th March (see above) John Griffin, Sheila Naish and the Clerk attended a meeting at the Town Hall on 22nd March with representatives of Clevedon Town Council, Yatton and Kingston Seymour Parish Councils and the lead planners.

It became plain to everyone present that the core issue is Transport, Transport, Transport.

It is not only the absurd entrance proposed in the present application but the cumulative effects of all the sites that are already developed and some more on the horizon.

If you wish to quote them in any representation you might wish to make they are:

Kenn Business Park, which still has about a quarter left to be developed.

The Mill Farm site.

Warrens Holiday Village.

The Hand Stadium.

The Equestrian Centre which hopes to reach Olympic Standard by 2012 and lots of new housing in Yatton and Clevedon. To come are the possible doubling in size of Tesco, our new site and a major factory development in Yatton is forecast. Tipping point has been reached!

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The planners are well aware of all this and realise that the decision cannot be taken in isolation. The wider picture must be considered.

The next Parish Council Meeting takes place on 2nd April (it also happens to be the Annual Parish Meeting).

The Parish council has invited Mr. M. Schneider, the lead Highway Officer to attend. I hope that the invitation is worded in such a way that he will find it difficult to refuse!

The application comes before Central Area Planning Committee and Northern Area Planning Committee on April 12th.

The Parish Council is writing to all Committee members urging them not to make any decision until they have held a site meeting and can see the global picture.

Perhaps this could be emphasised in any letters that you write.

Also on April 12th, there is to be a meeting of the owners of the land on which the disused railway ran and representatives of the Parish Councils involved.

It is quite clear that obtaining the land for a cycle path is going to be a long and expensive process and the promise of a cycle path should

not be an inducement to acceptance of the plan.

The same is true of a footpath.

Both are very desirable and hopefully will come to pass, but not this way.

Finally, it must be emphasised that the Parish Council is only able to act as a conduit for the opinions of parishioners and to act as their representatives in informing our District Councillors of Kenn's position.

The Parish Council plays no part in the decision making process at any time.

However, you may be assured that Councillors will do their level best to make sure that the correct people are aware of the issues.

I am sorry to have hi-jacked this issue, but it is so important.

Ann Holtham, Clerk

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

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What's on at the Drum!

EVERY WEDNESDAY
QUIZ NIGHT

NEXT VILLAGE LUNCH

Lunch will be on Tuesday the
3rd April at around 12.30.

All welcome

Tuesday 24th April

We have Peter White who will be
Kenny Rogers.

£20 per person for a 3 course
meal and entertainment.

All in aid of Charity.

Tuesday 18th May

A very relaxed and entertaining
evening with two young lads who
will entertain us with easy
listening of Simon and Garfunkel
(one lad looks and sounds like
Art Garfunkel)

£15 per person for a 3 course
meal and entertainment

All in aid of Charity

Monday 25th / Tuesday 26th June

The Fabulous Paul McCartney
Neil Tudor, a finalist of
Stars in your Eyes

Sound alike, look alike and he
comes from Liverpool

2 nights of Beatles Entertainment
£20 per person for 3 course meal
and entertainment.

Tuesday 31st July

The Paul Brazier
Rock n Roll Night

Please dress accordingly, sing,
dance

£20 per person for 3 course meal
and entertainment

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

Tuesday 21st August

Comedy Duo -

The Mocking Birds

Two ladies with the best voices
and a full comedy act

£20 per person meal and fun

PROCEEDS TO KENN VILLAGE
HALL FUNDS

Every Monday is
THEME NIGHT

Sheep being killed by dogs.

Miles Naish has had four ewes killed by
dogs in a field at Caswell Hill, near
Portbury, leaving eight lambs orphaned.
The lambs are only one month old. It is
hoped they will be able to survive
without their mothers' milk. The sheep
have had to be moved to another field for
safety.

R.V.N.

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Dates for your diary

Kenn Village Hall

Monday 2nd April - 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting, which will include the Annual Parish Meeting - Everyone welcome.

At the Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 3rd April - 12.30 onwards

Village Lunch - all welcome

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.

Clevedon Salerooms Auctions

10.00 am Thursdays 5th / 26th April

Victorian & Later Furniture & Effects
Viewing Wednesdays 10am – 7.30pm
Mornings of Sales from 9 am – 10 am

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 11th April

7.30 p.m. Kenn W.I. Meeting
Subject – Dressing a Victorian Lady
talk by Mrs. Scott
Competition – Something Victorian

Everyone Welcome.

A small exhibition of YACWAG, including old maps, display boards and a Woodpecker nest cavity

Free Entry

Not a Coffee Morning.

Church Room

Saturday 21st April

COFFEE MORNING

10.00 – 12 noon

**Hosts - Hazel & Andrew Limage
Donations to Aids Orphans**

If you missed the previous YACWAG events in Kenn, you have another opportunity, as Trevor Riddle will bring along his illustrations & old maps of Kenn Moor to the Coffee Morning

Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 24th April

We have Peter White who will be
Kenny Rogers.

If you remember songs like Ruby
(don't take your love to town)
Coward of the County, and many
more. you will have an enjoyable
evening.

£20 per person for a 3 course
meal and entertainment.

All in aid of Charity.

ADVANCE DATES

Church Room
Saturday 14th April
Littlewood Nature Reserve
(Kenn Moor)
10.00 – 12 noon

Hand Equestrian Centre
Friday 25th May

KENN'S BIG NIGHT OUT!
with

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The Wurzels, and Eddie Large
Tickets - £10 in advance
£15 on the night

Saturday 26th May
10.00 am – 12 noon

A SUMPTUOUS BRUNCH
In aid of Village Hall Funds

**Come along and enjoy the
company of friends in our
Village Hall.**

**Tickets will be on sale soon
Please make a note in your
diaries and on your calendar.**

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

**Quarrels would not last long
if the fault was only on one side!**

Roly Hazell

As many of you will know, Roly has been a keen beekeeper for many years and this was recently recognised by the British Beekeeping Association.

On a lovely sunny Saturday morning, within view of his apiary in the orchard at Manor Farm, he was presented with a Certificate to mark “Fifty years of devotion to Beekeeping and Bees” by Ivor Davis, who is the President of The British Beekeeping Association and Bob Smith, the Chairman of BCBA.

Although Roly is no longer an active beekeeper, he is a member of the Blagdon and Clevedon Beekeeper’s Association, and was their Branch Secretary for a number of years.

Sarah

**The Not-So-Secret Diary of a
Sixteen Month Old**

by Romilly Hatcher Wilkins

I have a new trike!

I was promised it on my first birthday last November, and Mummy finally went to John Lewis to buy it this month. Unfortunately having paid for it, she promptly forgot to collect it from Customer Collection, and once again, Daddy had to finish off what Mummy had started, by collecting it on his way home from work.

Last Saturday morning, Daddy, Mummy and I all took part in a team-building exercise to construct it.

Mummy kept telling Daddy what to do, and as ever, Daddy quietly

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ignored her. I kept putting my head between Daddy's and the bit that he was building, as I felt it was important to be involved.

It's a beautiful trike, and I love riding along Kenn Street on it, towing Mummy along behind on the long handle, even if she does keep saying "Two hands on the handlebars, Romilly!"

In early March, we attended Paul's Coffee Morning at Kingston Seymour. I walked all the way from Mummy's car to the door of the Village Hall, but was then quite overcome by the sight of so many people, and had to be carried in.

Better for a girl to be carried in than carried out, I'm told!

There were lots of people there, and we joined our fellow Kennites, Chip, Jo and Sue on Table Two [with Lise there in spirit and donation], for a festival of cakes, coffees and chat - we ordered so much between the 5 of us that we had to have a "tab"!

For someone who talks a lot, clearly Mummy doesn't listen much, because if she did, she would have heard previously about the weekly Coffee Morning/Farmers' Market at Kingston Seymour Village Hall, on a Tuesday.

She bought all sorts of lovely local produce while we were at Paul's event, including the freshest purple sprouting broccoli imaginable.

Apparently we can also buy our stamps and post our parcels there, as well as "do some social" over a coffee, so we shall definitely be returning.

As ever, Daddy has been busy keeping the pennies rolling in - a good thing too, as I have had to buy some new shoes - £26! ["It's not a race, ladies" he said, wearily, "the money doesn't have to leave the bank account within 24 hours of it arriving"]. I'm very pleased with them, and to show Daddy just how pleased, later that weekend I squeezed some chewed-up raisins into the pocket of his briefcase, as a nice surprise for the following week.

I was keen to attend the public forum at the Parish Council Meeting on the 12th, in order to take part in the discussions regarding the proposed new business park at Kenn.

Sadly, Mummy is very firm about my bed-time, and I was unable to attend.

I am quite worried about how it will affect my village, but I am hopeful that if the grown-ups write letters to the Council, it might ensure that Kenn will remain a safe and lovely village for us all to live in, and might actually benefit.

Just imagine - if more of the old Strawberry Line path were to be opened up from Yatton towards Clevedon, I could cycle on my new trike with Daddy, and see far more wildlife than I do now! And traffic-

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Calming measures would make Kenn Street much safer for all of us.

If we don't even try asking, then we certainly won't get anything!

Not many people know this, but my Daddy, in his younger days, was quite a fan of extreme sports. Over the years, he's tried his hand at heli skiing, white-water rafting, mono waterski-ing, hang-gliding, powerboat driving, motor-racing, gliding, and bungee jumping – he even achieved his para-gliding pilot's licence.

However, since my arrival, his life has changed direction, and now his latest adrenalin-charged challenge is Extreme Ironing. Mummy's ironing has always been a little haphazard quality-wise, and one morning, Daddy discovered a crease in a shirt-sleeve that started promisingly at the outer shoulder, but then zigzagged round to the inside wrist.

So, he decided that it might be best if he ironed his own workshirts in future. Mummy took the feedback in the rational, well-balanced way that you might expect her to, and now Daddy is responsible for ALL of the ironing. For all three of us. Hence the weekly adrenalin rush of the Extreme Ironing – can he possibly get it all done by 11pm on a Sunday night?!



Kenn Women's Institute

The intriguingly named talk "My first love, my darling" given by Mr. Rowland turned out to be a fascinating history of the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Mr. Rowland is closely involved with the visitors services on the bridge and was able to tell us all about the early designs proposed before the one that was finally built and how the bridge is run and maintained today.

It is a testament to the skill and ingenuity of Isambard Kingdom Brunel that a bridge with a wooden roadway that was designed for pedestrians and horse drawn traffic should still be surviving today when its sister bridge over the River Severn has a continuing catalogue of troubles.

The bridge is owned and run by a private company whose only source of income is the toll that is paid to cross it. Quite a bargain!

There are plans for a full programme of outings and events as well as the usual meetings. Several members had been able to visit the Children's Hospice and Charlton Farm before it received its first intake of sick children and their families.

Visitors have been struck by the care and forethought that have gone into making this a welcoming haven of peace for people in the most desperate situation

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needing all the love and care they can get.

There are plans to arrange a Mystery Tour, tickets to Mamma Mia, another trip to Highgrove and anything else anyone cares to suggest. In the meantime members continue to attend meetings at other Institutes, Group Meetings and functions arranged by the County Federation.

If one wished to be busy every day with W.I. activities it would not be difficult.

At the April meeting Mrs. Scott will tell us all about dressing a Victorian lady and the competition is for something Victorian. There will be an additional competition for the Group Meeting at Nailsea on 25th April to propose a short toast to the W.I.

Ann Holtham

Rose Violet Baker

Mervyn would like to thank friends, neighbours and family for their messages of sympathy and kind offers of help on the loss of Rose.

Margaret's Mutterings

Congratulations to John and Jenny Croxton on the safe arrival of Esme Minnie in February – isn't it wonderful being grandparents. They are often seen feeding Brian the Duck with Esme's cousin Noah.

On the subject of grandchildren – Jean and Fred Fenwick have added not one, but two to their brood.

On Wednesday 14th April, their youngest daughter, Emma produced twins, Esme Bonnie weighing in at 5lbs 12 oz and Jasper Barnaby at 6lbs 14oz. Our love and best wishes go to Emma and Pete and big brother Isaac.

Kenn Village Hall

Hope springs eternal and we are trying again for a grant from YANSEC towards the cost of the Porch.

In the meantime, Grace Griffin, Hazel Limage and their band of helpers are planning a repeat of the Village Brunch on Bank Holiday Saturday 26th May which last year was great fun and made money.

Also Marlene and John with Irene are planning their Fund Raising Cream Tea for Saturday 21st July – please make notes of both dates in your diaries.

Talitha's Joke

What is the fastest cake in the world?

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SCONE!

Some of you may have seen Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve featured on the BBC 'Natures Calendar' series recently.

BIRD NEWS I

Birds were certainly plentiful along the sea wall towards the River Yeo estuary at the beginning of the month. There were 750 Dunlin, 100 Curlew, 100 Shelduck and 170 Knot. The latter is a very large flock for our area and add in several singing Skylarks and six Stonechats in a small flock as well as Little Egrets (10), Oystercatchers, Grey Plover, Lapwing and Redshank and you will get the picture.

On a glorious, sunny morning (and there have been a few of those this month) five Song Thrushes were singing loudly in Goblin Coombe.

I heard my first Chiffchaff on 12th March and there were three singing in Littlewood on the 23rd, as well as a Goldcrest, a Treecreeper and a few Goldfinches. The same wood had ten Fieldfares on the 20th. These were probably birds that had wintered further south as there had been none present during the previous fortnight.

Volunteers, working on YACWAG's Kenn Moor Reserve, discovered a Great Crested Newt there, which caused considerable excitement – there were 30 Meadow Pipits feeding on the wet grassland as well.

A Cetti's Warbler was singing along the Strawberry Line and we are hoping that this will stay to breed.

Nearby on (another) sunny morning, Brimstone, Peacock and Comma Butterflies were active on Cadbury Hill, Yatton.

I was involved in a bird count there mid-month and came almost face to face with an Otter and her cub. The female Otter stood her ground for a second before they both went into the reed-bed and swam away, leaving a half-eaten fish.

Later I met a couple in one of the hides who had seen four Otters together – as the BBC presenter said – “the best place in England to see otters.”

Finally John Croxton reports that the pair of Little Owls behind Duck Lane was showing signs of ‘pairing up’ on the 22nd.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

BIRD NEWS II

March 21st, The First Day of Spring

A pair of Burrow or Sheld ducks has appeared in the field behind the church this morning. Pairs of these very colourful ducks have arrived in this field every spring all my life. They must be of the same family. They nest in rabbit holes there.

A flock of 12 Meadow Pipits has been seen at Decoy Pool Farm.

There are reports of Chiffchaffs having been heard all around the area. They are generally the first summer migrants to appear.

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Ray Naish 01275 872493

Kenn History Corner

Hartley Staples has obtained a photo taken around 1920 of Kenn School Children and their teachers.

There were 35 children at the school in the photo. Roland Hazell who is 92 has named 30 of them. As far as we know, only two people are still around who were attending the school at that time. They are Roland himself and Sam Staples. If anyone would like to see this photo Hartley and I have copies.

There are seven members of the Staples family on the photo, including two girls who had to walk from Cook's Lane in Clevedon Moor to attend school.

Ray Naish

The People who lived in Kenn in 1934

I have a clear memory of all the people who lived in Kenn in 1934 when I was eight years old.

Over the next few months, I would like to describe those people in Kenn News and Views.

I would like to start at Hope Farm, near Kingston Bridge. Gordon and Violet Williams lived there with their son and daughter, Donald and Kitty.

Unfortunately Donald was mentally handicapped. I think he is probably still alive. Soon after the last War started, a bomb dropped in a field near Moor Street Bow. This field was occupied by Mr. Williams. Many people went out there to view the crater. Kitty stood by

the gate collecting money for the Red Cross from viewers. Sadly, she caught a chill while doing this and died aged only 17 years old.

The next house was Walnut Tree Farm. Edward and Minnie Nunney lived there. Ted, as he was known, made a very meagre living milking about 8 cows, which were of very poor quality, but he and his wife lived on the fat of the land, because he shot something for the table most days.

Over the road in Green Acres, lived Francis Ellis and his wife and their granddaughter, Stella Williams. Francis was one of those people who managed to live on practically nothing. He kept a couple of cows, but it was always said that he did not have to do much work, because his wife had a private income of ten shillings a week.

Unique Bungalow was not built then.

We move on to Pear Tree House, the home of Herbert Avis and his wife. The thing I remember about them was that they had a Cigarette Vending Machine on their gate, the first in Kenn.

Wendover Bungalow was, at that time, two dwellings.

In the back one lived Mr. and Mrs. Witting, in the front one lived Mr. and Mrs. Cridland. Mr. Cridland had built this bungalow from First World War army huts, and Mrs. Cridland took flowers that she had grown to Bristol on the train.

We move to Woodbine Cottage, the home of Mr and Mrs. Dick Orchard and their son Bill.

Bill was a much tattooed man, with a Union Jack on his chests. He was a County Council roadman.

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Dick earned money in the springtime going around the farms castrating lambs, an operation he carried out with his teeth.

We move to The Orchards, the home of Harry and Effie Gale, Harry's father Archie and their children, Trixie, Bob and John.

Effie kept a Jersey cow for milk for the house, her name was Marina after the Duchess of Kent. Harry worked at Wake and Dean furniture factory at Yatton.

Down Russ Lane, Jack Denmead and his wife lived in a converted railway carriage. Jack kept goats and grew lots of fruit. He killed the billy kids for meat and kept the nannies for milk.

Kenn Estate had not been built, there was a well in the corner of the field. The field was called Goodhouse.

In the field between The Orchards and Goodhouse was the scene of the first motor accident in Kenn. One of Bindings' lorries from Clevedon tipped over into the ditch along the roadside.

Many people went along to view the scene. The railings erected in the hole in the hedge made by the accident are still there.

We cross Russ Lane, to Dewsbury, the home of Fred Avis and his wife and their daughter Grace.

Fred was a gardener for Mr. Woodington in the house that is now Clevedon Community Centre.

Fred was a great Churchman, always attending the Morning Service. He walked to Church wearing his bowler hat.

Next door, in Yew Tree Cottage lived Harry and Gertrude Cox with their son Reg and daughter Emily, who had a wonderful head of long brown hair. Harry also worked at Wake and Dean.

Next door in Rose Cottage lived Billy and Daisy Horsington and their daughter Cedella. Billy was a night watchman also at Wake & Dean.

The next house was Meadow View, (now Little Mead) the home of Albert and Elsie Huxtable, their son Willie and daughter Mary. Albert also worked at Wake & Dean.

When the War started Willie joined the Navy and saw action in the famous Battle of the River Plate when the mighty German battleship the Graf Spey was sunk.

We move to Kenn Court, the home of Frank and Beatrice Dyer, who lived with their children Winifred and Sam.

Mrs. Dyer's sister Alice Williams also lived there. The Dyers had the largest herd of milking cows in the village, 32 cows. They employed four men, Joe Cox, Alf Neath, Tom Baker and Jack Ellis. Mr. Dyer was a Churchwarden.

To be continued.....

Ray Naish

Sequel to "The Apple Tree" Saga.

I had three contacts concerning the publication of my article on "The Apple Tree". They are as follows:-

i) Roger Lawrence had a telephone call from a person who wished to remain anonymous but who said that the original

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tree to which Mary Barnard's plaque was attached was of the Prunus genus (flowering plums, almonds, and the like), not an apple tree.

The person thought that the apple tree could not be much older than 20 years, which would make the 1947 date on the plaque a little early.

Roger had been to the stumps of the tree and had to admit that he could only count about twenty rings, so perhaps the caller was correct in that respect.

It still did not detract from the unnecessary felling.

ii) The second contact was more an interested query! I had mentioned being brought up on a farm at Durleigh near Bridgwater.

The local resident who came into the church office to see my wife wanted to know "Did Geoff ever know of a person called William (Bill) Dyer who lived in a bungalow called 'Oakridge' and, if so, does he know what happened to him?"

He was born in 1940 and in his earlier years was with his parents and sister, Angela, at Floodgate farm, Durleigh, and would now be aged 66 years".

What a small world!!

Nothing to do with the Yatton apple tree, but would you believe my dad worked on Bill's dad's farm (the caller had said he guessed there couldn't be too many farms in a small village like Durleigh but I counted four in all, so it could have been any of the other three!).

I had grown up with Bill as best friend for many of my school years and, as he retires from pastor of the Pontefract Evangelical Church this year we had

already planned to meet up and explore the old farm again.

The caller got onto his computer and found the P.E.C. website – and there were pictures of the church – as well as two of Bill, one of which was with his wife.

The Yatton resident, and his wife who had known Bill many years ago, were delighted.

Perhaps we can all meet up later this year (2007).

iii) Pat Denny could remember that Mary Barnard was village midwife in the late 1940's but had not actually brought her into the world, as her own Gran had done so.

This was in the time of the Rev. Beechey who she remembers as a "lovely kind and understanding man".

In those days, stillborn children were, supposedly, not allowed to be buried in the churchyard but Pat wondered whether there might have been a slight 'bending of the rules' up in that far corner of the churchyard?

She could remember that there was a lovely angel headstone there for one child, now no longer to be found.

So the original (Prunus?) tree may have been put there by Mary Barnard as a memorial to children, not by someone-else as a memorial to her?

Perhaps our anonymous caller in i) above may be able to help us unravel the truth?

Geoff. Marchant.

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1st Sunday 1st April

PALM SUNDAY

08.00 Holy Communion Kenn

08.00 Holy Communion Claverham
09.30 Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
at Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11.00 Family Service Kingston Seymour
16.00 Evensong (said) Yatton

HOLY WEEK

Monday 2nd April

11.00 Holy Communion Kingston
19.30 Meditation & Compline Claverham
20.00 Meditation & Compline Yatton

Tuesday 3rd April

11.00 Holy Communion Kenn
19.30 The Cross of Christ Yatton

Wednesday 4th April

10.00 Holy Communion Yatton
10.00 Easter Service for Young Children
Claverham
11.00 Holy Communion Kingston
14.00 Easter Service for Older Children
Claverham

19.30 Meditation & Compline Claverham
20.00 Meditation & Compline Yatton

Maundy Thursday 5th April

11.00 Holy Communion Kingston
19.30 The Lord's Supper Cleeve
19.30 Maundy Agape, Communion, Vigil
Yatton
21.00 Watch 'til Midnight Kingston.

Good Friday 6th April

10.00 Devotion with Drama Cleeve
10.00 Children's Workshop Yatton
11.00 Devotional Service Kenn
14.00 Hour at Foot of the Cross
Kingston Seymour
14.00 The Last Hour Meditation Yatton
14.00 The Last Hour Meditation Claverham
15.30 Cadbury Hill Walk Yatton

Easter Eve 7th April

20.00 Ceremony of New Fire Yatton

2nd Sunday - 8th April

EASTER SUNDAY

08.00 Holy Communion Yatton

09.30 Easter Communion Yatton and
decoration of the Cross.

09.30 Easter Communion Claverham

11.00 Easter Communion Kingston

11.00 Easter Communion Kenn

11.00 Easter Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday - 15th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion Claverham

09.30 Parish Communion Yatton

09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

11.00 Holy Communion Kingston

14.30 Holy Baptism Yatton

18.00 Evensong Kenn

4th Sunday - 22nd April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion Kingston

08.00 Holy Communion Yatton

09.30 Parish Communion Yatton

09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

10.00 Family Service Claverham

11.00 Family Service Kenn

18.00 Evensong Kingston Seymour followed
by APCM in Village Hall

Holy Days in April

23rd April GEORGE, MARTYR

08.30 Holy Communion Yatton

25th MARK the EVANGELIST

10.00 Holy Communion Yatton

5th Sunday 29th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 Holy Communion Kingston

10.00 Team Communion Yatton

18.00 Team Evensong Claverham

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN APRIL

Daily 8.30 Morning Prayer Yatton
(except Saturdays & Holy Days)

Every Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion Yatton

First Wednesday

11.00 Holy Communion Kingston
Seymour

Third Wednesday in month

Wednesday 18th April

11.00 Holy Communion at Kenn

Fourth Wednesday

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11.00 Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday

09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

19.30 Holy Communion Yatton

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

14.00 First Steps, Yatton