

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August

3rd Clare and Louise Edwards
6th Steve Bye
7th Ray Naish
Lorraine Staples
10th Stephen Brain
12th Margaret & John Ball WA
14th Mrs Edith Tripp
15th Jean Naish
22nd Dave Quinn
23rd Mark Pascoe
24th Sam Staples 91
25th Stella Naish
26th Peter Woods
27th Caroline & John Hayden WA
29th Sylvia & John Staples WA
Jane & Hartley Staples WA
31st Jill & Matt Butland WA

**Envy is the art of counting
the other person's blessings
instead of your own**

Sea Sunday Family Service at Kenn

Kenn's July Family Service proved to be a rather watery affair, with two baptisms and a 'marine theme' to Celia's address as we celebrated Sea Sunday.

The church was filled almost to capacity as Jean and Fred Fenwick, their family and friends gathered to see Charlie Olivia Fenwick Hague and Isaac James Brooks baptised. It was lovely to see so many children in church, bringing extra energy and laughter to the service.

Celia talked about all the different kinds of vessels that sail about the world's oceans, and how they contribute to our lives and well-being. Then she asked us what kind of craft we thought we were, and invited the children to bring up the ships and boats they had made and drawn.

At the end of the service we all enjoyed drinks and biscuits and chat.

Julia Bush

Sad News from Ghana

I received a letter from Denis, the oldest of the Blay children, which began by explaining that he was writing because 'my father is not in the mood of writing all things'.

Indeed, Mr Blay is still not recovered from an accident he experienced while working in the University Lab recently, so it fell to Denis to tell me that in June, his mother, Christy Blay, died.

Christy had been suffering from cancer for some time but her death was more sudden than had been expected. I did then get a short letter from Mr Blay, telling me about Christy and thanking me for the money we sent after Easter.

Denis's letter is very touching, I will bring it to church for anyone to read if they wish.

Julia Bush

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St. John's Altar Guild

August Rota

Altar Guild ladies on duty in August -
Jenny Croxton and Barbara Dixon

Kenn Women's Institute

The very hot weather meant all windows and doors open for our July meeting. President Marion Carrington gave us the latest information on Ruth Dyer and Rosemary Ford, who are both in hospital.

She then congratulated Thelma Blade on her beef shorthorns which won two seconds and her bull which was reserve champion at the Royal Cornwall Show. By the time you read this they will all have been to the Royal Welsh and our good wishes went with them for success there, too.

There were various outings and events on offer. Yeo Valley Group hope to arrange a trip to Bath Christmas Market one evening and Kenn W.I. members will be going on the Bristol Packet and a pub lunch in September. We will be holding a Wine and Cheese Evening on 10th August and tickets are available now at £4 per head, proceeds going to the Children's Hospice at Wraxall.

Mr. Tim Hooper paid us a second visit to speak on his life as a TV and stage 'extra', though they are no longer called that. They are now 'supporting artists' and can be 'walk-on' grades 1 and 2 or 'scripted parts' in categories 1, 2 & 3. Presumably it all depends on how much you have to say and do. He said obviously they try to get up-graded because if the programme is repeated you get another fee and the grades can make a lot of difference.

Mr. Hooper has done TV for 30 years and has been in many familiar shows such as, To The Manor Born, Our Mutual Friend, Separate Tables and of course Casualty. In one hospital drama, filmed at Cosham Hospital, he had to play a dead man and another actor, playing a drunk, got too enthusiastic and set the place on fire. Mr. Hooper just lay there, thinking it was part of the story, until one of the 'nurses' rushed and rescued him.

Other shows included Birdbrain of Britain which showed how bright they really are, and Noel Edwards' House Party, one of which involved Little and Large being presented with an award which had to be kept secret and involved a false wall and mirror and drinks being spilt over Eddie Large, who was not amused. The award arrived in a big cake brought in on a tea trolley by a gorilla. Perhaps you can remember that one? Mr. Hooper also had parts in various ballets given by The Royal Ballet, including Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake where mishaps occurred, including one where a standard bearer got his lance stuck under his helmet and couldn't move it. He also does play acting for trainee doctors to enable them to learn about dealing with difficult patients. And these days you do not have to be a member of Equity, Mrs Thatcher put an end to that with her ending the 'closed shop'.

The competition for three favourite TV programmes was won by Ruth Dobbs, 2) Heather Saxby and 3) Madeleine Crawley. September's speaker will be Mr. Roger Morgan on The Life and Times of Obadiah Hackett, and the competition is for an unusual or pretty photo frame.

Shirley Livesey

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Parish Council Notes

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st August in the Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome and have an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Ann Holtham, Clerk

Wedding at St. John's

Colin and Jan Bedford are delighted to let you know that their daughter, Amy will be marrying Matthew Davis at Kenn Church on Saturday 6th August at 2:00pm. Matt lived in Clevedon when they met but now lives in Southville, Bristol.

We are pleased that Reverend Avril Gaunt will be conducting the service because, as many of you remember, Avril used to live in Kenn and has known Amy since we moved here in 1987.

You may also remember Amy's friends Kelly and Emily Burstow whose family used to live at "Meadowlea". Kelly, who now lives in Worle, will be one of Amy's bridesmaids.

We would like to thank many of our friends in Kenn who have already helped us in our preparations for the wedding.

We feel very lucky to live in this community at such a special time in our lives.

News from The Drum

Copies of the Clevedon Mercury and North Somerset Times, for villagers, are now available at The Drum and Monkey each week

Tuesday 2nd August from 12 noon
Kenn Villagers' Lunch
Friends and Family also welcome

Monday Nights are Theme Nights
Eat from different parts of the world
Mondays 1st and 8th - Mexican
Mondays 15th and 22nd French

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.
Make an evening of it - have a meal
and stay for the Quiz

Laura and Stefan Beardshaw thank everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of their wedding at Burrington Church on the 30th July

Sunday 28th August at Chaseside -
The Drum Team will challenge all comers to a Tug of War!

What's on at The Drum?

Tuesday 23rd August
"The Blues Brothers Show"
(Black Pork Pie Hats and Dark Glasses provided)
£15 for a three course meal plus entertainment all night

Tuesday 27th September
MEDIEVAL NIGHT
Eat with Dagger and Fingers
Drink Mead?
Costume - Dress Code Only
Wandering Minstrels and Court Jesters
7.00 pm start - £15 per person

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Tuesday 25th October

An Evening with
The Tinker Boys
From The Worzels to Cider Drinking
Deep Somerset Entertainment
Plus Supporting Act
£15 per person to include a
three-course meal.

*Monday/Tuesday 28th/29th
November*

Back by demand
Came 2nd in Stars in Your Eyes
Wayne Dilks is
GEORGE MICHAEL
£20 per ticket to include a
three-course meal
this is the Best you can get!

From December 1st - 24th (except
Sundays) Xmas Lunch or Dinner -
Xmas menu available from 1st
August - Price £12.95 per person -
£5 per head deposit (not refundable)

All this is on The Drum and Monkey
Web Site at
www.drumandmonkey.net
you can also book tables through this
method.

THE STOCKS

You've seen the Stocks at The Drum,
so here we go:
Our first year we had our
Heads Shaved for Charity
and collected £2,500.00
Last year we had our
Chests Waxed
£5,500.00 was raised.

This year - we are going in The
Stocks - via Judge and Jury

Basic idea - We need sponsors.

The sponsors have a charge sheet.

They can have a defence

Counsel - Anybody who sponsors the
individual will be on The Jury.

If the defendant is found Guilty, the
Jurors will administer Punishment in
The Stocks. From Wet Sponges to
??? at a price.

Opportunity to Sponsor the Sponges
on the day

The Date:

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
29TH AUGUST - 2.00 PM
Plus B.B.Q. etc.**

Proceeds - to Clevedon Cottage
Hospital to purchase one or more
pieces of Special Needs
Equipment.

When the Fundraising Day is over
one set of stocks may be placed on the
Village Green as a Village Feature.

(a letter of application has been sent
to The Parish Council for the stocks to
be placed on the Village Green after
the event.)

Fundraising

The Roy Orbison Night at The Drum
in July raised £350 for the
Springboard Children's Charity.
Thanks to everyone for their support

Christianity is caught, not
taught!

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Paella Practice!

Why do we do it?

How do we ever get ourselves into these situations?

Where do these ideas come from?

(Probably the red wine – Ed)

The fundamental problem in cooking paella for the masses is lack of paella dishes. The internet was searched, contacts were asked but the problem was solved when we were on holiday in Spain earlier this year. There in the hypermarket were large paella pans. Fantastic, problem solved. Not so fast we thought, we came out by Easyjet and have got to get them home on a plane.

Ever resourceful we found an internet café and went online to check the baggage allowance on our flight.

That sorted we returned to the hypermarket pesetas in hand to purchase some paella pans, the question was how many?

How much does a large paella pan weigh?

We had no audience to ask or friends to phone so what to do?

No problem we are in a hypermarket, there must be scales in here. Off Simon marches to the meat and fish counter which did not solve our problem as the scales were all behind the counter.

Turning right at the meat and fish we head for the fruit and veg area.

I have to admit that we did cause a bit of a stir, we were the only people weighing paella pans on the electronic scales instead of tomatoes!

The funniest sight was the faces of the Spanish locals watching us. They were clearly trying to decide how to tell this mad English couple that you do not have to weigh a paella pan before you purchase it!!!.

No matter problem solved and, when it comes up in next months quiz night at the pub, a large paella pan weighs 3.5kgs.

With two paella pans we the had to obtain cardboard and rope to package them, but with mission accomplished we arrived at Malaga Airport with well packaged paella pans.

We were amused to see that they were awarded pride of place ‘up front’ beside the baggage handler, when being brought out to the plane and were waiting for us on arrival at Bristol.

Thank you Easyjet.

Can we cook a big Paella - a practice run proved a success but for any used to normal Kenn fare the BBQ will still be in evidence.

So it is tried, it is tested, don't miss out come and join us on 13 August for Kenn's Paella Plus evening.

Let's hope that we can all have as much fun at the event as we had getting ready for it. See you there

Simon and Jenny

Summer Walk in August

The next Summer Walk is planned for Monday August 8th, we hope to re-visit Castle Farm, Clevedon, meeting at Cloverlea at 7 pm.

There is another walk provisionally arranged for Monday 22nd August. We are invited back to Wharf Farm, Kingston Seymour by Mrs. Thelma Blake.

Ray Naish

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Nature Notes

One of Britain's most endangered insects is the iridescent green Noble Chafer beetle. They live in and around traditional orchards. The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species is carrying out a survey to discover how widespread they are and wants volunteers to look out for the beetles during the summer months.

The beetles are about 2 cm long and are a metallic bronzy green colour similar to a Rose Chafer beetle but with ribbed wing cases. They feed on the nectar from open flowers like Hogweed during July/August. There are no recorded sightings in Somerset so far.

If you think you have found one please let me know. If possible please pop it in a box so that I can identify and photograph it.

Robert Down

Margaret's Mutterings

Oops !! - I inadvertently added three years to Tom Bye's age last month. He in fact celebrated his 18th birthday in June, not his 21st - sorry!

Best wishes from Cossington

I have recently heard from the Revd. Frank and Elizabeth Stevens. Frank was Vicar at Kenn over 30 years ago. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sally Whitehead who arranges for them to receive copies of Moor News and Kenn News and Views

Kabwe

After frantic fundraising in 2003 - Completion!!!

The Vicarage of St. George's Anglican Church at Kabwe was consecrated by The Lord Bishop Dereck G. Kamakwamba and Fr. Ken Boullier from Nailsea on the 26th June 2005 and Father Friday Malaya together with his wife and three children are living there.

Thanks go to everyone who supported the fundraising events

Greater Horseshoe Bats

People in reflective jackets and hard hats, have been seen by the Motorway bridges in the Clevedon/Tickenham area after dark, in hedges. They say they are monitoring the flight paths of greater horseshoe bats

Our Flag

During July Robin and Marianna - Tel. 340323 - flew our flag on several occasions:

At half-mast for the Memorial Service for Marjorie Butler

In Celebration on the 30th July to mark the marriage of Laura Dunsford and Stefan Beardshaw.

In Celebration on Sunday 31st for the baptisms of Isaac Thomas Brooks and Charlie Olivia Fenwick Hague.

Ragwort

Ragwort is springing up around the village, so please, if you see it, destroy it. It is very poisonous.

Margaret Ball

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Village Diary

At Kenn Village Hall

Monday 1st August

Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

At the Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 2nd August -

from 12 noon

Village Lunch

Everyone welcome!

Every Wednesday - Quiz Night
with Raffle

Your Garden Gate

Wednesdays 3rd, 17th & 31st
August

Your Green Recycling Bin will be
emptied

Fill with Bottles, Cans and Paper

Clevedon Salerooms

Thursdays 4th & 18th August

Sales commence 10.00 am

Sale of Victorian and Later Furniture
and Effects.

Wednesday prior 10.00am-730pm
Morning of sale - 9.00am-10.00 am

Meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street

7.00 pm - Monday 8th August,
for a walk at Castle Farm, Clevedon
and again on

Monday 22nd August to re-visit
Wharf Farm, Kingston Seymour
All are welcome to join us

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 10th August – 7.30 pm
Kenn W.I.

Cheese and Wine Evening

Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts etc.

Proceeds to the Babe's Big Appeal
For funds to build a second
Children's Hospice in
The South West

Tickets £4 each from W.I. members
Or telephone 01275 349293

Paella Plus Evening

SPANISH SPECTACULAR

Saturday 13th August from 7 pm
Kenn Village Hall

Paella and Sangria Evening

Tickets £5

(or £2.50 for the under twelve's)
Bring a bottle if sangria isn't your
tipple

Optional Fancy Dress

Proceeds to ACTS Aids Charity
and Clevedon Cottage Hospital

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE

Sunday 28th August 4.00 pm onwards
Croquet and Cream Teas, also Inter-
Village Tug of War Competition
and Barbecue at Chaseside, Kenn
Proceeds to Jessie May Trust
and Yatton Moor General Fund

Drum & Monkey

Bank Holiday Monday

29th August 2.00 pm

THE STOCKS

will be used!

Fund Raising for
Clevedon Cottage Hospital

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ADVANCE DATES

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE
Saturday 3rd September
Yew Tree Farm, Kingston Seymour
Fundraising Event for Cancer Charity

KENN FUNDRAISING
Saturday 10th September
3.00pm
Cream Teas and Fundraising
at The Willows, Kenn
(formerly The Vicarage)
Tickets £3.00
Proceeds to Kenn Village Hall

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE
Friday 21st October
Trafalgar Day Celebration
at Kenn Village Hall
Proceeds to
Jessie May Trust
and Yatton Moor General Fund

Kenn News & Views goes Universal

Don and May Hazell who live in Clevedon and attend the Church here at Kenn enjoy reading Kenn News & Views. After reading it they pass it to their neighbours Mr. & Mrs. Upton who like reading it because they used to attend dances at Kenn Hall and know a lot of people here. When Mr. & Mrs. Upton have read it they send it to relatives in Canada.

R.V.N.

Bird News I

Bird song and activity decreased markedly after the middle of July as many of our village and garden bird started their late summer moult.

Barn Owls were still being seen during our Strawberry Line watches, but with just two young and seemingly a huge

supply of voles, there has been much less action this year.

After three successful seasons, our Kestrels failed to rear any young, but the adults are still around and perching near to their nest box.

Marble White butterflies are all over the Congresbury Moor fields, along with Small Skippers and the more common Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns. A less welcome sight was a Mink with a large eel!

The Peregrines at Clevedon had two young early in the month, but were not seen later on. I was told that last year's young were still in the area and this may have resulted in some conflict. A Whimbrel on 22nd July was a very early return migrant.

I am hoping to arrange some Hobby watching walks on Kenn Moor on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons in August. Please give me a ring (01934 835208) if you would like to come along as numbers will be limited for each walk.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

STOP PRESS: I have just been told that the young Peregrines have been seen over the sea wall, play fighting and chasing every bird in sight.

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Bird News II

True to form, many birds have stopped singing now that we are passed mid-summer's day. Most birds now moult their feathers and hide themselves until they have grown new plumage.

I have heard of several broods of Pheasant chicks that have been hatched around Kenn this spring. One brood appeared early in Russ Lane, the last reported sighting of them from Miles Naish was that they were now fully feathered and able to fly to get themselves out of danger.

Sarah Clarke reported seeing all the cars slowing down on Moor Road. She went to investigate and saw a hen Pheasant with 15 newly hatched chicks walking down the middle of the road, I wonder if they all survived?

An English lady who, with her husband, now has a farm at Vimer, near Paris, reports that the small window of their office has six House Martins nests in it. She goes on to say that she had had to put fine mesh to stop them getting into her lounge, but before she realised it they had built a nest in her daughter's bathroom. She is leaving it because there is a find of £2,000 for destroying nests.

The lady says that they have never had so many House Martins nests around their farmhouse as have appeared this year. She goes on to say that they are making a dreadful mess but she seems prepared to put up with it. Perhaps this is the reason that there are reports of fewer House Martins in England this year. They may have got no further North than France

Ray Naish

Sport in Kenn

I have never met a born and bred Kennite who was any good at sport. This especially applies to people who attended Kenn School because there were no sporting facilities.

Kenn School was not very posh, all we were taught were the three 'R's but I have talked to many ex-pupils and they all agree that no child ever left Kenn School who was unable to read and write when they left at eleven years old.

Some former pupils have become very successful self-employed business people in spite of very limited education

R.V.N.

Kenn & Kingston Kombine Charity



The very best place for children and young people with a terminal illness is at home where they feel comfortable and loved. However, caring for them is a relentless responsibility for parents, family and friends.

At the Jessie May Trust we provide a free Palliative Care Service for children and young people who are not expected to live beyond nineteen years.

We work in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Members of our experienced care team support each family at home with short periods of respite, advice, terminal nursing care and bereavement support.

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Kenn & Kingston Combine

Sunday 28th August
at Chaseside, Kenn Street
from 4.00 pm

Cream Teas from 4.00 pm
Barbecue from 6.00 pm,

Display of Classic Cars &
Agricultural Equipment

Soft Play, Bouncy Castle for tinies
Giant Jenga - Pick-a-Stick

Kenn v Kingston - Croquet Match

Kingston v Kenn - Tug of War

The Drum and Monkey Tug of War Team
have challenged 'all comers'

Rob Treble's Bale loading Contest

Various Stalls including

Jo Batten's

"Bring and Buy - Children's toys"

Clear out all your good old toys,
especially Soft Toys and bring them
along - any remaining will go to a Charity

Jean Fenwick's Book Stall with
White Elephant

Julia's "Blay Family Cake Stall"

Soft Drinks will be on Sale

A BRING YOUR OWN
DRINKS EVENT!

Cream Tea Tickets at £2.50

B.B.Q. Tickets at £5.00

(or £2.50 for the under twelve's)

now available from:

Mike at The Drum

Sue Thomas

John and Margaret Ball

Robin and Marianna Mackay

Simon and Jenny Pascoe

or Pay on the Day

Proceeds will be shared between
Yatton Moor General Fund and
The Jessie May Trust

Marjorie Joan Butler

Marjorie has passed away in her home
near Brighton.

She was probably better known to
Kenn people as Wendy
Papasolomontos' mother.

When Marjorie lived in Clevedon, with
her late husband Sidney, they were
often in this village and regular
attenders at the Church.

She once told me how they enjoyed
being in Kenn, and being involved in
Village activities, especially being
involved with young people.

A service of Thanksgiving for her life
was held in Kenn Church with a large
choir in attendance. After cremation
her ashes were interred in Sidney's
grave in the churchyard. Marjorie had
arranged her own funeral service,
which was conducted by her friend the
Reverend Avril Gaunt.

Sympathy is extended to Jill and
Wendy her daughters and their
families.

Ray Naish

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Kathleen Patricia Jenkins

Kathleen has passed away in hospital after being in very poor health for many years.

Kathleen and her late husband Tony, were often in this village visiting their family.

When there was a large fundraising project going on here to get the money to have the church re-roofed, Tony and Kath put tremendous effort into fund raising, including helping to organise the “Cow Pat Party” held in the field behind “Coxhay”, Kenn Street. This event alone raised thirteen hundred pounds.

Tony and Kath were very clever people, between them they made and furnished dolls houses down to the finest detail, also cribs for Christmas celebrations. In fact the crib that has been used in the Children’s Corner for many years was made by them and presented to the church.

When there were Coffee Mornings arranged at “Stonehouse Farm” and later at “Cloverlea”, Kath always had a stall selling interesting little items that she had made. Some of the money raised was used towards the rebuilding of the Church Room.

Tony and Kath had no relations other than Roger, Heather, Andrew and Philippa. Kath never really recovered from the death of Tony several years ago.

Ray Naish

Joyce Harris

Joyce has passed away in hospital after being in poor health for many months. She was aged 86.

Born in Congresbury, Joyce moved to Kingston Seymour on her marriage to Bert Harris 65 years ago. She was involved in many village activities during her life there with Bert.

They were pillars of the church, he was Churchwarden there for forty years.

Joyce’s involvement with Kenn stretched over fifty years. She had been a member of the W.I. and a regular attender at the church for around forty years when there was no service at Kingston.

Joyce was always pleased to be invited and attend the senior residents party at Christmas time. She had many friends in this village and will be sorely missed.

At her funeral and burial at Kingston Church it was ‘standing room’ only. Joyce was a very popular and highly respected person all around this area.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her large family, including three sons Gerald, Tim and Norman.

Ray Naish

No God, no peace!
Know God, know peace!

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PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday – 7th August
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion Kenn
08.00 Holy Communion Claverham
09.30 Parish Communion Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11.00 Family Service
Kingston Seymour
18.00 Evensong Yatton

2nd Sunday – 14th August
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 Holy Communion Yatton
09.30 Parish Communion Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion Claverham
11.00 Family Service Cleeve
11.00 Holy Communion Kenn
18.00 Evensong Kingston Seymour
18.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday – 21st August
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion Claverham
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
09.30 Family Communion Yatton
11.00 Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
18.00 Evensong Kenn

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2005

4th Sunday – 28th August
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion Yatton
08.00 Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
09.30 Parish Communion Yatton
10.00 Family Service Claverham
11.00 Family Service Kenn
with Baptism
18.00 Evensong Yatton

HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord
0.8.30 Holy Communion Yatton

24th Bartholomew the Apostle
08.30 Holy Communion Yatton

*There will also be a
Holy Communion service
at St. John's Kenn on
Wednesday 17th August 11 am*