

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### August

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Clare Edwards  
Louise Hockham  
6<sup>th</sup> Steve Bye  
7<sup>th</sup> Ray Naish  
8<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Golding-Ellis  
10<sup>th</sup> Stephen Brain  
11<sup>th</sup> Trish & Ron Harrison WA  
12<sup>th</sup> Margaret & John Ball WA  
**14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Edith Tripp 101 (2009)**  
15<sup>th</sup> Jean Naish  
Nathaniel Jack Stowell  
16<sup>th</sup> Max Naish  
18<sup>th</sup> Matt Hibbs  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dave Quinn  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mark Pascoe  
26<sup>th</sup> Peter Woods  
27<sup>th</sup> Caroline & John Hayden WA  
29<sup>th</sup> Sylvia & John Staples WA  
Jane & Hartley Staples WA  
31<sup>st</sup> Jill & Matt Butland WA  
Annie Silvester

## St. John the Evangelist, Kenn August Altar Guild Rota

John & Jenny Croxton and  
Margaret Ball.

## Church Envelope Scheme

Many readers probably don't know that Kenn Church has an 'envelope scheme'. This is whereby a box of envelopes can be provided containing an envelope for every Sunday of the year for people's collections for church expenses.

This scheme is particularly helpful to people who are unable to get to church every week, but would like to contribute to its expenses on a regular basis.

If you are interested, please contact a Church Warden.

Ray Naish

## HARVEST SUPPER

**WHEN: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**TIME: 7.30pm**

**WHERE: Kenn Village Hall**

Following the enormous success of previous Harvest Suppers we are going to give equally good value again this year.

The menu will include:

Roast Pork and all the trimmings.

Many different and delicious puddings.

Coffee or tea.

Our champion Carvers and servers will be making a welcome return to provide you with plenty of scrumptious food.

As usual we would welcome all contributions of puddings hot or cold, healthy or luscious as well as any offers of help in the preparation of veg etc.

As always please contact Jenny and Simon or Marianna and Robin for all offers of help.

Tickets priced modestly at £7 for Adults £3.50 for under 12's can be obtained from:

Jenny & Simon (878451)

Marianna & Robin (340323)

Grace & John (872948)

Margaret & John (874077)

## Our Flag

Our flag was flown on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the wedding of Nicola Bird and Chris Wall at St. John's Church, Clevedon. The celebrations

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continued with a party at Kenn Village Hall.

R.V.N.

## Kenn Family Service 27th July

We were blessed with a beautiful morning and a wonderful congregation for our July Family Service at St John's.

There were folks of all ages, including five 'under twos' and six 'under twenty twos'. We had regular Kennites and friends from Kingston. We had visitors from Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

The reading was about how Jesus had described the Kingdom of Heaven in parables about everyday things. Celia's talk featured these things, cunningly hidden round the church, and a modern parable about pets, who had been the subject of the last Sunday Club meeting.

The service was followed by drinks and chat, a lovely time of fellowship, enlivened by the (beautifully behaved) children.

Julia Bush

## Mrs Edith Tripp

Mrs Edith Tripp, who lived near Kenn Pier for over 80 years but has recently moved into Mount Elton Nursing Home, in Highdale Road, Clevedon is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

I am sure people from Kenn will wish to congratulate her and wish her all the best of health for the future and hope she has a lovely birthday.

## Thanks

Juliet Stowell of New House Farm wishes to thank so many people who have supported her and Brian during the past few difficult months, with meals, cards, flowers, visiting, transport, shopping and so much more. She is improving daily and hopes to be out and about soon.

## Thanks For Help

I would just like to say thank you to all those people who helped to clear up following my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the village hall.

Particularly I would like to thank the Gale, Treble and Haydon children for all the hard work they put in collecting up all the rubbish, your help was greatly appreciated and demonstrated what fabulous children we have living in our village.

Thanks to many generous donations we were able to raise over £1200 for the Sightsavers Charity.

Robin Mackay

## Water Aid

Ray has received a letter of thanks from his favourite charity Wateraid.

“I am writing to inform you that we have received a kind donation of £75 in celebration of over 30 years as a churchwarden at St. John's Kenn. The gifts received in celebration of our retirement are hugely appreciated and will help the world's poorest communities.”

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Caroline

## Sunday Club

### The Birds and the Bees

#### **The Birds**

On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July Trevor Riddle and John Croxton came to speak to the children about birds.

They are the local experts and the children enjoyed their varied and interactive discussion. Trevor asked the children which birds they were familiar with and which they could identify either from memory or from the pictures they had brought along.

Each child had their own story about birds they had seen and some could identify less common birds. We were shown pictures of the bird boxes in the churchyard. These have to be cleaned out every year and the children have been invited to come and watch this annual event.

Trevor and John explained to the children the reasons why some birds fly such long distances to breed.

One of which is so that they have longer daylight hours to feed fast growing chicks. Each bird when squeezed made their own bird song, so the children staged their own dawn chorus.

Then John went out to his car and brought in some bird food to show the children. This was met with gasps and yelps of excitement. In the plastic box were tadpoles at various stages of development and small frogs. The box was put on the floor and the children all gathered round to touch and be amazed at the life cycle of the tadpole.

#### **The Bees**

At my school my teacher Mrs Turner was asked by the headmaster not to let any of the children go to the side of the field.

When Mum picked me up from school, I told her we were not able to go on the field because a swarm of bees was attached to a tree.

Well, curiosity got the better of Mum (and doesn't it always!) so we went round to have a look. At first it looked like a crime scene – a whole area around a tree had been cordoned off with brightly coloured tape. Then we saw hanging from the tree what looked like a solid black object, about twice the size of a rugby ball. However, it was a mass of bees constantly on the move.

We were told by fellow bystanders that it had been the size of a football earlier in the day. During the afternoon it had grown as more bees joined the nest. How do they know and how do they communicate with each other? We were told that a bee catcher was coming to take the nest away.

It was really interesting.

Rebecca

***There will be no Sunday Club during August. We will meet on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am. We will do a nature survey of the churchyard and of the village pond.***

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*Caroline*

## Parish Council Notes

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. At the moment there is nothing earth-shaking on the Agenda - but who knows!! Do come along and see what develops.

Judging is still taking place in the Village of the Year Competition so we would all be grateful if any litter that finds its way onto the verges is picked up and disposed of properly.

## Kenn News and Views

This is issue 240 of this splendid newsletter. Do you realise that this means that it has been appearing month by month for twenty years, which is a remarkable achievement.

Heartfelt thanks are due to the editors, contributors, typists, staplers and distributors who all help with its production and keep us all in touch with each other and up to date with the news and events. Kenn would not be the community it is without it.

I have been looking at Issue No. 1 which appeared in October 1988. It was edited by Sheila Naish and Kate Denmead. Sheila has stuck with it all these years with other editorial help, particularly Margaret Ball who is the typist, printer and almost everything else.

The magazine had no name and there was a competition with a prize for the under 16's to give it a title. Mr. & Mrs. Middleton did the judging and Kelly Burstow was declared the winner.

Articles in Number 1 include details of a big Sports Aid 1988 event held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, W.I. News and an article by Mrs. Denmead about her early days in Kenn and Allison Fenwick's travels in India. There was also a round up of items about residents' activities. All fascinating stuff.

Thank you to everyone who has been associated with Kenn News and Views over the years. Long may it continue.

Ann Holtham,  
Clerk to Kenn Parish Council

## Kenn Village Market

The second Village Market went even better than the first with more to choose from and more visitors.

Thank you all once again for supporting us. Money was raised for Cancer charities, the Blay family and the Hall.

There will be no Market in August but we will be back in September on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations of Fair Trade items will be welcomed for this.

Joyce Down

Rachel Smith has received letters of thanks from The Friends of Bristol Oncology for money raised at our two village markets -

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these are displayed on the Village Notice board.

## SCARECROW TRAIL IN KENN Bank Holiday Weekend

### Calling all Kennites and friends!

Make your own *SCARECROW* and display it either in your garden in Kenn Street or Duck Lane or at The Village Hall, The Village Green or the Churchyard or bring them along to Chaseside.

To give you ideas there is a photo display in the Church Porch

(Together we can decorate the route of the Sponsored Walk for Macmillan Cancer Research, which will start from 2.00pm on that day)

If you, your children or your grandchildren would like to make a Scarecrow but are not on the Sponsored Walk Route then please bring them along to Chaseside where they can be displayed.

If you are interested please let me know so that we can include you in the publicity.

Grace Griffin 01275 872948

## KENN AND KINGSTON KOMBINE 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008

Our main fund raising event this year will be a sponsored walk in aid of **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**, a charity very close to a lot of people's hearts, as many families have been touched by cancer. The Macmillan

nurses provide support and help to everyone in need.

Our walk is not a marathon, but an opportunity for a: '**MACMILLION THOUGHTS**' which you can have as you waddle, toddle, hobble or amble from Duck Lane to the Church and back to Chaseside where you can join in the rest of the activities..... (admiring all the Scarecrows as you go)

### CHASESIDE

Spend the rest of the afternoon indulging in Cream Teas, BBQ, homemade cakes and jams, view the Rolls-Royces, Bentleys and other Classic Cars, enjoy the various side shows, participate in the outdoor games and if you are feeling strong have a go at the Grand Tug of War. Watch the various craft activities and generally socialise with your neighbours from both Kenn and Kingston together with families, guests and visitors.

*The profits from this part of the day will be split between the Church and Macmillan Cancer Care.*

### **'MACMILLION THOUGHTS' - Sponsorship forms now available from:**

Robin & Marianna Mackay 01275 340323 - John & Grace Griffin 01275 872948  
Simon & Jenny Pascoe 01275 878451  
John & Margaret Ball 01275 874077  
Sue Thomas 01934 833593  
Anita Simmons 01934 838864  
Jackie Wright 01934 833134

Start collecting Sponsorship now – at work, at school, wherever – it is a wonderful charity! Don't forget to

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ask your sponsors to tick the gift aid box –  
let's get something back from the  
government!

Please contact me for more  
information.

Julia Bush 01275 873554

## A message from Moorgate House

Jemima and I are writing on behalf of  
Daddy and particularly Mummy, to  
thank all the villagers who have rallied  
round following Mummy's silly accident  
last month. She fell off her high heels  
and broke a metatarsal – most  
inconvenient! We have received many  
cards, flowers, offers of help, Tesco  
trips, meals, wine and a good deal of  
bemused sympathy from our  
neighbours in Kenn, for which we are  
very, very grateful.

Romilly and Jemima Hatcher Wilkins

### **Thanks**

I would like to say a big thank you to  
all my family and friends for the love  
and support they have given me in  
recent weeks. I am now at home,  
albeit a 'little lighter' but doing well.

Your good wishes, cards and flowers  
have been a great comfort and morale  
booster during this time, so my love  
and grateful thanks to you all.

Valerie Cox

### **HELP HELP HELP!**

What I need is a non-church going,  
flower loving person who would  
'mind the stall' for me for a couple  
of hours at The Clevedon Flower  
Show

Free entry and parking for  
someone who would sell jam for  
'Heaven Preserve Us' on Sunday  
morning, 24th August.

## **Summer Singers Pied Piper Concert**

Many thanks to all of you who  
supported us in our fundraising  
evening at Kenn Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup>  
July, 2008.

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable  
evening and in the process raised  
£235. This has been divided between  
Cots for Tots at the Bristol Children's  
Hospital and Kenn Village Hall Fund.

Special thanks go to Margaret Cook  
(my mum) for all her hard work in  
learning the Pied Piper's part in such a  
short period of time and for her other  
solos and duets.

Also many thanks to Hazel Limage for  
arranging and donating the cost of the  
licence for the bar.

Liz Jaehme

## **Richard Baker DVD for sale**

For those of you who have  
attended any of Richard Baker's  
concerts you will be interested to  
know that he now has a DVD  
available of him playing live at St  
Monica's Chapel in Bristol.

The cost is £10 and they are  
available from Richard on 07710  
788911 or from Liz Jaehme on  
07703 163590.

Alternatively, you can email  
either of us at

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[rmusicman@btinternet.com](mailto:rmusicman@btinternet.com) or [lizjaehme@hotmail.com](mailto:lizjaehme@hotmail.com) and we'll get them to you as soon as possible.

Liz Jaehme



## Kenn Women's Institute

The talk at the July meeting of the W.I. was given by Mr. Freke of the Frenchay Historical Society and his subject was J. S. Fry and Sons.

We all knew that the Fry family, who were prominent Quakers, were the chocolate makers who started making chocolate in Union Street in Bristol before they moved to Somerdale at Keynsham, but we did not know that the family had many other interests, particularly in engineering.

Elizabeth Fry the great prison reformer was also a member of the family and her portrait appears on our £5 notes. It was also Fry money that helped build Bristol University.

There will be no formal meeting in August, so members are taking themselves off for a mystery tour with a nice supper somewhere at the end of it.

It is hoped they will make their way back in time for the Coffee Morning to be held in the village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30 till 12 in aid of the friends of Clevedon Hospital. There will be the usual stalls and raffles.

It has been decided that Kenn will again take part in the skittles tournament. Our fortunes in the tournament fluctuate wildly - one year we get to the finals, the next we are knocked out in the first round. Who knows that this season will bring!

A team will also take part in the annual Federation Quiz at Portishead in September.

There are many opportunities for visits and talks and members participate in all that they can. Visitors are always welcome to come along and see if they would like to join us.

Ann Holtham

### **August Summer Walk**

We hope to take our next Summer Walk on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August meeting at Cloverlea, Kenn Street at 7pm.

It is hoped we can take a walk in Cook's Lane, walking along the riverbank, past the waterfall towards the Land Yeo River.

All are welcome to join us. New walkers very welcome!

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Ray Naish

**Don't forget!**

You can still pick up your  
North Somerset Times and Clevedon  
Mercury at The Drum and Monkey  
Times Thursday - Mercury Friday

## AUGUST DIARY

KENN VILLAGE HALL  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008  
at 3.00 pm  
Garden Party and Fundraising

Your Garden Gate  
4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August - Recycling  
11<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August - Green Waste

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm**  
**Kenn Parish Council Meeting**  
**Kenn Village Hall**

**The Drum and Monkey**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August -**  
**12.noon - Village Lunch**  
**Everyone welcome!**

**Every Wednesday - Quiz Night**  
**with Raffle**

**Meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street**

**7.00 pm - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August,**  
for a walk at Cooks Lane, Clevedon  
Everyone is welcome to join in

**Clevedon Salerooms**  
August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
Victorian and Later Furniture and  
Effects

**Kenn Village Hall**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12**  
**W.I. COFFEE MORNING**  
**Proceeds to The Friends of**  
**Clevedon Hospital**

Kenn and Kingston Combine  
2.00 pm - 24<sup>th</sup> August  
Bank Holiday Sunday  
Scarecrow Trail/Sponsored Walk  
**"MACMILLION THOUGHTS"**

4.00 pm at Chaseside, Kenn Street,  
Cream Teas - Barbeque - Tug of War  
Classic Cars and much more!

## ADVANCE DATES

**14th September- Harvest Supper**  
Kenn Village Hall following  
Harvest Evensong  
Tickets available soon  
From Jenny Pascoe, Marianna  
Mackay, John & Grace Griffin  
and Margaret & John Ball

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The View, 29 Dial Hill Road**  
**Clevedon**

**Julia invites you to**  
**Come and Enjoy the View**  
**and support**  
**The Biggest Coffee Morning**  
**in the World.**

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transport may be provided if requested

**29th September.**  
**Marianna's Fashion show,**

*Tickets - Marianna Mackay 340323*

## **July Summer Walk**

For our July Summer Walk we revisited Castle Farm, at Walton-St.-Mary to see Jeff Naish's crop of new-born foals.

Castle Farm is a linear farm, stretching along the coast from Ladye Bay to the Clevedon to Portishead coastal road just past Walton-in-Gordano.

It is around 100 acres, most of the land is very steep falling away to Walton Bay. Jeff only allows a very experienced tractor driver to do work on this dangerous land. The day we visited he had been trimming the fern and thorns that would take over if not kept under control with a very heavy weight topper.

Unfortunately a much smaller number of people than usual arrived for this walk, the weather was warm but rather cloudy.

The mares and foals were at the far end of the farm. As we walked across to them the first to greet us were three very friendly bay mares that Jeff has recently acquired. They have

been retired and will now be used for breeding

Jeff explained that one was an American Quarter Horse as was used by cowboys. Its best speed was over a quarter of a mile – hence the name – and the other two mares had been trotting horses – all three were extremely friendly and gave the

impression that they had not quite relaxed into becoming part of the wild herd.

As we walked along we passed a flock of Dorset Horned Sheep, part of Jeff's large flock. A ram was running with them, they should lamb in the autumn.

RVN & MAB

## **Bird News I**

A visit along the sea wall to the River Yeo estuary provided a sighting of seven young Shelducks. Much less expected were two female Goosanders – the first summer sighting in this area as far as I am aware.

Several Skylarks and a Song Thrush were still singing mid-month and Redshanks were acting as if they had chicks nearby. Stock Doves are much less common nowadays and it was nice to see a party of four of them. A young Peregrine Falcon, probably from the Clevedon site, allowed a very close approach.

Has anyone seen a Spotted Flycatcher this summer? This once fairly common bird is now very scarce. A pair was reported from a site near Winford, but I could not find them. However, half a dozen

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Yellowhammers on Felton Common and a male Whinchat provided good compensation. Many of our songbirds are now moulting and are very quiet and elusive. However the Blackcap behind our house is still singing (23<sup>rd</sup>) – this probably indicates that the pair are trying for a second or third brood.

The 'YACWAG' Kestrels on Congresbury Moor have fledged at least one young this year but the Barn Owls still present do not seem to have young. A Hobby flew over Congresbury Moor, young Buzzards are calling for food, as are the young Sparrowhawks near to Yatton Railway Station.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

## **Bird News II**

There have been many sightings of Barn Owls in the Kenn area over the past month. This is very exciting as they are so rare.

The first report I had was from Ken and Pearl Ferris who live near the river bank at Kenn Pier. They have told me that a Barn Owl has been arriving every evening and perching on a gate post on the river bank near their sitting room window. They have seen it capture prey in the long grass nearby.

Hans and Andrea Olsen have seen a Barn Owl following the course of the River Kenn each evening lately at nine o'clock.

There has been a report of a Barn Owl seen entering the Owl

box situated near the pumping station on Nailsea Wall.

Harry Butland who lives in Kenn Street reports a sighting of a Barn Owl flying up and down the large field behind his house.

John Croxton, who lives in Duck Lane, has seen another Barn Owl flying over a field near his house.

Brian Cook, who lives near the Village Hall has told me that a Kestrel captured and killed a small bird on the lawn near his house. The bird was devoured in very short time.

Angela, who has recently moved into Latcham House, has asked me if I have heard of anyone who has lost a parrot because she saw one on the lawn of her house recently.

Ray Naish

## **Wild Animal News**

The large badger earth in the orchard behind Stonehouse Farm is currently a hive of activity. There are badgers, foxes and rabbits all using the same burrows.

Sizzle Summerell who lives in part of Stonehouse Farm has seen young foxes and badgers in the field behind her house in board daylight. Her neighbours Mark and Katie have been woken at night by badgers fighting, making a terrific noise.

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I saw a black buck rabbit chasing his girlfriend around in the same area. Perhaps we shall have some black baby rabbits soon. Deer have also been seen in the orchard.

Ray Naish.

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## **Jean Withers**

Formerly from Moorside Farm, Kenn, Jean has passed away at a Nursing Home in Bampton, North Devon where she had lived for the past few months. She was 85 years of age.

Jean was born at Frome, into a Quaker family, she was a pupil at Sunny Hill School, Bruton.

During her school life, she excelled at drawing and art work. She was getting ready for a University Education when the Second World War broke out, which put paid to her plans, as it did for a great many young people at that time.

Jean was then directed to do war work, so she decided to join the Women's Land Army. Her first job was on a small farm at Sand Bay, near Weston-super-Mare.

The elderly farmer there taught her many rural crafts including rick thatching he taught her how to make the thatching spars used for pegging the thatch down, also the runners,

made of thorns, also to hold the thatch.

Later Jean moved to "Caswell Farm", Clapton-in-Gordano, where she was put in charge of rearing the young cattle.

This is where she met her future husband John Withers, who was one of her employer's sons.

John and Jean, on their marriage, moved to Failand Farm, Failand, which in those days, was a very poor farm with a large house with no facilities of any sort. This farm was where their five children were born. At one time Jean had three children under three years of age.

About twenty-five years ago Jean and John semi-retired and moved to Moorside Farm, Kenn. John brought his herd of pedigree dairy shorthorn cows with him. He kept them until he died about ten years ago.

Jean continued to live at "Moorside Farm", renting out her land, but still keeping her beloved hens and ducks. One of her greatest hobbies was hatching eggs in an incubator. She also loved gardening and growing fruit.

During her life in Kenn, Jean took a great interest in what was going on in the village.

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She joined the Women's Institute and often attended church for Family Services. She was very kind and helpful to her neighbours when they needed her.

Jean was a very talented artist, she designed her own Christmas cards and on several occasions designed the front cover for Kenn News and Views.

In the last few years, poor mobility made it impossible for her to get out of her house.

When John Croxton and I delivered her Moor News and Kenn News and Views each month we always spent about an hour with her. We always came away full of great admiration for her fantastic knowledge of so many varied subjects.

What a hugely talented and wise person. Jean and John had enjoyed holidays in far away places, like Russia and Thailand.

We were especially pleased that her family brought Jean back to Kenn for her funeral.

There was a very large congregation present including many members of her vary large family, daughter Suzanne, and sons William, Brian, Paul and Richard with Jean's many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The front cover of the funeral service sheet was designed by Jean herself. The hymns sung reflected the countryside and farming which Jean was very proud to have been part of for over sixty years.

Ray Naish

First keep peace with yourself,  
then you can also bring peace to  
others.

*Our thanks go to Mike Callow for the following:*

## SENIOR MOMENTS

An elderly couple, Fred and Marion, had dinner at the house of their friends, John and Heather. After eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two men were talking and John said "Last night we ate out at a new restaurant, and it was really great. The food was fantastic, the service first class and the surroundings excellent. I couldn't recommend it highly enough."

Fred said "It's our anniversary next week, I can't wait to go there, what's it called?"

John thought and thought and then said "What is the name of that plant that grows on the moors. The one that usually has mauve flowers in July and

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August, but the white variety is supposed to be very lucky?" Fred said "Do you mean heather?" "Yes, that's the one" replied John.

He then turned towards the kitchen and shouted "Heather, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

## **Mrs. Arthur's Coal Trust**

When I was a small boy, Kenn pub had a sign on the wall, which read The Rose and Crown by Cornelius Meaker Arthur. He was known as Nellie.

In the early 1930's Nellie passed away, the sign on the wall was changed to The Rose and Crown by Isabella Arthur. She was his wife, also known as Nellie or 'Nellie no change'.

In the late 1930's a few hikers started appearing around dressed in their shorts. Nellie didn't think much of this eccentric behaviour in men. The consequence as that if they went into the pub for a drink when they paid for their drink her quick reply was "No change me sonny", hence her nickname!

Mrs Arthur was a kind and generous person. In the early 1900's a little lady called Pru Say, who lived with her sister in

a cottage near the pub, was left destitute when her sister disappeared without trace. Pru, who I remember, was described as "not 'zactly".

Mrs Arthur took her into her home and kept her until she died some 30 years later.

Mrs Arthur continued to run the pub until about 1938. One night when she was locking up, she was attacked and beaten about the head. This frightened her so much she retired and left the pub. Her assailant was never found.

Mrs Arthur died around 1940. In her will she left £200 in gold stock in the charge of the Churchwardens of Kenn. The interest on this money was to be used to buy coal for the poor of Kenn at Christmastime. The interest on this investment was about £13 per year.

Mr. Frank Dyer of Kenn Court was Churchwarden at that time. He used to give a list of names of people, who he thought qualified for this coal, to a coal merchant in Yatton for distribution. At that time the interest produced enough money to buy two tons of coal.

On Mr Dyer's death in the mid 1940's, his son Sam was elected Churchwarden. He continued to arrange for the coal distribution until he retired 37 years later.

When I became Churchwarden, I with the help of fellow Churchwarden Renee Bell

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continued to arrange this coal distribution. By that time the interest only bought a few hundredweights of coal.

We found this increasingly difficult to arrange because there were no coal merchants delivering in Kenn by this time., For a short while, I bought and delivered the coal myself.

Very suddenly the interest money ceased to arrive into Church funds. I continued for a few years to buy and deliver the coal using other money, but I have not done it for several years now. I could not manage to carry bags of coal around due to *Ano Domini*.

I think it is a pity that this little custom has ceased, but in the end it was difficult to find people who lived alone who still used coal fires and were pleased to accept it.

Are there any readers of this Magazine who have the expertise to try and trace where this money came from and why it has failed to arrive into Church Funds. If so, I would be pleased to hear from them.

Ray Naish

## A Thought for These Days?

We were recently at "Wookey Hole". At one time the paper making works there produced the high quality paper used for printing the classic five pound notes. A real bank note, in its day of considerable value and fondly remembered by our

generation. On the wall there is a note, based on the fact that rags are needed in the production of such paper, it goes thus:

Rags make Paper  
Paper makes Money  
Money makes Bankers  
Bankers make Loans  
Loans make Beggars  
Beggars make Rags

John Griffin

## Margaret's Mutterings

### **Kenn Village Hall**

Sincere thanks go to Margaret Cook and Liz Jaehme for organising the wonderful concert at the Village Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> July – Many thanks for the contribution of £117.50 for Hall Funds.

### **Thanks**

The morning of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July saw a hive of activity as the Painting Party got on with the job. While Tim Taylor was painting the roof, John Hayden organised a team including John Griffin, Bill Pugh, Robert and Andy Down, Dave Pugh .who were preparing and repainting the rear of the Village Hall.

Many thanks to them all - it looks a treat also to Caroline who provided them with Yew Tree Farm Hot Dogs and drinks.

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## In and Out of Hospital

Recently Marion Carrington, Valerie Cox and Juliet Stowell have all spent time in hospital. We are pleased to report that they are all safely home and doing well.

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## PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09.30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09.30 Holy Communion Claverham  
11.00 Trinity Praise Cleeve  
**11.00 Holy Communion Kenn**  
18.00 Evensong Kingston Seymour  
18.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> August Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity St. Bartholomew**

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  
+ Holy Baptism**  
18.30 Ecumenical Service at  
St Mary's Yatton

## SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2008

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity TEAM SUNDAY**

08.00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
10.00 Team Communion Yatton  
18.00 Evensong Claverham

## HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

**6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration**  
10.00 Holy Communion, Yatton

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 08.30 Morning Prayer Yatton  
(not Saturdays or Holy Days)

Every Wednesday  
11.00 Holy Communion Yatton

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
11.00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour

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*Third Wednesday -  
Holy Communion Service  
at St. John's Kenn on  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 11.00*

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
11.00 Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday  
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
19.30 Holy Communion Yatton

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
14.00 First Steps, Yatton