

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ETC.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sotoris Papasolomontos
	Verity Rogers
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Whitehead
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Naish
10 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Hayzen (Pugh)
	Tom Clark
	Penny Leiper (Griffin)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Palmer (Smith)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jade Beardshaw
20 <sup>th</sup>	Angel Middleton
	Vincent Stowell
21 <sup>st</sup>	John Griffin
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard & Avril Gaunt W.A
24 <sup>th</sup>	John Street
25 <sup>th</sup>	HAPPY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL
29 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Withers
31 <sup>st</sup>	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

### Thoughts for the Month

*The gift that is least expected is the most precious gift of all.*

*A present is a smile all wrapped up.*

*The greatest happiness comes from the smallest thought.*

### Naish's Notes

Happy Christmas to one and all and very special wishes to our Villagers who are no longer residing in Kenn.

### Tesco Vouchers

Yeo Moor Infants School would like to send thanks for all the vouchers donated to them. If you still have any lurking in your purses or wallets, please give to Sheila or Ray.

Sheila

## CONDOLENCES

It was with great shock and sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Grahame Lewis, husband of Greta. We would like to send our very best wishes and love to Greta.

Greta has been a stalwart district councillor for many years and a great help to us all in Kenn and on the Parish Council.

### Christingles at Kenn

The November Family Service featured that heady mix of candles, sweeties, pointy sticks and HOORAY, lots of children.

The Christingle was introduced to this country by the Moravian Church, and taken up in recent years by The Children's Society as an aid to fund raising.

In Sunday's service, John talked about the different parts of the Christingle, and what they represent.

The first candle of the Advent Ring was lit.

Although some of the Family Service regulars were away, there were still over 50 people in the congregation, including some new faces.

Julia Bush

Thanks  
A big Thank You to Troy Gale for making our beautiful Advent Ring.

Julia

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## Remembrance Sunday at Kenn

On Sunday 13th November, there was a short but dignified act of remembrance at the beginning of the Holy Communion Service at St John's.

Cliff Edwards (RN Retired) read out the names of the men who gave their lives in the Great War and recited the commendation by Laurence Benyon.

The congregation then sang the first verse of the National Anthem.

J Bush

PS All the men who went from Kenn to fight in WW2 came home safely

## NEW ROOM COFFEE MORNING

The Monthly Coffee Morning in the New Room was held by Celia and John, and despite it being a chilly morning, the doughty souls who attended had a jolly time, with rather a lot of laughing and joking.

Sales of coffee and Celia's scrummy cakes raised £74.50 for the Asian Earthquake Appeal.

December's Coffee Morning will be at The Willows on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Julia Bush

## Carols at Kenn

The Service of Carols and Lessons this year will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. This is probably the most popular service to be held throughout the year. There is always a big congregation and it is hoped to have a large choir to lead the singing. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be a great start to the Christmas Celebrations.

The Crib Service will be held at Kenn Church on Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm. Children are invited to take part, please contact Celia Andrews on 01934 830208 if you, or your children, would like to be part of this service.

Julia Bush and Ray Naish

## Kenn Altar Guild December

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs J. Fenwick/Mrs J. Pascoe

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs R. Bell/Mrs G. Griffin ???? Renee Bell

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - CAROL SERVICE  
Mrs M Ball/Mrs H. Jenkins

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs J Cheek/Mrs M. Mackay

Grace and John Griffin will assist Mrs Jean Naish, to decorate the tree in Church for the Carol Service.  
Please can ladies decorate their windows in time for the Carol Service.

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Thank you. Jean 872493

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## CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Part of our regular Christmas Festivities is the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights and singing Carols round the tree on the Village Green.

This year the ceremony will be held at 6.30 pm on

*Saturday 17th December*

All are welcome to join us for mince pies and hot punch.  
We hold this event regardless of the weather so wrap up warm and come and sing with gusto!

Robin and Marianna Mackay

## CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

We are again collecting WARM CLOTHING, BLANKETS & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD to give to the Julian Trust in Bristol.

This wonderful Charity provides a warm and safe shelter for the Homeless over the Christmas period and Kenn has a proud tradition of giving very generously.

Please bring any contributions (including cash donations) to us at Church Path Cottage or leave in the Church Porch for us to collect. We shall be taking them plus any cheques (made out to the **Julian Trust**) to Bristol on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Robin & Marianna Mackay

## 6<sup>th</sup> December – St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was born at Patara in Lycia. He ruled a great monastery before being imprisoned for a time because of his faith. He died in about 324 as Bishop of Myra.

He is the patron and annual benefactor of children.

He is said to have restored to life three children who had been murdered and hidden in a salting tub. This story, however, is thought to derive from the one concerning three girls whom he saved from prostitution by throwing them, at night, through their window, three bags of money.

Some think the pawnbroker symbol of three golden balls originates from this.

It is also an explanation of how the old custom of secretly giving presents on the eve of St. Nicholas came about.

The Santa Claus of Christmas derives from his name.

Another old custom on this day was the election of a boy bishop, usually a chorister of the cathedral. This custom goes back to the thirteenth century, but it was abolished by Queen Elizabeth I. The boy bishop used to remain in office until Holy Innocents Day 28<sup>th</sup> December.

Hartley Staples

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## A request from Pip Jenkins (textile student)

Does anyone have any redundant knitting needles of any size, crochet hooks, wool, fabrics or embroidery tools?

If you have, they would be gratefully received and go to a good home.

If you can help, please leave outside 'Coxhay' in Kenn Street or call 01275 877389

Thank you

Pip Jenkins

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The last Parish Council meeting was held on Monday evening 28<sup>th</sup> November with a very full agenda.

One of the most important items was to decide when the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on. The tree has been ordered and thanks to Robin and Marianna the switching on ceremony will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December with the usual arrangements.

John and Grace Griffin had recently attended the awards-giving event for the Village of the Year Competition at Rangeworthy. Kenn was presented with a cheque for £20 for coming third in the small villages section of the event. This will be donated to the Village Hall

towards the next round of improvements.

Hazel Limage has been beavering away constructing a website for Kenn and is now ready to up-load. She is now looking for content, so if you have any interesting pictures or snippets of information that you think should go on, please contact Hazel on 01275 349535 or Robin on 01275 873774.

It is envisaged that the welcome pack for newcomers to the village will be included, so that it will be very useful indeed.  
Thank you Hazel.

Just a reminder about fireworks! If there are to be any fireworks at your party over the Christmas period, please could you inform any farmer or animal owner so that they can make arrangements for the safety of their animals.  
Thank you.

The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2006, a week earlier than usual. Put the date in your brand new diaries please.

Ann Holtham

## Interesting Fact

"How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you are on!"

RVN.

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## Rose and Crown Polyphone

Can anyone tell me what happened to the Polyphone that used to be on the wall of the bar at Kenn Pub?

There were two records on it, one was of the tune The Lost Chord. It was operated by putting a penny in the slot.

Ray Naish

## Kenn Women's Institute

Due to ill health there is no report on the November meeting.

The Christmas Flower Demonstration by Margaret Titman was a great success and a most enjoyable evening was had by many villagers and W.I. members.

14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm  
Christmas Social Evening,  
Beetle Drive and Christmas Post Box.

## Amusing things children say!!!

Grandson George was asked by his mummy (Sarah) if he would like to write a 'thank you' note to his teacher at the end of his first year at school. He thought carefully and said.  
'Dear Mrs Andrews, Thank you for weekends!'

Grandson Sam was having tea with his best friend Oscar when he suddenly said to him "I hope we die at the same time, then when we are skeletons, we can play together"  
This was just after Halloween time.

## John and Grace WINTER BIRD SURVEY IN KENN

This winter the British Trust for Ornithology are conducting pilot winter bird surveys in preparation for the preparation of a new winter bird atlas.

One of the areas chosen includes the village of Kenn and John Croxton and myself will be surveying the area – a tetrad – that's a 2 km x 2 km grid square on the Ordnance Survey map.

John and I will be round the village and surrounding area early in December and again late January/early February. So if you see two well-wrapped-up chaps with binoculars don't worry.

We shall publish the results of our efforts in News and Views and any unusual bird sightings around the village this winter will be especially welcome.

Trevor Riddle  
01934 834208

## Announcement

John and Jenny Croxton are delighted to announce the forthcoming wedding of their youngest son Andrew to Rose North on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at Rowton Castle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Kenn Village Hall  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.00 pm  
Cobweb removal  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10.00 am  
Dusting, Polishing etc.  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00 am  
Decorating for Christmas

Kenn Village Hall  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Tea Party, 3pm.

Clevedon Salerooms  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Victorian and Later Effects and Furniture

Adult Christmas Party Kenn Hall  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm

Drum and Monkey  
12.30 pm. Tuesday  
13<sup>th</sup> December  
Village Lunch  
Everyone welcome.

Kenn Village Hall  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Kenn W.I. Meeting at 7.30 pm  
Social Evening/With Beetle Drive  
Christmas Post for Members.

The Willows, Kenn  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Coffee Morning  
Mince Pies and Punch  
Tickets £3 available from Marlene,  
Mike at The Drum and Irene Stowell  
or just come along  
for Village Hall Funds

Kenn Village Green  
6.30pm Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

December  
Christmas Tree lighting and Carol  
Singing then mince pies and punch  
Everyone welcome.

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn  
6.00 pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Carol Service

Kenn Village Hall  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Kenn Children's Party  
5.00 - 7.00 pm

This party is not only for Kenn Children, but also for the children and grandchildren of Kenn folk - for further information contact Jo Batten on 01275 878782

Drum and Monkey  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Grand Christmas Draw

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn  
Christmas Eve  
3.00 pm Crib Service

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn  
Christmas Day  
11.00 am Family Communion

Drum and Monkey  
New Year's Eve Party  
£8 per ticket  
Large Buffet and Entertainment  
by the duo 'Atlantic Crossing'  
Admission by Ticket only  
Tickets available behind the bar

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9.00 pm till late

Food as normal

## WHAT'S ON AT THE DRUM!

### Kenn Village Lunch

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
from 12.30 p.m.  
Everyone welcome

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### THE DRUM XMAS DRAW

£1 per ticket - The Cards are  
behind the bar - Put your name  
and 'phone number on the card.

Prizes to include Colour Portable  
T.V. Bike, Kitchen Knife Sets,  
Designer Watches, Meat Hamper,  
Fruit Hamper, Vegetable Hamper,  
D.V.D. player, Chocolates, Spirits  
Turkey, etc. Lots and lots more.

### Christmas Opening Hours

23<sup>rd</sup> 11 am - 11 pm

Food 12 - 3pm and 5.30 - 9 pm

24<sup>th</sup> 11am - 11 pm

Food 12 noon - 9 pm

25<sup>th</sup> 11.30 am - 1 pm

Food 1pm - finish  
**FULLY BOOKED**

26<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - 4 pm

Food 12 noon - 3pm

27<sup>th</sup> 11am - 4 pm

Food 12 noon - 3pm

28<sup>th</sup> 11am - 11 pm

### New Years Eve

11.00 am - 4.00 p.m.

Food 12noon - 3pm

9.00 p.m. till late

Entrance by Ticket only

£8.00 per ticket

Buffet,

Entertainment,

### News from The Drum

Clevedon Mercury and North  
Somerset Times are delivered to  
the Drum, just come in and pick up  
your copy. The doors are open  
from around 7.30 am - come in and  
have a coffee!

### Diary Note:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Marcus Andrews as

**ELTON JOHN**

Tickets £15 at bar,

includes 3 course meal

Stefan and Laura Beardshaw are  
moving to The Willows and Asha  
and George, who work at The  
Drum, are moving to No. 2 Kenn  
Court.

Following the introduction of the  
New Licensing Laws, there is no  
change to the opening hours at  
The Drum

Mike, Kelly and The Staff at The  
Drum wish all Kenn villagers and

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**friends all the very best for  
Christmas and the New Year.**

## BIRD NEWS I

The early part of November was very mild (and wet!) but as I write (18<sup>th</sup>) we are experiencing a cold snap. In winter bird numbers and their activities are largely influenced by the weather and food availability.

There is some indication that good numbers of Siskins and Redpolls are arriving – last year there were very few.

Redwings were on Kenn Moor by the 2<sup>nd</sup> with a few Fieldfares about a week later.

It was so mild on the 8<sup>th</sup> that a Song Thrush was singing along the Strawberry Line.

On the Somerset Peat Moor the heavy rain has created shallow floods which have attracted a lot of duck (mainly Wigeon and Teal), 1,500 Lapwings and 800 Starlings. Such a large concentration of birds inevitably attracts predators and on one memorable day, I saw Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Peregrine and Merlin! Then at dusk a Barn Owl appeared. Subsequent visits to the site at Catcott were much less productive however.

Finally, Kingston Seymour was in the bird-watching headlines, when an Upland Sandpiper arrived on field by the seawall. This bird is from America, probably blown over by the tail end of one of the hurricanes. It is a grassland wader and looks a bit Bustard shape, with a tall neck, horizontal walk and a long tail.

Hundreds of birdwatchers came to see it.

The cold snap brought a Woodcock to Littlewood (18<sup>th</sup>) as usual it flushed about 3 feet range. Also a male Merlin, a small falcon the size of a Mistle Thrush hurtled across Claverham Drove in front of me. As I was on my bike I enjoyed a great view.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

## BIRD NEWS II

I heard a Song Thrush singing in the orchard on 1<sup>st</sup> November. They don't generally start until about February. The very mild weather must have fooled him. The next day was very stormy. People, years ago, noticed that Thrushes sang before stormy weather, they were then called Storm Cocks.

I saw and heard the first Fieldfare of the winter on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, since that time there have been heavy frosts and there have been flocks of them feeding on the apples in the orchard.

Jeff reports seeing a pair of Winchats in and around Nailsea Wall, also a Barn Owl.

27<sup>th</sup> November, Jeff reports 5 Egrets, a Little Grebe and a pair of Whinchats on Tickenham Moor this morning.

Miles reports seeing a flock of something like one thousand mixed Rooks and Jackdaws searching a field at Naish Farm in Clapton-in-Gordano last Friday.

There are reports that Fieldfares have eaten all the sweet apples in the orchards around this area, due to a

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shortage of berries of all kinds this year.

Ray Naish

## Census for Kenn in 1881

Former Kenn resident Joy Say, nee Moores, who now lives in Cullompton has sent me a copy of the Kenn Census of 1881. Both Joy and I are amazed at the number of people who, as children were named as residents of the village in 1881, who were still around when we were attending Kenn School.

The number of people named as living in 1881 within the boundary of which is now Kenn was 306. A very rough count of the inhabitants of the village today is 300. I expect there are few places in this country that have the same number of residents as there were 124 years ago.

There are at least 60 houses in the village that have been built since that time, with less than 20 having been demolished.

Some of the cottages held very large numbers of people. Church Path Cottage had 13 residents compared with 6 residents at Kenn Court.

Another cottage with a large number of residents, considering in those days it was a two up, two down, was Riverside Cottage, Kenn Pier. It held 10 members of the Bray and Mustoe families.

The Candle Factory, now Mill Farm, had nine members of the Sprod family in residence.

Yew Tree Farm was occupied by four maiden sisters of the Baker family, plus two orphaned nephews also named Baker.

Samuel Dyer, with his household of nine, occupied Laurel Farm, now The Laurels, Kenn Street.

If anyone would like to go through this Census with my, I would be pleased to help.

Ray Naish

## Christmas Music in Kenn in years gone by

I have been told that around 100 years ago, a little party of people, based on the Church Choir travelled around the village at Christmastime singing carols.

At that time there was a dwarf living here. He was unable to walk, but he could play a violin. This little chap was engaged to play his violin to accompany the carol singers. As he couldn't walk, John James, who was a very big strong man, carried the musician around on his back.

I would like to peep back in time and see this little party travelling around from farm to farm, no doubt they were invited to have a drink of cider by their hosts, or a glass of home-made wine. I expect they went home happy people.

The late Wally Moore, a very well known resident, years ago bought a gramophone when he came out of the army in 1926. He bought some records that played carols.

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He and his friend Harry took the gramophone around the village, playing the records to members of the community. At some of these

venues, the cider flowed freely. One night they finished up at Carpenters Farm and forgot where they had left the gramophone. A week later they found it on the top of a cider barrel at the farm.

Ray Naish

## Margaret's Mutterings

### Adult Christmas Party Kenn Hall

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Only a couple of tickets remaining – contact Avril on - 07967 628 064. Avril will also be pleased to receive Raffle Prizes.

Proceeds from this Party will be shared between Bristol Oncology and Kenn Village Hall so please give generously.

## New Arrivals

Our flag was flown in celebration on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November to mark the safe arrival of three baby girls

Firstly Alice Matthews, daughter of Treena and Stuart arrived on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Alice is a grand daughter to Kath and Derek Willoughby of Duck Lane

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November John and Cecelia Andrews joined

the happy ranks of grandparents when daughter Jane gave birth to Abigail Rose Warden weighing in at 7lbs. 13 oz. Congratulations to Jane and proud father Matthew and of course to John and Celia

November 19<sup>th</sup> was the day when 6lbs 13 oz Romaly Georgina was born to Kate and Kevin Wilkins of Moorgates, Kenn Street.

We send our warmest best wishes to all the little girls, to their parents and proud grandparents.

## Belated Congratulations

We send belated congratulations to Andrew Jenkins of Coxhay, who celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup> November

## In and out of hospital

Recently several of our friends and residents have spent time in hospital, we send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery, especially to Ruth Dyer and Norman Baker.

## Hall Booking Secretary

Jean Fenwick 875073

## Flag Flying

Robin and Marianna 340323

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Or to Ray at Cloverlea.

## **PARISH OF YATTON MOOR**

1st Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8am Holy Communion Kenn**

8am Holy Communion Claverham

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11am Christingle Service Kingston

6pm Evensong Yatton

2nd Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Claverham

11am Holy Communion Cleeve

**11am Holy Communion Kenn**

3pm Christingle Service Yatton

4pm Christingle Service Cleeve

6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

10am Nativity Service Claverham

11am Holy Communion Kingston

6pm Carol Service Yatton

**6pm Carol Service Kenn**

7pm Carol Service Cleeve

## **MID -WEEK SERVICES**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

7pm: Carol Service Claverham

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm: Carol Service Kingston Seymour

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**6.30 pm Carol Singing**

***Kenn Village Green***

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

5 pm Lions Carol Service Yatton Precinct.

## **DECEMBER 2005 SERVICES**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**3pm: Crib Service Kenn**

4pm: Crib Service Cleeve

4pm: Crib Service Yatton

4.30pm: Crib Service Kingston

10.00pm: First Christmas Communion Claverham

11.30pm: Midnight Christmas Communion, Kingston Seymour

11.30pm: Midnight Christmas Communion, Yatton

11.30pm: Midnight Christmas Communion, Cleeve

4th Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am: Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am: Family Communion Yatton

10am: Family Communion Cleeve

11am: Family Communion Kingston

**11am: Family Communion Kenn**

## **HOLY DAYS IN DECEMBER**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
**11am Holy Communion Kenn**

28<sup>th</sup> HOLY INNOCENTS/

ST. STEPHEN

10 am Holy Communion Yatton

## **SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2006**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**The Naming of Jesus**

**(THE SECOND SUNDAY OF**

**CHRISTMAS)**

**8am Holy Communion Kenn**

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9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Parish Communion Cleeve

11am Family Service Kingston

Seymour

***6.00 pm Evensong Kenn***