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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 5 - Avril Gaunt
7 - Adam Gamester
- Bronia Harris
8 - Ian Silvester
10 - Caroline Holden
Molly Cheek
11 - Thomas Hicks
13 - Laura Beardshaw
14 - Lois & Colin Webb W.A.
20 - Andrew Hicks
21 - Toby Naish
24 - Brian Walters
- Eloise Gale
- Jemima Hatcher Wilkins
25 - Sue Pugh
27 - Jessica Brett
28 - Juliet Stowell
Jack Stowell
Millie & Mike Stowell WA
29 - Emma & Peter Brooks WA
Liz & Vince Stowell WA
31 - Annie & Ian Silvester WA

Naish's Notes

Just a reminder if there are any Tesco vouchers floating around can they come to me please, also a plea for shirts for using as painting overalls for a local school which are in great demand.

Neighbourhood Watch

Thanks to the Leaman and Cox, and Bowering families for all their support when we were "invaded" by the travellers in Rust Lane.

Late one Friday night under the cover of darkness a party of travellers occupied the land belonging to the Gale family next to the pond.

We immediately sprang into action and my family and the our neighbours went and confronted the travellers asking them to leave within the hour, after

much discussion and the police officer's visit we agreed that they could stay overnight but had to be gone the next morning.

Val, Ivor, Steph and myself blockaded the lane from first thing ensuring that they could not get anyone else in!, eventually they moved on!

We looked quite funny sat in our sun-chairs, drinking tea, thwarting all moves from them. They got quite cross when we kept blocking the lane!!

Ivor followed each time they went off to look in the area for something else.

Anyway they left by 12 as promised (we said we would dig them in otherwise) and as we all know after one other move ended up in the fisherman's car park in Clevedon.

I do not see my neighbours as often as I would like or should. Lance reminding me that we ONLY meet up when there is trouble!!!! but it shows just what good neighbours we have and how wonderful that in times of trouble we are all there for one another!

POWER TO THE NEIGHBOURS!!!!

Don't forget - Pick up litter, tidy verges - We are being judged!!!

Sheila

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

St. John's Altar Guild - July Rota

Sunday 1st Jilly Butland and Jan Bedford

Sunday 8th - Jan Bedford and Wendy Papasolomontos

Sundays 15th/22nd/29th

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Jilly Butland, Dave & Sue Pugh

St. John's Altar Guild

Volunteers to join the Altar Guild are always welcome – all it entails is about an hour a week for one month each year –

If you think you might like to help contact either of the Churchwardens, Ray Naish or Julia Bush or call Margaret on 874077.

Churchyard Tidy Up

Our thanks go to all those who worked so hard to prepare the Churchyard for the Best Kept Village Competition.

Ray Naish

July Summer Walk

The July Summer Walk is planned for Monday 9th July. Meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street at 7 pm.

Ray Naish

25th June - St James (the Greater)

This Saint is known as St James the Greater to distinguish him from James the Less, brother of the Lord, whose feast is on 1st May.

St. James was, like St. John the Evangelist, a son of Zebedee, and a fisherman. James and John were surnamed Boanerges, meaning 'sons of thunder' by Jesus when they wanted the fire of heaven

to descend on a village which had refused to receive them.

St. James was the first apostle to die for Christ. While visiting Jerusalem with Peter to celebrate Easter in about 42, James was arrested and executed by Herod Agrippa.

Large quantities of oysters used to be eaten on St. James' day.

The children would make grottos out of the shells, illuminate them at night with rush lights and ask passers-by for gifts or money.

'He who eats oysters on St James's day will not want for money during the year'.

'Till St. James's day is past and gone, there may be hops or there may be none'.

Hartley Staples

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The most important matter concerning the Parish Council and indeed the whole village (the ROK employment site) rumbles on for another action packed instalment. If the affair were to appear in a television sit-com it would seem too far-fetched to be true.

About thirty people gathered for the site meeting on Monday 11th June and 9.30 am.

The traffic roared past in a continuous stream making it very

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difficult to hear the speakers even though, throughout the meeting, we were assured that there would only be one traffic movement every 12 seconds. Mr. Schneider, Highways Engineer, showed the North Somerset Councillors the entrance to the existing Business Park and said that the entrance to the new site would mirror that. Then it was suggested that Councillors be taken to see where the new entrance was to be. This was resisted as not being safe!!! They were taken anyway and the jaws could be heard dropping.

All those who wished to speak had an opportunity to do so and all the matters concerning the 106 Agreements, road safety and whether there is a need for the site at all were discussed.

On Thursday 14th June, the matter came before the Central Area Committee. Two speakers, one for and one against each of the applications are allowed three minutes each to speak. Robert Down spoke very ably on Kenn's behalf although in three minutes he only had time to concentrate on the traffic safety aspect of the matter. Simon Tothill from ROK spoke for the application.

He said that the people at the site meeting had been shown the wrong place for the entrance and

produced a map to show where the correct entrance will be. Fortunately John Griffin and Robert were able to point out that the map was out of date, as the entrance to the Mill Farm development has been built since the plan was drawn. So it's back to the drawing board and we await an amended plan.

In the meanwhile, traffic surveys and pie-charts of the origin of journeys to work and means of getting to work are being done.

It is still not too late to send your comments to Neil Underhay, Dept. of Development and Environment, North Somerset council, Somerset House, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1TG, quoting reference 07/P/0291/0, If possible copies to me, Ann Holtham, 16 Parnell Road, Clevedon and Liam Fox, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Thank you.

Don't forget that judging has begun in the Village of the Year Competition. It would be lovely if the judges could see a nice litter free village.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 6th August. An extra one may be needed if new plans are forthcoming.

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Keep an eye on the notice-boards to see if this is so.

Ann Holtham, Clerk to the Council

The Summer Singers at Kenn Village Hall

An evening of light hearted singing and music will be taking place on Saturday, 28th July, 2007, at Kenn Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Summer Singers are a number of enthusiastic singers who normally sing with Clevedon Choral Society and Weston-super-Mare Choral Society.

We thought that it would be fun to put together a programme of fun musical pieces which would appeal to all ages, and have a summer concert to raise funds for the new porch at Kenn Village Hall.

Our programme includes a musical version of The Wind in the Willows, with witty words written by David Grant and the music written by John Rutter.

We will also be performing some well-known songs, including our own version of 'My Favourite Things' from the Sound of Music.

Wines and soft drinks will be available.

Tickets can be obtained at the Drum and Monkey – with the generous permission of Stefan and Kelly.

They're also available from Liz Jaehme 07703 163590, and Margaret Cook 01275 870275 (two of the Summer Singers).

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £2 for children under the age of 12.

Do come along and bring all your friends!!

Our Flag was flown twice in June, both times in celebration.

On the 5th June to mark the 18th Birthday of David Porch

On the 16th for The Queen's Official Birthday and to mark John and Grace Griffin's 70th birthday celebrations.

KEEP KENN TIDY

As the judges are about for the Village of the Year Competition can EVERYBODY please pick up any litter they see and put it in a bin .

Thanks.
Robin Mackay

Dear Miss Romilly Hatcher Wilkins

I read in the June issue of Kenn News & Views that this was your last column and I had to write and tell you how sad that makes me feel. I have so enjoyed reading your columns and will miss them terribly.

I hope all goes well with Mummy and your new sister, who I believe arrives in a short while (I should of course also wish Daddy well). I very much hope that after this big event you might re-consider writing another column - even if not one a month.

I trust Daddy will not be too cross at your receiving a letter from a strange

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man - please tell him he need not get
out the twelve bore just yet.

Your secret admirer X



**Kenn
Women's
Institute**

A great many members were on holiday during June and unable to attend the meeting to hear Sarah Harris from Kingston Seymour present her Woad Show. This was a most interesting talk illustrated with slides to explain the development of blue dyes for clothing. Until the properties of the woad plant were discovered dyes had all been earth colours as they were the only pigments available. Cloth dyed blue was very precious and only used by wealthy and important people.

Sadly Kenn was not successful in the finals of the skittles tournament. It would have been nice to win but we think we did jolly well to get as far as the finals. Better luck next year perhaps.

At the July meeting Mr. Cruse will talk on the history of magic.

On August 8th the Institute will be hostessing a Cheese and Wine Party in aid of the Somerset and Dorset Air

Ambulance. This is a very worthy cause, which receives no help from government so members hope that you will be able to support them. Tickets will be available soon.

Kenn Village Hall - The New Porch

We have been talking about it, planning for it, fund raising for it and now we are going to make a start on our building project for the construction of the new entrance porch. We anticipate that the works will take approximately six weeks to complete, so let us hope that the weather will improve and not hinder us!

Whilst we are endeavouring to use as many local contractors as possible for the majority of the project, if anyone in the village would like to offer assistance of a DIY nature, John Ball, who has kindly volunteered to assist in project co-ordinating, would be very pleased to hear from you.

Demolition of the old porch is planned for the weekend of Saturday, 30 June/Sunday, 1 July and if anyone would like to offer practical assistance for this particular weekend, please contact **John Hayden** 01275 343133 who will be the overall Project Manager.

Many thanks to everyone who has already offered to help either by way of monetary donations, organising further fund raising events, donating materials or practical help; you have greatly helped us on the way to deciding to start this project which will really enhance the appearance of the Hall and be to the benefit of everyone who uses it.

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Sarah Clark
Hall Secretary

Raising more money, wedding memories.....& toilet humour.

Almost two years ago Rob Willcox & I got married, I think he is wonderful and I love him to bits! Our reception was at Kenn village hall, we raised a bit of money, got good memories & a good time was definitely had by all.

Consequently I have a soft spot for Kenn village hall & when the shout went up for help or dosh, preferably both... I pondered a while.

There are all sorts of people offering help, but not enough money for essentials.

There will be some fun doing the demolishing of the current entrance. With dedicated designers and hunky chaps doing ground work & a 'barn raising' team putting the new frame up. (They still need a plasterer if anyone can do that).

Oh dear I am not that good at tiling, my painting is questionable, so other than traffic directing and tea making I was puzzled as what I could do...

Then John Hayden said there was need for two new loo's. So I thought about that... perhaps we could search eBay or explore at the tip? Save a bit more money and still have two nice thrones perhaps.

I was also still puzzling over what to buy Rob for our anniversary, (he is a quiet man of concealed great humour but no hobbies other than horse racing) and so I've solved it! I will buy him a nice new loo and

every time he socialises at the hall he can admire it in the gents!

Perhaps with a plaque with;
"A loo from me to you.....with love on our number two anniversary!!"

Will someone buy the other loo too?

Perhaps people might sponsor a sink, a roof tile, a tap or a window & our community hall would have additional 'affectionate features'.

Lise xxx 

If you want people to think well of you, do not speak well of yourself

Wildlife Casualties

Sadly a young hare was found injured last week by on the road near the Craft Centre. She was very much alive, trying to get to safety but her back legs were paralysed so she was swiftly delivered to Langford University and gently put to sleep.

The University will do this free for wildlife so please consider this if there is the need.

Tel - 01934 852422.

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Secret World will take casualties for rehabilitation, they have local wildlife casualty collectors who will help too. Tel - 01278 783250.

Lise xxx 

on
Saturday 21st July 2007.

at 3.00 pm

£3.50 (£1.50 children under 12)

Proceeds to Kenn Village Hall Funds

Dates For Your Diary

Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 3rd July

Village Lunch from 12 noon

Everyone Welcome.

Wednesdays 4th and 18th July
At Your Garden Gate – Recycling –
don't forget to put out your Green Box
with bottles, paper and cans!

Monday 9th July 7.00 pm

Meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street
for a walk at Thelma Blake's farm
at Kingston Seymour

Kenn Village Hall
Wednesday 11th July
Kenn W.I. 7.30 p.m.

Mr Cruse will talk on the
History of Magic

Non-members always welcome.

Clevedon Salerooms
Victorian and Later Furniture and
Effects -
10.00 a.m. Thursday 19th July

Garden Party and Fundraising

at

The Willows, Kenn

The Summer Singers

present a

**Musical Evening at
Kenn Village Hall**

Saturday 28th July

Commencing at 7.00pm

Wines and soft drinks will be
available.

Tickets can be obtained at the Drum
and Monkey and from Liz Jaehme
07703 163590, and Margaret Cook
01275 870275 (two of the Summer
Singers).

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £2 for
children under the age of 12.

Tuesday 31st July

The Drum and Monkey

Roy's Rock n Roll Night

£20 per person for 3 course

meal and entertainment

Come dressed for the evening

there is a prize for the best

dressed couple

Programme for Village Hall Porch

End June – Electric Wires will be shrouded

30th June/1st July

Demolition of Existing Porch

Help welcomed - call John Hayden

2nd July

Matt Butland will commence ground-works

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18th/19th/20th July
Erection of basic frame
Help welcomed

Contact John Hayden 343133 or
John Ball 874077

ADVANCE DATES

Monday 6th August 7.30 pm
Kenn Parish Council Meeting
Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 8th August 7.30 pm
Kenn Village Hall
CHEESE AND WINE
EVENING
Tombola and Games
£5 per ticket

In aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air
Ambulance – Kenn Women's
Institute charity for the year

ART EXHIBITION KENN VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 11th August
11am – 5pm
Sunday 12th August
11am–4pm

by locally-born artist
HEATHER PRESTON

Most pieces for sale, including
watercolours, oils,
acrylics and mixed media

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Tuesday 21st August
At The Drum and Monkey, Kenn
The Mocking Birds
Adult Comedy and Songs
£20 per person 3 course meal and fun

PROCEEDS TO KENN VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

Stefan would like raffle prizes and support

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE Yew Tree Farm, Kingston Seymour

Bank Holiday Sunday

26th August

from 4.00 pm till late

Book the date in your diary

Saturday 8th September 2pm - 5pm - Open day at YACWAG'S Littlewood Reserve

Free Entrance

No parking, but a free minibus
service will run from Kenn
(every 30 minutes)

Harvest Supper Sunday 9th September Following Festival Evensong at St. John the Evangelist Kenn

FASHION SHOW/SALE
at Kenn Village Hall
Monday 17th September at 7.30pm
Admission Price £4.00
proceeds to
Sight Savers and Kenn Village Hall

High Street Quality – Bargain Prices –
All Sizes

*Tickets now available from
Marianna Mackay – only a few left!!*

Kate and Romilly are planning a

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*Coffee Morning for
Children In Need
In November*

**ALL SAINTS FLOWER GUILD,
KINGSTON SEYMOUR** is planning a
visit to the Flower Festival in
Hereford Cathedral on Thursday 6th
September 2007.

The cost of coach and entrance
ticket will be £19.50

If you would like to join us, please
contact Jo Hedger on 01934
833922 before the 6th August.

It will be a lovely day out and an
opportunity to visit another of our
beautiful Cathedrals.

A Different View.

I could not let the comments about
Kenn News & Views made in last
months issue (Diary of a Nineteen
Month Old) pass without adding my
own thoughts on the subject.

Since arriving in the village six years
ago I have welcomed and read the
magazine avidly and still have each
one in my possession.

The diary of "What's On" is
necessary, the articles interesting, the
news essential to village life and some
of the views expressed-----amazing!!!!

Thanks to all involved in its
production and circulation.

Keep up the good work as you are
appreciated.

Joyce Down

Footprints on the sands of time are
not made by sitting down

Wedding

I am very happy and pleased to
say, that my granddaughter
Lucy Edwards will be getting
married to James Bird at 1
o'clock on Saturday 14th July at
Kenn Church.

We are all hoping that in every
way, it will be a fine and happy
day.

Cliff Edwards

University Success

We are pleased to report that our eldest
granddaughter Jerry Naish, who is well
-known to many people in Kenn, has
gained a 2.1. BA (Hon) Degree in
English and American Literature, at
Manchester University.

Jean and Ray Naish

June Coffee Morning

The Fenwick family would like to
thank all those who supported
their Annual Coffee Morning on
Saturday 16th June at the Village
Hall - in excess of £450.00 was
raised for Cancer charities.
More details next month

Kenn School Bell

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Can anyone tell me what happened to Kenn School Bell? It was hung above the porch at the main door. The School was closed about fifty- four years ago and there are still a few people around Kenn who had rung it when attending school there.

Rag Naish

Bird News I

Up to eight species of warbler were still singing along the Strawberry Line early in the month, but you had to be there at dawn or dusk to hear the Grasshopper Warbler. Strangely there are no Willow Warblers: until fairly recently this was the most common and widespread warbler species, but it has declined dramatically in Southern Britain, however it has increased its population (just at dramatically) in the north. To some extent the Chiffchaff seems to have 'swapped places' with its relative: it has increased here and declined in the north.

On Saturday 2nd June, I was alerted to a dead Barn Owl along the Strawberry Line, I recovered its mutilated corpse and we feared the worst for the owlets.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, Chris Sperring from the Hawk & Owl Trust ringed the five juvenile owls on Monday 4th June and pronounced them all in 'A1' condition and full of food. He speculated that the dead bird may have been an intruding adult, killed or injured by the resident pair and subsequently finished off by a fox.

He was confident that the family still had two parents and a week later the two oldest owlets had fledged. We have only seen one adult, but there is little or no hunting before 10 pm so there is obviously a plentiful vole supply.

YACWAG is running 'Owl Watch' on some evenings, so give me a call if you would like to come along.

The Kestrels are something of an enigma – they started nesting, stopped, started again but currently it seems to be quiet. Further update next month.

Along the sea wall at the River Yeo estuary, two pairs of Sheld ducks each had 13 ducklings. Lapwings and Redshanks were still displaying and the Oystercatchers seemed cautious. Despite this, I did not see any young of these species, but the Skylarks were still singing. A Cuckoo called, and a Hobby hurtled past. There was a flock of 15 Ringed Plovers on the mud – it is difficult to say if these were late outward or early return migrants.

And, finally a piece of Kenn News, a lady telephoned me to report a Red Kite circling over the Kenn motorway bridge (12th) it was easily the highlight of her trip to Tesco's evidently.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Bird News II

Miles Naish reports that a pair of Swans has hatched nine cygnets near his fields in Puxton Moor, they are now over a month old and large enough to be fairly safe.

A large number of Blackbirds are around the village, both young and old. They seem to have had a good breeding season.

There are also lots of young Green Woodpeckers around, getting noisier by the day.

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There are also reports of many young Greater Spotted Woodpeckers around Nailsea.

Jeff Naish saw a Mallard Duck get run over while trying to take her brood of baby ducklings over the road on Tickenham Causeway. The ducklings stayed near her, most of them also got run over. He wasn't able to save them.

A Sheld duck took her brood of ducklings across the lawn at Mayfield Farm, Hewish in full view of all the Crossman family recently, a rare sight.

Ray Naish

Bird News III

Matilda, (a big white Aylesbury duckette), recently arrived from the Brecon Beacons needing a home...

Unfortunately the very week that this gorgeous but love-lorn young lady took up residence at 'Bird World', (Rob's words for it), at Yew Tree Farm, there was the simultaneous sad demise of a neighbour's Aylesbury girl. This death at New House Farm left a bereft, miserable Aylesbury Drake named 'Kenn' all alone.

Julie expressed concern for 'Kenn's predicament and the word went out on Kenn's efficient 'grapevine'.

Having been acquainted with the Drake's sad predicament, Matilda was taxied around by bicycle and to the delight of all present took up residence and instant romantic inclinations with a very happy 'Kenn'. We hope for ducklings in due course!

Lise xxx 

Margaret's Mutterings

Kenn Village Hall

As you may have noticed – work on the new Porch is imminent, if not already started.

A lot of money is still needed and offers of cash and or skills will be greatly appreciated. We have received enough offers of interest free loans to enable us to do the job, but fundraising continues.

Thanks go to Avril and Stuart Withyman who with Rob Gait of **JUSOULD** held a Fundraiser on the 23rd June – no results yet!

21st July we have the Garden Party at The Willows, by kind invitation of Marlene and John Arney

28th July the Musical Evening at the Village Hall courtesy of Liz Jaehme and Margaret Cook.

21st August – The Drum and Monkey's Show Night, featuring The Mocking Birds, will be in aid of Hall Funds

17th September A Fashion Show at the Village Hall – only a few tickets are left – so ring Marianna on 340323 if you want to come along.

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Please support as many of these events as you possibly can – People are so kind to arrange them so the least we can do is go along and spend lots of money

Ray's summer walk 11 June 07

For the June walk Ray arranged for us to continue our exploration of that wonderfully wild land along the sea walls south of Clevedon and to the west of Kingston Seymour. Meeting outside Cloverlea it was obvious that this walk was very well supported and by the time we met up with our Kingston Seymour friends near Dowlais Farm we numbered 40 plus.

Ray explained that prior to the 1st World War, Dowlais was a single large farm but that after the war it was bought by the local authority and converted into half a dozen smallholdings for ex servicemen. The Saunders who had nine children to support farmed one of these.

One hundred years ago Clevedon finished by the Middle Yeo and there were only three houses between it and Kingston Seymour – a far cry from today. Even so this area of the coast has changed little over time and is still far from the madding crowd.

A walk along the sea wall from Clevedon Pill on a fine breezy day is guaranteed to blow away the cobwebs.

Unusually Ray was unable to provide much history for this area and so we were handed over to Trevor Riddle who acted as our guide for the duration of the walk.

Initially we headed in the direction of Clevedon and Trevor pointed out the work being carried out on part of Dowlais Farm to provide a wild life sanctuary. After a short distance we cut across onto the service track that runs along the top of the sea wall and followed it in a southerly direction.

It is well worth carrying binoculars if you decide to walk the sea wall, as there are many different wetland and sea birds to be seen in the area.

Eventually we came to the end of the made up service track and were confronted by a padlocked gate and private land signs. Normally this is the limit of the walk but on this occasion a member of our party assured us that we had permission to continue. I am pleased to say that everyone negotiated the climb over the gate without incident and we continued on our way.

In the distance we could see the point where we started last month's walk and between it and us the little creek (Kingston Pill) where the old Kenn River originally joined the estuary.

We walked on to the creek and some of the more inquisitive walkers ventured down to the structure where what remains of the Kenn River and also the sewage outlet discharge. Others with more sensitive noses declined this opportunity. As the creek prevented any further progress we turned and retraced our steps to meet up with Ray once more.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable walk with plenty of time to natter with friends, enjoy the scenery and at the end to see some of the photos of times past that Betty Smith had brought. Ray asked for suggestions for the venue of the next walk and Thelma Blake kindly offered that we could

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visit her farm, an offer that was readily accepted by all. And so to end, it was thanks all round to Ray for organising such a splendid walk and a reminder that the next walk will be on the 2nd Monday in July, meet at Cloverlea at 7 p.m.

Robert Down

The people who lived in Kenn in 1934

I am writing about the people who lived in Kenn in 1934 when I was eight years old.

In last month's News & Views, I got as far as the cottages, now demolished, that stood where the pub car park now is.

Next door at "Elm Bank" lived Charlie and Teresa Cox, their son Raymond and Teresa's mother, Mrs. Amelia Crumpler who was about 90 at that time. Teresa also took in lodgers most of the time.

Charlie worked at Wake and Dean's furniture factory in Yatton. He started work an hour earlier than the other approximately 500 workers to get the glue pots boiling so that the other workers could start work on arrival.

Next door in "Dahlia Cottage" now "The Old Forge", lived George and Ada Watts. George worked as a stoker in Clevedon Gas Works, twelve hours on and twelve hours off. He was a very clever man for his time. He could turn his hand to any job in between his shifts at work. Ada was the School Caretaker.

We now move on to the Post Office, where George and Clara Moores lived with their daughter Joy. George was Sexton at the Church where he was responsible for keeping the boiler going to heat the church, also to light the oil lamps, this was before there was electricity in Kenn. George was also expected to dig the graves in the churchyard.

Clara was the Post Mistress, she also sold groceries to most people in the village. George delivered these to the elderly and infirm.

Next door in "Post Office Villa", lived Herbert Holly, his wife and son Charlie. Herbert was a gardener in Clevedon.

In "Orchard House" lived a very famous and well known Kenn resident, Charlie Staples with his wife Lucinda. Charlie was a farmer and cider maker. He was famous for singing songs about the countryside that he had composed himself, also for the horse-drawn tableaux he always decorated and entered in the Clevedon Carnivals.

We now move on to "The Vicarage", the home of the Reverend William Henry Durant Thatcher and his wife, also a little lady called Dorothy who was a live-in helper at the Vicarage.

On the opposite side of the road to the Vicarage, stood a lovely house called "Briar Side" built in 1900 by John Shopland, John Griffin's grandfather.

This was the home of Mr. Tommy Hopton and his wife and her two sons, Ivor and Alexander Johnson, also Mrs. Hopton's sister Miss Crane. Tommy Hopton had a clock making business in Bristol. He owned a car, one of the first in Kenn.

Unfortunately, this beautiful house was bulldozed down to make way for the Motorway Bridge, but the site was never used.

We move along towards Clevedon, passing over Stone-Bow, which crossed the old river Kenn.

In last month's News & Views, I mentioned a lady who disappeared without trace when returning to her home in Kenn from a shopping trip to Clevedon. When last seen she was sitting on the wall of Stone Bow, taking a rest. The Bow is now underneath the Motorway Bridge.

The next house was "Bow Cottage", now Bow Kennels, the home of Captain and Mrs Jenkins who were retired. Captain rode a three-wheeled tricycle.

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Next stop was "Mill Farm" the home of Mr and Mrs William Harding. William kept a few beef cattle and Exmoor Horn sheep. He was a native of West Somerset and had the accent to prove it.

In the, recently built, Wayside Garage at that time, lived Mr and Mrs. William Pearson and their children Joan and Daniel, Mrs. Pearson's mother Mrs Bibby, and her sister and brother-in-law Pat and Clara Gale.

Mr. Pearson had petrol pumps installed selling Russian Oil Products petrol at 10d. per gallon. He also took photographs on Clevedon Sea Front. Pat Gale worked at Wake and Dean. Mr. Pearson also travelled around the countryside selling Scott's Polish.

Ray Naish

Mary Wall

As many people know, I have always been interested in what happened to Mary Wall who lived in Duck Lane, Kenn; probably in a cottage that stood where Julian and Troy Gale have recently built their new house.

Mary was transported for life to Hobart, Tasmania in 1932 for her part in the firing of wheat mows in Kenn Street. Her crime was that she made the matches that started the fire.

William Wall, her husband, was hanged for the offence although he was at Failand when the fire occurred. Two other Kenn men James Rowley and John Clarke were also hanged in the field opposite "Meadow Side", Kenn Street.

When Mary was imprisoned and two years later transported, she had to leave her seven children behind. Her parents brought them up. She took her baby son with her.

I have been very fortunate to have got in contact with Paul Asbury from Queensland, Australia who is a direct descendant of Mary and her second

husband William Hawkins, also a deportee from England from Banwell, Somerset.

I have a copy of their Banns Certificate called at St. John's Church (C. of E.) New Town, Tasmania. They were married at that Church on 9th November 1835. They had three children Eliza, George and Sarah Ann.

Paul Asbury is a descendant of Eliza who married Daniel Abbott, they had fifteen children.

Paul Asbury is a great great great grandson of Mary (Wall / Hawkins). He has sent me a sheaf of information about his family. If anyone would like to read this, I am willing to loan it.

p.s. I have been watching a programme on T.V. by Victoria Woods. She has travelled to all parts of the former British Empire, including Tasmania.

She showed film of a prison near Hobart, Tasmania where English convicts were housed, a grim place of very small cells. I wonder if this was the prison where Mary Wall, later Hawkins, was housed.

It seems very hard that convicts had to endure about four months at sea in the terrible conditions of a convict ship only to be imprisoned again once they had landed in Tasmania

Ray Naish

What's on at the Drum?

**Tuesday 3rd July - 12 noon onwards
Village Lunch - All welcome**

**Every Wednesday Evening
9 - late The Drum Quiz**

**Tuesday 31st July
Roy's Rock n Roll Night
£20 per person - 3 course meal/fun**

**Tuesday 21st August
The Mocking Birds**

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

£20 per person meal and fun
PROCEEDS TO KENN VILLAGE HALL
FUNDS

26th/27th November

Simon King is **FREDDIE STAR**
Not to be missed, an evening with the
best sound alike, look alike around
plus supporting act singer
Julie Holden
£20 per person to include a three
course meal

6pm Evensong Kenn

*3rd Wednesday in month 18th July
11.00 am Holy Communion at Kenn*

SERVICES FOR JULY 2007

1st Sunday 1st July

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Kenn

8am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Family Service
Kingston Seymour
6pm Candlelit Celtic Evening Liturgy
at Yatton

2nd Sunday 8th July

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Patronal Communion Yatton
11am Family Service Cleeve
11am Holy Communion Kenn
6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 15th July

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton

THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

4th Sunday 22nd July

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MARY MAGDALENE

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
9.30 Parish Communion Yatton
9.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
*11am Family Service Kenn with Holy
Baptism*
6pm Evensong Yatton

5th Sunday 29th July

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Claverham
10am Team Communion Yatton
6pm Evensong Kenn

HOLY DAYS IN JULY:

3rd Thomas the Apostle
8.30 am. Holy Communion Yatton

25th James the Apostle

10.00am Holy Communion Yatton
11.00am Holy Communion Claverham

AUGUST SERVICES

1st Sunday 5th August

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Kenn

8am Holy Communion Claverham

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11am Family Service Kingston

Seymour

6pm Evensong Yatton