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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

1st Katy Golding Ellis
3rd Gill Taylor
4th Roland Hazell
6th Daniel Quinn
6th Dave and Sue Pugh W.A.
7th Tim and Julia Bush W.A.
8th Robin Rogers
16th Cheryl Quinn
11th Kelly Higgs (The Drum)
18th Kayleigh Stowell
Wendy and Sotoris
Papasolomontos W.A.
22nd Troy and Julian Gale W.A.
26th Justin Naish
27th Jack Treble
29th Stefan Beardshaw

Church News

The Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest supper, held in the village hall, was a tremendous success.

The sight of 100 villagers enjoying a memorable meal all seated at two beautifully decorated long tables was a joy to behold!!!

I would like to put in print my thanks to the following people for all their hard work:

Jenny, Marianna & Simon without whom this event would not be the wonderful evening it is. Their tireless organisational skills mean that everything works like clockwork;

John, Grace & Jan for giving up their Saturday afternoon to

help peel what must have felt like tons of potatoes;

To our carvers Tom, Jim and Mike who sliced with such enthusiasm and skill;

To Hazel for the delicious gravy, the fabulous menus and the intriguing quiz.

To John (Hayden) for the delectable nut roast.

To all the people who donated such yummy and calorific puddings;

To the stuffing makers, the vegetable cooks & all who lent their ovens and to anyone else who helped with the food.

To Jo for organising the wonderful decorations;

To Mike & Liz for all the washing up;

To John & Celia for all their contributions;

And finally to everybody who came for making it such a wonderful evening and for helping to clear up the Hall so quickly!

Lastly the collection for Niger raised £270 on the night and we were able to add £210 to this figure as well as donating £210 to the Village Hall.

See you all next year.

Robin Mackay

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The Puddings Return!

Once again I'll be selling the 'Ultimate Plum Puddings' in aid of the Yatton Moor General Fund. There will be a flyer/order form in the pews in October, or contact me directly
Small puddings (1lb, serves 4) £5
Large (2lb serves 8) £8

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Mary Lamb

Mary Lamb has moved to a residential home near Wedmore, to be nearer her daughters. If you would like her address please contact me.

Julia Bush

**New Room Coffee Morning
Saturday 15th October
10.00 – 12 noon**

The October Coffee morning October 15th 10am 'til noon, will be hosted by Julia Bush, proceeds to the Church Housing Trust. There will be info available about the work of this organisation.

Harvest Festival in Kenn

Whoever thought weekends in a small village were sleepy affairs? Somehow everyone's diary had conspired to make the weekend of September 10/11th in Kenn, one of the busiest on record.

Despite many people having several demands on their time at once, the church was decorated as beautifully as ever. Thank you to the Altar Guild ladies for the month, and all the folk who contributed time, effort and offerings to make the church look so lovely.

The weather was kind to us and lots of people came to Family Service. Celia talked about the surprises the harvest can bring, well illustrated by John Griffin's experience with two plants he purchased to grow capsicums. One dutifully produces edible peppers, but the other brought forth amazing ornamental gourds, impossible to eat, but wondrous to behold. After the service we chatted over drinks and biscuits, including scrummy Harvest Cookies from Eleanor Finlay, yum yum.

In the evening we enjoyed a well attended Harvest Evensong, before many folk went down the road to the Hall, to partake of the highly successful Harvest Meal.

PS I was very proud to show the church looking so lovely, and lively, to my daughters-in-laws, who were staying with us for a few days before returning to Melbourne, Australia. They were thrilled to see the church where Rachel and Jeremy's marriage was blessed and took lots of photos.

Julia Bush

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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Altar Guild – October Rota

Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and
Tina Middleton

CHALICE HANDBELL TEAM.

Once again Christmas is bearing down upon us with amazing speed – by the time you read this there will probably be only 9, or so, weeks remaining for us to get our Carol music out and practice.

Hopefully with your help we will obtain an influx of new members as our band became decimated earlier in the year when several moved away from the area.

If you think you can help, or would like a trial run to see our form of music (number notation used at present), please do get in touch.

We try to fit in as many pre and post Christmas appointments as are convenient for the band members, so the more members we have, the more likely we can raise a team if a home, church, or individual person requests our attendance.

We are a purely voluntary team and, in view of the notation used, no previous knowledge of music construction is necessary, although a sense of rhythm, flexibility of wrists, and adaptability to wielding hand bells (in a safe and gracious manner!) is obviously of great benefit.

Practice times are set to accommodate as many members as possible & are generally in Yatton.

They have previously been mostly in the evenings, but afternoons are also a possibility.

All welcome!

Please contact Geoff and Eleanor Marchant on 01934 834550,

or via the Yatton Moor Churches Team Office. 9am to 12noon,

Monday-Friday 01934 832184.

Kenn Notes

Our Flag

3rd September

We flew our flag to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Mrs Renee Russell

21st September

Our flag was flown to celebrate the birth on Tuesday 20th September of Samuel William Stowell-Hibbs.

Samuel is the first child of Clare and Matt, first grandchild of Brian and Juliet Stowell and first great-grandchild of Mrs. Beryl Stuckey.

Mother and baby are doing well. We send our best wishes to all the family.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. Councillors hope to see you there.

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Ann Holtham
Clerk to the Council,

CREAM TEA AT THE WILLOWS

John and Marlene Arney and Irene Stowell would like to thank most sincerely the willing band of helpers, cake makers and the generous support shown by donations, raffle and tombola prizes and help in so many ways to make the day such a success.

To single out some would perhaps be unfair but we must report that Mike at the Drum gave the Scones, Cream, Jam, Butter etc. with not a penny charged - he also donated raffle and tombola prizes. He continues to support the village in every way possible and this is much appreciated.

Thanks must also go to Yatton News for their tombola prizes to Lindsays for the beautiful basket of fruit for the raffle and the chicken dinner supplied by Irene Stowell would have graced many a dinner table.

A special thank-you to David & Cheryl (Bow Kennels) not only for the raffle and tombola gifts but also for looking after Ben whilst we held the event.

Now to the weather. Everything was prepared in the garden during the morning sunshine and then came the afternoon! Everyone must have been praying for rain at the Oval but in answering the prayers the willows of the cricket bats were confused with the address in Kenn! However all (or nearly all) was hastily moved

inside and duly laid out around the house just in time to receive the guests.

At the close of play again we must thank the helpers (some had not had even a cup of tea themselves) who cleared the tables, chairs, etc. and not forgetting the washing up!

Finally and most importantly, we can report that the sum raised for hall funds was a staggering £540

Well done to all who so generously contributed.

Clevedon Mercury and North Somerset Times

**Don't forget that copies of both
these local newspapers are freely
available in the bar of
The Drum and Monkey each week.**

SUMMER WALKS

Many thanks to all who joined me on my Summer Walks this year.

We found several new places to walk as well as revisiting other places.

We are lucky in this area that there are interesting places not normally visited.

We have had several new walkers joining us this year. I hope they enjoyed meeting the regulars.

The fifty pence each that walkers were invited to contribute to Kenn Church Fund amounted to £108. Again, many thanks to all who took part.

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Ray Naish

promised to bring in the results for the next meeting.

Kenn Women's Institute

So, we all wondered, who on earth is Obadiah Hackett? All we knew was that he was the subject of the talk to be given by Mr. Roger Morgan at our meeting on September 14th and that he was not related to Nigel!

President Marion Carrington opened the Meeting by welcoming two visitors, Mrs. Eileen Fanshaw and Mrs Chip Grainger, who has come to live in Kenn.

Our Birthday Party has now been moved to the 19th October.

The Spring Group Meeting will be hosted by Kenn, more details later but the Speaker will be really interesting, we promise!

A team will go to the Federation Quiz Night at Portishead, which is always great fun.

The Cheese and Wine Evening had raised £463 for our charity for 2005, the Children's Hospice at Wraxall.

Well done to all the workers for a splendid result and a good evening.

Members are going to the Silent Witness lectures and Felicity Snook had been to Day School on stump-work and reed work, had really enjoyed them and

Ah, yes. Now Mr. Morgan revealed who Obadiah Hackett was. Well, nobody really. He was an invention of Mr. Morgan's to put a name to a barber-surgeon of the 17th century; and very realistic he was; by the evening's end we felt we knew this man.

Mr. Morgan helped by dressing in large felt black hat, frilly whitish shirt, black waistcoat and breeches and knee-length red socks.

He said someone had asked him if he was a Morris Dancer and his reply was "no, I used to do that but I kept falling off the car bonnet".

He had laid out a table of instruments and appliances used by a barber-surgeon. The sight of these often had an effect of a cure – when patients saw them they quickly recovered and left.

The position was a very learned one; they had an eight-year apprenticeship and learned Latin, French, Greek and Arabic and the prescriptions were always in Latin.

To start with, the boys kept the instruments clean and used a strop to keep the razors sharp, which he said is where 'stroppy'

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comes from. Presumably the apprentices were a grumpy lot.

Another job was sweeping out the premises, the straw becoming full of hair and blood etc. This was swept out into the street, a good source of infection thus making sure the barber-surgeons had plenty of work.

Everyone came to be shaved, as no one shaved themselves and how often you had it done depended on how rich you were; the wealthy being shaved every day, others once a week ready for church on Sunday.

The most common medical complaint was toothache, which was correctly put down to eating sugar, but for the wrong reason. They thought that sugar had a worm and this is what got into their teeth.

Mr. Morgan gave a very realistic demonstration of how they extracted teeth and used a thing that looked like a knitting needle and which he poked down under the tooth to lever it out, roots and all.

The resulting hole was plugged with a bandage soaked in salt.

The bandage was left hanging out of the mouth and as the infection cleared up, the bandage was pulled out and cut off.

Other things were tried, such as cloves and paying the priest to write a prayer on paper which was burnt and the ashes rubbed on the tooth.

Another was to use a red-hot nail to kill the worm, this as said to 'jangle' a bit. This resulted in blisters which meant that you had to pay the surgeon an extra fee to have those treated.

Headaches were common and if being treated with Feverfew or Willow Bark didn't work, the surgeon would do a bit of trepanning. Jenny Croxton bravely volunteered to be a model for this. The skin would be peeled back and an instrument like cross between a wheel-brace and a screwdriver, would be used to cut out a round piece of skull.

This was put to one side, while the surgeon poked around inside, to relieve the pressure of whatever was causing the headache.

When satisfied, the piece of bone would be plugged back into the hole and the skin pulled back over the skull and stitched.

All this without anaesthetic, though probably the patient would have fainted early on.

We were then shown how they amputated an arm, again using Jenny who by now had recovered from the first operation

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Mr. Morgan, with the help of a professional stunt man, does this operation with societies like the Sealed Knot, who do Civil War re-enactments.

During this war, the barber-surgeons were neutral and wore green sashes to distinguish them from the officers who wore blue, red or purple sashes.

Though officers had always been treated first on the battlefield by now the regiments were paying the barber-surgeons, which meant the common soldiers were treated more quickly.

Mr. Morgan ties his friend's arm behind his back and they put a dummy arm in its place. Dripping with blood, the surgeon then does a display of how they would have amputated an arm on the battlefield and it sounded very realistic, with a hidden pump used to spray the blood around when Mr. Morgan starts sawing.

Apparently his friend can make his face go pale at will, which must add to the horrible effects.

Other treatments would be given by hedge-witches, who were very respected herbalists. If they could not help, the barber-surgeon would use a urine sample to check for diabetes by smelling or even drinking the sample.

And, by the way, your urine's natural colour depends on

which part of the year you were born. It being darker for winter birthdays.

This talk was so lively and amusing that, in spite of the awful descriptions, we hardly stopped laughing.

The competition for an unusual or pretty photo-frame was won by Hazel Limage, 2 Madeline Crawley and 3 Marion Carrington.

Next month's meeting is on October 12th, when Derek Lilley will talk about Nursery Rhymes and the competition will be a 4 line rhyme.

Don't forget our Christmas Flower Demonstration on 23rd November, by Mrs. M. Titman.

Shirley Livesey

More Women's Institute Notes

Avon River Outing

On the 13th September, 24 of us went to Bristol Docks by coach and boarded the Bristol Packet boat, the 'Bagheera', for a trip arranged by Kenn W.I.

The weather was perfect, the 'Bagheera', a specially built sight-seeing vessel that gave views all round. It was fascinating to see Bristol from the river; familiar buildings and roads taking on another

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dimension, and of course there were things one can never see from land.

Our commentator was excellent, obviously he loved the river and all its history and wild life. We saw quite a bit of that, families of swans, gannets and kingfishers with plenty of hidden places where other creatures probably lived.

There is a bar on the boat, serving snacks and drinks and she had tables and chairs as well as seating along the sides.

We landed at the Lock and Weir/Chequers pubs for lunch, then slowly drifted back to Bristol, using the lock which made us wonder who invented the lock system on canals. (The Chinese in 50BC, I have been informed).

Coming back into Wapping Wharf a bit earlier than expected, we were taken round by the Great Britain and the Matthew for a close look.

A really interesting and pleasant trip and our thanks go to Ann Holtham for arranging it all.

Shirley Livesey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Riverside, Nailsea Wall

Dear Sheila,

May I thank, through your lovely News and Views the people from the Church who sent me a lovely box of goodies from the Harvest

Festival. I appreciate this very much. I shall enjoy the nice fresh vegetables, especially the beetroot and the piece of Harvest Loaf.

I am pleased to say that I am not doing too badly, a few aches and pains, but then I am in by 98th year, so what can I expect. I am quite happy here, but can't get out these days. I haven't left the house for over twelve months, but my family do their best for me.

I would also like to thank the congregation of the church for sending me a card of congratulations on my 97th birthday. It has all sorts of horses on it. I was really pleased to get it and am showing it to all my visitors.

Thank you again,

Yours

Edith Tripp

Mrs. W. Cole
2 Church Lane
Yatton
Bristol

13th September 2005.

Dear Sheila,

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Win Cole wishes to thank you all for the gifts you sent from the Kenn Harvest Festival. They were much appreciated.

Thank you,
Win



35 Old School House,
Kingswood Foundation Estate,
Britannia Road,
Kingswood,
Bristol
BS15 8DB

19th September 2005.

Dear John and Margaret,

On behalf of the Jessie May Trust, I am writing to thank you for choosing our charity to benefit from your garden party / entire village event!

It is fantastic that your organisation and hard work has spread the word on the Jessie May Trust and through your fun managed to raise £1500 in total.

I am delighted that in addition to the £800 you contributed to the Jessie May Trust from your event, you have also raised a further £62.69 from the collection cans.

Events like yours enable us to provide the nursing and terminal illness care, respite, advice and bereavement support to the children and families on our caseload. It is our aim that in the next five years we are able to reach out to more families who may benefit from our service.

As you may know, we receive no statutory support at all, meaning that people like you really do make an enormous difference.

I would like to say a Thank you to you and the village in your magazine:

Julia Bush's report on 'Sunday Afternoon in an English Village' absolutely summed up what weekends are all about!

What a fabulous community atmosphere, and in aid of fun and fundraising!

Throughout my childhood as a 'villager' I enjoyed many similar events and I am pleased to hear that community still means something today.

Kenn might have lost the tug of war! but those involved, who helped raise money for the village and for the Jessie May Trust are definitely winners!

I'd like to thank John and Margaret for opening their gardens and for being so supportive of our work, and to everybody who helped organise the event, who helped on the day and to those who ate and drank and played!

Thank you for being a part of the Kenn and Kingston Seymour community who raised a huge £862.69 for the Jessie May Trust!

Amy Kingston
Community & Events Fundraiser

HARVEST MOON

Did you notice the wonderful Harvest Moon during September?

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are pleased to welcome Mark and Emma Henley to "Orchard End", Kenn Street. We hope they will enjoy living in Kenn.

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Best wishes go to Mary Sayer who had moved to Clevedon. Mary has been a great parishioner and it is hoped that we shall see her around at various events in the future.

Ray Naish

Dates For Your Diary

Kenn Village Hall

Monday 3rd October

7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council Meeting.

Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 4th October

12.00 onwards

Village Lunch

all welcome

Your Garden Gate

Wednesdays 12th & 26th October

Recycling Collection

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 12th October, 7.30 pm

Kenn Women's Institute

Derek Lilley on Nursery Rhymes

Clevedon Salerooms

Thursdays 6th and 20th October

10.00 am.

Victorian and Later Furniture and Effects

Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00-7.30 and morning of sale from 9.00-10.00 am

New Church Room

Saturday 15th October

10.00am – 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

KENN & KINGSTON KOMBINE

Friday 21st October

From 7.30 pm

Trafalgar Day Celebration

at Kenn Village Hall

Proceeds to

Jessie May Trust

and Yatton Moor General Fund

Kenn Village Hall

JUMBLE SALE

Wednesday 26th October 2.00pm

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

Jumble and Help to Hall from

10.00am.

Advance Dates

Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 5th November

Evening Bonfire Party

Organised by Clevedon Scouts

More details next month

Kenn Village Hall

23rd November 7.30 pm

W.I. Christmas Flowers

with Mrs M. Titman

Wednesday 7th December

3.00 – 5.00pm

Christmas Tea Party

Kenn Village Hall

Mainly for senior residents, but all age helpers are more than welcome!

Invitations will be out in November

Contact Margaret Ball

Saturday 10th December

Kenn Village Hall

7.30 till late

Adults Village Party

More details next month

Contact Avril & Stuart Withyman

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Tickets £20 per person
Completely sold out!

**Drum & Monkey
Village Lunch**
Tuesday 13th December
(please note the date!!!)

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.
All welcome.
There is no charge - just a Fun Night

The Willows, Kenn
(formerly The Vicarage)

1st-24th December (not Sundays)
Christmas Menus are now available
£12.95 for a 3course meal

Saturday 17th December
From 10.30 am
Punch and Mince Pies & Coffee
Proceeds to Village Hall Funds
Contact Marlene & John Arney

Kenn Village Hall
Children's Party
Tuesday 20th December
5.00-7.00 pm
Contact Jo Batten 878782

Ray's Bird News

I noticed a pair of Ravens flying over Kenn recently, they gave the game away by continuously making their deep throated croak.

Wherever I go this past week or two, I hear Robins singing loudly, claiming their winter territory. I should think they had a good breeding season this year.

What's on at The Drum

Tuesday 4th October
12.00 onwards meet for the
VILLAGE LUNCH

Tuesday 25th October
THE TINKER BOYS
Music from Somerset to Ireland
plus a comedian
A few seats left
£15 per person
3 course meal included
In aid of local charities.
Well worth seeing
A Fun Night

There have been several reports of sightings of Wheatears in the Moor. Jeff Naish reports that he saw three Kingfishers in one day, in different places. He says that he hadn't seen one for ages.

A pair of Swallows were still feeding young in the Village Hall Porch on September 10th, a very late date.

It is now September 20th and there are still large numbers of Swallows and House Martins flying around. They will be leaving soon for Africa. There are still large numbers of flies and other insects around for them to feed on.

28th and 29th November
The talented Wayne Dilks is
"George Michael"

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There has been a massive crop of blackberries this year. Birds that feed on them have had a wonderful time.

Ray Naish

News from The Drum

December Village Lunch, please note a change of date
13th December

Christmas Day Lunch.

I'm afraid at this moment we are fully booked (this might change). So, if anyone would like to have Xmas Day Lunch, please enter your name and phone number and I will get back to you myself.

On another note. I would like to thank about 80% of the Village for their support on agreeing to the Village Green having a set of well-made Stocks.

On the issue of Health and Safety, people should look at the pond – no barriers, water etc. The trees on the green could be climbed and the Millennium Stone, what if someone fell off that?

Again, I ask the Parish Council to re-think. I have spoken to the Council and the Highways and there is no problem to have Stocks on the Villagers Green.

I must say that, whilst they were out the front of the Drum we had families drive up to the Stocks –

put their children in them and photograph them – How Nice!

Again, I will put an application in to the Parish Council for their Debate and let's hope it's the right answer – instead of letting them go to another village!

The Drum and Monkey thank all who were involved in The Judgement Day bash. We raised £4,500 on that day i.e. with sponsors and raffle for the children and a raffle for the adults.

In all since I've been at The Drum, we have given, to different charities, over £60,000 to date and there is still more to do.

We thank you all.

Mike, Stephan, Kelly and the team

BIRD & WHALE NEWS

Chiffchaffs are starting to sing again (19th September) and in general this seems to have been a productive year for our birds. Along the sea wall Dunlins and Ringed Plovers are moving through on their way south along with a few Whimbrel and Knot. Wheatears, the odd Whinchat and Swallows are also to be seen and are also on their way to their wintering grounds.

Early in September I went on a Whale Watching Trip on the Portsmouth to Bilbao ferry. This was an organised trip with professional guides and the opportunity to use a high platform with all round visibility. We boarded in the evening and next morning there were lots of Gannets to be seen, and a few

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brief and fairly distant Dolphins. Then one of the guides spotted a 'blow' – a Whale coming to the surface to breathe and expel (a considerable quantity of) used air. After a few minutes the Whale, a Fin Whale, surfaced right next to the ship. Over the next couple of days we enjoyed about half a dozen really good sightings with dozens of

distant ones. The Fin Whale is the second largest animal every to have existed on earth: the Blue Whale being the biggest.

We saw lots of Great and Cory's Shearwaters, but the highlight was a huge pod of 600 (!) Dolphins racing to the ship to try and ride the bow wave. The ferry is too fast for them to do this, but the views as they leapt towards the bow were quite amazing.

There were a couple of Blackcaps that joined the ship in the middle of Biscay, passing Swallows and Swifts, as well as White Wagtails (the southern race of our Pied Wagtail) and a small party of Tree Pipits.

On the return voyage, we had nice views of a group of Pilot Whales (like big Dolphins) and two Cuviers Beaked Whales.

There was also time in Spain to visit an 'old-fashioned' hillside, but the many birds we saw there will have to wait for another time.

Trevor Riddle

The Wars in Africa, around 100 years ago

I have been following, with interest, the programmes on T.V. about the life

and times of the great wartime leader Sir Winston Churchill.

I was particularly interested in the account of his time when he was a prisoner of the Boers.

Perhaps it is not generally known that a man from Kenn was also a prisoner

of the Boers at around the same time. His name was Jack Ellis.

There were at least three men from Kenn in the army taking part in the various wars in Africa around that time.

They were Jack Ellis, who lived with his mother and stepfather, Fanny and John Stevens, who lived at Pound Cottage: now called Kenn Court Cottages for around 50 years. Sidney Staples, who was Sam Staples father who lived on the family farm at Riverside Farm, Kenn Pier and Alfred Locke who lived with his parents and several brothers and sisters in part of Stonehouse Cottages, now the derelict house in Kenn Street which is currently being improved.

The late Sam Dyer and myself were always interested in talking about pool old Jack Ellis, who had a dreadfully hard life.

Jack arrived in Kenn as a small boy in 1875 from Gloucestershire. His stepfather soon got a job as a ploughman at Kenn Court, where he stayed for the rest of his working life. It was said that he never earned more than twelve shillings and sixpence per week (sixty two and a half pence in today's money). Jack Ellis had the misfortune of having been born when his mother was a single woman. A tremendous handicap for a child in those days. It

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was said that he was very roughly treated, in other works – not wanted.

When Jack finished at Kenn School, he got a job at “Cole House Farm” living in on the farm, where he said he was treated ‘like a dog’. When he was a teenager, he made up his mind to disappear and join the army.

His story went like this; in the middle of the night Jack tied, what he described as his tidy clothes, in a bundle and let it down on a string from his bedroom window. He then crept downstairs, put on his boots, went outside to pick up his clothes. Unfortunately his bundle of clothes had landed in a pig swill tub. He had to abandon it. Jack then set off to walk through the night in his rough working clothes to Bristol to join the army. He found the recruiting office and joined up, taking the Queen’s shilling.

After training, he was sent to Africa taking part in the Zulu War. Later getting sent to fight the Boers and being taken prisoner. It was said that he had marks on his legs for the rest of his life, these having been caused when as a prisoner he was kept in chains.

Many years later, after he had finished his army service, he arrived back in Kenn. I think I am right in saying that no one knew where he had been all those years. Jack got a job at Kenn Court and stayed there until he was a very old man. The late Mr. Frank Dyer, Sam’s father always felt sorry for Jack. They were the same age and he knew what a dreadful childhood Jack and experienced. He gave him employment even when he was too old to be able to do much work.

I can remember Jack quite well. He married when in middle age. He had one son Reg who was at school with Jean and myself. He married Lillian Paynter who was also at school with us. Reg was a stone lorry driver, sadly he was killed soon after his marriage when a load of stone tipped over onto him.

Ray Naish

Last Light at Lampley

Ray Naish’s final summer walk for 2005, on Monday 12th September, was to the Lampley area of Kingston Seymour. Around 25 of us met on the Kingston side of the Motorway bridge

The land we walked adjoined the M5 motorway and the area of greatest interest was 10 acres of ‘made up’ land, in three pieces, standing around 10 feet above the natural moor land where much of the spoil and waste generated when the motorway was built in the early 1970’s was dumped. Bits of rubber conveyor belting, wire hawsers and reinforced concrete were evident. There was a wonderful crop of blackberries in this area and a large family of unusual Ginger Rabbits who did not seem at all worried to see us.

The spoil has been covered with soil and is grazed by yet another herd of Jeff Naish’s horses. These animals were extremely sociable, and excitable, on several occasions galloping from one end of the site to the other.

The pure bred Appaloosa spotted stallion, the oldest of Jeff’s collection of this breed, always brought up the rear.

The herd totalled 12 including several foals, some spotted; one pure blood but unspotted Appaloosa mare, and

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several other mares. Jeff had been given some of these mares by owners who were unable to control them, the option being the knackers. These mares now live a wonderful life running free with the herd, bearing a foal each year. The Appaloosa Mare had been known as a 'killer' as she was so unhappy when stabled, and another was an offspring of the Queen's horse Oriel.

We all admired a four month old chestnut filly which Jeff has agreed to sell to Charlotte Bryant of Duck Lane. This foal should make around 14.2 hands and Charlotte hopes to jump with her when she is fully grown.

Jeff explained that these horses live out all year round and pointed out that the motorway embankment gave excellent wind protection in the first field.

When the Motorway was planned, the intended route was nearer the coast, but this was changed to retain the identity of the village of Kingston Seymour. Ray told us that in old paperwork this village was known as Kingstone Seamoor.

When the Motorway was built it bisected many fields indeed many farms, in fact one of the fields we crossed had been part of Park Farm, Yatton. Fly Ash to build up the embankments was brought from South Wales via Hewish railway station and the stone used came from Tickenham Hill.

Ray explained that when the Motorway was planned, land was commandeered and the finances sorted out at a later date. The basis of valuation of land was the most recent sale before the works began.

Coincidentally, Ray had been to an auction of a piece of Fred Burdge's

land in the area. At that time the going rate was around £200 an acre, but Ray somehow got the price up to £400 without buying it. The figure of £400 then became the bench mark for compensation to the local farmers for land taken to build the M5.

Ray told us about the folk who had owned the land when Ray was a boy, in particular the Wear family from Congresbury who kept a herd of Blue Roan cows, a most unusual sight. Mr Wear, with his dairyman drove his horse and cart twice daily from Congresbury to milk the cows. They were followed by their dog who kept the cows under control. On the way to Lampley the Wear family passed the home of Mrs Webber. Mrs. Webber had a dog called Peter who barked at the horse and cart every time it passed, after a while the Wear's dog got into the habit of giving Mrs Webber's dog a 'hiding' twice daily - Peter never did learn to be quiet! Bill Wear died quite young and the land was sold to the Walters of Congresbury and let to Ray's Uncle Harold Simmons who later bought it. It then passed to his son Cyril Simmons, then to Jeff Naish and then to Ray Naish just last week.

The weather had been wonderfully kind, mild and still, the sun had set dramatically and by the time we dispersed at 8.15 the half moon was shining brightly.

We all thanked Ray for a most interesting season of summer walks and discussed the possibility of revisiting Naish Farm next year.

Margaret Ball

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Ruby Wedding Celebrations

We send our congratulations to Dave and Sue Pugh of "Poppins", Kenn Street, who Celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 6th October 2005.

They also celebrate, at this time, 40 years of living in the village.

Margaret's Mutterings

In and Out of Hospital

We send our best wishes to Ben (Gordon) Morris of Duck Lane who has spent time in both the B.R.I. and our lovely Clevedon Cottage Hospital. We are pleased to report that he is now at home and gaining strength daily.

TRAFALGAR 200

21st October 2005 starting 7.30pm

Please come along and support the Trafalgar Day Event. An awful lot of work has gone into this and it should be a great night.

Come along in FANCY DRESS you may win a PRIZE - perhaps as Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton.

News from The Drum!

The sum raised for Clevedon Cottage Hospital from the

Judgement Day event at The Drum on Bank Holiday Monday now stands in excess of £4,500.00. Well done Mike, Kelly and team!

Kenn Village Hall

- Booking Secretary
- Jean Fenwick's telephone number is 01275 875073

Thanks - What an Amazing Weekend - 10th - 11th September

The Village Hall has benefited from the magnificent 'Cream Tea Garden Party' (held inside) at The Willows on the only wet Saturday in September, which raised the absolutely amazing sum of £540.00 for funds - and Marlene and John are again opening their home to us all on Saturday 17th December from 10.30am when they will be holding their second annual Punch, Mince Pie and Coffee Morning.

The Harvest Supper at Kenn on the following day was also a great success

The meal of roast pork, with all the trimmings, exquisite puddings, cheese and coffee was excellent, our congratulations and thanks go to Jenny and Simon, and Marianna and Robin for organising their willing band of helpers.

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The Quizzes devised by Hazel Limage were devious and difficult and some of the answers to the caption contest were delightful, if a little risqué. (I did not understand some of them!)

22nd September – I enquired of Hazel who had won the Quiz – her reply “We are in a tie break situation” – Watch this space!

The Hall was decked with clematis, hops and autumn fruits, thanks to Jo Batten and helpers.

The Congregations at the two Church Services for harvest totalled 135 and around 100 people enjoyed our Village Celebration of Harvest in the Hall.

By the end of the meal £690.00 had been raised for Charity. Of this £480.00 has been sent to The Niger Disaster Fund and the remaining £210.00 towards the Village Hall Porch Fund.

Congratulations to all who helped at both these events – not only was a lot of money raised, but there is a wonderful feeling of community.

Village Hall Porch

John Hayden has very kindly drawn up plans for our replacement Hall

Porch, if you would like to see these please contact me or ‘my’ John (Ball).

After a period of village discussion, we will put in for Planning Permission and then apply for grants – in the meantime Fund Raising continues.

Avril and Stuart Withyman are planning an Adult Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December, hopefully with a live band and full details will be out shortly.

Engagement Congratulations and best wishes go to Kathryn Ball (John’s daughter) and David Bone who live at Tunbridge Wells.

The couple, who met at University in Southampton five years ago, were on holiday in Scotland – Dave dutifully ‘phoned John for permission and having received it – walked Kathryn to the top of Ben Nevis where he proposed and was accepted.

MOOR NEWS

If you are a reader of Moor News and have not yet paid your subscription – would you please let your Magazine Distributor have the money as soon as convenient.

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If you do not see him/her - perhaps you could leave it with Julia Bush or Ray Naish.

If you do not receive Moor News, but would like to do so, please contact either Ray or Julia and they will organise it for you.

6pm Evensong Kenn

*3rd Wednesday in month:
19th October
11am: Holy Communion at Kenn*

PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday 2nd October
NINETEENTH 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
6.00 pm Evensong Yatton

2nd Sunday 9th October
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Family Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham
11am Harvest Family Service Cleeve
11am Holy Communion Kenn
6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour
6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 16th October
TWENTY-FIRST 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

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2005

4th Sunday 23rd October
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY (Bible Sunday)

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion
Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
10am Family Service Claverham
11am Family Service Kenn
6pm Evensong Yatton

5th Sunday 30th October
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE
ADVENT (All Saints' Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham
10.00am Team Communion Yatton
3.00pm Patronal Festival Service at
Kingston Seymour
6.00 pm Evensong Kenn

HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER:
18th LUKE THE EVANGELIST
8.30am Holy Communion Yatton
28th SIMON & JUDE APOSTLES
8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 8.30am Morning Prayer
Yatton (not Saturdays & Holy Days)
Every Wednesday:
10am: Holy Communion Yatton
1st Wednesday in month:

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11am: Holy Communion

Kingston Seymour

3rd Wednesday in month

11am Holy Communion Kenn

4th Wednesday in month:

11am: Holy Communion at Claverham

Every Thursday:

9.30am: Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30 pm Holy Communion Yatton

Term Time Wednesdays 2.15 pm First

Steps - Yatton