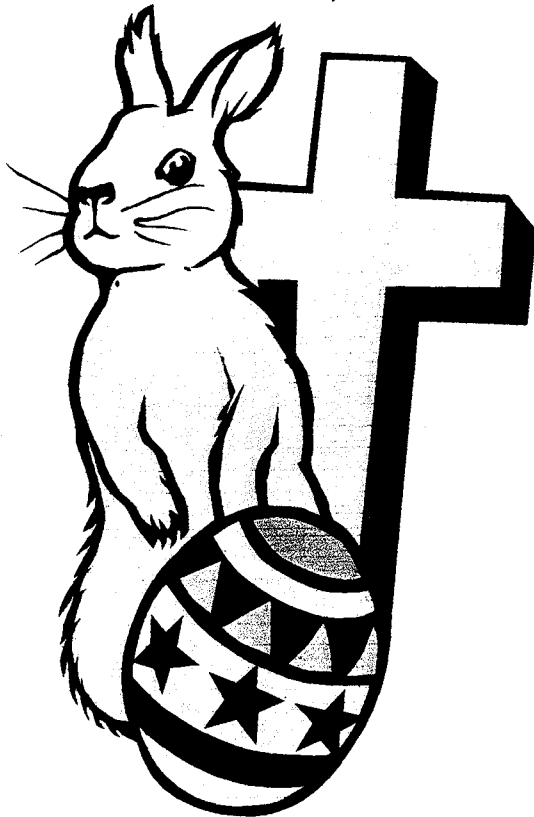


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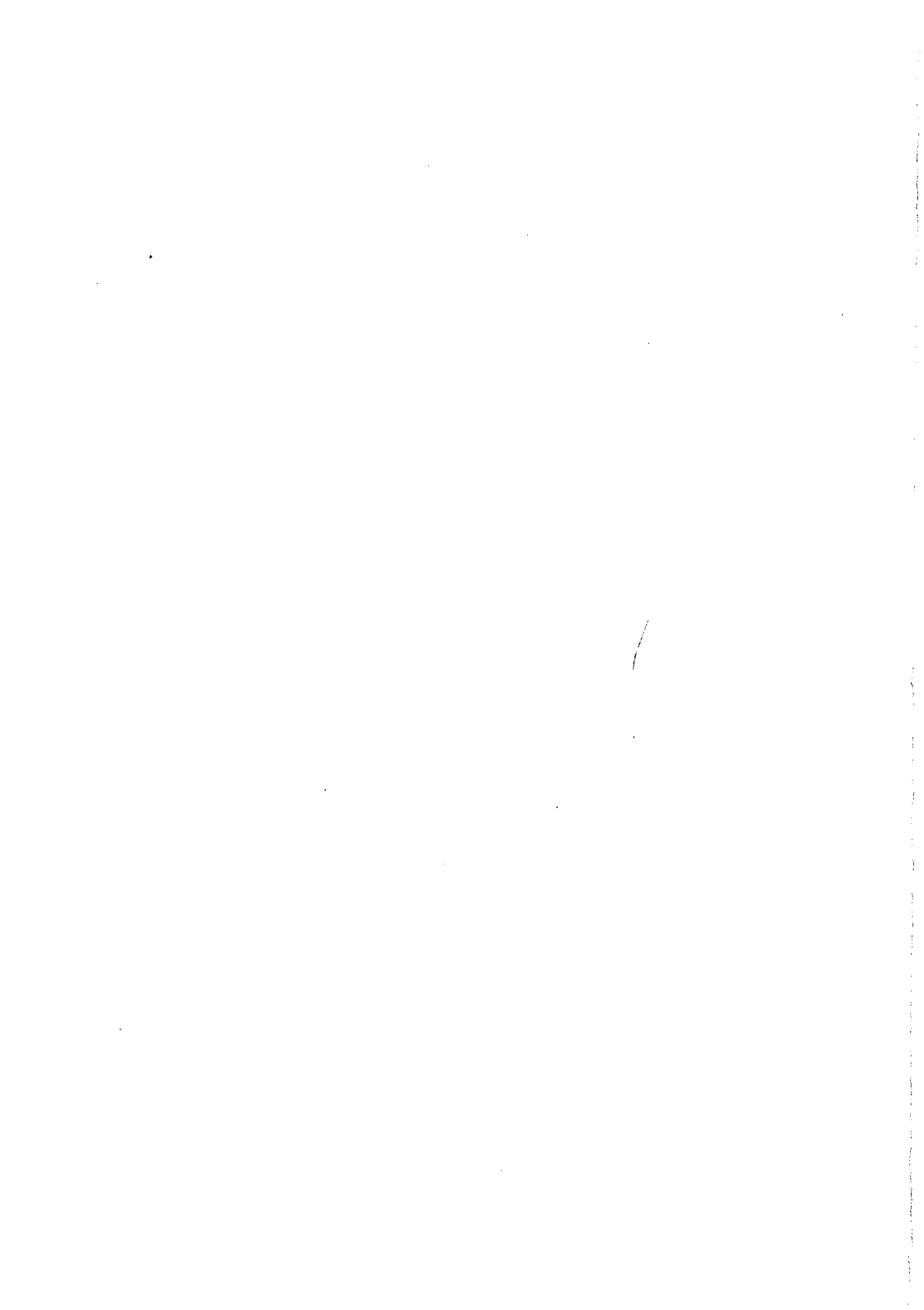


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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Vestry Meeting Sunday 12th March 2000

Our Annual Vestry meeting, held in church after Holy Communion was attended by almost 30 people, including Sunday Club members.

The Revd. John Cruse thanked the retiring Churchwardens, Ray Naish and Renee Bell together with organist Mary Holmes and the lesson readers for their work during the past year when fellowship has flourished.

He noted that this was his ninth Vestry Meeting at Kenn and for the first time there was a change of churchwardens.

After eighteen years, Renee Bell was giving up the position of Churchwarden but will continue to work for the church.

Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations for the positions:

Ray Naish
proposed by Margaret Stowell
and seconded by Mary Lamb

Julia Bush proposed
by Wendy Papasolomontos and
seconded by Cliff Edwards.

Julia and Ray were duly elected by unanimous agreement and a round of applause.

John again thanked all those who had made St. Johns such a vibrant, living and warm-hearted church.

The Meeting closed with The Grace at 12.05 pm.

Margaret Stowell

KENN ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild members on duty during April - Jean Ings and Irene Stowell.

THANK YOU

Dennis and I have both been touched by the kindness of neighbours and friends during the last few weeks. We have received many cards, flowers and offers of help as well as actual help! It has all been much appreciated.

It all came as rather shock for us both to be laid low, but hopefully we are over the worst, although I am still working on Dennis's diet and I have to return to hospital shortly.

Thank you again,

Iris and Dennis.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Visitor Chris Lawrence was welcomed to our March Meeting, again most members being present: there are now twenty-nine of us!

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- SNIPPETS

Celebration

March 16th

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the Ruby Wedding anniversary of Brian and Juliet Stowell. We wish them many more happy years together.

March 13th. Twenty senior citizens with ages ranging from ninety seven years young were entertained to tea at Kenn Court. My sincere thanks to Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Hackett and Mrs Croxton for all their help.

Kenn Women's Institute - visit to The Dome Tuesday 30th May

Would any readers and friends like to join us to visit The Dome. A coach will leave Kenn around 8.00 am, taking us to the Door of the Dome and pick us up at the nearby coach park.

Cost, to include coach and entrance to The Dome - Adult £32, Senior Citizens £31, Children £29.

To book, please contact Ruth Dyer 872676

Dates for your diary

At Kenn Village Hall

Monday 3rd April 7.15 pm.

Kenn Parish Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting.

Wednesday 12th April - Kenn W.I. Meeting. Speaker - Mrs A. Evans on Living with Lupus - Competition for a Spring Posy

Wednesday 26th April - Kenn W.I. will host the Yeo Valley Group Spring Meeting at 7.30 pm.

Advance Dates

Thursday 11th May - Coffee Morning at Kenn Court for Kenn News and Views.

Wednesday 17th May - Kenn W.I. Jumble Sale at 7.00 pm. at Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 1st July

Midsummer Madness - Sheila's Barn Barbecue and Disco

Engagement Congratulations

Brian and Juliet Stowell are delighted to announce the recent engagement of their elder daughter Clare to Matthew, youngest son of Neil and Sylvia Hibbs.

Juliet is also pleased that Chris Taylor of Duck Lane has caught up with her by attaining his 60th Birthday on the 27th March

New Address

Margaret and Maurice Ford have finally moved into their apartment at Weston.

Their address is 24 Royal Sands, Weston-super-Mare
Tel. 01934 415411

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Latcham House, Kenn Street

Some time last year, I wrote a story about John and Maria James who lived at "Latcham House", Kenn Street now the home of Dr. Robert Bullock and his wife Angela.

Up until about 1950 this house was called "The Poplars". It had a row of poplar trees down the drive.

Mr and Mrs James died in the 1930's. Readers may remember me mentioning that John James was a very prominent man in the Village all his life.

He was a chorister for 72 years, sexton of the church, grave digger, bell ringer, parish undertaker, churchwarden, builder and carpenter. Mrs James was school caretaker and church cleaner.

John and Maria had two sons, the eldest was named Jack who sadly was deaf and dumb. He worked as a cabinet maker at Wake and Deans furniture factory in Yatton.

The younger son Gilbert worked in the office at Clevedon Brickyard when young, later he joined Shell Mex Oil Company in Bristol and had a very successful career.

Later in his life Gilbert had the honour of becoming Lord Mayor of Bristol.

By amazing coincidence the man who was installed as High Sheriff of Bristol yesterday, the 21st of March, also lived at "The Poplars", Kenn Street when young.

The new High Sheriff is Mr. St. John Hartnell, senior partner of the property agents Hartnell, Taylor Cook. This firm started off as "Arthur Taylor of Clevedon" pre-war.

About 1944 a Mr and Mrs Hall bought "The Poplars". He had been a butcher in Clevedon before the war and was now semi-retired.

When the Halls moved here their three daughters came with them. The eldest daughter was named Delta, she was the wife of Marcus Hartnell who was serving in the forces as a soldier at that time.

Delta and Marcus had two children, one was named St. John. The girl, I cannot remember her name, is now Mrs Patrick Lucas of West End, Nailsea.

Delta and her two children lived here in Kenn until her husband was demobbed at the end of the war.

I think I am right in saying that St. John attended Kenn School as Gilbert James had done some forty or fifty years earlier.

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Among other items discussed was the Village Sign. We agreed to retire - gracefully, we hope - from the correspondence with the Parish Council, as they are going ahead with the stone sign, similar to the ones at Backwell.

A lovely "Thank you" card for the flower trough, cards etc. for Mrs. Gladys Denmead's birthday was read out.

Two members will be going to Tickenham WI's Birthday Lunch and Ann Holtham and Ruth Dyer will go to the EGM at Weston. We are not sending a delegate to the TGM at Wembley.

Mr. S. Settle, an Air Traffic Controller at Bristol Airport gave a most interesting talk about his job.

He has been keen on the subject since he was eight and obviously enjoys the work.

A map showing the airways going from the English Channel to Scotland and from the Irish to the North Seas gave a good idea of the problems.

As airports only control the space for forty miles around, everywhere else is "a jungle". Helicopters, microlights, balloons, military craft and private planes all use this space.

Controlled space is watched over by

1) Tower Control, who keep a physical look-out.

2) Approach Radar Control, who look after the forty mile radius and

3) Centre, currently West Drayton, which covers the rest of the air space.

Another centre on the south coast is awaiting completion.

It was a bit unnerving to hear that a lot of the light aircraft have no radios and fly by a See and be Seen system that can cause difficulties.

One man took off in a microlight, intending to go to East Anglia. Even though it was day time he arrived at Lulsgate.

Another time, a fast jet - Mr. Settle would not say from which service - arrived, the pilot thinking he was at Filton.

There are a lot of 'no-go' areas; private residences such as Highgrove, bird sanctuaries, prisons and Goonhilly. Places like Salisbury Plain are best avoided because of missile practice, as is Hereford, due to the SAS doing parachute training.

Apart from the airlines, Bristol is used by a lot of flying clubs, air taxis and SWEB helicopters and air ambulances, all making life interesting for Mr. Settle and his colleagues.

The competition for a photo of a plane was won by Ruth Dyer second Thelma Blake and third Shirley Livesey.

Next month's speaker on 12th April will be Mrs A. Evans on Living with Lupus, and the competition is for a Spring Posy.

Shirley Livesey 871419

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making their way back to their nesting grounds near the Arctic Circle. Kenn is not on a migratory route for Fieldfares and Redwings but the Claverham to Nailsea area is. They tend to fly from one high point to another.

A pair of Carrion Crows have built a nest in the fir tree on the lawn here at "Stonehouse Farm" the female starts calling her mate at the first sign of daylight in the morning.

Ray Naish

RELAXATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

Following on from the 'Inner Balance' article in the March issue; are people aware that we now have a trained reflexologist in our village?

Sarah Pinder qualified last year and offers a mobile service providing treatment in your own home.

She also works at the Nailsea Centre of Reflexology if you feel like getting out.

Treatment consists of foot massage and pressure applied to reflex points on the feet. It has a variety of benefits; first and foremost it is deeply relaxing, it improves circulation throughout the body, reduces tension in muscles and therefore strain on joints, to name but a few.

It is particularly beneficial to people suffering from stress-related symptoms.

I have just had my second treatment and can vouch for its effectiveness. A niggling lower back problem was greatly improved after the first session.

But you don't need a specific problem to benefit, like massage and aromatherapy it is a general 'feel-good' treatment.

For a full explanation of what reflexology can provide or to book an appointment (*VERY REASONABLE RATES TO LOCAL PEOPLE*), phone Sarah on 871860.

Julie Hart

NOTES ON KENN BELL & ASSOCIATED HISTORICAL DETAILS continued.

Since my original article was written we have established 3 details:

- 1) Mary Holmes, our organist, kindly sat at the organ console one Sunday and worked out that the note of the present bell is partway between B and C above middle C. this was transposed into Hertz (i.e. cycles per second) using data from various sources.
- 2) A measurement of the bell mouth gave thirty and three quarters inches - this was converted to 0.78105 metres.
- 3) Using the above information and an equation published in "The Ringing World" of February 19th 1982; the approximate bell weight was calculated as 292 Kg. i.e. 644lbs. or 5 cwt. 3 quarters, 0lbs. so this is a bit heavier than I suggested in the

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St. John's sister was younger, I remember she was christened at Kenn Church. Their grandfather Mr. Hall was churchwarden at Kenn for a short time.

Mrs Hall was still alive when last I heard, she was then aged one hundred and seven years.

The office of High Sheriff of Bristol goes back to Saxon Times.

Ray Naish

BIRD NEWS I

March has certainly been very spring-like to date, and as I write (19th) the weather is glorious - there is not much doubt that our weather patterns are changing.

My first spring migrant was a Wheatear on the Mendips on the 11th - quite an early date away from the coast.

Next day I recorded a singing Chiffchaff on the local Nature Reserve at Yatton and much more improbably a Common Lizard on my garden path! The Lizard was in shade and torpid but I placed him (or her) in the sun and he soon moved away into cover.

Back at the local Nature Reserve a grass snake was stirring. There were also some Lapwings in the reserve field and we do hope that they will stay and manage to nest successfully.

By the time this is published more of our summer visitors should be putting in an appearance - and on the Peat Levels we are hoping that the male Marsh Harrier will return safely - he generally arrives around the 28th March.

Rarity news concerns a Franklin's Gull (an American bird) which has turned up at Cheddar Reservoir to the delight of many local and not so local birdwatchers - we met a couple from London there who had come to see it.

Trevor Riddle

BIRD NEWS II

Where have all the sparrows gone? House Sparrows are becoming rare birds, there are just a few pairs around the farm here, years ago there were hundreds flying around in large flocks.

Jeff Naish has reported seeing six Wheatears near the old "Decoy Pool Farm" on Nailsea Wall, he has told me that there are dozens of Mallard egg shells in that area, obviously the large number of crows that are around are finding the ducks nests and stealing the eggs.

Jeff also saw a flock of Canada Geese flying over recently, a rare sight these days. A pair of Sheld or Burrow ducks have taken up residence of a pond near "Nailsea Wall Farm" they will probably nest in that area soon.

A few flocks of Fieldfares have been noticed flying north over Nailsea

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On the chest of a barmaid in
Sale
Was tattooed the prices of ale
And on her behind,
For the sake of the blind,
Was the same information, in
Braille.

Limerick

Two beauties who dwelt by
the Bosphorus,
Had eyes that were brighter
than phosphorus,
The Sultan said "Croch",
I'll marry you both,
But they laughed and said "No"
You must tossphorus.

Limerick

Cliff Edwards

Revised Refuse Times for Easter and May Bank Holidays

Easter 2000

Friday 21 April	Tuesday 25 April
Monday 24 April	Wednesday 26 April
Tuesday 25 April	Thursday 27 April
Wednesday 26 April	Friday 28 April
Thursday 27 April	Saturday 29 April
Friday 28 April	Tuesday 2 May

May Day 2000

Monday 1 May	Wednesday 3 May
Tuesday 2 May	Thursday 4 May
Wednesday 3 May	Friday 5 May
Thursday 4 May	Saturday 6 May
Friday 5 May	Monday 8 May
Monday 8 May	Tuesday 9 May
Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May
Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Thursday 11 May	Friday 12 May
Friday 12 May	Saturday 13 May

Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May
Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May
Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June
Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
Friday 2 June	Saturday 3 June