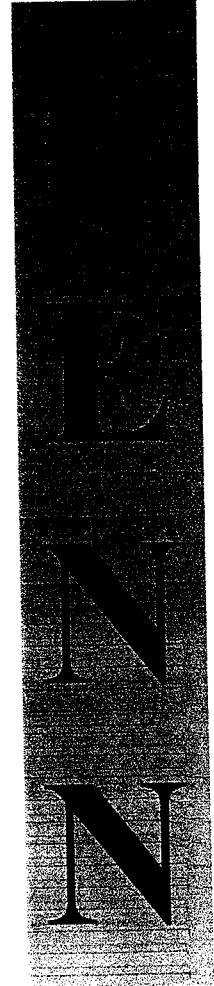


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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 5 - Avril Gaunt
7 - Adam Gamester
8 - Oliver Hart
10 - Caroline Holden
- Molly Cheek
15 - Mrs Gladys Griffin
21 - Toby Naish
24 - Brian Walters
25 - Sue Pugh
27 - Jessica Brett
28 - Juliet Stowell
Jack Stowell

Naish's Notes

Marsh's the butchers shop in Clevedon has been bought and is now run by Rob Beardshaw. Rob offers traditional home-cooked meats, ham, beef and pork. Wonderful home-cooked faggots and nearly as good as mum-in-laws. He offers a wide selection of home made sausages, Cajun and minted to name two different sorts, and with the BBQ in mind, minted lamb chops, burgers and kebabs.

Even better, Rob offers a home delivery service locally.
Pop in the shop or give him a ring on 01275 872117.

Rob is Mike at the Drum and Monkey's brother, so between them I'm sure I'm destined to eat lots and grow larger.

Congratulations to all our students who have their exam results now and are about to leave school. Good luck for the future, be it College, University or straight into jobs.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for the splendid efforts made in tidying the Village and the marvellous gardens and floral displays.

Kenn looks wonderful.

Message from Ed

I have returned from Gran Canaria and have settled back into work. We had a brilliant time, Gran Canaria is a wonderful place I am in favour of these "Happy Hours"two for the price of one drinks, what a way to help you to sleep !!! I think I'll mention the idea to Mike and Lita at the Drum, who knows??

I've been on a camel ride, and in spite of all the nasty things we were told Sue and I had a really lovely ride, camels are really quite nice, not too smelly at all. The sand dunes at Maspaolomas are wonderful, but sadly we couldn't find C3PO or R2D2 who were filmed here for Star Wars.

We went to a Wild West Night suitably attired in cowboy hats and came back and wore them to the Disco Bar. Ah well, happy times, the DJ now thinks all "Birds" (yes even old ones!!) from Bristol are mad.

Dates from History

1834 - 1st July - Slavery abolished in British Empire.

1914 - 14th July - Britain declared war on Germany 11 p.m.

1977 - July 16th - Elvis Presley died

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Thought of the month:

*The best speed on the road of life is
sixty smiles per hour.*

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Church Services in Kenn during July

Sunday 2nd July

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Family Service

Sunday 9th July

- 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th July

- 6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd July

- 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th July

- 6.00 pm Special Team
Evensong

Rogation Days

In last month's News and Views it was reported that a special service, some of it in the churchyard, was held here at Kenn on Rogation Sunday.

Roger Lawrence from Yatton who is Secretary of the Church Council of Yatton Moor has told me that he has been reading some ancient writing and found that Rogation Days were observed by King Alfred during his reign and even more remarkable there is reference to it being observed in the year 490 (yes - four ninety).

Ray Naish

St. John's Altar Guild

A big thank you to all the ladies and gents who helped to Spring Clean Kenn Church at the beginning of June. We are most grateful for all the hard work.

Many thanks to everyone.

Ladies on duty for July

Mrs. G. Griffin and Mrs. J. Kent.

HELP !!!

Church Altar Guild

Has anyone a couple of hours to spare once a week for the month of August to help clean the Church?

There are several vacancies during the year.

If you can help, please contact
Jean Naish Tel 872493
Sec. Kenn Altar Guild

Friends of Kenn Church

Mrs Mary Willcox of Yew Tree Farm has presented the Friends of Kenn Church with a cheque for £120, the proceeds of the sale of plants grown in her garden this spring.

Many thanks Mary.

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Celebrations

June 17th. We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate Her Majesty our Queen's Official Birthday and again on 18th June to celebrate the twenty

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first birthday of Ian Pascoe, elder son of Simon and Jenny Pascoe.

Bereavement

June 10th. We flew our flag at , half-mast for the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Sidney Butler, father of Wendy Papasolomontos. We extend our sincere sympathy to Wendy and her family on their great loss.

Village Hall

Our grateful thanks to Mary Willcox for planting the little garden by the entrance and to Robert for cutting the hedge.

Kenn W.I.

Book Sale -
Saturday 22nd July
10 a.m. - 12 noon

Book Sale, also Plants, Gifts, Flowers, Produce etc. - Kenn Village Hall

Coffee - come along to meet your neighbours

Ruth Dyer

Pots on the Green

Once again Mariana Mackay has planted the pots on the green - thank you Marianna

Birthday

My sincere thanks for all the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes on my birthday. They were all very much appreciated.

Ruth Dyer

Strawberry Tea

1st July 3-00 - 5.00 pm.

Kenn Village Hall and field - For The Friends of Clevedon Hospital. Organised by Kenn Women's Institute Tickets £3 from Irene 872742 or Ruth 872676.

Bring and Buy - Raffle.
Come along an support our local hospital.

Congratulations

Rachel Bush - Well done !!!
has gained her degree
BA Hons. Dance & Theatre
Performance.
University of Greenwich.

She is now auditioning to get a super job in show business in order to keep her Mum and Dad in the manner to which they would like to become accustomed.

Julia Bush

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 1st July
- Kenn Village Hall -

Kenn W.I. Strawberry Tea
3- 5 pm. - Proceeds to Friends of Clevedon Cottage Hospital.

Saturday 1st July - Oakland Farm

Sheila's Piggin Party - 8 till late
Proceeds to Meningitis Trust

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Wednesday 12th July - Kenn W.I.
at Kenn Village Hall 7.30 pm.
Enamelling on Copper - Mr. Ford
Competition - a favourite brooch.

Saturday 22nd July - Kenn W.I.
BOOK SALE
Kenn Village Hall
10.00 - 12 noon

Advance Dates

Wednesday 9th August - Coffee
Morning at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn
for Harvest Festival Flowers etc.
10-12 noon.
Bring & Buy - Raffle

The North Somerset Hunt Club

The North Somerset Hunt Club held its Annual Show at the Hand Stadium on 17th June. Many of the members live in or keep their ponies in Kenn.

Those gaining prizes included Pip Jenkins, George Noad, Gemma Carpenter and Many Povey.

A special thank you from the Club to Margaret Stowell and John Ball for allowing the Driving Competitors to use the grounds of their home for the judging of the Private Driving Classes.

The first rally of the new 2000/2001 Season will be on 23rd September at West End, Nailsea.

For further details about the N.S.H.C. call 01275 874078

Heather Noad.

Sidney William Butler

Sidney Butler, better known to many Kenn people as Wendy Papasolomontos' father died recently in Clevedon Cottage Hospital aged 84.

With his wife Marjorie, he had been living for several years in The Hawthorns residential home in Clevedon.

Sidney was well known to many Kenn people through his regular attendance at Kenn Church. Often when mobility was very difficult he persevered in getting into church.

He was very interested in young people and got to know many younger members of the congregation by name. He particularly enjoyed the monthly Family Services especially when young people took part and liked it when modern hymns were sung.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Sidney's life was held in Kenn Church when many people were present. His ashes after cremation were interred in the Churchyard here. He was a member of the Electoral Roll of this church.

Sidney will be remembered as a very friendly man. He, with Marjorie, enjoyed last year's Christmas Tea Party in the Village Hall.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Marjorie, her daughters Wendy and Jill and to all the family

Ray Naish.

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Thanks

Wendy, Marjorie and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and messages and their many thoughtful actions. The recent weeks have been made so much easier with the help and support of all our friends.

The church and churchyard were looking splendid for the thanksgiving service and we are so grateful that we belong to such a caring church community.

Kenn Women's' Institute

Vice-President Gill Hackett welcomed members to the June Meeting and then presented Thelma Blake with a voucher as a 'thank you' for making the beautiful card which will be sent to the Queen Mother on her birthday.

Ruth Dyer was then presented with a rose plant to celebrate her birthday.

Our quiz team had been successful at Southern Clevedon WI's most enjoyable Quiz Evening. North Newton WI members will be joining us for the July Meeting.

Joy Morris and Jean Ings had a splendid evening at Nailsea WI's Millennium Party.

The Strawberry Tea on Saturday 1st July will now take place at Kenn Village Hall - admission by ticket only £3.00 each and is in aid of our Charity for the Year.

As our offer of a new village sign had fallen on stony ground, we have now decided to donate a new table to the Village Hall instead.

Several members had joined the coach party to see The Dome, organised by Ruth Dyer, a high-wire entertainment being the most enjoyed part of the visit.

Our speaker, Mrs. P. Simpson, amused us with anecdotes from her life as a singer. Starting out in her Leicestershire W.I. choir, most of whose members, she was sure, joined because of the rather attractive young man who was the choirmaster and pianist. Having been a master at a boy's school, his idea of a good song was Blow the Man Down.

In spite of this, the choir did well, their range eventually including songs from the shows and opera. Mrs. Simpson, after much persuading from her family entered a talent contest at Butlins', during a holiday there. She won and this led to her husband sending her for singing lessons, followed by being successful in her music exams and a part-time career as a cabaret singer. The talk, interspersed with songs, was most entertaining.

The competition for an artificial flower was won by Marlene Arney, with Jean Naish second and Jean Ings third.

Next month's meeting on 12th July will have Mr. J. Ford demonstrating enamelling on copper and the competition will be for a favourite brooch.

Shirley Livesey
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What's on at the Drum

Every Wednesday - Quiz Night
Prizes and Raffle

Tuesday 4th July
Steve Treble

Thursday 8th July - 8 p.m.
the return of
THE MENDIP MORRIS MEN

Tuesday 11th July
Female Singer - "Julie"

Tuesday 18th July
back again - Chris Morton

Tuesday 25th July
The Entertaining Greg Winters

Tuesday 1st August
60-90's sounds of
Mike and Graham

When you visit to enjoy
Mike's Summer Special

Steak and Strawberries only £4.95
make a point of studying the photos
which are hanging in the extension -
very interesting.

BIRD & FOX NEWS

David Glasson in last month's News & Views mentioned how rare House Sparrows have become. I am pleased to report that there are a good number around the Kenn Street area. Several broods have been hatched here at Stonehouse Farm.

A pair of wrens have made a nest here on top of an electricity bulb holder in the cowshed. I am surprised how

quick the parent birds are to notice me when I am in there to feed the cattle when they fly in with food for their young. They immediately give their warning note to alert others.

We keep a few laying hens here at the farm. I have been letting them out into the field in the afternoons and I noticed that one or two were missing each day. I have now discovered the reason. There is a large badger earth quite near the house - it has been there for more than forty years. The other evening I heard a pair of Carrion Crows giving their alarm call near the set. I crept out to have a look and there were the culprits, a Vixen and her cub at the entrance to the set. The amazing thing is that badgers, rabbits and foxes all live in the same burrows.

Ray Naish.

Quotes

provided by Julia Bush

Throughout history, philosophers and literary folk have left us their opinions about farming.

1) And so he gave it for his opinion.....

"that who ever could make 2 ears of corn or 2 blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

SWIFT - GULLIVER'S TRAVELS
Voyage to Brobdignag

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2) The first and most respectable of all the arts is agriculture (Le premier et le plus respectable de tous les arts est l'agriculture)

ROUSSEAU

NOTES ON KENN BELL & ASSOCIATED HISTORICAL DETAILS continued ...

As soon as I had written the previous contribution in this series, I had a thought which could turn the contents of my last paragraph completely "upside down" - what if the half thousand tiles mentioned in John Goslin's accounts were not roof tiles but floor tiles?

This would give a better explanation of why so much "gravil" was required, as possibly this, and / or sand, would be used to bed them down?

Now here's a nice project for some of our ex "Sunday Club" members in the summer holiday - count up the floor tiles in the chancel and see if there are about 500. Then deduce also the number of roof tiles from the number along the chancel roof multiplied by the number up one side of the roof. Multiply this by 2 (for the two slopes of the roof) and see what that comes to..... any volunteers?

If the tiles supplied were roof tiles, they could have come up channel from Bridgwater and

Comwich area (our old home district, so this would give extra personal interest.) If they were the floor tiles though, they are possibly patterned as in so many other churches, but at present they are under carpet and I haven't investigated.

Under the altar the tiles are different colours and very small, forming a tessellation almost like a Roman mosaic floor. I have no idea where these would have been produced; does anyone out there know, or have any ideas (Bristol?, London?!, the pottery areas???)

Following on from the recasting of the bell in 1775, the next entry of interest in the accounts seems to be following, again in very ornate script (and spelling and capitals as reproduced here):

Received March 23rd 1776 of Mr John Goslin the Sum Of Eight Pounds Eight Shillings for new casting of the Bell & I promise to keep the Said Bell Sound until Michaelmas Next & if the Said Bell shall come by any accident. I Promise in the Time mentioned to new Cast the Bell at Five Shillings in the Hundred for Waste: by Fair Ringing.

William Bilbie
Bellfounder ChewStoke

Witnefs Wm Maning
Geo Witherall

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Hence my comment at the end of last month's article that the bellfounder had to wait some months for his payment!

This receipt raises 4 points:

1) It specifically states that the sum of £8 - 8s. was for "new casting the bell" & doesn't mention any additional work, so perhaps David Chamber's interpretation was in fact correct and Bilbie's bell (and the previous one) did in fact weight over 8 cwt. If so, it was considerably heavier than the one cast by William Jefferies which now hangs in Kenn tower, and certainly would have been too big for a "turret".

2) The "guarantee" is only for 6 months, which doesn't seem to reflect a great faith in his product" On second thoughts though, if it was used regularly and hadn't cracked within 6 months, there was a high likelihood that it would be OK for many years.

3) The "by Fair Ringing" comment inserted almost as an afterthought, may hint as to why the bell needed recasting in the first place - perhaps William Bilbie considered that the previous bell hadn't been well treated (and perhaps he knew the perpetrator was still likely to ring the new bell.) On the other hand the old bell may have been in pieces for many years and that is why we can't find any reference in the records to a ringing tragedy! With this in mind, we believe the new bell then went on OK

for another 40 years, but again perhaps it was soon broken (either outside of the 6 month period, or by the opposite of "fair ringing" and had to wait until 1815 to be recast again. I do think though that an early breakage of any type would have justified some comment in the records.

4) I am not exactly sure what the "Five Shillings in the Hundred for Waste" means. It could be a reduced charge which the bellfounder would make to recast the bell from the hundredweights of "waste" i.e. broken bell metal, collected up from Kenn tower. If so then it is a quarter of the original cost - not a free replacement.

Anyway, there was no reported comeback on this guarantee so we must assume that the bell lasted at least 6 months satisfactorily (or that my comment in point 3 above was nearer the mark.)

The final item of about this time is a simple entry:

1776 Pd for Mending the Belfry.
Window and a new Lattice for
ye same £0 - 5 - 3

(in passing, I wonder what the "lattice" was made of - wooden strips? - I doubt if wire netting was available in 1776does anyone know? - but roosting birds were problems even then, presumably.

The next item regarding the bell itself comes in 1815, but in my next article I will recount some

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of the more general items which were culled from the Churchwarden's records from 1682 onwards.

to be continued.....

Geoff Marchant.

The following letter was received by Margaret Stowell early in June. She has forwarded a copy of this to the Editor of Moor News and will let Mrs Sale have a copy of Kenn News and Views.

from - Mrs Shirley Sale,
80 Feltham Drive, Frome,
Somerset BA11 5AQ.

Dear Ms Stowell

re: Monthly Magazine of the Yatton Moor Team Ministry.

Whilst visiting the village, I happened to read a copy of the monthly magazine and thought I would write to you.

I know that this letter is a very 'long-shot in the dark', but I thought it is worth a try. I visited your village out of curiosity as I am researching my family history. A member of my family lived in the village for many years and after seeing it myself, I know how lucky he was, to live in such a delightful place.

I am writing to you in the hope that you may be able to put me in touch with any-one that might know of any details of him. I enclose his details on a separate sheet and also an SAE for any reply I may receive.

Thank you for taking the trouble to read this letter and I thank you in anticipation for any response.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Sale (Mrs).

Name: **JACK EGLINTON**

Apparently lived in the village of Kenn most of his adult life. Was wounded at The Battle of the Somme and possibly had a son.

Buried in the graveyard of Kingston Seymour in an unmarked grave ?

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The Parish of Yatton Moor

REVISED SERVICE PATTERN

from the beginning of August 2000

1st Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion - Kenn
08.00 Holy Communion - Claverham
09.30 Holy Communion - Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11.00 Family Service - Kingston Seymour
18.00 Evensong - Yatton

2nd Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion - Yatton
09.30 Family Communion - Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion - Claverham
11.00 Holy Communion - Kenn
11.00 Family Service - Cleeve
18.00 Evensong - Kingston Seymour
18.30 Holy Communion - Cleeve

3rd Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion - Claverham
09.30 Holy Communion - Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion - Cleeve
11.00 Holy Communion - Kingston Seymour
18.00 Evensong - Kenn

4th Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion - Kingston Seymour
08.00 Holy Communion - Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion - Yatton
09.30 Holy Communion - Cleeve
10.00 Family Service - Claverham
11.00 Family Service - Kenn
18.00 Evensong - Yatton

5th Sunday

by arrangement

Details of Services at Kenn for July are printed elsewhere in News & Views

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Sheila's Piggin Party

Oakland Farm

Disco

Raffle



In Aid Of
Meningitis Trust

Bar

L4

Pig Roast

Saturday 1st July

8 til Late