

# NEWS & VIEWS



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### September

- 1st - Tina Smith  
Clare & Matt Hibbs (WA)  
2nd - Marianna & Robin Mackay  
(WA)  
- Tina & Mike Smith (WA)  
3rd - Mrs. Renee Russell  
7th - Mr. George Holtham  
7th - Mike and Joan Stephens (WA)  
8th - Mrs. Hilda Staples  
8th - Matthew Hayden  
18th - Jean Fenwick  
20th - Jessica Quinn  
20th - Clive & Suzanne Golding-Ellis  
(WA)  
24th - Iris and Dennis Goldsworthy  
(WA)  
25th - Caroline and John Hayden  
(WA)  
26th - Joanna (Staples) Cheek  
28th - Heather Jenkins

### Quote of the Month

*seen outside a Farm Gate*

*"You are welcome to walk in this field*

*for free*

*but the BULL charges"*

Ray Naish

## St. John's Altar Guild

### September Rota

Mrs. J. Stowell, Mrs. J. Naish  
and Mrs. S. Pugh

## Coffee Morning at Cloverlea

Margaret Ford and Jean Naish would like to thank everyone who supported, helped, or donated at the recent Coffee Morning. £150 was raised toward the restoration of the Church Room.

Again, many thanks.

## Church News

Amelia Jennifer Hancock was baptised at Kenn Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Amelia is a member of the Hancock family, who live at Dewberry on Kenn Road.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> a party of young Red Cross Trainees who were camped at Cole House Farm, held an afternoon service in Kenn Church. They came from Staffordshire.

After the Family Service on 24<sup>th</sup> August the recently restored Church Gates at the West End of the Churchyard were dedicated to the memory of Jack Hanson. A brass plate has been placed on the post reading "These gates have been restored in memory of Jack Hanson 1928-2003" There were around thirty present at this pleasant little ceremony conducted by Rev. John Andrews.

At the Family Service on 24<sup>th</sup> August a Bible was presented to George Noad to give thanks for his regular attendance at Church and to wish him well when he moves to a new school in Bristol next term. A card of good wishes was signed by all the members of the congregation and presented to him

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The Harvest Festival Services will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September. At the morning Family Service at 11 a.m. children are invited to bring their Harvest Gifts.

These gifts will be distributed to the sick and elderly later in the week together with any gifts that may have been left at church. Eggs, fruit and vegetables are appreciated.

After the Evening Service of Thanksgiving at 6.00 pm there will be a Harvest Ploughman's Supper in the Village hall at approx. 7.15. All are welcome to attend, please bring your own drinks.

Ray Naish

## Julia's Notes

Forward date for your diary

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

The Ladies and the Tramps Ball  
Kenn Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm

So, Ladies fetch out your  
Tiaras and Ballgowns  
Gentlemen,  
don your oldest apparel

And enjoy an evening of  
Bangers and Mash  
Nursery Puddings  
and Cocoa

Bring your own booze

£10 a head

Tickets available from 1<sup>st</sup>  
October from the usual folks

In aid of general church funds.

Many thanks to Andrew Jenkins for cutting back the hedge on the Eastern end of the Churchyard. People are saying what a good job he made of it.

It is encouraging to see young people taking an interest in this type of community work.

Julia Bush

## JUST THIS ONCE, LADIES

Give yourselves a break

This year leave your recipe book  
on the shelf, and buy your  
Christmas Pudding  
in aid of

The New Room & Loooroom  
For St. John's Church, Kenn.  
made by the  
Ultimate Plum Pudding Co.

Prices and order forms available  
1<sup>st</sup> October  
from Julia Bush 01275 873554



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**Another date to remember  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Kenn Village Hall  
7.30 for 8 pm**

A "Bunfight", attended by  
Ven. Bob Evens,  
Archdeacon of Bath

This will be an opportunity for  
us all to examine all the ways  
we can raise money for the  
"New Room and Loo-room"

J.BUSH TEC

P.S. Whoever made the Barn  
Brack Cake for Jean's Coffee  
Morning - It was delicious.  
Who are you? and can I have  
the recipe?

JB

## STOP PRESS

There will be a Cake Sale after  
Harvest Family Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.  
Proceeds in aid of The Blay  
Family from Ghana.

Please bring Cakes or Money or  
both.

Thank you

Julia

The straight and narrow path is  
the only one that does not seem  
to have a traffic problem

## Christmas Cards for the Team Office

Webb Ivory Books will be  
circulating from the beginning  
of September to 15<sup>th</sup> November  
to help raise funds for  
refurbishing the Team office.

Order forms and instructions  
are with the books.

'Phone - Julia 01275 873554  
or Sue 01934 833593 to get a  
glimpse of one if it doesn't come  
your way.

Every order helps  
large or small!

## News from Duck Lane

The restoration of the road  
surface has now been  
completed.

We are pleased to welcome  
Paul, Debbie and Ben who have  
recently moved into Manesty.

Congratulations are extended to  
Mr. and Mrs Willoughby, senior,  
who celebrated 70 years of  
marriage at a party at  
Broadlands hosted by their son  
Derek and his wife Kath at the  
end of August.

Age is in the mind  
not in the calendar

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## Not Me Guv (Honest)

An apology and a word of explanation to all those residents in Kenn Street who lost power on the afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Western Power Distribution (formerly SWEB) needed to turn the power off to repair a cable fault in the supply to New House Farm (Julie & Brian Stowell).

The overhead cables pass through the trees in our front garden and despite the apparently obvious connection of Richard (our eldest son) up the trees with chain saw in hand and a severed cable lying on the ground, he really did not cut the cable, (honest).

The cables have been fretting against the trees for some time (long enough for the trees to grow 8 feet above the cable) causing the insulation to be worn away from the live cable. So when Richard moved about the trees with all the agility of a trained Orang Utang, the cables chanced to touch each other. What ensued was a bright flash of light, a shower of sparks, a loud bang and some unrepeatable words from Richard! One cable separated and fell to earth, thankfully a manoeuvre successfully avoided by Richard. Hence the need to call WPD to repair the cable.

Again my apologies to any one inconvenienced, especially Fred Fenwick who missed the athletics, an event that he assured me he had been training for all summer. As Colin Bedford kindly observed, better to lose power on a sunny summers' afternoon than on a cold windy winters' night. Brilliant, a public service was performed for a neighbour. I hadn't thought of it that way. Thanks Colin!

Martin Jaehme, Carpenters Farm

## KENN NOTES – SNIPPETS

### Kenn Village Hall Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale held on 27<sup>th</sup> August towards the new kitchen raised £128. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

### Our Flag on the Village Green

#### Christening 3<sup>rd</sup> August

We flew our flag to celebrate the christening at St. John's of Amelia Hancock.

#### Wedding 9<sup>th</sup> August

We flew our flag to celebrate the wedding of Steven Pike and Kim Leiper.

#### Celebrations – 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Mark Pascoe celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We flew our flag in celebration.

### Bereavement

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Barbara Russell in Weston Hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> August after many months of illness. Her funeral took place at Kingston Seymour Church on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

We flew our flag at half mast on both days.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Rowland and Mrs Russell

Ruth Dyer

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## Donations in memory of Sam

My family are I wish to thank everyone who gave donations in memory of Sam which amounted to £1469.82

Ruth

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Cloverlea, Kenn Street

7.00 pm Monday 1st September  
meet for a walk with Ray Naish

### Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Village Lunch from 12.30  
everyone welcome

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2<sup>nd</sup> September - Evening

### A NIGHT WITH ELVIS

Robbie Reynolds as "Elvis"  
A Three Course Dinner with Coffee  
£15 - not many tickets left!

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Every Wednesday - QUIZ NIGHT

All Welcome

Make an evening of it - Have a Meal  
and stay for the Quiz

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### Clevedon Salerooms

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Sale of Victorian and Later Furniture  
and Effects

## Littlewood, Claverham Drove

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

11am - 4 pm

YACWAG Open Day

(no parking - cycle, walk or use shuttle  
bus - see advert)

## St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest Festival

11.00 a.m. Harvest Family  
Service with Cake Stall

6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong  
to be followed at 7.15 pm  
by Ploughman's Supper at the  
Village Hall - all welcome.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at  
7.30 pm at Kenn Village Hall

Kenn W.I. Meeting - 7.30 pm  
Speaker Mrs. Seller on  
'Playing with Pigments'  
Competition:  
Favourite Vase

Everyone welcome

Drum and Monkey  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
CHARITY RACENIGHT

8.00 pm - Curry

9.00 pm - First Race

Come along!

### Clevedon Salerooms

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 a.m.

Specialist Antique Sale

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## Kenn Village Hall

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council  
Meeting.

## Claverham Village Hall

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm

### BARN DANCE

Tickets £6  
including Ploughman's Supper  
now available  
from Margaret Ball or Parish Office

Proceeds to KABWE APPEAL

## Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

We will be having from the  
West Coast of America  
An Eight Piece Dixieland

### JAZZ BAND

Evening Meal and Jazz Band £15

Book Now!

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## Kenn Village Hall

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

7.30 for 8.00 pm

**The Ladies and  
The Tramps Ball**

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Funds.**

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A "Bunfight" for New Room and  
Loooroom

## UK PHENOLOGY NETWORK

The local area appears to have an abundance of knowledgeable people with an interest in natural history and birds in particular.

I have a younger brother who is working for the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology based in the Cambridgeshire area.

An important part of C.E.H. work is the U.K. Phenology Network. (Phenology being the study of the times of recurrence of natural phenomena especially of the influence of climate on plants and animals.

For the past two or three years, interested people, nationwide, have been recording data in respect of nature's calendar. This consists of noting arrival and departure dates of migratory birds, recording changes in leaf tints and leaf fall from deciduous trees and also the dates of fruits ripening and the abundance of fruit.

The purpose of this notice is to ask if anyone has kept or has access to historic records of such events as they would be of great interest to the U.K. Phenology Network as they build up a data base of information as an indicator of climate change which could affect future generations.

If anyone has such information, or would like to become involved in becoming a Recorder (which is not at all complicated or scientific!) please contact me -

John Croxton 01275 878805

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the August meeting of the Parish Council all the items on the agenda seemed to lead back to one topic, the need for a speed limit on the B3133 all the way from Clevedon to Yatton and the hair-raising speed at which some people are driving along the Kenn Moor Road.

With the continuing development of the Business Park and the possible redevelopment of Portbury House Farm and the successful opening of the Salerooms, the use of the B3133 is increasing and with it the potential for a serious accident.

The Kenn Moor Road now has an excellent surface (more than can be said for the other roads in the Parish) and is used as a rat run from Yatton to Clevedon.

The Parish Council is busy raising the matter at every opportunity and hopes that in the manner of water wearing a stone it may eventually prevail.

There has been no news about the best Kept Village Competition. Judging has probably been completed but it would not do to relax the litter picking in case the judges return.

Parish Councillors continue to liaise with the management at The Hand Stadium. Any complaints or comments will be passed on, so please inform any Councillor if you are worried about any aspect of the undertaking.

It is hoped that there have been no flies this summer. Please let us know if you have an infestation.

You may be interested to know that a lady came all the way from Essex to look at the Mill - apparently it was a rare example of its type - only to find it gone. She has taken the matter up with the Council for the Protections of Rural England who are busy asking the Planning Department some very awkward questions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

See you there.

Ann Holtham

Laughter lightens the cloudiest day

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## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

August is usually our 'closed season' but this year we held our 50th Birthday Party on the 13th.

After holding a period of silence in memory of our Member Mrs Barbara Russell, who had sadly passed away the day before after a long illness and who will be very much missed as an active member of the Branch, particularly in connection with our skittles team, our President, Miss Ann Holtham, welcomed over 50 Members, past Members and Guests who gathered for a most enjoyable afternoon reminiscing.

There were two founder members present: Mrs Ruth Dyer and Mrs Jean Naish, both of whom are still active members of the Branch. Unfortunately Mrs Mary Holtham, our third founder member invited, was unable to attend through poor health.

Members provided a delicious tea with a beautiful cake made by Mrs Irene Stowell and decorated by Mrs Jean Ings (who also provided flower displays for each table).

Our little grey cells were stretched by two table competitions involving general and literary knowledge, which were produced by our President, Miss Ann Holtham.

On display was a scrap-book of our 50 years mainly co-ordinated and maintained by Mrs Ruth Dyer, and in production by Mrs Maureen Arney, Mrs Thelma Blake, Miss Rosemarie Ford, Mrs Gill Hackett, Mrs Ann Holtham, Mrs Joy Morris is a "wallhanging" depicting Kenn village in various mediums.

A lovely afternoon despite the intense heat - as I sat feeling as if I would expire, your correspondent wondered how some people managed to look and keep cool, despite the conditions!

Our September meeting will see us going back to school 'Playing with Pigments'. When our speaker will be Mrs Seller and the Competition will be 'Favourite Vase'.

Last year an evening doing tabletop experiments proved very popular and most enlightening, as well as entertaining.

Why not come along and visit us - 7.30p.m. on Wednesday the 10th September.

ROSEMARIE FORD 01275 543651 or 01275 877243



OPEN DAY

## Littlewood

Claverham Drive, Yatton  
Saturday 6 September  
11am-4pm

Visit YACWAG's fascinating little woodland nature reserve on Kenn Moor

No parking on site—Walk or cycle or catch the free shuttle bus from Kenn Village Green

11.15 am  
12.15 pm  
1.15 pm  
2.15 pm  
3.15 pm  
and  
return



For further information  
ring 01275 876940 or 834232

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## BIRD NEWS I

It was very interesting to read the note by Margaret concerning a (presumably juvenile) Little Owl being captured by a Sparrowhawk.

The definitive book on the Sparrowhawk records some 5,200 prey items taken by Sparrowhawks, not one of which was a Little Owl.

However as Kestrel and other Sparrowhawks were recorded as being predated perhaps it was a highly unusual incident but not totally surprising.

Sparrowhawks themselves are predated, principally by Goshawks (= Goose Hawks) but also by Peregrines and Tawny Owls.

In parts of the Forest of Dean and the extensive woodlands in South and Mid Wales, Sparrowhawks have become noticeably scarcer as it seems they find it difficult to live alongside their larger and much more powerful relative. Goshawks are much better adapted to the large forests where they take Pheasants, Crows and Grey Squirrels. Indeed an increase in their numbers may reduce the Grey Squirrel population to a more acceptable level.

Whilst on the topic of birds of prey, the parish of Kenn was host to all four of our falcon species in August. In addition to the resident Kestrels, a friend saw a young Marlin on the Kenn side of Clevedon Pill. John Croxton watched a Hobby capture a House Martin over the village and I notched up a Peregrine Falcon on Kenn Moor. The presence of these birds does indicate a healthy diversity of species in and around Kenn.

A little further away a Black Kite was seen over Brean Down heading for Wales. This is weather related – presumably this warm weather species found our record temperatures to its liking or perhaps it was too hot for it in Europe.

By the middle of the month migration was well underway. After a night with a northerly wind there were lots of Swallows around, probably birds from Scotland or Scandinavia. Wheatears were dotted along the sea wall where there were a couple of Yellow Wagtails. There are not the canary yellow birds of spring (as reported by Jeff Naish at Castle Farm) but a duller greener yellow in their autumn plumage.

There were also a few returning Whimbrell – we get large numbers on the moors in spring and just odd ones on the estuary in autumn. No doubt their return passage is spread over a much longer period and by different routes.

Congresbury Moor had a nice Whinchat and remarkably a Sedge Warbler still singing on the 15<sup>th</sup> – a very late date.

September should see the main migration – anything could turn up, especially if there is unsettled weather.

Trevor Riddle

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

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## BIRD NEWS and other thoughts from Ray

Jeff has seen a flock of Whinchats on Clevedon Moor.

"And then there were two!"

Most people have seen Juliet Stowell's three ducks walking up and down Kenn Street over the years, but disaster has struck. Juliet has befriended and been feeding a young fox near her house. One day she forgot to feed it so the fox "did the dirty on her" and nipped round and killed her white duck. Then there were two!

## Summer Walk

The last Summer Evening Walk of the year will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, meeting at Cloverlea at 7pm.

## In and Out of Hospital!

It is good to see Cliff Edwards back home again after a spell in hospital. It is hoped he will now enjoy better health.

Hilda Baker, who is Heather Noad's mother, is back at home again after having treatment in Clevedon Hospital. We wish her better health in the future.

We are sorry to hear that Colin Cooper of Ilexmead is presently in hospital following an accident. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## Welcome

Welcome to Kenn to Wendy and Julian who have moved into Westonwood". It is hoped they will enjoy living in Kenn.

## Kingston School

A reunion of former school pupils has been held at Kingston before the Old School building is sold.

Amongst the old School Masters' reports, I noticed the following from 1903. (the School Master was Mr. Smith)

"James Hale came to see me last night about his daughter's education. He used language not found in the normal dictionary. I asked him to apologise or remove his daughter from the School. Mr. Hale chose the latter course"

"I have had a visit late at night from Mrs Robert Jones, she was very vocal about her children's education. When she had left I felt sorry for her husband".

## Priddy Fair

There were a large number of Kenn people at this year's Priddy Fair on August 20<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful day out it was for families, all for free!

It was a lovely cool morning in the clear Mendip air, and it warmed up later. There was a huge crowd there, many thousands of people from all walks of life including many travelling people.

The sheep sale attracted a good entry. A large number of the sheep sold were bought by farmers from Claverham, Kenn and Yatton areas. There were at least six people from this area buying sheep.

The highest price for ewes that I saw was £89.50 per head. They were sold by a lady from the Priddy area and

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bought by a young farmer from Wedmore. They were of the Suffolk breed. This is probably the highest price for ewes ever realised at Priddy Fair in its six hundred and fifty year history.

I didn't manage to get around to the Horse Sale area, but I have been told that there were more horses on show than ever before. Being bought and sold by people from all parts of this country and Ireland.

There were the usual roundabouts and fun fair and many dozens of stalls selling all kinds of goods imaginable.

In a separate area there was an auction of all sorts of tools "bygones", bric-a-brac. This also attracted a very large crowd of people.

Ray Naish.

### **Barbara Russell**

Those of us who grew up with Barbara and have known her all our lives have been saddened by her recent illness and death. She suffered so much and our hearts go out to Rowland, Mrs Russell and her wider family. She will be very much missed.

Barbara was born in Kingston Seymour, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ted Parsons. She had three brothers. She went to school in Kingston Seymour and took a full part in the social life there until she married Rowland and left the village. In recent years they have lived in Kenn where Barbara has been a good friend and much loved neighbour to many people.

When she retired from her job at Dorothy Perkins she joined the W.I. where she was a very valued member.

She was also a very keen skittler and her team will feel her loss.

Barbara and Rowland had very itchy feet and enjoyed some wonderful trips to far flung places. She had only just returned from Kenya when she was taken ill. All the travelling did not prevent her from being a very caring wife, daughter, daughter-in-law sister and aunt.

The world will be a poorer place without her.

Ann Holtham

### **Barbara Ann Russell**

Barbara has passed away in hospital after being seriously ill for five months following an accident. She was only 63 years old.

Barbara was born and brought up in Kingston Seymour, the only daughter of Ted and Gladys Parsons. She attended Kingston School being moving to Highdale School in Clevedon.

On her marriage to Rowland Russell she moved to Kenn where she spent most of her married life, except for a few years in Claverham. All Barbara's working life was spent in ladies' fashion shops. She retired three years ago.

Barbara had a great social life. She was a member of a local ladies skittles team and Kenn W.I. She had been a sidesperson at Kenn Church and was a member of the committee that raised funds for church roof repairs.

Rowland and Barbara had travelled to an amazing number of places around the world on holiday. Just before her

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illness they had returned from a Safari Holiday in Kenya.

There was evidence of her popularity when her funeral was held at Kingston Church, when 170 people attended. This was conducted by Revd. John Andrews and the bells were rung in her honour. Barbara was buried in the area of the churchyard at Kingston where her parents and brother Edwin are interred.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Rowland, her husband and Irene, her mother-in-law, with whom she shared a home, also to her brothers and her cousins.

Ray Naish

## Kathleen Whitcome

Kathleen has recently passed away. She was born and brought up in Kenn, the youngest daughter of Walter and Mary Hale, of "Kenn Pier Cottage". For many years Kathleen worked at Kenn Vicarage for the Revd and Mrs Arthur George Hodgson.

Kathleen married Joe Whitcome, who for many years worked at "Yew Tree Farm" living in with the Willcox family. On their marriage they moved to a house in Old Street, Clevedon. Joe died some years ago, and Kathleen stayed in the same house until shortly before her death. She was a nonagenarian but was still working at a pharmacy near her home until near the end of her life.

R. V. Naish

## ODD ANAGRAM

THE EARTHQUAKES  
THAT QUEER SHAKE

## What's on at the Drum?

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Village Lunch from 12.30  
everyone welcome

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Make an evening of it - Have a Meal  
and stay for the Quiz

## GOOD NEWS

Your Village Pub has won the  
"Pubs in Bloom Competition"  
First out of Six Areas and 100 Pubs

## ZOOM IN ON ZAMBIA KABWE APPEAL

Latest news - £5,000 has been sent to  
Kabwe

Look out for details of future events on  
Church News - Weekly Sheet

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## Zambia in the Sixties

It has been suggested that I write a little more about life in ZAMBIA forty years ago.

Those readers old enough to remember the fifties and sixties will recall that the white population still had a prejudice against black people. In the USA top black entertainers such as Sammy Davis junior, whilst performing in hotels in Las Vegas, were not allowed in the public areas of the hotel but were expected to enter by the rear door and afterwards find accommodation in the black neighbourhood.

Those readers who think this is harsh would do well to remember the demonstrations in Bristol against the employment of black people on the buses.

In Zambia, after Independence in 1964, local people found that they could now enter hotels and shops previously barred to them. In colonial times the African could not enter a white owned butchers shop, instead he must go to a side window and ask for "boys meat" which was usually poor quality and of a type not wanted by the regular customers.

Although, by the time I arrived Zambia had been "free" for two years there was still a lot of racial prejudice mainly by Afrikaners.

There was a strong drive to replace white employees with local labour and, in their haste to pursue this policy, people were placed in banks, the post office and government departments before they were qualified. One example being a colleague who sent his African "house boy" to get a one-pound postal order returned with the postal order and the pound. When asked to explain proudly said that his brother

worked in the post office so he didn't take the money.

It is worth noting that the term "brother" meant someone of the same tribe!

Margaret, who ran the accounts department, was asked to recommend someone to take over from her and was pleased to put forward the name of a Zambian clerk who went by the name of McKenzie. Later she learned that as soon as he got the keys he made off with the contents of the safe. I must say that these were isolated cases and that the clerks, drivers and mechanics that I had to deal with were, in the main, excellent, loyal and friendly people.

Zambia was formerly Northern Rhodesia and across the Zambesi, to the south, lay Southern Rhodesia, which, under Ian Smith maintained a white dominated country. It did however offer a western lifestyle that some people missed in Zambia following restrictions I mentioned in the previous article, so sometimes we would set off at about three o'clock in the morning, cross the Zambesi at Chirundo, just as the sun was rising and be in Salisbury for about 9 a.m.

The 300-mile journey was on good tarmac roads and seldom another vehicle seen until the outskirts of Salisbury. Then it was into Meikies Hotel for coffee and cakes of a quality not available in Lusaka. We would leave about 4 pm for our return, remembering to fill our tank at the last petrol station to help out with fuel rationing in Zambia. The 600 miles round trip would be difficult to do in this country in one day.

I'll stop now before you become bored.  
Maurice Ford.

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## PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

**1st Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED**  
**VIRGIN MARY**

### *8am Holy Communion Kenn*

8am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Patronal Festival Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
6pm Evensong Yatton

**2nd Sunday - 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**TRINITY**

### **HOLY CROSS DAY**

#### **KENN HARVEST**

8am Holy Communion Yatton  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham  
11am Family Service Cleeve

*11am Harvest Family Service Kenn*  
*with Cake Stall*

### *6pm Harvest Evensong Kenn*

6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

**3rd Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**TRINITY**  
**MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND**  
**EVANGELIST**

### **KINGSTON SEYMOUR HARVEST**

8am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11am Harvest Family Service  
Kingston Seymour  
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton  
6pm Harvest Evensong Kingston Seymour

## SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2003

**4th Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **YATTON & CLAVERHAM HARVESTS**

8am Holy Communion Yatton  
8am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
10am Harvest Family Service Claverham

### *11am Holy Communion Kenn*

6pm Harvest Evensong Yatton

**HOLY DAYS IN SEPTEMBER**  
**29th MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Daily 8.30am Morning Prayer at Yatton  
(except Holy Days)

Every Wednesday:  
10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday in month: 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
11am: Holy Communion at  
Kingston Seymour

*3rd Wednesday in month: 17<sup>th</sup> September*  
*11am: Holy Communion at Kenn*

4th Wednesday in month: 24<sup>th</sup> September  
11am: Holy Communion at Claverham

Every Thursday:  
9.30am: Holy Communion at Cleeve