

NEWS & VIEWS

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	-	Bronia Harris	
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	-	Liz & Vince Stowell	wedding anniversary
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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

ALTAR GUILD ROTA

JULY	Jilly Butland, Dave Pugh, Sue Pugh
AUGUST	Jenny Croxton, Margaret Ball, John Croxton
SEPT	Barbara Middleton, Iris Callow.....
OCT	Jean Woods, Tina Middlton.....
NOV	Sarah Clark, Marianna Makay.....
DECEMBER	Week 1 Jean Fenwick, Jenny Pascoe Week 2 Hazel Limage, Caroline Holden Week 3 Iris Callow, Heather Jenkins Week 4 Jo Cheek, Marianna Mackay

A huge thank you to all of the above who help to keep the church gleaming and flowers fresh throughout the year.

Ideally we would like **THREE PEOPLE** for each month so if anyone could fill in the gaps it would be gratefully appreciated.

Marianna 01275 340323

Church News

Kenn Sunday Club Open Day

We were really pleased to welcome Morgan, Harriet and Anouk to Kenn Sunday Club's Open Day, as well as some regular members who joined in a varied programme on Saturday 20th June. A surprise event was a visit to Jack Treble's 'Kennwatch' style broadcast of a Robin's nest, brooding, hatching and fledging. Birdmen Trevor Riddle and John Croxton swapped information with Jack and his dad and the rest of us listened and learned a lot! Meanwhile, back at the church, puppets and scenery were being constructed in preparation for the June Family Service (see below). After lunch Jo Manning joined us for a jazz music workshop, and we're thrilled to know that Jo will be involved with Sunday Club from the beginning of the autumn term, so if you like singing or can play any kind of instrument, watch this space! Thanks to all the grown-ups who gave so much time and energy getting ready for the Open Day, especially Wendy Papasolomontos.

Julia Bush

Kenn Family Service

Baptism was the theme for Kenn Sunday Club for the whole of June, culminating in the Family Service, when Esme and Jasper Brooks (grandchildren of Jean and Fred Fenwick) were christened. Just before 11am we heard 'They're all coming up Kenn St now, it looks like something from Ascot!' The church was soon full, with lots of young children, who watched the story of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, performed with the puppets made at the Sunday Club Open Day earlier in the month. Then lots of chatting inside and outside the church.

Julia Bush

A Village Wedding

Saturday 27th turned out to be a real, traditionally hot June day, just right for making hay, or getting married! Not surprisingly Daniel Quinn, formerly of Bow Cottage Kennels, chose to do the latter, as he and Helen became Mr and Mrs Quinn. We wish them the very best for the future.



Julia Bush

**We flew our flag on the following occasions
in June:**

- 1/06/09 Marriage of Marion Carrington and Geoff Hulance.
- 11/06/09 Ruby wedding anniversary of Robert & Joyce Down
- 27/06/09 a) Marriage of Daniel Quinn & Helen Radford
b) Pip Jenkins' 21st Birthday
- 30/06/09 at half-mast, for the private interment of Robert and Lise's baby

Church Tower Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on:

Monday June 1st

to celebrate the wedding of Marion to Geoff Hulance.

Summer Walks - with a Young(ish) Naish!!

Jeffrey Naish invites walkers to meet him at Castle Farm, Walton St Mary, to have a look at this year's foals.

Meet in the nearby car park at approximately 7.20pm, July 13th - the second Monday in July. If walkers would like to meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street, they can meet there at about 7pm.

**Vultures Descend
on
Kingston Seymour!!**

Bristol band The Love vultures (www.lovevultures.co.uk) will be playing at Kingston Seymour's "Hay Fever" event from around 7.30pm on Saturday July 25th, at Home Field, Middle Lane (just beyond Plantations Restaurant). Entrance is free, there will be a bar, plus food and various entertainments (welly-wanging, single trap clay-pigeon shoot etc) for all the family from 6pm onwards.



Parish Plan update June

All of the questionnaires have been processed and our professional editor and author Ray Grainger has started the difficult bit of turning it all into a document that we can publish. In the meantime, analysis of the questionnaires revealed Kennites interested in a Film Club and others interested in a Photography Group.

Caroline Holden has written elsewhere in Kenn News re a possible Film Club. For the photo enthusiasts please contact me 01275 349674 or email me robert@downscote.co.uk or talk to me at the next village market and I will arrange an initial meeting.

Robert Down

Cricket at Kingston Seymour

There is also a village cricket match on Sunday 26th July, anyone in Kenn who would like to play, ladies as well as men, would be welcome. The standard is not high (!), it's just about having a bit of fun and a good tea afterwards (players are asked to pay £5 towards costs and the tea).

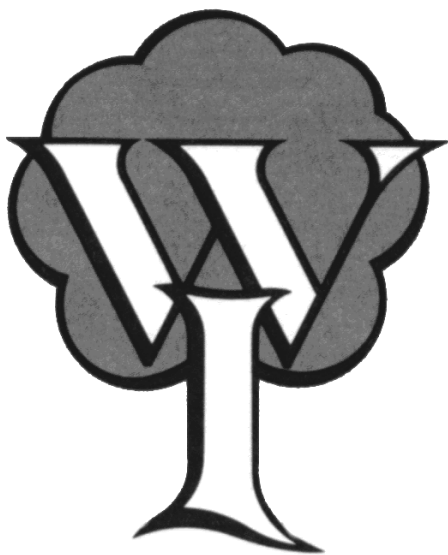
If anyone wants to play, they should contact **Ben Simmons** on **07880 840212** or **Luke Cox** on **07882 756857**. And for those who don't want to play, the bar will be open and tea and cake will be on sale as well.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. Fred Quinney came to speak to the W.I. in June and, in a beautifully illustrated talk, told members all about the Blind Yeo Wood. The wood is almost a secret for not many people know what an extensive piece of woodland we have so near to home adding to the biodiversity of our area. The wood was commissioned by the Environment Agency on an area of land between the Blind Yeo and Davis Lane. Several thousand trees (all of native species) were planted from 2002 and are now quite sizeable. They have been under-planted with wild flowers and it is flourishing.

At the July meeting members are expecting to hear the inimitable and bloodthirsty Roger Morgan tell them all about Jack the Ripper. He has visited us several times before and his talks can be relied upon to be dripping with gore! If you would like to have your blood curdled do come along. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Our annual Mystery Tour is taking place in August in place of a meeting in the Village Hall.



At the beginning of June Marion became Mrs Hulance and at the end of the month Felicity became Mrs James. We are delighted for them and wish them every happiness for the



THE VILLAGE MARKET

The next village market will be held on Saturday, July 11th at 10am as usual. We hope to see you all there.

Joyce Down

We would like to thank

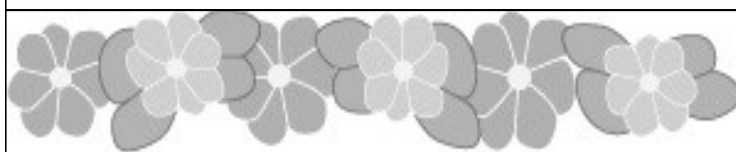
everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers following our recent loss. It has been much easier to bear because of your support and understanding. Both of us are comforted by having such good family, friends and neighbours. We are also grateful to the Rev Preb John Andrews and Rawlings Undertakers.

Lise and Rob Willcox

We would like to say a huge thank you

to everyone in the village who helped to make our big day on June 1st go so well. (One month later all is still harmonious....)

Marion and Geoff Hulance



VILLAGE BRUNCH 27/06/09

A wonderful Full English Brunch was served in the village Hall by Grace Griffin and her energetic and skilled helpers. Many families and friends enjoyed the guilt-free pleasure of a meal which, when cooked by others, obviously has half the number of calories!

Caroline Holden on the book stall and Doreen Bird with her plant stall all helped to make a very enjoyable occasion.

Thanks to all the helpers and to all the diners. All profits will go towards our Flower Festival in 2010.

Robin Mackay

Troy Gale writes about the Village Brunch:

Julian and I attended with some friends from Wrington. We gave them our tickets last year as we couldn't make it and they had such a good time that they asked us to tell them of the next one. Well, we were able to enjoy the Brunch with them this year. Their comments were "not many villages do this or can do this". So thank you to all the helpers and organisers for a tasty start to the weekend. Hopefully we can look forward to another one next year!



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Kenn Film Club

When I was processing the data for the Parish Plan I noticed that several people suggested a film club. Setting up a film club in the village is thwart with legal licensing issues. I propose we join one already set up. The Curzon runs a fortnightly film club. I think it is on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. They show Art House and lesser known contemporary films. The film club can then cover two functions, first we will have our own film club, second we will be supporting the local cinema. I always mean to go but if I was going with a group I would commit myself.

The next film club is on the 12th July '09. I will ask a few people to come along or ask me if you are interested. Afterwards we can retire to the Drum and Monkey to deconstruct!

Caroline Holden

Kenn Business Awarded 3 Green/ Carbon Reduction Awards

At The Limes Bed and Breakfast on Kenn Moor Road, Kenn, we have recently been awarded 3 prestigious Green Business Awards.

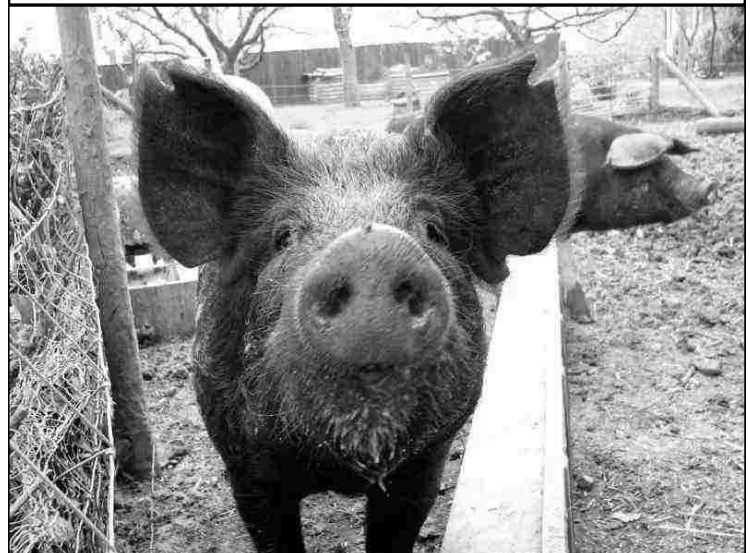
Following on from the success of winning the C+ Carbon Positive Award for Micro-businesses across the whole of the South West in 2008, we took on the challenge of "the big businesses" for 2009. We were delighted to be "**Highly Commended**" in both the Future Footprint & Customer Choice sections, quite an achievement for a 2 man company.

This was quickly followed by being awarded the **Prince Charles May Day Logo** for businesses, a national award where 520 companies nationally are recognised for their commitment to reducing climate change.

As you drive along Kenn Moor Road from the Yatton end you can just catch a glimpse of our solar water heating tubes which supply a large percentage of our hot water. Also our solar conservatory, that was so warm at 8am Christmas Day, we had breakfast in there with our family with no heating at all.

If you at all interested in "green issues" pop in and see us, or take a look at the website Stephen designed on www.limesbb.co.uk

Heather Brain



Happy Pigs at The Limes

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The judging in the Village of the Year Competition is continuing. It is important that the village is as litter free as it can be made. If you see any rubbish and it is safe to pick it up, please do so and take it home to dispose of. Thank you.

The Parish Council has made its comments on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Consultation and the next stage is awaited. While it is recognised that in order to stop trespassing there have to be enough designated sites it is felt that Kenn cannot offer any land that would be suitable. The village is surrounded by flood plain and there are several Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Most pitches would be surrounded by rhynes and ditches which could be unsafe for children and there would be a risk of pollution.

John Griffin has been elected Chairman of the Parish Council for another year and Sheila Naish is Vice Chairman.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd August in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome.

Ann Holtham

Green Iguanas at Yew Tree Farm!

We have a very friendly reptile visitor for the next fortnight. He is an elderly green iguana who is very tame and obliging if you offer him a grape or two! He will be out on the lawn basking on warm days.

If anyone would like to meet the mini-monster who is the size of a large cat they are very welcome to. He is 18 years old and is very domesticated. He belongs to my sister and usually resides in Fulham, London where he uses a cat flap to pop in and out to her garden helping himself to the odd dandelion and occasionally pinch her cabbages.

Rob and I have our own 10 year old iguana but he is quite reserved and prefers his safe, heated enclosure.

Green iguanas are mostly vegetarian and usually only live to about 12 years in captivity. Both these iguanas were 'rescues' and we hope they will live out their years in as much comfort as is possible.

Lise Willcox 6

Kenn Congregational Chapel

The Congregational Chapel in Kenn Street closed for services 50 years ago. The congregation had dwindled to just two families, the Horseingtons and the Tyles.

When I was a young lad large congregations attended Evening Services there, also large numbers of children attended Sunday School in the afternoons.

On Tuesday afternoons a lady called Miss Holaway from Clevedon left her Standard car in our drive at Stonehouse Farm and carried cakes and sandwiches in to the Chapel where she entertained ladies from the village to a prayer meeting with refreshments - she had a good following.

On Sunday evenings old Mr Jimmy Staples rode his tricycle up to the Chapel from his home at Riverside Farm for the service, he left his tricycle in the yard at Stonehouse Farm. My sisters and I tried to ride the tricycle without success... He was the great grandfather of Hartley Staples. Jimmy Staples died in 1938.

Ray Naish

Kenn School Reunion

Plans for the School Reunion to be held on September 5th are taking place.

It is hoped that there will be a Church Service at 12 noon, followed by a get-together with ploughman's lunch in the Village Hall.

Invitations will be sent out nearer the time - amazingly we have found the names of something like eighty former pupils who are still around. If former pupils would like to write an essay about what they remember of their schooldays we will be pleased to receive them.

The School closed in the early 1950s.

Ray Naish



Diary Dates...

The 1100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Celebration Saturday 4th July
in and around Glastonbury
Abbey.

Kenn Village Hall

Sunday 5th July 7.30pm

Concert with **Richard Baker**

Tickets £7.50

(£5 children under 16)

from

Liz Jaehme 07703 163590

or

Margaret Cook 01275

870275

Wednesday 15th July

(not 16th)

8.00 pm at Chaseside

Kenn and Kingston Kombi

Meeting to discuss an event

for later in 2009

come along with ideas

Chaseside, Kenn

Sunday 13th September

Yatton Moor Mission Circle

FAMILY FUN DAY

BBQ - bring and cook your
own!

Sports - Rounders – Games
Cream Teas available

20th September

Harvest Supper

at

Kenn Village Hall following
Harvest Evensong

Tickets will be available at the end of
July from

Jenny & Simon Pascoe (878451) &

Marianna & Robin Mackay (340323)

As always tickets will be rationed and
sold on a first-come-first-served
basis.

13th October

Marianna's Fashion Show

Fantastic clothing bargains!

Fabulous show!

Better start saving!

*Tickets (£4) will be available from
Marianna Mackay*

Drum and Monkey

Every Wednesday Evening

**9 - late The Drum Quiz
with Raffle**

Don't forget!

**You can still pick up your
North Somerset Times and Clevedon Mercury at
The Drum and Monkey
Times Thursday - Mercury Friday**

**Tuesday 7th July
Village Lunch from 12 noon**

**KENN VILLAGE HALL
BUMS, TUMS & THIGHS
With Sizzle Summerell
EACH TUESDAY 7.15pm
£3 (bring a mat)**



**Kenn Village Hall
Wednesday 9th July
Kenn W.I. 7.30 p.m.**

**Kenn Village Hall
Saturday 12th July 10am – noon
VILLAGE MARKET**

**Monday 14th July 7.00 pm
Meet at Cloverlea, Kenn Street
for a summer evening walk at
Castle Farm, Walton St. Mary**

**Clevedon Salerooms
Victorian and Later Furniture and Effects
10.00am Thursdays 2nd/23rd July**

**The New Church Room
Saturday 19th July
COFFEE MORNING
10.00-12noon**

**Monday 3rd August 7.30 pm
Kenn Parish Council Meeting
Kenn Village Hall
All Parishioners Welcome**

Cyber-stuff

Editing the magazine has been amazing, not least because I now seem to have every email address in the village!! Which encourages me to get on with the village website - it begins to seem like it might actually be worthwhile. So, the website needs content - and I'm particularly keen to have old photos or drawings, history and family stories, as well as the usual stuff that goes in the magazine - the advantage being that a page on the website can be as long as we like, so articles can be complete, or added to over time. Let me know, please, if you have anything you can provide to get the website going. If the Archers can do it, I'm sure we can do it better!!

I'm in conversation with a gentleman who thinks he may be related to William Wall (of Kenn Hangings fame). I'm fascinated - so I'm going to include the history of the Hangings on the website. Anyone got any idea how to get hold of Derek or Jane Lilly so I can be sure not to infringe copyright?

Hazel Limage

The Kenn Hangings of 1830 : The Full Story



*The story of the last public execution
at the
scene of the crime in England
by
Derek & Jane Lilly*

Concussed & injured dairy calves following firework display at the Football Club about 10.30 pm on 27/06/09.

Sadly I am nursing a yearling heifer calf who is badly concussed having been grazing only a few hundred yards away from the Football Club in Davis Lane. There was a short burst of commercial strength fireworks on Saturday evening which resulted in young heifers charging a post and rail fence.

Two youngsters crashed their way through. These have bloody noses and cuts. A third one was not so lucky and appears to have run full throttle into a fence post. She suffered a badly cut face and concussion.

The emergency vet attended at 11.15pm and treated her with pain killers. She was too injured to be moved until the following morning when the vet re-assessed her and treated her with steroids in case she had internal brain swelling. She was still not herself at all, being usually very friendly and tame. Unusually she was unable to recognise me!

I feel angry and sad about this incident. The calf has been left badly injured and traumatised. But, beyond this, what of the wild creatures with young at foot and, of course, other people's pets?

If only someone had firstly thought not to use fireworks in the countryside or at least just phoned me so that I could have moved my stock away from the danger.

Why do people really need fireworks? There are many successful functions where they are obviously not missed at all.

Please - if you do have fireworks, think of the creatures round about you. Think of the noise and debris left behind. Please tell us so we can move our cows to safety.

**Robert Willcox
Yew Tree Farm**

Guidance from Environmental Protection UK:

- Give neighbours a few days notice of your display – particularly important if they are elderly, have children or pets.
- Use appropriate fireworks – when buying fireworks, try to avoid really noisy ones. Your supplier should be able to tell you what they are selling.
- Make sure pets and other animals are safely away from fireworks.
- Consider timing. If you are using fireworks for a celebration, a Friday or a Saturday is preferable, remember it is illegal to use fireworks after 11.00 pm.
- Let off your fireworks in open garden areas – noise bounces off buildings and smoke and pollution build up in enclosed spaces.
- If a neighbour complains that you are disturbing them, their pets or livestock, be considerate.
- After your display, clear up firework fall out and dispose of it

Richard Baker Concert at Kenn Village Hall

Just a quick reminder to all of you fans, Richard will be playing a hugely varied programme in his concert on **Sunday, 5 July, 2009 at 7.30pm.**

We will also be entertained by two other extremely talented professional musicians, Gavin Davis, a violinist who plays with all of the large London orchestras and Zoe Maitland, a young soprano from the West Country.

Of course, our resident songbird, Margaret Cook will also be singing for us, and there will be the (now traditional) community singalong.

Tickets are available from:

Margaret Cook, West Haven, 01275 780275; and

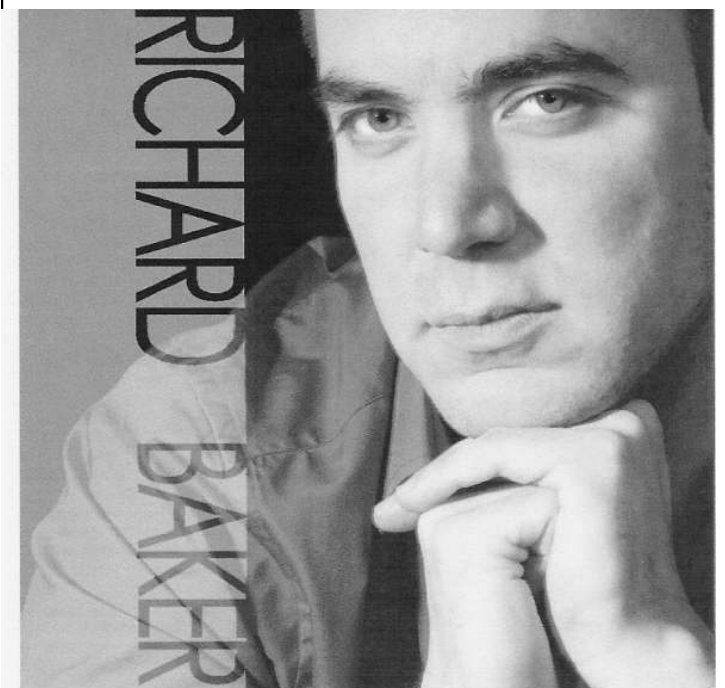
Liz Jaehme, Carpenters Farm, 01275 343211 or
07703 163590

£7.50 and £5 for young people under the age of 16.

Licensed bar available.

Join us for an amazing evening!

Liz Jaehme



Congratulations, Daddy!

Our daddy [Kevin Wilkins, Moorgate House], recently took part in the Hope Challenge, an annual corporate team event held in the Peak District, which raises money for a charity named **Habitat for Humanity**.

The event involved 2 days and 2 nights in “the great outdoors”, during which teams had to trek more than 20 miles, including over 1000m of hill ascent, whilst carrying all the materials for the shelter which they would build and sleep in overnight.

Why did Daddy do it, and not Mummy? Well, Mummy can do The Great Outdoors as long as there are flushing lavatories and an inexhaustible supply of hot running water, she doesn't build overnight shelters [she says surely that's what hotels were invented for?], and, as for hill ascent, well, she has a yellow button in her car for that, apparently.

Daddy, on the other hand, is actually very good at this kind of thing, and he often says that living with Mummy is an on-going endurance test, so he felt quite well-prepared for the mental ordeal.

Also, working in the construction industry, his team had very wisely nominated their Technical Build Director to design their shelter, which was very cunning, as their shelter was built from damp-proof membrane [would you have thought of that?!]

And guess what? They won! Beating 21 other teams, they were the overall winners. The whole event raised over £60,000 for Habitat for Humanity, and Daddy's team also gave their winners' prizes up for auction, to add another £400 to the charity.

Well done Daddy, we're very proud of you!

Romilly & Jemima

About Habitat for Humanity

Every morning one third of the world's population – that's two billion people – will wake up in appalling poverty ... squalid, spirit-crushing poverty.

Poverty housing damages people's lives in so many ways. It's dirty, smelly and often unsafe, it affects people's health and wellbeing; their children's education; their employment prospects. But most of all, poverty housing traps people in poverty and robs them of hope and opportunity. It oppresses the soul and keeps the poorest people poor. Most were born into those conditions and many will die in them ... too many will die as a consequence of them.

In 1976 Habitat for Humanity was founded with the sole aim of tackling poverty housing on a global scale. More than thirty years later they are working in 90 countries around the world and have built 300,000 homes in partnership with people in need of safe, decent housing.

This year, over one and a half million people around the world will wake up every morning and remember the appalling conditions they endured before building with Habitat for Humanity. Thankfully, for those people, squalid living conditions are now just a bad memory.



Neighbourhood Watch

A reminder that we will leave spare copies of the Neighbourhood Watch magazines in a box at the village market for those of you who do not have it delivered.

A message from Richard Stamp, our Community Support Officer:

Dear Neighbourhood Watch members,

A 'Trickster' event will be held at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday 7 July. There will be two shows; 10.30am and 2.30pm.

'Trickster' is a musical stage show aimed at a targeted audience of adults aged 50+. The show has a proven track record of success with very high customer satisfaction ratings.

Trickster raises the level of awareness of the issue of distraction burglary and dishonest doorstep traders and provides advice and builds confidence without raising the fear of crime.

Through a specially written script, music and lyrics, which tell the story, Trickster can unite the audience against the bogus caller, help build resilience on the doorstep and encourage the wider community to look out for and protect those who may be at risk.

If anyone is interested in going to watch the show then you can book your FREE TICKETS by calling Wendy Loades on Tel number 0782 695 3250.

Thank you.

Richard Stamp. PCSO Support Officer.
01934 638300.

richard.stamp@avonandsomerset.police.uk

....and another message from Peter Hughes (PCSO)

"I have been asked to pass on the following information.

Intelligence suggests that a company that offers 'Free technical assessment of the outside walls' with a Freephone number have been calling at addresses in Brean Down Avenue, Weston-super-Mare.

Intelligence from around the region suggests they may have been involved in pressure selling. Please find below some general advice.

People should not deal with door to door salespersons.

Do not open the door, talk through it. Remember the **Operation Jackal** code.

Never accept a contract without seeking at least three quotes.

It is your right to have a 7 day cooling off period IN WRITING.

Best to not let them in the house. If you do, make sure that you have company and support from family, friends or neighbours.

Keep them in your sight at all times.

To best avoid a problem - say NO. Keep them out."

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 0845 456 7000 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.mynhw.co.uk website.

Unexpected Caller? Use the **JACKAL CODE**

Just take a second to look through a window

Always use a spy hole

Check the back door is locked

Keep your front door shut and talk through it

Ask for ID

Learn a password - that you can remember!

0845 456 7000
Emergency 999



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Bird News 1

Just too late for last month's "News and Views" was a report from Rob Treble of a Little Owl which came down his chimney. This was surprising since the bird would be at least 9 months old and established pairs would have claimed nesting sites much earlier in the year. The good news is that Rob released it successfully - the less good news is that there have still been no reports of Cuckoos apart from two different reports in early June for the same day around Yatton, but nothing thereafter.

The British Trust for Ornithology is hoping to organise scientific survey work in Africa and along migration routes to try to establish why so many of our summer visitors, including the Cuckoos, are in decline. Cuckoos are said to be plentiful in parts of Scotland and Europe but lowland England seems to have taken the brunt of the decline. On a happier note many Reed Warblers arrived on the Strawberry Line at the end of May/early June, a very late date, and numbers now seem fairly reasonable.

Clevedon Moor had at least 3 Lapwings, including a pair that probably had young. There were also nine male Reed Buntings in a large wet field and this species seems to be doing quite well. Great Spotted Woodpeckers had chicks in Littlewood and a young Tawny Owlet was seen there.

2009 looks like being a bumper breeding season, with young birds seemingly everywhere. Song Thrushes are still singing (particularly at dawn and dusk) indicating that they are rearing second broods.

Barn Owls and Kestrels have young - John Croxton reports three large Barn Owl chicks looking out of one of the Nailsea Wall boxes, and young Kestrels in the adjacent box. The YACWAG Barn Owls are feeding young on Congresbury Moor with two other owl boxes there (only 400m apart) both containing Kestrel families. Barn Owls have also taken up residence on YACWAG's Stowey Reserve and are thought to be feeding young there, much to the delight

of the local (human) residents.

Also nearby a Hobby flew over the Kenn Moor fields and John Croxton saw a Kingfisher perched on the Nailsea Moor Owl box, with a Barn Owl looking out beneath it.

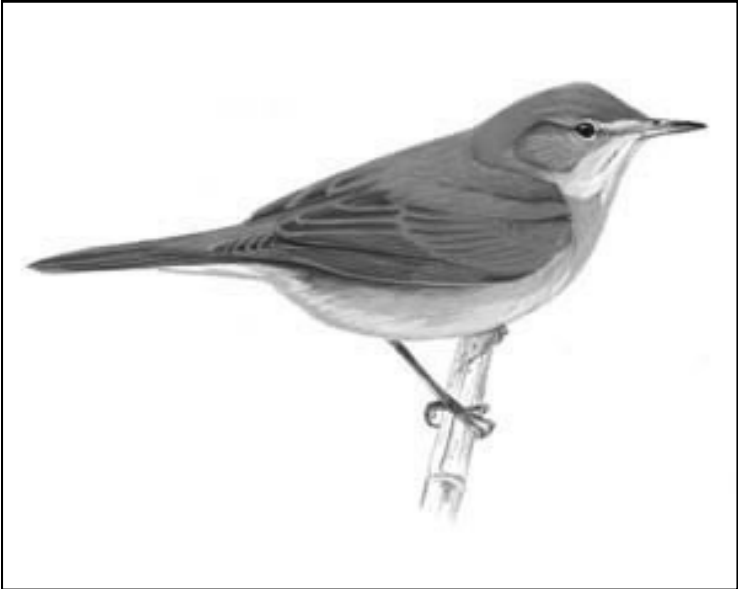
Trevor Riddle
01934 835208



Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)



Little Owl (*Athene noctua*)



Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*)



Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*)



Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

Bird News 2

The only bird news I have is reports of very large numbers of young birds all around the area this summer. A farmer's wife from East Huntspill has told me that she was relaxing in her sitting room recently when a young buzzard flew through the door to join her.

Ray Naish



Buzzard
(*Buteo buteo*)

Odd nesting-box?

Recently when leaving Bristol by car we stopped at the traffic lights by the David Lloyd centre. I saw a very little bird with a crest settle on the lights to my right. It stayed there for some seconds and I had time to point it out to Jan. Suddenly it disappeared but I didn't see it fly off. Jan had seen it go into a small hole on the box behind the lights! We assumed it was nesting there. I look out for nesting goldcrests each time I stop at these lights but have been disappointed each time. Nevertheless I find myself half wishing to see the lights go red as I approach this junction.

Colin Bedford



Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*)

Gosh - doesn't time fly when you're having fun? This is the second (and last) of my editorial months - and I have a page to fill. Well, I thought, Naish has her notes and Margaret her mutterings, so why not **Hazel's hectorings?** I have something of a reputation to uphold, I think; outspoken, outnumbered, but never out-worded. We do have some real news too, so perhaps it won't be so bad.

From the top - last month I managed to get the Church Services for June a mere year out of date, **and** published the wrong month's recycling calendar. The first was entirely my fault, and noticed by only one beady-eyed reader (thank you, John), but the second was entirely the fault of the North Somerset website - which, until yesterday at least, was publishing two calendars for Kenn - each a mirror-image of the other. The lady on the phone apologised, but not until she'd gone away and checked with the contractor (who told her confidently that we were Thursdays....) Anyway, another pair of hawk-eyes (thank you, Marion) picked up the recycling error, so it only remains for me to say:

Mondays 6th and 20th July - Recycling
Mondays 13th and 27th - Green Waste

Both instances point up the fact that I need a good copy editor, or a larger brain. Or both! Apologies.

Next - the letter last month brought in a veritable avalanche of responses to the dog mess issue. I noticed early on that there was nothing from anyone about it being a good thing that we have dog mess... All the correspondence and phone calls were from people who simply don't understand why dogs are allowed to mess in the street in the first place. In our village we all have gardens - surely that's enough said. I found the space for one of the least vitriolic letters from some Duck Lane residents - it sums up the mood of all the other contributors.

While we were away walking Hadrian's Wall it was an issue for us - getting dog mess in the treads of your boots is not a happy occurrence... - but most noticeable when the paths came within walking distance of car parks. We infer that people put the dog in the car, drive to a public right of way, walk the dog until it does its business, then turn around and go home. Further away from civilisation the dog mess issue disappears.

Then, while cycling the Strawberry Line (of which we are very fond) last weekend, we began counting the piles of dog mess. We lost count at fifty eight. What is going on? The people who leave the mess **MUST KNOW** that children are going to be meandering all over the path - but still they leave the mess and go home. And tomorrow, they (presumably) walk past the pile their dog left yesterday so it can provide a new one!!

Anyway - we walked Hadrian's Wall, from Newcastle to Bowness, and it was brilliant. Each day was about fifteen to twenty miles total walking (including getting off the Wall path to get to the B&B) and it took us six days. The birds in the estuaries both sides of the country were a real treat to see, the views were staggering and the weather not too bad at all. So we're busy picking out our next national trail to walk (or cycle) - all we need is the time. But we heartily recommend the Sherpa-type walking holiday - you take your day-bag, and a van takes your big bag to the next B&B for you. Luxury!!

Most of us love surprises, and there is no nicer surprise than a village wedding - and on Saturday we had just such a one. The sun shone, the bride looked fabulous, the horse behaved itself and the church looked more beautiful than we we've seen it for a long time. Thanks are due to John, Kate, Caroline and Marianna and Robin who all did what was required to make sure that the village appeared totally and effortlessly prepared. Brilliant.

I make no apology for including an advert in this month's magazine - it isn't obvious, but the PC expert is none other than Andrew Down, illustrious son of Joyce and Robert. A villager who can fix computers when they cease responding to swearing and size 8 hammers is, I think, invaluable. I've used his PC services, and he does exactly what he says on the tin. Saves sanity.

Margaret and John are back and will be delighted to put the magazine back into shape for next time, I've no doubt. It's been a huge privilege and a pleasure to be allowed to edit for these last two months - I now also have proof positive that Margaret is a superwoman; she does it every month!! You have all been really, really kind with your comments - thank you so much.

Would **DOG OWNERS/WALKERS** who **USE/LIVE** in Duck lane (and probably elsewhere) please stop their animals from fouling the road and driveways or at least remove the mess before we deliver it back to them with "extras".

Duck Lane Residents

SERVICES FOR JULY 2009

1st Sunday 5th THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Kenn

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

**2nd Sunday 12th THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
YATTON PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

8am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Patronal Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham
11am Pet Service at Cleeve Village Hall
11am Holy Communion Kenn
6pm Evensong* Kingston Seymour
6pm Songs of Praise (Ecumenical) at Court de Wyck School

*3rd Wednesday in month 15th July
11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn*

3rd Sunday 19th THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Claverham
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
11am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton – Thomas Perkins & Angel Lewis
6pm Evensong* Kenn

**4th Sunday 26th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
JAMES THE APOSTLE**

8am Holy Communion Yatton
8am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
9.30am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism at Cleeve
10am Family Service Claverham
11am Family Service Kenn
6.30pm Evening Worship at Yatton Methodist Church – Farewell to Barry Bishop

HOLY DAYS IN JULY:

3rd - Friday THOMAS the APOSTLE

7.30pm Holy Communion Yatton – Thursday

22nd – Wednesday MARY MAGDALENE

10am Holy Communion Yatton

Service information from John Andrews

** Book of Common Prayer*