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Robert Down is proving a wonderful friend and ally in this magazine lark - he provides village photography which is second to none and I always forget to say thankyou. He doesn't complain. He just keeps on coming up with the goods. Splendid.

Robin has been snapping too - his are the pictures of loofahs, men hard at work and fire engines.

At this end of the village we begin to feel the need for our very own police/fire/ambulance station - it's all been happening down here! Chris managed not to burn himself to a crisp, and Wendy and Julian didn't get mashed to a pulp in their beds - but not for want of trying, it seems.

I'm finding the magazine an enormously satisfying yet infuriatingly frustrating pastime. It's a booklet, which means that I can't add just one page when I have more stuff than I have room for - I have to add four pages. Not a problem - stuff just keeps pouring in. But nor can I just get rid of one page if it isn't quite full - I have to get rid of LOTS. It's a worry...

Megan - our Singapore correspondent - will be visiting during November. Watch out for Kate taking her on Moorhen feeding trips.

Phil Archer is dead. What a blow. And Matt and Lilian have done a runner to Costa Rica. It all happens on Radio 4.

Fireworks - Lise and Robert have said it elsewhere, but it won't hurt for being said

The head teacher at the school at that time was Mrs Lillian Bevan, and the infants' teacher was Miss Isobel Pilgrim.

I was a difficult little toad and kicked up a lot of fuss about going to school, but Mrs Bevan had the solution: she sent the two eldest girls, Esme Tripp and Phillys Watts, down to Stonehouse Farm to fetch me each time, and I would walk down quietly with them.

There were about 26 pupils at school at the time, and the two oldest boys were Sam Dyer and Jim Cox. They were 11 years old and they soon left: Sam to go to school at Weston and Jim to go to Highdale School in Clevedon.

The vicar, the reverend William Thatcher, attended school on Wednesday mornings to give us scripture lessons. The caretaker of the school was Mrs Ada Watts: she got to school early in the morning to get the two fires lit.

This was before there was electricity or piped water in Kenn. There were oil lamps in the school which were occasionally lit.

On the wall of the big classroom was a shield on which it was stated that Kenn School had the highest percentage of children that had passed the scholarship in Somerset in 1930. As it was, Joyce Moores had been the only pupil who sat for the scholarship in 1930, she passed, and Kenn School had its 100% pass rate!

In the infants' class the pupils were not allowed to use pencil and paper: we had to use chalk and slates.

As far as I remember, in 1931 all the pupils lived near enough to the school to walk home to dinner. The teachers also walked.

I don't remember how we amused ourselves at play time: the playgrounds were very small, with the boys' playground being where the car park is now, and the girls' was at the back of the school.

Kenn School Reunion

The earliest knowledge I have of pupils attending Kenn School is my Great-Aunt Rose Kingcott and her brothers and sisters who walked her from Home Farm, Kingston Bridge. As this was about 1860-70, they probably walked with the Hazell children who lived at the time at Walnut Tree Farm, Kenn. A few years later they would have been joined by the seven children of Mr and Mrs Orchard from Woodbine Cottage.

In the late 1920s, Doreen and Winnie Staples walked to Kenn School from Smeeth Yard Farm in Clevedon Moor. They had to walk across several fields before they got to Nailsea Wall.

Renee Stowell, nee Cox, and her sister Beryl cycled to Kenn School from West End, Nailsea when they were only four or five years old. It must be remembered that prior to the late 1920s, no country roads were tarmacked: they were just mud and stones.

youngest of us is. The oldest pupil that we could find, Win Coles nee Staples was unfortunately not well enough to attend. She was greatly missed. The star of the day was Miss Bond, a teacher at the school from 1937 until she went into the armed forces in September 1941. After the war she returned to teach at All Saints School in Clevedon and taught many Kenn children there. It was so good to see her. It was also good to see Ray Naish looking much better and thoroughly enjoying himself.

About seventy-five people came from all corners of the country and most had brought photographs to share with their old friends. The day began with a very moving church service at St. Johns at which we all sang the hymns that we remembered so well. The church was nearly full so there was a marvellous atmosphere.

Then we all adjourned to the Village Hall to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. The decibels rose and rose as people began to recognise each other and share experiences and catch up on their lives. No matter where our lives have taken us those friendships that we formed then have endured ever since.

A group photograph was taken by Robert Down and then gradually people began to drift away to catch trains or whatever.

Naming names is invidious because one always leaves someone out but the organisers give very grateful thanks to John Andrews for the lovely service, Mary Holmes for playing the organ, John and Margaret Ball and Julia Bush for getting the church ready and Caroline for all her help with labels and lists and last but not least Cheryl for the food. It all helped to make a very memorable day.

Ann Holtham (Kenn School 1946-1949)

Ray and Rene have unearthed not just the picture, but also the names of practically all the people in it!! The photo is the Kenn School Photo for 1931. HUGE thanks to them for this - which has gone straight into its rightful place in the History Project. More of this is still needed - so please turn out your lofts!

Back Row (from left to right):

Miss Pilgrim; Kevin Hollyman; Reg Cox; Sam Dyer; Les Watts; Leonard Cook; Jim Cox

3rd Row:

Mary Huxtable; Audrey Prool; Esme Tripp; Rene Summerhayes; Lucy Baker; Emily Cox; Phyllis Watts; Pam Stuckey

2nd Row:



W.I. Members had brought woolly hats that they have knitted and warm clothing that will be useful in the winter to sailors from far off and warmer climes. He told us that the Mission started in Clevedon in the 1830s when a vicar who was on holiday here rowed out to visit the sailing ships becalmed in the Channel on their way to their home port of Bristol. The conditions that he found on the ships appalled him and he began the great work which is now a world wide organisation. A very high percentage of everything we eat and drink and use is transported by sea. Some of the ship owners are not good employers and a friendly face in a foreign land would be very cheering.

It is also the time of year to be preparing the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We shall start to collect them at the October meeting so that they can be delivered to young people in Romania and other countries in time for Christmas. It is obvious from film taken of children taken as they open the boxes that they give much pleasure.

The annual Flower Arranging Evening will be held on Wednesday November 25th. Tickets will be available soon and we look forward to seeing lots of people watching Pam Weeks pass on some good ideas for Christmas floral decorations.

At the Annual General Meeting at Weston-super-Mare in September delegates had voted almost unanimously for a resolution calling for a ban on additives to medicines for children. It seems strange that when these chemicals are banned from children's food they should still be given to children who are ill thus delivering them a double whammy!

The speaker at the November meeting will be

7.30 p.m. one of the items on the agenda was a proposal that the Parish Council should buy the telephone kiosk for £1. British Telecom is decommissioning many rural kiosks as in these days of mobile phones they are not economic. They are a familiar sight on the street scene and it would be a shame if they disappeared. It was decided to proceed with the purchase. If successful the box can be spruced up a bit and used for something.

The Christmas Tree will be in place again this year. The carols, mince pies and switch-on will be on December 11th. We are pleased that our musicians are available again this year. It certainly makes a difference to the singing.

The Parish Plan is available. A lot of very hard work has gone into its preparation and the Parish Council is very grateful to all those involved. Thank you.

The next meeting will be held on 7th December in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Ann Holtham

The Parish Plan

The Parish Plan is now completed. Every household should now have one. There is a pdf version on the village website at:

www.kennvillage.co.uk

On Friday 13th November 2009 at 7:30pm we will be holding a wine and cheese evening in the village hall to celebrate The Parish Plan publication.

This will be an opportunity to discuss the

large audience thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Simon presented a good selection of garments largely from Marks & Spencer but also from other High Street stores. As always, his prices were very reasonable, allowing everyone to pick up a stylish bargain. Judging by the noise everyone had a great time.

Most people had a glass of wine or orange juice which, combined with the excellent raffle, allowed Marianna to hand over £1050 to CLIC Sargent - a staggering amount from such a small village (according to the local organiser who obviously doesn't know Kenn's generosity).

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this annual event such a success.

Next year's show will be on Tuesday November 2nd in aid of St Peter's Hospice. Put it in your diary NOW!!

Marianna

Guess the villager

last month - the answer was, of course, Margaret Ball. Still gorgeous...



Another chance to guess the villager -

litter for their mother 'Orangina'. Tamworth's are ginger coloured pigs and are an ancient domestic breed, the nearest to be related to wild boar. They tend to have small litters who are very sturdy. Tamworth pig pork meat is renowned for its flavour & is often used for bacon. They generally are very strong characters and are very good at escaping!



If anyone would like to see them please pop round over a weekend or phone 872837.

Lise and Rob

Kenn Tamworths at Murray's !

We are doing well producing our own home-grown Tamworths and have been supplying Murray's Restaurant of Hill Road for some time now. They have recently doubled their order for the foreseeable future due to its popularity. But if you would like to purchase it from us direct you are very welcome.

We are taking advance orders for sausages, (80% meat), sausage stuffing meat or joints for the Kenn market in November or for the December Christmas market. Please phone, email or drop a note to us at the farm.

Sausages are available in various flavours including Garlic flavour, Cumberland, Pork & Onion, Tomato & Basil, Honey roast and, of course, traditional pork flavour on its own!

Sausages and sausage meat are all £3 per pound (454g). Joints vary depending on weight, but it's all very good value. We use the Bristol University butcher at Longford, so

The October Market was once again successful with three new sellers joining us - making a total of sixteen tables occupied.

The proceeds from the coffee and cake sales will help to feed the street children of Honduras. Julia's donation will go to her usual worthy causes.

We welcomed Lois Webb who held a bric-a-brac sale on behalf of the British Legion raising £50. She had some quality items and will be at our next Market to continue her good work.

Our regular sellers now tell us we are the best and friendliest village market in the locality. All participants and helpers take the credit for this but we would not be successful without our customers, so ***thank you once again*** to villagers and their relatives and friends.

If anyone can assist by running a vegetable stall or put us in contact with someone who would be prepared to start one we would be grateful. It would be a valuable asset and very popular.

Next Market November 28th

Lots of Cards

Baby Clothes

Jewellery

Stained Glass

Books

Gifts of all kinds

Plants and Foods.

Orders taken for Meat & Cheeses.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MARKET WILL BE
DECEMBER 12th
10:00am until midday**



Burglaries

Please be aware that during the last few days we have had 3 burglaries, 2 of which were distraction type in our area.

The first occurred in High Street, Yatton at 01.44am on Sunday, 4th October, when a male was confronted by the owner attempting to gain entry via the rear door of her property. Although he did not get in, the male did knock the occupier to the ground after pushing the door against her. Unfortunately the tracker dog lost the offender's scent in the Mendip Road area.

The second occurred at 4pm on Sunday 4th October in Woodview Drive, Cleeve, when the occupier allowed a male, who claimed he was working on a kitchen in a property a few doors down, into her house to check the water pressure. Whilst she stayed with the male it appears another person has entered and stolen a quantity of money and some jewellery which was not discovered till later in the day.

The final incident occurred in Broad Street, Wroughton at 4.30pm on Monday 5th October when the occupier allowed a male, who was posing as a window cleaner, into her house and whilst she made him a drink he has stolen a quantity of jewellery, cash and the contents of her handbag before making an excuse to clean his clothes and made off in his vehicle.

We would therefore ask all members to be extra vigilant at this time and to report any persons or vehicles acting suspiciously in your area or have any knowledge that may be of use to contact the police as soon as possible on 0845 456 7000 or use 999 if you believe a burglary is in progress.

Please remember to ask that your call is tagged Neighbourhood Watch and quote Ringmaster number JC792.

Thank you.

Peter Hughes PCSO Support 01275 814516
ssnclevedon@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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.

****FIREWORK FRENZY!****

Sorry to nag but if you are using fireworks in Kenn please phone me and I will pass the word to other farmers. We at Yew Tree had a terrible fright in June with a calf suffering brain injury following her fright of sudden fireworks, (she stampeded into a post!). She appears to be recovering slowly. The football stadium has now agreed to phone me whenever firework displays are planned.

Beginning in February, 2016, the way in which our waste is collected by the council will change for the better!!

Briefly (more information next month, and in the November copy of *North Somerset Life*), we will be provided with a BROWN bin for food waste (collected weekly) and a BLACK wheelie bin for non-recyclables (collected fortnightly). All recyclables, now to also include plastics and all types of cardboard, will be collected weekly.

The council estimates that the amount of waste going to landfill will be reduced by around 18,000 tonnes per year, as fully one-third of waste in a domestic bin tends to be food waste. When food waste is landfilled it produces greenhouse gases as it degrades, so the environment will benefit from the new measures. If North Somerset council meets European targets for waste disposal our Council Tax will not have to go up to pay the fines!

The Council estimates that it will save £15 million on landfill costs during the life of the 7-year contract. Yippee!!



Walking inland along the River Yeo we saw the remains of the Coal Jetty dating back to the W.C.P. where sailing ketches from South Wales had brought coal for the Gas Works at Weston-super-Mare many years ago.

Reader Trevor Riddle of Yatton (Mr Railway Correctness of Tunbridge...) has written to correct us:

Coal shipped in to Yeo Wharf was transported by the WCPR to Clevedon Gasworks. Weston-super-Mare Gasworks received coal via the GWR and, later, BR. The course of the transfer siding near to Weston-super-Mare station was quite discernible until fairly recently.

I think Trevor knows everything.....



...which is just as well.

So far as I know I haven't properly met Trevor, a situation I mean to remedy in the near future. This month he sent me a lovely note thanking me for the bird pictures (which are even lovelier in colour on the village website) - when really I should be thanking him for his unstinting twitching.



Kenn W.I.

Invites You to an

Evening with Mrs Peggy Weeks

Ideas for Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration

Wednesday 25th November 2009 at 7.30pm

At the Village Hall, Kenn Street, Kenn

*Tickets £4 each
available from WJ
members*



Kennites have been keeping the Fire Service busy recently, I started it when my incinerator, lit on a very windy day, and too close to the wood pile suddenly sent out an ember that set the fence alight – another oops. Within five minutes of my 999 call a delightful crew of charming firemen with their new small red Fire Engine arrived and dealt with it. I agreed that having a fire in such weather was not the best idea and they let me off with a caution.

A little while later it seems that Chris Taylor's chimney at Corner Cottage ignited and necessitated, not one but three visits by the fire service – again wonderful service.

If any of us would like a Free Home Safety Fire Visit call 0800 1693 999 or go to www.avonfire.gov.uk or test "Temple fire station" on 077814 82627. Copies of the Fire Brigade's advertising leaflet are in the notice board at the Village Hall.

Noticeboard at Village Hall - There is now a list of noticeboard key holders displayed in the noticeboard with phone numbers.

Moor News

To either get or not get regular copies of Moor News (cost £6 per annum) speak to your magazine delivery person – otherwise call me, Margaret on 01275 874077, and I will see if I can fix it!

Christmas Parties

Christmas Tea Party – Wednesday 2nd December 3.00-5.00pm invitations will be issued during November – We meet to make arrangements at 7.30pm Monday 2nd November at Chaseside, Kenn – volunteers to help, make food etc. are more than welcome. (if you can't make the meeting send your promises)

Children's Party Tuesday 22nd December – Nutty Noah has been booked – more details next month.

Auction of Promises in aid of St. Barnabas Church, Claverham 20th November

If you want to be there but have not yet sent your application and money – do so quickly as the event is almost fully subscribed!!! I have spare forms if you need one!

Parish Plan – well done to the Parish Planners – beautifully executed – a wonderful advertisement for this lovely village. Thanks go to them all.



Village Hall Booking Secretary: Jean Fenwick 875073 or Irene Stowell 872472 St John the Evangelist Priest in charge: Rev Preb John Andrews 01934 830208 Churchwardens: Julia Bush 873554 John Ball 874077 Church Floodlighting: David Pugh 874278	Hazel 349535 Altar Guild Secretary: Marianna Mackay 340323 North Somerset Council: 01934 888 888 out of hours: 01934 622 669 News & Views: Hazel Limage 01275 349535 Sheila Naish 01934 838357 Margaret Ball 01275 874077
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The Village Lunch Will be at Angelina's on November 3rd from midday.	The Village Market in November Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, November 28th 10:00am till midday.
The editor needs a favour - does anyone have a copy of the Bristol Evening Post dated Thursday October 29th? Please call on 01275 349535 if you can lend a copy for a couple of hours. Many thanks. Hazel	The Coffee Morning at the New Room will be held on Saturday, 21 st November 10:00am until midday Celia Andrews will be your hostess, inviting your donations for Christian Aid via the Present Aid scheme.

<div> Clevedon Salerooms FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS </div> <div> Tel: 01934 830111 Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com </div>	
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Victorian and Later Sale Thursday 5th November 2009 10am	Quarterly Fine Art Sale Thursday 26th November 2009 10.30am
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Gina & Hilton Minakawa
wedding anniversary

10th Irene Stowell
13th Sheila Naish
Jody Stowell
Nadia Silvester
16th Miles and Sheila Naish
wedding anniversary

18th Romilly Hatcher Wilkins
21st Scarlett Silvester
22nd Emma Palmer (Smith)
27th Rebecca Brett (Fenwick)
Sarah Melling (Griffin)
28th Sarah Clark
Grace & John Griffin
Golden Wedding Anniversary
29th Richard Jaehme

The Church Tower was lit during September and October:

September 12th - to mark Florrie Membury's 95th birthday (Florrie is Trevor Riddle's mother-in-law)

October 6th - for Dave and Sue Pugh's 44th wedding anniversary

October 18th - for Evensong

October 20th - for Harvest Festival and Supper

October 27th - for Hartley and Jane Staples mothers' birthdays

October 29th - in memory of Edith Mary Jones

Kenn Nativity Play 2009

This is an important message for everyone in Kenn who wants to be involved in the Nativity Play this year.

We are very lucky that Jo Manning, a brilliant musician and teacher (many of you have heard her playing in the village concerts), is going to help us, so we should have great fun.

BUT, who is going to write this play, could it be you? Also, who will produce it? Calling all parents!

So, there is a meeting in the New Room, at 4pm on

NOV Sarah Clark, Marianna Mackay

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

PS: for our flower arrangers - it has become evident that John Andrews can't cope with lily pollen...



October Family Service

Despite the month's very changeable weather, the sun was shining, and the church was warm for our October Family Service, during which Harrison Rogers was baptised. It was good to see so many people there to welcome him.

Sunday Club are working on 'Parables' this autumn, and after Morgan beautifully read about the Good Samaritan, Celia read a parable written by Sunday Club members. Just as Jesus used stories about familiar people and circumstances to answer moral and theological questions, Sunday Club's parable was about things happening in

4.30pm-6pm

There may be a disco following on - TBA.
Entertainment by Nutty Noah,
back by popular demand.

Welcome to all ages; children & grandchildren
of Kennites plus parents & grandparents!
More details in the December magazine.
Spread the word to new Kennites!
Tel the Hot Line: 878782 for more information

Jo Batten

A reminder to everyone that the Carols on the
green will be on
11th December
with the brass band led by Andy Hicks.

Mobile Library:

Tuesday fortnights beginning November 3rd:

Duck Lane	09.35 – 9.55
Chapel Cottage, Kenn Street	10.00 – 10.20
Kenn Estate, Yatton Road	10.25 – 10.35

Calling all coffee (morning) lovers:

Many thanks to John and Grace Griffin who hosted the October Coffee Morning at short notice. It wasn't for a charity, just social contact, and the money kindly donated was reserved for New Room maintenance/supplies.

We are short of hosts for these coffee mornings, so if you would like to join in please get in touch with Grace and John (01275 872948)

November's Coffee Morning will be hosted by Celia Andrews in aid of Christian Aid.

No Cakes in November



Management at its best in Kenn

Yatton Choir CD

**£6 each
£10 for 2
£20 for 5**

Available from John and Grace Griffin 872948

MOOR MUSIC


Directed by Ian Hubbard



The Choirs of Yatton Moor

Crisis at Christmas

Collection of clothing for Crisis at Christmas will be even more vital this year as the recession bites. CLEAN clothing and non perishable food to be left in the Church Porch or Church Bath Cottage. Cheques should be



09:30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11:00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour
18:00 Evensong Yatton (Book of Common Prayer (1662))

2nd Sunday 13th THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton
09:30 Family Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham
11:00 Trinity Praise Cleeve
11:00 Holy Communion Kenn with Holy Baptisms
18:00 Evensong Kingston Seymour (Book of Common Prayer (1662))
18.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 20th EVE OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE (THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

KENN HARVEST FESTIVAL

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham
09.30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11:00 Harvest Festival Service Kenn
14:30 Holy Baptism Yatton
18:00 Harvest Evensong Kenn (Book of Common Prayer (1662))

4th Sunday 27th THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

KINGSTON SEYMOUR & CLAVERHAM HARVEST FESTIVALS

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion + Holy Baptism Cleeve
10.00 Harvest Family Service Claverham
11:00 Harvest Festival Service Kingston Seymour
14:30 Holy Baptism Yatton
18:00 Harvest Evensong Kingston Seymour (Book of Common Prayer (1662))
18:30 Evening Worship Yatton Methodist Church

HOLY DAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

29th – Tuesday MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

including talking books and books in large print, plus helpful staff to assist with all your information needs.



Easy to Join

Just bring along some identification linking your name and address, and you can usually borrow straight away. If you already have a library card from North Somerset or neighbouring councils, you can use it on the mobile library.

Items borrowed from the mobile library may be returned to or renewed at any library in North Somerset or the neighbouring council areas.



Items may also be renewed by telephone or via the internet.

The mobile library has a lift to help disabled and infirm people - just ask the staff.

The library visits Kenn fortnightly on Tuesdays - the new timetable begins on November 3rd. Stops are at the end of Duck Lane by Kate

time. We can report some progress in getting the answers for you:

1 ***What is going on at the Drum?***

Graham and Rosemary have sent along a whole host of information, most of which is on pages 24 and 25.

2 ***How do we go about getting a notice in the Village Hall notice board?***

Margaret writes in her mutterings that there is, on the notice board, a list of key-holders.

3 ***Who do we speak to about getting Moor News, or to stop getting it?***

Margaret (what would we do without her?) tells us that a swift call to her on 01275 874077 will get you taken off the list, or put on it if you aren't on it and would like to be.

This month there are another two questions - at this rate there'll be no more questions or answers soon because we'll all know everything there is to know!

1. If I've taken early retirement and have time on my hands can I lend a hand sometimes typing things up for the History Project? Or spending time taking down oral history from older Kennites? Or scanning documents for the website? **(Yes, yes, yes....)**

2. Is there a way we can put in requests for our favourite Christmas carols when we go singing on the green this year - especially if we're willing make a donation for the privilege?

3. Precisely which occasions are celebrated with flag-flying? Are there some rules? Is it like the tower lighting - is a donation

CLEVELDON LIGHT OPERA CLUB
DIAMOND JUBILEE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



11TH & 12TH



DECEMBER

PRINCES HALL, CLEVELDON.

7.30 PM

A JOINT PRODUCTION OF C.L.O.C. - SENIORS & JUNIORS.

SONGS FROM THE SHOWS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL- 01275 349050

probably from Iceland. A Grey Wagtail and a Kingfisher were also seen; indeed, there seemed to be Kingfishers at several local sites.

Along the sea wall a few Wheatears were till passing through, including five that were feeding on a recently “muckspread” field. No doubt the muck contained a lot of insects and worms. There were many Linnets and Meadow Pipits and at Blake’s Pools a Reed Warbler sang briefly. Skylark numbers also built up and there was concerted song from this species too on the warm sunny days.

On the 13th there was a flock of 20 Blackbirds, presumably migrants from the continent, along with a single Fieldfare and half a dozen Redwings.

Stonechat pairs have resumed their winter territories on the moors, and the Wemberham Lane Peregrine has started to take up station on the pylons on late afternoons, no doubt waiting for prey species to fly to roost. I saw my last Swallow at Breen Down on the 14th where migrant Ring Ouzels had been reported (as usual) I did not see them.

A Barn Owl was still at Congresbury Moor and by the time you read this Redwings and Fieldfares should have arrived in force.

Trevor Riddle



Snipe (*gallinago gallinago*)



Grey Wagtail (*motacilla cinerea*)



power station at Hinkley Point. This will mean new (possibly even bigger) pylons to carry the power along a route corridor from Bridgwater, Churchill and Avonmouth.

The leaflet we have received shows us that some fields in Kenn could be used for these pylons and even if they are not, how big are they going to be?

If you are interested to find out more or make a comment/give feedback to the National Grid there are several ways you can do this.

- At your local council offices
- At your local library
- At public exhibitions - (this is just one of them) - Hangstones Pavillion, Stowey Road 3rd November 2-4pm and 6-8pm
- Via website – www.nationalgrid.com/hinkleyconnection
- Via their freepost address – Freepost RRKX/EBGK/XXHT, Hinkley C Connection Project, Connection Project, PO Box 5689, London W1A 4FG
- Via telephone number – 0800 377 7347 – lines open 7.30am-7.30pm Monday to Friday and 7.30am-1pm Saturday).

Troy Gale



I have pictures of pylons in my collection going back almost to the days of my first camera. I used to think of them as majestic beings, striding purposefully across the land, bringing the electricity to our dark houses...

I still like pylons. They're everywhere, but most people barely notice them - we're so used to them. From the research about wind farms it became clear that, when questioned, people said they didn't like pylons either, but were unable to say where there were any...

Anyway, the way I see it, the electricity has to get to the grid somehow. As consumers we seem to want all the electricity we can get, all day, every day, with no interruptions; we want to pay as little for it as we can, but we don't want it generated by wind farms, barrages, nuclear power, coal, gas from the Ukraine, oil from Russia, and we don't want it to get to us overground (pylons, brain damage...) or underground (digging up the road and 15

Festival of Lights – although Indians ethnically make up about 8% of the population - the third largest ethnic group - actual Hindus are registered as only 4% of the population. But, true to Singapore's multi racial harmonious system, everyone gets a holiday. We spent the bank holiday fairly quietly as my husband S was on a business trip back to the UK and I had the kids on my own - in the swimming pool as usual. It was in the middle of a two-week half term for one of the kids - P - who is 4. You come half way around the world in search of the exotic, only to find many aspects of life are exactly the same - which schools to send your kids to, and what to do with them everyday in the school holidays.

We have kids in two different schools at present and, obviously, their holidays do not coincide - just the way it worked when we arrived. The Australians usually send theirs to the Australian School. The Americans largely use the American School. For Brits there is not such a clear cut distinction - it all depends on waiting lists and whether you want A levels or International Baccalaureate. It's a major topic of conversation here.

So it was that at the British Chamber of Commerce Gala Awards dinner at the Shangri-La hotel I found myself next to a newly arrived British couple. The usual openers of 'how long have you been here?'; 'is this your first overseas posting?'; and, most importantly for wives, 'where do your kids go to school?' all drew diametrically opposing answers to us. So, slightly searching for the next topic and some common ground, we were saved by the arrival of Prince Andrew, who bowled in half way through dinner. He gave an 'interesting' speech about British business overseas which led to some speculation about did he know he would be called upon to speak or had he not been warned and had an off the cuff talk. Hilarious entertainment was caused by the posh BBC World Service lady presenter running the proceedings, who got very flustered by the speech and called Prince Andrew 'Duke' to much amusement of all present - then 'Duke' left shortly thereafter - probably for a game of night golf that's very popular here.

Next month hurrah - no school holidays in November and a surprise trip to Kate's kitchen in Kenn!

Best Wishes
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(colour slides of industrial steam locomotives in the 60s)

A Life on the Railway

Colin Forse (pictured above) presents his fascinating memoir of a local lad's life on the railway

Just VW at Kenn Road, Kenn, near Clevedon – on Saturday morning to find a driver had ploughed on to his sales forecourt. The driver of the car had lost control of his Renault Laguna and crashed into three cars, before ending up on the other side of the road. Police were called to the crash, which happened at around 3am, by a passerby, and a 26-year-old man from Clevedon has been charged with driving with excess alcohol.

The driver wrote off an 04 plate Ford Ka worth £2,795, an 04 Toyota Yaris priced at £4,500 and an 04 plate Nissan Micra for sale at £3,600. He managed to avoid hitting a fourth car also parked on the forecourt. The accident also caused substantial damage to the bollards and chain link fencing erected around the car sales area.

Mr Davies, who has been a car dealer for several years, only opened the new business in April. Mr Davies said: "I had a phone call from a friend, who lives just round the corner, on Saturday morning to tell me there had been an accident. "The driver was travelling out of Clevedon and mounted the high kerb at the front of the forecourt and took out the bollards before hitting the cars.

"He hit the Nissan Micra at such force he moved it back 18ft. All the cars have been totally written off as a result of the accident and what I found on Saturday morning was a scene of utter devastation. It was the last thing you expect to see happen to your business."

As well as the damage to the cars, the bill to repair the damage done to the forecourt is also expected to run into a few thousand pounds – taking the total bill for the accident to around £20,000.

Mr Davies, 32, added: "By the time the insurance assessors have been out and everything is repaired, I think it will probably be Christmas before I am back open and trading as normal again.

"It's not just the damage to the cars and property, but the loss of trade I will suffer until I am back open. It is lucky it didn't happen in the day, when people may have been on the pavement."



A menu is being arranged for New Year's Eve - details in next month's magazine.

Breakfast is still on the menu, and is proving quite popular. More new services are planned for the coming weeks - look out for news here.

On January 19th Barry Paul returns as Elvis - and there are more Entertainment Nights planned for the New Year.

Quiz nights are still really well supported, and will continue for the foreseeable future - come along and see if you can Beat Your Neighbour!

We will be holding a free coffee morning as soon as we can organise a Saturday when the village has time (!) to introduce ourselves, answer questions and welcome you all to the Drum. In the meantime feel free to pop in and see us - we're happy to chat.

The Christmas Fayre Menu is shown opposite - it's available from November 1st until January 31st. If you'd like to book then telephone on 01275 873433, or call in to book or pick up a booking form. (Please note that a deposit of £5 per person will be required).

The Christmas Day Menu is available at the Drum and bookings are being taken. We'll print the menu here next month.

We'll be very happy to welcome you to the Drum at any time!

Graham Hoyland and Rosemary Hopkins



Christmas Fayre Menu

Available from 1st November 2009 to 31st January 2010

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day
Served with a crusty bread roll

Chicken Liver, Cream and Cognac Pate
With hot brown toast

Cranberry and Brie Filo Parcels
Served with salad and cranberry dip

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey
Served with all the festive trimmings and cranberry sauce

Roast Topside of Beef
With Yorkshire Pudding

Fillet of Salmon in a Herby Crust
With a creamy white wine sauce

Stuffed Peppers
Served with a rich tomato sauce

Desserts

Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce

Chocolate Yule Log
Caramelised Orange Torte
Selection of ice-creams

Cheese Board

Coffee and mints

And as I watched the leaf unfurled
I fell into a different world
The spell of nature, I believe,
I watch the spider spin and weave,
Witness a woodpecker's flash of green
And rabbits, startled to be seen
And now I see these things, and more,
Things that went unseen before
Among the sprawling urban grime,
I say thank you, and find the time
To sit, and watch, and learn, and see
The power of life and what should be.

Debbie Webster



When we arrived we were greeted with wine and canapés, a beautiful lunch (with more wine) and the company of Ston Easton's head gardener. The house is luxurious and the staff were very attentive.

After lunch we were given a fascinating lecture about Loofah cultivation (difficult) and how to turn the loofah into the useful bathroom object it becomes (messy). I suspect many people think that the loofah is some sort of sea plant, when in fact it is a member of the cucumber family and grows in hot climates.

We then had a tour round the spectacular gardens and just time for a cream tea.

Robin Mackay



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