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**Another month** - and a magazine that's a bit bursting at the seams, which is brilliant. More people are saying more things, there's been a good deal going on, and I've remembered to include things I forgot last time...

I was asked if the times and dates could migrate to a place where they were all together, so I've gone for the centre-fold pull-out option. The middle bit can be pulled out and nailed somewhere useful. Not on the cat, I think, but perhaps the fridge or cooker-hood?

We have acquired a Singapore correspondent. You need to know that Megan Walters, (Chartered Surveyor - very clever), is an honorary Kennite of sorts. She went to school in Portishead with Kevin (Moorgates) and spends a good deal of her time when home from the Far East in Kenn with Kate and the girls, and, if her visit coincides, comes to events and get-togethers. I trust you'll find the news from the other side of the world as fascinating as we do - and we'll make sure that Megan meets as many of you as possible when she's home next year.

Last month I asked what new residents wanted to know about living in Kenn. I've had a huge response, from both old and new Kennites - all wanting, as it happens, to know pretty much the same things. All the questions they asked are on page 22; we'll print the answers as they come in with a view to producing a Welcome to Kenn Pack in the near future.

All this interest in the magazine is really heartening - thank you all for doing your bit. It's called News and **VIEW**S, and your views really are important. If there's anything in the magazine you hate, or would like to see done differently, or if there's something you feel is missing, then just shout up. Reply to a letter, comment on an article, ramble aimlessly. It's all village life, and we need more of it!!

Hazel

## Dough Sunday – aka Lammas Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

The prime mover was Gerald Harris who discussed with John Ball, that they/we should do something with a theme from 'field to food', to tie in with the period of Lammas which somehow became Dough Sunday (dough - bread/money). This was early July – a meeting was called for 15<sup>th</sup> July, was wonderfully attended, plans were made, offers were accepted and we met again briefly on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

The purpose of the day was to raise money for Church Funds and the Great Western Air Ambulance, to provide an opportunity for the villages to work and play together and to give all the people, mainly men, who have worked so hard restoring and caring for old farm equipment, the chance to meet, and use their machinery and give a display to youngsters of all ages.

The event started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July in Roger Fortune's field off Lampley Road, Kingston Seymour when Roger Triggol from Tickenham brought along his Fordson Tractor (1940s) and Hornsby Binder (1920s). The reapers who assisted included Gerald Harris, Mervyn Baker and John Ball plus several others – hence the title of the DVD 'Eight Men went to Mow'. After a few false starts, when the knotter didn't knot, needing lots of adjustments - they did a magnificent job – caught on video, with black thunderclouds over Mendip and blue skies towards Clevedon. Several hours later part of the field was cropped and the sheaves were stacked into stooks and left to dry.

An oat roller was needed, which Roger Triggol found, John Ball cleaned, Colin Marks, John Hayden and Robert Down repaired (all within a month) and it was used on the day.

Activity in the field started around 8.30am with machines of all shapes and sizes arriving – signs being made, safety ropes set up.

Around midday the sheaves arrived at Kenn - some on a Model T. Ford One Ton Truck (Roger Triggol) and more loaded onto a beautiful old wooden wagon (Norman Harris) pulled by Bob Cox of Long Ashton's heavy horses. The crop was then threshed, with the corn going into Hessian sacks, the straw was baled on Gerald's static baler. Some of the chaff was cut for horse feed. The oats were rolled – the wheat was ground into flour – *Hazel has taken some of the flour to make bread for harvest.*

Meanwhile nearer and in the Hall was more activity – The DVD was showing the harvesting – Caroline Holden - book, plant, bric-a-brac stalls; John and Grace Griffin – Tombola; Jackie Wright – cakes; John Sawyer – walking sticks; Steve Thomas – knots; Robert Down – photographs and competition; Sarah and Dave Harris – spinning; Mike and Liz Bell – children's cooking area; Hazel Cole - China Smashing.

Meanwhile in the kitchen Jean Fenwick and helpers were preparing the Ploughman's Lunches – followed later by the Kingston Seymour Cream Tea Team and even later by Hot Dogs from Simon and Jenny.

Lise Willcox's cow, Kracker, arrived in the orchard and duly provided the Kowpat, which raised around £500.00 – the lucky winner was Bob Ford who generously returned the prize to the charity – Thank you Bob.

After Kracker had done her job, Mike Davey hitched his heavy horse up to a cart and offered rides around the orchard – raising over £50 in donations. This was the theme of the day – everyone gave very generously – the Ploughman's Lunches ran out after a hundred had been served and the Cream Tea ladies managed one hundred and ten before the scones were gone but they carried on serving tea for a long time.

Hazel Limage, with help from Andrew and Jon ran a very welcome bar and even there the beer and cider were exhausted by late afternoon, although some of us continued to enjoy the wine until well into the evening – This raised a further £132.50 profit.

The result (at 21.8.9) about £2,500.00 profit with donations from those could not come still arriving. We reckon to be able to pass on £1,500 each to the Great Western Air Ambulance and to Yatton Moor General Fund.

(Unfortunately the Air Ambulance Helicopter did not make an appearance – maybe this was for the best as it costs so much money to run – or should I say fly!!)

Several of us attended Evensong at St. John's Church, with Hazel's Lammas sheaf-shaped loaf, on the altar. Preb. John Andrews blessed it and all those who had shared their skills and talents on the day.

Margaret Ball







## VILLAGE MARKET

The July Market was held once again in good weather which brought out plenty of customers. Julia's cake stall raised money for the Yatton Moor Team Fund and also for the "Lamb Hospital" in Bangladesh where a friend of hers is an Obstetrician.

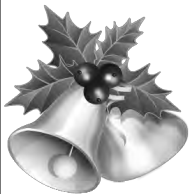
A donation of paperbacks was given with a request that the proceeds of sale were given to the Cats Protection League. This has now been done. As usual the table and refreshment takings have gone to the Village Hall Fund.

## THE NEXT VILLAGE MARKET

The next Village will be on Saturday September 26th. ***We have moved to the fourth Saturday*** so we don't clash with other local events.

Dates for the rest of the year are:

September 26th  
October 24th  
November 28th



As the fourth Saturday in December is Boxing Day we will be holding a special Christmas Market on

**DECEMBER 12th**



## Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th September

10am - 12 noon

The Church New Room

Kenn Street

In Aid of the Breast Cancer  
Campaign Cancer Research



## What's on at the Drum?

We still have no idea. But sometimes we think we wouldn't mind knowing....

## Village Lunch

The Village Lunch in September will be held at

**Angelina's Restaurant**

(Warrens Holiday Village, Colehouse Lane)

on

Tuesday 1st September  
from 12 noon

Where Stefan and his wife will be pleased to welcome us.

Bums and Tums is on holiday so there will be no Keep Fit in the village hall on Tuesdays until later on in the year. Watch this space...



**Kenn has talent** - for proof pop along and see Rosie and Jenny Treble, and their musical Treble cousins in "Copacabana" - a **Clevedon Light Opera Club Juniors** production.

9th - 12th September  
Princes Hall

Curtain Up at 7.30pm  
Tickets from Souk in the Triangle or  
ticket hotline 07910584490

**Chaseside, Kenn**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**Angelina's at Warrens Holiday Village**

Chip & I went to Angelina's for lunch last week and were astonished to find what was tucked away down that unprepossessing and frankly rather shabby turning off Colehouse Lane. Angelina's itself is an extremely well appointed place, with a warm welcome and food a long way on the right side of acceptable. It was particularly good to see Stefan Beardshaw looking very cheery once again. If anyone is hawking about venturing there for the Village Lunch, we give it our unhesitating recommendation.

Ray Granger

**Marianna's Fashion Show**

This now annual and eagerly anticipated event will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. Starting promptly at 7.30pm your host Simon will present a wonderful array of inexpensively priced high street clothing. He always has clothes to tempt a wide range of people, introduced in his own inimitable style. As before, his models will give you a chance to see the garments being worn.

This year Marianna is raising money for CLIC Sargent. Every day 10 families are told the devastating news that their child has cancer. CLIC Sargent is the only charity offering them care and support, every step of the way. 30 years ago only 30% of children were long-term survivors of their cancer. Now more than 70% survive, but their specialist care and the support for their family costs a huge amount of money. CLIC Sargent is there to provide the support, we are here to raise the money they need.

All the proceeds from the sale of tickets and glasses of wine will go to the charity.

Tickets are selling fast with over 50% sold in the first few days. If you want a ticket please contact Marianna on 340323.

**CLIC Sargent**



**Caring for Children with Cancer**

Tel: 01934 830111

**Clevedon Salerooms**  
 FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Email: [info@clevedon-salerooms.com](mailto:info@clevedon-salerooms.com)

**Victorian and Later Sale**

Thursday 24th September 2009

Viewing at Saleroom  
 Wednesday 23rd September 2009  
 10am - 7:30pm  
 Morning of sale from 9am

**Quarterly Fine Art Sale**

Thursday 10 September 2009

Viewing at Saleroom  
 08 September 2pm - 5:30pm  
 09 September 10am - 7:30pm  
 Morning of sale from 9am

## SUMMER WALK – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Twenty-five of us, from Kenn, Kingston, Yatton, Clevedon, Hewish and Wick St. Lawrence, met at Cloverlea and, having been waved off by Ray, went in loose convoy through Tickenham towards Portbury. The beautiful sunny weather of Saturday and Sunday had been replaced on Monday by several different forms of rain. Fortunately, for the duration of our walk the sky remained overcast with only the lightest of drizzle and even a glimpse of the sun.

Jeff took us to a field, previously part of Lord Wraxall's estate, which he rents from a charity formed for St. Michael's Hospital. Jeannie and Chris know the area and offered to organise a walk in this area as the bluebells are wonderful. (Diary date 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May!!)

We made our way across rough grass through a herd of cattle to see a very pretty group of Appaloosa yearling horses, five of which were beautifully spotted. Although they have little contact with people, these dainty creatures were as interested in us as we in them. The cameras were clicking well!

During the war this field was used by the Home Guard as a rifle range and there were various poles, now rusty, where warning flags had been flown. Use as a rifle range was continued more recently by the police service. We had passed a field of maize on our way and Jeff told us that this was known as 'Hangman's Acre', the place where, it was said, criminals from Bristol were dealt with!!

The parkland aspect of the area is enhanced by a large number of ancient oak trees – a group of us 'hugged' the largest and judging by its girth – it needed five of us to encircle it – it is around five hundred years old. There was also the silvery-grey skeleton of a lightning blasted oak – very dramatic!

Jeff has only been renting the field for a short period, but he has heard strange noises whilst there alone – which turned out to be gibbons and other creatures at Noah's Ark – just the other side of the ridge. He has also spotted some escaped spotted pigs – had they perhaps brushed against some of his Appaloosa horses?

The field is in a valley between stands of ancient woodland and we understand that behind the trees is an ancient Celtic walled terrace. There is also a large round tump or mound, which we discussed. There were various suggestions – perhaps spoil from mining or even an iron-age camp, no one really knew.

Views from the field were extensive – The Forest of Dean, two of the three Avonmouth Windmills, most of the docks, the River Severn and the Avonmouth Bridge were all picked out. Towards the top of the field we crossed a damp gully, this changed as we wended our way back down becoming first a slender watercress stream, then a babbling brook before forming several ponds in the next property.

In this area Jeannie spotted a small frog, which Chris promptly photographed, Andrea caught and passed to Bethany to hold – when the creature had been fully inspected and snapped it was returned to the damp grass to make its way home and we did likewise. Grateful thanks were expressed to Jeff.

Norman and Vernon offered to guide us in Kingston Seymour next month – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 6.45pm at Cloverlea or 7.00pm All Saints Church car park.

Margaret Ball

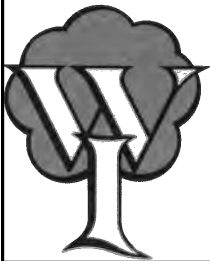


## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A large group of members of the W.I. and some guests set off one evening in August for their Magical Mystery Tour. The tour was magical, it took us via the Lakes, Cheddar, Wells, the Harptrees and a host of other places on the Mendips to our final destination at a pub at Priddy. A very hearty meal was enjoyed by everyone. Then began the mystery bit of the tour! While inside the pub the mist had descended and it was not at all certain whether the driver would be able to find his way. Apart from a mishap with a wing mirror in a very narrow lane all was well and another of our annual events had been much enjoyed.

Two teams will represent Kenn at the quiz organised by Southern Clevedon W.I. and a team will also go to the County Quiz in Portishead in September.

In September we return to the formal meetings after the summer break and member Heather Saxby will take us on her magical tour round Cape Horn. We look forward to it. Visitors are always welcome.



Ann Holtham

## Parish Plan

The Parish Plan is nearing completion, and, with luck and a little less Grangerian procrastination than hitherto, should be published in September.

Ray Granger

## LOST - KENN VILLAGE HALL/FIELD on Dough Sunday

A partly used DISPOSABLE CAMERA - by Tim Taylor, he left in on the seat - it contains a photographic record of the rebuilding of his latest tractor.

If you saw it, please have a think as to where it might be and help Tim to get it back.

## Kenn Village Hall

We have recently held a Hall Committee Meeting and it was very pleasing to see from our records and accounts that the Hall has been very well supported during the last year. A variety of events has taken place – a Musical Evening; Harvest Supper; Fashion Show; Wedding Receptions; Charity fundraising; Jumble Sales; private parties; Dough Sunday and, in particular, the monthly Village Market have been very successful and we have, therefore, decided to cap our rents for the forthcoming year.

Our new porch and cloakrooms appear to have been a great success and we are sure that this has enhanced our bookings. We could not have had these new facilities if it had not been for all the wonderful support we received in enabling us to make this happen.

If you would like to book the Hall, Jean Fenwick, our Bookings Secretary, would be pleased to hear from you on 01275 875073 (evenings). When booking your event we would ask you to bear in mind that our insurance for the Hall and adjoining area does not give us cover for bouncy castles and we also have a very strict “no fireworks” policy.

Thank you once again for supporting the Hall and here's to another successful year.

Sarah Clark  
Hon Secretary

## We would like to welcome some new residents to Duck Lane:

Frankie Bath at Merlin Cottage;

Sophie Stafford and Max Beech at Somerset Cottage; and

...we will say Hello to our new neighbours at Willow Cottage as soon as we can find them at home...

A very warm welcome to all of you from everyone - we know you'll enjoy the unique experience that is living in Kenn!!

## **Roland John Hazell**

With the death of Roland at the age of 94, Kenn has lost its oldest male resident.

He had a remarkable life, he was born at Manor Farm, Moor Road and lived every day of his life on the farm, except for a few weeks in a nursing home at the end of his life.

Roland was a very traditional farmer. He followed his father by milking a small herd of dairy cows as their chief source of income.

When Roland was a young man he branched out into several new enterprises. He set up a small hatchery; hatching chicken in incubators, which was a new thing in those days. He specialised in supplying farmers' wives with a hen and twelve chicks, which he put together. He was also a specialist rose grower, budding rare types of garden roses onto wild rose stocks which he found in the fields all around the area.

Further on into his life Roland became interested in Bee Keeping and became an expert. He was secretary of Blagdon Bee Keepers and won the Queen Bee Award at Bristol Flower Show for his honey; he often swept the board at the show winning all the prizes.

Roland went to Kenn School and later to the British School in Clevedon. He was a keen ballroom dancer and revelled in being able to do specialist dances like the polka.

In 1946 Roland married Winnie Dyer from Kenn Court, they had two children John and Sarah. Winnie died when only 66. Roland had four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

I often visited Roland in his latter years. He was an extremely interesting person to talk to. I have learned a lot from him about Kenn and its inhabitants of years ago. In his younger days he was Secretary of the Village Hall and could remember when it was built. Roland was a very keen gardener and was still able to dig it when in his 90's, latterly an operation he carried out when seated in his wheelchair.

His funeral was at Kenn Church and the church was packed. He had left instructions that it should be a happy occasion as he had been able to live such a long and happy life. He was one of those people who had managed to go through life without taking orders from anyone. As they say today "Roland was his own man".

On a personal note, I have bought thousands of calves in my lifetime and the first one I bought was from Roland when I was about 16, it was a roan heifer calf which was naturally polled, very rare, it cost £3.

I, like many others, will miss Roland. It is a bit of old Kenn gone for ever.

Ray Naish

### Thank you - Roly Hazell

On behalf of all the family we wish to thank everyone for all their kindness and support over the last few weeks, and especially for all the cards and letters we have received and for all the very generous donations received in memory of Dad for the Children's Hospice South West.

We are sure that Dad would have enjoyed his farewell and been very proud of his grandchildren for their contribution to the service. Thank you once again.

Sarah and John



### Jim Cox

Former Kenn resident, Jim Cox passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in a hospital in Perth, Australia aged 89. He immigrated to Australia some years ago.

Jim was the oldest of the eight children of Joe and Lillian Cox who brought up their large family in what was then called Pound Cottage. Joe was a carter at Kenn Court for around forty years. It was probably called Pound Cottage because it was near where the Village Pound was situated, where stray animals were impounded until claimed by their owners. During August Pound Cottage, more recently known as No. 1 Kenn Court Cottages, was demolished.

When I started at Kenn School in 1931, Jim and Sam Dyer were the senior boys, aged 11. They soon left, Jim to go to Highdale School in Clevedon and Sam to a School in Weston.

Jim was a very friendly lad. I think he trained as a carpenter before joining the R.A.F. soon after the outbreak of the last War. When Kenn Estate was built in 1938, Joe and Lillian were the first family to be offered a tenancy there; due to them being so overcrowded at Pound Cottage. What a wonderful thing for this large family, being able to move into a four-bedroomed house after being cooped up in a two up, two down cottage. How they found room to sleep no one knows.

Jim's youngest brother Ivor was born soon after they moved into the Estate. He still lives there. Ivor and his sister Iris are the only two survivors of the family. Iris also lives in Perth, Australia. Before emigrating Jim married Margaret, a girl from Yatton, who survives him.

Ray Naish

**Editor's note - see page 27 for news of Kenn Court Cottages as of this week....**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The judging in the Village of the Year Competition has now been completed and the results are awaited, but it would still be nice to keep the village litter-free so if you see any rubbish and it is safe to pick it up, please do so and take it home to dispose of it. Thank you.

At the August meeting of the Parish Council the subjects discussed were many and various. The chief topic to provoke most comment was the subject of firework displays. It was felt that it is totally unacceptable to hold a display without giving adequate warning to those people who are themselves vulnerable or who have animals getting very distressed by the sudden noise and bangs. Every effort will be made to try to set up a Code of Practice to mitigate the effect of these displays. It will be considered as an item in the Parish Plan. The Village Hall already has a no fireworks policy for events there.

The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. If there is a subject that you wish to air please come along, there is a space on the agenda for public participation.

Ann Holtham

## Thank you to our friends and neighbours in Kenn .....

As some of you know, Kevin's father, Mac Wilkins, recently suffered several sudden heart attacks whilst walking on the Quantocks. In spite of the very best efforts of his fellow walkers, The Devon Air Ambulance, and the staff of ICU at Devon and Exeter Hospital, seventy-two hours later, Kevin, his brother Mark, and their mother, Jill, made the heartbreaking decision to withdraw his ventilator. Three hours later Mac passed quietly away.

We arrived home, bewildered and bereft, very late in the evening of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, to find a bag of freshly dug vegetables on our doorstep – our first gentle reminder that life has to go on, however difficult it seems. In the days that followed, we were overwhelmed with your incredibly kind and supportive cards, thoughts, words, deeds and hugs.

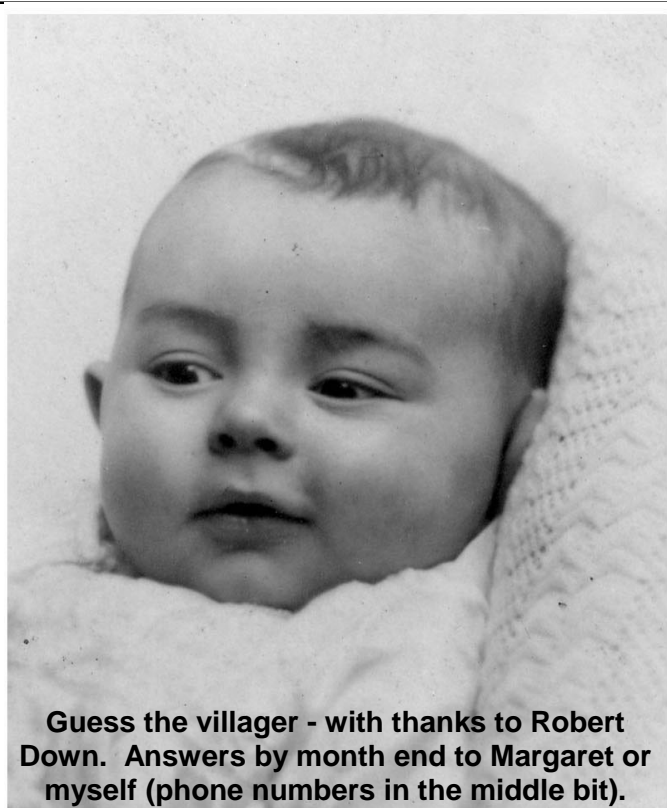
We have despaired at our loss over the past week and the knowledge that Mac neither suffered himself, nor knew anything of our anguish, is affording us the strength to slowly move forward. Perhaps only now that he is gone do we really appreciate what we are without him, and we want him to know that without him, life seems very, very difficult.

Earlier this week, we held a Memorial Service at St John's, and celebrated Mac's life. It wouldn't have been possible without the kindness and support of so many people, but we'd particularly like to thank:

John Andrews for permitting us to hold the service in the church; Jane Staples and Jo Cheek for creating the most bright and cheerful floral arrangements imaginable; Hartley Staples, John and Margaret Ball for managing and directing the 150 or so guests at the church [not to mention producing a gazebo out of nowhere for the additional guests]; Robert Downs, for the loan of his photographic display boards; Hazel Limage for keeping our daughters Romilly and Jemima entertained elsewhere during the day; and, finally, Cheryl Quinn for providing a wonderful tea afterwards at the Village Hall.

And above all, we're so very thankful for the life of the wonderful man who was, to our children, simply "Granpa".

Kevin and Kate, Moorgate House



Guess the villager - with thanks to Robert Down. Answers by month end to Margaret or myself (phone numbers in the middle bit).

## What Price a Nice Flower Display?

A while ago I was working in Kenya and travelling by road from Kisumu to El Doret in the east of the country. Kenya, whilst not as stricken by poverty as some of the places I have been, (Sierra Leone, the shanties of Lagos and Cote d'Ivoire), is still incredibly poor. Outside the towns there is, at best, one hand pumped well to serve a cluster of villages and you see children carrying huge containers of water for considerable distances for their families' needs every day. Rubbish dumps are picked over for anything that can be used for food, clothing or shelter. Many villages are just a bunch of huts made out of corrugated tin and bits of sheeting. Some are old style grass huts, no sanitation - just open drains. Everywhere people scratch a living dragging enormous hand carts made from the axles of old cars to trade their wares at the roadside markets. Bags of charcoal, pop bottles of kerosene and petrol, anything to make a living.

So imagine my feelings driving up onto the high plateau and seeing, out of nowhere, a Boeing 747. Just sat there by some huts - no airport - just a landing strip and this immense plane - and close up a 747 is immense. I asked the driver what was it doing there? The answer? Taking cut flowers to Europe. I could see thousands of acres of land given over to crops but had assumed that this was food for the population. No - it was flowers so that we in our smug European comfort can have fresh flowers in our living rooms. The workers in the fields were there long days with little in the way of tools or transport to help them. I have since found they get about 1 dollar a day for their work and suffer horrendously from the effects of exposure to insecticides long banned in Europe. I felt sick. The most productive land in a pitifully poor country is taken up to grow flowers that fly out daily in a Jumbo jet to the Netherlands market and then on to the UK, Europe and America.

It wasn't much later that El Doret and Kisumu exploded in a riot of inter-tribal violence - you may recall reading about it, election rigging set it off. It didn't surprise me one jot. Yes, it was inter-tribal and about corruption but when you are so poor you will fight over anything to preserve your family. What did they have to lose? These people don't ask much out of life but they get even less. At the time I was there a drought was killing thousands by starvation. They had no water for their crops or their skeletal cows and goats. Yet there, close by, is Lake Victoria at over 200 kilometres wide and even longer, the seventh largest freshwater lake in the world. Kisumu sits on the lakeside and people were starving because of the drought. The flowers, however, were well watered - mustn't let the supermarkets down - after all we *need* those flowers, Mum's birthday, weddings in the church - all good causes. OK, so those flowers provide trade and income for Kenya, the trouble is those workers in the fields see none of it. The businessmen and the politicians rake off everything leaving one dollar a day and disfiguration for the workers.

What on earth is going on when the most productive land is used not to grow food for the people who farm it, but for flowers (the most consumable of commodities) which have to be flown, at enormous cost to the environment, to markets thousands of miles away? We should think, next time we buy cut flowers, of the poverty of the workers, the illnesses they suffer, the exploitation they endure and the damage to the environment - and then perhaps we should think again about buying cut flowers.

Andrew Limage

## Snake News 1

I saw an adder slithering into one of our compost bins about 3 weeks ago now. After double-checking the internet to spare myself the embarrassment of mistaking a slow worm for an adder I am sure it was an adder. Females usually give birth around this time of year and as it's nice and warm and safe in a compost bin, it probably was a perfect place for that. Although it's very exciting to witness wildlife in your garden I am not too keen to have a venomous snake slithering around my garden as Anouk loves being barefoot and plays hide and seek in any corner of the garden. We haven't seen the snake again and the noise and excitement might have scared it away. Phew!

Angela Caney

## Neighbourhood Watch

Thanks to the responsible action of several villagers alerting ourselves and the Police to their suspicions about some door-to-door salesmen in Kenn at the beginning of the month Police investigations are now under way. If anyone else has further information please let the Police know.

### 11<sup>th</sup> August

Hello from Peter, PCSO at Clevedon Police Station

#### Burglary

Please be aware that two burglaries in Kenn & Congresbury have been reported to us over the past two days.

The first was in a property in Kenn Road, Kenn which occurred between 7am & 5.30pm on Sun 9th Aug.

The offender(s) entered the property by forcing the locks on a rear window, made an untidy search of the entire property & stole cash & items of jewellery before making off.

The second occurred in Park Road, Congresbury at 3am on Monday 10h August when the offenders were disturbed by the residents after gaining entry through an insecure window. Fortunately they ran off but they did manage to take two sets of house / car keys.

If you think that you may have seen anyone acting suspiciously in either of these areas then please do contact the Police on 0845 456 7000 giving any information you feel may be relevant. Please remember to ask that your call is tagged Neighbourhood Watch and quote Ringmaster message number JC773.

### 6<sup>th</sup> August

Hello from Richard, PCSO Support Officer at Nailsea Police Station.

#### Cold Callers

Please be aware that once again it would appear that we have cold callers operating in the North Somerset area offering their services to Block Pave Driveways.

As always we recommend that residents take extreme care when agreeing to have work carried out by anyone who cold calls at your home.

If you do decide to agree to use such services, please remember to obtain written quotes before any work is carried out and also check any business address relating to a company actually exists and relates to that company. Also worth bearing in mind is that you should be offered a 7 day calling off period before any work is carried out.

If you have any further questions or concerns about a company then please contact your local Trading Standards office.

Thank you.

Richard Stamp. PCSO 01934 638300.  
[richard.stamp@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:richard.stamp@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

### 29<sup>th</sup> July

Hello from Julian Matthews PCSO at Weston.

In Weston yesterday morning a man in his eighties was conned by two males. They informed him they were tree surgeons and could see that his Silver Birch needed trimming. They cut off some small branches and then gave him a bill for over four hundred pounds. They said they were from AR Thorne Tree Services. They were not employees of the company and were not driving a company vehicle but were wearing clothing with Thorne Logo on. Thorne is a legitimate company and this is not the first time these men have purported to work for THORNES. These people prey on the elderly. If any of your vulnerable neighbours suddenly have a couple of males working on their trees, pop in and check everything is ok. If you are concerned give us a ring, legitimate business people won't mind.

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](http://www.mynhw.co.uk) website.



## Pull-out and Keep Centre Section - Dates

### Useful Numbers:

#### 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

### Village Flag Flying:

Marianna or Robin 340323 or  
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

### We flew our flag in August

at full mast on:

August 14th to mark the 101st birthday of  
Edith Tripp; and

August 22nd to celebrate the wedding at  
Weston-super-Mare Register Office of Shoni  
Warren and Lee Flack (Val and Ivor Cox's  
granddaughter);

and at half mast on:

August 24th in memory of Mac Wilkins of  
Portishead whose memorial service was held  
in St John's.

### Church Tower Lighting

The church tower was lit on August 24th in  
memory of Mac Wilkins.

### Kenn Churchyard Hedge

Many thanks to Tim Taylor for doing the work  
and to Marianna for organising it, it is lovely to  
see the Mendips in all their glory.

John Ball

### St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

#### ALTAR GUILD ROTA

SEPT	Barbara Middleton, Iris Callow.....
OCT	Jean Woods, Tina Middleton.....
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

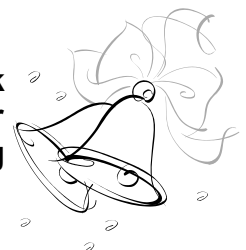
**A huge thank you to all of the above who  
help to keep the church gleaming and flow-  
ers fresh throughout the year.**

**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**

### Congratulations

**to Jenny & Bob Hancock  
on 20<sup>th</sup> September for  
their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary.**



## Birthdays and Anniversaries September

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katy and David Hill	wedding anniversary
	Clare & Matt Hibbs	wedding anniversary
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tina Smith	
	Marianna & Robin Mackay	wedding anniversary
	Tina & Mike Smith	wedding anniversary
8 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Hayden	
	Martin Jaehme	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cyril & Mary Willcox	wedding anniversary
13 <sup>th</sup>	Gill & Nigel Hackett	wedding anniversary
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Fenwick	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Quinn	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Hibbs	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Court	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Clive & Suzanne Golding-Ellis	wedding anniversary
26 <sup>th</sup>	Joanna (Staples) Cheek	
	Joshua Court	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Jenkins	

## Village Market

September 26th 10am til midday

## 13th October

Marianna's Fashion Show

*Tickets (£4 ) from*

*Marianna Mackay*

*01275 340323*

## Village Lunch

Angelina's, Warrens Holiday Village  
September 1st 12 noon

## KENN SUNDAY CLUB SEPTEMBER

Kenn Sunday Club will meet again on  
Sunday 6th September  
in the New Room  
at 9-30 -- 10- 30 am  
when we will be thinking about Harvest

## THEN

on Sunday 20th Sept  
at 10-15 am  
we will meet in the New Room  
and prepare scrummy harvest treats for  
everyone at  
KENN HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE  
which will be at 11am on that day

See you there, Celia and Julia

## Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th September

10am - 12 noon

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Kenn Street

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## Victorian and Later Sale

Thursday 20th August 2009

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesday 19th August 2009

10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

## Quarterly Fine Art Sale

Thursday 10 September 2009

Viewing at Saleroom

08 September 2pm - 5:30pm

09 September 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

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## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

### 1st Sunday 6th THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### **08:00 Holy Communion Kenn**

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham

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

**Banksy Exhibition at Bristol Museum.**

The popular Bristolian artist Banksy has just had an art exhibition at Bristol Museum. Some of his most famous stencil graffiti can be seen all around Bristol. At the exhibition itself were some very well known pieces of his work and some which were very unexpected.

In the second week of the holidays my mum, brother, his friend and myself went to the exhibition. We queued for three hours solid to get into the museum. The three hours passed but it only felt like mere minutes. Some people believe that the queue for the museum is Banksy's greatest piece of art yet. I believe this because it is bringing so many different people to the museum. There were people on the pavement taking pictures of the queue. It was like the queue was a Banksy itself.

My first impression of Banksy was that it was really cool, then as I looked at it more it was just the tiniest bit creepy and funny at the same time. Then I looked at it closer still and I could see what he was trying to tell everyone. I think he is trying to say 'what are we doing to our world?' For example, processed food is wrong. One exhibit showed chicken nuggets as a hen's chicks. I found this so disturbing I will never eat chicken nuggets again.

Most of the exhibits were on the ground floor. However on the other two floors there were other art works. In the art gallery he had seemingly tampered with some of the paintings. For example with this painting the art really does flow off the canvas.



Everyone went round the rooms in shock and laughter at the tragedy and comedy of Banksy's art. It was lots of fun and I would go again but the queues are now six hours long!

Rebecca Hayden

## Aircraft Noise

A number of people living in Kenn have noticed an increase in aircraft noise around the village.

It has been suggested that planes are deviating from their designated flight paths.

If you have also noticed this and the noise is disturbing you it can be reported to Bristol Airport by calling the

Noise Management Line on:

01275 473799

or via the airport's website:

[noisecomplaints@bristolairport.com](mailto:noisecomplaints@bristolairport.com)

or in writing to

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Bristol International Airport  
Bristol  
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*Alison 349999*

## Traffic News

Following my last piece about the traffic in Kenn I have followed my own advice and instead of moaning about how dangerous the road is I have contacted the community police. They have been very helpful and directed me towards the right person to help with A Speed Watch for our community.

In the Parish Plan traffic was the number one concern of the people of Kenn. While speeding is not a criminal offence dangerous driving is. Because of the layout of our roads most cases of speeding could be classed as dangerous driving therefore a criminal offence.

I trust you will support me in pursuing some small remedy especially as it primarily concerns the safety of our children.

P.C. Gatensy and I have yet to meet, but I hope to very soon. I will keep you updated.

Caroline

## Traffic in Kenn Street

Hands up all villagers that have never broken the speed limit!!

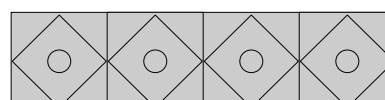
Now let us have a reasoned look at the problem. During the past three years or so I have regularly walked from Duck Lane down to the pond and back with a pram and pushchair initially, and with a walking toddler more recently. I have found most drivers to be very courteous and give me a wide berth and I lift my hand to thank them. I accept that care is needed, as on any road whilst walking, but I have never felt in danger.

There are a couple of bends which need extra caution, especially when approaching Yew Tree Farm from the Village Hall, at which point I cross over and walk up the left hand side so that traffic coming from behind me have a good view of me, and I get a better view of traffic approaching from the opposite direction. Once past the farm I cross back onto the "correct" side. This is a dangerous bend and I would accept that a 20mph limit and some traffic calming measures would improve matters.

Comment such as "grateful to villagers who park their cars to reduce passing speeds" leave me almost speechless – what nonsense – such actions make blind bends more dangerous. In the last few days (early August) the numerous vehicles which have been parked alongside Yew Tree Farm wall have been removed and access and visibility much improved for motorists and pedestrians alike.

By all means let us have a Neighbourhood Traffic Watch Scheme but please no more encouragement of silly parking or double-yellow lines may appear!

John Croxton





## Champion Shorthorn

My beef Shorthorn herd has the prefix **Stonmour** (the equivalent of a human surname) and has entered four agricultural shows this year. The first was back in early May at the North Somerset Show, where the stock bull Stonmour Thunder Cloud (so called because he was born in a thunderstorm) was entered. He became Champion of the breed and reserve Supreme Champion. One of his daughters, just two weeks old, got a good deal of attention from small children that day – it was a job to know who enjoyed it most.

The second show was the Devon County Show at the end of May, a three day event. Thunder Cloud was entered and became second in his class and reserve Champion. The little calf, named Bambi, and her mother were placed second in their class.

The third show was the Royal Cornwall Show at the beginning of June. This was another three day event, and another heart-thumping day as the bull was awarded Champion of the Breed, plus Champion of the “*Any Other Native Breed*” class which included Longhorn, Lincoln Red, White Park, Speckle Park and Sussex. There were, in all, ten bulls in the class – we came away with two cups to be held for ten months and a china plate to keep.

The Fourth Show was the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire – this time a four day event. The previous three shows had been blessed with sunshine, but not this one. It was cold and wet. The judging wasn't up to much either, as the bull was placed last of four. Later, when asked for reasons, the judge said that he liked bulls to be bigger and have longer legs. There's only one consolation about not winning a prize – there is, at least, time to look around. Back in the cattle shed there was quite a bit of interest in Thunder Cloud, with enquiries from home and abroad about using him for AI.

Back home in Kingston Seymour the bull is out in the field with his entourage of eight cows.

Thelma Blake



## The Kenn History Project

Recent events (most notably finding that people are actually beginning to visit the village website!) have spurred us on to begin the collation of every single scrap of Kenn history we can lay our hands on. We will transcribe and catalogue everything we are lent, and place it in the public domain on the village website. Hard copy will become available near the end of the project for those who don't do computers. We think it will take a year (or perhaps a little more) to get to a point where we think everything is one place, but documents will go straight onto the website as we get them, so it will be possible to watch the project grow with time.

**Here's where Kennites, old and young, past and present come in - we need to borrow (for as short a time as we can manage, and we promise to guard documents with our lives) ANYTHING that relates to ANY part of Kenn's history, however recent, however dated. Wills, letters, books, photos, pamphlets, drawings, deeds, press cuttings, memories - anything that says something about Kenn's past - all will be included. If it isn't written down, we'll listen and write it down for you. And if it won't move, we'll come and take a picture of it.**

We know that Kenn is a Domesday village - that should be enough to inspire us to try and fill in the 1000 year gap between then and now. We could be the most documented village on the planet!!

There will be duplication, but **PLEASE** don't keep quiet about what you have because you're pretty sure someone else has already lent it to us. Please lend it to us anyway. There may be items that you feel should be kept anonymous - but a sight of them may help us to fill in a gap without naming names, so please be as generous as you feel able.

Acknowledgement will be made on the website of who lent us what, so let us know if you'd rather not be named - not all of us want the phone to ring with genealogists from Canada asking abstruse questions!

Kingston Seymour shares a good deal of its past with Kenn, at least in terms of families, and we'll be more than happy to share what we discover with the equally historically-minded in Kingston.

[www.kennvillage.co.uk/history](http://www.kennvillage.co.uk/history) is the place to look - it will start slowly, but we are confident that we'll end up with a body of evidence to be proud of.

The Project Team (01275 349535)

## Questions Kennites would like answers to:

### (and with thanks to everyone who responded):

1. Can we see the agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings before and after meetings?
2. How much does it cost to hire the village hall, and what are the terms and conditions?
3. How can we go about starting a toddler club?
4. Who decides about the daffodils, and could there be other plants/bulbs?
5. Is there a website for the village? (**[www.kennvillage.co.uk](http://www.kennvillage.co.uk)**)
6. Is there a website for the Parish Plan?
7. How do we get advance warning of elections to committees and/or council?
8. Is there a babysitting circle?
9. What is going on at the Drum?
10. We wish we knew.....

## Congratulations to Pip

Pip Jenkins, just 21, of Cox Hay in Kenn Street has recently completed a course in Fashion Design and attained a First Class Honours Degree.

Last month she was one of 20 from Kingston-upon-Thames University who were chosen to present their collections at London Graduate Fashion Week at Earls Court. In fact Pip's collection was selected to open the show on behalf of the university. Pip has a placement for a year at John Smedley of Derby which is a famous knitwear company.

Pip celebrated her birthday with a party at Kenn Village Hall. We send her our best wishes for the future.

PS - Heather tells us that Vogue Magazine has been showing signs of interest in Pip

PPS - Hazel opened her Knitting Magazine last week and there, in a full colour double page spread, was Pip and her creations at the Earl's Court Show.

Margaret



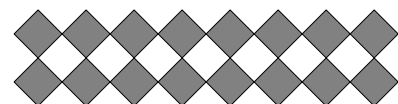
## Woman's Hour

For around fifty weeks a year I work in glorious isolation in a small shed, so it is with abject terror that I am wheeled out annually for promotional duties. When I was told I was going to be on the Vanessa Feltz show and Woman's Hour, the terror went into overdrive. To add to the general joys, I had to stay in a hotel where the loo was so small I had to back my portly frame into it because there was no room to turn around, and the shower - frankly I wouldn't have bathed my dog in it. The publisher's company flat was luxurious enough, but lonely. Vanessa Feltz went well because I was interviewed by the lovely Gaby Roslin, who was doing her first ever radio broadcast and was almost as scared as I was. We propped each other up and muddled through. She was a dear.

Next up was Woman's Hour. I was so frightened, my palms were too sweaty for polite handshakes, but when the producer told me I had to get across the studio in absolute silence because the microphones would pick up every sound, I was practically aquaplaning in my sandals. My cue came, the studio door opened, I headed towards the great Jenni Murray and to my absolute horror, all I could hear was the pounding of blood in my ears and the 'squelch, squelch, squelch' of my soggy feet as I padded to my destination. I also forgot to take a blast of my Ventolin before I started, so I sounded like a hundred and fifty fags a day gal, but I got through it, and it was with immense relief that I came home to dearly loved Kenn.

Chip Granger

*Following Chip's triumphant appearance on Woman's Hour, we heard today that, in its first full week of sales, **Up West** has broached the non-fiction best-seller's list at number 9.*



**Bird News I**

The most unlikely report comes from my friend Tony Pike who, when driving along Claverham Drove, was astonished to see a Bittern fly over the road just in front of him. This bird was probably one of the young raised on the Peat Moors near Glastonbury mentioned last month. As a youngster, Tony lived in Kenn Moor Road and recalls seeing Bitterns in winter in a nearby orchard. This was before the draining of Kenn Moor.

The Swifts left Yatton on August 6th and a few Whimbrel and Wheatears are beginning to appear by the sea wall as they migrate south.

Hobbies are still around but more elusive than ever. John Croxton and myself saw three or four over Chelvey but another visit just produced one brief sighting.

The Marsh Harriers at Shapwick Heath have at least three young, flying confidently by mid-August. This is the first nesting at this site and in Somerset since 1999 and it is hoped that the species will now become established.

Trevor Riddle



Swift (*apus apus*)



Wheatear (*oenanthe oenanthe*)



Bittern (*botaurus stellaris*)



Whimbrel (*numenius phaeopus*)

## From Our Singapore Correspondent:

This month saw Singapore's national day on 9<sup>th</sup> August with Singapore reaching its 44<sup>th</sup> year. Every year we have a national day bank holiday when we all hang Singapore flags from the balconies and celebrate the day Singapore was rather unceremoniously booted out of Malaysia. After the Second World War in 1946, Singapore became a separate British Crown Colony. In 1959, Singapore became self-governing, and, in 1963, it joined the newly independent Federation of Malaya, Sabah, and Sarawak to form Malaysia when, it is said, Malaya changed its name to Malaysia to include the "SI" of Singapore. A few years later in 1965 when things weren't working out, Malaysia and Singapore went their separate ways.

We went to the British Club for the day which is up in the hills in the jungle at the highest point in Singapore, in an attempt to get some breezy relief from the relentless 32°C heat. Brits still form a big contingent of expats, closely followed by the Australians (who do join the Brit club) and Americans (who have their own considerably smarter club down town.)

We watched the National Day Parade on the big screen at the club on the veranda whilst sipping Tiger - our local beer - and eating national dishes of *char kway teow* (Chinese noodles), beef *rendang* (beef in coconut milk- originally from Sumatra in Indonesia), and *laksa* which is a Peranakan dish from the Malay/ Chinese Eurasian community.

Two new features were in the parade and show - whilst one may be in next year one probably won't. For the first time at 8.22pm Singaporeans all recited the national pledge:-

We, the citizens of Singapore  
pledge ourselves as one united people,  
regardless of race, language or religion,  
to build a democratic society,  
based on justice and equality,  
so as to achieve happiness, prosperity and  
progress for our nation.

All of which seems a good idea for a diverse group of Chinese, Malay, Indian, Eurasians and Caucasians to make such a statement every year.

What wasn't such a great idea, with hindsight, were the 'pole acrobats' that featured in the parade and have now become a hit on **You Tube** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc1sP7keLIQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc1sP7keLIQ) .

Next month is Singapore's biggest sporting event - the Formula One Night Race on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. So I hope to be bringing you a report on the winners and losers, party goers and party poopers.

Until next time.

Megan





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29 July 2009

Dear Ms Jaehme,

I am writing to say a very special thank you for your wonderful donation of £102.50, kindly raised at the recent music concert in Kenn. Your thoughtful and kind support for the life-limited children of the South West is truly appreciated.

Your gift ensures that we can offer support to up to 400 families from across the South West, each and every year.

Charlton Farm enjoyed celebrating its second birthday in April and it was wonderful to see the families staying here during the birthday week tucking into the celebratory cake with big smiles on their faces! Our Bristol based hospice has provided much needed care and support to over 100 families since opening its doors, with one mum saying quite simply "Charlton Farm has been everything we needed and more". Without your help, we would not be able to provide such a vital service to our families and for that we are truly grateful.

As you may know your local community fundraiser is, Louise Turner and if you would like to find out more about how you can further support Children's Hospice South West please contact, Louise on 01275 866600 or 07500 081977 or email [louise.turner@chsw.org.uk](mailto:louise.turner@chsw.org.uk) or you can visit us at [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk).

With your support, we can continue to welcome families into our hospice and ensure that special memories are made and cherished for a long time to come...thank you for helping us to raise a smile.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

George Cameron

Director of Fundraising

Footnote: Following your wonderful donation your details will be added to our supporter database and, unless you have requested us not to, we may contact you from time to time to keep you updated on any developments at Children's Hospice South West. Please inform us if you do not wish to be contacted.

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## Kenn Court Cottages - the final gasp

I am unashamedly going to abuse my position as editor in charge of not very much to write the words that go with the pictures of the demolition of the cottages on the village green.

We've been waiting a long time for this - the entire village has watched and waited while the planning applications have come and gone. For us, the nearest neighbours, the waiting has seemed extra long; while the *For Sale* sign was up the doorbell would go once or twice a week with people (and occasionally, it has to be said, the *oddest* people) asking myriad questions - to which I had absolutely no answers...

Since we have lived here (2000) the garden next door has given us nettles and rats, rats and nettles, though not always in that order. The neighbours have been sometimes fabulous (I think of the lovely Asia and George) and sometimes downright peculiar (and here I mention no names at all). The prospect of having neighbours who will speak to us is hugely exciting, and we look forward with almost ludicrous glee to the day when we can weed the garden without Teflon gloves.

So, a couple of weeks ago on a Friday the machine fired up at 9.20am, and at 10.50am it was all over. The cottages which had stood for so long and had such a history were gone for ever. It was a moment of mixed emotions.

The Rogers and Edwards army swung into action and hasn't stopped since. Work is rattling ahead despite the rain and we expect, any minute now, to be invited in for a cup of tea. We can't wait.

This end of the village will at last look as pretty as a picture - and maybe the Village of the Year judges will have to think again.

So, more information as it becomes available, but in the meantime here is the blow by blow account of the last gasp of Kenn Court Cottages.

Hazel











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