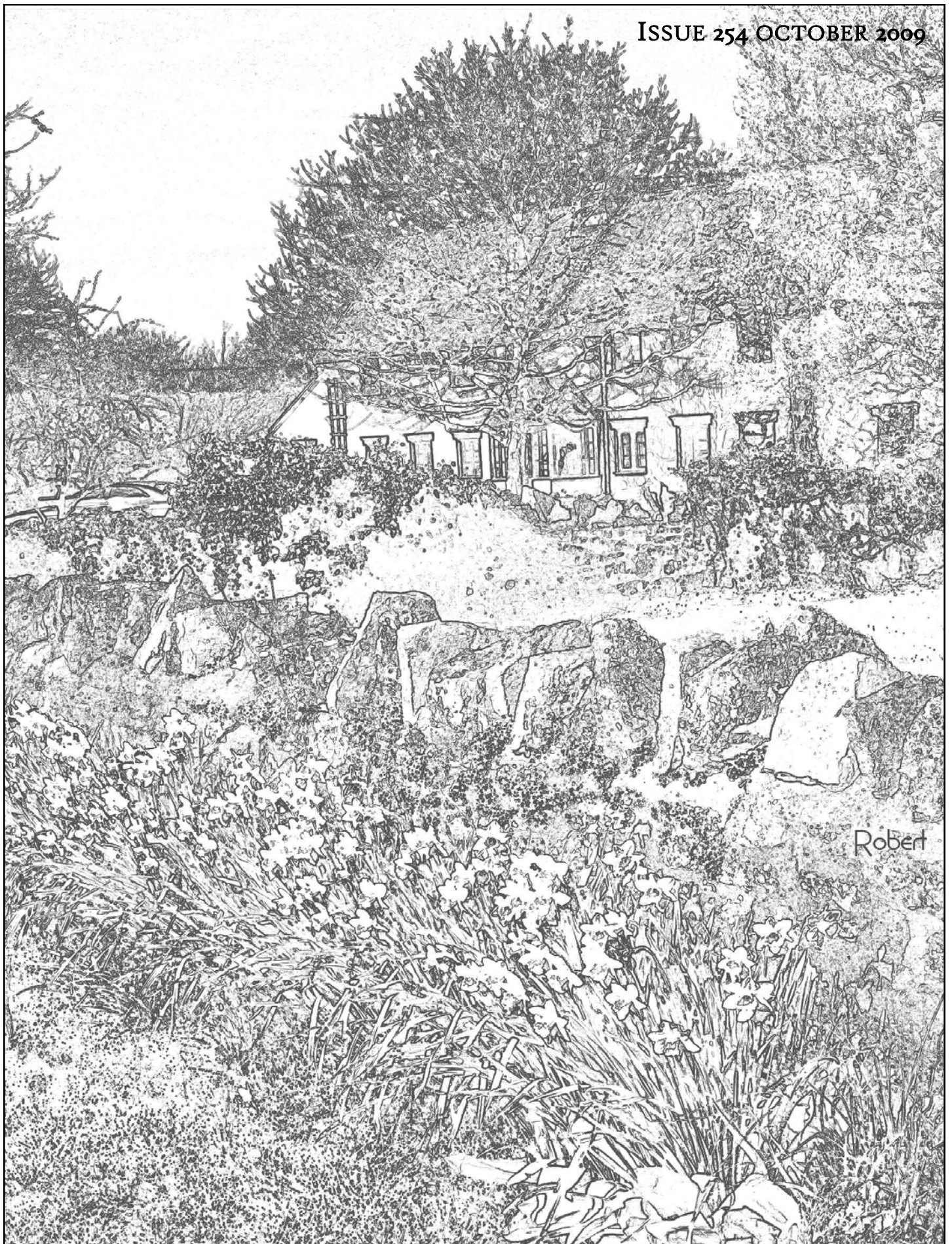


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How did it get to be October?

A big magazine again - apologies to Margaret who has to juggle with all the pages and the stapler.

This month there are fewer Bird News words, but more actual birds, so more pictures. I won't be the slightest bit surprised to find that Trevor is just making it all up to see whether I can really find a picture for all the birds...

Speaking of birds, they're poised to do quite well this winter if the indications about the bugs they eat are correct. To this end I've included the BugLife details of the Spider Count - kids of all ages can have a go. And I'll give a prize for the best photo or drawing of a spider that arrives with me here at Bram Rigg or with Robert Down at Downscote before October 24th. If you can't find any in your neck of the woods I have a fabulous lodger (name of Malcolm) on my kitchen window. He's been there for weeks, and I've grown quite attached to him....

This morning I spoke to Megan in Singapore about the Formula 1 race last night. It's just amazing - the planet is so small now. Megan joins me in thanking you for the welcome you've given her - I'm really looking forward to having our own "soap opera" column. Until Matt goes to jail there's nothing happening in *The Archers* anyway. Unless Mike and Vicky fall out....

I digress. Sorry. Us addicts should keep our filthy habit to ourselves. (But Vicky is a piece of work, isn't she? What on earth was Mike thinking of?!)

Life is often a bit odd - and this month has been no exception. On the plus side - I was chatting to a young chap about what I thought was good about music these days, and the other day he took me to one side to thank me for putting him onto some (frankly) fabulous tunes. Thanks cost nothing, but mean so much. And from a gentleman a quarter of my age it was high praise indeed. So that was good.

On the down side the wretched tree on the green has started making holes in the greenhouse glass and filling the house with leaves. It must be autumn.

Ho hum.

Kenn School Reunion – 5th September

The Kenn School Reunion was a great success; former pupils arrived from many places including London, Cambridge, Wolverhampton, South Devon and many places around this area.

The Church Service at mid-day attracted a congregation of seventy-five people. They all made their way to the Village Hall for the reception, which was filled with people renewing old friendships. The noise of talking was deafening.

One of the wonderful things was the arrival of 93-year-old Mrs Christine Mallet, who, as Miss Christine Bond, had taken up the post of Infant Teacher at Kenn School in September 1937 when she was 21 years old. During her teaching years Miss Bond cycled from her home in Clevedon on her racing bicycle. She had a great time talking to many of her former pupils; many of them she could remember.

I met people I haven't seen for perhaps 60 years, including the two girls Flowers, who were born at Mendip View, Kenn Street but moved to Yatton about 60 years ago. Another person many of us were pleased to meet again was Gus Fletcher who lived with his parents and sister Rosemarie in Church Path Cottage. Since leaving Kenn he has had a distinguished career, including a spell with the Palestine Police when this was a very dangerous job. He then worked for the Foreign Office in India and China. He is now retired in London.

There is so much that could be written about this wonderful get-together (perhaps more next month). The little committee who organised it, who consisted of Ann Holtham, Margaret Bessant, Irene Stowell, Hartley Staples and myself were delighted that there was so much interest shown by so many people

This event can probably never be repeated due to anno domini; the average age of the people involved was at least 75 years. It was a bit sad that several former pupils who have shown great interest in the event were not well enough to be able to attend due to advancing years and infirmity.

The catering was beautifully organised by Cheryl Quinn and her helpers.

Ray Naish



Some reflections on the Kenn School reunion of 5th September last

At the end of a happy and successful few hours at the above assembly Ray rose and thanked all present for attending, drawing attention to the fact there is no point in floating such an occasion if no one supported it.

To my regret, I did not rise and pay tribute to him at that moment in the presence of those who were forward at this event, for as I understand it, it was Ray's brainchild and his initiation of it. I feel sure that I speak for all former pupils when I thank him for making possible this unique gathering and the renewal of relationships of so long ago, myself having not seen certain of them for 65 years. Ray with his developed sense of community will have gained great personal pleasure from this day. But it stands restating that we owe a debt of gratitude to him.

Next of course it is the work put in to such good effect by the committee, from the church service, research items, tracking of pupils, plus identifying the same, and food and drink, also other collective ways of making the event gel the way it did. Our thanks are equally due to all of them, and others who may have, unknown to us, provided support.

A couple of months ago I was fortunate to renew my acquaintance with Miss Bond, my infant teacher, at which time I told her of Ray's plans for 5th September, and hoped that she would keep this day free, and in her mischievous way she assured me that provided she had not mounted the escalator to the sky she would be there. Readers will understand my consternation when, on the previous Sunday to the gathering I had a call on my answer phone from Miss Bond to the effect that due to considerable arthritic pain she did not feel well enough to attend.

Ruth and I were due to visit Southmead Hospital two days later, on our return journey we had arranged to call and see her, I already having, rather insensitively, made her aware of how many people would be so disappointed. By the time Ruth and I visited her she was marginally better and felt she would like to come just to the social gathering at the hall which she duly did to the delight of those who knew her of that era. Very few of us are privileged to meet again someone who set us on our educational path after such an interval. The bonus was the sharpness of her faculties, her powers of recall, and her awareness of things both past and present were remarkable.

In concert with what I have written previously, I would like to thank her for her preparedness to join us on that day, however, my guess is that she too savoured the day.

Since penning the above note, I have twice spoken to Miss Bond during which she expressed her pleasure of the day, and her wish to identify herself with my earlier appreciation to all concerned.

Bob Gale



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obtained from Robert Down
at
Downscote Duck Lane
(01275 349674)

KENN SCHOOL REUNION

There was the most marvellous reunion of Kenn School pupils on Saturday 5th September. The school closed in 1952 so it does not take a mathematical genius to work out how old the 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.

Ann Holtham

My Memories of Kenn School

My earliest memories of Kenn school at the tender age of 4 years 11 months are of crying every lunch time and Hartley being told "your sister is crying".

Being parted from your mother for all those hours each day was very upsetting, as there was no pre-school in those days.

I remember having to rest in the afternoons in the early years on a small coconut mat for half an hour. In the window where we lay was a very large green object, which I was told was a kind of coconut.

The playtimes were very happy - I remember playing "the Farmer's in His Den", "Oranges and Lemons" and "Here we go Looby Loo" and lots of "Leap Frog".

Can you all remember the black sheet of card on the wall with an "A" for apple, "B" for ball and "C" for cat etc? Also the times tables chart from 1 - 12 that we used to chant each day. It never did us any harm. I still remember them well and have put them to use many times.

We sometimes went on a nature walk with Mrs Griffiths down Bakers Lane, which was opposite Orchard House; we picked wild flowers and brought them back to school and had to name them all after looking them up in a large flower book.

I remember Mum used to send the dried egg coupons from the ration book to Mrs Griffiths, as we had chickens on our smallholding so we had plenty of eggs.

Each week, I believe it was a Friday, the children in our family bought 6d (2½p) each to school to buy a National Savings stamp, which were stuck into a small oblong book. When you had £5, a National Savings Certificate was bought which made interest after 5 years.

In my last year at Kenn school, Mrs Griffiths would send me to Kenn Post office on a Friday to bank the savings money, also to buy some postage stamps. After that it was down to Mrs Stowell (Brian's mother) to buy 6 eggs, which she would carefully put into a little box for me.

I attended Kenn School 1945 - 1951. Although it was a small school we all learned the basics and more, which I have found very useful in my life.

Margaret Bessant



Harvest Roast 2009

Jenny & Marianna, as always, provided a sumptuous feast for the village of Kenn. Eight luscious loins of pork were cooked to perfection, piles of crispy crackling, roast potatoes in abundance, peas and carrots, stuffing and gravy too. A plateful to gladden the heart of every gastronome! The nut roast and hominy pie provided a delicious alternative to the carnivorous spread!

Puddings, as always, were a beautiful sight, crumbles and chocolate and trifle - too many to describe. I thought perhaps people might be a bit reluctant to indulge in the puds after such a gargantuan first course. I need not have worried - many returned for seconds and even thirds!

Cheese and biscuits were enjoyed by those without a sweet tooth, and finally coffee and mints were served. A feast to remember.

Thanks must go to all the unsung heroes. The table layers, the decorators, the carvers, the washers up, the servers, the cooks and the spud peelers. They know who they are - a big thank you to each and every one.

Jenny & Marianna, after 10 years, have decided to call it a day in order to concentrate on next year's Kenn Festival. Luckily for them the Duck Lane crew has picked up the baton so next year's Harvest Roast will be held as usual.

Thanks to everybody for their generosity in the silent collection we were able to raise £815 to be divided between The Micah Project in Honduras and The Akshaya Patra Project in India.

Robin Mackay

Kenn News & Views

Thank You to all who signed the magnificent card produced by Robert Down, featuring the village with our Church and the Village Hall – a work of art in its own right. Thank you all for all the kind words, written and spoken and for the three lovely rose bushes. I feel greatly honoured and at the time quite emotional ... needed more red wine!

I started typing 'village stuff' in the days of Frank Stevens (lovely man) and have memories of Joan Ridley and myself cutting stencils for the old Kenn and Kingston Seymour Magazine which continued until the arrival of Moor News over 25 years ago, when we were assured by the Revd. John Ruffle "that all the Village News would be welcome and included". It wasn't long before the villagers decided that they did not want to share all their personal bits with the whole of Yatton Moor, so Kenn's contribution dwindled.

The hiatus continued for a few years until Sheila Naish and Kate Denmead instituted Kenn News & Views – initially I agreed to do the printing and stapling – and over the years various volunteer typists did the important job – Jo Cooper of Ilexmead and Dr. Richard Gaunt who would do his bit, using his laptop on the train to and from London; to name but two. I remember one month when no typist could be found and Kate handwrote the whole magazine – what a marathon! Eventually it became my turn, and stayed my turn for quite a long time, until this year! Imagine my thrill, returning from Italy to see Hazel's first issue, then after my visit to France the second – a breath of fresh air, new ideas, brilliant – Hazel has agreed to continue for a while and I have returned to my role of magazine duplicator, doing the photocopying, stapling, folding bit.

Thank you all again for your support and all the contributions – Kenn News and Views must remain exactly that – the News and Views of this lovely village of Kenn. Over the years almost every household has contributed something to our magazine and for this I thank you.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Kenn Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th October 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome and there is an opportunity for anyone to raise a matter of concern to them. The Hall will be open from 7pm for the inspection of plans.

Ann Holtham
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Declarations of Interest and Suspension of Standing Orders
4. Public Participation on any item on the Agenda
5. Reinstatement of Standing Orders
6. Matters arising
 - i. Best Kept Village Competition
 - ii. Parish Plan
 - iii. Warrens Holiday Village
 - iv. Firework Displays
 - v. Bristol International Airport
7. Finance
 - i. Request for payment: Dog fouling bin £2.30
8. Telephone Kiosk
9. Correspondence
10. Any other business
11. Date of next meeting
12. **Planning**
 - Progress reports
 - Declarations of Interest etc.
 - 09/P/1530/F Riverside Farm, Kennmoor Road
 - Erection of a detached dwelling following the demolition of existing farmhouse and agricultural buildings

It will have been noticed from the various press reports that Kenn was unsuccessful in the Village of the Year competition. To date there are no details of the final placings in the competition. We must hope for better luck next year.

Last month one of the villagers' questions was "how do we get to see the Agenda and Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings?"

So - here is the first agenda, and next month we'll print the minutes. With a little luck this extra bit of information will give us the impetus we need to go along and find out what's happening in the village.

The Village Market

The move to the 4th Saturday proved popular and the new set-up and added tables made the Market feel quite vibrant, with many villagers and lots of new faces attending.

Julia's cake stall proceeds will go to the Blay family - one of the village's favourite recipients. Donations from the "Down" cards and book tables will be made to Smile Train which performs surgery on children with hare lip and cleft palate.

Next month the Market will be held on October 24th when the first signs of Christmas in Kenn may start to appear in the form of cards and gifts so start your shopping with us and enjoy your coffee and cake break in our friendly atmosphere.

Forms for ordering your Christmas cheese will be available and requests for pork products made known to Lise for collection at the special Market on December 12th.

Thank you again for your support.

A very warm welcome to our new neighbours at Willow Cottage, Duck Lane - Denise and Clive Richards. We hope you'll be very happy in your new home.

NOVEMBER DEADLINE

For reasons too complex and uninteresting to go into here both Margaret and myself are away at the end of October, so we'd like, if possible, to get everything into shape for printing by the 27th, which means (sorry!) **with us for the 24th/25th.**

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Chaseside, Kenn Street

The Parish Plan.

The Parish Plan is now completed. This week The Plan will be at the printers then distributed to every household in the village. On Friday 13th November 2009 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 village's concerns and how the Parish Plan can move forward as a working document.

The Parish Plan Committee.

Film Club

So what ever happened to the film club? The proposed bi-monthly Sunday trip to the Curzon? I went to the last film of the season before the Summer break on my own. I saw 'Everlasting Moments' a Swedish film, in subtitles, set before the First World War. It was about a woman who finds freedom and creativity through her camera. Her photography gives her respite from a violent alcoholic husband. The film was disturbing and beautiful in equal measures.

The summer has passed and so has September and no film Club. We could not have gone on the 20th as that was Harvest Supper. The truth is the film club hovered over my consciousness but did not penetrate enough to spur action.

The dates for October 2009 are the 4th and 18th. Both films appear to be watchable. The one on the 4th is a bit grim, set in the Russian occupation of Poland during the Second World War. If you want to come along give me a nod, then it is back to the Drum for a drink and deconstruction.

Caroline



"Katyn"
Oct 4th
8pm

Last month we published the **Questions Kennites would like answers to** that we had received at the time. We can report some progress in getting the answers for you:

1. Can we see the agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings before and after meetings?

This month we have the agenda for the meeting of the Parish Council, and next month we'll bring you minutes and agenda

2. How much does it cost to hire the village hall, and what are the terms and conditions?

No information on this one - you need to ring the numbers in the "useful numbers" part and ask. When we get our hands on the terms and conditions of hire we'll put them on the website.

3. How can we go about starting a toddler club?

We've spoken to those with toddlers, and there's no reason at all why mums and toddlers can't meet at the village hall and make coffee and spend time together. The biggest issue is the lack of a toy cupboard or toys, hence no progress there.

4. Who decides about the daffodils, and could there be other plants/bulbs?

This is the Parish Council, which, in the absence of anyone from the village turning up to say that they'd like something different, make decisions based on the knowledge/opinions of the elected members. So if we don't want daffodils or would prefer horse-troughs or gilded statues we must look at the agenda (now published, so no excuses there), attend the meeting and make our opinions known.

5. Is there a website for the village? (www.kennvillage.co.uk)

The website is being built on an ad hoc basis - when Hazel has time, basically. Any assistance from anyone who can type will be much appreciated now the History Project is underway - give Hazel a shout on 01275 349535 or just turn up and chat over coffee.

6. Is there a website for the Parish Plan?

Yes, there is, but see the Parish Plan page of the website (as above) for everything recent.

7. How do we get advance warning of elections to committees and/or council?

Well, we'll know about the Parish Council from now on, and we'll add detail here as we discover what goes on in the other committees that sit in the village.

8. Is there a babysitting circle?

Not at the moment, but if enough people shout up then we have the offer of a coordinator. Let us know.

9. What is going on at the Drum?

News is patchy and anecdotal. Margaret has mixed news about eating there, but the quiz seems to be carrying on regardless. We all miss Mike, and Stefan is cooking at Angelina's, we do know that.

New questions this month (if you have the answers then please let Margaret or Hazel know):

- 1 How do we go about getting a notice in the Village Hall notice board?
- 2 Who do we speak to about getting *Moor News*, or to stop getting it?

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heather Saxby shared her exotic and adventurous trip to Buenos Aires, the Falkland Islands and around Cape Horn with fellow members and visitors at the September meeting of the W. I. She saw some wonderful scenery and lots of interesting wildlife on her tour. It made us all very envious.

Rev. Auden will be speaking on the **Missions to Seafarers** at the October meeting and members are asked to bring all the woolly hats that they have knitted and any other warm clothing that would be useful to sailors from far off and warmer climes.

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 as they open the boxes that they give much pleasure.

<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/>

The Group Meeting will be held on October 21st at St. Mary's Church Hall, Walton. The competition is for a hand-made fascinator using feathers. If there is more than one made by our members they will be judged at the October meeting.

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.

Ann Holtham



Want to make a child in need dance for joy?

It's simple. Wrap, pack and send a shoebox overseas with Operation Christmas Child.

Last year, through Operation Christmas Child, over 1.2 million shoeboxes packed full of gifts and goodies were wrapped, packed and sent to children in disadvantaged situations by children and adults in the UK.

Your family, neighbourhood, school, church or community group can be part of this Christmas miracle in 2009.

Yes please, these gifts are fine..

Toys: Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument. For boys trucks and cars, for girls dolls, clip on earrings etc.

Educational supplies: Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc.

Other items: Sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

No food especially chocolate. Non chocolate sweets are allowed.

No medicine or vitamins of any kind.

No war related items: Toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind.

No clothing other than listed above.

No fragile items: Glass containers, mirrors.

No liquids: including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols.

No dangerous items: Any sharp objects, scissors or razors.

Nothing of a political nature.

No hand knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark.

Don't forget to read the small print..

Due to import regulations, all gifts should be new and comply with the conditions listed above. Please make sure your gifts are age appropriate and that you do not send any items in a shoebox (intended for a small child), which might be swallowed or mistaken for sweets.

Then, once you've done your shoeboxes, take them to any of the people **listed on page 18** by Nov 18th.

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

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01934 888 888
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Hazel Limage 01275 349535
Sheila Naish 01934 838357
Margaret Ball 01275 874077

Village Lunch

I'd just like to say a big thank-you for showing your support at the Village Lunch last month.

I'm really pleased to say that we would like you all to join us again at **Warren Village at 12 noon on October 6th.**

Once again, thank you to everyone from in the Village and outside who has supported me through the recent events.

Hope to see you for lunch on the 6th.

Stefan

Village Market

The next village market will be held in Kenn Village Hall on October 24th 10am to midday.

Monthly Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th October
10am - 12 noon
The Church New Room
Kenn Street

Tel: 01934 830111

Clevedon Salerooms

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Victorian and Later Sale

Thursday 8th October 2009 10am

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesday 7th October 2009 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

Quarterly Fine Art Sale

Thursday 26th November 2009 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Tuesday 24 November 2009 2pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 25 November 2009 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

- 1st Katy (Golding Ellis)
 3rd Gill Taylor
 Erin Silvester
 6th Daniel Quinn
 6th Dave and Sue Pugh wedding anniversary
 7th Tim and Julia Bush wedding anniversary
 8th Robin Rogers
 16th Cheryl Quinn
 Ray Granger
 18th Kayleigh Stowell
 Wendy and Sotoris Papasolomontos wedding anniversary
 22nd Troy and Julian Gale wedding anniversary
 26th Justin Naish
 27th Jack Treble
 29th Stefan Beardshaw

We flew our flag in September

at full mast on:

- 5th for the wedding of Alison Fenwick & Noel Fazel;
 13th for the baptism of Thomas Finley Hibbs and Oliver Luke Hill;
 20th for the Harvest Festival; and
 26th for the wedding of John Paul Humberstone & Hayley Frapwell

Marianna's Fashion Show

**on Tuesday 13th October,
 in aid of CLIC Sargent
 will be held in the Village Hall
 Doors open at 7pm**

the show will commence at 7.30 sharp.

**Wine will be
 available to
 purchase
 and ALL
 proceeds
 from the wine
 sales will be donated to the charity**



St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

ALTAR GUILD ROTA

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 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

Carols On The Green

The start of Christmas is the annual switch-on of the lights on the Christmas tree on the green. We are delighted to say that the wonderful Brass Band, so ably organised by Andy Hicks, will be performing again this year. Mince pies and Mulled Wine will again be served. The date for your diary is **FRIDAY 11th December.**



Robin and Marianna

Caring At Christmas

As usual we will be taking items of warm clothing, new underwear, non perishable food and blankets to the night shelter in Bristol just before Christmas. Items should be left at Church Path Cottage or put in the Church Porch **before December 18th.**

Robin and Marianna



Harvest Festival:~

My sister Doris & I, wish to
thank all those concerned, for the
gifts we received from the
Harvest Festival. It was most
kind, & much appreciated.

Thank you,

Cliff. Edwards.

September at St John's

Early in September Kenn Sunday Club started preparing for Harvest Festival by making a poster, and considering how we celebrate the harvest at the beginning of the 21st century in this country, a land of plenty.

On the next Sunday the church was full for a Communion Service with Baptism.

During the following week the church was decorated with harvest produce and seasonal flowers, ready for Harvest Family Service and Evensong on 20th September. At the morning service Celia spoke about great and complex things growing from something very small, great pieces of music starting from one note in the composer's head, great works of literature growing from a phrase in the author's imagination and plentiful crops and then meals coming from tiny seeds. This was illustrated by the scrummy Harvest Treats, made by Sunday Club (from mostly Fair Trade ingredients) just before the service, which were enjoyed with coffee and chat before we went home.

Harvest Evensong was a calm service at which Reader Paul Stalder reflected on the long, long history of thanksgiving for life-sustaining harvests, from the earliest accounts in the Old Testament, until the present day.

The church emptied in record time after the service as folk headed off to the hall for the Village Harvest Meal.

PS The churchyard has looked particularly lovely of late, thank you to those who keep it up to scratch, without fuss, week by week.

*****PPS It was great to see Ray in church for both the baptisms and the Harvest!*****

Julia Bush

Family Communion with Holy Baptism at St. John's Church, Kenn

Our church was filled, almost to capacity, on Sunday 13th September for our regular Family Communion, which was augmented by the baptisms of Brian and Juliet Stowell's two younger grandsons. Thomas Finley Hibbs, young brother of Sam, and son of Matt and Clare together with Oliver Luke Hill, only son of Kate and Dave were the centre of attention. The service celebrated by the Revd. John Andrews with Mary Holmes playing the organ, was a joyful occasion with several members of the congregation crawling up and down the nave. The celebrations continued with a party at Kenn Village Hall.

John Ball

Hilda Puddy during the service we heard of the passing of Mrs Hilda Puddy, who although a resident of Yatton was a regular at St. John's church for 8.00am Holy Communion until recently. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Margaret Ball

Sunday 13th September – Party-time in Kenn

After a disappointing 'summer' September 13th was brilliant as Kenn prepared for Party-time. The Yatton Moor Mission Circle had invited families from all five churches to Chaseside, Kenn, for a Family Fun Day with Barbeque and Cream Teas and from 12.30 onwards members of the congregations of St. Mary's, Yatton; Holy Trinity, Cleeve; St. Barnabas, Claverham; All Saints, Kingston Seymour; and St. John the Evangelist, Kenn, arrived to enjoy the company and sunshine.

Mike Bell and the Revd. Chris Steed took charge of the barbeques and Steve Attrill organised the tug of war while Jane Lumkin took charge of the games.

It is a large garden, so if the Mission Circle chooses to visit Kenn again, there is plenty of room for more!! Thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way to make it such a super day.

Margaret Ball

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

1st Sunday 4th SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY YATTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

8:00am Holy Communion Kenn*

8:00am Holy Communion Claverham*

9:30am Harvest Communion Yatton

9:30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11:00am Family Service Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Harvest Evensong* Yatton

2nd Sunday 11th EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY CLEEVE HARVEST FESTIVAL

8:00am Holy Communion Yatton

9:30am Parish Communion Yatton

9:30am Holy Communion Claverham

11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving Cleeve

11:00am Holy Communion Kenn

6.00pm Evensong* Kingston Seymour

6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 18th NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY LUKE THE EVANGELIST

8:00am Holy Communion Claverham*

9:30am Parish Communion Yatton (with Laying on of Hands)

9:30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11:00am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour

2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton- Megan Grace Kicks & John Murray Donald

6.00pm Harvest Evensong Kenn*

4th Sunday 25th LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Holy Communion Yatton

8.00am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*

9:30am Parish Communion Yatton

9:30am Holy Communion Cleeve

10:00am Family Service Claverham

11:00am Family Service Kenn

6.30pm Ecumenical Service Yatton Methodist Church

HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER:

Wednesday 28th SIMON and JUDE APOSTLES

10.00am Holy Communion Yatton

11.00am Holy Communion Claverham

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily: 8.30am: Morning Prayer Yatton (not Saturday or Holy Days)

Every Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday 11am: Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*

3rd Wednesday 11am: Holy Communion Kenn*

4th Wednesday 11am: Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

Every Thursday 7.30pm: Holy Communion Yatton

* *Book of Common Prayer*

Information provided by the Rev Preb John Andrews

September Coffee Morning

We were fortunate this month to sit outside in the warm autumnal sunshine whilst chatting with friends and neighbours. Eloise and Olivia made some very delicious flapjacks. I managed to sell some home baked cakes and we had a raffle.

Thank you very much for supporting our chosen charity, 'Cancer Research'. We managed to raise £75.12 in the space of just 2 hours!

Troy Gale

Found

in the field by the Village Hall
following Harvest Supper
- one chained bicycle -
if it is yours please call
078 1667 1304



Wendy Evans, of Westonwood, Kenn Road as it turns into Kenn Street, manages the Hospice Shop in Long Ashton and has asked me to thank the splendid people of Kenn for their help in raising the remarkable sum of £1000 for the Hospice. Her partner, Julian, and his sister jumped out of a (moving!!) aeroplane and were sponsored for the descent to terra firma.

She also has scratch cards which she'll be selling once a month (the village already has a lucky winner!). All proceeds, obviously, go straight to the wonderful work of the hospice.

Wendy will collect donations of unwanted items from the village - including small items of furniture and electrical goods. Give her a ring on 01934 391203 to arrange.

In the new year Wendy hopes to have an auction of some of the more fabulous things that get donated. More details as they become available.

The Peace-weaver

A book to be published this month should give pause for thought. *The Peace-weaver* is a very different kind of book from the norm. It is a shout, a reaction against the many human landscapes of our times where the value of people is under threat.

The title is drawn from the Icelandic and Anglo-Saxon sagas (Beowulf, for example) where there was a figure in the community whose role it was to weave peace out of conflict and to help people value each other. A modern Peace-weaver is conjured up.

The Peace-weaver is written by the Reverend Chris Steed, Curate in the Yatton Moor Team Ministry and, together with the follow-up which includes more academic study, is a result of a ten year personal journey of reflection, research, travel and work both in counselling and in teaching. This book, however, is not academic. It is full of stories and reads like a novel. **Come along to a book launch at St Mary's Chapter House, Yatton, on 29th October at 8pm** to find out more and perhaps buy a copy for a Christmas stocking!!





The Buglife Spider Hunt

Are there more spiders in and around our homes than usual this year? What types of spiders are the main ones we are seeing? Have you got a rare species living literally on your doorstep? This is the type of information we want to gather for the 2009 Buglife Spider Hunt!

This autumn we need you to search for spiders! But you don't need to go out into the countryside - we want you to tell us about the spiders living with you and around you, in your home and garden. It's time for the Buglife Spider Hunt!

Increased numbers of spiders and other invertebrates means more food for our birds and little beasts. It seems to have been a bumper year for creepy crawlies, and that should mean an easier winter for our feathered friends. Help us gather the information we need to help the wildlife in our own back gardens - starting with spiders!!

The 2009 Buglife Spider Hunt is a search for common types of spider such as House spiders, and Garden cross spiders, as well as a few rarer types. We have provided photographs and tips on identifying your spiders.

The Hunt is on!



We want you to do your spider hunting over a weekend - Friday evening through to Sunday evening. You can do the Hunt on either:

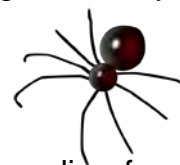
Friday 25 September - Sunday 27 September, or Friday 2 October - Sunday 4 October

Don't worry - you don't have to spend the whole weekend looking for spiders! Most of the time you will just note down the numbers of spiders you see as you go about your usual weekend activities.

All results must be submitted by Monday 12 October

The Buglife Spider Hunt is something everyone can take part in - including youngsters! Why not involve the whole family in your spider search?

Find out more



For full details, including a downloadable ***Spider Spotting Guide***, and the online form to submit your results, **go to**

<http://www.buglife.org.uk/getinvolved/surveys/spiderhunt.htm>

Monday 14th September – A Summer Walk

For the final walk of the 2009 season around 20 of us plus Socks the Collie met at All Saints car park at Kingston Seymour and set off in convoy along Ham Lane, into Yeobank Lane, passing a group of white goats and a sign outside Mendip View Farm offering Buffalo meat among a wide selection. We then turned off to Tutshill Farm, named after a sluice known as Tutshill Ear. Having passed the farm we parked and set off towards the sea, towards the setting sun. We were ably guided by Norman Harris into Mud Lane (fortunately this was a misnomer as it was quite dry) – a place famous as Mud Lane Halt on the old Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway (W.C.P), where milk was picked up years ago. At this point we mutually inspected a herd of beautiful, black Water Buffalo – several of us had previously seen their relatives in Nepal!

Our destination, adjoining Mill Leaze Sluice, was the latest line of sea defences, at present a bank some 20 feet (or three men) high made of clay and lime compacted, covered with soil and grass seed. When this has had time to settle, probably in about 12 months, the existing sea defences will be breached and the intervening area allowed to flood with the tides. Recently the old bank has been reinforced with 20 foot long steel piles but this was only a temporary measure. The works are classified as a 'managed retreat', and an area of about eleven acres will be lost back to the sea (the farmers have been compensated).

The main feature as we approached the new bank was a very long black plastic barrier about two feet high encircling the works – this is 'newt fencing'. After a great deal of searching, before works began, one Great Crested Newt was found – this was removed to a lake on the landward side for its own safety. In due course the barrier will be removed and the newts allowed their freedom! (hopefully he or she was not alone!)

Standing on the new bank, we looked across the Congresbury Yeo to Wick St Lawrence Church with the rosy hue of the setting sun to our right – Chris was taking photographs like fury.

We needed to negotiate a fence, some of us climbed over with varying degrees of elegance, Sylvia Stokes nimbly vaulted it and Socks was lifted over. 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. The Jetty had been on a spur line from the main railway and some supports of the bridge, which had taken the line over the river, are still clearly visible.

Tim and Jackie Harris who farm Tutshill, have around 8,000 free range hens, which attract large numbers of foxes from all around the area, these vermin are dealt with by local farmers from a high-level hide. Some years as many as one hundred foxes are despatched.

By eight o'clock the sun had set and we continued in the after-glow of day passing the 'newt sanctuary', through Sam Harris's timber yard with the Fordson Major tractor with log splitter which was in use at The North Somerset Show.

We passed the place where a bomb had landed in the Second World War – at that time Prisoners of War had tried to dig it out, but it had kept sinking into the soil – and so it remains where it landed, just a great deal deeper. In the distance some saw an Air Raid Shelter and Vernon and Norman suggested that we visit this next year.

Back at our cars, thanks were expressed to Vernon and Norman for inviting us to Kingston Seymour and as the sun had gone to bed we felt we should do likewise – so home we went. As we passed All Saints Church bells were ringing – a magical night.

Our first walk next year is planned for the second Monday in May 2010 when Chris and Jeannie will take us to a Bluebell Wood at Portbury.

Summer Walks 2009

The money collected during the three summer walks, two led by Jeffrey Naish and one by Norman Harris and Vernon Culmstock, amounted to £60.05. This has been paid into Church Funds.

Margaret's Mutterings

A group of us went to The Curzon last Saturday to see Tuppence Middleton who starred in the film TEMPTATION - Tuppence introduced the film and answered questions afterwards. Barbara Middleton is the proud grandmother

Ray Naish tells me that Pip Jenkins is currently in Milan at the Fashion Show. Proud Grandfather

My grand-daughter Bethany Stowell has been awarded an Arts Scholarship at Millfield School - proud Nanny

When I took the church news to Kingston today, I met Richard Gaunt who showed me photographs of baby James Michael Gaunt - born 13th September at Southmead Hospital, weighing 6lbs. 15 oz. first child of Holly and Matthew - proud grandparents

Brian and Juliet Stowell and family were delighted that their two younger grandsons, Tom Hibbs and Oliver Hill were baptised in Kenn Church on the 13th September - Proud grandparents

According to last week's Clevedon Mercury - a variety concert is being organised to help keep 13 year old Tom Cooper, a talented dancer from Clevedon, at the Royal Ballet School. Tom is a grandson of Jo and Colin of Ilxmead, Kenn Street - proud grandparents.

If you are interested - the concert is on:

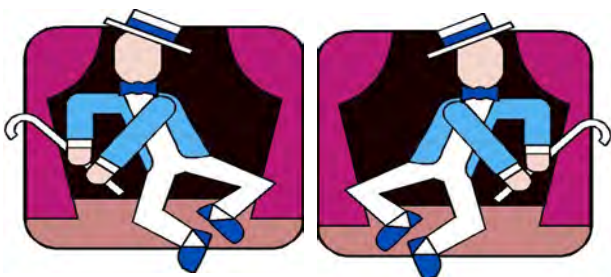
Friday 2nd October 7.30pm

at

The Princes Hall
Clevedon

and tickets are available by ringing
01275 340748

and speaking to Tom's parents
Chris or Rachael Cooper



Guess the villager

last month - the answer was, of course, Ray Naish.

Hasn't changed at all, has he?



Another chance to guess the villager - answers to Bram Rigg or Chaseside, Hazel or Margaret, by October 20th please. Winner will receive a prize, but I haven't decided what yet...

Thanks again to Robert Down for the brilliant prints.

Take your filled shoebox to:

(I haven't actually asked any of the people listed below if they'll take in the Christmas Shoeboxes - I just know they will.)

Gill Hackett - Honeymead, Duck Lane
Hazel Limage - Bram Rigg, Kenn Road
Kate Hatcher - Moorgates, Kenn street
Caroline Holden - Chapel Cottage, Kenn Street
Marion Carrington - Rorty Crankel, Kenn Street

An English Country Flower Arrangement

I read Andrew Limage's article on cut flowers (*What Price a Nice Flower Display? N&V Sept 09*) with a wry smile. I had already been on the receiving end of the verbal version (infinitely more intimidating, believe me!) several Saturdays ago after more than a few glasses of wine.

I often buy cut flowers, and supplementing them with foliage from my garden, am rather self-congratulatory on the pretty average results. I'd never really considered exactly where the flowers are grown, beyond worrying about the environmental impact of their transportation. Through ignorance, I had no idea that cut flowers were farmed on such a scale in Africa, not only to the detriment of the local and wider environment, but causing increased poverty and starvation by diverting what little water there is away from vital crops and animals.

But I like having cut flowers in the house! So, since my verbal beating, I've started examining the labels on the cellophane wrapping of flowers. I've found it's quite a challenge to buy British flowers. Requiring absolute perfection for their trade, the florists almost always source flowers from growers abroad. Tesco prints a tiny Union Jack on many of their flower wrappers, which could mean absolutely anything – packed in the UK? sold to the unsuspecting public in the UK? Who knows? Sainsbury's are usually pretty good for Fair Trade flowers, but I recently read one bouquet label that stated "Product of Kenya, Spain, Holland and UK". What?!?!

But it can be done. I was determined, in the wake of reading Andrew's article, that the contents of my floral contribution for Harvest Festival should **all** come from our green and pleasant land. My garden's been bereft of blooms or berries this autumn, but rooting around in Tesco and Sainsbury's, I found some British-grown sunflowers, English-grown roses, and Lincolnshire gladioli. The sunflowers were less perfect than their African cousins, and the roses slightly crooked, rather than straight-as-a-die glasshouse-grown, but the gladioli were fabulous, and the slightly bruised apples from our garden completed the less-than-perfect but entirely UK sourced challenge. My resulting basket of flowers and fruit was still rather average, but no lives in the Third World had been adversely affected in order for me to sit in church and look at something pretty for an hour. In a very small and insignificant way, I felt quite chuffed.

My latest find is the lady who, at Backwell WI Market on a Friday at 1.45pm, sells fabulous bunches of dahlias and chrysanthemums from her own garden, for the princely sum of £2. I get flowers, Kevin gets Failand organic steak pies and my retail habit boosts the WI and local economy. How brilliant is that!!

I'll still have my cut flowers, but at least now I'm more discerning about what I'm buying.

Kate, Moorgate House

Mrs Hilda Puddy

Mrs Puddy, who lived in Yatton, has passed away recently. For many years she was a regular attender at the 8.00am Holy Communion Service at Kenn church.

Years ago, she with her late husband John were very keen ballroom dancers, always attending the many dances held around the Yatton area, especially those connected with the farming community.

Mrs Puddy was a keen reader of this magazine and enjoyed attending the Senior Residents Party in the Village Hall at Christmastime. Her funeral was held at Yatton Church.

Ray Naish

Singapore Story

This month's Singapore column has something for fashionistas and Formula One fans alike.

At the start of the month our latest shopping centre - ION- the biggest, snazziest recent addition to the twenty or so shopping centres that already line Orchard Road, held the Max Mara fashion show. I was lurking in ION with a retail leasing consultant on the grounds of 'retail research'. He was explaining to me how ION is built with four levels of shops below ground linked to our underground railway system, the MRT, (not to be confused with the MTR in Hong Kong). Above ground are another four levels of shops, but with quite a different feel all - Valentino and Vitton rather than commuter shopping on your way home. So although everyone feels ION is their centre - the two parts don't actually mix and the architects have quite deliberately made it tricky to get to one part from the other.

Whilst we were wandering about navigating the route between the two parts, we found ourselves outside Max Mara, next to Diane Von Furstenberg's first stand-alone shop. Diane herself was perched on a sofa holding court to journalists. In the melee of Diane's entourage, somehow the ladies next door in Max Mara thought we were important and gave us tickets to their fashion show.

So, a couple of nights later, my lady lawyer chum - LL - and I set off to have free champagne, canapés and a show. The problem with fashion here is that Autumn / Winter collections are pretty much completely wasted on us, as it's very hot all the time. LL is fairly new to expat life and still a little bemused by the shopping centres and social scene. Still, several glasses of champagne and a Max Mara purchase of a work skirt and dress (it's surprisingly cold in work air conditioning), she seemed to be getting into the swing of it.

But the big news has to be the Formula One fever that has hit Singapore with the Grand Prix being staged here tonight. It's the only night race on the F1 circuit and is spectacular as it races down town round the streets of Singapore. The circuit is made up of the old colonial bits, and the new reclaimed land of the Marina bay financial centre that adjoins the old central business district. The circuit runs past the Padang - the central piece of green used for cricket by the Singapore Cricket Club, opposite the old parliament building and it does look great on the television.

Last year the F1 was Singapore corporate entertainment writ large, whereas this year there has been a big push on out-of-towners coming in, and additional entertainment laid on for the visitors. We have had ZZ Top, Black Eyed Peas and Beyonce in town as part of a huge set of gigs to keep the F1 fans entertained.

Quite a few Hong Kong chums were in town for the bash. Three guys came for Saturday lunch clutching chocolates and sizeable hangovers from Friday night's opening races, and news of life in Hong Kong. One of them was the person who introduced me to my husband S, when we lived in HK. Although S comes from Clevedon (Walton St Mary, actually) we met outside a bar in HK.

Saturday night S went along to the final F1 qualifying sessions. After a very nice dinner and drinks (in corporate air-conditioned comfort) there was an excellent walk around the pits and a chat with the drivers. S saw Bernie Ecclestone, Lewis Hamilton and girlfriend Nicole from the Pussycat Dolls and Damien Hill commentating to cameras. He sat in on the McLaren discussions on car telemetry and said it was fascinating to see all the engineering behind the scenes. The McLaren engineer delegated to minding the corporate clients told S that over the last year they have made, on average, a design change to the car every twenty minutes.

Something must have been going right as Lewis Hamilton is in pole position to start tonight and I shall be enjoying the race with a can of Tiger on the sofa.

Next month Prince Andrew is coming to town....

More soon - Megan

Bird News I

Migration is in full swing as I write - it's a long season from July to November but September is generally the peak month.

There was plenty of evidence along the sea wall area with 20 Wheatears, 150 Ringed Plovers and then 7 Yellow Wagtails feeding around the cattle at the end of August. Of course the Yellow Wagtails aren't actually yellow in the autumn - they are more of a cream colour. In September lots of Swallows were passing through, and both a Marsh Harrier and a Wryneck were reported.

Wheatears accompanied by the odd Whinchat have been recorded on the moors as they stop over on their long journey south.

My star bird has been a juvenile Bullfinch on our garden feeder. Bullfinches were extremely unusual in gardens but using feeders seems to be a new trend which has developed during the last couple of years.

John Croxton has reported a couple of (separate) Spotted Flycatchers around his garden - the first of which I was able to see - my only sighting of this formerly widespread species this year.

Trevor Riddle



Yellow Wagtail
(*Motacilla flava*)



Marsh harrier
(*Circus aeruginosus*)



Swallow
(*Hirundo rustica*)



Ringed plover
(*Charadrius hiaticula*)



Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)



Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)

Bird News II

A very quiet time on the bird scene. The summer visitors have gone and the winter ones have not arrived. Miles Naish reports a very large flock of Canada Geese in Puxton Moor.

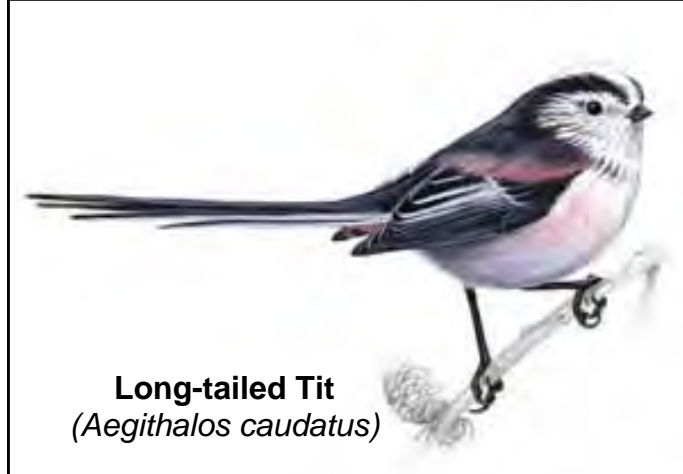
Where have all the Blackbirds and Thrushes gone? I haven't seen any in our garden for weeks. We are lucky that our resident flock of house sparrows is busy in the rose bush in the garden. Jeff Naish reports a large flock of Goldfinches feeding on the thistledown in a field at Abbots Leigh, also a flock of Long Tailed Tits in the Churchyard on Harvest Festival Sunday morning.

He also saw a large flock of Swallows moving south on 23rd September.

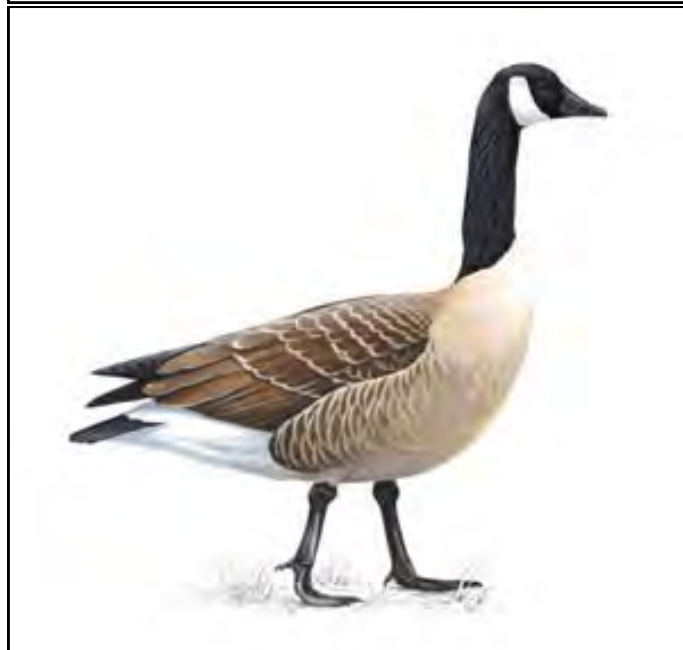
Ray Naish



Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*)



Long-tailed Tit
(*Aegithalos caudatus*)



Canada Goose
(*Branta Canadensis*)

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