

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## **BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Court  
8<sup>th</sup> Cliff Edwards  
13<sup>th</sup> Abigail Smith  
14<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Brain  
15<sup>th</sup> James Hayzen  
16<sup>th</sup> Fred Fenwick  
26<sup>th</sup> Elijah Stowell  
30<sup>th</sup> Mike Smith

## **Naish's Notes**

Firstly can we remind people that fireworks are disturbing for old people and pets and especially farm animals, so to this end can we ask that farmers etc are advised if any are being let off this year.

Secondly can we thank all those involved with the Christmas Tree on the Green...once again it is absolutely lovely. Due to the dreaded bug before Christmas I was unable to go to the grand switching on of lights!

Can we thank also all the people who kindly put on the various teas, lunches and parties over the festive season, and decorated our hall too.

Thirdly, many thanks to Margaret for all the hard working involved in bringing us the magazine each month, it is well received by all and there is such a lot of time and effort goes into it by lots of people. The magazine is for all villagers, so give it a go, share a thought, share some news, put your birthday/anniversary on the list. It is also the place to find out what is going on in the Village.

Finally, Happy New Year to all, let's hope that it is a good one and it is healthy.

Sheila Naish

## **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN**

### **St. John's Altar Guild January Rota**

Mary Willcox and Jane Staples

Very many thanks go to the people who decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas celebrations. It looked wonderful.

### **Kenn Village Nativity**

On Christmas Eve this year the young people and children of Kenn excelled themselves.

Not only did they perform their nativity, some of the young people of the village wrote it themselves.

In November we had two writing sessions. The youngsters mimed, reflected, mimed again and improvised the familiar story. Then they put words to their actions. The words became the script. We were ready for rehearsals!

My stagecraft skills are limited but I knew a woman in Kenn who is very talented. Hils Morgan from the Old School house is an actress and student of the theatre. Without hesitation she offered to help us. Hils made suggestions for script alterations to give the play direction and focus. She helped to direct the children in finding a voice and develop their character.

The children were very patient as some of their ideas were changed. Nor did they complain when some of my bright ideas turned out to be completely unworkable.



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On Christmas Eve morning Eloise had still not recovered her voice after a bout of flu, so she could not play The Star in the East. The part and character she had written and devised herself. A few phone calls later Liz Stowell volunteered Bethany for the star. Unrehearsed, with script in hand she delivered the words in the character that Eloise had originally written.

Our cast was 19 strong. Molly the narrator gave The Nativity context and direction with her strong theatrical voice. Jenny was a very caring supportive and tolerant Joseph. Ella although imbued with divinity and holiness, while looking for an inn was a very believable impatient Mary. Ella also sang a solo with a beautiful voice of crystal.

Rebecca H very capably delivered the message from God to Mary and the shepherds. Charles and Sam were busy innkeepers and Sam showed Mary and Joseph to their stable. Rosie and Robyn were excellent overworked and tired shepherds.

The Findley children were the three wise kings, who at times were not so wise! The three-some were regally word perfect.

Matthew was a vicious Herod. Rebecca S. Anoke, Romilly and Drew were gorgeous adorable angels. Anoke and Romilly brought baby Jesus to Mary.

Olivia expertly played the violin. She heralded in the procession and gave the nativity atmosphere.

In all the children were simply brilliant they even sorted out their own props.

Thanks again to Hils. Thanks to Mary who played the organ. Thanks also to Julia who made sure the church was open and warm for rehearsals and made sure all the costumes were ready.

It is a bit like childbirth, during the drama you think 'never again' but give it a day or two and the idea seems very appealing. Next year? Yea!

Let's have a half-day workshop at the end of November.  
Date - later in the year.

Caroline

## **The Service of Lessons and Carols**

Our traditional Service of Carols and Lessons was held in Kenn Church on Sunday evening 21<sup>st</sup> December. The congregation of around 100 people sang with gusto and the church was beautifully decorated for the festive season.

Thanks go to the readers of all ages, and to Trevor Riddle for organising them. Our thanks also go to Mary Holmes, our organist and the Chalice Handbell Team who welcomed us.

The choir, though augmented by some excellent singers, was without our stalwart Ray Naish who was not feeling too well. We were delighted that he was well enough to join us on Christmas Day. Around 250 people attended the three services held in Kenn Church over the Christmas period.

J.B. and J.B.



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## **Christmas Day at St John's**

After the joyous excitement of the Crib Service, the Family Communion Service on Christmas Morning was a quiet, low key affair. The regular congregation was swelled by a large number of visitors, including three families from Claverham, who, unable to attend St Barnabas (closed for safety reasons) came to Kenn in search of a small, friendly service. Together, led by John, once again we thought about the wonder of the Christmas story.

Thank you Thank you Thank you..... from The Children's Society.

Thanks to the generosity of the large crowd who attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, St John's will donate £153.62p to The Children's Society, which was gathered in a retiring collection towards this year's Christingle Appeal.

## **Patronal Festival...St John the Evangelist**

Friends from All Saints Kingston Seymour and the Yatton Methodist Church joined the regular congregation at St John's for our Patronal Evensong, in which we celebrated the memory of St John the Evangelist. The service was followed by refreshments and chat.

Julia Bush

## **TWELFTH NIGHT**

**Cecelia and John Andrews** invite you to drop in on their Twelfth Night Celebrations at Cherry Tree House, Kingston Seymour on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30pm.

The theme this year is 'Party Pieces: and people are invited to entertain everyone in their own way – poetry, readings, music, even magic tricks will be welcome to bring cheer to cold January.

See you there!

## **Coffee Morning Kenn Church Room Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

10 – 12 noon

For Hospice Care

Your hosts - Margaret and  
Brian Cook

Everyone welcome

## **SUNDAY CLUB**

The talented actors of the Nativity Play at St. John's, Kenn – plus any other young person – are invited to go along to Kenn New Room on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am to prepare for another big occasion – Candlemas.

The Sunday Club will be getting ready for the Family Service in Church the following week – 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. – with craft work and other activities to mark this Festival.

Do come along

Celia



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## KENN ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER ARRANGING LADIES

### ***MORE HELP NEEDED PLEASE...***

JANUARY – Mary Willcox, Jane Staples

FEBRUARY – Caroline Hayden

MARCH - Julia Bush, Jenny Pascoe,  
Jean Fenwick

APRIL – Irene Stowell, Margaret Bessant,  
Jean Ings

MAY – Grace Griffin, Joyce Kent,  
Troy Gale

JUNE – Kate Hatcher, Lise Willcox

JULY – Jilly Butland, Sue & Dave Pugh,

AUGUST – Jenny Croxton, Margaret  
Ball, John Croxton

SEPTEMBER – Barbara Middleton,  
Iris Callow

OCTOBER – Jean Woods, Heather  
Jenkins, Tina Middleton

NOVEMBER – Sarah Clark,  
Marianna Mackay

### DECEMBER

Week 1 Jean Fenwick, Jenny Pascoe

Week 2 Kate Hatcher, Hazel Limage

Week 3 Iris Callow, Heather Jenkins

Week 4 Jo Cheek, Marianna Mackay

A huge thank you to all of the  
above who have kept our church  
gleaming and the flowers fresh  
throughout the year. Ideally we  
would like 3 people to help every  
month so if anyone can fill in any  
gaps please let me know.

Also we love as many people as  
possibly to flower arrange at the  
festival times so all help will be  
greatly appreciated.

**Marianna 340323.**

## **Senior Residents Party 3.12.8**

Between 70 and 80 guests began  
their Christmas festivities early  
with a Village Party at Kenn Village  
Hall. The Party Committee invited  
along senior residents and people  
associated with the village and a  
splendid tea was provided by  
ladies of the village.

This party is a great occasion for  
many people to meet, in some  
cases the only time they meet each  
other in the whole of the year.

The people who help to arrange  
and organise this party get great  
pleasure from doing so. It is one of  
Kenn's highlights of the year. To  
sum it up, in the time honoured  
phrase "A Good Time was had by  
all".

Ray Naish on behalf of the Party  
Committee.

**Janet Skinner** who recently attended  
the Senior Citizens Tea Party has sent  
us the following poem.

Her grandmother, who wrote the  
poem, was Mrs Moores who owned  
and ran the Post Office in the 1950s.  
I am sure that many of the names will  
bring back a lot of memories

You've all heard of a village called Kenn?  
Well now let me take up my pen  
For the Institutes One  
And the story's begun  
Of what women can do without men!

The President's named Mrs Dyer  
In the Institute no one is higher  
Long may she preside?  
O'er her realm far and wide  
For of her, no one ever could tire.

Mrs Harris the Secretary writes  
All the minutes on Institute nights.  
With a pencil and book  
And a studious look



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What a record her pencil indites  
The Treasurer's named Mrs Hillier  
Remember the name, my dears, will yer?  
Three and sixpence each year  
To forget it I fear  
Will make Mrs Hillier feel sillier.

The Postmistress – her name is Moores  
She gets such a round of applause  
Then in dialect queer  
Recitations we hear  
Lor' bless 'ee – we'm packed to the doors

At the sales table sits Mrs Naish  
And relieves you of some of your cash  
Such bargains she shows  
As everyone knows  
I am sure she will do nothing rash.

Mrs Griffin – who lives at Mill Farm  
Gives the Institute cause for alarm  
Mr Holland she apes  
Making dishes and plates  
Her oven must be jolly warm.

Miss Horan – she comes along too.  
What a lot this good lady must do  
With the brownies and Guides  
And sea-rangers besides  
And the Kenn Women's Institute too.

Mrs Hazell attends to the teas  
(I am glad they didn't ask me)  
She serves biscuits and cakes  
Then your three pence she takes  
I dunno what we'd do wi'out she!

A grandmamma called Mrs Bye  
Obliges with songs low and high  
Her grandfather's clock  
Stopped going tick tock (slower and with emotion)  
Missus Bye, you do make us all cry  
(wipe eyes with large hankie)

Mrs Edwards off in a train  
And at Croydon she boarded a plane  
To Paris she flew  
You ask how we knew?  
Her new hat makes it all very plain!

Mrs Holtham looks after with glee  
Both her home and the garage you see.  
So busy she gets  
That sometime she forgets

And drinks petrol instead of her tea!

## **The Kenn Annual Gold Cup Senior Citizens Mad Hatters Christmas Tea Party (mentioning no names...)**

There was no room in the village hall.  
Senior citizens nearly had to eat their Christmas Tea in the street. But the good news of more participants than expected merely mobilised the extra chair/table/plate/cup/saucer/cracker/present platoon, and within minutes of 3 o'clock the starting gun fired and they were off.

No grace before the meal, due to the Rev Preb being off in Yorkshire somewhere without his hat, negotiating with sheep farmers for a glass eye (I may have got the details of that wrong, but the substance is correct, I think...) – but an extra grace after the meal was produced, courtesy of a spare vicar who arrived, bearing his violin.

Friends and neighbours old and new, some still local, some from further away, met and exchanged a year's worth of news – at high speed and quite loudly over sherry and sandwiches, tea and cakes, coffee and mince pies.

Packed in rather more tightly than had been envisaged our elders behaved themselves delightfully. Crackers were pulled as they had been in childhood, presents were ripped and torn (and played with...), carols were sung with gusto.

The singing was accompanied by two guest violins, and there was much rejoicing (and heckling...). A good time was had by all – the little speeches of thanks were delightful, as was the pretty little solo song.



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Once again the good people of Kenn pulled it off – from the washers up and

the table layers, the sandwich cutters and the cake makers, the present wrappers and the tea pourers, the waiters and waitresses, the bringers and fetchers, to the fund-raisers and the furniture removers.

Smiling faces bring their own reward, and we were very well rewarded for our efforts. Here's to next year!

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT KENN VILLAGE HALL 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Once again the Kenn Christmas Bash was a great success.

On behalf of CLIC I would like to thank everybody who spent money behind the bar. All profit from the Bar went to helping Children and young Adults with Cancer, and over £600.00 was made, so well done you thirsty lot.

I would also like to thank Jellifish (the band) for a great night, and the two girls behind the bar (Lizzie and Ali) who both worked hard all night for nothing!

Stuart Summerell

## **Carols on the Green (well Church Path actually) 19<sup>th</sup> December**

This years carolling was a great success made especially so by the splendid band. This consisted of local musicians from East Kenn and several members of the famous Flowers Band from Gloucester. All were under the able musical directorship of local Euphonist Andy Hicks who is a member of the Flowers Band.

Robin and Marianna ensured that embouchures were wetted, throats lubricated and energy levels maintained by

serving up delicious punch and scrumptious mince pies.

Only the snow was missing from this scene from Dickens.

Robin and Mariana organise this event to support The Children's Society and this year about £125 was raised. So thanks to them and special thanks to our talented musicians and the generous members of the Flowers Band that gave up their time to entertain us.

**Robert Down**

P.S. Can we make it a Victorian fancy dress event next year? What do you think?

## **PUNCH, PIES & COFFEE MORNING - 20th DECEMBER**

John and Marlene Arney and Irene Stowell would like to thank all who attended their Christmas get-together at 'The Willows'.

A good time was had by all and despite the numbers being down on last year, as a result of sickness and Christmas absence, a total profit approaching £450 was achieved. £200 has been donated to Clevedon Ladies Evening Group charity for the coming year and the balance will be paid over to the Village Hall.

Special thanks must go to those who donated prizes for the Raffle and Tombola, both of which were very successful.

Also thanks are due to the band of willing helpers - doorkeeper and cloakroom attendant, those who served the Punch, Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls, Coffee etc., the sellers of the tickets for the Raffle and Tombola - who all helped to give the occasion the Christmas Spirit.



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Thank you all and we wish you a Happy New Year.

## **Children's Party 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Our thanks go to Jo Batten for organising Nutty Noah and a brilliant party.

Around 40 children with a sizable backing of parents and grandparents spent a most enjoyable few hours at Kenn Village Hall.

Jo even arranged for Santa Claus to visit.

## **Caring At Christmas**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December we took a complete car-load of clothing, bedding, food and money donations to the shelter "Caring at Christmas" provide in Bristol. As always the gifts were welcomed by the dedicated staff, and will be put to very good use.

As the recession bites deeper these donations will become ever more important as the number of homeless will inevitably rise.

Thank you to all those who so generously donated, Kenn showed its caring side once again to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Robin & Marianna

## **Parish Council Notes**

As it was rather a cold evening the meeting was conducted in double quick time but a lot of business was conducted. The precept was set for 2009/10. It was agreed that in the light of the current economic

situation we should ask for the same amount as this year.

Several hundred bulbs have again been planted in various parts of the village. It will gladden all our hearts when they are flowering in the spring.

You probably read in the Press that Tesco withdrew at the last moment from a public meeting at which the plans for the enlargement of the store were to have been presented. It was agreed that a representative from the Parish Council should attend the next meeting in order to express concern about the increase in traffic.

The next meeting will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at which there will be a presentation by a member of Bristol Airport Staff to explain the expansion plans. If you have any concerns or questions for him do come along

Ann Holtham, Clerk to the Council

## **Just a tap on the shoulder**

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me". The frightened passenger apologised to the driver and said he hadn't realised a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day



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driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years".

Submitted by John Griffin

Saturday in February, which is St Valentines Day.

## **Parish Plan**

By the time you read this, you should have received a Parish Plan Questionnaire together with an envelope with instructions for its return. If not, then please contact Mike Bell on 01934 832518 or myself on 01275 349674 to receive yours.

The Parish Plan that we hope to publish in March next year will reflect the responses of Kenn parishioners and so it is important to let us know your views.

Please return your completed questionnaires as early in January as possible. We have provided a temporary post box near the Village Hall field gate for these and you can also leave them with;

Robert Down, Downscote, Duck Lane  
Caroline Holden, Chapel Cottage,  
Kenn Street  
Robin Mackay, Church Path Cottage,  
Mike Bell, Greenacres, Kenn Road.

If necessary we will collect the form from you. Just phone Mike Bell or myself to arrange a time.

## **Robert Down**

## **Village Market**

Another successful Market was held in December providing varied goods for sale, refreshments in a pleasant friendly atmosphere and raising funds for charities.

There will be no market in January but we will be back on the second

## **Christmas 2008**

When I wrote last year, looking back on the year past, little did I expect the year 2008 ahead to be so dramatic and disturbing.

Now like all of you, I'm wondering what further disappointments and betrayals 2009 will hold for us. These are indeed testing times that we live in, but let us hope and trust that when it's sorted out we will have a safer, fairer, more sensible and stable world.

Amidst this turmoil, we here in Kenn have maintained our village life throughout the year so very well. All the usual events have been organised and well supported. Funds raised to assist our Church, Hall and various charities. All these events take a lot of effort and time, we do thank everyone for their hard work.

This year all outstanding debts on the Village Hall New Entrance have been paid off, again we thank and congratulate all who have enabled this to happen. The new entrance and its facilities are a great improvement and encouragement to folk to use the hall more. Our Hall has a special atmosphere enjoyed by all who use it.

In June we started the monthly Market, which is held on the second Saturday and has been well received. Folk drop in to stroll among between twelve and fifteen stalls selling from locally grown meat to local scene cards, make some purchases and sit awhile to have a coffee and enjoy a chat with friends and neighbours; a pleasant way to spend an hour and also to add a pound or two to Hall funds: each market we



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are able to make between £60/70 profit for the Hall.

Another Big Thank You to all involved, organisers, helpers, traders and customers.

In November we planted another six hundred daffodil bulbs, which will add to the lovely display we had this spring.

This year we have sadly said goodbye to some old friends, but have also welcomed some new families as well as babies to join our village. We hope they are enjoying living here in Kenn.

With my regards and best wishes to you all,

John Griffin  
Chairman Kenn Parish Council



**Kenn  
Women's  
Institute**

It was decided at the December meeting of the W.I. that members would help the Mission to Seafarers this year.

Following an inspirational talk at a Group Meeting by the Rev. Auden, Chaplain to the Bristol branch of the Mission when he told us that quite often seaman arrive here from countries like the Philippines with no more clothing than flip flops, shorts and tee shirts. 50,000 woolly hats are given away each year and warm jumpers and trousers are always welcome. We have got a lot of knitting to do!

Did you know that the Missions to Seafarers was founded in Clevedon? A vicar holidaying here rowed out to some ships becalmed in the Channel and was so appalled by what he found that he founded the Mission to help them.

The Beetle game was much enjoyed especially as members had turned out on an exceptionally cold evening. Christmas cards and gifts were exchanged.

Gill Hackett has arranged a very interesting programme for us next year. The January talk is entitled Friendship Clinic and will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Shore. The competition is for an elephant in any medium. In February someone will be coming from Waitrose to talk to us.

We are always happy to welcome visitors so do come along if you think the talk sounds appealing.

Ann Holtham

## Homeless – by Molly Cheek

It was getting dark. I trudged along the greyish, snowy pavement, dragging my soggy cardboard box behind me.

People stop and glare at me, tutting at my ragged clothes, hastily pulling their children away from me. They don't understand. I have no food, no money. I can't busk, I don't have anything to busk with. It's so unfair. I'm not crazy, drunk or taking drugs. I'm all alone, with only a cardboard box. Can't people find it in their hearts to take a poor hungry woman home?

A woman stops by me, gives me a sharp look and turns away, muttering: "wretched tramps". See? I'm not a bad person, but just because I'm a tramp doesn't mean I'm any less valued does it?



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I sink mournfully onto the ground outside  
Boots. I'm so cold, so alone. I'm hungry  
and I suffer. I sigh, take one look around,  
curl up and close my eyes for the last time.

## Refuse Collection

Normal day Monday, now

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## Refuse/Recycling

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

## JANUARY DIARY

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Village Lunch from 12.00 pm at  
The Drum and Monkey, Kenn**

## Clevedon Sale Rooms

Auction dates:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Victorian and Later Furniture  
and effects

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 pm

Kenn Women's Institute meet at

Kenn Village Hall

Subject - Friendship Clinic

Speakers - Mr. & Mrs. Shore.

Competition - An elephant

Non-members are always  
welcome.

**New Church Room  
Coffee Morning 10 – noon  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Margaret & Brian Cook  
For Hospice Care**

## Our Flag

We flew our flag on the 20<sup>th</sup> December  
to celebrate the marriage of Peter  
Woods and Emma Hurley

## Church Floodlighting

Our Church has been illuminated  
several times in December.

19<sup>th</sup> for Carols Round the Tree  
21<sup>st</sup> for the Carol Service, also the  
birthdays of John Griffin and Renee  
Bell.

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the  
Christmas Season

28<sup>th</sup> for St. John the Evangelists  
Patronal Festival

31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve to welcome  
2009

**It's January - and what must  
we do?**

**F**ind the flies!

**L**ook in the loft!

**I**nspect the outhouse!

**E**xamine the barn!

**S**uck 'em up in the vacuum!

And the prize for finding them? -  
A 'plague-free' summer.

**Clevedon Mercury and  
North Somerset Times**



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Don't forget that copies of both these local newspapers are freely available in the bar of The Drum and Monkey each week

## What's on at The Drum?

**Wednesday Night  
Is Quiz Night**

**Kenn Village Lunch  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
meet from 12 noon**

**Stefan and Laura  
wish you all a very  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
and thank you all for your  
custom in 2008**

## Bird News I

Cliff Edwards mentioned to me that he had not seen any House Sparrows in his garden recently and I was able to tell him that in the Bristol area they have increased in numbers (by about 30%) in the last ten years. There is a colony of very active House Sparrows about a hundred yards from our house, yet it is unusual for us to see one in our garden – it seems that they have fairly definite favoured places.

Sarah Clark reported a Barn Owl and whilst checking the box on the YACWAG reserve (at the Yatton end of Kenn Moor Road) we found a couple of Barn Owl pellets, so perhaps the bird she saw has paid a few visits to the YACWAG fields.

John Croxton and myself have been involved in survey work for the National Bird Atlas and in the course of this we visited Cooks Lane and Clevedon Moor towards the end of November. This was quite productive with 7 Mistle Thrushes among the Fieldfares and redwings in the orchards and 23 Snipe in a (very) wet field.

This was an area visited by one of Ray's walks in the summer when John got a welly-boot full of water – I got a boot full of even colder water this time! Sightings of a couple of Little Grebes and a Grey Wagtail provided compensation though.

A flock of 50 Siskins was feeding on Alder catkins in Littlewood in early December and Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Chiffchaff and Goldcrest were also present. On the adjoining moor a Peregrine was on one of the pylons and a Kingfisher flew along the icy rhyne in Claverham Drove.

A flock of Starling around 2000 strong was near to Kingston Seymour and we recorded a Woodcock (flushed as always) by Plantation Lakes.

Along the Strawberry Line, a flock of 35 Chaffinches was feeding on seed in hay put out for horses and a few Siskins and Redpolls were active at the Congresbury end of the line. The frozen ground brought a Water Rail into the open – it looked like a small clockwork toy as it crossed a drove on Congresbury Moor.

For the first time ever I failed to register a single Snipe on the monthly count of YACWAG and Congresbury Moor fields, but there was one Jack Snipe and the Barn Owl was still in residence.



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Finally, I have not seen any Lapwings on the moors this winter, but there were 3,700 at Slimbridge on the 18<sup>th</sup>; a fantastic sight. Winter is the best time to visit Slimbridge with all the Bewick's Swans, White Fronted Geese, thousands of ducks and waders as well as the collection birds and a very nice café.

P.S. 30 plus Waxwings seen in Yatton on Christmas Eve (not by me!!!). If you have any ornamental berry laden shrubs near you – keep a good look out for these exotic visitors.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

## **Bird News II**

I have been confined to Cloverlea recently, but can report that Brian Cook has seen a Goldcrest in his garden and Margaret Ball has noticed several Blackbirds enjoying the fallen apples in her garden.

Ray Naish  
01275 872493

## **OIL SUPPLIES**

I thought it might be useful for everyone in Kenn to know of a website where they offer group prices on Domestic oil supplies and I thought the Kenn News & Views was a good way to let everyone know.

It's a very simple to use service and all you need to do is log on to **boilerjuice.com** website and register your postcode. The website will then email you when there are lower prices available because others in the area are ordering. My quote went down to 36 pence per litre because there were others buying this weekend from the same area. This can reduce further if more people register with the site.

Kind regards  
Lisa Court  
Orchard End 28.11.8



Dear Mr Mackay

Thank you very much for your donation of £125.00, which has been successfully processed.

At The Children's Society we believe that, no matter what disadvantages a child may face, they should still be given a real chance in life. We support thousands of children in around 60 projects around the country and we depend on voluntary donations to help maintain our work.

Your gift will not only help make a real difference to the individual children involved directly in our work but, by supporting our research and campaigning, will also help improve the lives of thousands more.

Thank you for helping us to achieve this.

If you have any questions or would like further information on the work of The Children's Society, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 300 1128 or email [supporteraction@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:supporteraction@childrenssociety.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

Martin Field  
Fundraising and Campaigns Director  
The Children's Society

**Bell Restoration News**  
**– 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

The report by John Ball & Julia Bush (any more J.B.s out there???) in the November "News & Views" gave little



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idea of all the frustration suffered by all three of us, and the hard work carried out by those two, to get to the position they described!

I can only say a very great ‘thank you’ to them and our vicar for getting the paperwork together and in front of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in time to get the faculty application posted on the church door in October/November despite all odds.

The ‘stumbling block’ has been our church architect. I feel particularly peeved because when he eventually re-visited Kenn on 4<sup>th</sup> August after months of absolute silence he apologised personally to me, and quite convincingly, since he had been, in his own words “very re-miss in not getting on with the job sooner”. Then he went away **and again we have been unable to get any response from him at all!** In the absence of the architect’s specification, John Ball produced the specification we intended to work to, and the reason for the work being required, himself, in a very well illustrated document. Julia, our vicar, and myself tweaked it slightly where we considered necessary, and off it went to the DAC. He even sent a complimentary copy to our architect, **but again, no response.**

We were very rewarded, and somewhat surprised, therefore, to get a good response from the DAC. The first requirement, as I understand the position, was to display the notice of application for a faculty to carry out the work, on the door of the church for 28 days. This has now been done and no objections recorded. We now have to await the final authorisation and so it will most likely be in the New Year before the Whitechapel Bell-Foundry can re-schedule Kenn on their work list – they had asked if they could come

back in August! (Also, our team treasurer, having made the first down payment to the Foundry, believed the bell was already there in August

– I had to disillusion him!! I regret that we shall not be able to have the newly hung bell ringing for Christmas services – well we might have, but it will be Christmas 2009 at this rate! (Also our Chalice Handbell team, though very well supported now by new helpers from Yatton, may not be able to put in an appearance at the Kenn Carol Service as it clashes with the one at Yatton, which some wish to attend.)

One requirement of the DAC is causing us a bit of confusion - they require that the bottom ladder, to the first new landing in the tower, must be fixed. Our architect, and us, in August decided it would be best to have it removable so that it could be locked against the wall and no one could ascend the tower unauthorised. Also, it would leave the tower tidier and not obscure the ‘Bishop Ken’ West Window. The DAC then say we must work to the agreement of our architect – having expressly disregarded his requirement themselves!!

Wait for our next report to see how we overcome that obstacle! (As he seems very unwilling to answer us at all it may be left to our decision.)

In the meantime, John Ball’s hydraulic platform sits patiently in the bottom of the tower awaiting the time when he has the “go-ahead” to start removing floors and making ready for the Bell-hangers to move in. This will now most probably be in very cold weather, whereas had the architect got on with the job when promised, it could have been done in the relative warmth of the Autumn. (Sooner than me up that tower in Winter!!)



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Geoff. Marchant.

(see the end of the back page)

**SUCCESS – The Faculty was confirmed early in December and we are discussing with Whitechapel when they can fit our bell into their schedule. J.B. & J.B.**

Our thanks to Mike Callow for the following:

God and Adam (continued)  
A True Story (would I lie to you)  
Part 2

After spending time with Eve, Adam was walking with God in the garden. Having told God how much the women meant to him, he began asking questions about her.

Adam: "Lord, Eve is beautiful. Why did you make her so beautiful?"

God: "So you will always want to cherish and adore her"

Adam: "Lord, her skin is so soft. Why did you make it so soft?"

God: "So you will always want to touch her".

Adam: "She always smells so good. Lord why did you make her smell so good."

God: "So you will always want to be near her."

Adam "Why did you make her so kind?"

God: "So you would be kind as well."

Adam: "That's wonderful Lord, and I don't want to seem ungrateful, but why did you make her so daft?"

What was God's reply?

You're going to love this!

## Margaret's Mutterings

### Pre-Christmas Lunch at the Granary

Thanks go to Grace and John and helpers for organising a Christmas Lunch from some of our elderly residents.

### Kenn Village Hall – Winters End

Did you stay up, till midnight on Christmas Night, to watch Winters End on ITV? – We did and thoroughly enjoyed the film.

Our Village Hall looked super – it was also on the local news just before Christmas and it was mentioned in the credits at the end – who would have believed Snow in June!!

May I add my thanks to everyone who has done so much during 2008 to make Kenn a lovely place to live.  
Best wishes, to you all for 2009.

Special thanks to all who have contributed to this little magazine – please keep it coming!

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## YATTON MOOR SERVICES

### **1st Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January THE EPIPHANY**

#### ***8.00am Holy Communion Kenn***

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Family Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11.00am Family Service  
Kingston Seymour  
6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service  
Yatton

### **2nd Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January BAPTISM OF CHRIST FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham  
11.00am Trinity Praise Cleeve  
***11.00am Holy Communion Kenn***  
6.00pm Evensong Kingston Seymour  
6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

### **3rd Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11.00am Holy Communion  
Kingston Seymour  
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton  
***6.00pm Evensong Kenn***

## JANUARY 2009

### **4th Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January CONVERSION OF PAUL THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

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  
***11.00 Family Service Kenn***  
6.00pm Evensong Yatton

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

Every Wednesday:

10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday in month:

7<sup>th</sup> January

11am: Holy Communion

Kingston Seymour

***3rd Wednesday in month:***

***21<sup>st</sup> January***

***11am: Holy Communion at Kenn***

4th Wednesday in month:

28<sup>th</sup> January

11am: Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday:

9.30am: Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30pm: Holy Communion Yatton

Term-Time

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

2.00 pm First Steps Yatton



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God said “So that she would love you”