

# NEWS & VIEWS

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# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clare Stowell-Hibbs  
Mike Beardshaw 50<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Antoni Papasolomontos  
Avril Flower  
4<sup>th</sup> Rosie Treble  
6<sup>th</sup> Andrea Waters  
7<sup>th</sup> Jo Batten  
8<sup>th</sup> Emma Brooks (Fenwick)  
10<sup>th</sup> Mary Lamb  
Anna Edwards  
Jean and Ray Naish (W.A.)  
13<sup>th</sup> Troy Gale  
19<sup>th</sup> John Ball 50<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> Barbara Middleton  
22<sup>nd</sup> Liz Jaehme  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mary Willcox  
24<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ball  
Emily Golding-Ellis  
28<sup>th</sup> Theresa Walters  
29<sup>th</sup> Miles Naish

### *Thought of the Month*

*Better by far you should forget and  
smile!*

*Than that you should remember and  
be sad.*

### Naish's Notes

I have been donated some lovely nesting boxes for Charity by Mrs Murphy.

This is just the right time for putting them up in the garden. They are available for £3. Phone me on 01934 838357.

Proceeds to Breast Cancer Awareness.

We will be holding our Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for Life in May/June, date to be decided.

But we will be needing Raffle Prizes and bric-a-brac, so start collecting. All donated goodies to Heather Jenkins and myself.

Sponsor forms and details next month.

### St. John The Evangelist, Altar Guild- April Rota

Mrs. I. Stowell and Mrs. J. Ings

### Kenn Parish Council

Don't forget to come along to the next Parish Council meeting which will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. This is also the occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

### What's on at the Drum!

1st April - Mike's birthday

Tuesday 1st April  
Village Lunch  
From 12.30 p.m.

Everybody welcome  
Come along and meet your friends  
and neighbours

Wednesday Night is Quiz Night

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30 pm  
Mike Beardshaw's Birthday Bash

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## Julia's Jottings

### **Simmel Cakes/Easter Cakes**

I will be making cakes (Simmel Cake Recipe) which will be ready over the Easter weekend.

The profits from which will be sent to the Blay Family in Ghana.

Cake sale takings are enough to keep the three youngest Blay children in school.

Please 'phone in an order on 01275 873554 leaving your name, number, size of cake etc.

Could you also say if you can collect your cake after Family Service on Easter Day, or suggest an alternative, Thanks

1 lb. Loaf tin £3 - 6" round £5

Julia Bush

### **New Room**

To date we are awaiting an acceptable quote for the build.

### **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

In the meantime, if anyone out there has any brilliant ideas about fund raising (anything legal considered) please let Ray Naish, myself, or any of "The Friends of Kenn Church" know. WE are especially interested in things that are FUN!!!

Julia Bush

### **HELP!!!**

Kenn is very 'light' on representation on Yatton Moor P.C.C. If you are on the Electoral Roll, are over 16 years of age, are a communicant in the C. of E. please consider this.

Julia Bush

### **Smarties Challenge**

Smarty Lovers of Kenn, Keep munching those Smarties! Keep filling those empty tubes with any coins of the realm (or notes).

Could you bring said tubes to church on Easter Sunday (or to me) and I will post the results on the Church Notice Board and in May Kenn News & Views.

This is a great example of how raising money for a good cause can be fun!

We have a long way to go before we have the "New Room" but "The longest journey Starts with a single step".

Julia Bush

If you pray for another you will be helped yourself

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Friends of mine are going to have another child. He, or she, will complete their family, bring great joy and will be greatly loved.

The whole process will take about two years as they are adopting and, as they live in France, the bureaucratic process is a nightmare.

But it will be worth it - especially for the child.

All children need to belong, be in a position where they can grow up knowing they are wanted and loved, where they can enjoy the security of a loving family, and where they can be certain they are important as individuals.

Of course, children like the one my friends will adopt could be left in the orphanage until they are old enough to make up their own minds about their future and decide for themselves what, if any, family they want to join.

That is the modern way, after all - let youngsters make their own life decisions.

But it would be ridiculous.

The Church exists as the family of God and it is the place where we receive unconditional love, where we are as important as anyone else regardless of gender, class, education, intelligence and status, and where we can grow spiritually and develop into well rounded, adult human beings.

The way into this family is Baptism (sometimes called Christening) and to bring a child to Church for that is the most wonderful, the most loving and the most important thing parents can do.

And it is no more something to be left until children can decide for themselves than being part of a human family.

So if you have not yet had time to bring your children to Baptism why not call me (01934 830208) and we can make arrangements.

For without your child our Church family is incomplete.

with love and prayers

John Andrews  
Team Vicar



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## KENN NOTES - SNIPPETS

### Celebrations

27<sup>th</sup> March – We flew our flag to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Pam Stuckey of Little Carpenters; further celebrations were a birthday tea at Kenn Court.

30<sup>th</sup> March – Fred and Jean Fenwick celebrated their Ruby Wedding and on

31<sup>st</sup> March Peter and Joyce Pike of Barberry Farm celebrated their Pearl Wedding.

We flew our flag to celebrate these happy occasions.

### Congratulations

Lizzie Dyer recently participated in the County Hockey Trials. Thirty girls had been selected, but only five were picked for the team. Well done Lizzie and Good Luck

### Tea Party 10<sup>th</sup> March

As is their custom since the late 1950's the W.R.V.S. Tea Set from Clevedon were entertained to tea at Kenn Court.

My sincere thanks to Jill Hackett and Jenny Croxton who came along to help.

### Coffee Morning 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am

A Coffee Morning for Kenn Village Hall will be held at Kenn Court on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 a.m.

Raffle and Bring and Buy  
Offers of help will be appreciated.

Come along and meet your friends and neighbours.

### Kenn Women's Institute

Kenn W.I. will meet at Kenn Village Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

Speaker Mr. Groundrill who will speak on his work in Leyhill and Africa.

Competition – Five Daffodils

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

### Yeo Valley Group Meeting

Kenn W.I. will host the Yeo Valley Group Meeting

Ruth Dyer

***"Rural Newsagent of the year  
will win £2,000.00"***

*The hunt is on to find the Rural  
Newsagent of the Year.*

If you think that our Newsagent, Clive Mortimer of Yatton Newsagents, qualifies perhaps you might like to nominate him.

Many of us remember that while the Yatton Railway Bridge was closed for several months recently, Clive carried our newspapers over the temporary footbridge each day to ensure that we received our paper.

*This is organised by Country Living  
Magazine and nominations  
(maximum 250 words)  
should be sent to:*

*Country Living  
Rural Newsagent Competition  
Broadwick Street  
London W1F 9EP*

**Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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## Dates for your diary

### At the Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 12.30 onwards  
Village Lunch - all welcome

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30 pm

Mike Beardshaw's Birthday Bash

### At St. Mary's Church, Yatton

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 7.00 pm  
Come and listen to John Rutter's wonderful Requiem sung by Ian Hubbard's special choir, with instrumentalists

### At Kenn Village Hall

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm.  
Kenn Parish Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30 p.m. Kenn W.I. Meeting.

### At Kenn Court

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30 am

Coffee Morning for Village Hall Funds

## ADVANCE NOTICES

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Jumble Sale for Kenn W.I. Funds

Thanks go to Rob Treble for arranging the Dance at Kenn Village Hall in March. £135 was raised for Hall Funds.

"The Harrisons" are booked to appear live again in Kenn on 28<sup>th</sup> June - more details next month.

There is no cure for life or death  
save to enjoy the interval

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I am sure that you, like me, had not realised that the Wolf Cubs of Devon won World War II but Mr Brayley enlightened our members in his delightful talk at our March meeting.

For those of us who were wartime children he brought back memories of making and mending, for example he remembers knotting old knicker elastic to make a catapult - causing much hilarity amongst members, as did the fascination of why girls 'pants' had elastic round the legs as well as the top, unlike that of boys: a phenomenon much discussed by boys of a certain age around 6-8 years old!

There did not seem to be any food deprivation near Barnstaple where he was evacuated from Bristol in 1940, aged six.

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He joined a family of three children and their parents whom he called 'Uncle' and 'Auntie'.

Dad worked an allotment on the opposite of the road to their small house supplying fresh vegetables every day. When he heard that Uncle was 'digging for victory' the young man thought there was a ship buried underground in the allotment as he was initially told about HMS Victory before discovering the meaning of the word!

He thought he was going away for two weeks holiday, I imagine in common with thousands of evacuated children.

But he soon discovered that he had to go to school, and after being wrongly accused of a misdemeanour he was enrolled in the Cubs 'for the discipline'.

He made many close friends who formed a night-time Observer Corps (who could only plane spot until 6.30 p.m. because of bedtime!), and they also had night-time (or rather early evening manoeuvres) blackening their faces with dark mud.

He stayed with a caring family who even taught their budge to say its name and address followed by "bugger Hitler!" lest it was lost.

His friends in the Cubs learned that we had to invade Europe to stop Hitler and as it was 'over the sea and a huge mass of land', they decided that Appledore was

Europe and they proceeded to 'borrow' a boat and row to Appledore where they planned to land as spies.

They were a little bemused by the fact that the 'foreign soldiers' looked rather old and were not wearing uniforms, then they realised it was Sunday, and their day off so that was why they were sitting along the waterfront.

The evening conjured up childhood experiences and for us all, even those who did not have harrowing wartime recollections and I wonder if children of today with their readymade entertainment via computers and television will have the same happy memories of homemade fun and adventures as has our generation. I hope they do.

Our competition was a wartime memento and Margaret Chappell won gold with Ruth Dobbs and Madeleine Crawley

On 9th April Mr Groundrill will be talking about his work at Leyhill Prison and in Africa.

Bristol Opera Society is 100 years old and on the 14th May Mr Lamb will be telling us all about it. Please come along - 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

ROSEMARIE FORD 542651.

We never know the love of  
parents till we become parents  
ourselves



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## BIRD NEWS I

As I write, we are in the middle of a spell of glorious weather, almost unprecedented for mid-March I should think.

Some summer migrants are starting to arrive – there were 10 Chiffchaffs singing along the Strawberry Line at Yatton today (22<sup>nd</sup>).

Conversely, I saw about 20 Fieldfares, that had probably stopped over on their northward journey.

John Croxton rang me to report a Red Kite he has seen over Kenn Road, Clevedon, on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Another informant had seen the same bird over Weston-super-Mare 45 minutes previous to the Clevedon sighting.

My highlight was a Grey Wagtail in our new (small) garden.

YACWAG erected 12 nest boxes in Little Wood and a Blue Tit was seen entering one of them just 20 minutes after the box had been put up!

Trevor Riddle  
01934 835208

## BIRD NEWS II

Len Summerell of Nailsea has made two bird nesting boxes and presented them to the Church. They have been placed in the Fir Trees in the Churchyard.

The summer visiting birds have started to arrive, I heard my first Chiff-Chaff on March 19<sup>th</sup> near Kingston Bridge and I have heard them all over this area since.

Seventeen Swans have been grazing in a field on Nailsea Wall. I don't expect the farmer is very pleased. They probably eat as much grass as ten sheep.

There have been large numbers of Fieldfares in the orchard behind "Stonehouse Farm" they all disappeared on 25<sup>th</sup> March, probably starting their migration to Northern Russia.

This morning 28<sup>th</sup> March, I saw a pair of Sheld Ducks, commonly known as Burrow Ducks in the field behind the Church. They come inland to nest at this time of year. They make their nests in disused rabbit burrows.

Pearl Ferris of Nailsea Wall has spotted a Kingfisher on a post near her sitting room window, this is on the bank of the Old River Kenn

Ray Naish

**St Mary's Church Yatton  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 p.m**

**Come and listen to John  
Rutter's wonderful Requiem  
sung by Ian Hubbard's special  
choir, with instrumentalists**



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## The 1901 Census of Kenn

I have managed to obtain a copy of the 1901 Census of Kenn. This following are some extracts from it:

There were fifty seven houses in Kenn with approximately two hundred and fifty people living in them. There were only two people over eighty years of age. They were William and Elizabeth Staples of Moorside Farm. Elizabeth's maiden name was Naish.

Only five people were in their seventies. What a difference today when there are two people over ninety, eleven people over eighty and something like twenty people over seventy.

There are only six families still here that were here in 1901.

They are the Staples, the Dyer, the Pike, the Stowell, the Stuckey and the Baker (of whom Cyril Willcox is a descendant) families.

There were five members of the Stone family and eight members of the Lock family living in what was "Stonehouse Cottages" the house that is now derelict and empty in Kenn Street.

There were only two people on Parish Relief, both widows.

One Henry Lock aged 19, has the unusual occupation of Road Traction Flagman.

If anyone would like to go through this Census with me, I would be pleased to help them.

Ray Naish

## 10 Reasons why God created Eve

10. God worried that Adam would be lost in the Garden of Eden because he wouldn't ask for directions.

9. God knew that someday Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote. (Parenthetically, it has been noted that men don't want to see what's ON TV; they want to see WHAT ELSE is on.)

8. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment.

7. God knew that when Adam's fig leaf wore out, he would never buy a new one for himself.

6. God knew that Adam would not remember to take out the garbage.

5. God wanted man to be fruitful and multiply, but he knew Adam would never be able to handle labour pains and childbirth.

4. As "keeper of the garden," Adam would need help in finding his tools.

3. Adam needed someone to blame for the Apple Incident, and for anything else that was really his fault.

2. As the Bible says: "It is not good for man to be alone".

And the No. 1 reason of all

(Tada, drum roll, fanfare etc)

God stepped back, looked at Adam, and declared:

1. "I can do better than that."

(also submitted by John Griffin)

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## Humour

The wise old Mother Superior was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed, trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it.

Then one nun took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of whisky received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount in to the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips.

"Mother drank a little, then a little more, then before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother, Mother" the nuns cried, "Give us some wisdom before you die!"

She raised herself up in bed with a pious look on her face and pointing out the window she said, "Don't sell that cow!"

(Submitted by John Griffin)

## Kenn 1875

In last month's News & Views, Robert Down sent in information about Kenn in 1875. He included a list of people classed as "Commercial People" this did not include their addresses. I think I can fill this in.

John Griffin "Portbury House"  
Henry Amesbury, Blacksmith "The Old Forge".  
William Amesbury, "Kenn Pier Farm"  
Robert Baker "Yew Tree Farm"  
John Board "Colehouse" now "Lake Farm"  
James Coombes, Butcher, "Cherry Tree Cottage", Moor Road

Samuel Dyer, "Kenn Court"  
Samuel Dyer Junior, "The Laurels"  
William Dyer, Shopkeeper, "Corner Cottage"  
Thomas Hardwick "Moorgates"  
Joseph Hedges, "Stonehouse Farm"  
William Plumley "The Rose & Crown", now "The Drum & Monkey"  
Edward Sprod, Tallow Chandler, "Mill Farm"  
William Staples, "Moorside Farm"  
Joseph Stuckey, "Carpenters Farm"  
Henry Wall, "Manor Farm"  
George Wallis, "Poplar Farm" which has now disappeared, it was behind the six houses that are near the Village Hall.

The School Mistress Miss Mary Curtis, probably lived at "The School House", now "Moor Lodge".

There is a mention of Charles Edwards Esq. a principal land owner. I have no idea where he lived.

Ray Naish

## The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Kenn fortnightly, in April on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays)

Duck Lane	9.35-9.55
Chapel Cottage Kenn Street	10.00-10.20
Kenn Estate, Yatton Road	10.25-10.35

The vehicle has a lift for disabled and infirm people - it is easy to join, bring some identification linking name and address.

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## **Hello to our new neighbours**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> April will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of both Kenn and Clevedon Salerooms. After 120 years of auctions of Fine Art, Antiques and Chattels at Herbert Road in Clevedon, Business partners Marc Burrige and Julie Hawkings, together with the rest of the Clevedon Salerooms team will make the long awaited move to their new premises in Kenn, to be known as Clevedon Salerooms, The Auction Centre, Kenn Road, Kenn.

Any one passing the former Cam Gears Social Club building can hardly have failed to notice the extensive works now nearing completion. The inaugural auction is due to be held on the Thursday 1st May and Marc and Julie would like to take this opportunity of thanking their new 'neighbours' in the village of Kenn for their positive response and the warm welcome already received and look forward to seeing them at the salerooms on a regular basis!

Like the Village of Kenn itself, Clevedon Salerooms boasts a long history and a fine reputation and Marc and Julie hope that this new venture within Kenn will in time become part of the former and contribute to the latter.

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## THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

### SERVICES FOR APRIL

#### 1st Sunday 6th THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:00 *Holy Communion Kenn*  
08:00 Holy Communion Claverham  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
11:00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
19:00 John Rutter 'Requiem' Yatton

#### 2nd Sunday 13th PALM SUNDAY

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham  
11:00 Family Service Cleeve  
11:00 *Holy Communion Kenn*  
18:00 Evensong (BCP) Kingston Seymour  
followed by APCM  
18:30 Holy Communion Cleeve

#### 3rd Sunday 20th EASTER SUNDAY

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09:30 Family Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham  
11:00 Family Communion Kingston Seymour  
11:00 *Family Communion Kenn*  
11:00 Holy Communion Cleeve  
18:00 Festal Evensong Yatton

#### 4th Sunday 27th THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
08:00 Holy Communion Kingston Seymour  
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
10:00 Family Service Claverham  
11:00 *Holy Communion Kenn*  
14:30 Holy Baptism Cleeve / Claverham  
18:00 Evensong (BCP) Yatton

### HOLY DAYS IN APRIL:

28th **GEORGE, MARTYR**  
08:30 Holy Communion Yatton  
29th **MARK the EVANGELIST**  
08:30 Holy Communion Yatton

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 08:30 Morning Prayer at Yatton (except Holy Days)

### Every Wednesday

10:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
14:15 Pram Service at Yatton (in school term time)

### 1st Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour

### 3rd Wednesday in month - 16<sup>th</sup> April

11:00 *Holy Communion at Kenn*

### 4th Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Claverham

### Every Thursday

09:30 Holy Communion at Cleeve  
19:30 Holy Communion at Yatton

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

19:30 Compline with short address Claverham  
20:00 Compline with short address Yatton

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

19:30 Compline with short address Claverham  
20:00 Compline with short address Yatton

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

19:30 Compline with short address Claverham  
20:00 Compline with short address Yatton

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

11:00 *Holy Communion at Kenn*

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

19:30 Institution of the Lord's Supper Cleeve  
19:30 Agape meal, Communion, and Vigil

### GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 Family Service Cleeve  
11:00 *Meditation Kenn*  
12:00 Children's Workshop Yatton  
14:00 Last Hour Meditation Kingston Seymour  
14:00 Last Hour Meditation Yatton  
14:00 Meditation Claverham  
15:30 Precinct Ecumenical Service Yatton

### EASTER EVE

### Saturday 19th April

20:00 Ceremony of New Fire at Yatton

### EASTER DAY

### SUNDAY 20th April

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton  
09:30 Family Communion Yatton  
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham  
11:00 Family Communion Kingston Seymour  
11:00 *Family Communion Kenn*  
11:00 Holy Communion Cleeve  
18:00 Festal Evensong Yatton