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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April

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

Naish's Notes

The images of Mother

4 years of age – My mummy can do anything.
8 years of age – My mum knows a whole lot
12 years of age - My mother doesn't really know everything.
14 years of age – Naturally my mother doesn't know that either
16 years of age – Mother? She is hopelessly old fashioned.
18 years of age – That old woman? She's way out of date
25 years of age – Well, she might know a little bit about it
35 years of age – Before we decide let's get Mum's opinion
45 years of age – Wonder what mum would have thought of it?
65 years of age – Wish I could talk it over with mum.

Thought of the Month

*For the Office....
Of course I don't look busy
I did it right the first time.*

Sunday May 19th - CROCUS WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

This will be the old Fun Run Course, a 3 mile amble around the village, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall..... BBQ, Wine, Beer Soft Drinks etc.

We will hope to have a Book Stall and a Bring and Buy. Any goods to Heather or myself. We will be delighted to accept offers of help.

Sponsor forms are available from Heather and myself.

Every small amount helps.

Bring your mum, your kids, your granny, your dog, your neighbour, your friend, anyone and everyone.

See you there!!!

Sheila

St. John The Evangelist, Altar Guild- April Rota

Mrs. I. Stowell and Mrs. J. Ings

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Annual Vestry Meeting at Kenn

On Sunday 24th March after the Palm Sunday Communion Service (which included the mammoth Easter narrative Gospel Reading) Rev. Chris Horseman conducted the annual Vestry Meeting.

He read the minutes of last year's Vestry and there being no alterations signed them.

Chris then announced the two nominees for the post of Churchwarden – Raymond V. Naish (25th year) and Julia Bush (3rd year).

Amazingly there were no other nominations so the above were elected for another year. Hey ho!

Julia Bush

Christian Aid in Kenn

I have had two offers of help for Christian Aid Week

12th – 18th May

Please, please, please could you consider collecting a few envelopes (if necessary I will deliver them)

Rounds comprise the following:

Kenn Street – right hand side
Kenn Street – left hand side

Main Road – could be split
Duck Lane
Hinterland (farms etc.)

Looking forward to hearing from someone

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Typist's note -

Church Room

What the papers say !

Cuttings from recent issues of the Clevedon Mercury -

APPLICATION NO. 02/P/0467/F
LOCATION Church of St John the Evangelist, Kenn, Somerset
PROPOSAL Demolition of unused small room and rebuilding church room with new. Listed Building Application.
APPLICATION NO.

~~KENN~~

FULL planning permission to demolish detached church room and replace with toilet at Church of St John The Evangelist, for Yatton Moor Parochial Church Council, c/o PCC Secretary, 4 Church Close, Yatton.

What we are actually applying for is a rebuilt church room with toilet

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A Prayer used at our Mothering Sunday Service

Goodness is stronger than evil:
Love is stronger than hate:
Light is stronger than darkness:
Life is stronger than death:
Victory is ours through him who
loves us.

Desmond Tutu

Kenn Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting
will take place at 7.30 p.m. on
Monday 8th April.

This will be followed by the open
Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm.

All Parishioners are invited to
attend these meetings.

Among items on the Agenda will be
plans for celebrations for the
Queen's Golden Jubilee.

What's on at the Drum!

1st April - Mike's birthday

Tuesday 2nd April
Village Lunch
From 12.30 p.m.

Everybody welcome
Come along and meet your friends
and neighbours

Wednesday Night is Quiz Night

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Tea Party

11th March, twenty members of the
W.R.V.S. Tea Party were entertained
to tea at Kenn Court. The eldest
member is ninety six years old and
others well into their eighties.

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

Ruth Dyer

Dates for your diary

At the Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 2nd April - 12.30 onwards
Village Lunch - all welcome

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night.

Thursday 4th April -
Fun at the Drum - SOLD OUT

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At Kenn Village Hall

Monday 8th April 7.30 pm.

Kenn Parish Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting. This will include plans for Kenn's Celebrations of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Wednesday 10th April

7.30 p.m. Kenn W.I. Meeting.
Speaker – Mr. Farthing taking us from "Pyramids to Penicillin"
Competition – A Medicine Bottle
Any visitors will be most welcome!

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wednesday 15th May Jumble Sale for Kenn W.I. Funds

Sunday 19th May Crocus Walk for Breast Cancer

Saturday 29th June – Strawberry Tea for The Friends of Clevedon Hospital – details later (organised by Kenn W.I.)

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sadly we have fallen at the second fence (or should I say frame) in the Skittles League, having been fairly well beaten – we'll get further next year!

The Town Council was discussing our plea to keep the toilets open at Six Ways at their meeting on 13th March, and our letter to the County Council has been passed to Mr Edwards for him to handle.

We are pressing Consignia to keep rural postal services open and are

waiting for a reply from them and the Prime Minister.

Meantime, Dr Liam Fox has sent us a very informative and helpful reply.

Mrs Susan Marshfield took us "Barefoot to Buckingham Palace" with an hilarious account of her two visits to Royal Garden Parties.

Apart from being a superb speaker, Mrs Marshfield is a natural comedienne and we were literally laughing until we cried. Her first visit was via Local Government when her boss nominated her invitation – he told her he thought he would not hear the end of it if she did not go!

Susan asked how many of our Members had attended a Royal Garden Party and with three of us being so elevated she said we were far above average (as we know!) as it usually works out that 1 in 22 people who go.

She described the beautiful garden and atmosphere and a friend offering to drive them and turning up unexpectedly in a chauffeur's uniform enhanced the day. Being able park on the pavement in The Mall was a great privilege and having their car summoned to pick them up in the Palace forecourt made Susan and Jack feel real VIP's.

The second visit proved less 'smooth'. One of their neighbours was invited and they suggested they took Susan and Jack.

The July day was very hot and their transport proved to be rather airless. Their driver said he knew

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London but proved he did not and ignored Jack's directions despite the fact that he knew Jack had worked in the City.

They were late arriving and had to park at the end of The Mall.

Susan had kicked off her shoes and when she tried to put them on her feet were swollen but Jack insisted she could get her feet in and forced them into the shoes.

As we all understand ladies, this crippled her and she hobbled up The Mall, leaning on Jack for support.

At Victoria's statue she sat down and said she would stay there but Jack insisted on keeping going as a Policeman waved them across the road.

In the Palace forecourt there are pink chippings, which seemed to cut into the soles of her shoes.

Susan struggled through the Palace and out into the garden where she sank into a chair and removed the offending shoes but she then dripped blood onto the lawn to Jack's horror.

She hobbled to the First Aid tent where a matronly dragon reprimanded her for 'cooking' her feet by having a bath before she left home and then wearing new unwashed tights! Her feet

bandaged, and not able to wear her shoes she crept back to the Party, having missed the 'Royals' and the food.

Again she had to trek back through the Palace and across the chippings and her feet were so painful she hung on to the railings whilst the car was brought round.

Susan's anecdotes were too many to recount here and accompanied by her facial expressions and her 'actions', her talk made a very memorable evening.

Ruth Dyer won the competition of a hat for an occasion with Heather Saxby and Margaret Chapel receiving silver and green.

Our speaker on the 10th April is Mr Farthing who will be taking us from "Pyramids to Penicillin" – any visitors will be most welcome.

Rosemarie Ford 01275-877243.

Answer to last month's riddle

"Nothing"

Poor men have nothing

Rich men want for nothing

And if you eat nothing you die

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YATTON NEWSAGENTS APPEAL

Dear Customer,

We are writing to you desperately seeking someone in the village of Kenn wishing to assist us in the delivery of your newspapers.

Requirements, minimum age 13 up to 90, reliable, fit and able.

Unfortunately, if unable to find such a person, regrettably we will be unable to continue with such a service.

Alternatively, does anyone have a suggestion?

Maybe a drop off point for people to collect from, such as Wayside Garage.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01934 833194

Thank you.

as familiar in the countryside as even a few years ago.

Ray mentioned the Song Thrush last month and they are vociferous just now in Yatton as well. Certainly in this area they seem to be mounting something of a comeback, which is very welcome.

There seems to have been better news of House Sparrows too, with guarded estimates of some increases locally.

Large numbers of Fieldfare and Redwings have been present along the Yatton-Congresbury railway walk and a few Lapwings have been displaying. I noted a single Lapwing performing courtship flight near Hilsea, but I rather doubt that many of these birds will breed successfully.

I saw my first summer migrant on the 10th March – a Sand Martin hawking insects over the peat moors. Several Wheatears were reported from Davis Lane a couple of days later and on the 16th nine Avocets were at the Axe estuary at Uphill. Chiffchaffs are now in song and most of these will be true migrant birds, rather than overwinterers.

Finally a small population of Tree Sparrows has been located wintering in the Clevedon area. Some of these may next or visit the Kenn area and I would be very grateful to hear of any sightings.

The Tree Sparrow population has declined dramatically and, it appropriate, conservation bodies would like to put up nest boxes to try and help them.

Trevor Riddle

BIRD NEWS I

April is the main month for spring migration, so it is time to look out for the Swallows and House Martins and perhaps if you are lucky a Cuckoo. Cuckoos have become much scarcer over recent years and their call is not

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BIRD NEWS II

The first summer migrants Chiffchaffs arrived on 16th March, some were heard in Russ Lane, others in Court Lane, Clevedon. The southerly winds that blew the day before had no doubt helped them in their journey north.

There have been several sightings of the Little Egret that has been feeding on the airfield in Claverham Moor. John Haydon of Chapel Cottage and Ron Harrison of Walnut Tree Farm have both reported seeing it there.

Bob Hancock has spotted three Canada Geese on Russ pond, perhaps they will nest there.

Readers may not know the origin of Russ Pond. It was dug to get the earth to build Russ Bridge. When the Railway Company were building the Clevedon branch line in about 1865 they bought the field right next to the bridge to save haulage of material. This was done all over the area. Wherever you see a railway bridge, you can find a pond or where one used to be.

Sheld or Burrow Ducks have started arriving in the fields looking for nesting sites and in the Cooks Lane area there have been flocks of Bullfinches.

Ray Naish

Typist's Quote of the Month

On two occasions you should be extra careful to keep your mouth shut.

When swimming and when angry

Moorgate House - - Part 4...

Naturally, being the current occupants of 'Moorgates', Joy and I and our family have been greatly interested in John Griffin's articles on its history.

However I have to start by correcting him!

He mentioned that we bought it from the Seeleys in 1966 - we actually bought it in 1965 from a Major Boyd who, with his family, was about to decamp to Australia on the £10 assisted package for immigrants.

Major Boyd, although retired from the Army, had conducted a profitable business sideline in breeding, from his German Short-haired Pointer bitch 'Sonia', a succession of litters. These were brought up in the outbuildings behind the house which was divided up with wire netting partitions.

They kept a horse in another part of the building. Unfortunately at some point 'Sonia' acquired a 'boy-friend' from amongst the 'locals' and our didd her usefulness but she was, I believe, responsible for the majority of the breed in the country at that time as they are most prized (and pricey) gundogs.

I was interested in the house specifically for the outbuildings, which we had observed from the road, as I wanted to start my own engineering business.

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Joy was unsure about the house at first, but once a visit had been arranged and Mrs. Boyd opened the door to us, I received an elbow in the ribs and a whispered "I like it".

We bought it on the spot, on 25th September 1965. We agreed to take Sonia with the house as we could not bear the thought of her being 'put-down', and she became a full and happy member of our family within two days.

Starting the business was not easy as although we had no trouble in getting a bridging loan to buy 'Moorgates', we did not sell our house in Portishead for almost nine months by which time most of our capital resources had vanished. However a stroke of luck came my way which resulted in the formation of 'Moorgate Technical Services' and in a short time we were taking on quite large contracts for electrical installations in quarries around the country. By 1972 we employed 18 people from the outbuildings.

Our ability to design and build control systems resulted in an influx of other business and we needed more space, finding it in Clevedon in the old 'Shopland Saw Mills'. Here the business grew until, by 1984, we employed 45 people and were making control systems for many 'blue chip' companies including Cadbury's, Birds Eye, Findus, Jaguar Cars, British Leyland (now Rover), Westland Helicopters, Strachan and Henshaw, Dickinson Robinson, Ready Mixed Concrete and many others, including several European Motor manufacturers. Our control panels for car battery making machines are in most countries in the world.

At the end of 1984 a personal tragedy brought about my resignation from 'Moorgate Technical Services' and, once back again at 'Moorgates', the formation of 'Simplicon'.

Then in 1989 the name was changed to 'Overseer Systems' reflecting the Trade Name of our speciality product, an Operator Interface for industry. Again, expansion required more space and we took on two units at the Market Industrial Estate in Yatton. Unhappily our designs and software were 'pirated' when we closed our Chesterfield Office in 1993, the product was extensively copied, and the company never fully recovered its success.

Our much loved 'Moorgates' is now up for sale, and I suppose this is likely to be the last time that it will be used as industrial premises. However it has been a wonderfully happy home for the entire family for almost four decades and we shall be very sorry to have to leave it and Kenn.

However spare a thought for the fact that if you drive a car, eat milk chocolates or packaged pizzas, or see a helicopter passing overhead, it may through our technology have some association with Kenn.

Simon Pinder

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08 March 2002

Dear Sheila

Congratulations! I received your letter and donation of £421.00 with such pleasure raised through a sponsored 'Silence', a disco and quiz. Please find enclosed your special Fundraising Certificate commemorating your fantastic achievement. Well done for achieving the target! Your hard work, dedication and commitment to Breakthrough are greatly appreciated and I feel very privileged to have such tremendous support. Please accept my thanks on behalf of all the team at Breakthrough. Your total for Challenge C7265 now reaches an amazing £1,396.45. Well done!

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the Breakthrough Research Centre now has over 80 world-class scientists to carry out pioneering research exclusively into breast cancer. Crucial projects are already underway and we are very keen that the scientists' findings will be translated into practical help for patients as rapidly as possible. To this end, we now need to raise over £5 million a year to fund our ground-breaking research programme and achieve our ultimate goal - a future free from the fear of breast cancer. This is why the successful completion of your £1,000 Challenge is so much appreciated by everyone at Breakthrough.

As you may already know a new Challenge Wall with all names nominated by Challengers who have reached at least £1,000 is ready to be put up in our Toby Robins Research Centre. As you have just reached the £1,000 Challenge we can accept your name nomination for the next wall. All you have to do is complete and return the enclosed Name Nomination Form and when we have enough names for the next wall we will let you know.

I hope that you have enjoyed meeting the Breakthrough challenge and that you feel inspired to continue raising funds for Breakthrough in the future.

Congratulations and thanks again for all your hard work!

Andy

With warm regards and my best wishes
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PS - Please note that the address to send your donations to is now, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, PO Box 8138, Halesowen, B63 3FH.

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