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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER

- 9th Andrew Jenkins 18  
Gina & Hilton Minakawa WA  
11th Irene Stowell  
12th Derek Wall  
13th Sheila Naish  
Jody Stowell  
16th Sam Dyer  
Miles and Sheila Naish - W.A  
22nd Emma Palmer (Smith)  
27th Rebecca Brett (Fenwick)  
Sarah Melling (Griffin)  
28th Sarah Clark  
Grace & John Griffin - W.A.  
29th Mr & Mrs George Holtham  
W.A.

### *Thoughts of the Month*

*The trouble with most of us is that we are too fond of people who agree with us and food that does not.*

*When you dial a wrong number you never get a busy signal*

### Message from the Editor

This is your Magazine – use it, sell things in it, tell us about success in it, make us laugh – write an article,

GO ON - DO IT!!!

### Naish's Notes

#### Children in Need 15<sup>th</sup> November 2002

This year's appeal has the logo

“Shine like a Star – Raise a Smile”

Well, we in Kenn are very smiley people and we are stars!

SO!! Get yourselves shining – get yourselves and your friends, families, neighbours and workmates down to the

**VILLAGE HALL**  
at 8.00 pm. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
and give us a smile – join our

### **FUN – QUIZ NIGHT**

Bring your own nibbles, bring your own wine, beer or whatever – but Bring yourselves!!!

Teams of up to 4 - £5 per team.

Raffle of course  
(Prizes please – bring them too!)

### **JOIN IN**

Please let us know if possible beforehand so we can get the tables ready!!

This is a fun quiz – you do not have to be a genius –  
BUT you do need to smile!!

What are you waiting for ..... pick up the phone – ring Sheila 01934 838357 or Heather 01275 877389

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Leon Naish on graduating with a B.A. Hons Degree in Graphic Art and Design.

All that hard work and effort paid off!

Mum, Dad, Justin, Grandpa and Grandma Naish, Auntie Heather and Uncle Roger.

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## St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

### Church News

#### **The Reverend John Andrews**

The Revd. John Andrews who will be in charge of Kenn and Kingston Seymour will be licensed at Kingston Church on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 pm. All are invited to attend.

The first Service the Revd. Andrews will lead here at Kenn will be The Christingle Service on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am. It is hoped there will be a large congregation to greet him and his wife Celia at this very popular service.

Ray Naish

### **HELP NEEDED**

OUR VICAR Revd. John Andrews and his wife Celia will be welcomed to Kenn and Kingston Seymour at his Licensing at Kingston Seymour Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00 pm.

AFTERWARDS about 250 souls will gather in Kingston Village Hall for a sumptuous repast.

That's where you come in. I need help to provide sandwiches for the merry throng.

Contact me: Julia Bush on 01275 873554 if you can help - Thanks

## **MORE CHURCH NEWS**

The severe gales on October 27<sup>th</sup> did a lot of damage to one of the Corsican Pine trees in the churchyard. One limb was torn off and another left dangling precariously over the main gate. It has now been cleared away.

Two of our most regular church attendees have been staying for treatment in Weston Hospital, they are Rae Rogers and Jack Hanson. It is hoped they will soon return to good health.

The Headstone on the grave of the late Mr and Mrs Charlie Staples, who were very well known in Kenn in their day, fell over recently. I am pleased to report that Mr and Mrs. Staples' grandson Ralph Bye and their great-grandson Thomas Bye have repaired it and got it back into place. This is a job that usually has to be undertaken by an expert. Well done to them.

While Ralph and Tom were working in that area they managed to get the top of an ancient tomb back into its place. It had slipped out of position some time ago and it was a job that had wanted doing for many years.

Many thanks to them.

Ray Naish

### **Altar Guild Members on Duty in November .**

Mrs. Sarah Clark  
Mrs. Ruth Dyer  
Mrs. Marianna Mackay

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## December Rota

If any ladies are unable to do their week in December, please let Jean Naish know. Tel. 872493

- Many thanks

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mrs J. Fenwick/Mrs J. Pascoe

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs R. Bell/Mrs G. Griffin

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - CAROL SERVICE  
Mrs M Stowell/Mrs H. Jenkins

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mrs J Cheek/Mrs M. Mackay

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs J. Naish /Mrs J. Staples

Mrs J. Naish, with helpers, will decorate the tree in Church for the Carol Service.

## Kenn Harvest of Talent

To everyone who took a £5 note to invest/multiply to raise funds for the "New Room".

We will be collecting your efforts on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2002 after Communion.

There will be opportunity to buy/sell produce etc at that time or at Jean and Margaret's Coffee Morning

Thanks

Julia Bush

## COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY

At Jean Naish's home  
Cloverlea, Kenn  
Joint effort with Margaret Ford

Tuesday Morning 12<sup>th</sup>  
November  
10.30 - 12 noon

Proceeds - for the Restoration of  
St. John's Church Room

EVERYONE WELCOME

OH Wendy, we don't want you to leave us but we know you have to go!

For about the last 20 years Wendy Papolomontos has been a tower of strength at St. Johns, in so many ways it's hard to know where to start. Wendy has read lessons, led Crib services, been to and hosted Lent groups. However, it is of course mainly for her undying support for the children of Kenn we know her best. As a founder leader of Sunday Club she has tirelessly brought youngsters to a closer understanding of their faith and made it such fun!

We owe Wendy a huge debt of gratitude in so many ways. From now on Wendy will be spending more time with her husband Sotiris, in Greece and we wish her well in all her new endeavours. I understand that she will be spending about one month in three with us so we shall not be losing her altogether. Thank goodness!

Julia Bush



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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and the following are some notes of what took place.

The Hand Stadium application was thoroughly discussed and as you know has moved on since then. The application for the renewal of the Public Entertainments Licence is to be heard at the Town Hall, Weston-s-Mare on November 8<sup>th</sup>. All those who objected are entitled to attend. See you there!!!

The Parish Council noted that Tom Bye has been keeping the grass at the Kenn Pier area under control and generally tidying up. We all thank him very much indeed.

Christmas draws on and the Christmas Tree has been ordered for The Green. A Kenn Celebrity will switch on the lights on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Everyone made a tremendous effort to clear up litter for the Best Kept Village Competition. It would be lovely if the village could be kept neat and tidy all the year. If you see any litter please pick it up and put it in the bin. Thanks.

We are told that in some places a Microlight has been seen hovering in the sky followed by the theft of farm equipment. A JCB has already disappeared from this village. Keep an eye open!

We continue to struggle with the potholes. Hopefully they will be filled in before the next crop appears in the winter weather.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All parishioners are welcome.

## Kenn Notes – Snippets

### Wedding Blessing

26<sup>th</sup> October 2002 – We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate a service to bless the marriage of Jeremy and Rachel Diffey in Kenn Church. Rachel is the elder daughter of Tim and Julia Bush of Southfield Farm. Jeremy comes from Australia where they will make their future home.

### Patient

We are sorry to learn Jack Hanson is unwell and is in Weston Hospital – we wish him a speedy recovery.

### Kenn Daffodils

A warm thank you to Roland Russell who has planted daffodils in the wide grass verge opposite Russ Lane.

Ruth Dyer

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## Dates for your Diary

The Drum and Monkey  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November from  
12.30 p.m. Village Lunch

Kenn Village Hall and Field

6.00 p.m. Bonfire Party with  
Fireworks - organised by 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Clevedon Scout Group - Tickets  
available at  
£5 family (2 adults & 2 under 16's)  
£2 single - from Jo and Colin Cooper  
or Margaret and John Ball.

The Town Hall Weston-s-Mare  
10.30 a.m. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Meeting ref Hand Stadium Public  
Entertainments Licence

## The Drum and Monkey

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
8 pm 'til late  
Live entertainment from  
Elvis Presley II / Frank Sinatra II

Charity Raffle in aid of  
The Rotary Club of Clevedon

Tickets to include a set three course  
meal with coffee and mints - £15

## Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m.  
Kenn Women's Institute  
Speaker Revd. T. Daniel on his  
Ugandan Trip.  
Competition - A pretty plate.

All ladies welcome

## Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm  
Kenn Women's Institute  
Christmas Floral Arrangements  
Entrance £3 to include coffee

All Saints, Kingston Sevmour  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00 pm  
Licensing of Revd. John Andrews -  
new Vicar for Kenn and Kingston

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn  
Christingle Service  
11.00 a.m. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

## Advance Dates

### Kenn Village Hall

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30 pm  
Kenn Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December -  
Christmas Tea Party  
Invitations will be sent late November  
(volunteers to help - please contact  
Margaret Ball on 874077)

### Kenn Village Green

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Kenn Christmas Tree Lights will be  
switched on by a local celebrity.  
Carol Singing & Mince Pies  
Come along and support the Children's  
Society.

### Kenn Village Hall

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 - 5.30 pm  
Children's Christmas Party  
Contact Jo Batten 878782 if an  
invitation for your child or grandchild  
is not received by the 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## Bush Telegraph

Update from last month's report on our seafaring daughter and her nuptials. Well, having married her new-found love Jeremy on the shores of a Hawaiian Island, Rachel left him after two days, to return to us and await his arrival in these parts, prior to having their Marriage blessed and their eventual departure to Jeremy's homeland, Australia.

After what seemed an eternity the day of the Blessing arrived and we were so relieved to find ourselves heading for the church in a relatively calm interval between the windy storms of Friday and the hurricane that was Saturday night. They say that when you run a marathon, the crowd gives you a special boost on the day.

During all the angst of the previous weeks I had forgotten this and was overwhelmed by the wave of love that greeted us as we met a host of friends and family when we walked through the church door. Avril conducted the (newish) service in the loving and caring way we have come to associate with her ministry. It will be one of my best memories ever.

Then off to the Bunfight at Kingston Hall, another occasion I shall never forget. Happily the clocks went back that night so we seemed to be home by quite a reasonable hour. Back to normality.

Julia

## Kenn Women's Institute

For our October meeting Mrs Jackson's talk was entitled 'Bristol International Airport' and I expected

to hear the history and political ramifications of the Airport; how wrong could I be! Our speaker had been a teacher who took early retirement and then went to Lulsgate Airport on the security side. Before enlightening us on that score she gave us a potted history of Bristol Airport.

In 1930 Bristol Airport was opened by Prince George at Whitchurch it had been built by a consortium of local businessmen; and was only the third civil airport in the country. In that year it had 935 passengers which figure increased to 4000 in 1939 with the ensuing development of the area.

In 1939 it was requisitioned by the Air Ministry and was the only civil airport in operation in the UK and amongst the visitors using the airport were Sir Winston Churchill, Amy Johnson and many overseas Statesmen.

Very quickly it was seen that Whitchurch area could only provide a limited facility and RAF Lulsgate Bottom was born.

Mrs Jackson has more than a passing interest in our Airport as her parents lived on the edge of the land that was purchased - 14 acres were bought in 1940.

During the War they were peppered with bombs because a decoy Avonmouth Docks was set up at Lulsgate but there were only two casualties: a house was demolished but the occupants were safely sheltering in a cave, and our Speaker's Grandfather's henhouse



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was blown to pieces with only a few feathers bearing witness to what once had been!

During the wartime period more land was acquired and in 1941 Mrs Jackson can remember a German bomber landing at the airport. The pilot thought the Bristol Channel was the English Channel and he was arrested by the driver of a mechanical digger; he put up very little resistance.

She can also remember a flying fortress crash landing very close to a hedge; the pilot was 18 years old and went to her house for tea with the rest of his crew having bailed out over Felton.

In 1955 it was bought by Bristol Corporation for £55,000, and it was opened as Bristol Lulsgate in 1957.

Les Wilson was the first Manager and before he tragically died in a car crash he used to go down to the departure lounge to liaise with the passengers.

In 1957 there 33,000 travellers, which rose to 100,000 in 1988 with Bristol International Airport being launched in 1997. Today there are 3,500,000 passengers.

Facilities have been improved over the years with much attention being paid to landscaping with many trees being planted to act as a sound barrier.

The new control tower provides wonderful views and visits can be arranged. It is hoped that eventually the old terminal

building will be developed as a hotel.

Because of its reputation for poor weather the authorities have purchased new landing technology but at the moment it is so state of the art that the planes are not yet adapted to use it and neither are the pilots trained in its intricacies but it is hoped it will not be too long before Bristol Airport can beat the weather.

The security aspect of the airport is huge. It has to protect passengers, crew, ground staff and visitors.

They have to contend with possible terrorists, criminals, mentally ill people, and people with a revenge motive; all have to be spotted and kept off aircraft. Every passenger is scrutinised for any possible type of 'weapon' from an orange stick to the obvious knives, guns etc.

The pressure on the staff is enormous and they face verbal abuse every day, not to mention the dirtiness of some passengers they have to search when the bodily smells are not pleasant!

Airport staff have to 'swipe' their identification passes whenever they pass from the terminal area to the apron where the planes land and takeoff, as do all cabin crews, and every pilot checks his plane externally before boarding.

Cars cannot be left unattended outside the designated car parks. Recently a woman had her car clamped and she punched Colin the Clamper, broke his nose, and she got arrested for her trouble.

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All the luggage goes through five 'X' rays. Now the shopping area has become very sophisticated and there is a children's play area.

As Bristol has one large departure lounge every passenger is now photographed as they go through the search area. Some passengers object strongly to having their photograph taken and accuse the staff of infringing on their personal rights, and many passengers seem to try to be purposely difficult. If people refuse any search they are not allowed on the aircraft.

All medicines have to be checked, and sometimes homeopathic pills cause a problem because the owners maintain that they and must not be touched. A most interesting and, at times, amusing talk - it mystifies me why people object to security when it is for their safety if they've nothing to hide; I know what I prefer.

We are celebrating our 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October,

Our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> November welcomes Rev T. Daniel to tell us about his Ugandan Trip.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m. we are holding our annual Flower Arranging evening entitled 'Christmas Flowers' by Mrs Reeve - tickets are £3.00 each, please contact the writer if you would like a ticket; I can assure you it is a most enjoyable evening.

ROSEMARIE FORD  
01275-542651

## What's on at the Drum

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

8 pm 'til late

Elvis & Frank  
Revisited

Live entertainment from  
Elvis Presley II  
and  
Frank Sinatra II

Charity Raffle in aid of  
The Rotary Club of Clevedon

Tickets to include a set three  
course meal with coffee and  
mints - £15  
From the Drum

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Every Wednesday Evening  
is Quiz Night at the Drum  
Free entry - Prizes  
Raffle for local charities

Bookings are now being taken  
for Christmas Parties in  
December from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
(Parties of up to 30 people)

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## A Recipe for Happiness

Take a large cup of patience and a ladle full of love,

Two handfuls of generosity and add it the above.

Blend in a dash of laughter and some understanding, too.

Sprinkle generously with kindness and memories old and new.

Add a lot of faith, mix well to make it sweet,

Then enjoy a goodly portion with everyone you meet.

Submitted by Jane Staples

## Bird News I

The calm dry weather in September precluded any rare migrants in the area – bad weather is needed to turn up the really unusual birds.

By mid-October the weather became much more unsettled and I saw about 30 Redwings near Yatton on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

A pair of Common Cranes arrived near Glastonbury to feed on a stubble field and were still present on the 21<sup>st</sup>. These are wary birds and were in a field with no disturbance.

Nearby there have been a couple of Bitterns and 3 Marsh Harriers including a young male. We are hoping that he will stay over the winter and that

nesting will take place again next spring.

There are still a few Swallows passing through (18<sup>th</sup>) and even a very late Swift was reported at Weston on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trevor Riddle

## Bird News II

There have been very few reports of unusual migrants in this area this autumn. Jeff spotted a Little Grebe or Dab Chick on the river behind the pumping station on Nailsea Wall. I have never heard of one in this area before.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, I went into Russ Lane just as it was getting light in the morning. It was a very mild morning, as I waited for Miles and Jeff to arrive to load some cattle for market I was astonished at the amount of bird song that could be heard. It was almost like spring. A large number of Robins were fighting over their winter territory and singing in defiance of one another.

29<sup>th</sup> October, Jeff and Miles have just reported seeing a Cattle Egret near the sea wall at Kingston. This is a white bird like a small stork.

Ray Naish.



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## Walter Neath

I have today 30<sup>th</sup> October attended the funeral of Walter Neath who died at Cleeve Court Nursing home which had been his home for several years. He was aged 85.

Walt, as he was known to most people, was very well known to many Kenn people. He was a great supporter of the church here, attending most of the services when there was no service at Kingston.

One of six brothers and one sister, he was born at Kingston Bridge. At the age of nine he joined Kingston Church Choir and remained a member until ill health kept him away. He even sang with the Choir when confined to his wheelchair, bringing his membership to just about 70 years.

At the age of thirteen, he joined the bellringers at Kingston and remained a lifelong member. For over twenty years he was Tower Captain.

For around 50 years Walt was Sacristan and Sexton and for a large part of that time he was responsible for all the grave digging in the churchyard also the grass cutting.

Walt left school when twelve years old and took a job at Brick House Farm, Yatton. He was working part time on various farms before that. He worked at Brick House for over

twenty years. He then got a job with the old Long Ashton District Council on road maintenance – as his father and grandfather had before him. Walt, with his tractor, was responsible for all the grass cutting on roadside verges throughout the district and reckoned that he knew ever road and lane for many miles around.

A few years ago Walt had the honour of being presented with Maundy Money by the Queen at Wells Cathedral for services to the church.

Walt had been married twice, his first wife Joan died in childbirth when only 19 years old leaving a handicapped son. He married again in 1946 to Mary. They had four daughters who all live in this area. Mary died over twenty years ago.

The church at Kingston Seymour was full for his funeral. He was a highly respected man. I remember the Rev. Trevor Wright who was Vicar of Kenn & Kingston about 35 years ago saying that it would be much easier to replace him in the church than Walt Neath.

Walt was a wonderful person and a friend to everyone he knew. He had a large number of grandchildren. Four of his grandsons carried him to the grave. The bellringers rang a muffled peal in his honour.

Ray Naish



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## Travelling Evangelists in Kenn and Kingston Seymour

In 1932 my mother and I cycled to Kingston to visit my grandparents Tom and Alice Simmons who lived at Court House. As we passed the chapel on Lampley Road, we noticed a horse-drawn caravan parked beside the chapel. We asked who it belonged to and were told it belonged to travelling Evangelists who were holding services in the chapel for a week.

The two Evangelists were Mathew Gibbons and John Houston. They relied on farmers with a horse to take them to the next village.

At the end of the week farmer Johnny Wallis who was a staunch chapel goer from Kingston arrived with the caravan and its occupants outside Kenn Chapel in Kenn Street. Farmer Johnny came into Stonehouse Farm and asked my parents if he could leave the caravan parked in the yard. They agreed so the two men lived in the yard for a week holding services of choruses and prayers most nights in the chapel next door.

At the end of the week they asked father if the caravan could be towed to the "Ring of Bells" near Old Church at Nailsea. He agreed, and next morning Percy Holder who worked at the farm at that time harnessed the big mousey coloured shire mare, who was

noted for having a bad temper, to the caravan and set off for Nailsea.

The Evangelists had a big placard in the window of the caravan which read. "I will come unto thee again". I took this seriously and asked my mother when they were coming back.

Sure enough, in 1937, they arrived again. This time they had a motorised van. They again asked father if they could stay at the farm and erect a tent to hold their services in. He suggested they park the van in the field near the Village Hall and erect the tent there. They stayed for a week holding services every night, much to the amusement of the local children. I remember Clifford Moore who lived at White Cottage and myself getting into trouble for loosening the butterfly nuts on the chairs in the tent, the result was when people sat on them they collapsed.

I have often wondered how these two men lived. They did not ask for money.

After leaving Kenn they travelled to Kingston and parked and erected their tent in an orchard where the Council Estate was built after the war.

Ray Naish.

## *The Blue Lunch Box*

*Some years ago, a neighbour of ours, Mary Thomas, was having an extension built on to her house. Each day, the builders would arrive, usually three or four men, to work on the project.*

*Mary had a young son, Timothy was his name, and he was then about four or five years old. Tim was very interested and absorbed about what was going on and he soon got to know the men, who, in turn, liked to hear his chatter.*

*At lunchtimes, the men had a little hut, to which they would go to eat their sandwiches and brew tea.*

*Sometimes Timmy was allowed to sit with them, and he always got a bite from a sandwich.*

*Eventually, he persuaded his mother to buy him a lunch box so that sometimes he could sit and eat with the builders.*

*At last, the extension was finished and the men gone. As a little celebration Mary invited a neighbour and two of her aunts, (who, it must be said were rather prim ladies)*

*to inspect the new work and have afternoon tea.*

*Timmy decided that he wanted his sandwiches in his lunch box and not on a plate.*

*So they all sat down to tea, and amid some genteel conversation, Tim opened his lunch box, took his first bite, then blurted out in a loud voice, "Bloody cheese again 'arry".*

*Cliff Edwards*

Many thanks to Simon Pinder for the articles about the Kenn Hangings – this is the final instalment.

## DRAMATIC ADDRESS

When the bodies had been taken from the field, the Rev. John Leifchild, with the Sheriff's permission, was allowed to ascend the platform and address the crowd. He first of all paid tribute to the "good order and decorum" of those present.

"It was an awful reflection, he went on, that three of their fellow mortals who were so recently numbered with the living on that very spot, were now standing before the

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tribunal of their God. Such a fact was an affecting and fearful comment on the scriptural declaration that 'the wages of sin is death'. While the impression of the dreadful scene they had witnessed was still fresh in their minds, he hoped they would make a proper application of it - that they would continually bear in mind that the influence of bad company had led to the most fearful results."

He said much else in a similar strain, and dramatically reflected on the last thoughts of the condemned men as they were brought back to scenes familiar to them from their infancy. "How often they may have passed this very spot in all their innocence of childhood" he said, "but alas; they submitted to the power of temptation, and behold their fatal end." And finally he remarked, "I cannot conclude without expressing my sympathy with the relatives of the unfortunate men who have just ended their mortal career, and I trust that none will be so cruel as to visit upon unoffending heads the guilt of those who have expiated their crime upon this fatal spot. May God be merciful to the poor babes."

This last allusion, it seems, was to the seven children of William Wall, the eldest of whom was only thirteen years of age.

Their mother, Mary Wall, for her part in the business, was

ordered to be transported and a similar punishment was passed on John Rowley, brother of John Rowley. They were originally sentenced to death, but the sentences were commuted to transportation.

All of which shows how harsh was justice in England's green and pleasant land less than a century and a half ago.



### *2<sup>nd</sup> Clevedon Scout Group*

Bonfire and Firework Party.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Clevedon Scout Group plan to hold a bonfire and firework party on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> on the field at the rear of Kenn Village Hall. Weather permitting the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and a short display of fireworks will commence at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be on sale in the Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clevedon Scouts welcome villagers to join in the fun; tickets are available from John & Margaret Ball at 'Chaseside' or Jo & Colin Cooper at 'Ilexmead'. Car parking will be available. Donations of suitable material for the bonfire would be much appreciated!



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## IMPORTANT! MORE NEWS OF MOOR NEWS

The fate of Yatton Moor Parish Magazine is in the balance! This is partly due to the arrival of several 'freeby' publications, which offer free space for advertisers, thereby making Moor News a less attractive proposition for local businesses.

It also means that for many non-church-going folk, Moor News is less important as a source of info. Thus both circulation and advertising income have been decreasing.

BUT it cannot be denied that Kenn appears to be lagging behind in paying its subs for 2002, to the tune of several hundred pounds!

I'm sure this is not really the case, I'm fairly sure that many people pay for their mags but don't tell the churchwardens or distributors they are doing so. If this is the case with you, please let Ray or me know so that I can take it into account when I report to the Finance Committee at the end of November.

## HOWEVER!!

If you haven't paid for your 2002 mags yet please do so ASAP and tell your distributor.

Thanks, Julia

## Thomas Ken

John and I visited the Isle of Wight recently and chanced upon The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin at Brighstone.

Imagine our delight to find that a previous incumbent of that church was our own Bishop Ken.

We learned "that Bishop Ken of Bath and Wells was rector from 1666 to 1668. He was one of the bishops imprisoned in the Tower of London for refusing to read James II's Declaration of Indulgence from his pulpit."

I reproduce below a prayer written by Thomas Ken.

Margaret Ball

*Give me the priest these graces shall possess -  
Of an ambassador the just address:  
A father's tenderness, a shepherd's care,  
A leader's courage, which the Cross can bear;  
A ruler's awe, a watchman's wakeful eye,  
A pilot's skill the helm in storms to ply;  
A father's patience and a labourer's toil  
A guide's dexterity to disembroil;  
A prophet's inspiration from above,  
A teacher's knowledge, and a Saviour's love.*

Rector of  
St. Mary's  
Brighstone  
1667-1669



THOMAS KEN

Bishop of  
Bath and  
Wells  
1684-1691