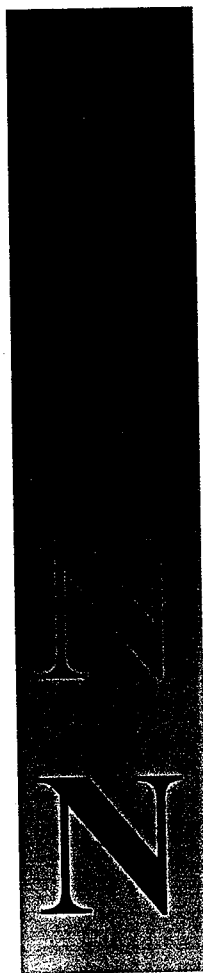


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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### October

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katy Golding Ellis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gill Taylor
4 <sup>th</sup>	Roland Hazell
6 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Quinn
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tim and Julia Bush W.A.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Rogers
12 <sup>th</sup>	Dave and Sue Pugh W.A
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Quinn
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy and Sotoris Papasolomontos W.A.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Troy and Julian Gale W.A.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Naish

### Thought of the Month

*It is only those who do nothing who  
don't make mistakes*

or should it read?

*It is only those who do nothing that  
make mistakes*

### Naish's Notes

Thank you to all for the cards and messages when my Dad passed away recently. It was a great comfort to me. My Dad was 87 and as such had a good innings, was much loved and I will miss him for the rest of my life.

It had been very difficult and stressful watching him go from my Dad to a small shell of himself and unable to know and recognise us.

I was sent the following words at the time and I would like to share them with you as they are so apt and are very comforting and relevant to all.

"We feel sad and lonely but the memory of your dad's love and warmth will fill the emptiness. That is his precious gift to you. Place it in your box marked life and when you again feel empty and lonely open the box, look at the gift and know that it is good to be alive"

Sheila

### "Flog It" from Clevedon Salerooms

Just a note for the Kenn News and Views to let you know that 'Flog It' will be filming the Victorian & Later Auction on the 9th October.

They will be filming the sale of items valued previously by their own experts.

They will also be at the saleroom on the view day, 8th October to film Marc Burridge assessing the items and giving his own opinion on the pieces.

The viewing is from 10.00am - 7.30pm on the 8th October and from 9.00am on sale day (the 9th October) until the Sale starts at 10.00am.

All are welcome!

Toby Pinn

### St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

### Altar Guild – October Rota

Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and  
Tina Middleton

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## Family Barbecue 30<sup>th</sup> August

The morning was brilliant sunshine, then around 3.30 pm the rain came down – but we were blessed, by 5.00 pm the clouds broke and we were able to sit in the sun till dusk.

Many thanks to all who supported our end of summer barbecue. Over £500 was raised for Charity/Church Funds. Thanks go especially to Simon and Jenny Pascoe with Mike and Liz Bell for the food.

To Irene Stowell, Barbara Middleton and Mary Sayer for (wo-manning) the stalls, John and Grace Griffin who organised the Raffle and to everyone who came along. We also appreciate that several people, who knew they were unable to attend, supported the event by buying tickets.

Thank you once again.

Margaret Ball

## Church News

### The Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Services held on September 14<sup>th</sup> were very well attended; around 120 people were at the two services.

At the morning Family Service, there were many children and young people, including members of Kingston Seymour Sunday School.

The Evening Service was well attended, with many visitors from all around the area including Bristol.

Many thanks to all who helped decorate the church or helped in any way including the children and other people who brought many harvest gifts.

At the Harvest Ploughman's Supper held in the Village Hall immediately after the Evening Service, there was a very disappointing attendance. In fact there were fewer than 20 actual Kenn residents present. Fortunately people from Yatton, Clevedon, Bristol, Kingston and other areas helped to make it a pleasant evening.

Thanks go to Jean Fenwick and Irene Stowell who prepared a great supper, which was much enjoyed by those who attended. Fortunately the supper broke even financially.

Ray Naish

**Claverham Village Hall  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm**

## **BARN DANCE**

**Tickets £6  
including Ploughman's Supper  
now available  
from Margaret Ball or Parish Office**

**Proceeds to KABWE APPEAL**

## Kabwe Appeal

*Calling all Smartie eaters!*

*Now is the time to complete filling the tubes and return them to your local church, or to Margaret Ball at Chaseside, Kenn.*

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Dear Folks,

In order to raise funds for "The New Room and Loo room" at St. John's Kenn, I will be selling 1lb and 2lb Christmas Puddings.

These superior puddings are made by The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company, and have been endorsed by the BBC good Food Magazine and by Chef Magazine.

The puddings are virtually handmade by a very small craft manufacturer in Cumbria, and are sold as prestigious private labels throughout the country. All the vine fruits are soaked in plenty of brandy and dry sherry, fresh breadcrumbs and grated carrot make for a lighter than usual pudding.

The Ultimate Pudding is not available through supermarkets and will be packed for us under an attractive label incorporating the Yatton Moor logo and details of the fund to which profits will be given.

A 1lb pudding costs £5 and serves four people.

A 2lb pudding costs £8 and serves eight people.

These prices are comparable with the best puddings available in retail shops and allow for a reasonable sum to be given to "The New Room Fund"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Julia Bush Kenn Church

To order your pudding:

Please telephone Julia Bush on  
01275 873554

If you have to leave a message, do not despair, leave your 'phone number and name and your order. I will confirm your order, person to person, before placing it with the ULTIMATE PLUM PUDDING CO. I WILL TAKE CASH OR CHEQUES MADE TO Julia Bush (Christmas Puddings) and will issue receipts

**LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!  
THE ARCHDEACON'S ABOUT!**

Ven. Bob Evens (Archdeacon of Bath) will be at Kenn Village Hall at 7.30 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November to launch St. John's formal fundraising for the "New Room and Loo Room".

This is an opportunity to put forward your ideas on fundraising (and any other aspect of the project!), also to discuss and explore the possible uses of what, we hope, will become a useful resource to everyone in the village of Kenn.

If you don't come we'll never know what you think.

THANK YOU  
Julia Bush and Ray Naish

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## OK FOLKS! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE

To dust off your tiaras, shake out your "gladrags" and get down to the Village Hall for some good food and company.

The Ladies and Tramps Ball will start 7.30 for 8 pm. on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Superior Bangers and Mash will be served, followed by nursery puddings, bring your favourite tippie.

Tickets £10 available from  
Ray Naish 872493  
Julia Bush 873554 and  
John and Margaret Ball 874077

Profits to general church funds.

Don't leave buying your tickets too long or we won't know how many bangers to buy!

## In and Out of Hospital

It is good news that Colin Cooper, is recovering well after his accident. We understand that after his time in Weston General a spell in Clevedon Hospital was necessary but he is now back home.

We are also pleased to hear that Brian Stowell is home again after a short visit to the B.R.I.

## Radio Bristol

On Saturday evening 27<sup>th</sup> September I heard a request played on Radio Bristol on the programme "As Time Goes By". It was from Kathleen Bromfield of Kenn Street and the request was for the song "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square". I enjoy this program and this is the first time I have heard a request from anyone in Kenn.

Ray Naish

## Correspondence

### Thanks – Barbara Russell

Rowland Russell would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers sent for Barbara, also thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service.

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Dear Sheila,

May I, through your lovely little magazine, Kenn News and Views, thank the people from the Church who brought me a lovely box of produce from the Harvest Festival.

It was very much appreciated. I was particularly pleased that it was children's gifts that I received. It is lovely to be thought of in this way.

I am told that, at 95, I am the most senior resident actually living in Kenn.

I am always pleased to see visitors from the village.

Many thanks again,

Edith Tripp,  
Riverside, Nailsea Wall

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## Kenn Notes – Snippets

ADVANCE NOTICE  
BOOK THE DATE!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Christmas Floral Arrangement  
Kenn Women's Institute

**Flowers for Christmas**  
with Mrs M. Titman.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10.30 – NOON**

A Coffee Morning will be held at  
Kenn Court on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 10.30 – Noon  
In aid of Kenn Village Hall  
New Kitchen

**Raffle & Bring and Buy**  
Come along and meet your neighbours  
and support our Hall

## Our Flag

29<sup>th</sup> August, our flag was flown at half  
mast to mark the passing of Sidney  
Tucker of Rorty Crankel, Kenn Street.  
Our sympathy goes to his daughter  
Marian Carrington.

Ruth Dyer

## **ODD ANAGRAM**

**SNOOZE ALARMS**  
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**ALAS! NO MORE Z'S**

## **MOOR NEWS**

If you are a reader of Moor News and  
have not yet paid your subscription –  
would you please let your Magazine  
Distributor have the money as soon as  
convenient.

If you do not see him/her - perhaps you  
could leave it with Julia Bush or Ray  
Naish.

If you do not receive Moor News, but  
would like to do so, please contact  
either Ray or Julia and they will  
organise it for you.

## **What's on at the Drum**

**Every Wednesday evening**  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**With Raffle**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Village Lunch**  
**Meet from 12.30 pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**We will be having from the**  
**West Coast of America**  
**An Eight Piece Dixieland**  
**JAZZ BAND**

**Evening Meal and Jazz Band £15**  
**Book Now!**

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## Cliff Hughes

Cliff who was better known to Kenn people as Sheila Naish's father has passed away after a very prolonged illness. He was aged 87.

When he was called up to the R.A.F. in the last war, Cliff was billeted at Weston, where he met Barbara who was from a very old Weston family. They married 58 years ago and have lived in Weston all their married life. Cliff was a native of North Wales.

Since Miles and Sheila have been living at "Oakland Farm" Cliff and Barbara often stayed with them. When Cliff was in better health he often stayed there at lambing time and took charge of the ewes when Miles was away at Market. He was very thorough, checking them every hour. He greatly enjoyed doing this, as it was a job he had done when he was a young man in North Wales. He also enjoyed going over the road to Kenn Valley Social Club to have a pint. He got to know many people who visited the Club.

Cliff's funeral was at Weston Crematorium where his favourite Welsh music was played on tape. There were many people at the funeral from Kenn and Clevedon.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Barbara, Sheila and all their large family and relations.

Ray Naish

We are all manufacturers  
making good, making trouble, or  
making excuses

## Sidney Tucker

Sidney who lived in Kenn Street has passed away suddenly. He had only lived in Kenn for a short time. Sidney was a Londoner by birth and his funeral was at Weston Crematorium on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. We send our sympathy to his daughter Marian.

Ray Naish

## Show Jumping

As most people know, Jeffrey Naish has been breeding Appaloosa horses for many years.

Some years ago, he bred a spotted foal, which he sold to a local blacksmith when it was a few months old. Who in turn sold it to the famous Broome family.

The Broomes are a well known show jumping family. They brought this horse along until it was one of the best show jumping horses in the country.

It has reached its peak this summer, winning the Junior Show Jumping Championship at The Royal Show and last week won the junior championship at Wembley. It has been said that there is now no horse in the country that can beat him. He has been ridden by a girl from the Broome family who is said to only weigh six stones.

The horse is now worth something like £200,000.00

R.V.N.

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## Dates For Your Diary

### Kenn Village Hall

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council  
Meeting.

### **Drum & Monkey**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- 12.30 onwards - Village Lunch  
- all welcome

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be having from the  
West Coast of America  
An Eight Piece Dixieland  
JAZZ BAND

Evening Meal and Jazz Band £15  
Book Now!

### **Kenn Village Hall**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Kenn Women's Institute 7.30 pm.**

Faberge Style Eggs with Mrs. Flux  
Non-members always welcome.

### **Claverham Village Hall**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.30 pm**

**BARN DANCE**

Proceeds to Kabwe Appeal

### **Kenn Village Hall**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.30 for 8.00 pm**

**The Ladies and  
The Tramps Ball**

**Tickets £10 per head**

### Kenn Court

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30 - 12 noon**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Raffle, Bring & Buy  
Proceeds towards new  
Kitchen for Village Hall**

### Clevedon Salerooms

**Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**10.00 am.**

**9<sup>th</sup> October - FLOG IT will be there!**

**Victorian and Later Furniture and  
Effects**

Viewing Tuesday prior 2-5.30 pm,  
Wednesday prior 10.00-6.30 and  
morning of sale from 9.00 am.

## Advance Dates

### Kenn Village Hall

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Evening Bonfire Party**

Organised by Clevedon Scouts

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 for 8.00**

Meeting with refreshments to  
consider fund raising for The New  
Room and Loooroom

**26<sup>th</sup> November**

**W.I. Christmas Flowers**



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## Visitors to Kenn Church

One of the interesting things about being a Churchwarden is meeting people who want to be shown around the Church.

This summer Julia Bush and myself have shown some interesting groups of people around. About five weeks ago, Julia had a phone call from a gentleman asking to be shown around. She had to tell him that she was just getting into her car to take her husband to Nempnett Thrubwell. It would take about an hour before she would be back again, could he wait that long? He agreed to wait. When she met them there were three men waiting, they were William Rees-Mogg, formerly Editor of The Times newspaper and his two sons. They had read about the interesting monuments at the back of the church and wanted to photograph them.

I was asked, by two gentlemen from Canada, if I could show them the inside of the Church and the old Baptism Register. They went on to explain that they were descendants of William staples who came to live in Kenn around 1850. They were also related to the Avery family who lived at Kenn Pier Farm around 1900. A Staples girl had married the Avery boy, who lived next door. We found the entry of their great grandfather's baptism in 1904. He with his wife, had emigrated to Canada many years ago. The two gents were very interested to find so many gravestones with the Staples name on them. The previous day they had been to see Sam Staples at Riverside farm and had also met Ralph Bye who is from the Staples family.

Ralph had taken them to the Churchyard and explained to them who the many Staples gravestones belonged to and how they were related to them all. Early in September, a group of people asked me if I would be able to show them inside the Church. One of the ladies explained to me that her name was Mrs. Ann Bessel and that she lived in Ashton, Bristol. The reason she and her husband were interested in Kenn was because her ancestors lived here from at least 1746 until something like 1874. They were the Poole family.

Mrs. Bessel went on to explain that her ancestor was Richard Poole, the brother of Benjamin Poole, who readers may remember was the owner of the wheat ricks that were burned by the lads from Kenn who were hanged for committing this offence in 1830.

Benjamin Poole was Churchwarden here. He was a farmer who lived at Laurel Farm, now the Laurels, the home of Fred and Jean Fenwick. He died in 1834 aged 62 years.

The Bessels have done a tremendous amount of research into the family and have found out that at least 23 members of the Poole family are buried in Kenn Churchyard, including 11 very young children.

During this research, they found that one of the Poole girls married Richard Kingcott of Yatton around 1750. I was very interested to hear this because I am from the Kingcott family. My grandmother was Eliza Kingcott before her marriage to Alfred Naish so there is a family connection between Ann Bessel and myself.

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Ann Bessel has given me a lot of information about Kenn, which she has found out, including maps of the fields in Kenn with their ancient names. If anyone would like to look at these maps, I would be pleased to show them.

Ann Bessel and her husband are so interested in Kenn that they came to the Harvest Evensong and the Ploughman's Supper in the Hall afterwards.

Ray Naish

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In September we became artists who mixed their own paints and created pictures by playing with pigments. We were divided into three groups: Cavemen, Egyptians, and Medieval.

As Cavemen we used earth to make browns and earthy colours for our cave paintings; the soil was bound together by mixing with animal fat.

As Egyptians we used earth, sand, and ground rocks again giving earthy colours, the medium being bound together with oil.

In Medieval times we had a wider range of colours by grinding stones and such powder was bound together with egg - very messy!

The competition was a pretty vase and Iris Callow won gold, Eileen Prew silver, and Rose Jeffrey green.

In October Margaret Flux will be showing us her fine collection of Faberge style eggs she has made and showing us how some have been made. We would like to welcome you on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

ROSEMARIE FORD

01275-542651

## Black and White

A farmer had decided, as he was getting on a bit in years, to install a closed circuit television system in the shed where his cows would be calving.

In this way, instead of waiting many, many hours in a draughty shed, he could monitor things from indoors, and only go out to the shed when he was really needed.

So he went to the television engineer, who agreed that it could be installed quite easily. They agreed on the equipment and the price. Then the engineer suggested that for £50 or so extra he could have a full colour system.

The canny farmer thought for a moment, then said "No thanks, I don't need colour, all my cows are black and white.

Cliff Edwards (seen in a magazine)

## ODD ANAGRAM

A DECIMAL POINT

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I'M A DOT IN PLACE

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## Ray's August Walks

This article covers the two August walks that Ray organised, both on private land farmed by Jeff Naish. Many thanks to Ray and Jeff for organising these, allowing access and providing so much fascinating information.

### A visit to Castle Farm – Walton in Gordano – 11 August

A fine summer evening saw around 30 eager walkers assemble at Ray's house. From there it was a short car journey to the Golf Club car park near Walton Castle. Jeff then led the way onto the land he farms.

The first thing we noticed was the superb viewpoint across the Bristol Channel. Unfortunately on this occasion a light sea mist obscured the view. On clear days it is possible to see both Severn crossings clearly.

Ray explained that this area, which is known as Back Hills, had in the early 1800's all belonged to the Miles family and stretched from Clevedon through towards Portishead. Ray mentioned that back in those days the population of Kenn was greater than Clevedon.

The land here is not easy to farm as it slopes very steeply towards the sea. Ray recalled that at one time there were three farms in this locality. Farmer Earl kept cows at Dial Hill and Hills Transport kept their horses here.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War guns were positioned on the farm as part of the Bristol Channel defences. During the walk we saw the remains of the concrete bases for the guns. The land

became neglected and overgrown with gorse and scrub during the War.

At the end of the War Charlie Young saw an opportunity and approached Sir Charles Miles offering to put the land back into farming use. Sir Charles agreed and rented the land to Charlie for around 50p (10 shillings) an acre. Charlie used massive ploughs called Prairie Busters to grub out the Gorse and because of the slope it was thought the ploughs were dragged between heavy wire hawsers.

Charlie succeeded in his venture and to the amazement of all grew Barley and kept a herd of Guernsey's here.

Ray added that because of the steep slope, farming equipment, including a combine harvester had been lost over the cliff edge. Jeff recalled an incident in which a tractor he was driving skidded on the damp grass and he was lucky not to have lost it. Apparently Martin Knowles is the expert on driving tractors on this terrain.

Jeff also told us about the time when they unloaded a bale of straw for his horses. Normally they allow the bale to unroll itself down the slope but on this occasion they had not spotted the bale was the wrong way round. So instead of opening up, the bale just rolled away down hill straight over the cliff edge and narrowly missing fisherman on the rocks below.

In the past Jeff said that he had attempted to grow turnips here but the land is deficient in phosphates and they only grew to the size of a thumbnail. Jeff now farms the land under the

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Countryside Stewardship scheme and there are strict rules concerning how he manages the land. The result is many varieties of plants and grasses now flourish, Jeff believes around 120 species.

We were amazed at the number of Field Mushrooms, delicious with a traditional English breakfast. At the far Portishead end of Jeff's fields he pointed out some mounds in the grass, which are believed to be the remains of a Roman settlement.

I have left to last what I am sure most would consider the highlight of the walk – Jeff's herd of wild horses. These looked magnificent as they kept themselves at a safe distance from our group. The stallion keeping a watchful eye on us, and the young foals galloping around.

These horses if I recall correctly are Appaloosa stock which originated back from American Palouse Indian horses. I believe Jeff's are descendants of a very famous horse called Toby 1. Their colouring is unusual, the most sought after being spotted.

Jeff told us that during the time when the American Indians were being forcibly constrained to reservations the Palouse Indians fought running battles with three American Armies and were forced to retreat over a thousand miles taking with them their herd of horses which had numbered as many as 10,000. At the end only 30 males of the tribe survived and their herd was slaughtered. These were animals that had been skilfully bred and were considered equal to the finest then available in Europe.

Jeff's land is private but it is possible to enjoy the Channel views as it is bounded by two public footpaths, one at the waters edge runs from Clevedon to Portishead and the other runs along the boundary of the Golf Course.

## Decoy Pool Farm - 18 August

Another good turnout of around 30 met at Ray's and then continued by car to Jeff's land at Decoy Pool Farm just off the Nailsea Wall Road.

At the start of the walk Ray talked about the river Kenn that we crossed to access the land. The Kenn River can be traced back to Backwell Lake but there is some debate as to whether it can be traced further.

For many years it was the only source of water for farms and cottages in the vicinity. Before 1936 there was no source of water in Kenn other than wells and the river. As late as 1954 cottages along its bank still dipped drinking water from the river. In 1911 there was a very severe drought, all the rhynes dried up and the Kenn River was the only source of water in the vicinity for cattle.

Ray told us that the river provided not only water but also food and that in earlier years eels were caught either by spear which resembled a giant toasting fork with several spikes or by 'clotting'. The latter involved stitching worms onto wool & yarn as bait.

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Another source of food was watercress and Ray recalled a character called Cress Johnny who came from Bristol and made such a good living picking cress that he was able to buy a row of cottages. Now this activity is illegal because of the risk of liver fluke.

Ray explained that the Kenn was originally one of only two rivers that drained this whole area and that in 1936 it was dredged and widened to improve drainage.

Finally in 1950/51 the Blind Yeo was constructed and together with a series of rhynes and hatches drainage was managed.

At this time the Kenn was diverted into the Blind Yeo near Kenn Pier and as a result the part of the river at the back of the village is now pretty much stagnant with not much life supported.

Originally Cecil Guest maintained the hatches with the water levels being adjusted in the various rhynes. When Cecil retired two men who could not cope with the workload replaced him and now the water is kept at one level only.

Further into the walk we paused at what had been the site of the farmhouse and buildings. Ray told us that the land had been bought in the past by the Baker family, at a bargain price, as flooding made it impossible to grow crops. Attempts to grow cereals had failed through the crops rotting. The Baker's pulled down the farm buildings and used the material to improve the access tracks.

Ray went on to tell us that the farm obtained its name from a duck decoy pool that used to be there. In the days when the land flooded thousands of

ducks flocked here each evening and were a major source of income for the local farmers. More money being made from the sale of ducks than farming. In winter the land would flood up to a yard deep and locals have been known to row or when frozen skate from Yatton to Tickenham.

Later we stopped at the edge of a plantation, the remains of the wetland forest that would once have covered the moor. A few years back when grazing was scarce, Jeff kept some cattle there and the marsh grass was so high he had to stand on his Land Rover roof to see them. As we looked around a Buzzard made an appearance before heading into the trees.

Ray took us across to an area of land known as Egypt, which used to belong to Farmer Gabriel but now belonged to the Sweets. Wild geese used to flock here because there were no rushes, just grass but Ray noted with some disapproval the land is now covered with rushes. At the back of 'Egypt' we could see The Plantation, a wildlife reserve that was opened to visitors on Saturday 6 September. We saw Jackdaws circling above The Plantation as they returned to roost.

We continued back along the edge of the Blackditch Rhyne to where it joins the Kenn River. The Blackditch is one of the boundaries of Kenn and before the 1830s Enclosures Act was common land on which Kennites could keep livestock.

Norman Harris mentioned that at this junction on the river he had seen large shoals of fish up to 2 foot long. A fisherman friend assures me that these were probably Bream.

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Across the river from us at this point was an attractive riverside cottage. Ray said that during the times of flood, previous owners had been forced to live upstairs during the winter and they needed a boat to get from the road to their front door.

From there it was just a short walk along the river to the cars and so ended another interesting evening.

There is no public access to the land we visited but there is a public footpath along the banks of the Kenn River from Kenn Pier.

Robert Down

## **ZAMBIA REMEMBERED – KARIBA DAM**

The Zambezi River is the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. From the earliest days of the white man in Rhodesia, there were thoughts of exploiting the power latent in the rushing waters and in 1914 the flow was measured; but it was not until just prior to the second world war that a report on the possibilities of such a scheme was made.

In 1950 work began on roads through the inhospitable terrain of the Zambezi valley, carving a path to the gorge where the greatest dam the world would know at that time, would be constructed.

In 1955 work began on the dam. A fleet of bulldozers prepared the massive pit that was to be gorged. For the people and animals of the valley there was initial bewilderment and distress, but the invaders did their best to temper progress with compassion.

The Batonka tribe, who had lived around Kariba since time immemorial, had to be moved. Their villages would soon be deluged by the waters of the trapped river. On the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1960 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother pressed a switch to start the generators.

The lake formed is 282 Km. long and the maximum width is 42 Km. The dam wall has a maximum height of 128 m and a crest of 617m. The combined discharge of its six floodgates is 540 million litres a minute!

Kariba Township, 366 m above the lake offers spectacular views and has a superb circular church of St. Barbara, erected and beautifully decorated by Italian dam workers as a monument to those who died during the building of the dam.

The lake forms an inland sea of 5000 square kilometres and the shores provide every sort of amenity for holidaymakers from sophisticated hotels and resorts to remote game viewing camps. These are mainly on the Zimbabwe side and are poorly used at present due to the current political problems.

Maurice Ford

## **Typist's Note**

**As I am away towards the end of October, please, please can you let me have copy for November's Kenn News and Views as soon as you have it.**

**I plan to type on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October so need everything ready  
My E-mail address is  
[Margaret.John@btinternet.com](mailto:Margaret.John@btinternet.com) -  
Fax 01275 342050 or pop through my letterbox at Chaseside, Kenn Street.**

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## BIRD NEWS I

The dry settled weather during the first part of September resulted in few unusual migrant species appearing in our area.

However, along the sea wall between Clevedon and the River Yeo, there were flocks of Dunlin and Ringed Plovers, as well as the usual Curlews and Redshanks. These were joined by a few Knot, a Turnstone, a Little Stint (a tiny wader), Black Tailed Godwits and Sanderling. All in all, quite a diverse collection and add in a few Wheatears and Whinchats as well as attendant Peregrine Falcons, Kestrels and Buzzards there was rewarding birdwatching to be had.

YACWAG were very pleased to welcome several Kennites to our open day at Littlewood. Two Hobbies hawking insects provided wonderful entertainment for the afternoon visitors and the event was deemed to be very successful.

Jill and I have just returned from a few days in West Cornwall. The weather was excellent – hence no rare birds! What we did see though was a Hummingbird Hawkmoth – a moth just like a hummingbird taking nectar from flowers, but only 11/2 inches long.

Fog on the 21<sup>st</sup> seems to have brought some migrants – 4 Short Eared Owls near Weston-super-Mare.

Trevor Riddle

**LOVE MAKES HARD HEARTS  
GENTLE**

## BIRD NEWS II

Sam Staples has told me that the Swallows that nest in his sheds left on the last day of August, the earliest he can ever remember. He says that he misses them.

The ones that have nested around Stonehouse Farm left on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Jeff Naish saw 5 Kingfishers in one day, one in Tickenham Moor, two in Kenn Moor and one in Cooks Lane. He says he is not surprised that they have had a good breeding season because the ditches and rivers in the moors have been teeming with fish of all sizes all the summer.

There have been two deer grazing in a field on Nailsea Wall for the past two weeks and another one in Cooks Lane.

Now the Swallows and House Martins have left this area on their migration south there seems to be very few birds around. Probably because the weather has been so fine and quiet. I have hears some Little or Screech Owls as they used to be called, they always seem to get noisy at this time of the year. The large fir tree behind Stonehouse Farm has always been a favourite stage for them.

Ray Naish.

**COMMONSENSE IS INSTINCT  
ENOUGH OF IT IS GENIUS**

# KENN NEWS & VIEWS

## PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

**1st Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

***8am Holy Communion Kenn***

8am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11am Family Service  
Kingston Seymour  
6.00 pm Evensong Yatton

**2nd Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

**CLEEVE HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8am Holy Communion Yatton  
9.30am Family Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Claverham  
11am Harvest Family Service Cleeve

***11am Holy Communion Kenn***

6pm Evensong Kingston Seymour  
6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

**3rd Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

8am Holy Communion Claverham  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
11am Holy Communion  
Kingston Seymour  
2.30pm Holy Baptism Yatton  
6pm Evensong Kenn

## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2003

**4th Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY GREEN

8am Holy Communion Yatton  
8am Holy Communion  
Kingston Seymour  
9.30am Parish Communion Yatton  
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
10am Family Service Claverham

***11am Family Service Kenn***

6pm Evensong (BCP)\* Yatton

**HOLY DAY IN OCTOBER:**  
**28th SIMON & JUDE APOSTLES**

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

Every Wednesday:  
10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday in month:  
1<sup>st</sup> October  
11am: Holy Communion at  
Kingston Seymour

***3rd Wednesday in month:***  
***15<sup>th</sup> October***  
***11am: Holy Communion at Kenn***

4th Wednesday in month:  
22<sup>nd</sup> October  
11am: Holy Communion at Claverham

Every Thursday:  
9.30am: Holy Communion at Cleeve