

KENN

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NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Jane Roberts
8th Cliff Edwards
13th Abigail Smith
14th Rebecca Brain
Ella Hibbs
15th James Hayzen
16th Fred Fenwick
18th Mike Callow
26th Elijah Stowell
30th Mike Smith

Kenn Altar Guild - January Rota



Mary Willcox and Jane Staples

Thanks go to everyone for the beautiful decoration of our church for Christmas. The candles were greatly appreciated, both inside the church and lining the paths for the Christmas services.

Church Floodlighting

Our Church was floodlit for the lighting of our Christmas Tree with Carol Singing on Friday 12th

December, again for our Carol Service Sunday 21st December. And to celebrate the festival of Christmas and to see in The New Year.

Thanks go to Dave Pugh who is keeper of our lights. Tel; 01275 874278

Christmas Services in Kenn began with our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December - the path to the church was lined with candles and the choir led us in joyful song. Thanks go to Margaret Hawkes, from Kingston, who played the organ.

Christmas Eve - the Crib Service (see opposite) was a truly inspirational occasion - full of joy and pleasure.

The Griffin family turned out in force - we counted 12 of them from patriarch John to baby Polly.

There were four generations of the Pascoe family and the Cook/ Jaehme group continued the theme.

Brilliant, over 80 grown ups and more than 20 children.

Then at 10.00pm on Christmas Eve thirty souls met for our now traditional night mass —thanks to Warren for a thought provoking sermon.

10.00am Christmas Morning our dear friend Revd Avril Gaunt officiated at our Family Communion Service - more carols with impromptu descants, more sweets for children.

Thanks go to Jo Manning for playing for us three times in less than a day.

John Ball
Churchwarden

Kenn Nativity 2014

There are only two words to describe this year's Nativity
- beautiful and enchanting.

The children were beautiful and they enchanted us as they transported us from St John's to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

The nativity opened with the arrival of the crib figures who had made their way round Kenn since the beginning of December. Tilly, Edward and Kate brought the figures in. The angels welcomed them in out of the cold and promised them a warm dry bed for the night.

We were lucky enough to have two Marys. Ruby and Jeanie gave us serenity and grace as they were visited by the angel, walked to Bethlehem and cared for their new babies in the stable. Harry was Joseph, who gallantly protected his two Marys.

Sam, Tom and Hector were Shepherds. They were reliable witnesses to the events in Bethlehem. Polly was a delightful angel Gabriel, reassuring Mary and the shepherds. Callum was a most insistent inn keeper and showed the wanderers to the stable.

We had the most gorgeous angels. Tilly, Ella, Freya, Sofia and Evie were a heavenly host who flew around the church.

Josh, Edward and James were Kings, all asked and obliged at the last minute. Special thanks to Lucy who had only arrived in Kenn the day before, she did a narration. Olivia would have done a superb reading but I missed it out. (sorry, my fault.)

Bethany as always did a perfect reading about the Magi. Delivered with elegance and poise. Joseph was a menacing Herod. Jo Manning played a note perfect organ.

Thank you also to the people who helped without being asked. John Ball, despite pressure on his time organised a locksmith to come. We could not unlock the new room.

Julia made sure the church and costumes were ready for both rehearsals and the performance preparations. Hazel and Kate willingly helped with the rehearsal.

Caroline.



Some snaps from the
Crib Service
At
St. John's on
Christmas Eve



Christmas Tea Party a.k.a.
Old Kennites Annual Reunion





December Market

The morning gave us a great sunny day.

The hall looked splendid decked out in its festive finery, and was buzzing with life.

Thanks to all who took part and called in. The tombola was a great success and thanks to Andre for manning it. The sum of £120 was raised for the Children's Hospice Southwest.

Maggie and I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and hope to see you at the next market on February 14th

Lyn



Andre Olsen and Maggie Hobbs at the Tombola



Debbie Webster with her prize and prizewinning necklace

Chalice Handbell Team

Geoff reports that Chalice Handbell Team have five pre-Christmas bookings this year, of which we have so far completed one at Lakeside Court, Worle; and a new venue for us, The Granary at Wraxall. Also, The Diamond Court at Worle. All have gone well and been much appreciated at those Care Homes. We still have Congresbury Ladies Circle, and St. Joseph's in Cotham, Bristol to come. Then a small rest!

Any new members would be very welcome in the New Year! Just phone us on 01934 834550 to enquire.....and any one wishing to book us for an hour or so later in 2015 ditto!!

Margaret's Mutterings.

What a wonderful Village we live in - We have our Church which has been filled so many times this month , we have our Christmas Tree with multicoloured lights - and enjoyed an excellent evening singing carols with mulled wine and punch - the candles in and around the church have been 'burning' bright and there has been so much joy and happiness, that one might have thought it was CHRISTMAS.....

Similarly at our local Hostelry - The Drum and Monkey on Tuesday 9th December a large party of villagers and friends filled the conservatory — sharing a super Christmas Lunch .

The Drum is also the venue for Book Club - for details of the next meeting—speak to Caroline Wednesday Night at The Drum is Steak and Quiz Night - good fun for everyone - no charge to enter but prizes to be won.



Mike and Kelly have asked that I pass on their thanks to everyone who has supported them in 2014 and their Best Wishes for 2015.

The Village Hall was stylishly decorated this year—thanks to Marianna, Sarah and John Hayden. The extra warmth provided by the insulation of the roof, together with the new glass doors have all improved this village facility which was the venue for many Village events—including The Village Christmas Market, The Kenn Disco, The Christmas Tea Party and the Children's Party; as well as several private events.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed this year - especially our photographers Hazel Limage and Robert Down—we would have nothing without you all.

May I ask that copy for February News and Views is sent as soon as possible, as John and I are away during the month ,and I shall not be nagging anyone .

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all.

Kenn Diary for January

Tuesday 13th January — 12.00 Village Lunch at The Drum & Monkey

**Wednesday 14th January- 7.30pm Kenn W.I.
Meeting at Kenn Village Hall**

**Thursday 15th January — The Big Lunch 7.6.15
Meeting to discuss plans — 8.00pm At Church Path Cottage**

**Monday 26th January — 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
At Kenn Village Hall**

Kenn's Grass Cutting

For more than 20 years Ray Chappell has been cutting the village green and the verges along the main road and, I think you will agree, adding greatly to the generally pleasing aspect of our village.

He has consistently undercharged us for his time and the use of his machinery, but now Ray has decided to retire.

Several people feel that his retirement should be marked by presenting Ray with a token of Kenn's gratitude for the extra time and effort he has put in over many years.

Therefore we would like to have a collection to buy a suitable gift.

Please contact any of the following people to let them have your donation before mid January if possible.

John Griffin, John Ball, Robin Mackay.

Many thanks,

Robin Mackay

Mrs Christine Malet (nee Bond)

Those of us who were privileged, during the second world war years, to be taught at Kenn School by Miss Bond, will be sad to hear she passed peacefully away on 18th December aged 98 years

Mrs Griffiths was solely in charge of the whole school --- maybe only 20 of us, but ages ranged from 4 to 11 so it must have been hard work. Then Miss Bond came to assist. Her lovely smiling face, her kind and gentle manner made learning easy. She certainly brought out the best in us.

She joined the ATS after she left Kenn and later married a priest, becoming Mrs Christine Malet.

What a joy it was to see her at the school reunion in September '09. She is in the front row (far right) of the picture which was taken on that day.

Bob Gale has been visiting Christine for the last 10 years, so maybe we'll be hearing more from him later on.

Farewell dear Miss Bond ---- and thank you.

Glenis Lansley (nee Jones)

Mrs Malet's funeral service will be at All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol on Thursday 8th January at 12.15pm

Revd Chris Steed will be collated by the Bishop of Southampton as Team Rector of Totton in the Lyndhurst Deanery in the Winchester Diocese at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th January 2015.

He would love to see old friends from Yatton Moor at St Wilfred's, 92 Salisbury Road, Totton. SO40 3JA at his licensing.

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary:

Sarah Clark 019345 833307

St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:

Revd. Warren Williams 01934 833608

Churchwardens:

Julia Bush 873554

John Ball 874077

Village Flag Flying:

Marianna or Robin 340323 or

Hazel 349535

Altar Guild Secretary:

Marianna Mackay 340323

Church Floodlighting:

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,
14th February - 10:00am till midday.

Recycling - 7th/13th/20th/27th

Dustbin - 13th/27th January

Green Waste - 7th Wednesday



North Somerset Times



Don't forget that copies of
this local newspaper are
freely available in the bar at
the Drum and Monkey from

Wednesday afternoons

**Kenn Women's
Institute**



Kenn Village Hall,
7:30pm Wednesday
14th January - Visitors welcomed

Tel: 01934 830111

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Thursdays 8th and 22nd January

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesdays 7th and 21st 10am -
7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 12th March 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Tuesday 10th March 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 11th March 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am



KENN W.I.

Kenn W.I. met for their usual December festive evening of bring & share supper, quizzes and chatter. What do we find to talk about; it's only 10 days since we last met.

The evening was good humoured as we puzzled over the picture and Christmas quizzes. Comments heard were "I know his face but what's his name" and "were there really 8 reindeer".

We exchanged our Christmas cards and Secret Santa presents, this was despite Santa's helpers forgetting the sack. In true W.I. tradition we improvised by using black bin liners.

At the beginning of December we hosted the Group W.I. Carol Service at St John the Evangelist Kenn, which was a great success with over 50 people attending plus 12 ladies from the Clevedon Ladies Choir, 2 of whom are members of Kenn W.I. The collection raised over £130 going towards church funds. A big thank you to Rev Warren Williams and everybody else who helped make the evening a great success.

Following the flower demonstration a further £80 has been forwarded to Clevedon Care, our charity for 2014. This has made a total of £330 for the year.

Our charity for 2015 is Clevedon Hospital League of Friends, which I am sure every one of us has benefited from at some time, so we hope you will help us in our endeavours in raising funds during 2015.

Our speaker for January 2015 will be Anita Simmons, from Yew Tree Farm, Kingston Seymour who will tell us about her trials and tribulations as a Justice of the Peace. All visitors are very welcome.

The meeting finished with Happy Christmas and New Years wishes being exchanged, which is extended to all the villagers of Kenn.

Marion Hulance.

Miles Naish would like to thank everyone for their good wishes following his accident loading cattle and his broken ankle.

Sheila "Florence" Naish would like to say that we are halfway into the 6 weeks that he has to be laid up with foot up.....is retaining her humour and patience (bless the sherry) he is very bored, and fed up with reading...and the TV.....

"yes dear of course" is a phrase that is going to become extinct in Feb!!!



Christmas Tree Lights

On a cold, but dry, evening about 70 Kennites gathered to switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

Everything went to plan and the tree sparkled with the multi coloured bulbs.

Afterwards we sang many of our favourite Christmas Carols accompanied by our wonderful and talented children's band. As usual the mulled wine and mince pies were soon consumed! The collection was in aid of The Children's Society and raised £145.60.

A special thanks must go to John Ball for erecting and decorating this year's splendid tree which was arranged by Rob Treble.

As always this annual event was a real village gathering and a wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations.

KENN DISCO

A huge Thank You to everyone who came and supported the Kenn Christmas Disco — also to those who bought tickets, but couldn't make it. We raised £336.00 of which £136.00 will go to Kenn Village Hall funds and £200.00 to Children's Hospice South West at Charlton Farm.

Thank you from Avril and Jill and especially to Heather for helping to sell tickets.



It's January

- and what must we do?

Find the flies!
Look in the loft!
Inspect the outhouse!
Examine the barn!
Suck 'em up in the vacuum!

Empty the vacuum into a bag, tie it up
and put it in the Dustbin

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

YATTON MOOR TEAM -SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2015

1st Sunday 4th January THE EPIPHANY**WHITE****8.30am Holy Communion at Kenn***

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Morning Prayer at Claverham

11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour

6:00pm Evensong at Yatton*

2nd Sunday 11th January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9:30am Holy Communion at Claverham

11:00am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11:00am Holy Communion at Kenn

6:00pm Plough Sunday Service at Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 18th January THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion at Claverham*

9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9:30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11:00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour

6:00pm Evensong at Kenn***3rd Wednesday 21st January****11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn****4th Sunday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY****WHITE
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8:00am Holy Communion Yatton*

8:30am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*

9:30am Parish Communion Yatton

10:00am Café Celebration at Court de Wyck School

11:00am Family Service Kenn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Cleeve

6.30pm Ecumenical Service at Yatton Methodist Church

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January))**Monday 2nd Feb – (THE PRESENTATION of CHRIST) - CANDLEMAS****WHITE**To be transferred to Sunday 1st Feb

Down on the Farm

We have enjoyed a very mild autumn and the countryside is as green as I can remember at anytime. This has enabled farmers to have cattle grazing the fields which would normally be winter housed by now. This is a bonus as it costs little to keep cattle outside but is more expensive when they are housed.

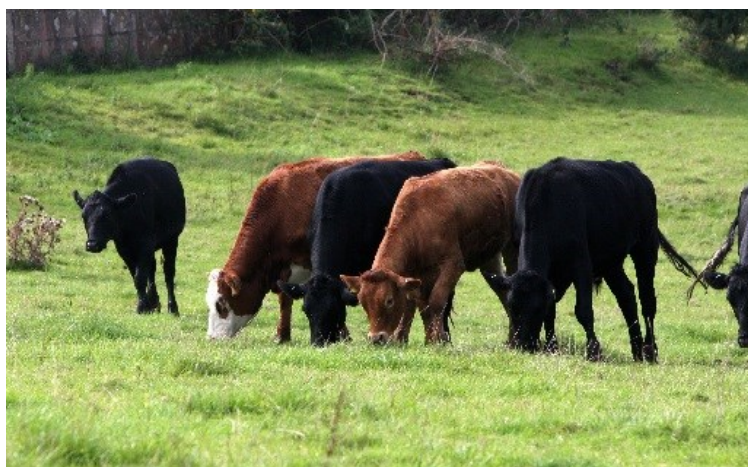
When looking through some old photographs of Clevedon I saw a postcard of cattle grazing on Wains Hill. This was dated 1926. These cattle belonged to a family called Priston. The grazing on the hill was let to farmers and the proceeds donated to the poor of the town.

In days gone by there were a number of farms within the town and surrounding area which have mostly disappeared under housing developments. These farms would have kept milking cows and in earlier times the milk would have been sold raw, door to door, by individual farmers.

My father used to tell me about farms in the town and I can remember as a boy buying calves, with father, off farms which no longer exist. There was a farm on Strawberry Hill which kept Guernsey cows and the Young family farmed what is now Clevedon Golf course and also kept Guernseys there.

The Tinckling family farmed in Clevedon, I believe somewhere towards East End.

Ken Williams and his father had a farm in Old Street and there was a farm where Highdale School now stands. Hill View Farm was where the Yeo Moor School playing fields are. The farm cottage (Hill View Cottage) still remains and the cow sheds were where the new houses have been built.



Tutton Farm was where Central Way now runs and is recognised by Tutton Way.

The Baker family farmed what was originally Wrangle Farm, later changed to Triangle Farm. This Farm was where the motorway slip road now stands.

Court Farm and East End Farm are still farmed. Coming back along the ring road towards West End the road slices through what was once Crab Apple Farm which gives its name to the pub.

In earlier years there would have been many more small farm owned by Clevedon Court and let to local tenants.

Notes from Miles Naish, typed by Leon Naish

Bird News

Some colder weather brought a couple of woodcock to Littlewood on Kenn Moor and John Croxton, who is the honorary warden there, spotted a couple of roosting barn owls there. Out on the moor the Swan numbers have increased. It is thought that this herd moved to Kenn Moor from Bristol Docks when feeding there ceased. At the other end of the moor at Kenn Pier, Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail and Little Egret have all been reported this month.

The sea wall Short Eared Owls have either moved on or changed to nocturnal hunting as there has only been the occasional sighting of a single bird there recently. Some compensation came in the build up of the Dunlin flock - it had reached 5,000 birds by mid month and was providing some spectacular aerial displays. Up to 500 Lapwings were in the area as well as large groups of Starlings. In fact there seem to be more Starlings on the local moors than for several years and regular sightings of Peregrines feeding on pylons may well be connected to this.

Just south of Weston the Axe Estuary had a purple patch, particularly in the form of four Twite aka the mountain linnet. Twite used to winter there regularly in the 1980's but as the breeding population dwindled they were not seen. Conservation measures in the north of England have stimulated some recovery in numbers and it is quite amazing that after a 30 year absence they have returned to traditional winter site. There was a Snow Bunting, a Lapland Bunting and a Short Eared Owl in the area with a super male Black Redstart at Brean Cove so this attracted more than a few birdwatchers.

The colder and perhaps windier weather produced a fantastic adult male Long Tailed Duck to Cheddar reservoir.

Immatures of this species turn up fairly regularly (on Clevedon Marine Lake once!) but this is the first adult male, with a long tail, that I have ever seen in our area.

For good measure a Great Northern Diver also put in appearance, but it was a bit tricky to locate among thousands of Coot and hundreds of ducks.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Our thanks go to:

James Packer - www.somersetbirder.co.uk for the photo of the Long Tailed Duck



The Big Lunch

The meeting to discuss the Big Lunch will be held at Church Path Cottage at 8pm on Thursday 15th January.

Please come along with plenty of ideas and enthusiasm.

The actual Big Lunch will be held on Sunday 7th June.

Marianna and Robin



Caring At Christmas - THANKS!

KENN'S reputation for generous giving reached new heights this year. Our appeal for clothing, food, toiletries and donations to be given to the CARING AT CHRISTMAS project in Bristol produced a fantastic response. There was not only more than ever before but also of a higher quality. The homeless people who are given shelter over the Christmas period really benefit from your generosity, for many it is a genuine lifesaver. An especial thanks must go to Julia who has made 3 trips to Bristol to deliver your donations.

So THANK YOU Kenn, you have responded in your usual quiet but very generous way.

Robin and Marianna.



Make a note of the date in your diary
Sunday 7th June 2015



Join our big lunch



KENN'S BIG LUNCH 2015.

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2015

Meet, eat and drink with your neighbours and friends. Let's enjoy being a member of the community in KENN. Put the date in your diary and prepare for a great day of fun, good food and lively conversations.





Crafty Children at the Christmas Party



Santa with his sack

Logs for sale

£75 dumpy bag - Seasoned hard wood .

Free local delivery

Ring Toby on 07519 354287

2.00pm Wednesday - 18th February

KENN VILLAGE HALL

JUMBLE SALE

Proceeds for Village Christmas Parties

Help and Jumble needed -contact:

Jean Fenwick - 01275 875073

Bags of Rock Salt, for use on garden paths, are still available from Bram Rigg in the Church lay-by, near the flagpole - Feel free to help yourselves

Donations to Kenn Pride are acceptable

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 28th November

There has been a general increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles recently. Some of these are occurring in shopper car parks, some in residential areas and an increasing number in rural car parks.

These rural car parks are often in beauty spot areas and predominantly used by walkers during daylight hours. Vehicles have generally been left secure and access has been gained by breaking windows. Items left on display in such vehicles has been targeted - such as personal items, satellite navigation accessories and small change left in central consoles.

Please remind members of this type of crime and ask that they not only keep vehicles secure, but remove temptation by ensuring they do not leave any items on display. No matter how inconsequential you think the item is, it could be too good an opportunity for the would-be criminal.

Received 3rd December

Senior Siren Magazine:

Please find attached a link to the very latest edition of the Senior Siren, the bi-monthly magazine of the Senior Citizen Liaison Team.

The Senior Siren is packed with lifestyle and safety advice for the older adult population.

The 'Senior Spotlight' interview in this edition features Sergeant Robert Cooke of the Manitoba Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a 40-year veteran of the RCMP and founder of the award-winning 'Police Academy - Older Adult Division'

Link to Senior Siren: <http://sclt.us/senior-siren-editions/4573598653>

SCLT Public Presentation Team:

If you are a member of a community group involving older adults and would like a visit from our Public Presentation Team, please get in touch (UK charities only)

Our Public Presentation Team is able to provide a full range of free presentations and guest speaking appearances on the dangers of doorstep crime and home & personal safety for the older adult.

We are presently able to offer these services in the South West of England and South Wales areas free of charge and the wider UK area if expenses can be met by the host organisation. For more information, please visit the Public Presentation Team pages on our website (<http://sclt.us/public-presentation-team/4574146620?preview=Y>)

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.ourwatch.org.uk website.



KENN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's chat

The December meeting was attended by 6 members of the Public

I was able to confirm that the road signs were back in place following 2 accidents at the junction of Manmoor Lane and Davis Lane, eventually.

We had better feedback about the Church Path and Rob will liaise with the authority and Church Wardens.

I was also able to state that following a request from Mr Beardshaw at the Drum under the freedom of information act, for all documents and information held by the Parish Council, that the request had been fully complied with and completed, at the same time I was able to publically refute the allegations made against me about contact had with North Somerset and myself in connection with the Drum. They were totally without foundation and not true.

Two former Parish Councillors attended the meeting and were unhappy about comments made in an article in News and Views, from a friend of Kenn Parish Council. They were concerned that this was led by our Council, and we had knowledge of it. I was able to report that I had returned from London half an hour before and had only just read my mag, and had no idea of the article, also all the councillors present had not read the article as the mag had not been delivered. All councillors were able to say that they had no knowledge of the article. The former Parish Councillors asked that we put into the next issue that it had nothing to do with the council, I am repeating here that it did not. Mr Croxton was at the meeting and he said that he had put the article in.

It should be said that articles in the News and Views are personal to the person writing them, the Parish Council have no control over what is written.

Kate Hatcher has moved from the Village and I have received her resignation letter. Kate will be greatly missed by the Council, and I would like to thank her for all the work she has put in during her time of office.

The Christmas tree looks lovely, it always does, and thanks to all involved.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy , prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Hopefully see some of you at the next Parish Council meeting [on 26th January](#)

Cheers, Sheila Naish, Chair.

John Griffin

Duck Lane, Kenn BS21 6TP

Letter in reply to article in last month's News and Views under 'INVITATION' from the claimed 'Friends of Kenn's Parish Council'

This letter led to exchanges at the beginning of the P.C. Meeting on Monday 1st December 2014 when it was made clear that the 'Friends' had no official status or relationship with the P.C. and their membership comprised 1 member only, Mr. John Croxton of Duck Lane.

The third paragraph of the letter made suggestions regarding the conduct of past councillors; these suggestions cannot, in my view, go unchallenged.

Present on that evening of 1st December 2014 were five members of the last P.C. three of whom are now serving on our present council, each of us categorically denied that we had at any time behaved in the manner suggested by Mr Croxton's third paragraph.

Our present Chairman (who had served on previous Councils) suggested to Mr Croxton "that on reflection he may feel that he was mistaken and unwise to have written in such a manner"

Mr Croxton was asked by myself and the other past councillor present to submit for the next News and Views a letter of withdrawal and apology. If such a letter is provided then I have asked the Editor that this article should not be published, and the matter will be closed.

I am particularly mindful of the selfless, outstanding and supportive service given to our village over so many years by fine people, including the wise and dedicated guidance of a remarkable Clerk of 35 year's service, who would not for a moment have tolerated any incorrect conduct by Councillors or Chairman. My two predecessor Chairmen, both true men of Kenn set examples, which I found to be inspirational; now deceased they cannot defend themselves.

In closing, I am disappointed at the implied criticism of Mr. Croxton's letter, which I consider casts a shadow over our record.

John Griffin

(20 years service to the Council, including 8 as Chairman)

Observations from Kenn Parish Council Meeting on 1st. December 2014.

Fortunately the last Parish Council meeting was held before the Season of Goodwill had begun!

It was quite a lively meeting with mystery and intrigue not to mention suspense! We had a particularly boisterous Public Participation session with no holds barred and plenty of vitriolic outbursts all in response to an article in Kenn News & Views by Friends of Kenn Parish Council.

Words and phrases such as 'slanderous', 'libel' 'contact my solicitor' reverberated around the Village Hall.

Although a lot of hot air was generated, no blood was spilled and the new defibrillator was not called in to use!

As is often the case when quotes are taken out of context the whole episode was an over-reaction and the Chairman and all members present around the table defused the situation admirably.

This unseemly episode did however give our Chairman and Vice-chairman a chance to inform the meeting in emotional terms regarding the totally unacceptable abuse received by them from villagers who were not prepared to come to official Parish Council meetings to air their spiteful views in public - something which led to the previously mentioned article in News & Views.

Our Councillors are often 'told' to attend village events but one can understand their reluctance due to personal abuse.

So, I feel that it is time to put bruised egos, ruffled feathers and hurt feelings to one side and show by action, not just empty words, support for your/ our Parish Council!

The Friends of Kenn Parish Council would be delighted to accept new members. There is no subscription and only a few rules:

You don't always have to agree with the Parish Council but please be polite, respectful and ensure that any criticism is constructive.

John Croxton

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2014

MEETINGS

The Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

Dates for 2015

26 January – Council at 7.30pm
30 March – Annual Parish at 7.00pm
followed by Council
27 April – Council at 7.30pm

7 May – Election date

18 May – Statutory Annual
Council at 7.30pm
6 July – Council at 7.30pm
7 September – Council at 7.30pm
2 November – Council at 7.30pm
Agendas will be on notice boards
3 clear days before the meeting.

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Council Vice-Chairman

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Stephen Brain – Tel: 07773 211 394

Jon-Paul Humberstone – Tel: 07990 690 060

Cheryl Quinn – Tel: 07983 015 286

Robert Treble – Tel: 07831 316 760

The Parish Council met on the
2 December 2014 and had a very full
agenda which covered many items of
interest to Kenn.



There was also a lively discussion during Public Participation
about an article that had been included in the December Kenn
News & Views which had been distributed on that very day.

The article said it was from the Friends of Kenn Parish Council, however, the Parish Council were unaware, until later in the debate, who the 'Friends' were. The members of the Parish Council requested Kenn parishioners be made aware that they had not been consulted about the article or its observations and comments prior to it being published, therefore these do not represent their views.

**Wishing
you all
a happy
& healthy
New Year**

