

KENN

ISSUE 322 JUNE 2015

the big lunch

an eden project



**SUNDAY 7TH JUNE
KENN VILLAGE HALL**

From 12 noon

Everyone Welcome !!!



Licensed Bar



NEWS & VIEWS

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 1 - Simon Pascoe
4 - Laura Holden
5 - David Porch
- Margaret & Brian Cook W.A.
9 - Lois Webb
10 - Thomas Hibbs
11 - Naomi Brain
Wendy Papasolomontos
13 - Lynne Bye
18 - Ian Pascoe
21 - Tom Bye
Heather Brain
Dave Pugh
23 - Robin Mackay
27 - Pip Jenkins
28 - Liz & Martin Jaehme W.A.

St. John's Altar Guild

June Rota



The volunteers for this month are
Lise Willcox, Caroline Holden,
John Hayden and Jo Manning.

Our Flag was flown

3rd May to celebrate the birth of
Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana of
Cambridge

9th May for the marriage of
Jessica Quinn & Philip Langley

15th May for the birth of
Adeline May Humberstone

16th May at half mast for the passing of
Queenie Mildred Padfield.

Christian Aid in Kenn 2015



THANK YOU , THANK YOU ,
THANK YOU to everyone in Kenn
who contributed to Christian Aid Week
this year.

Also a particularly heartfelt 'Thank you'
to all the collectors, who put in a great
effort while I was away. We collected a
total of just over £450, wonderful!

If you still have an envelope and want
to donate ring me on 01275 873554
and I will collect, or put it in the
mailbox at Quercus, Kenn Street, or
TEXT a gift to the number on the back
of the envelope.

Well done Celia for raising a further
£100.00 at the monthly Coffee
Morning in the New Room

Julia Bush

Queenie Mildred Padfield

Our flag was flown at half-mast on 16th May to
mark the passing of Queenie Mildred Padfield
aged 94.

Mrs Padfield had lived for some time in Kenn
at Cherry Tree Cottage, with her daughter
Maxine Streat.

We send our condolences to her family.

Kenn Pentecost Family Service 24th May.

As well as the usual Pentecost reading about the dejected disciples being transformed by the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of 'the rushing mighty wind' and 'the tongues of fire', we also heard about God's presence in The Valley of the Bones. Poor old Ezekiel despaired for his people, demoralised and dejected after being thrown out of Jerusalem and worse, losing their Temple, the holiest of holies. Ezekiel told God his friends were like a pile of lifeless bones and God replied by breathing life into and flesh onto the bones.

Back in Kenn, a mighty wind (well actually a rather bolshy hair dryer) blew some bones about, and the Churchwardens' staves rattled some life into them. Then there was a mightier blast, and a whole row of bones rose up and jiggled about.

Finally, to the strains of 'Dem bones Dem bones, Dem dry bones' (thanks Jo) Warren's Grandchildren built a whole skeleton in about five minutes.

A congregation of all ages then enjoyed cake, biscuits and coffee and lots of chat.

Julia Bush

North Somerset Fleece + Country Fair

Saturday 6th June 2015

At Tutshill Farm, Yeo Bank Lane,
Kingston Seymour, BS21 6XP

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs T. Harris.

Large Covered Barn for sun or rain shelter

From 2pm onwards

- Cream Teas
- Fleeces for sale
- Hand pinning demonstrations
- Sheep Shearing
- Music
- Country crafts and entertainments



All welcome for an afternoon of rural enjoyment.

Adults £2, Children under 16 free of charge

Parish of Yatton Moor reg charity 1132177.

Friends of Kenn Church—Meeting 14th May

The AGM and Committee Meeting in the Church Room were well attended and the officers were again re-elected - Chair John Griffin –Treasurer Simon Pascoe - Secretary Margaret Ball.

The newly refurbished West Gates are now ready to hang - just waiting for new gateposts.

Re-ordering of the Vestry continues.

The Annual Churchyard Tidy Up is planned for Thursday 27th August.

The new Cradle Roll has been hung.

The Harvest Supper on Sunday 13th September will be a Cold Collation after Harvest Evensong.

Noticeboards are being renewed and re-ordered.

There are thoughts about a glass church entrance door - discussions with Church Architect.

A Gospel Choir from the Elim Pentecostal Church is being invited to sing at St John's this summer.

Margaret Ball

THE BIG LUNCH 07/06/15

As the Big Lunch Day approaches it is exciting that the Eden Project PR department feels Kenn's story is worth featuring in the BBC's One Show.



We have therefore approached the BBC with the following text created by Laura the Big Lunch PR expert. Fingers crossed!

"We're holding our first Big Lunch as part of the UK's annual get-together for neighbours on Sunday 7th June in our local village hall in Kenn, Somerset.

We've given our Big Lunch an international feel and are asking people to contribute a dish from different countries that we can share out. Any perishable remains will be fed to local rare breed pigs!

We've also set up a village choir especially for The Big Lunch. It's a good ice breaker and is being led by a multitalented producer and performer of local musical shows who's chosen songs about food and friendship for us to sing. We're singing songs ranging from; 'Be our Guest' to 'Food, Glorious, Food' and plan to perform two sets, one before and one after the meal, which will lead onto some all-out community singing (fuelled no doubt by some alcohol induced enthusiasm!)

On Big Lunch day, we're also holding a Scarecrow competition on the theme of international food so all our village will be leaning scarecrows against the fences in their front gardens and these will be shown in their full glory at the Village Hall.

There's also homemade bunting being sewn. We're an awkward shaped, small village scattered along several busy roads which makes communication difficult.

There's no idealistic community gathered round a picturesque green so The Big Lunch is a wonderful opportunity for various strands of the community to come together.

We're looking forward to it enormously and would love for you to come and see our choir, our scarecrows and our bunting!"

So don't forget to get your tickets (all the money will go to Charities selected by public consultation as there are no expenses).

Come along, bring your family and friends and enjoy a great afternoon.
The more the merrier!

Robin - 078 6023 5495



To All Scarecrows

whether alive, in your owner's mind or the garage.

You are requested to meet at the "Big lunch" venue at the Village Hall on Sunday the 7th of June.

A special compound will be available for you. Your dress code is international/food. There is no entrance fee, scarecrows are free!

Can you please be in place by midday on the 7th for Judging for Prizes.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Bell 01934832518 or Email — mikelizbell@btinternet.com

Many thanks for your support in advance let's have a great day

Mike



Kenn Choir.....

Next practice and final rehearsal for the Big Lunch will be at Kenn Village Hall

7.30pm Monday 1st June

See how the group of singers has grown - this picture shows the original choir at the end of April -The cover photo shows the next practice session.



Thanks to Sue and Tony for their enthusiasm, hospitality and providing so much fun - even those of us who cannot sing, enjoy trying with them Margaret.

What's On In June

Saturday 6th June - Free Bedding Plant distribution

Church Room 10.00am - Village Hall 10.15am - Duck Lane 10.30am

Saturday 6th June 2.00pm North Somerset Fleece & Country Fair
Tutshill Farm, Kingston Seymour

Sunday 7th June - BIG LUNCH
From Midday at Kenn Village Hall

Tuesday 9th June Village Lunch at The Drum & Monkey

Wednesday 10th June- Kenn W.I. Meeting 7.30pm KVH

Friday 12th June - doors 7.30pm
Songs from the Shed—CARLY & THE ALTERNATIVE

Saturday 13th June at Kenn Village Hall
VILLAGE MARKET with Coffee Morning - 10.00am-12noon

Saturday 27th June at Kenn Village Hall
Charity Coffee Morning 10.00-12noon
Proceeds to Alzheimer's Society - Contact Caroline Holden

Saturday 27th June from 8.00pm at Kenn Village Hall
Live Music — The Redhillbillies

Monday 29th June - Drum & Monkey
Book Group Meeting

KENN CLEAN-UP

2nd May

20 bags of rubbish went to the tip following the efforts of almost as many people - all wearing hi-viz tabards and wielding rubbish pickers who cleared the verges and ditches of our village.

Thanks to Mike and Kelly for providing coffee and bacon butties at the Drum & Monkey as our reward and to Hazel for the photo.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS JAEHME**

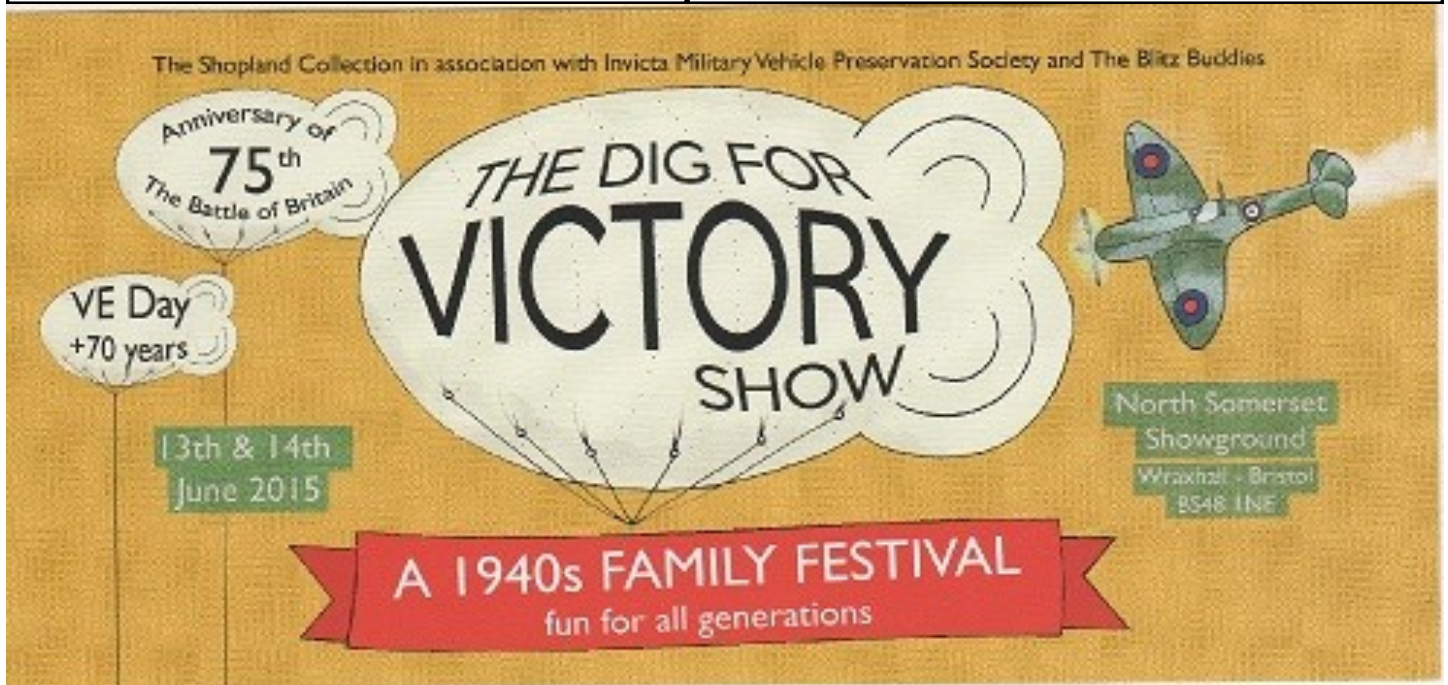
Liz and Martin Jaehme are delighted to announce that Chris, their youngest son, has just qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and is now a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Well done Chris! We're so proud of you and recognise the enormous effort this has taken whilst working in a very demanding job.

Bar !!!!

John Hayden has received confirmation of the Bar Licence for The Big Lunch.

John will, as usual, donate all profits to the Charity - Thank you John, your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Kenn Market May

We held another successful market this month, as usual it was good to see plenty of people enjoying the local stall holders' produce and stopping for tea and cake and catching up with friends.



This month we thought we would introduce you to our newest smallholder Mary and Paul Ashton: "My husband and I have recently moved to Rust Lane in Kenn and were keen to get involved in the community and support the village market. We are developing our interest in different breeds of poultry and currently we have turkeys, quail, ducks and chickens, many of these we have bred ourselves. Breeding our own poultry is an area we would like to develop and start to sell point of lay poultry and turkeys for Xmas. This will take time as we are both still working. However at present we sell a variety of eggs at the market and have enjoyed meeting the villagers who are only too happy to pass on their experience and advice which we appreciate. I also enjoy growing my own vegetables and I hope to be able to sell seasonal produce at the market in the future."

Please put our next market on Saturday 10-12noon June 13th in your diary and look forward to seeing you there.

Lyn and Maggie

PS new stallholders always welcome

Book group

There are two books to catch up on that the book group have read recently.

We met on the 30th March to discuss 'London fields' By Martin Amis. Only one person had read the book. The rest of us had other commitments which took priority. We are a relaxed group so we had a drink, good conversation and rolled the book over until April.

Another month did not improve our appreciation of 'London Fields'. As one member said, 'it was a triumph to reach the end in itself'. This novel explored the dark side of humanity. Even Amis's humour and wit did not warm us to his characters.

We met again on the 25th May to discuss 'On The Eve' by Turgenev. This is a Russian love story set on the eve of the Crimean war. On the whole we liked this book, even if some of the characters did make some unwise decisions. We had a fascinating discussion about reading books in translation. Between us we had two translations of the novel. We read sections aloud and noticed how between the translations meanings were slightly altered.

We will next meet at The Drum on the 29th June 2015 to discuss 'The Bucket Shop' by Keith Waterhouse.

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St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:
Rev. Warren Williams 01934 833608

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John Ball 874077
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Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

Village Flag Flying:
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Hazel 349535

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Marianna Mackay 340323

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01934 622 669

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COFFEE MORNING

Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,
13th June 10:00am till midday.

Recycling - 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th

Dustbin - 2nd, 16th, 30th JUNE

Green Waste - 9th,23rd JUNE



**North Somerset Times
& Mercury**

These local newspaper are
freely available from
Wednesday afternoons at
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**Kenn Women's
Institute**

Kenn Village Hall,
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Wednesday 10th June
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Wednesday 3rd June 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

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Bird News

A major ornithological event unfolded at Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve at the end of April continuing into early May with the arrival of a Hudsonian Godwit. Thus was only the third record for Britain, the previous one occurred in 1982. This species winters in South America and spends summer in Northern Canada so it was somewhat off course. It precipitated a mass incursion of twitchers (the picture was taken a few days into its stay when the main rush had died down!) Fortunately it frequented a large drained pool and there was plenty of room for everyone to watch it comfortably. There were a few mildly amusing episodes - one chap jogged to the site with his binoculars swinging around his neck and when he had seen the bird, jogged back. Another 'power walked' there calling out 'how far is it to me' without breaking stride as he passed. His girlfriend (I assume) was running along about 50 yards behind him.....

Now to more usual matters. Most of our Swallows, House Martins and Swifts have eventually arrived but more are still passing through, very late indeed. Jill and I visited a Nightingale spot near Taunton without success. The Nightingales subsequently arrived in mid May some four or five weeks late. It is very unusual for Nightingales to be so delayed; perhaps the BTO will be able to give some reasons for this shortly.

The Cuckoo reported last month continued to be seen at the River Yeo Estuary along the sea wall and another sang for one day on 30th April at Cadbury Hill, Yatton. On the 15th May two were heard near Congresbury and one of these (presumably) was subsequently heard from the Strawberry Line at Yatton.

A Hobby was over Congresbury and another seen at Chelvey. It may be a good year for Hobbies as large numbers have been congregating on the Shapwick and Ham Wall reserves with 50 seen at one time on one occasion.

I managed to join a professional dormouse survey at private woodland in our area. A hundred boxes produced four dormice - the first that I have ever seen. They were torpid, and when removed from the boxes by the licensed handler, were weighed and replaced all without waking up! We also found four Marsh Tit nests and a staggering 30 active Blue Tit nests plus nine abandoned nests. The entrance holes to the dormouse boxes are too small for Great Tits but are suitable for Blue and Marsh Tits.

We have not located any Tawny Owl nests this year, but it looks as if Barn Owls are breeding - hopefully more news next month.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208

Stop Press—Hartley was delighted to see and hear 2 Cuckoos at Kingston Seymour on Friday 22nd May.



Above - The Hudsonian Godwit - Below - Twitchers watching the Hudsonian Godwit

Thanks go to Les Mears for the photographs



New baby at Little Carpenters.....

JP is delighted to report that he and Hayley have a baby daughter—Adeline May Humberstone was born at 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th May at Southmead Hospital.

Our picture taken by Mrs Humberstone (senior) shows Hayley and JP with baby Adeline and big brothers Hector and Angus.



VE Day 70th Anniversary: “Little Ken(n)” no competition for Great George!

Saturday 9th May 2015, 11am. The nine and a half ton bell “Great George” in the Bristol University Tower was scheduled to be rung (probably by the combined efforts of several people) on one of those very few and far between occasions.

This time it was to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the wartime ‘Victory in Europe’. It was joined by the ringing of many church bells throughout the country and Great George may well have been heard up to three or four miles away from its home tower at the top of Park Street, Bristol.

Our church bell at Kenn, weighing in at only five and a half hundred-weight, was also rung joyfully for seven minutes after it had been used to strike eleven o’clock, and was heard very locally but, with the wind in the wrong direction, was reportedly not heard as far away as Duck Lane!!

However, we had appreciative comments and we must remember that this year brings our bell’s own 200th anniversary in October this year.

Geoff. Marchant.

New Granddaughter for the Pascoes....

Jenny and Simon are pictured here with their latest granddaughter Isobel Pascoe who was born on 30th April weighing 8lbs 11oz.

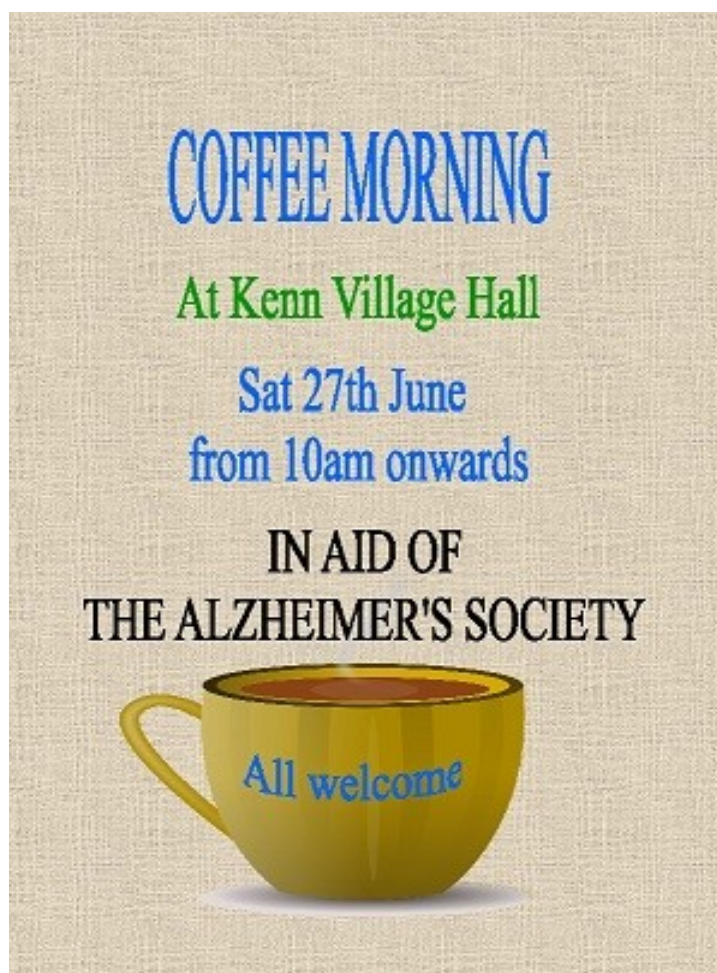
Mum and baby are doing well and Dexter is very excited about his new sister



FREE BEDDING PLANTS

Councillor Cheryl Quinn will be distributing free bedding plants in Kenn on Saturday 6th June

10.00am Church Room
10.15 am Kenn Village Hall
10.30am Duck Lane



SERVICES FOR JUNE 2015

1st Sunday 7th June THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GREEN

8.30am Holy Communion at Kenn*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Taste & See/Holy Communion at Claverham

11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Evensong at Yatton*

**2nd Sunday 14th June THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Barnabas the Apostle**

**GREEN
RED**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

9.30am Patronal Communion at Claverham

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve

6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour*

3rd Wednesday 17th June

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

3rd Sunday 21st June THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GREEN

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*

**4th Sunday 28th June THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**GREEN
RED**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

8.30am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

10.00am Café Celebration at Court de Wyck School

11.00am Family Service at Kenn with baptism—Alice Roberts

6.00pm Holy Communion at Claverham*

6.00pm Ecumenical Evensong at Yatton



At Kenn Village Hall,

for Kenn Villagers and friends,

Wednesday 1st July. Doors open 7.30pm.

First appearance (Dress Rehearsal) Girls' Harmony Trio

'The New Burlettes'.

Brought to you by Felicity Tran (Nee Bush)

Free entry.

Retiring collection for DEC Nepal Earthquake Fund - Bar

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KENN VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 24th JULY @ 8pm

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The Redhillbillies

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The Redhillbillies Welcome you!



CARLY & THE ALTERNATIVE

**Kenn Village Hall
Friday 12th June**

Carly and The Alternative were a real surprise discovery when I was in St Ives recently, I saw the poster saying music here tonight so wandered in to the pub with no expectations.

The band were half set up when I sat down but they started playing a playlist that was an eclectic mix of Jazz, soul with a bit of trip hop mixed in through the speakers and

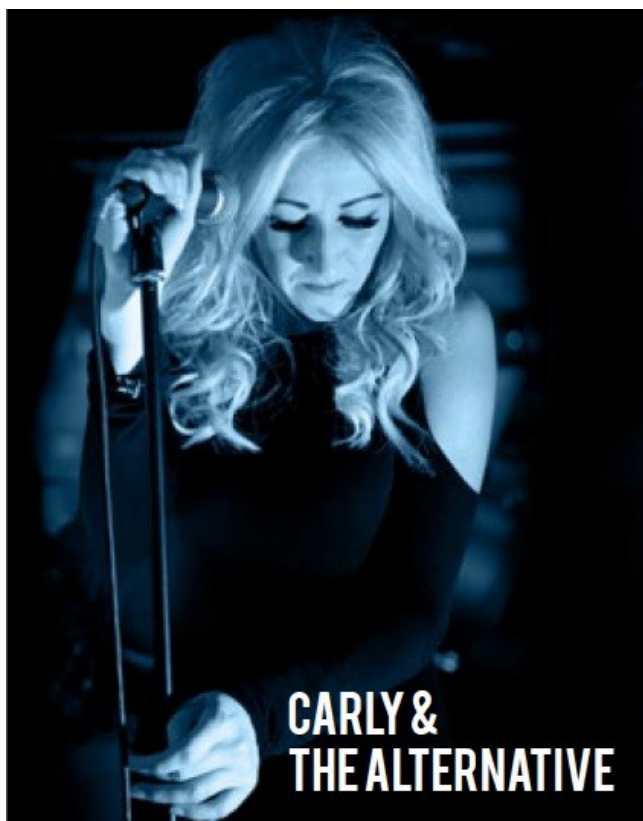
I was intrigued enough to order a second pint and await the bands performance. At this point a very glamorous young lady tried to sort out the jumble of instrument bags, cables, lights and coats strewn across the floor whilst the band milled around tuning up, adjusting stools and generally bumbling around. I have to be honest, things weren't looking great and I was considering moving on when the playlist suddenly stopped and the guitarist tore through the most amazing jazz piece on an acoustic guitar, I think it was a Django Reinhardt tune but I can't be sure. The assembled crowd of tourists, regulars and a very lively stag party sat up and took notice. The band then struck up playing another jazz piece while the glamorous young lady adjusted the lights and speakers before getting on stage to join the band.

What followed was one of the most entertaining and diverse 2 hour sets of live music I have ever seen in a pub. They covered everything from Summertime through Michael Jackson, Jefferson Airplane, Portishead, Massive Attack, more jazz than I can name and back again.

I only had one thought at the end. "I need to bring these guys to Kenn" and booked them on the spot !

Come along on Friday 12th see something a little bit different from the shed and it's a Friday, the bars open and the sun WILL be shining.

Jon
Songs From The Shed



Down on the Farm

With the longer days work seems to be never done. Local farmers have been busy ploughing and working the land preparation for the maize crop.

On the big dairy farms the first cut of silage has been taken and the fields spread with slurry in preparation for a second cut.

We have started shearing the sheep, the sheep need to be dry to shear and the recent showery weather has meant several starts and stops.

An article in a daily newspaper written by Michaela Stachen warns that hedgehogs are decreasing in numbers at a faster rate than Tigers or Rhinos. They are disappearing at an alarming rate.

I wonder when these naturalists and conservationists are going to admit that the decline in hedgehog and ground nesting birds corresponds to the huge increase in badger numbers since becoming a protected species.

Badgers are the main predator of both hedgehogs and ground nesting birds or eggs, both are suffering as a consequence of badgers excessive numbers.



Here we go... Miles Naish

**Closing Date for
July Issue of News & Views—
Monday 22nd June**

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Polly has two new favourite jokes she would like to submit.

Knock knock
Who's there?
I need up
I need up who!
Eer do you!

Polly "on Tuesday in Tesco (other outlets are also available) this man started throwing eggs, milk, butter and cheese at me!

How dairy!"

News from the Callow family

On 24th. April we went to Meriden (Centre of England, prior to satnav) for a memorial service, at the church of St. Lawrence, to the dead of WW1, including my Uncle Louis. I was baptised, confirmed, joined the choir (at the age of 9) and learned to ring there.

There are no local ringers and the 3rd. bell is supposed to be cracked, so that they are only rung occasionally.

However, I got in touch with the "contact" who rings at the next village, Berkswell, and he arranged to bring some of their band for the occasion.

In the service, candles were lit for all those mentioned on the War memorial and one was carried from the church to the Calvary by Meriden Pool.

The local Churchwarden wanted a bell "toll" 100 times while that was taking place and the treble was "left up" for that purpose. The other ringers having departed, I rang the bell and managed to "set" it, for a few seconds, 100 times.

Another of my grandsons, Robert Finlay, is competing in the Ten Tors challenge, soon, and I hope they complete the course as two members of the team are a bit doubtful and on the practice Robert ended up carrying two backpacks.



Mike

Margaret's Mutterings

Met Lyn and Steve Bye at the North Somerset Show 4.5.15 - they had been delayed, as on checking their stock they found a gate had been left open, resulting in cattle having to be put back where they belonged and even more distressing the bodies of young lambs having to be retrieved from a ditch.

The poor ewes were utterly confused. And why..... Simply because someone, presumably a 'dog walker' (from the 'poo bag' left behind), had failed to shut the gate.

John and I are away at the end of June so closing date for July Issue is Monday 22nd June

Email - margaret.john@btinternet.com

If I don't get it then it will not be included - It may be a be a very small magazine !!!



Kenn W.I.

Well we must have done something right, as the sun shone for the second year in a row as the members of the W.I. embarked on their treasurer hunt around the village.

The hunt started and finished in the field behind the village hall. They first needed to find letters that were dotted about the field that

spelt the name of a house in the village.

Then it was off down Kenn Street in search of such things as the house that could be in Canada, the bakers house and where Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip spent their honeymoon. After about an hour and with the help from some villagers they returned with most of the answers to a welcome cup of tea, strawberries and cream and homemade cakes.

The Avon Federation is having a craft exhibition at the M Shed in September some of our members have been busy making there entries. Felicity James brought some of her items to show that had already been judged. What talent the W.I. has.

Before our next meeting Margaret Burdge will be attending The Garden Party at the Palace (yes she did get her ticket) and Ann Holtham the National AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, which will be attended by the Queen. Let's hope they both have a great time. More in next month's report.

The July coffee morning at the "Church Room" is in aid of our charity, League of Friends of Clevedon Hospital. We look forward to seeing some of you there on the Sat 25th July 10.00 – 12.00.

The speaker for our next meeting on 10th June is from the SS Great Britain Trust. The SS Great Britain – the Concorde of her day. Cmdr Philip Unwin is an excellent speaker and we are looking forward to his talk.

All visitors are welcome, whether it is to hear the talk or to find out more about the W.I. and the remainder of this year's programme.

The village hall is open from 7.00pm with the speaker starting at 7.30pm.

I have just heard that one of our members, TheLma Blake, who farms in Kingston Seymour, is scheduled to be on Countryfile on 7th June.

Marion Hulance

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A Visit to “Williamstown”!

From Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May we were staying out in the Powys countryside on a farm at Criggon, very near the winding River Severn and the border with Shropshire.

Peace, perfect peace (omitting two of the eight(?) farm dogs who did good work as guard dogs!) I had mentioned where we would be to Rev. Warren Williams before we went and he had said “Do visit MY parish of Meifod, its only about 11 miles away and the church is always open during the day.” What he hadn’t said was what a beautiful stretch of countryside we would pass through on way there! We went via Llandrinio (a church we visited later in the week), Guilsfield (where we had been much impressed by their adventurous Parish Magazine and well provided Church tower bell-ringing room many years ago), and over Broniarth Hill, which also has a pretty lake. The Bluebells, Wild Garlic, fields of bright yellow Rape, Dandelions and Buttercups were a sight to behold, so much so that we retraced our route as we later headed for Welshpool and Powys Castle.

Meifod church was indeed open, at the rear of a huge churchyard which we read inside was due to its monastic origins (similarly at Llandrinio we later discovered). There were three bell ropes hanging down in the tower and we have admitted to Warren that Geoff was sorely tempted to chime them though they were a long way apart and would have needed three persons, or a long stretch, or the ropes to be gathered together. We were, however, afraid that new priest Jane James, or another villager, would come running to find out what was going on! Evidently we need not have worried as we learnt an hour or so later that the vicarage is some way away. (We did eventually do a quick diversion to see where it was situated.) Having spent some time in the very ancient and interesting church we bought a card and went over to the General Store cum Post Office to post it with a Welsh stamp to Warren and Diana – what a disappointment, “We are right out of Welsh stamps” - so an English one had to suffice (was it a “new royal baby one” instead?) We pointed out to whom it was going and “Oh, it’s OUR Warren, exclaimed Huw, the shop owner/Postmaster! “How are they, how are they getting on?” We spent quite a while just nattering and then we asked if there was anywhere in the village we could get a cup of coffee, as the adjacent pub looked to be firmly closed. “No, but hang on outside a minute – its time for my morning cuppa and another two will be forthcoming if you hang on.” Not only two coffees, but ginger biscuits materialised as well!! We felt so special and so warmly welcomed not only there, but in Shrewsbury shops (and Pharmacy; that’s another story!), and at the second local pub for meals, the first just across two fields being ‘cookless’ for our particular week.

Fine weather on all but one day when we still had less rain than most of the adjacent country completed the picture.

What we failed to mention above was that in the vestry of Meifod church we found a photo of a smiling Rev. James Llanfair Warren Williams (unfortunately the “rogues gallery” on the far wall was already full so this had to start another display on the opposite wall!) When we went to sign the visitor’s book, Jane’s sister had visited for service the Sunday before and had written how moving it was “to see my sister in action” and how proud she had felt. We were able to append on the very next few lines “...and greetings from your ex-vicar, Warren Williams, and Diana, who are now with us in the Yatton Moor Team in North Somerset” and then signed our names and put Kenn, Yatton Moor Team, as our address.

Finally, a great “Thank-you” to Warren for suggesting the visit in the first place – it really made our week.

Geoff and Eleanor Marchant.

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 29th April

This is a general warning message regarding cold callers.

The police are aware that calls are increasingly being received by householders regarding a wide variety of matters.

* Probably the most common are calls relating to the mis-selling of PPI.

* Another involves householders being called and told that £2000 would be delivered to their door but that to do so a fee would be required in UK cash vouchers.

Please remember that such calls can occur in any area and police advise not having dealings with any unsolicited calls on the phone, Emails or callers at the door.

In particular if you receive calls involving Paypoint or obtaining vouchers you should contact Action Fraud on 03000-123-2040 or call the police on 101. J0245

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.

Thanks go to Colin Bedford our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.



Closing Date for July Issue of News & Views—Monday 22nd June
Email - margaret.john@btinternet.com

KENN PARISH COUNCIL - Chairman's chat

Hello once again,

I was voted in as Chairman at the first meeting of the new council, Steve Brain is Vice-Chairman, so here we go again.

We had a great positive first meeting.

The new council is one member short, no-one came forward to stand for election, and therefore we are in the process of co-option, so if you think you would like to become a councillor send in a letter to Eleanor a.s.a.p, there is a deadline to follow, details elsewhere.

Not much to report, we are ongoing with the speed signs etc.

We have had complaints from villagers about the parking on the pavement along the road from the car lot to the pub, the local Police have been along, but they have asked that if anyone finds any obstruction to ring 101 and report the issue, this is then logged.

The free flowers will soon arrive, details to follow, we had a marvellous uptake last year, Cheryl Quinn is co-ordinating again. Details in the mag.

Look forward to seeing you at a meeting.

Kind regards, Sheila

Chair

Our Parish Council

A big thank-you to the members of our Parish Council who have all volunteered to look after our village interests for another term.

It was encouraging to read in last month's Chairman's Chat that Sheila Naish was persuaded to continue to serve by voices of support from villagers; something that doesn't happen very often!

Perhaps the 'silent majority' are becoming more vocal - what a step in the right direction that would be!

John Croxton.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2015



MEETINGS FOR 2015 The Village Hall, Kenn St. Kenn

5 June – Special Meeting to consider co-options – Church Room at 6.30pm

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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ONE MORE MEMBER IS NEEDED

6 people were election uncontested to the Parish Council, these members would like to invite community minded Kenn people to come forward to be considered for co-option to fill the 1 vacancy remaining.

Kenn Parish Council – Application form for co-option to the Parish Council

Name	
Address	
Home telephone	
Email address	
<p>Please give details of why you consider you would be the best candidate for this vacancy. Points to cover could include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particular interests and concerns relating to the Parish • Membership and involvement with any community associations within the Parish or elsewhere • Any professional or work-related experience which could be utilised for the benefit of the Parish • How long you have been a residence in the Parish if appropriate <p>If you wish to provide additional written information in support of your application this will be copied to all Councillors and treated in strict confidence. Please continue on another sheet if necessary.</p>	
<p>Return to Clerk by 12noon on 3 June 15 – email or send to 98a Walton Rd, Clevedon, BS21 6AN</p>	

More co-option information is on the Village Hall noticeboard or on the Kenn Parish Council web site.