

Haldon Views

Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of Kenn

October-November 2020



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So why not give it a try? You don't have to come every time, there is absolutely no formality and just because it's held in church, that's just for convenience. It's not a religious gathering in any sense of the word.

If it's not of any interest to you, do you know anyone else who you think would like a bit of company? If so phone either Shirley (833293) or Brenda (832896)

All coffee mornings cancelled until further notice

EXETER COURT HOTEL - WE THANK YOU

With the start of the new school term and a new bus company - Dartline - running to the Torquay Grammar schools, we are delighted that The Exeter Court Hotel have been so generous to allow the bus to stop there.

As you may have been aware the previous drops on the main road by Glisson's and Splatford Bridge were a growing safety issue for the children and the other road users alike.

We would like to say a HUGE THANKS to The Exeter Court for this kind gesture and their continuing support for all the local community and for both them and Dartline in recognising the safety concerns.

Haldon Views was sent to the printers in early September. Please check any dates/times you read in this edition.

September Sunday 20 September 10am Communion service at St Andrew's. Led by the Rev Mark Bate

October

Art at Shillingford May be held Next at Shillingford Village Hall 2 October at 9.45am.

Singing Group at St Andrew's Every Wednesday but for now cancelled.

Bridge Club Thursdays 2-5pm at the Kenn Centre. Still cancelled.

Exminster Film Club CANCELLED

Kenn Parish Council Meeting . Cancelled

WI Meeting May be Cancelled until further notice

Coffee Morning at St Andrew's CANCELLED until further notice.

Mothers' Union meeting Cancelled

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Later in May next Year 2021 – Church Village Fete

Not allowed to be held at the time of printing

The Great Village Quiz - Friday 2 October 2020

Put this date in your diary. This year there will a round entitled "The Oldest"

So as you are sitting at home "self isolating" yourself, take the opportunity to do some quiz studying!! **Entry form on page 35**

“When golden October descends into sombre November”



At the time of writing it is still sunny, breezy, showery September. The golden news is that St Andrew's has been open on three Sundays already. Our voices have been muted because we are not allowed yet to sing, but our souls have been lifted high. For the future it is safe to say that at the very least there will be a 10am service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

More Golden news is that Fr John's Sunday reflections have been very well attended and will be continuing at 11am. At St Andrew's our Zoom prayer group continues to meet at 9.30am on every weekday. If you want to join get in touch with (833485) or Simon Preece. The last time so many people met for prayer and worship on a weekday was when Fr Porter and the choir sang evensong together. But that was in the 1880's and most of the choir only turned up because they were paid to! Part of the point of what we do now is to be praying, constantly, for every single person in our parish.

One very golden event is that our Zoom group includes now Fr Samuel Sarkar, the pastor of a group of villages in Bihar in northern India and a minister of the United Church of North India. He is an old friend of one of our members and for a long time we have been supporting his work with our prayers and gifts of money – a pound goes a lot further in Bihar than it does in Kennford! Now we can see him face to face and learn from his faith and spirituality.

Here is another golden prospect. Fr John has always trusted me with some of the community services which take place in both Exminster and Kenn. We do not know the future but so far as it is in my power there will be the annual Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial on November 8th at 10.50am. I hope that we can expand that day to make a combined act of prayer for our community and nation. They used to happen regularly, with people of all branches of the church and none, during the two World wars and we won then!

The sombre news is that there are difficult times ahead for us all. Unemployment is a hideous affliction. It is going to touch far too many lives. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have pensions and savings are going to see dividends reduced and our incomes threatened. Brexit is going to begin to bite and that is not going to help anyone for a very long time, if at all.

But even here there are pin-points of light. We are getting better at controlling Covid 19. The government is being bold and generous in handling the economy, adapting quickly to these unforeseen problems. So far, Brexit has not been as bad as many of us expected.

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Above all there is Hope. Hope is the stubborn conviction, against all the evidence that good is going to come out of evil, life is stronger than death, good is stronger than evil. That is God's promise. That is what the Christian Church exists to proclaim. That is what keeps people going in dark times.

I was wrong when I said that there is no evidence for the triumph of good over evil. Yes there is. I see it every time I walk my dog through the village. I see good neighbours who look out for each other, I see kindly faces, I see children fired up to stop littering, I see people who care for the vulnerable. All this is part of our heritage here in Britain. Praise God for it. God save us all. God save the Queen!

Mark Bate



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Churchwarden's Jottings



Good news!!! Church services are once again being held in St Andrew's. We have held 2 services so far, the next one being on 6 September. At present we're holding a service every two weeks just to see how we get on and hopefully we can get back to our normal service pattern as soon as possible. It is vitally important that we follow all the safeguarding issues concerning Covid-19. Church services will be advertised in the post office and on the village noticeboards. In these very uncertain times it is difficult to plan too far ahead.

One thing for sure, like many other businesses, St Andrew's income has pretty much come to a halt. No fund-raising events have been held. I was so looking forward to the Fete and Words for Voices (we're doing a Spring edition). There have been no overseas coach visits on a Sunday night, which all leads to our bank balance being in the region of £7,000 **in the red!**

So I am looking for great ideas for fundraising events in the next 12 months, to try and help stem the outgoings and head us back towards the black. So if you've got some great ideas that you can put into practice, however small or big, every little bit helps. If not there is a real possibility in the not too distant future that St Andrew's Parish Church will find it impossible to continue.

On a more cheerful note, I'm glad to say Johnny Gosling has done a marvellous job in cutting the major part of the churchyard. It was getting like a jungle. Not an easy job to do but well done to Johnny.

As I have just mentioned, fundraising has ground to a halt. At the beginning of October we should see the holding of the Great Village Quiz on Friday, 2 October. However, as I sit here writing this on August Bank Holiday Monday, I have no idea if it will happen!!!

If only I had a crystal ball {that worked} for the next important thing, of course is Christmas. How's that going to work?

And finally a big thank you to various people who have been anonymously sponsoring the church lights, helping with churchyard maintenance and 101 other little things that still have to be done.

Thank you.

Simon Preece Churchwarden

Next Service at St Andrew's Sunday 20 September at 10am

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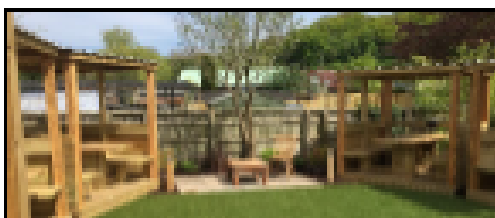
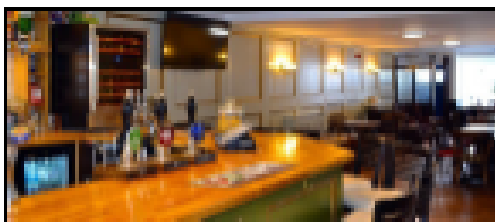
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The Church Floodlights

One way to bring 'light' into the parish is to ask for St Andrew's Church to be illuminated. For just a £10 donation the magnificent church will be lit for you, from dusk to the early hours of the morning. You may want to 'celebrate' or 'remember'. Either reason will cheer up the whole parish.

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News from the MOTHERS' UNION Branch at St. Andrew's, Kenn (with Exminster)

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

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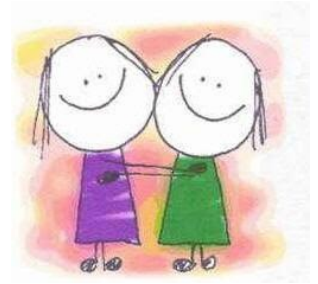
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hopefully many more friendship lunches**



**Used stamps, please, to Pete Phillips 832169 or The
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Kenn Parish Community Calendar

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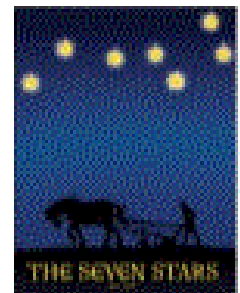
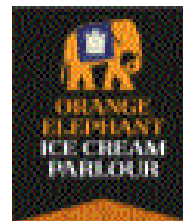
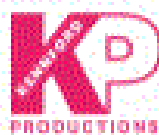
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WI MATTERS

Kenn and Kennford WI



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Socially Distanced Croquet.

Yes, it is possible and we decided to hold this at Splatford as usual on 20 August. The weather kept us guessing up till the last minute. The lawn was cropped and pegged out. Chairs set out and at 6 pm the weather cleared and we forged ahead.

We all had our own mallets and balls so this made it much easier for Peter to control us!!!

There was a bit of cheating by the hostess but she didn't actually have her own equipment so didn't need a handicap as she borrowed other people's cleansed mallets. These ranged from full size to toddler size.

I don't know how but I managed to win this year and was presented with a magnificent new trophy, lovingly crafted by Peter and presented by Joan, who stood in for last year's winner, Juliet, who was in lockdown in Australia.

Afterwards and during we had wine and refreshments. Disposables were used and even individually wrapped cheeses and butter and rolls.

Hand sanitisers were on display and despite all this we had a lovely safe time.

We looked forward to a socially distanced "Potato Weigh In" the following week .

Any donations for these events will be given to the children's hospice.

WI Great Potato Weigh In

4 Sept

Waited with baited breath at Cowpat House to see if the weather would be kind, as this is an outdoor activity, when possible. Hooray! bunting flying and all clear. Time for a swift glass of refreshment ,.... bring your glasses with you ladies!! Wheelbarrows and trolleys brought varying sizes and shapes of containers.

It never fails to amaze me the variance of this phenomena. One small seed potato, planted on Good Friday, brought forth huge weights of spuds, ranging from 1-7lbs 5oz These were weighed as usual on Suze's goose scales.

We were careful and used Covid advice but thanks to the weather our celebrations were largely outdoors. Thanks to donations we have over £120 for our chosen charity, The Children's Hospice. More cheese and wine followed the weigh in.

Pam won the cup (photo to follow, as she was absent with celebrations elsewhere).

Well done ladies. See you all hopefully at the 15 Sept meeting, with all the Covid trimmings, in the big hall at the Kenn Centre.

Sue Bretherton.



Art Class Resumes at Shillingford Village Hall

As we emerge, blinking, from the restrictions of total lockdown, you might consider rediscovering your inner artist at the drawing and watercolour classes at Shillingford Village Hall. All community halls have been deep cleaned, and we will be observing social distancing and other health precautions. This term we will be looking at seasonal landscape subjects, rustic buildings and ruins. All ages and abilities catered for, particularly beginners and those "testing the water". 10 week term starts on October 2nd at 9.45am £70/£67 060s. Details 01626 891245 or visit mikemcdonald.co.uk Please check with Mike before attending



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MRS POM'S RICH GINGERBREAD

INGREDIENTS

5oz butter or margarine
 8oz self-raising flour
 5oz black treacle or golden syrup
 4oz dark brown sugar
 1oz ground almonds
 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 2 heaped teaspoons ground ginger
 2 large eggs
 1 tablespoon water



METHOD

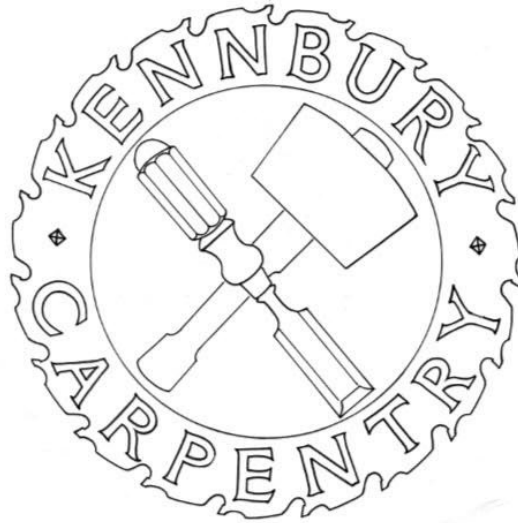
Put the butter, sugar, treacle and water into a saucepan and heat gently until the butter has melted. Sieve all the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Pour the melted ingredients onto the dry mixture and beat hard until thoroughly mixed. Make sure no mixture is left in the pan. Add the lemon rind and the eggs. These should be broken one at a time and beaten lightly, before being added to the mixture. For a treat, add some chopped stem ginger. Beat once again and then pour into a tin lined with greaseproof paper.

If using a 7ins cake tin, bake for one to one and quarter hours in the centre of a very moderate oven. Mark 3 or 350F/180C.

Test by pressing gently in the centre of the cake. If no impression is left by the finger, the cake is cooked. Cool for about half an hour in the tin and then turn out carefully onto a wire tray. Store in an air-tight tin.

I learnt how to cook gingerbread, using this recipe, over 50 years ago and have used it ever since. Mrs Pomery ran an excellent small cooking school in London and my friend and I learnt a lot. When we arrived each morning we were told whether we would be using the gas, electric or Aga stoves that day. A great help when confronted with a motley selection in various Vicarages over the years. Mrs Pom could be very strict and I once missed my Friday evening train back to Devon because my mayonnaise had curdled and I had to put it right before I left.

Maureen Bate



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The Church of St Andrew Kenn. by Pamela M Gibbons Feb 1955

Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife

Their sober wishes never learned to stray

Along the cool, sequestered vale of life

They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.

Pamela has written a short description of a beautiful church and Jim Ratcliffe would like to share her thoughts. We will reproduce here, over the months, some of Pamela's writings.



The beautiful Church of St Andrew's, Kenn, is impressively situated in one of Devon's quaint villages with its typical old cottages which blend so happily with the beauty of the surrounding countryside. By the side of cottages meanders a small stream, the Kenn or Kenne, whose name is derived from the old British word "Caine" meaning beautiful or fair.

The earliest written record of the church occurs in a document compiled between the years 1142-55, which states that William of Avenel, the grandson of Baldwin the Sheriff of Devon gave, to the Monks of Plympton Priory the churches of St Michael at Alphington and St Andrew's, Kenn.

The church did not long remain in the possession of Plympton Priory, but was restored to the Courtenay family who had the advowson of the living from the 14C to the 18C, when it was purchased by the Ley family of Trehill, descendants of whom still hold the patronage of the benefice.

In the churchyard is an ancient yew tree, reputed to be 800 or 900 years old. In medieval times a yew tree was looked upon as a "tree of life and was occasionally used as a substitute for Eastern Palm on "Palm Sunday," its perpetual green leaves being regarded as a fit symbol of the immortality of the soul. The church is built of Red Devon Sandstone quarried locally near Kennford.

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