Haldon Views

Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of Kenn

June-July 2021

What's On?

Haldon Views was sent to the printers in May so please check any dates/times you read in this edition.

<u>June</u>

Art at Shillingford Shillingford Village Hall started on Friday
21 May at 9.45am, hopefully! See page 12.
Service at St Andrew's 10am Sunday 6 June
WI Zoom meeting (It's a surprise. Tell no one) 15 June 7.30pm
Service at St Andrew's 10am Sunday 20 June

<u>July</u>

Service at St Andrew's 10am Sunday 4 July
Service at St Andrew's 10am Sunday 18 July
WI Social Meeting at the Kenn Centre!!!! Tues 20 July 7.30
WI Croquet and Wine at Sue's Friday 30 July 6pm
Service at St Andrew's 10am Sunday 1 August
WI Garden Party at Marshall Farm Ide Sat 14 Aug 3pm—5pm

Later this Year

WI Great Potato Weigh In at 6pm Friday 3 September Church Village Fete for 2021 cancelled until 2022 Great Village Quiz Friday 1 October, hopefully!

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WI MATTERS

Kenn and Kennford WI

Again, we had to have a zoom meeting and I was very impressed as we again had 21 people attending. Well done ladies. Hopefully we will soon be able to meet in person at the Kenn Centre.

We started with general business.

Thanks to Sally for our birthday cards. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Sue, whose birthday it was that day .

We also held a minute's silence in respect for the Duke of Edinburgh who recently died. Sue announced how pleased we were to have 38 members rejoin this very strange year. Well done ladies and thanks for continuing to support us.

Our next meeting was our AGM on 18 May at 7.30 pm.

We held our AGM via zoom and I believe at one stage had 22 members (we do tend to come and go!!) Something to do with pressing the wrong key!

Polly and Pat welcomed us all and then we pitched in with business, as we were all desperate to get on to the quiz!

Marilyn read our activities and achievements, too many to note. Suffice to say, that despite Covid, lockdowns and all that, we managed to do an awful lot. Something every month and some good speakers and when allowed socially distanced activities and craft ideas. Also bandanas for the NHS and some fund raising. Most important is the fellowship we have with each other.

Before the financial report Sue asked members for a minute's silence to remember Val Nicoll (one of our members) who died peacefully. We have sent condolences to Gill and her family. Sue reported that our finances are in good shape. Very little money has been spent or gathered in past year. We were able to give our members a £10 reduction on the annual fees, which went down well.

We had approval and secondary from members, for activities and the financial report. We then went on to re-elect Polly as our president for the next year. Hooray!! This was approved and Polly said she will be standing down to make way for new blood next year.! Votes of thanks were given to all our committee who are all standing for another year.

This was approved en masse.

Forthcoming events Covid and God willing.

15 June 7.30 pm surprise zoom meeting.

20 July social meeting in the Kenn Centre. 7.30 pm

30 July Croquet at Sue's plus cheese and wine 6 pm

14 August Garden Party 3-5 pm at Marshall farm, Ide, thanks to Jenny Tuckett

3 Sept drum roll the Great Potato Weigh In at 6 pm

Barbara's quiz followed. Despite toning down the questions I still found it hard, but very enjoyable. There were 25 questions. I think the winner was Liz Rycroft who won a garden voucher and the booby prize was a wooden spoon.





WI Zoomers

News from Samuel Sakar. A Convocation

Yesterday I attended a graduation of Prince of Peace Bible school. This was a 3 month short course where 33 students graduated. I had privilege of teaching one subject on discipleship. So they invited me to gave away the certificates.

In the midst of Covid 19, so much work. But I'm very careful of Covid 19. Thank you, Samuel





The Veg Patch

If you didn't know already we are Georgina and Neil and we own The Veg Patch, the former allotments of Kennford.

In keeping with the former use of the land we started a market garden and over the last three years we have been developing the land and building the business. We supply local people and local businesses with tasty vegetables, salad and herbs the way they should be grown with no chemicals, pesticides or herbicides and using nature to help.

We grow our own flowers making bunches of in season, local cut flowers that are available to buy directly from us or from Kennford Stores and Post Office from mid April till mid November.

We run a veg bag scheme from June to December where we pick, pack and deliver your vegetables, salad and herbs straight to your door on a Monday. We offer two different sizes of veg bag medium or large. The medium bags contain 6 - 7 items of veg including salad and some times herbs and large bags, which will have larger portions of the medium bag or another 1-2 items.

Salad bags and leafy green bags are available February to December and can be ordered separately or as an extra on top of your veg bag. These can also be bought direct at the Kennford Store and PO.

This year we will be holding an open day on Saturday 10 July, to show people around our Market Garden. Anyone that is interested in all things green and how we do things would I'm sure find this interesting. We will show you what we do and how we grow and are willing to offer advice and share knowledge.

This will be a bookable event to ensure that we don't get too crowded at any one time and it will be £2 per adult (children free) with all money being donated towards our church, St Andrews. Our site is quite steep in places so if you are not surefooted please let us know.

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St ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday Services

At the time of going to print it is not clear how the Covid restrictions will apply.

There will definitely be a **Service at 10am in St Andrew's** on these Sundays

6 & 20 June 4 & 18 July 1 August

Meanwhile Watch the Notice Boards etc for up to date information

Here is an edited version of a Sermon preached in St Andrew's on 18 April. It is about things that go on outside of Churches and concerns our national life.

It is also full of holes, I now realise! It is open to challenge, but I will be very glad to be challenged. We could have a very useful debate. There is a need for "All men and women of good will" to come together and act!

How about comments, objections, or just shouts of "rubbish!" to me, on line, on francisurch70@gmail.com or in next Haldon Views?

Here are some are some words I read yesterday, (ie. on 16 April)

"Those who receive a **message**, whether weak or strong, will have to live and work by it every moment of their lives."

More words from the same writer, "Without the chance of receiving the message, the most well meaning, energetic and intelligent human being is no more than a humble bee trapped in a bottle. Without the sort of moral inspiration which is the sole purpose of religion all our institutions become rather pointless. Why bother to educate? Why be concerned about the weak and helpless? Isn't honesty just a vain hope?"

Words from 20 years ago, words to hearten us. Who wrote them? Here is another clue, words from the same writer, only 20 years ago, "We desperately need the conviction of religious belief to guide us in the way we live on the planet."

You may have guessed, by now? Yes it was the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Yes. Him. Saying very strongly that the world needs religion.

Now I can hear a great chorus of philosophers rising in wrath to contradict him. Not actually either of the two lovely men who tried to teach me philosophy. One said once wistfully that Christianity was such a lovely, beautiful thing, that he wished he could believe it. The other was a lapsed high Anglican, who found his faith again before he died. So maybe the philosophers aren't quite as right as they like to make out.

The Christian religion gives us three things at least, things the world needs. We get **Value or Authority.** There are certain things cannot be changed or chucked over board, things Prince Philip mentioned, Justice, Honesty, caring for the vulnerable. **Things we cannot compromise over.**

We also get **Judgement**. We are answerable to God. He will hold us to account. Christ has set the standard and Christ will be our judge.

Thirdly we get **Trust**. That comes in two packages. **Christ is a merciful judge**. He is a saviour. When we get things wrong, we can be forgiven, start all over again and carry on. That seems to me so desperately important and we have got to believe it. I have known all sorts of holy people, clergymen even, who will tell lies, argue black is white, rather than own up to being wrong and **allow God to forgive them**. It does terrible harm and they cut themselves off from God.

We also get Trust because we are convinced we are winning. The Resurrection of Christ is the sign that God's plan is working out, that His kingdom is coming. We heard Peter say that in the first reading, "You handed Jesus over to be killed, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of that." You and I are called to be witnesses of that!

But watch out! Religion is powerful force and it can be used for evil as well as good. We Christians have as a bad a record as anyone else. We have persecuted people, fought religious wars, used religion to bless all sorts of horrible things.

That is why we always have to face up to sin and weakness. Let the light of the Spirit show us what is lacking. And let the Fire of the Spirit burn away what in us is against God.

The late Prince Philip wrote about the "message getting through" – **the message of Christ.** That's our job, to see that the message of Christ gets through. If all the good people give up who IS going to make the message of Christ get through?

Mark Bate

Message from Dr Rachel Mann



I am writing to let you know that I shall be stepping down from my role as a GP partner at the Westbank practice this summer. It has been a really difficult decision and one I have wrestled with for a long time. I feel a strong loyalty to you -my patients and to the Practice and to all those I enjoy working with. However I have come to recognise that it is time for me to leave. A better work-life balance will allow me to enjoy more time with my family who have come second to my work rather too often.

As I look back over my 24 years as a partner, three themes emerge. Firstly that having long term relationships with patients and families is the most joyous and satisfying part of General Practice. Secondly that medicine is a fascinating and amazing vocation and thirdly that I have been very fortunate to work with wonderful colleagues who are fully committed to great patient care. I am very proud to have been part of the Westbank Practice for all these years and working with such a great team.

I want to thank you, my patients for placing your trust in me - it has been such a privilege to have been part of your lives and I carry a part of you with me in the knowledge, living and learning we have experienced together. We have shared a lot over the years and I have a lot of very positive memories.

I am delighted to say that Dr Mike Bateman will be taking on my list as Salaried GP. He is a very caring and professional GP who has been working with us over the last couple of years so is well known to some of you already. I feel very confident that you will be in safe hands.

I plan to stay very much in touch with the practice so our paths may cross again.

Dr Rachel Mann

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St Andrew's Church Churchwarden's Jottings



In the middle of April, St Andrew's held its annual AGM. We have to have one by law! The PCC members are elected for the next 12 months to oversee and run the church. I am delighted to say we have two new members to this committee, Jo Evans and Barbara Philipson, both bringing wisdom and experience.

Are we are heading in the right way out of lockdown? St Andrew's is open again during the day for private reflection. Sunday services have resumed (see village noticeboards and the cover of this edition). The bells in the tower have been overhauled. Andrew, our wonderful organist, has been tickling the keyboard on the organ, first time for over a year. He has found a one or two little jobs to do on the organ, including, not surprisingly, a tune up. All ready now for us being able to get back to singing later in June. Bellringing practice, so Barbara tells me, is starting again. More good news. It will be so nice to hear singing and the organ. We have a wedding booked as well for the beginning of August!!

The Social Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss fundraising through the late summer and autumn. One event that is sure to go on will be the Great Village Quiz on Friday 1 October. The celebrity cookbook, I am told, is nearly ready. It really could be a bestseller!!.

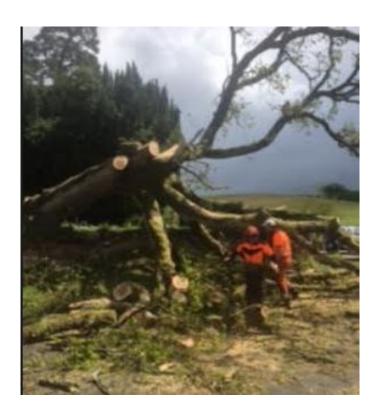
The grass in the old part of the churchyard is certainly growing and I will be asking Johnny Gosling to do some strimming to keep the access to the various areas of the churchyard clear. Tony B. continues to keep the front part of the churchyard and the very top grass, cut with his ride on mower and what a good job he does.

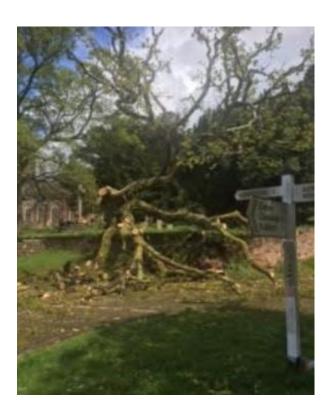
So let's rejoice. I look forward to getting back and using our wonderful church in prayer and song.

However, St Andrew's has also had drama!.









On the night of the Friday, 14 May, one of the large oak trees by the War Memorial fell Down!!! It completely blocked the road between the church and the Ley Arms. Highways at Devon County Council was notified first thing Saturday morning and contractors attended, cutting up the tree and clearing the debris away. They did a first-class job. All done by lunchtime on Saturday 15th. Lots of locals helped themselves to the wood - lovely English oak. Andy L has taken a load away and is going to log it up and sell it off for church funds. Well done Andy. The tree coming down did miss the war memorial thank goodness but it has damaged the churchyard wall in a couple of places. It's going to be an insurance job. A stonemason has been contacted.

Simon Preece

Churchwarden

Parish Giving Scheme

One way that you can continue to support St. Andrew's is to make a regular contribution via the national Parish Giving Scheme. This professionally managed scheme makes it really easy for any donor to contribute and support their local church on a regular basis by Direct Debit. It could not be easier to set up. Just call 0333 002 1271 and the dedicated Parish Giving Team will take your Instructions. You can donate monthly, quarterly or annually. You can elect to remain anonymous. You can stop and start your donations at any time and elect to increase your regular contributions annually for inflation should you wish.

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The Parish Giving Scheme can be found at https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/

Art at Shillingford Village Hall



I'm hoping we restarted the regular art classes at Shillingford Village Hall on Friday 21 May at 9.45am. We will be looking at enjoying the wonderful Devon Springtime by preparing to get out with sketchpad and art kit.

All welcome. If you came to the half locked down Autumn term, this term would be free of charge. For newcomers the 5 week term would be £48, £45 060s. Details from 01626 891245 or visit mikemcdonald.co.uk



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A Scilly Pub Walk



I am going to take you on a walk round one of our favourite places and hope that I can describe it well enough for you to feel you are there with me.

Imagine it is a sunny day, with clouds scudding about in a fairly stiff breeze. The air is wonderfully clear and there is no sound of traffic - all you can hear are the waves breaking on distant rocks.

Underfoot the grassy peat path winds through bracken; bluebells, trefoil, honeysuckle, self-heal and ground ivy are starting to appear. Wheatear and stonechats flit amongst the tussocks of gorse. This is the North-West end of St Martin's on the Isles of Scilly, but we could be in Paradise.

The bay beside us is known as Great Bay and it has white sparkling sand stretching down to the bluest of sea. Families come here to play and picnic in the summer and to re-charge their batteries. In the winter, Viv, the local farmer, drives his tractor down onto the sand to gather the seaweed that has been washed up in storms; it makes excellent natural fertiliser.

Continued overleaf.

At the end of the bay is a massive pile of granite rocks, not unlike a tor on dartmoor. It has a split down the middle and seems to be lurching towards the sea. Rumour has it that smugglers used it to store their booty and gunpowder and one night it all blew up - hence the split. It is called Top Rock and as we walk around the bottom of it the path widens and flattens. Rounded, white granite stones have been placed to make circular mazes. Sometimes seals poke their heads out of the sea to watch as we walk around the circles, imagining how old the stones are and what they have witnessed over the years.

When the tide is out you can clamber over the rocks to White Island. We did this once and were very shocked at the amount of litter, plastic and tins washed up on the seaward side.

As we walk round the west of the island we can see where fishermen have put their crab and lobster pots and we watch them sailing off to fish, their voices carrying over the water. It is not always as peaceful as this. On stormy days Atlantic waves pound in from America and spray leaps into the air as they hit the rocks.

We don't know the name of the next small bay, but we call it Oyster Catcher Bay because one year lots of oyster catchers had taken up residence and their high pitched piping and flashes of black and white as they flew from rock to rock and hunted amongst the seaweed for their lunch, filled the air. From here we can see Round Island with its lighthouse which moans loudly when the fog rolls in and flashes its bright light at night to warn shipping of the surrounding rocks.

There are two other small islands here -Tean and St Helen's. St Helen's has the ruins of a building on it. Here, incoming ships would leave sailors who had infectious diseases and would not be allowed on St Martin's and the rest of Scilly.

We are now used to isolation like this, but we are lucky that we have more care than was probably provided then.

If we turn left and clamber back up to the top of the heather covered hill, we will find a path running down to 'The Seven Stones' pub, where we can gaze at yet another glorious view across to Tresco, Bryher and St Mary's, while enjoying a well earned pint.

Maureen Bate



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

What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement. It is an open invitation to Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost each year that more people will to come to know Jesus.

It started in May 2016 and since then has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of a possibility into an established movement spanning the globe.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

Deepen and further their own relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for 5 of their friends or family to come to faith in Jesus

Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered together with Mary. They constantly devoted themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We are like the disciples gathering together in hope as without the Holy Spirit we are powerless.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at this time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. As the name suggests, 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Gradually, more and more communities of worship have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the Renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

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Peel the fruit. This is easier if dipped for a minute in hot water. Cut into bite sized pieces and discard the stones. Put into a serving dish. Cover with Crème fraiche; it doesn't matter if you don't reach the edge of the dish. Sprinkle as much brown sugar over the top as you fancy and put in the fridge for a couple of hours. This really is as simple as it sounds and is delicious. I invented it on holiday in France when we had bought too much fruit on the market.

Bon appetit

Maureen Bate





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April 2021 11mm or .44ins (27 dry days in April)

May 2021 181mm (up to 20May) On 13 May 52mm fell in 24hrs!



Coffee Mornings



In September 2021, Coffee Mornings will start again on a Thursday in each month from 10.30 am until 12 noon.

Coffee Mornings in St Andrew's Church are for everyone in the community who would like a cup (or two) of coffee or tea and a slice of cake, in happy and friendly surroundings.

Visitors receive a warm welcome and if transport is a problem. We have drivers who will collect and return you to your door.

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

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The Church Floodlights

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