



Haldon Views

Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of
Kenn

December-January 2021



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What's On?

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

December

Sunday 6 December 10am Communion Service at St Andrew's. Led by the Rev Mark Bate.

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve Carols outside St Andrew's at 4pm

Friday 25 December Christmas Day Service Holy Communion 10am

January 2021

Art at Shillingford Next at Shillingford Village Hall Friday 8 January at 9.45am.

Sunday 3 January Epiphany at St Andrew's 10am

Sunday 17 January Holy Communion at St Andrew's 10am

Later next Year 2021

The Great Village Quiz 2021.

As soon as possible in the New Year, the usual Friday night quiz at the Kenn Centre will be confirmed and entry forms circulated.

The Church Village Fete 2021 (watch this space)

We asked Karen Bayliss-Diment to name the 8 favourite discs she would want with her, if she were castaway on Lundy Island.

These are Karen's choices.

1 I am Woman by Helen Reddy

Helen passed away recently and I was reminded how my Mum used to play her album regularly when I was little. This song always makes me think of her and how she brought me up to be independent and self sufficient.

2 Dvorak cello concerto in B minor by Julian Lloyd Webber.

I played in several orchestras throughout my teenage years and was lucky enough to play the viola in Wells cathedral with Julian Lloyd Webber.

3 Don't come the cowboy with me by Kirsty MacColl

I remember singing along to all Kirsty MacColl's hits with girlfriends during my teenage years. We thought we were super cool!!

4 Do you really want to hurt me by Culture Club

And what a culture shock Boy George was at the time ! I think the world is a much more accepting place now.

5 Corelli – La folia variations on a theme

My Grandad made my violin and viola for me. This was one of his favourite pieces of music.

6 Loving arms by Millie Jackson

Millie's voice just oozes a depth of feeling few other singers have.

7 Rolling in the deep by Adele

Just a great talent.

8 Always on my mind by Elvis

Because he just is !!



**My one luxury item would be a bottle/barrel of Oban Whisky! Many Thanks,
Karen**

St ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Government Health Warning- What I write from now on may turn out to be rubbish, so what is new? you ask. Well, it is not all up to me or the Rector and PCC, because the Government has not yet decided how many people can meet or even if we are going to be allowed to sing. This is what is planned at the time of printing. Mark Bate)

Sunday 6 December Advent 2 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 December Advent 4 5pm Carol Festival! (Probably cancelled)

Thursday 24 December Xstmas Eve 4pm Carols by Candlelight outside church

Friday 25 December CHRISTMAS 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 3 January Epiphany 10am Morning Worship

Sunday 17 January Epiphany 3 10am Holy Communion



We hope that we will sing as much as possible at all services!

Numbers are limited at all services. This is because we have to observe social distancing! It is complicated because people in the same family can form a bubble and all sit in the same pew – So Mum, Dad and three children could all sit together. The next pew might only have two single people. Every other pew has to be vacant anyway.

WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO TURN ANYONE AWAY

So please contact Simon Preece on 832462 or e-mail sandjpreece@tiscali.co.uk if you are intending to come to either the 5pm Service on Sunday 20 December or 10am on Christmas day. We will get as many people in as we possibly can but we must keep the SAFETY rules. Book early to avoid disappointment.

The 4pm service on Christmas Eve will be an outdoor scrum, but socially distanced, with canned carols! About 20 minutes. No booking needed. We cannot let you into Church because there is not the time, nor the labour, to do a regulation DEEP CLEAN before the next morning.

BUY CHRISTMAS CARDS! REMEMBER the WHEELBARROWS on Saturday 12 Dec

Above all....A HAPPY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS to you ALL. Mark Bate.



Coffee Mornings



As early as possible in 2021 Coffee Mornings will be served again on a Thursday of each month from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Coffee Mornings are held in St Andrew's Church for anyone living in the community who would like to have a cup (or two) of coffee or tea and a slice of cake in happy and friendly surroundings. All visitors will receive a very warm welcome and don't worry if transport is a problem for you. We have drivers who are more than happy to collect you and return you to your door afterwards.

So, when we start again, 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.

Do you know anyone else who you think would like a bit of company? If so phone either Shirley (833293) or Brenda (832896)

Neil Bassett



Jeff, Marion, Neil and Steve wish to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, cards, messages, offers of support and generous donations to the 'Just Giving' fund set up by Neil's friends, following his terrible motor cycle accident on the 31 August 2020.

Neil is currently at home having been discharged from the Mardon Rehabilitation Centre in Exeter, where he received excellent care. He is making good progress in his recovery.

Christmas Quiz

answers on page 27



- 1 In which ocean is Christmas Island? Pacific, Atlantic, Indian or Arctic
- 2 What was the name of Scrooge's dead business partner? Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley, Josiah Bounderby or Simon Tappertit
- 3 From which continent does the turkey come from? Europe, South America, North America or Asia
- 4 Which President was the first to decorate the White House with a Christmas Tree? Franklin Pierce, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson or Ulysses S Grant
- 5 What colour Christmas does Elvis Presley sing about? Red, White or Blue
- 6 In what year was "A Christmas Carol" published? 1790, 1843, 1860 or 1901
- 7 Who was Rudolph's dad? Cupid, Donner, Dasher or Blitzen
- 8 What popular Christmas song, broadcast from space in 1965, was actually written for Thanksgiving Day? White Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, Winter Wonderland or Jingle Bells
- 9 Who designed the first Christmas card? W H Smith, John Horsely, Tom Smith or John P Charlton
- 10 'Frosty the Snowman's' nose was made from? A carrot, coal, a button or a stone

COOK BOOK



St ANDREW'S is a Red Devon Church, just like the soil and the cattle. Inside the local sandstone gives a ruby glow. Outside it dominates the rich reds and greens of the Kenn valley.

The Yew tree has been here for over 1,500 years, longer than the church which is a mainly 14 Century structure with a Devon rood screen, ornately carved and painted. The interior was refurnished in the 19 Century and another glory is our unique series of pre-Raphaelite windows.

It is a focal point for the village communities it serves. At last we are allowed to go back into Church for Worship once a fortnight. What a Joy.

The upkeep is not cheap. Throughout the year volunteers work very hard to pay the bills. Many, many generous people contribute to our fund raising and social events.

Most years those events bring in about £10,000 thanks to all our kind friends. This year Covid '19 means that we have a gap in our budget of at least that much.

To raise FUNDS we are going to create a COOK BOOK...with a difference – not just recipes but funny stories as well.

If you feel able to send a recipe and/or a story to make us giggle we will be glad to include it.

Please contact us on morleybate@gmail.com or
mervynhosking@btinternet.com
ayesha_lovell@yahoo.co.uk

And we will be very grateful.



With many thanks, and good wishes and prayers

Yours sincerely,

**Maureen Bate, Mervyn Hosking, Ayesha Lovell,
 Kate Richardson & Sarah Hales**

Flippin' Lockdown !!

**When this lockdown crisis is over
And troubled times have passed
We'll once again start living
Although life won't seem the same
And friends will bring back pleasures
And the sun will once again shine
And then we can all start laughing
So if we all follow and stick to the rules
We can look forward to very enchanting
times.**

Jim Ratcliffe



Churchwarden's Jottings



Never known anything like it!! As soon as you try and make plans for the coming weeks and Christmas, then it is all change again!!

One thing for sure is that there will be a service on Christmas Day morning 10 o'clock conducted by the Rev Mark Bate. We'll have to restrict numbers, so let me know if you are attending, nearer the time.

We hope to organise a Carol Festival on Sunday 20 December in the church. Time of this will be 5 o'clock, hopefully!

Christmas is not Christmas without Christmas cards. This year there are some very special ones organised by Mark Bate. There's a Choice of four pictures relating to St Andrew's. They really look terrific. They cost £5 for 10 cards. Contact Mark on 833485

We would like to organise a charity food pick up for the homeless this Christmas. On Saturday, 12 December, we would like you to put out on your front doorstep items of food, tins, packets etc not fresh food. It should be collected by people wheeling wheelbarrows round the village. The food will be taken to the food bank for the Homeless. We would like some help. If you have a wheelbarrow and could spare a couple of hours on Saturday 12 December. Give me a call 832462. (See poster on page 18)

A big thank you to so many people who have responded to the Gift Aid letter concerning the financial difficulties at St Andrew's at this present time. There has been some very generous giving .

St Andrew's is one of five churches, grouped together in a mission community, Exminster, Kenton, Powderham, Mamhead and ourselves. I would really like to make sure that our very important and outstanding church survives these very difficult times. After all, being built in 1255, it must have seen some difficult times over the centuries and has so far survived all that has happened. Long may it continue.

I have thrown my crystal ball away but one thing for sure, I'd like to wish you happy Christmas and certainly a much better new year.

Simon Preece Churchwarden

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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.

**Just contact Simon on
832462**

St. Andrew's Church, Kenn

Christmas Cards, 2020



- A. Church in Snow - sideways
- B. Church in Snow - upright
- C. Cissie's Wreath at pulpit
- D. Angel



Greeting on reverse side:

Happy Christmas

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Orders to Rev'd. Mark Bate

email: francisurch70@gmail.com: telephone: 01392 833485

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church, Kenn

Kenn & Kennford Events

Christmas

LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER
1st - 24th

Each day in December, at 2.30pm, a different house in Kenn / Kennford will light up a festive window. Here is where you can find each window (some may be up early!)

* Please note the houses' windows are not organised to fall under planning regulations (as defined by the government). However, this does not mean it violates fire safety regulations, meaning them not in a map.

1 3 Beech Terrace, Kennford	13 3 Mill Cottages, Kenn
2 Pheasant Cottage, Kennford	14 4 Weston Gardens, Kennford
3 Corusia Cottage, Kennford	15 3 Raynors, Kennford
4 14 Gleens Lane, Kennford	16 Nellie House, Kennford
5 6 Bay Trees, Kennford	17 Orchard Cottage, Kennford
6 The Puddocks, Splatford	18 Copperkins, Kennford
7 1 The Tulips, Kennford	19 Gleens Cottage, Kennford
8 Hulmedale, Kennford	20 Gleens House, Kennford
9 Kennford Playbox	21 3 Bay Trees, Kennford
10 The Ley Arms, Kenn	22 Herridge, Kennford
11 Orchid Cottage, Kennford	23 Apple Cottage, Kennford
12 Eddy's Cottage, Kennford	24 11 Gleens Lane, Kennford

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

Our Global Day is centred around the disturbing figure that “1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse” and that Mothers’ Union as a leading women’s organisation believe this to be unacceptable.

The Global Day will take place on the **5 December 2020** and our initial plans were to ask members to “to step out of their comfort zones” and find a central location where their diocese could hold a peaceful protest. We wanted the event to begin at 11am so it could end with midday prayers.

We were then going to add an ask for a fundraising event before or after the protest if possible “Cup of tea for no more one in 3” – this would be a simple tea and cake sale where members can raise the profile of the campaign whilst raising funds. We had planned to produce reflections and information leaflets for those attending to read whilst enjoying their refreshments.

We also wanted to encourage members to involve their Church communities by producing resources (intercessions, sermon outline etc) that could be used the following day in Church on 6 December. Again, this would be matched with fundraising potential for the collection to be donated to MU or for members to run a smaller coffee and cake sale after the main morning service.

It was hoped that things would be more “normal” by this point so that we could continue with our initial plans. However given the current climate, we have decided to take the majority of the activities online, with the hope that engaging with as many members as possible online this year will lead to building on the success next year when hopefully we can have events marking this day, in person, around the world.

Much press and research has also shown that cases of domestic violence have increased during lockdown and the pandemic and so there is more need than ever to join together and say “No more 1 in 3”

(Taken from the website of Mothers’ Union)

The Great Village Quiz 2021

This year's quiz has been 'Covid Cancelled'.
We will be holding the next in 2021, as soon in the year
as we are allowed back into the Kenn Centre



Anne would like to thank all those who gave gifts, sent cards and congratulated her on her recent 80th birthday.

It was a pleasure Anne. Many happy returns!

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WENCESLAS WHEELBARROWS

**12th December
10:00 – 12:00 noon**

*Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the
feast of Stephen...
"Yonder peasant, who is he?....Bring me
flesh and bring me wine..
Thou and I will see him dine...!"*



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

At St Andrew's Church we want to help some of the people who are not having a very merry Christmas. Very many other good people feel the same. We want suitable food toiletries etc., as much people can spare, for Exeter Foodbank

In the week beginning December 6th there will be a leaflet drop, in Kennford, Clapham and Kenn inviting you to take part.

Then on 12th December, you will be asked to place outside your FRONT DOOR an item of food, toiletries, etc., whatever you feel you want to give.

Our team of WHEELBARROW pushers will collect your gift between 10am and 12.

We are asking you to....

- Make a note of the date – December 12th 10am to 12 noon
- Find something to give!
- If you can, volunteer to help with the leaflet drop
- If you are young, strong and have a wheelbarrow, volunteer for the team to collect the gifts and bring them to a collecting point nearby.
- See if you have a wooly hat, pair of socks or any suitable gift, so that as well as food etc. each client can have a Christmas Present

GET READY!

If you want to help with the leaflet drop or the wheelbarrow collecting please contact me, **Mark Bate**, tel. **833485** or by emailing **francisurch70@gmail.com**



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KENN AND KENNFORD



WI MATTERS

Kenn and Kennford WI

Annual General Meeting. And other stuff.

We held our AGM (rather late due to Covid)! on Tuesday 17 November, via Zoom, set up by Sarah. We were so proud to have so many of our lovely members able to join us, 24 in all! How clever is that? Are there any talents our members do not have?

Marilyn, as our secretary, gave an account of all our activities over the past year and a bit ranging from craft to boat trips, to parties.... lots of food and drink. Also, making bandanas for the NHS. Most important since Covid hit was the keeping in touch and supporting each other. Even from a social distance when necessary.

Sue then reported on the finances and we were pleased to know that our bank account is in good shape, so look out girls, some treats ahead maybe!!! The reports were proposed and seconded as true reports.

We then elected our president and are pleased, nay delighted, that Polly accepted the proposal to continue as president for the next year. Then ladies, we must find anotherhard to do! Polly's proposal was seconded, as was the appointment of the committee and I'm delighted to say we have 5 continuing and three new members. Three members of committee retired, Sue W, Bernie K, and Ruth P. We were so sad to see them go. They were all such vibrant members. Thanks to you all and I'm sorry you only had a virtual bunch of flowers this time! The Committee all meet once a month and divide things needing attention. It's a team thing. No pressure.

Normally at this time of year we issue a programme of speakers but have been unable to book anyone so will just meet on Zoom until we can use the Kenn Centre. Then we will rebook our last year's speakers, as and when we can. We are the WI we can be flexible! We will keep all members informed, so check your emails and post if you have no email.

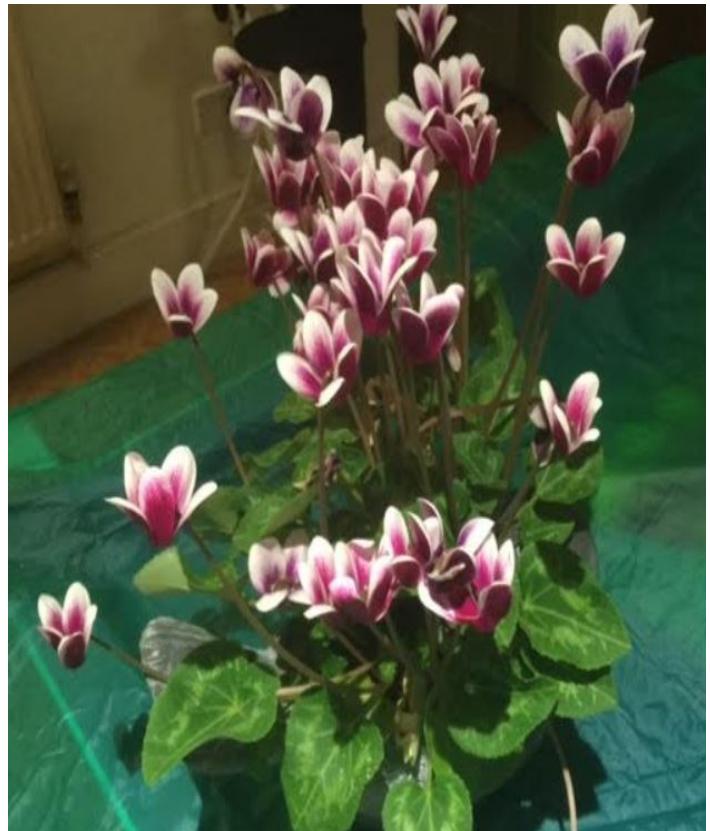
Lastly, we had competition results. "Flower of the Month", won by Cissie, who will be presented with a garden voucher. Well done Cissie!

"Competition Winner". Oops it was me. So I gave myself the cup!!!

For Christmas we will meet on Zoom, with tinsel in our hair and hopefully a glass of bubbly or similar. We will play virtual bingo and open beautiful cards, thanks to Sarah and Barbara P.

Thanks to everyone. You are stars. Happy Christmas! We Rock!

Sue Bretherton
(Pictures overleaf)



The Marathon 2020

This year, for obvious reasons, mass gatherings for Marathons were forbidden.

That didn't stop Kerry and her friend Dianne. Instead of just watching elite runners, Kerry set off from her home in Dawlish, with a phone app that would tell her when she had walked 26.2 miles. She met up with Dianne in Exeter and 7^{1/2} hours later she completed her marathon and returned, a little weary to her home. As a result of her determination and perseverance Kerry raised over £400 for a charity close to her heart, Dementia UK.

Well done Kerry. Let's see who you inspire to run it next year!



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OCTOBER 2020

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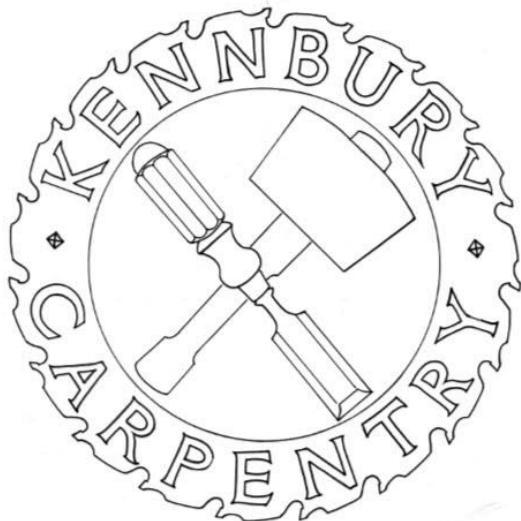
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1 lemon
3 ½ lbs preserving sugar
½ pint of orange liquor

METHOD

Wash the oranges and lemon and put in a jam/preserving pan. Cover with water and boil steadily for about 2 ½ -3 hours until the fruit is absolutely tender. Remove the fruit from the liquid, reserve ½ pint of the liquor and put on some music to listen to as you open the fruit, remove the pips and roughly chop the skins. This can take a while. You can do this for thin slices or mega chunks, depending on your taste. Put the fruit, pulp and skins back into the preserving pan with the orange liquor you have saved. Add the sugar and stir until dissolved and then boil briskly for about 12-15 minutes. The longer marmalade boils with sugar the darker it gets and the quantity lessens. Test for jelling by putting a spoonful in a saucer on the window sill. If it wrinkles when cool it will set. Put into warmed jars, cover and label and enjoy for breakfast on warm toast.

This may seem early for this recipe, but hopefully the oranges will be here in January, which is after the next Haldon Views.

Maureen Bate





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Remembering Mary Almond



So many people in Kenn / Kennford have wonderful memories of Mary who passed away on 9 November at the grand old age of 93. She was the widow of the late George Almond and the mother of two sons, Richard and Simon.

Mary had lived at the top of Rayners for as long as most of us can remember. Both she and George were close members of the St Andrew's church family. It was George, an accomplished amateur artist, who painted the lovely picture of the church which adorns the cover of the 'A Guide and History of St Andrews' booklet. Mary was the church 'Flower Lady' for very many years. Using her well-honed and creative floral skills she ensured that St Andrew's was always awash with fresh displays. Many will recall her superb pedestal arrangements – quite stunning. She was a hard taskmaster as some of her helpers will testify, but her directions were always accompanied by a cheeky smile. She was a great help to my wife, Brenda, who took over the church flower duties in 2006. I well remember the lovely blackcurrant tarts (or pies) which she occasionally made for me. Her pastry was particularly delicious.

Some of us will, when remembering Mary, immediately picture her on her scooter (or was it a moped) riding along Kenn Lane from her home to the church via her allotment where she grew most of the church flowers. She was also a regular visitor to Peamore Nurseries, to bolster her flower stocks. How did she manage those journeys on her scooter carrying several bunches of flowers?

The allotment along Kenn Lane was inhospitable, full of stones, on a slope and with no water supply. These were minor irritations for Mary who diligently dug into the hard earth planting rows and rows of cutting flowers. I believe her speciality was the growing of gladiolas. On hearing how she had to clamber down to the river to drag buckets of river water up the bank, my wife and I drove to B & Q and bought a large water butt which, when Mary was at home, we installed in her allotment and filled to the brim with water. We never let on that it was us!

Helen Whittaker lived opposite Mary in Rayners. She says -

"Mary was my first friend here in Kennford. I was staying with my son, Paul and his wife Sue, before I moved to Rayners. Sue introduced me to Mary who took me to St Andrew's church. We found that we had much in common - both had 2 sons, both born in the same year, and many hobbies in common. Mary lived opposite to me and we used to go into Exeter by bus. She would go to a meeting and we would meet for coffee and share a taxi home. We had many coffee mornings or afternoon cuppas at each other's houses talking over old times. Towards the end of her time at Rayners she worried about her fruit and veg in the garden so I picked them for her. The last time I saw Mary was at the RD&E. I had a heart attack and was being kept in for observation and Mary was brought in having had a stroke. That was 6 years ago on the 1 November. Mary was a good friend. I miss her but give thanks that she introduced me to members of St Andrew's"

Simon Preece, Church Warden of St Andrew's who also remembers Mary said –
 "I had the honour of knowing Mary through St Andrews Church Kenn when Mary looked after the flower arranging in the church. Jo and I were very lucky to hold our wedding in St Andrews in June 2001. Mary was insistent that she decorated the church for our wedding. Needless to say the church look stunning with her flower arrangements. Mary gave a lot of time to St Andrews and I feel privileged to have known her."

Sue Bretherton recalls the fact that Mary was a prominent and long-standing member of the Women's Institute and Mother's Union. She remembers Mary as a WI treasurer and how she often won competitions such as 'flower of the month'

The tributes to Mary could go on and on. Suffice to say that she was a lady who touched the hearts of so many and we will miss her.

Mervyn Hosking



Christmas Quiz Answers

- 1 Indian Ocean 2 Jacob Marley 3 North America 4 Franklin Pierce 5 Blue 6 1843**
- 7 Donner 8 Jingle Bells 9 John Horsely 10 A button**



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**Changes to the Parish
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Dear Sir,

May I make use of your columns to express thanks to the Parish Council for the improvement to our WAR MEMORIAL.

Through their efforts the names of the fallen have been added to the face of the supporting stonework. The names can be easily read and they fit in with the gaunt simplicity of the cross.

I was frightened at first that they might look fussy, but I am very delighted to have been proved wrong.

Thank you Parish Council!

yours sincerely,

Mark Bate

Parish Pumpkins 2020

Organised by Kristen, with the help of some lovely volunteers in the village and funded by the Kenn Parish Council.

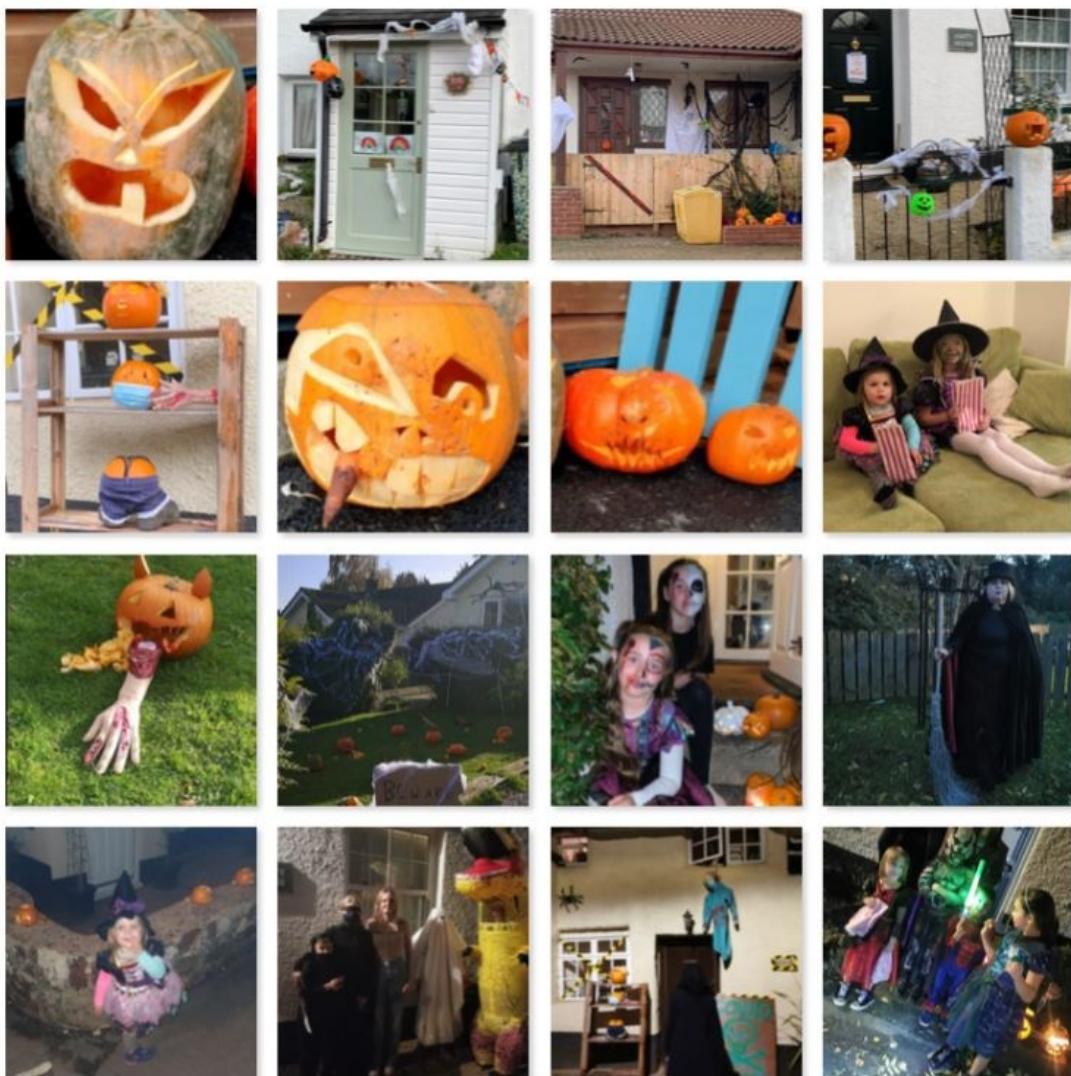
We asked the community to dress up their houses and put out a pumpkin display. That was judged and announced 'live' on social media (by a witch) on Saturday 31 October night. The prizes were delivered to the winners on the following day.

The 'event' was a group of 5 'performers' who dressed up and went around the village to houses that had notified us that they would like to take part. We notified the household of our arrival by knocking on doors, leaving bags of sweets and then retreating to a distance of 2M plus and danced and sang and told Halloween jokes.

This meant that we were also able to ensure other residents were kept safe (as there was no trick or treating in the village). Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

I will let you know what is being arranged for Christmas once we know what that needs to look like.

Councillor Kristen Birt Vice Chairman - Kenn Parish Council





“Shillingford Wood “ 2021 calendar

Progress has been slow, community politics having played a part. As a group we are now applying to become a charity in our own right. This will enable us to move forward, accept donations and apply for grants etc. In the mean time we have created our own “Shillingford Wood “ 2021 calendar. Beautiful photos taken by locals, walkers, none professional photographers of the wood and surrounding country side, taken mainly during the recent lock down. Proceeds will be going towards our cause.

They cost £10, are A3 size and any one who would like one to please contact me on craig.62@live.co.uk



And finally, remember that when this challenging year of 2020 is over and 2021 is with us, a vaccine will start to change our lives again. Throughout the pandemic we have shown ourselves to be a community, a caring community. Soon, once again we will be able to get together, in our homes, in the Pubs, in the hotels, in the Kenn Centre and in the Church. Events like these Lent Lunch pictures will return and we will appreciate them even more! Good Bye 2020.





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