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Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of Kenn

August-September 2020

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“What’s On”, or rather, “what should be on but might not be”!

**Haldon Views was sent to the printers in July.
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Later in May next Year 2021 – Church Village Fete

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

Cycle Against Hunger 4 Uganda. An appeal for £30 to feed a family of 5 for 14 days. Can you help?

Have you seen Ugandan teachers in our village over the past few years? They were visiting their partner schools in Devon and Cornwall and it was a wonderful opportunity for all of us, to learn about our different cultures and countries.

But now, families in Uganda face major challenges. Agriculture is the backbone of Uganda's economy – but just now, children and families are going hungry. This is due to bad weather, probably linked to climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic.

President Museveni immediately recognised the danger of the pandemic and closed borders, schools and the country in late March. This policy has been amazingly successful with only 1043 confirmed cases and zero deaths reported from the virus!

But some children and families are really suffering. The 1st season's harvest has been very poor, so food is scarce. The ongoing lock-down means that people cannot work so cannot buy food to feed their families.

DDE's Food For Thought programme works with many rural primary schools in Mubende and Tororo Districts. Our co-ordinators report seeing a lot of hunger and distress.

So, this appeal is a very small effort to help some of the children and their families who are hungry.

100% of donations will be sent to our co-ordinators, who will consult with teachers and Village Health Teams to identify families in greatest need. We aim to reach 10 families in each of 10 schools, in each district, so 200 families initially.

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Dear John

Advise people re fraud in Haldon Views. This is the second fraud that I have found, and I actually bought some sandals from a Clarkes shoe sale on Facebook.

The site was fraudulent but looked like Clarks. Our credit cards were replaced at once as our bank noticed the odd transaction going to Singapore! They are recoding the purchase to refund after 28 days of non receipt.

Would it be worth telling people in Haldon Views to beware!

Kindest Regards, Ann Cripps

Churchwarden's Jottings



Good news at last, after over three months of closure, St Andrew's parish church of Kenn and Kennford looks to be starting services again on Sunday mornings, at the beginning of August. As I write this St Andrew' PCC will be meeting at the end of July to see if we can safely hold services again. There is plenty to organise and be aware of when it comes to the Health and Safety issues, that have to be taken into consideration and there are plenty, social distancing and hygiene being top of the list.

Like me, I know there are many, many people who are keen to get back to worship and pray in our beautiful parish church. If all goes to plan, notices of time of service and days will be advertised on the parish noticeboards and in the post office.

The Rev Mark Bate has kept the church community together with a prayer meeting every morning on Zoom. It will be so good to see these people back in church!. While the church has been closed my fellow churchwarden Jeff B. and Anne H. have maintained the inside of the church, keeping it clean and aired. Also thanks to Tony B. and John W. for keeping the grass cut in front of the church and at the top of the church. This brings me onto the next subject. I am looking for volunteers to help cut the grass in the old part of the churchyard. Due to lock down, the firm that usually does this job are unable to do it, so if you own a strimmer and could spare an hour or two please get in touch with me on 01392 832462.

On the social side of events for the church, we are hoping, against hope, to run the Great Village Quiz on Friday 2 October. It is such an enjoyable evening, well run, and hopefully this will be our first fund raising event and, boy, do we need some funds!! The Church of England parishes received over 5000 legacies in 2018-19 amounting to £15M. The RSPCA and RSPB received £107M. All Church of England legacies have to be shared between 12,500 parishes so £15M doesn't go far. If you would like to leave a bequest in your will to St Andrew's it could not be simpler. Simply tell the solicitor or the person writing your will, that you would like to include a legacy to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Note that it's best to state this as a percentage of your estate, rather than a certain amount in pounds sterling, because inflation can quickly erode the value of money and what may seem like a generous bequest, when the will is written, can become much less in real terms over years. Why not try it?

Lastly, as this publication is printed at the beginning of August, I would like to wish the Rev Mark Bate, on 14 August, a very happy 80th birthday. You are indeed a very special person Mark!

Simon Preece Churchwarden

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Kenn Parish Council

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Get in touch – Penny Clapham on clerk@kennparishcouncil.co.uk



Father Mark Bate is 80 on Friday 14 August!



Don't worry
dear you're
only 80.
You've years
to go yet!



If you found yourself shipwrecked, alone, on Lundy Island, which 8 discs would you want to have with you?



These are the choices of Ken Parry

My choice is typically nostalgic, very square and includes a lot of choral singing. May I remind you that Kingsley Amis claimed, "Choral Singing is the most fun you can have with your clothes on"

1. **"Calon Lan"** (a pure heart) Sung by Katherine Jenkins at Six Nations Rugby. - to remind me of a wartime childhood in North Wales.
2. **"We wait for thy loving kindness"**. Anthem by Sir William McKie. To recall our wedding 62 years ago in a Kent village church.
3. **"Sunset & Evening Hymn"**. The Band of HM Royal Marines. Memories of great years at Deal, The RM School of Music (before it was blown up by the IRA) and time with 45 Commando RM.
4. **Elgar's Cello Concerto**, played by Jacqueline du Pre', to recall family life in Malvern. One wife, four children, two horses and a dog in a vicarage leading onto the Malvern Hills. Elgar as a young man played in the church of which I was vicar.
5. **"I was glad when then said"**. By H Parry. Sung by Exeter Cathedral Choir at my installation as Canon Precentor and later at 2 family weddings.
6. **"Let us garlands bring"**. By Gerald Finzi Sung by Bryn Terfel. To celebrate music and worship in many wonderful Devon churches.
7. **"O Thou who camest from above"** by SS Wesley sung to "Hereford" The best marriage of words and music. For me it says it all!
5. **"Gabriel's Oboe"** by Ennio Morricone. This 'blew my socks off' when I first heard it - if you don't know it get it on YouTube. If I had to choose just one disc, this would be it.

My one luxury item would be a cello (and a beginners tutor manual). I started to learn to play the cello many years ago but was stopped by my family, who found it excruciating!



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Kenn Parish Council – Open Spaces Committee

Working away in the background of village life, the Kenn Parish Council has many responsibilities to carry out and decisions to make. It's not all about planning applications and potholes though! The PC is also keen to keep making improvements to our parish environment. To get the ball rolling the PC Open Spaces Committee has turned its attention to a range of projects to enhance the look and feel of the parish. Often overlooked until they fall into neglect, the planters on key routes into the villages have recently been given a makeover. Following the example set by the Kenn Pretty Committee, volunteers have adopted planters and with a lot of hard work, brought them up to scratch – they now look magnificent. Less glamorous perhaps, but no less important visually, the Gissons Lane car park is now subject to some careful attention aimed at curbing the invasive and potentially damaging sycamore suckers that have been intruding on this much-needed parking area.

But for me the jewel in the crown of PC responsibilities has to be the recently acquired 'Meadow'. For as long as I have been in the village, a good few decades now, the one thing that was lacking has been an open space for people to relax, walk in safety and enjoy a bit of peace and quiet; but also a place where children could play safely, perhaps kick a football about, fly a kite, or indulge in a bit of adventurous exploring. That might seem odd in a rural location where we are surrounded by fields with plenty of footpaths, but access and space to spread out is rightly limited, fields are for food production and while our farmers are generally very welcoming, recreation and growing crops or rearing livestock do not always sit well together. Now thanks to the efforts of the Parish Council and the cooperation of landowners, the Parish is the proud owner of just such an area. 'The Meadow' is hidden away behind the houses along the main road through Kennford, bounded by Bulford Lane to the south and the A38 to the west.

Purchased for the Parish some months ago by the PC 'The Meadow' is now fully open and everyone is welcome to visit, anytime. The main entrance which will also become an information point telling you what to look out for and what is going on, is from Bulford Lane, for those who don't know it, follow the footpath opposite the Post Office to the bridge over the stream, you will find the gate open on your right. Thanks to permission from the Kenn Centre Management, a second pedestrian gate has been installed from the Kenn Centre car park.

'The Meadow' is bisected by the River Kenn and provides opportunities for a wide range of informal recreation while considering existing and potential wildlife. On the Bulford Lane side the grass has been cut (Ted Mortimer's help is much appreciated) leaving large areas for informal games, surrounded by uncut areas, acting as wildlife havens and enclosing the different potential uses of 'The Meadow'. It should be stressed that this is not a formal sports area, so no white lines, goal posts and changing rooms. It is for casual kick-abouts and other non-organized games. There is even the opportunity to hold small events here. Let the Open Spaces Committee know about your ideas and suggestions for bringing 'The Meadow' to life even more. Future plans might even include a much overdue children's play area.

Around the edges of both segments of 'The Meadow' and dissecting it in a random way are footpaths, which will be kept trimmed for those who only want to stroll through the long grass along the 'Meadow' edges. On the north side of the River Kenn is an area that has been carved to provide a holding area for flood water; this area has also been cut in its centre and should prove beneficial to the nearby Playbox children and their carers. This area is not intended for any kind of ball games, it is far too close to the adjoining houses, and we would always ask 'Meadow' visitors to be considerate to neighbours and other users of the site – that includes taking any dog mess and other litter home with you. More adventurous paths wend their way among the trees at the river's edge on this side, already there is evidence of children building dens and hideaways in the more secluded spots.

These cutting regimes are still a bit experimental. We have taken over what were basically a couple of field areas and we are trying different management techniques to see what works best – your thoughts are most welcome. This is not a formal sports ground, nor is it a restrictive nature reserve, but there are opportunities to bring recreation and wildlife together. 'The Meadow' boundaries are rich in shrubs and wild flowers – nothing particularly rare, but nevertheless interesting and fascinating for young and older eyes to observe. Butterflies are at their best at the moment, but where there are these colourful insects there are many more hiding away from all but the most patient and keen-eyed. Birds are evident in the trees and bushes, while in the last few weeks the water has attracted kingfisher, dipper, grey wagtail and grass snake. Trout and minnow can be spotted beneath the surface; water boatmen and pond skaters hunt on the surface. Among the stones, caddis fly larvae lurk in their intricate cases made of leaves, twigs and tiny sand grains. Here also mayfly and damsel fly and dragonfly larvae can be found, the adults taking to the air for their short lives, but also providing food for predators like the birds during the day and bats at night. Slender damsels and more robust dragons are obvious among the streamside vegetation. A closer look under the rocks on the beds of stream and river reveals another world teeming with worms, leeches (totally harmless, and fascinating). We even have both river and lake limpets clinging on between grazing forays, as well as water hoglouse and freshwater shrimp. 'The Meadow' is a very convenient educational resource for enquiring minds and we hope the school takes advantage of it.

Crossing between the two areas is via a set of stepping stones, we hope to make these more substantial over the coming months, to prevent them being washed away when the river is in spate. Always we have to be aware of the primary function of 'The Meadow' as part of the flood relief effort, so we are restricted in what we can do with the site and what we can install there, but we are investigating at least a few locations for picnic tables and benches. The recent good weather has attracted quite a few picnics to the edge of the stream where children are already investigating the shallow water, building mini-dams and just having ankle-deep fun, while parents relax on the banks in safe and easy reach of their offspring.

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Your Kenn Parish Council - Open Spaces Committee has been very energetic in making 'The Meadow' a success so far, sprucing up the planters on key routes into the Parish and keeping the Gissons carpark in trim but is keen to hear your views and suggestions on how you too can help to continue improving our Parish environment.

Kelvin Boot on behalf of the Kenn Parish Council – Open Spaces Committee



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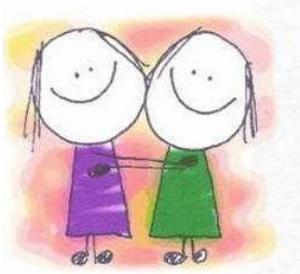
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Kenn and Kenton Federation News.

Good Luck to all the year 6 leavers we wish them all the very best in the new schools and thank them for all the effort they have put in at Kenn school during their time here.



Instead of the usual end of school group here is the 2020 leavers in their leavers' hoodies, all respectfully socially distant.

On behalf of the governors, we would very much like to express our thanks and gratitude to all of you for your amazing work and sterling effort over the last months (feels like forever!)

Children have cheerfully gone to different classes and different schools; they have been in groups very different from their usual classes. There have been new and strange rules in place. They have been taught by teachers and staff that they were unfamiliar with, many have been taught at home.

Staff have also worked in unfamiliar classrooms and in different schools, zoom meetings have become, a strange new normal for communicating, as teachers to children, staff meetings and governor meetings.

Let us hope that the new school year will, as is intended at the moment, see all the children back in school and schooling return to something more like normal.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

Want to find out what's on?

Kenn Parish Community Calendar

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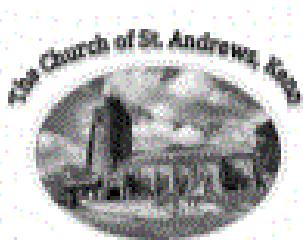
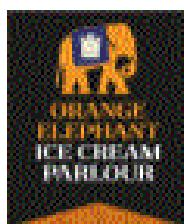
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THE VEG PATCH



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Welcome to
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Parish Council



St ANDREW'S CHURCH



COVID – 19 has made the last four months like no others, ever. The Church has been no exception. We have been closed for public worship during this time. The last time that happened was before the present St Andrew's Church was built, though not perhaps the tower. In 1210 or so, in the reign of wicked King John, the Pope ordered all the churches in England to be shut. He was trying to get the King to co-operate with him. Was King John bovvered? No way. It took a lot of very rich and powerful bishops and barons to make him behave. John then signed Magna Carta in 1215.

PUBLIC WORSHIP has been a painful and serious loss, especially the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Bishop's staff have issued directions and guidelines for the safe re-opening of the church. However these seem to an outsider like me to be long, tortuous and not very helpful. Our PCC are planning when and how we can once again "Go to the altar of God, the God of my joy and gladness"

Fr JOHN has led us all on Zoom on Sundays at 10am in prayer and quiet reflection on the Gospel message of the day. These have had a large following across the Five Red Churches - that's us, Exminster, Powderham and Mamhead. I am one of many who have been encouraged and challenged by his words. That is the point after all of all preaching and Bible study and John does it very well. Just follow the "5 Red Churches" website and Facebook and then suddenly John appears...

The St Andrew's **ZOOM** group has been meeting and thriving. We used to have a steady attendance of about 24. No-one has left but people come less often, as Lock Down eases and we have more things we can do, or ought to do. We do make a point of praying for every single person in our village. We don't just pray for people who are ill, but also, and strongly, for everyone who is worried about losing their job or their business. If anyone wants someone close to them, or themselves, to be prayed for specially, then do not hesitate to get in touch with the Churchwardens, anyone at Church, or me on francisurch70@gmail.com

MONEY is what makes the world go round and that includes the Church. Bills still have to be paid, including the Common Fund payment. That is our contribution to the salaries of the parish clergy. It is worth remembering that if other parishes can manage it so can we. It is also worth remembering that if you make your contribution when you actually come to church then you have not made a contribution for 17 weeks! So that money has been saved. I don't know how anyone else is placed, but I have had very little chance to spend money at all for 17 weeks. Think on!

SOME GOOD THINGS to give thanks for and **SOME GOOD THINGS** to hope for

We have been reminded that the Human Race is not always in total control
and we have been delivered from smugness

We learned again that we depend on one another and need each other

We have seen again the value of community and good neighbourliness

The workers in the NHS, doctors, nurses and ancillary staff and workers in
Care Homes have saved the nation and deserve our deepest respect

Pollution has been greatly reduced – but with the same number of cows!

The government have changed their minds with great courage to do bold and
sensible things to save our economy

Some horrible events have showed us that we are not quite as virtuous
a nation as we liked to think

So I'm hoping that some good things may come out of this crisis.....

Let's make sure that we do not go back to the suicidal consumption of fossil
fuels and plastic

Let's face up to the racism endemic in our society, repent of past errors and
treat all our citizens with the dignity that British people deserve

Let's try to end domestic violence against everyone, but above all women and
children.

Let's continue the policy of heavy investment to get the economy moving and
stave off bankruptcies and unemployment

Let's gladly pay the taxes to fund the NHS, public services and the care Home
sector worthily

Let's get Care Homes organised and funded through a proper Government
backed insurance scheme

When the second spike comes let's be prepared and act swiftly and decisively

This is not, alas, official Church policy, just my own aspirations. However nearly every page of the Bible stresses the duty of those who have to look after those who have not. It is not comfortable, but then Jesus never said it would be!

Mark Bate

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WI MATTERS

Kenn and Kennford WI

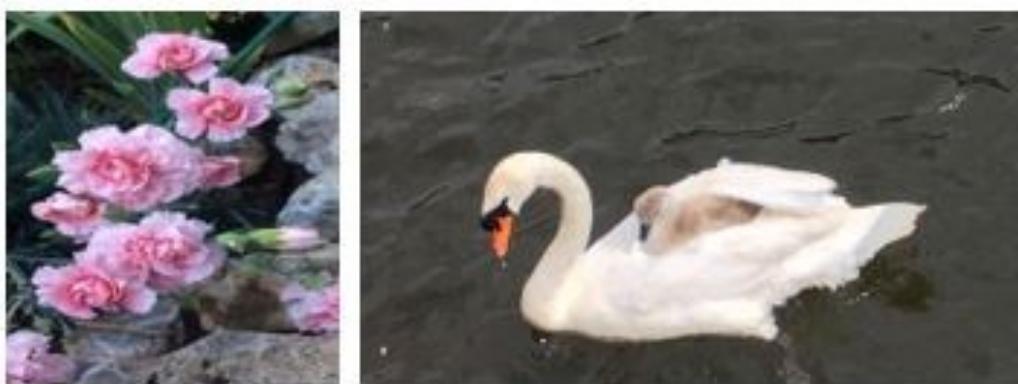
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Kenn and Kennford WI have been Catching Up and Zooming In throughout the months.

Zoom meetings have provided recipes, a quiz and handy tips from WI members. The lovely thing is that people are really participating and joining in the fun. (Not to mention the quiz answers that Pat provided with the quiz questions!)

Their monthly newsletter, WI Catch-up, has passed on lots of goodies to all their members via email.

There have also been also some wonderful photographs from the Flower Girls WhatsApp Group.
Not only are our ladies green fingered but they take excellent photos as well.



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Kenn and Kennford WI Shenanigans at Splatford.

Croquet at Splatford in August.

To add to Pat's stuff, I want to say that it is unlikely we will be able to hold a big croquet evening in August but I'm happy to host it even if we only have a few. We can socially distance and have wine and nibbles under the awning. Let me know what you think, and I will be ready!!!

Potato Weigh In in September.

Again, this is still very much an unknown quantity. I hope all your potatoes are thriving. Lizzies and mine look impressive but no idea what is under the soil!!!

I'm again happy to host and let me know if you are interested. We will let you know re both these nearer the time.

If you manage a mini break away, I hope it's a good one.

Anyone needs a hand with anything please do ask.

Sue



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

Friends of Shillingford Wood”

May I introduce “Friends of Shillingford Wood” and tell you little bit about us and our aims. We are a group of local people who have formed with a common passion, to try to purchase Shillingford Woods for the enjoyment and benefit of the local community.

The woods have for many years been owned by the Bragg family but they are now looking to sell them on. They are themselves very supportive of our project. The woods cover an area of nearly 12 acres covering the hillside and over looking Shillingford St George. It is an ancient woodland and as many know in spring time has a carpet of blue bells. It is also a haven for wild life such as deer, foxes, badgers, woodpeckers, insects and many more animals. There is a “permissive” path that weaves its way along the hillside.

We as a newly formed group who will be looking into many different options to hopefully purchase the woods and also aim to raise money for other associated costs eg. Legal costs. There will also possibly be maintenance costs of the woods this will need to be explored but one step at a time.

We all feel very motivated in our venture and would love the community far and wide to support us. Please follow and join us on Facebook - Friends of Shillingford Wood.

Look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Regards,

Claire Dummett





ART CLASS RETURN?

Due to the world wide pandemic, the Shillingford Art Class is currently in lockdown, like everything else! However, at the time of writing the rattle of jailer's keys can be dimly heard. Perhaps freedom is coming? With this in mind, I'm hoping to reopen classes at 9.45am on 2 October 2020. Meanwhile, may I wish all Haldon Views readers a very happy and healthy summer. **Mike McDonald**



Parish Rainfall Statistics

June 2020. 100mm or 4ins fell on 11 days in June.

July 2020 (up to 24th) 22mm or 0.88 ins fell on just 4 days in July

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Mint and Apple Jelly

Ingredients

3lbs green apples

1 1/8 pint of water

1 1/8 pint of vinegar

Small bunch of fresh mint

3 level tbs chopped mint

Sugar



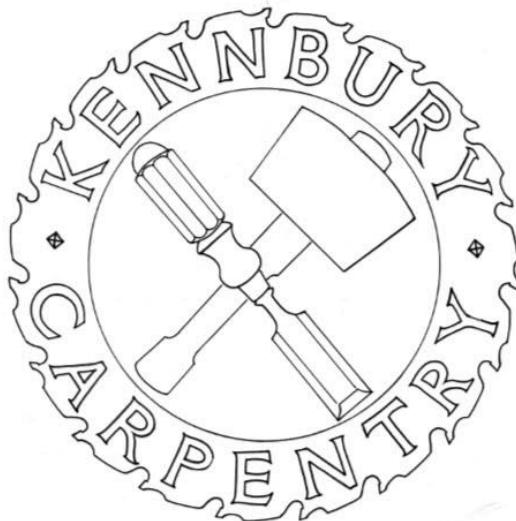
Method

Wash and cut up the apples - there is no need to core or peel them. Put them in a preserving pan with the water and bunch of mint. Simmer until soft and pulpy, then add the vinegar and boil for another 5 minutes. Strain this mixture through a muslin bag. I use a jelly bag and tripod, but you can tie your bag to the legs of an upturned stool. Put a bowl or large measuring jug underneath and leave overnight to drip. Do not be tempted to squeeze the bag to encourage it as that will make your jelly cloudy.

Measure the juice and for each pint of liquid add 1 lb of sugar. Return it to the preserving pan and bring to the boil, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Boil rapidly until the setting point is nearly reached, add the chopped mint and boil until setting point is reached. To check the setting point, put a spoonful of jelly on to a saucer and let it cool. Push your finger through it gently and if the top wrinkles the jelly should set. Decant the jelly into jam jars and seal tightly.

This is a great favourite in our family and is delicious with lamb. It looks as though this year there will be plenty of apples and hopefully you will still have mint in your gardens. If not, I have resorted to picking wild mint, with great success. **Maureen Bate**





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Kenn Golfing Boys (KGB) 2020 Annual Open

(held once a year)



This year the Kenn Open was held at the internationally acclaimed Bovey Tracey moorland course.

The competitors gathered at 0930, having made the long journey down the A38 from Kenn & Kennford, on Thursday 23 July 2020. The early start, which caused difficulties for some carers, was to allow a course briefing for those unfamiliar with Bovey's magnificent 9 holes. It was also intended to partake in a famous Bovey Bacon Bap. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 social distancing restrictions, there were no baps. The chef was furloughed, due to having to keep a 'pig apart' from the bacon. The stressed and hungry competitors had to make do with a tea or coffee served in paper cups. The prospect of playing 9 gruelling holes without a bacon bap upset some players, who demanded a rescheduling of the competition until the chef had returned. It was also pointed out that for the first time Hugh Plummer was not playing. Some were not happy to play 9 holes without readily available medical attention. However, it was decided to take a chance and press on, rather than give in to Covid 19. So, 7 tense and starving golfers made their way to the first tee. Two ladies were waiting to tee off. They were competing in The Bovey Tracey Over 70s Ladies Cup. They took one look at the KGB honed athletes and said, "can you make sure you don't get too close to us please". They were assured there would be no danger of that! Once the ladies were out of sight the KGB teed off.

The conditions were difficult. Light rain played havoc with spectacles and Ray Ban sunglasses. The usual Dartmoor chill in the air and the recent teas and coffees, played havoc with bladders. With so many elderly ladies playing the course, the KGB were reluctant to relieve themselves in the normal golfers' way. Thankfully the course has some deep bunkers! Despite all the odds, the competitors survived the 9 holes and completed the course without injuries or medical assistance.

A quick return up the A38, too quick for Pete Phillips who was given the evil eye by a police officer whilst doing over 80mph. Pete was prepared, if necessary, to explain he needed to get to the Ley quickly to empty his bladder, again. However, the officer let him go with just a stare.

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KGB Open continued

Once back at the Ley the players could relax. They were seated, resting weary legs and had a constant supply of chips and alcohol. A proper toilet was also readily to hand! It just remained for the day's trophies to be presented. The awards were provided by generous sponsorship from **AgeUK**.

The competition was won by John Vlietstra who was presented with the Rusking Trophy. He had suggested the cup be renamed "The Hugh Plummer Memorial Trophy", but Hugh successfully recovered from his recent operation, so that put paid to that idea. The KGB carer, young Luke Carr, was just beaten into second place and Pete Phillips was third. Tony Bale did well to end up 4th in his first competition. JV also won the "Pairs" trophy with Simon Preece, who again won the "shiniest putter" award. Pete Phillips won the "Nearest the Pin" trophy by being the only player to reach the 9th green. The 80-year-old Pete Holland won the Longest drive by out driving all the others, including 18 year old Luke! Pete later volunteered for a drug test which did find traces of Complan in his blood. Tony Bale was presented with the "Longest Tee" trophy. Tony managed to hit his tee nearly as far as his ball. Using a long tee with an iron will send the tee miles, guaran teed! Finally, the non-playing Hugh Plummer was presented with the new "Best Driver" trophy. The award is a miniature golf buggy and is to be presented to the competition's best buggy driver. This year no buggies were available, so the award was given to Hugh in recognition of his ongoing recovery from a recent operation that prevented him from defending his 2019 win.

The players celebrated together, surviving another year of competitive golf, then struggled home for a well- earned afternoon sleep. Another great day's golf and when they woke later that day, some players actually remembered where they'd been in the morning!



KGB 2020 Champion
John Vlietstra

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

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families worldwide for over 140 years. Started by our founder Mary Sumner in 1876 in her local parish in Winchester, we have flourished into an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries.

As a Christian membership charity, we aim to demonstrate our faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide. Our members work at grassroots level around the world bringing hope and practical support to millions of people every year through our parenting, literacy and community development programmes and as part of the volunteer base of local churches.

At a central level we have, through the years, campaigned at local, national and international levels to bring about real change for family life, women's and girls' rights and the protection of children.

At the heart of what we do is prayer and our members come together every day at midday to focus prayers for their communities, fellow members and for those in need. We believe that the power of prayer is transformational and supports our work around the world.

Despite our name we are an inclusive organisation and we are very proud to have a growing number of men who have joined us. As we continue to work in an ever-challenging world, why not join us in our journey and be a part of something life-changing?



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Interested? Phone Hugh Plummer
01392 833033

(Unfortunately we have no facilities for teaching beginners)





Coffee Mornings



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 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 October 2020



LOCAL CHARITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Devon in Sight (The Devon County Association for the Blind) has moved its head office to Splatford. The charity provides support services to people who are blind or partially sighted across the county. They are keen to recruit volunteers to provide reception cover, provide administration support, fundraising or be trained to provide specialist training. Please contact Jennie Benham the Office Manager on 01392 876 666.

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Did you know that Nestle plans to stop making KitKat with Fairtrade cocoa and sugar? All details on www.fairtrade.org.uk. Please sign the petition <http://chng.it/wj84wfGmHf>

This decision will mean a loss of almost £2 million in Fairtrade Premium each year for co-operatives in Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji and Malawi, representing 27,000 small scale producers. The Fairtrade Premium (paid to the co-ops) as well as the guaranteed minimum price for their produce, provides a real lifeline for some of the world's poorest farmers.

Fairtrade Kitkats have made a significant difference to farmers' lives in the last 10 years. The co-ops have used their Fairtrade Premium to invest in classrooms, dispensaries, canteens, and programmes to help women diversify their income.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, because the co-ops can decide for themselves how to spend their Fairtrade Premium, they have been able to act quickly to buy protective equipment, distribute hand-sanitizers, raise awareness and support families struggling due to illness. The Fairtrade Premium is unique in guaranteeing farmers full control over how they choose to invest it in their communities.

It is not clear what will happen to the cocoa co-ops after this change. There is no transparency or clarity about what Nestle might offer to replace the Fairtrade advantages. For this reason the co-ops in the Ivory Coast have written that they do not want to move away from the Fairtrade system (Their letter to Nestle is here www.fairtrade.org.uk.) In Malawi and Fiji, Nestle will stop buying their cane sugar altogether, so not only will farmers lose their Fairtrade Premium, but also their market! The impact on farmers will be severe.

So, please sign the petition <http://chng.it/wj84wfGmHf> - and if you can write to Mark Schneider, the CEO of Nestle, his email address is mark.schneider@nestle.com

Thankyou, Sue Errington, Fairtrade Dev-on, www.globalcentredon.org.uk, sueerrington@gmail.com



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