

KENCOT & BROADWELL

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the third edition of the Kencot & Broadwell Newsletter. We hope that you find it interesting. We look forward to receiving your comments and articles, contact details on page 6.

KNIT AND NATTER - Are you a good natterer? If so, we need you !

Kencot and Broadwell have a Knit and Natter group which meets roughly once a month, and we would love anyone from nearby villages to join us



You can just come for a natter, but if you would like to bring some knitting, crochet, embroidery or any craft item to progress, that would be great - we range from the experienced to absolute beginners - but help and advice is always at hand - even down to threading needles for those with failing eyesight !

The day of choice is a Thursday 2pm to about 4pm

Different members volunteer each month to hold the sessions in their houses.

The next session is on **Thursday 20th April**

Why not join us?- let us know you will be there, and we will ensure there is a chair, cup of tea and even a cake waiting to welcome you! - Further information contact:

Deirdre 07850 799 787 deirdre@creativecompass.ne

Broadwell Telephone Box Library

The library is available for anyone to use

Many, many thanks for the donation(s) of children's books recently. I'm very grateful. *Anne*



My Father, Bill Gasson came to Kencot in 1926 and wrote his life story, this is extract from it: By 1938 he was living at 'Ivy Nook' with his Grandmother, mother, and sister Molly Foster. Their Father died when he was 6 months old.

Now we must return to 2 Red Rose Cottage. Money was short. I cannot remember having any toys except one, and this was a tin Airship, which wound up and it drove a propeller. The airship was tied by a piece of string to the clothes line and it went round and round much to my delight. Somebody gave me some sweet pea seeds and I remember planting them at the side of the path, which went round the washhouse to the toilet at the back. These seeds grew well, helped by me, because I was told urine would help them grow.

I remember we had a crystal wireless set and used to spend a lot of time looking for the right spot on the crystal with a fine wire. If I got a good reception on it, we used to put the earphones in a basin so we could hear.

My sister and I used to go to Filkins School. This was not a happy time for me, we used to have to walk to school some two miles every day. English was my bad subject what with lots of blots of ink, (no ballpoint pens), and my bad spelling, and I was made to use my right hand although I am really left handed, this all helped me get the cane at least once a week. I was also bullied by Cyril Clarke and others. If my sister Molly caught them, although the girls had to stay on one side of the path and boys on the other, she would wade in. It was very obvious that the Headmaster did not like me. My sister left Filkins school and went Pupil teaching at Broadwell school.

Soon after this I went to Langford school. This was not the present school, but the old one down in the middle of the village, it is now a house owned by Hardy Amies. I can remember that it had high windows and the heating was by a old round tortoise stove in the middle of the room. Once again the playground was separated, but this time there was a wall down the middle and the toilets were right across the playground and open to the elements.

I was at this school for three years and then we all went to the new school, which is the present one. This was super after the old one, instead of all the classes being in one room, we had three separate ones. The windows were low so that we could look out. (The glass in the windows was special to let the ultra violet rays in).

Here, life began to look up for me and learning seemed to be easier. We had a large playground and a large strip of grass where we could play football matches with other schools. The schoolmaster was Mr Jarvis who used to live at Black Bourton and come to school on a motor bike and sidecar, although he was strict he was a good teacher, not like Mr Dawson at Filkins. By now nearly all the others in my class were fourteen and so left school, but I stayed on for another year and spent a lot of time in the teacher's office doing lessons because I had progressed from the class room work.

The full story can be read on the Kencot website <http://www.kencot.info/bill-gasson-history.html>. or contact me for a copy Gill.



Help is still needed; could you spare an hour?

1) to help serve tea/coffee and cakes and washing up in the Village Hall. If you can help please contact Joseph joseph@dumonla.co.uk or 07586557733

2) Car parking in the Malthouse Field from about 1pm. If you can help please contact Mark Hodds markhodds@icloud.com or 07967325302



2) Cakes are also required for the refreshment so if you are able to make a tray bake, scones, sponge cakes, biscuits etc would be greatly appreciated. Please take to the hall during the morning of the 10th April or contact Joseph.

Profits from the refreshments and plant sales will be split between the church and village hall.

Thursday 27 April : 8.00 pm Partner Whist

Venue : Lamb House, Broadwell (opposite the pre-school)
you would like to join us please contact Phil Taylor at Lamb House

phil.taylor1112@gmail.com / or on Whatsapp / 0779866019



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Kencot Church - A big thank you to all who kindly volunteered to arrange flowers in the church during 2022.

As usual an excellent effort making the church look extra special. Thanks also to those who helped at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

There is a rota to arrange the flowers and normally arrangers do a month at a time. If you would like to help please contact Janette Paine painenetty@outlook.com 01993 842081.

Thank you to Janette for arranging the rota and ensuring all runs smoothly - Gill

King Charles III Concert
30th April 5 -6.30pm

Tickets: £10 in advance, £15 on the door,
BACS Broadwell Parish Vicar and Church Wardens,
Sort Code 20-84-58
Acc 60205826 Ref King Charles III



CHURCH SERVICES
APRIL

Broadwell & Kelmscott

6th Benefice Maundy Thursday Communion Evensong Broadwell 7.00 pm
9th Easter Day Communion Kelmscott 10.30am

Kencot

9th Easter Day Communion 9am
16th Holy Communion 9am
30th Informal Service 10.30am

Further details of other services in the Benefice at <https://svbb.org.uk/>

FUTURE EVENTS



First and third Friday of each month

Lechlade and Fairford Memory Lane Singers



This group is open to anyone with memory loss and their friends, family and carers.

Singing starts at 11.30a.m.and finish at 12.30. Coffee and tea will be available on arrival at the Pavilion, next to the Memorial Hall,

Lechlade. Oak St, Lechlade GL7 3AY. Transport available from Kencot and Broadwell.

If you need picking up from home please let Jay know jaymathews124@mac.com

01367 860869 or 07715207814

KENCOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Kencot Village Hall. Call in between 10.45am & 12 noon Thursdays

13th April

11th May

8th June

All welcome. An opportunity to meet, have a chat and get to know your neighbours

Saturday 15th April: 10.30 a.m. Kencot Voices start. Contact Jay - jaymathews124@mac.com 01367 860869

Monday 17th: April Kencot Village Hall AGM 7pm at the Hall, all Kencot residents welcome to attend

May

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 7th May Bring and share lunch in the marquees in the Malthouse Field, Kencot from midday onwards. Please let Jay know if you will be coming.

Monday 8th May is Volunteering Day. Kencot contribution will be to "litter pick" in the village

Local Coronation events: Friday 5th May. Coronation Ceilidh (barn dance) in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade. Live music, dancing and a ploughman's supper. Cash/card bar Doors open at 6.30 p.m and dancing starts at 7.00.

For these and other Kencot social activities contact Jay on 01367860869
jaymathews124@mac.com

Thursday 11th 4pm St George's Church Kencot: Parishioners Meeting and Annual Church Parochial Church meeting at the church.

Friday 12th Broadwell Village Parish Meeting - AGM at 6.15 pm at the Church. All Broadwell Residents welcome.

13th and 20th May: Aunt Sally 6pm, In the Malthouse Field, Kencot. Bring a picnic or food to barbeque and drinks.

Tuesday 16th May: Kencot Parish Meeting AGM. 7pm Village Hall. All Kencot residents welcome

Saturday 20 May: Broadwell. Bell Ringing Picnic. Against a backdrop of a Guild Bell Ringing Competition that will take place in Broadwell Church on that day. Bring Your Own Picnic. More details to follow.

June

Sunday 18 June: Broadwell Church. A Concert to Celebrate Fathers Day: Musical Dads and Sons (not to mention Daughters when they were allowed to have professional careers as musicians) Tickets: £10 in advance, £15 on the door.

September

Sunday 17 September: 5pm- Concert The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Broadwell. William Morris and Kelmscott - one of our local treasures. Further details to follow.

October

Saturday 7th October: 7.30p.m. Concert St Lawrence Church, Lechlade.

Date tbc Race Night at Kencot Village Hall.

Sunday 29 October: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Broadwell Concert A Fiesta of Gypsy and Celtic Music, courtesy of Jubovski

December

Sunday 3 December: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Broadwell Concert St Brigitta of Sweden and how the Victorian Christmas developed. Further details coming soon.

If you have any comments, articles, stories, dates etc. for future newsletters please send to:

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Kencot: www.kencot.info

Broadwell: Broadwell.org.uk

Deadline for the May newsletter will be 22nd April, 2023