

# KENCOT & BROADWELL

## November 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 21st edition of the Kencot & Broadwell Newsletter.

### November Events

The next Kencot and Broadwell venture is our Bingo and Fish and Chips night on **Saturday 16th November**: 6.00 pm start. Free entrance.

Please bring your own drinks and money for your meal if you have ordered one.

There will also be a raffle to cover the cost of the hall and the heating.

We have to ask you please to order your meals in advance.

Below is the menu from which you can make your choice.

**Please contact [anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com) to place your order by Friday 15 November at 5.00 pm.**

Payment will be taken on the night - Saturday 16 November.

Payment either via BACS transfer or Cash.

Please contact Jay Mathews for any other details of the evening 01367 860869 or 07715207814

#### [Menu choices for Bingo Night](#)

Small Cod : £4.20	Steak & Kidney Pie : £3.10
Large Cod : £7.00	Chicken & Mushroom Pie : £3.10
Scampi (10 pieces) : £5.35	Veggie Burger : £4.00
Small Chips : £2.40	Cheese & Onion Pasty : £2.50
Regular Chips : £3.00	Salad : £3.20
Mushy Peas : £1.20	

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**Sunday 24th : The Visions of St Birgitta 6.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. in St Peter's Church, Broadwell.** A Christmas Oratorio libretto and music by two local musicians, featuring a range of professional musicians and singers plus local musicians, The Jaybirds, VoKaL (voices of Kencot and Lechlade) and the Kencot Malthouse Recorder Ensemble.

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**Friday 29th - Festive Wreath Making** St Peter & St Paul's Church 2.00 pm : Maximum 12 people : (14 years upwards)

To Register, or any queries, please contact [anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com)

Tickets: £5.00 per person : Pay on the Door by Cash or

BACS: Broadwell Parish Vicar and Church Wardens

Sort Code : 20-84-58 / Account : 60205826 / Reference : Wreath

Come along and create your own Christmas Wreath. Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Cake provided.

Materials Supplied: Orange slices, Cinnamon sticks, Pine cones, Wire, Ribbons, Glue Gun

Please bring: Wreath frame (of your choice), Foliage from your garden to use and share,

Any particular ornamentation you want to use. Any bought foliage for personal use.



**Thursday 7th : 2pm. Knit and Natter.** For further information contact:  
Deirdre 07850 799 787 deirdre@creativecompass.net

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**Broadwell WhatsApp Group**

If anyone is not already on the Broadwell WhatsApp Group and would like to be, please email [phil.taylor1112@gmail.com](mailto:phil.taylor1112@gmail.com) to be added.

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**Church Services for November  
Kencot**

Sunday 3rd: Evensong 6pm

Sunday 17th: Holy Communion 9am

**Broadwell**

Sunday 10th: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 10.50 am

Sunday 24th: Evensong 5.30pm

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

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**COFFEE MORNINGS**

Call in between 10.45 and midday.

Kencot Village Hall

Thursday's

21st November

12th December

16th January



All welcome. An opportunity to meet, have a chat and get to know your neighbours  
There will be no charge, but donations will be appreciated

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**KENCOT PAST**

Continuing from last month newsletter and Kencot Past regarding WEVA, Major General Sir William Abraham.

WEVA was born on August 21, 1897, in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland. He was initially educated in Methodist College at Belfast and later graduated from the Royal College of Science at Dublin. From his early boyhood he showed a distinct knack for scientific knowledge and wisdom. In 1920, Weva joined the Burma Oil Company as a geologist and was posted to Burma where he initially undertook considerable geological mapping studies of the oil-bearing Tertiary rock units in conjunction with other members of the staff.

In 1922, he was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London as a recognition for his outstanding contribution to the subject. It is worthwhile to mention that scientists had rarely been given this honour at such a young age.

In April 1936, he became the Senior Geologist of the Burma Oil Company.

In 1937, he was posted to the London office of the Company and was involved in extensive discussions and negotiations with the Government of India and the Government of Burma.

During the period 1920-37, Mr. Abraham was a member of the Burma Auxiliary Force, eventually being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in command of the Upper Burma battalion. On the outbreak of war in 1939, he was working at the Burmah Oil Company's head office in London. In May 1940, he was asked by the War Office to advise on the situation that was developing in France. He was allowed

by his firm to join the Army and was gazetted as a second lieutenant in the Royal Engineers. During the 2nd World War period, he served in Crete, the Middle East, Tunisia and Sicily. He was twice mentioned in despatches and in 1942 was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE).

in 1936 Weva was elected a fellow of National Institute of Sciences in India (FNI), Weva was also an associate of the Royal College of Science, Ireland and a member of the Institution of Petroleum Technologists. Mr. Abraham became a lay member of the Restrictive Practices Court in 1961, retiring in 1970. He was also a member of the British Transport Consultative Committee.

From 1962 to 1977 Weva was the national Chairman of the Burma Star Association. He was knighted by the British Empire for his services to the association in 1977 when he was elected a life Vice-President. In spite of being an excellent technologist Weva was a keen game player; his great interest was in fox hunting. A good player of polo, he played until 1967. He was an active member of East India Club, Devonshire Club and Public Schools Club and Royal Automobile Club.

Weva was married twice. His first wife was Susan Jeanette Bidwell of Kinsley, Kansas, USA whom he married in 1928. His first wife died in 1965 leaving one son (Tom) and two daughters (Susan and Sally). In 1966, he was married for the second time to Rosemary Eustace, His grand-children are Jane, John, Francis and Sonya.

He died on 6th February 1980. His funeral service took place at St. George's Church, Kencot on 11th February, 1980. *Information taken from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.*

My first memories of General Abraham (as we called him) was when I was about 5 years old, about 1954 when his first wife (who we knew as Jean) ran the Sunday school and used to take us to the basement at Kencot Manor and make popcorn. General Abraham was held in high regard in the village and was involved in village life and especially in St Georges church. Each Sunday he played the organ which was donated by his family and is the organ we have today. His family friend Edith Bundy who was from America paid for extensive repairs in the church in 1962. General Abrahams gardener Jack Whiteway mowed the churchyard as part of his work at Kencot Manor. Village fetes were held at Kencot Manor before moving to Kencot House. General Abrahams ashes are interred in his first wife's grave at St Georges Church. Rosemary, his second wife passed away in 2019 aged 103 years. The below photo is of my Father Bill Gasson and General Abraham. I have no idea of the event but could be a Colston Tennis Club annual presentation. *Gill Cox*



## FUTURE EVENTS

### MEMORY LANE SINGERS

*Singing for people with memory loss, their families, friends and carers in the Fairford and Lechlade areas at The Pavilion, Oak Street, Lechlade GL7 AY3 Every first and third Friday of the month 11.00a.m. refreshments 11.30a.m. singing Contact Jay for more details or to book a lift on the Lion's minibus:  
Jay 07715207814 01367 860869 jaymathews124@mac.com*

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**Pilates** every Wednesday 1.30 to 2.30 and Friday 9.30 to 10.30. Kencot Village Hall £6 per session. For further information Contact Jay 01367 860869 or 07715207814

### December

**Thursday 12th** Romantic Dreams versus Reality : A heart-warming concert featuring the multi-talented Louise Woodgate.  
To purchase tickets click [here](#)

*HERE'S TO THE FOOLS  
WHO DREAM*

*Songs of romance and regret...*

*LOUISE WOODGATE  
& friends*

*6.30pm December 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Bar opens 6pm)  
St Peter & St Paul's Church Broadwell GL7 3QS  
Tickets £10*

*Proceeds to be shared between Broadwell Church and MS Society  
Box office: <https://tinyurl.com/lwtickets2024>  
Further information: [christophergoldingham@gmail.com](mailto:christophergoldingham@gmail.com)*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>: Kencot Candlelight Community Christmas Concert** St George's Church, Kencot  
A lovely start to your Christmas with music and songs performed by local groups VoKaL (Voices of Kencot and Lechlade) the Jaybirds, the Kencot Ukulele Band, the Kencot Vocal Quartet, and most importantly you - the audience  
Mulled wine and mince pies in the church.  
Party in the Village Hall afterwards. Follow the Christmas lights.  
Donations welcomed.

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Kencot Candlelight Carol Service** St Georges Church 4pm.

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## 2025

### April

**Monday 21st: Kencot five Gardens and allotments open for National Garden Scheme**

**Sunday 27th:** Broadwell Proudly Presents Katia Hougaard of Lower End, Broadwell  
Talk on Plant Science - Practical Plant Biology for the Garden  
3.00 pm at Broadwell Church.

### May 2025

**Saturday 31st:** Broadwell Arts & Crafts Fayre : 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

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This is the 21st Edition of the newsletter, we would appreciate some feedback please!  
If you have any articles, stories, dates etc. for future newsletters please send to:  
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Anne Taylor [anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com) or deliver Lamb House, Broadwell

Deadline for the December newsletter will be 23rd November 2024.  
This will be December and January newsletter so please send any items for both months.

Village websites Kencot: [www.kencot.info](http://www.kencot.info)

Broadwell: [Broadwell.org.uk](http://Broadwell.org.uk)