

# KENCOT & BROADWELL

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the ninth 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

### **Saturday 7th October: 7.30p.m. Concert**

St Lawrence Church, Lechlade

Excerpts from the *Symphonic Adiemus* by the famous living Welsh composer *Karl Jenkins* plus other works. A wonderful merging of classical and modern, ethnic music

Performed by Lechlade Occasional Choir, Lechlade and Kencot Voices  
The Jay Birds and Instrumental ensemble  
Conductors: Colin Dowdeswell and Jay Mathews

Tickets £10 adults. £5 children Available online at [stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/events](http://stlawrencelechlade.org.uk/events)  
or at the door

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### **Saturday 21st October Kencot Horse Racing Night** **Kencot Village Hall 7.30p.m.** First race at 7.45



Bring your own drinks and nibbles, and some cash (£1.00 coins if possible) for betting on the horses.

#### **How it works:**

There are 8 races, which will be shown on a big screen, (plus a fun pig race at the end)  
You will be given a betting slip before each 'race' and then we will run a video about the 'form' of each of the horses racing. You then fill in your betting form with which horse you think will win, take your betting slip and money to the table and hand it in.  
When everyone has placed their bets, the race will be shown.  
Winners will be given their winnings.  
Simple and lots of fun!

Contact Jay to book a place - or a table if you're coming with friends and family.  
01367 860869

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Celtic and Gypsy Music Fiesta,**  
**Church of St Peter and St Paul, Broadwell, GL7 3QS**  
**5pm,**

A return of Jubovski - Liz Cowdrey (violin), Jub (double bass) and Peter Cowdrey (piano), with Annabel Molyneaux (mezzo) - Phenomenal Celtic and Gypsy/Eastern European Folk Music, remembering also Ukraine and its immensely stirring National Anthem - *"I loved your gypsy music, magical, just inspirational! I'd love to hear you again."*

**Tickets:** £10 in advance, £15 on the door,

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**Wednesday 25th October 10.30am - 4.30pm Ceramics Workshop**  
at Kelmscott Manor  
with  
Maker in Residence  
Alison Proctor  
£85

Join us for this unique experience at Kelmscott Manor where you will spend the day exploring the ceramic making techniques that ceramicist Alison Proctor has used to document the flora in the garden and meadows of Kelmscott during her residency

For more information or to reserve a space please email  
[amanda.stinton@kelmscottmanor.org.uk](mailto:amanda.stinton@kelmscottmanor.org.uk)  
Only 10 spaces available

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**Partner Whist & Other Card Games in Broadwell**  
There will be no meeting in October.

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**Broadwell Telephone Box Library**

If anyone has any unloved children's books I would be very grateful to receive them for the telephone box library.

If you could please drop them off at Lamb House - that would be wonderful. Many thanks. Anne



**Church Services October  
Kencot**  
15th Holy Communion 9am

**Broadwell**  
1st Holy Baptism 11am  
12th Pre-school Harvest Festival 1.30pm  
15th Harvest Festival 11am  
22nd Informal Service 11am

**Kencot Church Flower Rota**  
23rd September to 14th October Jayne Hodds  
21st October to 11th November Sue Patrick  
Further details of other services in the Benefice at <https://svbb.org.uk/>



**COFFEE MORNINGS**  
Kencot Village Hall. Call in between 10.45am & 12 noon Thursday  
26th October  
23rd November  
21st December

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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## **Past Times in Kencot**

### **Village Shops**

**Gable Ends** was the home of the village shop – owned by the Godwins.

One shed was for oil and paraffin and two bigger sheds for food and mending bikes and charging up the radios.

The butcher's shop was at Well House, and Ivy Nook was rumoured to be a drinking house, although no one at the meeting could remember this!

### **Brookside House**

The Police house was in Brookside House, built by the older Mr Taylor. He lived in it for a while, but then his son, Bert lived there. (May recalls that Bert was delivered by Mrs. Acklin, who lived in the top cottage in Bell Lane).(Rosie Close?)

The house was used as a house for the policeman. May remembers Mr Loader who was a lovely man! Gill remembered Mr Burke then Jim Brown. A new police house was built in about 1963 (now Stonesfield House). Jim Brown moved to Witney and was followed by David Hodges. Jim and David covered several neighbouring villages on cycles. In about 1970 Kencot no longer had a policeman and the house was sold.

### **St George's Church**

It wouldn't do not to go to church when May was young. When May went into the church she didn't see the people who were there , but the people from back then – sitting in the pews, wearing their hats and Sunday clothes.

There was a good choir in those days, including Frank Godwin, Fred and Jack Eustace, Mrs Simms, Mr. and Mrs Jones, Mr Sid Keen May, Connie and Joan..

They would go to church three times on a Sunday, including Sunday School in the afternoon.

May thought that Stella's aunty was one of the nicest Sunday School teachers. She would save her sugar ration to make May some coconut ice. It was a happy childhood.

In the 1950's I went to Sunday School which was held at The Manor and I remember Mrs Abraham making popcorn for us on the cooking range (Gill)

### **Kencot Vicar:**

Mr Armstrong was the vicar at this time. He was almost blind. Many people didn't like Rev. Armstrong, but May really liked him and used to spend hours in his study. He would let people look at his bird egg collection.

Leonard remembers that Mr Armstrong taught the boys to make fireworks with saltpetre that exploded. May's mum and she lived in the vicar's house to look after him for a while , and he used to bang about the house like a madman. May thinks he was too clever and that was why he behaved the way he did!

He taught May to play the violin. People thought he was 'as mad as a hatter' He once took a group of scouts for a picnic in the barn and set fire to the floor!

May says that the children who came after them - including the evacuees -were unkind to him, bullied him, and once wrapped him up in a carpet.

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## 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.

### November

#### **Saturday 11 November 2023 Broadwell Presents ...**

**Event :** Broadwell Presents "An Evening with Steve Tomlin - on Broadwell Church"

Apotropaics, Mass dials and the history of Broadwell Church, it's interior and it's services from the Knight's Templar through the medieval period up to 1874.

Votive and witches marks will obviously be a component but the evidence and history of Broadwell is remarkable.

**Venue :** Broadwell Church

**Time :** 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

**Price :** Tickets: £5.00 per person (under 16s free)

BACS Broadwell Parish Vicar and Church Wardens Sort Code :20-84-58 Account : 60205826 Reference : Tomlin

Or, Pay on the Door: Card or Cash

Further Info from [anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com)

All profits, after costs, to go to Broadwell Church.

Refreshments will be available for a donation.

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#### **Festive Wreath Making**

**Friday 24th :** 2.00 pm : Maximum 12 people : (14 years upwards)  
and

**Saturday 25th :** 10.00 am : Maximum 12 people : (14 years upwards)

Venue : Broadwell Church

To Register for either date, or any queries, please contact

[anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.c.taylor61@gmail.com)

Tickets: Minimum Donation : £5.00 per person

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

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

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



## 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.

**Friday 8th December** - Kencot Community Christmas Concert: 7.30p.m.St George's Church  
Kencot Free entry. Donations to the village funds and the church.

**Sunday 17th December** - St George's Church Kencot Carol Service 4pm

**Monday 25 December** : Christmas Day Service 10.30am : Broadwell Church

## 2024

### April

#### **Saturday 20 April 2024**

Teams in Quiz Night : 7.30 pm

Venue : Kencot Village Hall

£5.00 per person

Further information to follow.

### June

**Saturday 8 June** - Broadwell Village Arts & Crafts Event  
11.00 am - 4.00 pm Venue: St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadwell  
Featuring: Sea Glass, Jewellery Pottery, Block Printing  
More traders to be confirmed.

### July

**Friday 12 July 2024** Broadwell Presents "An Evening with The Mitfords in the Cotswolds"  
Speaker : Dr Muriel Pilkington. Venue : Broadwell Church Time : 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm  
Tickets: £5.00 per person (under 16s free)

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Deadline for the September newsletter will be 23rd October 2023.