



# Kenninghall News

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*at St Mary's Church, Kenninghall*

*Saturday 30 May*

*7pm for 7.30pm start*

*Teams of no more than 6 persons - £5 a head*

*Please ring Avril on 01953 888483 to book your team*

*Refreshments*



*All proceeds for St  
Mary's Roof Fund*



**"From ghoulies and ghosties  
and long-legged beasties and  
things that go bump in the  
night. Good Lord deliver us!"**

So says the old Scottish prayer and so say many, I suspect, who can feel really uncomfortable by talk of spirits and ghosts and other strange things that are not understood.

And, as we read from St Luke's Gospel, the Disciples were not made differently from us. When they saw Jesus appear amongst them, standing before them very much alive, and they had seen him die only days before, they were

terrified!!

Skipping an awful lot that has happened since then the awesome thought that I offer you is that if and when we become believers, and extend His ministry, here and now, through words and deeds, inspired by Him, Christ can be seen in us!

*Blessings  
Keith*

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### Good News

The Reverend Canon Lorraine Summers has retired and moved into the village with husband Malcolm. Thankfully Lorraine, with permission from the Bishop, has agreed to share the Ministry of St Mary's with me ..... that's good news for me, and for us all!! ..... Keith

## Services at St Mary's

### for May

Sunday 3rd	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	11am	Family Service
Sunday 17th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	11am	Service of the Word
Sunday 31st	8am	Prayer Book Holy Communion, Said

## Notes from the editor

There may well be other errors in this newsletter but, no, the deadline date for the next issue isn't one of them - it really is Monday 25th May! I could plead laziness on my part but the reality is a family holiday arranged prior to me becoming editor. It means that the paper copy of the June newsletter won't be distributed until the beginning of June and it would be really helpful if any contributor could pretend that the deadline is actually two weeks earlier so that all the material is ready for me to put together as soon as I get back home. I will probably need another holiday after all that!

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A couple of weeks ago the family kitten, Florence, decided to go for an adventure without saying anything and disappeared, which caused panic in the house to say the very least. Thankfully she returned home safe and sound, but my wife and I wish to give our grateful thanks to those people in the village who expressed sympathy and offered to look for her in response to posters that had been put up in various locations. It reminds me once again of just what a fine community this is that we live in. And Florence? Well, let's just say that she has realised that a city in Italy has been named after her and is now to be seen pawing through guidebooks and learning how to miaow in Italian!

*Graham Barber*

### Useful telephone/email contacts:

<b>Amblers:</b> 01953 888343 or 888483	<b>Kings Ride GP Surgery:</b> 01953 887208
<b>Carpet Bowls Club:</b> 01379 687305	<b>Parish Council:</b> 01953 887521
<b>K'hall Lands' Trust:</b> 01953 888117 (email) <a href="mailto:lands-trust@kenninghall.org.uk">lands-trust@kenninghall.org.uk</a>	<b>Playing Field Fund:</b> 01953 888291
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<b>K'hall Primary School:</b> 01953 887286	<b>The Red Lion pub:</b> 01953 887849
	<b>The White Horse pub:</b> 01953 888857



## **New Parish Council 'elected' (without an election)**

Because there were only 10 candidates for the 11 places on the Parish Council there was not a need for an election and all candidates for the 2015 election were duly 'elected' unopposed before election day. Those elected are David Brown, Eddy Woods, Neville "Nifty" Styles, David Last, Maureen John, Brian Taylor, Marcus Halmshaw, Simon Mitchel, new 'boy' Kevin Edwards and myself.

A huge vote of thanks must go to Norman Groves and Eileen Dennis who after many years service as parish councillors have, for differing personal reasons, decided not to re-stand. As things stand now there is one spare place on the Council. We are heavily male-dominated so if there is a woman who would be interested in being co-opted on to the Council to bring some gender balance to it ,please let myself, Maureen John or any other councillor know before 14th May when the Council next meets.

## **UPDATE: Power Cables through Kenninghall from Snetterton to Diss.**

Following the update in last month's News we have now had details from the contractors of the proposed dates for the roadworks leading up to, through, and out of Kenninghall for the cable-laying. These are currently:

Quidenham Road (section leading up to Kenninghall):	27th July - 16th Aug
West Church Street:	10th Aug - 30th Aug
East Church Street:	24th Aug - 20th Sept

These dates include overlaps for each road they will be working on. However they will only have one team working in this area and so they will not actually be working in two roads at any one time. The fact much of the work is taking place during the summer holiday period may help reduce some of the impact but nonetheless we are looking at some two months disruption in and around the village.

The contractors have stated that they will ensure that their site teams will put up signs and carry out letter drops for each section as they approach any affected areas. The Parish Council will continue to work with them to minimise disruption as much as possible. Although now a distant memory, we did weather the laying of the sewer trough the village some years ago and I've no doubt we will weather this lot too!

## **UPDATE: Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

Within the next couple of months every household should receive two documents. The first will be a copy of the NDP project's 'Statement of Community Involvement' where the Parish Council and its NDP sub-committee commit to maximum involvement of the whole community and all its interested parties in the project. The second will be a first questionnaire seeking your preliminary views of how Kenninghall should develop in the future. Keep your eyes peeled!

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**Chairman, Kenninghall Parish Council**  
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## **Garboldisham Village Hall Film Nights**

Saturday 30th May	<b>Theory Of Everything</b>
Saturday 13th June	<b>Testament Of Youth</b>
Saturday 18th July	<b>Dark Horse</b>

Licensed bar and ice creams  
Doors open 7 pm  
Tickets £4 on the door or from Garboldisham Post Office  
Further info ring 01953 681416 / 681189



Kenninghall  
Gardening  
Club *P.P.S.*

**Don't forget** the Plant Stall at Cafe Church on Saturday 2nd May from 10am to 12noon. There will be a good supply of plants at very reasonable prices!

The sale is combined with Cafe Church, so there will be coffee, cakes and bric-a-brac as well.

We are planning a few outings for the summer, the first one being to Peter Beales Gardens, for "Tea and Tour", on Thursday 18th June at 10.45am. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible, as we have to book numbers. It will be £4 per person and we will be meeting at Peter Beales, London Road, Attleborough NR17 1AY at 10.35am. If you require a lift, please ring Avril on 01953 888483.

What should we be doing in our gardens?

For May:

Hoe weeds

Prick out seedlings

Protect tender plants if late frosts threaten

Sow vegetables outside, including beans

Plant up hanging baskets - don't forget you can grow herbs in hanging baskets

Fertilise roses and shrubs

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# LETTERS

## A cheesy snippet from the 60s Sub-heading 'It's alright, it's only a customer'

A friend and I were West End theatre-bound, and running late. Only time for a quick meal, so decided on a bright new restaurant in Piccadilly Circus. The headache-inducing noise level, garish décor and profusion of 100 watt light bulbs surely meant quick service. No-one could survive long in all that, so things looked promising for a hasty meal. But though we were seated swiftly, all then ground to a halt. Our burly blonde blue-chinned waitress (possibly a secret love-child of Barbara Windsor and Les Dawson) thundered frequently past our tiny little rickety table, situated in the long central aisle, but our faint cry of.. 'Could we have a menu please?' was lost on the wind. We weren't alone in being ignored apparently, as a cut-glass refined voice from a nearby table testified.. "Honestly Raymond! 25 minutes! And not even a menu! It's too bad!" "Ssh darling." came the nervous squeaky reply from Raymond.. "People will hear you.." "Well I don't care if they do!" came Darling's piercing falsetto.. "It's the absolute limit!"

Finally, Ms Windsor-Dawson screeched to a halt by our table, and plonked down a gigantic cardboard menu in bright orange - with the words printed in bright yellow. Just about legible though, and we quickly decided on a minute steak (hoping it meant speedy, not tiny) and a cheese omelette. Ms W-D had of course long gone, and though sticking a foot out when she next careered past

was tempting, we decided to wait a little longer. Then suddenly, there she was.. pencil poised over little pad. 'Yeah?' she snapped, which we translated as 'Good evening! Are you ready to order yet?', so we quickly told her the news and off she shot. No more words from Raymond and Darling, so we assumed they'd been seen to too.

The food came surprisingly quickly and things were looking up.. until.. I started eating the omelette, and after a couple of mouthfuls noticed something amiss.. NO CHEESE. As hand waving and calling had no effect on the waitress's attention or movements, I finally stood in her path as she whizzed past and firmly advised her that my cheese omelette was, well, cheeseless. She rolled her eyes heavenwards and gave a loud noise that can only be written as 'tutting' then snatched up the plate and was gone. The minutes crept by.. friend had finished the minute (tiny) steak and we were running out of small talk, and time, when there was the replacement omelette, dropped with a clatter in front of me. A look at watches made fast eating essential, so I dug in instantly.. And what do you think boys and girls? Yes, you're right. NO CHEESE AGAIN. This time I got up and went searching for Ms W-D.. I collared her, she marched back with me and more loud tutting ensued. But this time she peered closely at the offending omelette.. took my fork and started rootling about in it.. After a time she suddenly, and very (very) triumphantly, lifted the fork with what looked like a tiny piece of yellow indiarubber on it. "Look!" she crowed.. "CHEESE!" and stomped off, grinning widely.. These days she'd have stuck her huge fist in the air and shouted

"YES!"

Epitaph: We didn't ever go back and we missed the first 15 minutes of the show. Customer Service has certainly improved since those sorry days. Well, of course it has.. Hasn't it?

*Peter McLuckie*

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## Notice Board

Those of you who travel along Church Street will, hopefully, have seen the new notice board to the right of the main church gate. This smart board was expertly made and erected by Pip Whittle and mostly funded by a generous village resident who thought, quite rightly, that my "temporary" pallet based effort was rather scruffy. To put it politely!

This board is for general village use, so please make good use of it.

*Ann Wood*

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## Best of luck From the Dam

We in the republic feel a lot of sympathy with those of you who are struggling with the desperately difficult choice that lies before you all. Who should you choose to lead your country out of the ghastly mess it is in?

Should it be the vacuous twerp, the bumbling blitherer or should the whingey wimp hold the balance of power? Questions like that are extremely vexing and I only wish that you could live in a harmonious nation like ours where the election is merely a formality.

Benevolent dictatorships are the most efficient form of government and far and away the most fun. We can begin to celebrate the outcome as soon as the candidates' names are in the hat and we have in fact just done that. We have even had a flyover or two (courtesy of my good friend and colleague Barrack) so there is simply none of the unpleasantness that you are now experiencing.

We did in fact have a contested election this time but it falls to the president to decide the matter in case of a tie and after much thought I have decided to continue with the Status Quo.

*Viva Il Presidente*

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### Dates for your diary:

2nd May Cafe Church and Plant Stall (with Kenninghall Gardening Club Plus)

6th June Summer Fete and Flower Festival, titled "WW1 Song Titles"

5th September Yard/Garage Sale around Kenninghall

If you would like to do a flower arrangement for the Flower Festival on 6th June, please let us know (Anne Wood on 01379 687320 or Avril Broughton on 01953 888483). If you are stuck for ideas, give us a ring, we may be able to give you some suggestions.

Friends of St Mary's Church

## Applications open for CPRE Norfolk Awards 2015

Countryside charity CPRE Norfolk is inviting applications for its new CPRE Norfolk Awards which return this year in a new format and with three specific categories which focus on the charity's key aims and objectives. The new Awards will also, for the first time, incorporate CPRE Norfolk's popular photographic competition for Norfolk schoolchildren. In addition to The Corbin Award for Engaging Young People with the Countryside, CPRE Norfolk will also be giving The Askham Award for Creative Use of Existing Land or Buildings (sponsored by Cozens Hardy LLP) and The Boldero Award for Access to and Interpretation of the Countryside (sponsored by Gallyons Country Clothing).

Further information, judging criteria and application forms are available from the CPRE Norfolk website [www.cprenorfolk.org.uk](http://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk) or by calling 01603 761660. Deadline for applications is Friday 29th May 2015.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire

What is it that you like about Kenninghall and how should that be retained or made even better? On the other hand what don't you like about Kenninghall and how could that be improved or changed? How would you like to see Kenninghall developing over the next 10 or 20 years?



A pint of your very best ale, please

A questionnaire is to be produced and circulated with one of the forthcoming newsletters, to give everybody in the village an opportunity to consider matters such as these and to provide their views on them.

We know we live in a lovely part of the country but we shouldn't take for granted that it will always be that way. This will be a chance for the whole community to put forward ideas for protecting and enhancing what we have, and the greater the response the better the outcomes should be.

As mentioned elsewhere, keep your eyes peeled for the questionnaire and make sure your views are made known!



## Do you or someone you know need help with transport?

Borderhoppa are a local community transport charity operating a door to door service in this area.

We currently have funding from the Big Lottery to provide free transport for 16 to 24 year olds for travel to and from job clubs, job interviews, skills training etc. If this applies to you, please call 01379 854800 so that we can help.

Our Dial a Ride service is also open to anybody that does not have the use of any other transport facilities. To use our service you need to become a member & pay a membership fee, fares are then priced depending on distance travelled. We can take people to local appointments at doctors, dentists, hairdressers, vets etc., to work, to visit a friend or relative or anywhere they wish to go within our catchment area.

We provide group hire for not for profit community groups & organisations with our 16 seater accessible mini buses. We operate outings for our members throughout the year to pub lunches, sea side, boat trips, shopping, garden centres etc.

If you would like to make a booking or would like more information on any of the above, please call 01379 854800 or visit our website: [www.borderhoppa.org](http://www.borderhoppa.org)

### Borderhoppa Outings

#### May: 2015

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at the Chip Inn, Long Stratton - £5 (chips extra)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Fritton & Gorleston for shopping - £16

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Waveney Stardust, Stalham - £25 (includes boat trip). Spaces limited

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Highway Nurseries - £14

If you would like to make a booking please call 01379 854800

Email: [adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com](mailto:adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com)

or for more information visit our website: [www.borderhoppa.org](http://www.borderhoppa.org)

## Needles & Natter

Do you sew, knit, crochet, (or would you like to learn), or just like a chat? Perhaps you have just retired or moved to Kenninghall? Why not come along and join our 'needles and natter' sessions. We meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, at different homes, so if you would like to know more, please ring for further information. **Avril 01953 888483**



# The Red Lion



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## Forthcoming Events

**Jam Session:** 10th May, from 4pm

**Quiz Night with John:** 21st May, at 9pm

**Fresh fish:** Beer battered fish (with chips and peas) on Fridays.

### **Friday 8th May**

This is the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe. To commemorate VE day we have CAPTAIN KIRKS MANDOLIN playing from 9pm. Why not get into the spirit of 1945 and dress for wartime!

### **Bank Holiday Sunday, 24th May**

Karaoke from 4pm - otherwise known as Garyoke and Puff Daddy. I am sure we will be able to get Gary to be Elvis and Frank Sinatra again!

### **Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May**

Our annual SOAP BOX CHALLENGE from 3pm  
If you haven't already, start making that Go-Kart!!

Lots more happening here at the Lion in May. Hope to see you join us for continuing fun and laughter!!

# Diary Dates *for May*



## Bin Collections



May

8th (B); 14th (G); 21st (B)  
29th (G)



## Kenninghall Amblers

Come and get some exercise and fresh air! - join us on a walk on Thursday 28th May. Destination unknown at time of printing, but normally our walks are between 3-4 miles, ending with a pub lunch! Dogs with well behaved owners are welcome.

We leave the Market Place at 10am (car sharing). If you would like any further information please ring Avril on **01953 888483** or Sylvie on **01953 888343** or email [jabroughton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jabroughton@hotmail.co.uk).

## Mobile Library



### Stops

- 10.05am – 10.25am, Market Square
- 10.30am – 10.50am, Church Layby
- 11am – 11.20am, School Close

### Dates

- Friday 8th May

# The Kenninghall Noticeboard

## St Mary's Bell Ringers' Practices



May: 6th, 13th  
20th, 27th

## Kenninghall Woods Work Party

May: 14th (see page 16)

## Cafe Church

May: 2nd (see page 17)

## Kenninghall Morris Practice

7.30pm - 9pm



May: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

## Carpet Bowls Club



We meet on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Always looking for new members to join.

If you are interested please contact Gerald on **01379 687305**

## Parish Council Meeting

May: 5th

## Friends of St Mary's Quiz night

May: 30th (see front page)

## Kenninghall Gardening Club *Plus* Plant Sale

May: 2nd (see page 6)



## **Events at Redgrave and Lopham Fen, nr Bressingham, IP22 2HX May 2015**

### **Messing about by the water family afternoon**

Tuesday 26 May, 2pm - 4pm

Watery activities, games and crafts.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

£2.50 per person. Booking essential 01379 688333

### **Botanical illustration**

Saturday 30 May, 10am – 3pm

Join professional botanical artist, Christine Grey-Wilson, on this relaxing and supportive workshop looking at a range of illustration techniques.

£25/£21.50. Booking essential 01473 890089

## **Regular events**

### **Guided fen walk**

Saturday 2 May, 10.30am - 1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill.

£3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

### **Wildlife Watch Group**

Saturday 9 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £2

Contact [marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com)

or call 01379 688333

## A Watchmaker in Kenninghall

London and Geneva, yes, but Kenninghall?? Surely not!

A few weeks ago I was sent some photographs (and one is reproduced below) of a grandmother clock with the name "Davy" and Kenninghall on the face. At first I assumed it belonged to someone of that name, but an almanac of watchmakers shows a Robert Davy in that trade in Kenninghall. He was born in 1799 and both the 1841 and 1851 censuses show him living in the village, with his occupation as a watchmaker, although it's reasonable to assume he was trading for some years prior to 1841.

He died in November 1858 and his son, another Robert, was an executor of his estate and also described as a watchmaker. Robert Jr was born in 1834 and by 1871 was living and working in Sussex. I cannot prove it, but suspect that he left Kenninghall shortly after his father's death and isn't likely to be the person who made the clock.

It seems, therefore, that the Robert Davy born in 1799 made the clock. Presumably he made watches as well - why else call yourself a watchmaker rather than clockmaker? - but I haven't been able to trace any. However, in 2010 Bonhams sold what was described as a George III longcase clock by Robert Davy of Kenninghall, and it is shown below. It has a much more ornate face, hands and case than the other clock and could well have been made for a wealthier client.



There have apparently been about 1000 watchmakers in Norwich and Norfolk, so maybe I shouldn't have been surprised at one being in Kenninghall, especially as it was in the dark days before online shopping! He may have had other aspects to his business (some watchmakers were also gunsmiths or jewellers), but Robert Davy must have been good at his job for him to trade for as long as he did. It's also fair testimony to him that at least two examples of his work have lasted for over 150 years.

If anyone has more information about Robert Davy, or can flesh out my assumptions and speculations, I would be extremely interested to hear from them.

*Graham Barber*



*by Lucy Whittle*

Nothing much to report this month, except isn't it nice to feel the sun at last! Everything is growing like mad; it is such a lovely time of year. Also just a quick reminder that the Lands Trust AGM will be held in the Church on Thursday 7th May at 8pm. There will be a glass of wine and some nibbles, and a chance to air any ideas or quibbles. See you there!

Another quick reminder and a date for your diary. On 20 June the Midsummer Event will be held in the wood, with all the usual fun. More details nearer the time.

### ***Monthly Workparty***

A small but enthusiastic group attended the first workparty, spending an enjoyable three hours working in the woods. Tea, biscuits and fine weather were provided!

The next workparty is on Thursday 14th May. Please come and join us - fine weather cannot be guaranteed!





## Kenninghall Playing Field Fund

### 200 CLUB MARCH AND APRIL DRAWS

The March and April draws of the 200 Club took place during the Kenninghall Morris Practice. The winners are as follows:

March			April		
1st	£20	Ashley Kirk (250)	1st	£20	Celia Osborne (31)
2nd	£15	Mandy Berry (1)	2nd	£15	Christine Flitner (177)
3rd	£10	Mr S Smith (212)	3rd	£10	Gill Panks (142)

Congratulations to all the winners!



### Kenninghall Carpet Bowls Club

The club has once again had a very successful winter league season, winning the S.N.C.B.F. county league and now through to the league finals on Sunday 17th May.

We also won the Waveney League zone and are through to the final against Alburgh.

Lastly, we are also in the final of the S.N.C.B.F. knockout cup 5-a-side against Occold.

### Cafe Church



The next Cafe Church will be at St Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd May from 10am - 12 noon. On this occasion the Plant Sale of Kenninghall Gardening Club *Plus* will take place at the same time.

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