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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Allow us to tell you how the magazine works.

In Theory: We set a deadline date, usually well over a week before the end of the month, by which time we would like all contributions to be with either Sheila or myself. I collect the material from Sheila and collate all the bits and pieces into some sort of order, rewriting some of the more difficult to read articles. Depending on the quantity submitted this takes me anywhere between 3 and 5 hours. I then hand over the rough draft to Jo Cooper for typing. Naturally this also takes several hours of Jo's time to complete. This master draft is then delivered to Margaret for printing. Having overseen this myself I know it takes most of a morning to print and staple over 150 copies. Finally the issue is delivered to Ray Naish for distribution. This whole process should take less than a week even allowing for the fact that all of us in turn juggle our personal routines to fit it in.

In Practice: We set a deadline date, usually well over a week before the end of the month, by which time we have received very little from contributors! The immediate following weekend Sheila usually spends chasing up and collecting the contributions. I therefore collect the material on Monday morning and begin collating. For the July issue I had more material to collect on Tuesday morning and even a phone call that lunch-time with another insertion, long after completion. The rough draft was delivered to Jo on Tuesday afternoon and the printing was done on Friday morning - then stapled and delivered to Ray for lunch-time - 3 days after deadline.

As you know, 'News & Views' is kindly delivered along with 'Moor News', which in turn carries details of the Church Services for the new month. If the month starts at a weekend, it is essential this information is delivered in good time. Also in the past we have received telephone calls telling of us errors printed in pieces either by Sheila or myself. Whilst we apologise sincerely for any mistakes, there is a simple solution - don't leave it so us to remember to write everything. If you have something to say or an event reminder, either quote it to one of us over the telephone or write it down and get it to us for DEADLINE DAY.

Finally, we must remind you again that this is YOUR magazine and our efforts are purely voluntary. We don't profess to be journalists but we do enjoy putting the magazine together, especially when it is so obviously appreciated. However, all the enjoyment is gone if we are put under pressure to get to print.

Please make the production team's work easier by adhering to the deadline we set each month. We are quite nice people really, but under pressure we may be forced to print without 'chasing-up' and whilst it would take far less time, it wouldn't be very interesting.

One final request - you can now see clearly the journey taken by your articles and that it would be hard to keep track of precious masterpieces; so where possible, please only submit copies of your articles if you wish to keep the original.

You know what comes next.....

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE - 17th AUGUST

Kate and Sheila...Yatton 834894 or 838357.

NAISH'S NOTES

HAVE YOU BEGUN TRAINING YET? THE FUN RUN IS ON SEPT 3rd AT 2.55 p.m. FOR THE 1 MILE RUN (ONLY THE FITTEST) AND AT 3. p.m. FOR THOSE WHO ARE RUNNING, JOGGING, PUSHING, CRAWLING OR WALKING THE NORMAL COURSE. WE DON'T MIND HOW YOU DO IT, JUST DO IT. SPONSOR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM KENN STORES, JENNY, KATE OR SHEILA. ALL PROCEEDS TO INTENSIVE THERAPY UNIT AT THE B.R.I.

THIS IS A FUN AFTERNOON. WE HAVE A SURPRISE PERSONALITY TO START THE RACES FOR US, WHO WILL ARRIVE IN A VERY GRAND MANNER AT ABOUT 2.40 p.m.

FOLLOWING THE FUN RUN WE HAVE A BARBECUE AND REFRESHMENTS. WE HAVE A ROUNDBALLS MATCH, LADIES -v- MEN, ORGANISED BY MR. JOHN STAPLES - QUEENSBURY RULES WILL APPLY. THE LADIES HAD A RESOUNDING VICTORY LAST YEAR - CAN WE REPEAT IT? I'M SURE WE CAN.

MR. RICHARD GAUNT BEWARE! SO, TIE UP - BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND PURSES - AND HAVE A LOVELY DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS

John and Jean Ings became the proud grandparents of a baby girl born to their daughter Jackie on 20th July.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

6th	Steve Bye
7th	Jack Hanson
	Ray Naish
	Lorraine Staples - 13
15th	Jean Naish
23rd	Mark Pascoe
26th	Sylvia Staples
27th	John Staples

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - August 10th - Kate and Roger Denmead celebrate ten years of marriage and for Kate, 10 years (the first 10) alliance to the village of Kenn.

FULL RECOVERY

We are glad that Mr. John Staples' bumps and lumps have disappeared without any lasting effects.

SAFE JOURNEY

Good luck to Robert Bessant and James Griffin on your trip. We shall miss you at the discos.

DIARY DATES

August 2nd - Tea Party at Walnut Tree Farm courtesy of Mrs. Tricia Harrison in aid of Kenn News & Views. The afternoon commences at 2.30 p.m. and there will be a Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle. Everyone is welcome and hopefully the weather will still be kind.

August 23rd - Garden Party at Stonehouse Farm, courtesy of Mrs. Jean Naish in aid of St. Mary's Restoration Fund from 2.30 onwards. Many stalls - cakes, white elephant, bring and buy, books and toys, games and draw. Contributions welcome. Everybody welcome.

PLEA

Yeo Moor Junior School are collecting the various items listed below for use in school science projects: spoons, sieves, separators, candles, fastenings, balls, wheeled vehicles, marbles, whisks, shiny things, fossils, teeth, bones, x-rays, keys, soil and sand, rocks and stones, levels and cogs, watches and clocks, mechanical toys, gardening implements, (indoor and outdoor) and lenses.

Apart from the soil and sand, Sheila will gladly receive any of these unwanted items.
Sheila Naish

WILDLIFE REPORT

A pair of woodpeckers have arrived in the garden of the Granary, Duck Lane. Are these the only ones in Kenn? John and Grace

SNIPPETS

On July 20th Mr. and Mrs. John Ings announced the safe arrival of a little granddaughter; a daughter for Jackie and Chris who are now living at Theale where they are converting a barn.

Mr. Wally Moore is improving after his stay in Clevedon Hospital where he has been visited by family, friends and neighbours.

We are pleased to hear Mr. Middleton is making progress in Hart Green Hospital - he hopes to spend the weekend at home.

This summer of 1989 will be remembered as one of the best for several years - hours and hours of lovely sunshine.

Barley harvesting is in full swing and will soon be completed if the weather holds.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

No news yet from the judges - we must keep up the good work to pick up the litter. We know Mr. Neill has been busy on the Clevedon side of the Motorway bridge. Mrs. Irene Russell, Mrs. Barbara Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Ings have been busy as well.

WATCH THOSE MAGPIES

The magpies are far too plentiful. We hear their latest idea is to break the seals of milk bottles and drink some of the milk. This can be extremely dangerous as they can carry campylobacter bug which can give a nasty form of food poisoning. We are advised to provide suitable covers for the milkman to put over the bottles. We now see so few little birds like wrens and blue-tits - are the magpies responsible?

PLANTS IN THE CHURCHYARD

We are sad to report that plants by the wall in the Churchyard, planted by Mrs. Jean Ings, have been taken.

GOD SPEED - GOOD TRAVELLING AND SAFE RETURN

In the near future Robert Bessant and James Griffin start their round-the-world trip. They go with our best wishes. Robert and James have always been ready to help with hall events.

CELEBRATIONS FOR MRS. V. COX

We were very pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Vonnice Cox. Her daughters Irene, Beryl and Heather, and their families, arranged a party at Fortbury House, attended by her two brothers Mr. Donald Staples, Mr. Sam Staples and M.s. Winnie Coles and many relations, friends and neighbours. Mr. Donald Staples proposed her health and wished her many more birthdays. Mrs. Cox is a great gardener and her garden of flowers is a delight to see. R.M.D.

JUMBLE SALE - 16th AUGUST

Calling every family in Kenn - we invite your support for a Jumble Sale to be held in the Hall on Wednesday, 16th August, at 7.0 p.m. Donations, offers of help, fruit, flowers, vegetables, toys, books, bric -a-brac, and clothes, in fact anything saleable will be most welcome. Come and meet friends and neighbours and at the same time support Kenn Village Hall.

Goods to Hall 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. on the day. For further information contact 872326 or 872676. R.M.D.

FAMILY SKITTLES AND BARBECUE

On Saturday, 1st July, a family skittles evening was held in the Village Hall. The object was to raise money for the ITU at the BRI and to get all ages together for a barbecue with skittles and other games. We had a super time, really good turn out with everyone, especially the children and young folk, enjoying themselves.

The profit came to £133.33 and we are grateful to all who supported the event, did the planning and organising, joined in the work during the evening and cleared up afterwards. Amongst many willing helpers we had Dennis 'the door'; Simon and Richard acting chefs 'a la' beefburgers and hot dogs; Margaret, Avril, Sheila, Wendy, Jean, Iris and Jenny all on kitchen, bar and draw etc; Kate, Colin and Roger - skittles; Ray 'the voice' - draw caller; Miles 'the brush', Danny 'the darts', James and Duncan (those well-known pirates) looking after Treasure Island; Alexis, Taki and Antonis - refreshments and general support and finally numerous stickers-up. Thank you all - just great.

Prizes were awarded to:-

Adults skittles: Gents - highest score - Trevor George
lowest score - Richard Gaunt.

Ladies - highest score - Margaret Stowell
lowest score - Tina Middleton.

Children's prizes were also awarded and there were many lucky winners at Darts, Guess the Weight of the Cake, the Smarties Game and Treasure Island, and last but not least, the Raffle. We must do it all again. John and Grace

MILL FARM AT WAR

My husband Archie and I with our two sons, Gerald and John, moved into Mill Farm in March 1939 (only about six months before war was declared). After moving in we used our last 6/- (30 p) in an effort to earn some money, to place an advertisement in a Birmingham paper for Farm House holidays. The response gave us guests for most of the summer. I remember some people worried about the possibility of war cancelling their holidays. Those folk with us the day war was declared packed their bags and went home, so our little income stopped. We were down to just the farming but that was a very modest enterprise. We had a young family, a mortgage on the farm, little income and, like everyone else in Britain, feared a German invasion.

Winter 1939/40, the evacuees started to arrive. These all came from London fleeing the bombs. An official called to note the number of bedrooms we had; we offered to take two young boys as we had Gerald, 8, and John 4. So late one evening a mother and her four little girls were delivered!! They hated the cold, old farm house (the only heating was from an Aga cooker in the kitchen and an open fire in the sitting room, no central heating then). Also the farm food, wanting fish and chips all the time. After a while they moved on to the "Poplars" (now "Latcham House") in Kenn Street.

This first family was followed by a mother Bella and her baby daughter Margaret. We became very fond of them, but a war time tragedy was to befall Bella. Her husband Rodney, a merchant seaman working on a tanker, spent his leaves at Mill Farm with his family and he found it terribly hard to return to his ship which sailed out of Avonmouth. He understood just how dangerous his life at sea was. Rodney would take ages to say goodbye to Bella and Margaret at the back door, walk round the house and come in the front door and start all over again, he loved them both so much. One day the news came that Rodney had been lost at sea when his tanker was torpedoed and sunk. Bella was heartbroken, and a few weeks later found she was pregnant! Soon after she left Mill Farm and took a matron's job at a home for babies and mothers at Cheddar. The home was owned and run by the Whittakers. (More about them later.)

While there Bella gave birth to a son, which she named Rodney after his father. I kept in touch with her for many years but have not heard from her for a long time. I wonder what became of them all.

Now to the Whittakers. They were a family who took over the front rooms at Mill Farm. They had a 93 year old grandfather with them who found wartime conditions very annoying. He seemed to hold us (who he referred to as the Griffins) personally responsible if he could not have the food he wanted which would be things like ham and salmon! (I provided all their food), or if the air raid sirens went off and disturbed his sleep. Coal, like food, was rationed yet he expected a fire every day in the cold weather.

Our bathroom was upstairs and reached by very narrow and steep stairs. Often when he went to the loo he would declare "Your stairs, Mrs. Griffin, will be the death of me." This just proved how sensible the old man was, because one day he did fall down the stairs and died two days later. Still he was at least 93 years old.

So, now we had Bella and Margaret, and the Whittakers, and then we had billeted upon us five R.A.F. Servicemen, whose job it was to look after the Decoy site on Yatton moor. Altogether I was feeding and looking after, with some help with the cleaning, washing and homework, a household of 16. The R.A.F. boys slept in what was called the cheese room. All the cooking was done on the Aga. We were allowed to kill each year two home grown pigs, we had plenty of eggs from our own hens and vegetables grown by Archie. When the hens stopped laying they ended up in the 'pot'. First I steamed them in a large crock, which we still use in the family for hams and Christmas puddings. The steaming made the old hens tender before roasting. One way or another we kept a good table. How lucky we country folk were compared with the town dwellers.

Back now to the Decoy site. The idea was that by showing lights made to look as if they were shining through a half-open door, window or roof light, etc., the enemy

bomber crew would think they were over Bristol or Avonmouth and so drop their bombs in the moor (nice and soft) but I don't think our R.A.F. boys tried very hard. Anyway the Germans were not convinced because no bomber did fall on the decoy site, a waste of time and men. The lads were very supportive of Baden Leaman, landlord at the 'Rose and Crown' (now 'Drum and Monkey'). When they ran out of cider money Archie would give them a 'sul' (loan of 2/- = 10 p) to buy a pint. They would sip that so carefully that it would last all night!

John recalls how I gave a birthday party for one called 'Lackie', a Scot from the slums of Glasgow, for his 21st. John says we had sausages and mash and when we sat down Archie said a few words to wish Lackie good luck for the future. Lackie started to cry. When we asked him why, he said it was the first time anyone had given him a party! This must have made an impression on John's 6 year old mind, which is why he remembers it so well.

These R.A.F. boys had other interests in life besides the 'Rose and Crown', GIRLS. They spent a lot of time in Clevedon and around courting the local girls. One evening a lad called Arthur Goburn, who took great care in his appearance, pressing a perfect crease in his trousers, polishing his boots and buttons to a lovely shine, was all ready to go out looking fit to go on parade, when he started to tease John, who was a quiet and very shy child. Arthur kept on until he really upset the boy, but John had his revenge by picking up an egg from the bowl in the kitchen and throwing it at Arthur. The egg hit him in the chest and broke. The raw egg made an awful mess. Arthur was speechless with rage and there was a great row. There is no doubt John and the egg spoiled Arthur's evening completely!

Gladys Griffin

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The proceedings of the July meeting of Kenn Women's Institute were changed in order to allow visitors from the village and other W.I.s to hear our two speakers before the business part of the meeting. First Mrs. Liz Rodrigo, Health Education Officer, told us about the new screening programme for women between the ages of 50 and 65 to detect breast cancer. Every woman in this age group will be invited to attend, and it is hoped that everyone eligible will take advantage of the opportunity to have a mammogram. It only takes a matter of minutes and statistics show that one woman in twelve develops this disease.

Next came a demonstration of microwave ovens by Di Abrams from S.W.E.B. It was an eye-opener to those without microwaves and those who already have them picked up some useful tips. It was disconcerting to discover that when the Electricity Industry is privatised the very valuable demonstration service might be discontinued as it could be considered non-profit making.

After refreshments the business was dealt with. Members were reminded to take schedules for the Yeo Valley Produce Show. Entries have to be made by 16th September. Final arrangements were made for the Charity Bring and Buy on 19th July. Mrs. Dyer was thanked for the arrangements for the very successful trip to Worcester. Two more outings were suggested, one to the House of Commons and another to the Koekenhoff Gardens in Holland in the Spring.

There will be no meeting in August but Mrs. Harrison invited members to a cream tea in her garden in aid of Kenn News and Views on 2nd August and Mrs. Jean Naish is holding a garden party on 23rd August in aid of the Yatton Church restoration.

At the September meeting Mr. R. Tripp will talk about Clevedon Care. The competition will be for a slogan about caring. The competition for a meringue cooked in a microwave was won by Mrs. Harrison, gold; Mrs. Pearce, silver, and Mrs. Lamb, green.

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - I think you have been really clever with your gardening. Mine is also like concrete but it's not meant to be! It's all a bit of a disaster this year. The baskets and plants are looking very weary and will have to be written off as the price we have to pay for glorious sunshine. I have also had lots of trouble with sunflowers this year and I don't know the answer unless it's mice. My own have been unsuccessful but Mr. Moore has some very nice ones - he must have the magic touch. I wanted to take some cuttings of various plants but those I tried just cooked so I'm leaving it until the colder weather arrives. Sorry I cannot think of anything helpful at present. Yours, Johna Freddie

FROM H. J.

Dear Uncle Freddie - I know what you mean about the plants 'cooking'. I bought a hardy fuchsia recently and stood it on the rockery in the interim because the family had hidden the trowel. All was well until yesterday (21st July) when I found it dried to a crisp because we had missed one night's watering. I soaked it immediately and it is now in the recovery ward but I don't hold out much hope. My neighbour has the most magnificent display of fuchsias - I swear there are more flowers than leaves! Perhaps it's time I gave in gracefully.

The concrete jungle is serving its purpose beautifully this summer as an ideal spot for barbecues. Until next month. Yours, Kate

FROM THE POND

I am very pleased to say Cedric the snake has not been seen in the pond since last I wrote. I am now trying to find something to protect the taddies next year. Meantime, there are still some small frogs in the garden - hooray.

Earlier in the year we bought some water hyacinths for the pond and were told they would have pretty blue flowers, but only if there was plenty of sunshine. So far the plants have multiplied abundantly - but no flowers. I wonder how much sunshine they need? I read Sheila's comments about sunflowers with interest as I also planted two packets of seeds and not one plant has germinated. Iris G

WEMBURY WITTERINGS

We have received the following message for Iris from Mike Atkinson :- "My main point in writing is to respond to young Iris Goldsworthy's missive 'From the Pond'. She is clearly an aspiring biologist. Does she know of the two snakes slithering through the jungle...

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| "1st snake | 'Here, are we poisonous snakes or the type that crush things?' |
| "2nd snake | 'We're the type that crush things.' |
| "1st snake | 'Are you sure?' |
| "2nd snake | 'Yes, why?' |
| "1st snake | 'Thank heavens for that...I've just bitten my lip.' " |

Thankyou Mike. Don't call us, we'll call you.

Mike also points out in his letter that we have so far not given away any free gifts with Kenn News & Views. We think this is a very good idea, so if you have anything you no longer want and feel there may be some use in it yet, Mike's address is 19 Hawthorn Park Road, Wembury, near Plymouth, Devon, and we only hope he finds great joy in everything he receives.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Quiz Night in aid of the ITU at the Bristol Royal Infirmary is to be held on Saturday, 25th November, in Kenn Village Hall. To enter you will need to gather together a team of 4 people, although individuals may also enter if they are feeling really clever and there will be a prize for the highest scoring team and individual respectively. The full format for the evening will be published soon, but this notice is to give you plenty of time to gather your team members and brains together. Kate Denmead

GUN CLUB BBQ

On Saturday, 8th July, Lou invited the villagers to join in at the Gun Club Barbecue at the 'Drum and Monkey'. Once she'd told the Gun Club about the ITU fund-raising they kindly donated some of the evening's profits. Lou then encouraged (is that the right word Lou?) people to fill the ITU collecting tin and also gave all her profits from the food for the evening. As a result of this Sheila, Simon and I received £127 from Lou to pay into the Fund.

We are writing to the Gun Club but would like to take the opportunity to thank Lou for all she has done to help us this year by running a Bar at our functions.

The BBQ evening was a special treat for the people involved with the ITU fund-raising as it gave us a great night out without the worry of the organisation.

On Saturday, August 19th, Lou is having a BBQ solely for the ITU. The whole village has been invited and those of us who went to the last one can vouch for the fact that you'll have a great evening so we'll see you then. Jenny P.

CHARITY EVENING AT KENN VILLAGE HALL HELD FOR THE SCANNER APPEAL

At quarter past 3 I came home from school. I was pleased because I was looking forward to being a flower girl - and when I got home what I did not expect - Granny was home-making some buttonholes, and I saw a beautiful decorated basket. Then we got tea and ate it. When we had finished tea we went and got on our costumes and hats and then we got the stuff ready, and went in the car to the Village Hall.

When we got there we unloaded the car - oh, we gave Aunty Trish a lift. When we got in we saw a few old ladies and as the evening passed there were more and more people there - they are funny. We sold most of our flowers we made £5.99 I enjoyed it, I hope I can do it again. Debbie Gill (age 9)