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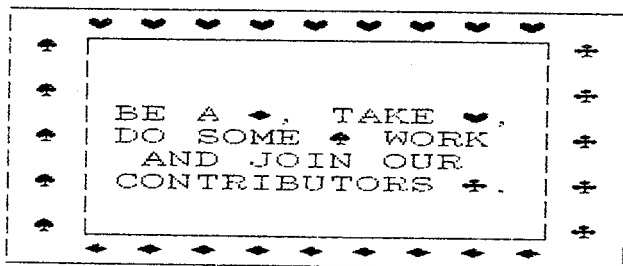
KENN NEWS & VIEWS



The beautiful cover design this month has been produced by Mrs. ~~G. Yates~~ ^{J. WITHERS}.

There have been a few entries for the Cover Competition we set in January and you still have until 23rd February to submit your design. Perhaps I didn't make it quite clear in my haste, but the design is for a permanent - year round - cover which we can photocopy each month, inserting the relevant month and issue number. Even so, any seasonal drawings are also welcome for insertion within the magazine.

Kate



DELIBERATE MISTAKE?

When reading the January "News and Views" I noticed that it was marked "Issue No. 3" and then I looked at the December issue and noticed that it was also "Issue No. 3". Do the Editors have a problem with counting? This now means that the February issue will be no. 5 not no. 4!! Perhaps No. 4 has a doubtful significance!!!

Grace Griffin

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Yes, Issue No. 3 was of course Issue 4 in disguise. The only excuse I can muster is that it was the result of a surfeit of brandy in the plum pudding! Hang on to this limited edition, it may be valuable one day! K.D.

The husband of one of your Editors read and then laughed at the magazine. One or two other people have had little digs and made unfavourable remarks and all that can be said in reply is that this is not OUR magazine (KD & SN) - it is YOUR magazine. We will print ANYTHING given to us by villagers. If it has nothing of interest to you, take pen and paper and write in. If you have anything, however small, send it in. It is up to you. DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE, it is NEWS AND VIEWS after all. S.N. & K.D.

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY - 23rd PROMPT

Apologies to Robin and Marianna for changing their surname in last month's issue - Still, I now know that you do all read your magazine carefully. S.N.

We are pleased to hear Emma Fenwick is home and well after her short stay in hospital. S.N. & K.D.

CHRISTMAS 1989

Yes, we will be happy to supply a Christmas tree for the village green. All we need are some strong young men to help dig it out and erect it in the allotted place. "Hands up please" - who will supply the lights, decorations etc?

Perhaps we could have carols with lanterns around the tree next Christmas.

The Christmas trees which have been used to decorate the Church for the past five years have been grown in Kenn at "The Granary".

John and Grace Griffin

Continued...

We have another suggestion re Christmas tree on the green. How about planting a permanent tree and decorating it at Christmas - perhaps dedicating it in memory of our departed villagers. We also have an offer of lights for the tree.

These and any other suggestions will be passed on to the next Parish Council Meeting. Sheila

THINKING OF FUND RAISING?

Mrs. Ann Scribbens, who supports Kenn events when possible, has asked us to mention the Springboard Opportunity Group for pre-school children with special needs - her own 13 month old son Daniel is deaf. The group meets Monday and Thursday mornings, 10 - 12 at Kenn Road Methodist Church, Clevedon. Like many such groups they are always glad of any help and support anybody can give. For more information please telephone Ann on Clevedon 875578 or Nailsea 856342.

FROM "THE DREAMER"

Whoops, dozing again; I missed a note for the January issue.

Thanks to Mrs. Ings for the indepth and excellent analysis of the problems my 'Dream Hall' would pose. What you may call "A rude awakening"! Well, after all, it was only a dream! Maybe we could just have some come true. What about a tennis court? That would be great for quite a large age range. Are there any grants for that type of project? Could Kenn P.C. check on this? I see Claverham are getting a grant for their new hall.

P.S. Great evening at the Cheese and Wine; I enjoyed it. Dreamer

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - First let me say that cactus are definitely not my personal 'thing'. Having said that, this is what you are supposed to do to get the Christmas cactus in bloom each year.

From now until April keep it cool and dry. In April and May water thoroughly when compost begins to dry. From June until mid-September keep it out of doors in a shady spot - but beware of the dreaded slug. From mid-September to mid-November keep dryish and cool until flower buds appear, then increase water and warmth. November and December water normally and keep in temperature of about 55° and once the buds appear DO NOT MOVE.

Now we are just starting the busy time in the garden, especially this year as weeds have continued to grow (at least in my garden) all winter. I really must go out with the weeding and feeding the ground with a fertiliser low in nitrogen but high in potash and phosphates before all the new plants go in.

Cheerio - I'm off now I've got myself excited and raring to go. Yours, Uncle Freddie

FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - As always, thanks for your invaluable advice. My Christmas cactus will not know what has hit it this year! As you so rightly point out, the busy time approaches, never more so than for us. Remember the fuchsia eating pup? Well she has taken it upon herself to transform our back garden, single pawedly (sic) into something resembling Cardiff Arms Park! As I write, the hard frost of Sunday, 29th Jan, has just thawed the murky pools created in the earth by the lovely (?) Cassy. In shady parts the frost glints on the peaks of upturned soil. The ever more sparse grass fights for survival in the saturated quagmire and if you ever saw 'Bambi' trying to stand up on the ice, you will have some idea of the impossible conditions. In our opinion there is only one solution - concrete. This may sound drastic, but there are most attractive ways of achieving a 'paved look' with a lorry load of Readymix these days. We shall retain some beds in amongst the concrete jungle and, of course, there will be plenty of room for tubs and pots. I know to a gardener such as yourself this must sound horrific, but we also have to take into account the fact that we have no exterior access to the rear of the house, so all gardening implements, including mower, have to come through the house. Of course, this is also the route for the Readymix, but it will only be once. Progress will be recorded as and when. Yours, Kate

KENN PAST AND PRESENT QUIZ

1. At least five businesses have been run from "Moorgates", Kenn Street, in the last 60 or so years - can you name them?
2. How many new houses have been built in Kenn since the last war?
3. In the early years of this century, an elderly lady from Kenn walked to Clevedon to do some shopping; on her journey home she was last seen sitting on 'Stone Bow' having a rest. She disappeared and no trace of her has ever been found. Where was 'Stone Bow'?

4. Which house is reckoned to be the oldest in Kenn?
5. Which Kenn farmhouse was once used for a candle factory?
6. A house in Kenn Street was at one time used by a business called "The Somerset Weavers". Which house?
7. What was the name of the last school-mistress to be in charge of Kenn School?
8. How many children are there in Kenn of school age or younger?

Ray Naish

OLD CHRISTMAS DAY DANCE

During the last twelve months the Kenn Village Hall Committee have organised two ballroom dances, the second of which was held at the Village Hall on Friday, 6th January 1989. The tickets were £3.00 each and about seventy people attended. The music was provided on both occasions by the ? Symes trio. The programme was varied and there were dances to suit everyone. A ploughman's supper was provided and drinks were available at the bar. As usual a willing team of helpers made the evening run smoothly. Mr. Ralph Bye acted as Master of Ceremonies, a main draw was organised by Mrs. Jean Naish, and all the prizes had been donated by generous supporters of the Hall. A series of minor draws for a bottle of whisky was run by Mrs. Sarah Clarke.

Many people who had affiliations with Kenn were present and it was good to see them, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Sid Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Roger White, and many others. Thank you for supporting the Hall.

Once again an enjoyable social occasion was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it possible and to all those who attended and provided such a genial atmosphere. The profit from the evening raised £121 for the Hall funds. Connie Wilson

TRY THIS RECIPE - SPAGHETTI BOLONAISE (JIM'S STYLE)

Serves two - for a larger party increase the ingredients proportionally.

6 ozs long spaghetti, 1 tablespoon salt.

<p><u>Sauce:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 ozs leanest minced beef; 1 large onion; 1 large tomato; 1 large carrot; 2 tablespoons tomato puree; 2 ozs mushrooms; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 tablespoon olive oil; 1 oz butter; quarter teasp. black pepper; half pint beef stock; 1 bay leaf; 1 tablespoon Worcester sauce;
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Parmesan or Cheddar cheese to garnish (to taste)

Method

Start by preparing the Sauce. Put on a kettle of water to boil. Place the tomato in a 1 pint basin. To make the stock - break an OXO or Bovril Beef Cube into a basin and add the tomato puree and bay leaf. When the kettle boils, pour water over the tomato and leave for about 5 minutes. Add half a pint of the boiling water to the stock cube and tomato puree and stir thoroughly - set aside.

Peel and finely chop the onion. Peel or thoroughly scrub the carrot. Grate or very finely chop the carrot. Skin and finely chop the mushrooms. Take the tomato from the water, remove the skin and cut into small pieces.

Into a large frying pan - melt the oil and butter together, reduce heat to about half, add the onion, carrot, tomato and mushrooms and stir-fry until the vegetables begin to turn colour. Remove from the heat and take the vegetables out of the pan and place into a medium sized casserole dish.

Put the minced beef into the frying pan, turn up the heat and stir continuously until the meat is sealed but not cooked. Remove from heat and add to the vegetables - stir well until the meat and veg are thoroughly mixed. Add the Worcester Sauce to the stock and pour over the meat and veg, sprinkle the pepper over the top, stir to mix, cover and cook as under:-

Cooking

Oven method:- When using this method preheat the oven to 375°F, or 190°C during the preparation period so that it is ready when the mixing of the ingredients is completed. Place the dish in the hottest part of the oven and cook for 45 - 50 mins.

Microwave method:- Place dish in the micro and cook at maximum power for 5 minutes or until the stock begins to boil. Allow to stand for 2 - 3 minutes, stir, return to mic-o and cook at half power for 20 - 25 minutes.

The spaghetti:- This will take about 20 minutes to cook in boiling water. Organise its cooking so that both the spaghetti and the sauce cooking periods end at the same time. Boil at least two-and-a-half pints of water to which has been added a tablespoon of salt and add the spaghetti. Cover, bring back to boiling, reduce heat and cook for about 20 minutes. Strain.

To serve - Divide the spaghetti into equal portions onto dinner plates and arrange in a ring round the outer edge of the plate. Spoon the sauce into the centre. Sprinkle or grate the cheese (if used) over the sauce, and serve immediately. "Chef"

Has anyone else a favourite recipe they would like to share? This could be a new regular feature - all offers hungrily awaited. K.D. & S.N.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

Two air mail letters in the same post. One from my son Gerald and wife Jenny sent from Malaysia, saying they were staying in a hotel in Penang. The other from my nephew from the U.S.A., Norman Shopland, who was also staying in Penang at another hotel. I wonder if they will walk down a street and meet? By the way, they are basking in 89°F. Granny Griffin

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Harrison welcomed members to the January meeting of Kenn W.I. and outlined a full programme of events for the coming year. Activities start with the next round in the skittles tournament against Redcliffe Bay on 31st January, followed by a Jumble Sale on February 22nd and a Whist Drive on March 15th. Schedules are available for the Craft Show which is to take the place of the Group Meeting on September 30th.

Members were asked to support the trade stall. There will also be a book stall at future meetings. A bursary for Denman College is available and anyone wishing to take advantage of it is asked to contact a Committee member. Photographs for the 1990 Avon calendar are requested, the theme is 'Waters of Avon'. Used stamps are being collected to help leukaemia sufferers and a good home will be found for used Christmas cards. Ideas for speakers for 1990 are to be brought to the February meeting.

Mr. Ken Marshall gave a most interesting and thought provoking talk on hypnosis and its use in dentistry. He was thanked by Mrs. Bullock. The competition for a fob watch was won by Mrs. Naish, gold; Mrs. Dyer, silver; and Mrs. Surridge, green. The annual prizes for competitions were won by Mrs. Holtham, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Dyer.

At the next meeting Felicity Snook will talk about her recent trip to Australia and the competition is for an Australian item. Entries of a poem entitled 'Eye in the Sky' for the Group Meeting in March will also be judged.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A cheese factory together with a bacon factory; a brewery; a pickle factory; a dairy farm and an engineering consultancy.
 2. About 40 - almost half of the present houses in the village.
 3. It was a bow across the old river Kenn and has now disappeared under the motorway bridge.
 4. Lake Farm in Colehouse Lane. It was built to form a letter 'E' so is probably of the Elizabethan time. Sadly it has fallen into a very bad state of repair.
 5. Mill Farm.
 6. Myrtle Cottage - now the home of John and Sylvia Staples.
 7. Mrs. Olive Griffiths. When the school was closed she took charge of Kingston Seymour School until that was also closed.
 8. At least 50 - the largest number in living memory.
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Dear Ray, Your quizzes are absolutely fascinating and beg a thousand more questions. Please keep the history coming. Kate

COMIC RELIEF 1989

O.K. everybody - what did you all do with your red noses after Comic Relief Day 1988? Yes - you've guessed - you need them again. March 19th is official Comic Relief Day 1989. As is now the tradition in Kenn, these events are not allowed to pass by unnoticed, so how about some ideas.

Contact Kate or Sheila - Yatton 834894 or Yatton 838357.

VILLAGE PARTY FINAL NOTICE

You should now all be aware that the Annual Village Party takes place on Saturday, 4th February in Kenn Village Hall. Starting at 7.30 p.m. the fancy dress parade is judged at 8.00 p.m. with prizes for the categories 4 years and under, 11 years and under, over 11 and adult. Raffle - dancing - entertainment - supper - all for £1 admission. Schoolchildren and under - free

