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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

As we open another monthly magazine, Big Ed is actually writing this on the official first day of Spring. Outside it is wet and windy and all over, the nation is acclimatising to the effects of the Budget. However, in Kenn News & Views we hope you find more cheerful news to lift the gloom. Apart from anything else we have a huge list of birthdays in April although I'm sure we still have a lot of gaps in our birthday and anniversary list. This is particularly important where the children are concerned as we may not have complete families on our list. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Kate and Sheila.

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## DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE - 19th APRIL

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Belated Birthday wishes - Mrs. Chappell, 80 on 7th March

Belated Anniversary wishes - Brian & Juliet Stowell, Pearl Wedding on 17th March.  
Barbara & Jim Middleton, 17th March

## April Birthdays (deep breath)

1st	Clare Stowell
3rd	Antoni Papasolomontos
5th	Robin Taylor
6th	Andrea Waters
8th	Emma Fenwick
11th	Big Ed (not 40 yet but close! Little Ed) (Not as close as some! Big Ed)
21st	Barbara Middleton
22nd	Liz Jaehme
24th	Margaret Stowell
28th	Theresa Waters
29th	Miles Naish

## Anniversary

10th Ray & Jean Naish, Ruby Wedding

## NAISH'S NOTES

Congratulations to Heather Jenkins on becoming a qualified 'first aider' having successfully completed her course.

Marianna Mackay had a very nasty motor accident but we are happy to say that she is recovered and back to her old self again, having been fortunate to escape with minor injuries. Very lucky for someone who runs into a large lorry and writes off her car.

Mrs. Summerell's mother is in Southmead Hospital recovering from a stroke. We wish her well.

Mrs. Jenny Griffin is nursing a broken leg and we wish her a speedy recovery.

We are glad to report that Big Ed is now walking properly again after injuring her foot by falling off her patio. May I say that her patio step is only 1½" difference and she had been drinking Buck's Fizz! (The amazing thing is that the patio suffered no damage! Big Ed.)

Have you heard the one about the lady (heavily pregnant - hairdresser) who, when asked what sort of car she was booking in for a service, announced that she didn't know - but it was blue?

Well done Big Ed for having her letter published in the Clevedon Mercury. Those of you concerned about her possible defection from this magazine to the Mercury can rest assured that she is staying with us - I've taken her nctepad and pencil away between magazines.

KIDS! I

Aren't children great for bringing us down to size. My son came home from school and asked me, quite matter-of-factly, "Mum, have you got an I.Q.?" "Well, I used to have," I said, "before I had you. I think you're talking about Mensa aren't you?" "Well, what do they need?" he asked. Says I "I think it's about 140 or so." "Well, what's yours then?", asks son - "I don't know" says I. End of conversation.

(And for those of you at the BRI presentation evening who said I wouldn't print that - BLAH! and I'll let you know what my I.Q. is when I've finished the test in the Beano! No further comments are now needed - rotten lot!) - (Completely lost for words - Big Ed)

KIDS! II

Mark Pascoe is learning about Rome at school and quite innocently asked Jenny if she was ever a Roman! He went on to say he didn't like the look of Mum, who has been very poorly with her cold sores, announcing that she was ugly!

May I say that both children have noticed a severe shortage in sweets, cakes, fizzy pop and treats since their comments.

The Tramps and Tarts Disco held at the Village Hall on 3rd March raised £308.50 for the Andrew King Lift Fund. His mum Jill wishes to thank everyone concerned for raising the money. This money, together with the funds raised at a Disco in Yatton, will provide both the lift and some bright bedroom furniture for Andrew.

The Kenn Disco was well supported with most people dressed up. The boys looking more 'tartish' than the ladies in some cases and some definitely had better legs. Johnny Hazell provided the music and thanks go to him and Penny for donating the Disco free of charge. We all had a super evening. Does anyone have any ideas for the theme for the next one? Give me a ring on 838357.

KVH Society welcomed a new member this month, namely "Angie from the garage" - does anyone know her surname? Well done Jenny Pascoe for the splendid food at the BRI Presentation Evening. Mrs. Summerell had to dash to hospital on the day of the presentation and could not provide us with a buffet. So at the eleventh hour Jenny rushed round to Safeway and by 8.00 p.m. a smashing well received buffet was on the table. Brilliant. SN

SNIPPETS

On 7th March Mrs. Chappell of the Willows celebrated her 80th birthday - we flew our flag in celebration.

Mr. John Withers has had a short stay in hospital and has now returned home to convalesce.

Community Charge: The Community Charge levied to replace the present rates will start on 1st April 1990. The amount set for Kenn is £425.78p.

Congratulations once again to Joseph Dyer who has won a prize in the anti-smoking competition - well done Joseph.

Kenn Women's Institute will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 18th April at 7.00 p.m. Many stalls - admission 10p.

#### BRI PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, 14th March, a collection of villagers joined together at the Drum and Monkey for the presentation of a cheque for £2,850 to Dr. Sheila Willatts, Consultant in charge of the Intensive Therapy Unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Little Ed, fresh from the lamb maternity wing, presented the cheque - apparently the largest single donation by individuals received to date - and explained that to be honest, it wasn't hard work raising the money as we'd all had such fun doing it.

Hopefully the pictures of the type of equipment we had helped to purchase did not put too many people off their food. Dr. Willatts explained how grateful she was for the donation and asked me to pass on to everyone involved throughout the year, her appreciation. Whilst we hope none of you will ever need to use the equipment you have helped to purchase, it will make a tremendous difference to patients and staff of the ITU. The fund-raising success was also mentioned on Radio Bristol that morning by Roger Bennet. Finally, thanks to Mrs. Lou Summerell for allowing us to hold the presentation at the Drum and Monkey, and for all her co-operation. Jenny Pascoe.

We understand David Gray has taken over the management of the Jet Garage and we wish him every success. It is nice to have such cheerful and willing assistance at our local garage and we are pleased to know David is eager to feel 'a part of Kenn'.

#### JUMBLE SALE

On Wednesday, 7th March, a jumble sale was held in the Village Hall in aid of the Hyperbaric Unit for the treatment of multiple sclerosis at Nailsea. Thank you very much to everyone who helped and to all who gave jumble and bits and pieces. I'm pleased to say we raised nearly £100.

The Hyperbaric Unit in Nailsea has a decompression chamber, similar to the chambers used to treat divers when they deep dive and suffer from 'the bends'. The patients sit in the chambers and breathe pure oxygen for an hour through a face mask, the oxygen being piped directly to the chambers. Depending on what depth in feet suits each individual patient, a session can range from 8 feet to 24 feet. The Unit also funds a physiotherapist as exercise combined with the oxygen treatment is of great benefit and importance to the patients. Mrs. Brightwell, Chairman of the Avon Branch of ARMS (Action Research into Multiple Sclerosis) also offers a counselling service to the patients and their families, if and when necessary. The unit is entirely self-supporting and extremely expensive to run, so they are very grateful for all donations. All proceeds from the Fun Run in September will also be given to the Nailsea Hyperbaric Unit. Visitors are more than welcome to look over the unit and have a coffee and a chat at any time. Jean Fenwick.

#### LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

A supper party for the Clevedon West Conservative branch was held at Rose Cottage, Kenn Street, on 24th February and raised £352.50 for party funds. The next event will be a coffee morning at the same address on 23rd June, when new members will be particularly welcome. Joyce Kent.

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting was held, as usual, at Kenn Village Hall, with the President Mrs. Dyer in the Chair.

After apologies and the business, future events were noted, including a Jumble Sale on 18th April, the Group Meeting on 4th April, the next round of the skittles tournament on the 2nd April at Kingston Seymour, a Quiz (to which a team will be sent) on 31st March.

The highlight of the evening was a video made by Mrs. Pat Davies, illustrated by vivid slides and tape, of her visit to 'Alternative Greece', part of which she and her husband had made on foot, and which included deserted mountains and valleys, rivers and beaches. Many questions were asked and Mrs. Kingcott thanked Mrs. Davies for a truly enthralling experience.

There were two competitions. The first for an amusing holiday snap resulting in a Gold for Mrs. Bubb; Silver for Mrs. Ings and a Green for Mrs. Jackson. The second for a scenic holiday snap resulted in another Gold for Mrs. Bubb; a Silver for Mrs. Harrison and a Green for Mrs. Ings. Mrs. Bubb's entry will be entered at a Group Meeting.

At the April meeting there will be a talk by a representative of the Automobile Association and the competition is for a car rescue anecdote in not more than 50 words.

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The old Ox House, Coxhay, Kenn Street, has been passed for conversion to a three bedroomed cottage and will be sold by auction shortly. This is quite an interesting building, the entrance is by several attractive stone arches. The ground floor is a cattle shed but above this are the remains of a dwelling house. The fire grate is still there and you can see where the window and the doorway were built in. The entrance must have been up a ladder from the roadside. No one can remember it being used as a house. It has been written that the Sunday School in Kenn was many years ago (probably in the mid-1800's) held above a cattle shed - I wonder if it was this one.

I would like to invite people who are interested to have a look around this old building and feel free to take photos before it changes ownership. The present entrance is through the gate beside the house called 'Coxhay'. Ray Naish.

## HILDA JOYCE BENDLE

The people in the village who knew her were shocked and saddened when they were told of the sudden death of Joyce, nee Bye, at her home in Yatton at the age of 65 years.

Joyce came to live at Kenn Pier Farm with her parents and her brother Ralph in 1934 and lived there until her marriage about 40 years ago. During her life here she joined in many village activities, always attending the dances and dancing classes that were held in the Village Hall before the last war and in the years immediately after the war was over. In wartime Joyce was a member of the Kenn Red Cross, as were almost all the girls in the village at that time and did much good work in local hospitals.

Joyce was a quiet, reserved person whose chief interest was her home and family. At her funeral in Yatton Church there was a large congregation, many of them her friends from Kenn.

Our sympathy is extended to her husband Peter, her two daughters and her grandchildren.  
Ray Naish.

## DENMEAD'S DOODLINGS

Hopefully we have seen the last of the gales which hit us during the last few days of February. So severe were they that Australian television were broadcasting pictures of storm-hit Clevedon. This prompted ex-villager Jackie Houston to telephone Juliet Stowell on 28th February to make sure everyone was all right. After being reassured we were all fine, Jackie passed on all good wishes to friends and neighbours in Kenn.

Following my letter in the Mercury I had a visit from a policeman living in Congresbury. He is actually a police horseman who patrols in Bristol and thankfully did not come to 'feel my collar'. What he did tell me was that the Highway Code is not law. Its contents are by way of suggestions, advise as to the use of the roads and only point out certain laws at the back. However, nowhere can I find that this publication is only suggestion. What is more, there is only one law regarding horseriders on public highways - that they must not ride on pavements. They can even go the wrong way down one-way streets! This leaves me almost speechless as we are all aware of the slogan "Be seen, be Safe". So in the absence of a law over horses carrying sufficient illumination after dark, it is up to the rider to use some good old-fashioned common sense. Not to do so strikes me as reckless and just plain daft. K.D.

### FROM THE POND

Since last month we have had a couple of happy events. About three weeks ago I happened to spot a lone frog sitting in the pond looking somewhat pensive. It vanished and we haven't seen it again. A couple of days after seeing the frog I received a present from a kind friend - a large box containing about half a dozen toads was left overnight on my doorstep. I quickly popped them in the pond and they did what toads do. Next morning I had lots of lovely toad spawn and also lots of frog spawn. The wanderer must have returned with a friend. Sadly they have all vanished again - I suspect the toads are walking back to Filton.

The next problem will be to stop the pond becoming a fast food takeaway for snakes.

Another thought, I have a few tomato plants available. They are 'Shirley' and are for growing in a greenhouse. If anyone would like them do please ring me on 877392. Iris G.

P.S. I've just been down to the pond and I'm delighted to say we have some tiny taddies!

### FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - Whilst I have been thoroughly enjoying the past few days in the garden I have thought of you deep in your books. This has been a very busy time - digging, weeding, planting, feeding, pruning and mowing. It has been thoroughly enjoyable - until the following day.

If you like to use herbs, now is a good time to sow the seeds. These would be good to grow in pots. You could leave them on the windowsill to germinate and then have them in pots on the patio. Even if you don't use them for cooking they are nice to have around for the scent. This is also of course the time to freshen up houseplants by washing off the dust - not St. Paulias, of course - then tidying them up by removing any dead leaves and trimming off any straggly bits, then giving them a good feed. Only pot them on if they really need it. Yours - Uncle Freddie

### FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - Guess what we did this week ...had the back garden turfed! Yes, we've given up on the concrete jungle because of the time involved in actually laying it all. So on Monday this week, two nice chaps turned up and laid us a lovely green carpet to replace the brown one we had before. There can't be a single blade that the lovely Cassy has left 'unsniffed' but at least she hasn't dug any holes - yet. However, we have now decided to sell the house so we won't be doing much to the garden now except keeping it tidy. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can start again with a new garden - with any luck in time to sow seeds straight in the ground for a blaze of summer colour.

Keep everything crossed for us.

P.S. My thanks to Mr. R. J. Hazell for his letter which I will act upon. Kate.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - Congresbury - 3 bed semi. Spacious with new kitchen including hob, oven and hood. Large lounge/diner, utility room, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, partially boarded loft with ladder. Recently decorated throughout. Garage, tidy gardens and Bar-B-Que. Realistically priced for quick sale - £74,950. Tel Yatton 834894

FOR SALE - Knitted Dolls made to order. 18" high. B.S. safety filling. Any design attempted. So far done - farmer, bride, groom, cricketer, nurse. On average one week to ten days delivery. £10 each. Tel Yatton 834894

AN ODE TO KENN

Bristol people rarely smile  
Being urban, squat and full of guile  
And Langford men in the far south  
Are dark and fierce and strange of mouth.  
At Failand they fling oaths at one  
And worse than oaths at Burrington.  
People shake with fear and dread  
Whenever they visit Portishead.  
Wraxall girls are mean and dirty  
And there's none in Nailsea under thirty.  
Folk in Easton and those parts  
Have twisted lips and twisted hearts.  
Yatton's men make dirty rhymes  
And Weston's full of nameless crimes.  
Things are done you'd not believe  
In Clevedon every Christmas Eve.  
Strong men have run for miles and miles  
When one from Kingston Seymour smiles.  
Many men kill off their wiveses (sic)  
Rather than send them to Devizes.  
Strong men have cried like babes, by damn  
When they heard what happened at Tickenham.  
But Kenn - Ah Kenn's the place to be  
Where there is honey still for tea.  
Kenn's the one place I know  
Where folk with valiant hearts may go.  
So get ye up and take a train  
And travel back to Kenn again.  
In Kenn the men do all they ought  
And girls obey the rules of thought  
And when they get to feeling old  
They up and shoot themselves I'm told.  
But Kenn could be far nicer yet  
If t'were returned to Somerset.  
We beg release from Avon's pain  
And Somerset will smile again.

Anon.

