

# KENN NEWS + VIEWS.

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Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Unfortunately our plea for Christmas drawings has fallen on deaf ears. However we are most grateful to Leon Naish for his work on this month's cover. He will be suitably rewarded. With so many children in Kenn we were disappointed and disheartened with the lack of response to the competition but we remain undaunted.

It is our duty this month to say a big thankyou to Mrs Jo Cooper who has been our magazine typist practically from the beginning. Jo feels unable to continue as she has greater working commitments, but we thank her sincerely for all her time and effort in the past. This month we are being helped by Libby Wilcox, who also receives our great thanks, but there is a vacancy for this post and offers would be gratefully received. Please telephone either of us if you feel you could help.

Finally may we wish all our readers, contributors and helpers a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Kate & Sheila

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## DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE - 20th DECEMBER

## Birthdays

Firstly we send belated 80th birthday wishes to Mr Toby Gale who celebrated the occasion in November but unfortunately we were not informed.

## December Birthdays

2nd	Alex Gaunt Libby Wilcox
4th	Sally Whitehead Roger Jenkins
10th	Louise Pugh Tom Clarke

## NAISH'S NOTES

## FUND RAISING 1

Our News and Views fund raising day is now on December 4th when we are all welcome for a coffee morning at Kenn Court by kind invitation of Mrs Dyer. Please come and support us. See details printed further on.

## FUND RAISING 11

The Christmas Disco on the 15th December is in aid of Cancer Reasearch. Again, details to follow.

## FUND RAISING 111

The Cheese & Wine in aid of Village Hall funds is on December 1st.

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party is to be held in the village hall on 5th December; and finally for your diary, the annual Kenn Family Party is to be held on Saturday 26th January 1991

We are pleased to see Angie (up the garage !) back at work, thankfully fit and well after her operation.

#### CONDOLENCES

Sadly Jimm Middleton passed away in Ham Green Hospital and our love and best wishes go to Barbara and family.

NOT A WRINKLY YET !!... To the farmer who asked if I was 41 on my birthday - no ! Bloomin' cheek !

...NOR A CABBAGE ! Thank you to my team mates at the Quiz Night who were so impressed by my performance they bought me a badge which reads " I'm smarter than I Look". I wear it with pride! I think it was a compliment. Yes we were 5th from the top

#### FANTASTIC NEWS

The Charity fundraising Committee are delighted to announce that our total stands at £2952.16p with the Christmas Disco still to go. This is already more than last year. Absolutely marvellous ! Personally I'd like to thank everyone for their support and generosity this year. Its been super fun again and I hope we can continue in 1991

THANKS to the following people for their support and help in getting the magazine out each month: Big Ed, Mrs R.Dyer, Mr Ray Naish, Uncle Freddie and Auntie, Iris Goldsworthy, The Women's Institute, Mrs Jo Cooper, Mrs Margaret, Stowell, Barbara Middleton and all who deliver it. Finally, a very Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.  
Sheila Naish

Thank you to you as well Little Ed.... from Big Ed and everyone else.

CHRISTMAS CRIB SERVICE; St John's Church ,Kenn. 3pm December 24th

#### SINCERE THANKS

I would like to say 'Thank You' for all the cards, letters, flowers and kindness I received in my recent bereavement. Thank you also to everyone who came to the funeral. There can't be many villages like ours, with such considerate and kind people. Thank you once again.  
Barbara Middleton

Dad and family would like to thank all our Kenn friends for their kind messages of sympathy in the loss of mother. Mum visited Kenn frequently and enjoyed many happy hours here. Thank you everyone.  
Jean Ings & family

#### SNIPPETS

Mr Roland Hazell was awarded third prize in the Granulated Honey class at the Yatton Horticulture Show. Congratulations !

Kenn is included in the restrictions on the use of water for non-essential items owing to the continued lack of rainfall following our extremely long dry summer.

A warm welcome to the Baillie family who have moved into 1, Court Cottage.

On November 14th our flag was flown to celebrate the birthdays of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales and Mr Toby Gale. A surprise party, arranged by relations and friends was held at Portbury House to celebrate Toby's 80th birthday

Duncan McKay and Mrs B. Russell have both broken toes recently. We wish them both a speedy recovery

MR JIM MIDDLETON

We are very sorry to record the passing of Mr Jim Middleton on November 3rd after a long illness.

Before the Middleton family came to live at the Post Office some ten years ago Mr Middleton had served in the R.E.M.E for many years. He spent part of his service in Keyna where he had the unique experience of crossing the Equator four times every day in the course of Army duties.

After leaving the Army Mr Middleton worked for the Ministry of Transport until he retired to help Mrs Middleton with the Post Office and Shop. Unfortunately his health deteriorated and he passed away in Ham Green Hospital. Throughout his illness he received much love and support from Mrs Middleton and her family to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Our flag was flown at half mast for the funeral which took place at Kenn Church on November 9th when a large congregation of friends, relations and neighbours were present.

R.M.D.

To our editors Typists and printers and distributors.

A warm thank you for the time and energy you have given to Kenn folk to make Kenn Views and News such a success.

To all our readers.

Please do not leave contributions to the old faithfuls every month, take up your pens and pencils and write about your experiences, your jobs, your hopes and ambitions, the fun in your lives - do try to help in 1991

TOM BAKER

Mrs Rose Baker would like to thank all those who made donations in memory of Tom. She has now heard from Clevedon Cottage Hospital that the total raised in his memory has reached £336.36.

STONEHOUSE, KENN STREET

I should like to thank all who gave me presents and cards on my 80th birthday: and also Bob and Ruth, Margaret, Roger and Irene for the party. Toby Gale

KENN KIDS ON WHEELS

On Sunday 13th October, 13 bikes were packed into the back of a horsebox (with one or two extras in the boots of mums' and Dads' cars) and many of the village children set off to Bath to do a sponsored bike ride along the Avon Cycle Way to Bristol - 13½ miles.

The ride was the idea of Daniel Quinn and Ian Pascoe and a school chum, who are encouraged at Backwell School to raise money for the school charity - The Kidney Fund at Southmead Hospital.

We also got lots of extra help from the village by way of support, especially with photocopying and transportation - even though Daniel's dad didn't realise he'd been volunteered to drive the horsebox until a few days beforehand!

The day was a great success. The kids set off at a great pace - the mum who hadn't ridden a bike for 20years and her young son were given a head start! Stops were available en route for refreshments and the chance to give up if necessary. All those who were doubtful if they could make the first pit stop without giving up, were determined to keep going to the end. Our youngest rider, on a bike rather too small for him, so that he had to pedal twice as much as everyone else, was most put out at his enforced rest period due to parental intervention, but was back in the saddle 3 miles further on, to complete the course having done about 10miles.

Our other 'hero' was a schoolfriend of Daniels' and Ians', who having suffered a nasty fall, went back to where he fell off 2 hours later and completed the course on his own, so as to be able to say he had finished.

It proved a great afternoon out with safe cycling for kids - so what about it Kennites? Can we do it as a village next year? A family day out with the

kids - What about it ? ( start training now Sheila !)  
And who knows where we can borrow a cattle truck for the bikes ?....  
At the end of the day the ride raised £145. Jenny Pascoe

#### PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE HALL

Most people have now heard that my sisters, Margaret Crossman, Daphne Veale and myself would like to present to the village, an area of land in Coxhay Orchard for the purpose of building a new village hall, plus an area for parking - play space. If this offer is accepted by the residents, we would have to ask that the present village hall, which stands on our property, be dismantled and removed, and any claim that the present Hall committee may have on the land it stands on be rescinded.

If I can explain to our readers that the present village hall stands on land that is within the village fence - in other words is eligible for housing development so therefore is quite valuable - I don't consider that we are acting in an unreasonable way by trying to obtain complete possession of this land, taking into account the fact that we are offering land for a new hall to be built. As long as the present village hall stands on our land, in real terms it is costing us upwards of £150 per week in lost income - a state of affairs that I don't consider we should be expected to carry for much longer. Do people realise that our family has allowed the hall to stand on our property for 66 years for a peppercorn rent of £1 per Year !! Ray Naish

On Saturday 10th November an open meeting was held in the Kenn Village Hall to which all Kenn residents were invited by Messrs John Griffin and Roger Wilcox. The purpose of this meeting was to inform those in attendance of Mr Ray Naish's offer and to gauge the popularity or otherwise of the IDEA of a new village hall.

Copies of the plan of the proposed building were distributed and everyone was shown around the site behind the existing hall - access via a drive way from the field gate next to the existing hall entrance.

On returning to the meeting, Mr Wilcox pointed out that the exercise was dependent on three factors:-

- a) That full co-operation of all existing shareholders was required before any decision was taken.
- b) That all claims by the present Hall Committee be rescinded.
- c) That Planning Permission would be granted for the building on the existing hall site.

He then went on to point out the benefits of a new hall :-

for example : off road parking  
                  large play area  
                  noise reduction  
                  modern facilities

and the fact that the existing hall would possibly last until the year 2000. He also told the meeting that although the proposed site is beyond the village fence, this does not present a problem with planning as the building would not be a dwelling.

Supposing the proposal was accepted, Mr Wilcox pointed out that finance was the major aspect and went on to suggest some of the ways funds may be raised : for example:

new shareholders  
grant  
Brewery sponsorship  
Sports Council Grant  
John James Trust  
fundraising events

The meeting closed after a show of hands of those in favour of a feasibility

study being carried out by a working party of 5 volunteers.  
Another meeting will be arranged in January for up to date information.

It will become necessary to contact, at some point in time, all the present Hall's shareholders. Unfortunately a complete list is not available. If you are a shareholder or know of someone who holds shares, please could you make them know to Ray Naish. Kate or Sheila will also pass names on to the relevant people. Kate Denmead.

#### TRAVELLER'S TALE

At the end of April Rosemary left the Caribbean on the liner, Regent Sea, to sail to Alaska for the Alaskan - Vancouver fortnightly run. The journey took about a month, going through the Panama Canal and calling at various ports for sightseeing trips - Acapulco, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver before arriving at Whittier, near Anchorage. It was bitterly cold and there was plenty of snow about. Whittier is a very small town with only 350 inhabitants, one store, a launderette and 2 pubs. They spent many happy weekends exploring the wilderness and woods, trudging through snow, seeing many abandoned cabins and the occasional bear. The next port of call was Ketchikan, the Salmom capital of Alaska, where they went on a canoe adventure tour on a mountain lake in the Tongass National Forest. They also visited The Totem Heritage and Rain Forest in the Totem State Park which is a former Indian Campsite. The totems were rather awesome standing among hemlock trees, they also saw the world's largest pulp mill and a salmon hatchery. They then called in at Juneau where they went on a helicopter flight to the Mendenhall Glacier, landing on the glacier floor - the silence and views were breathtaking with the massive rock sentinels towering 3,000ft above. They were all provided with moon boots and champagne and all wore evening dress! They also visited The Gold Creek Salmon Bake where they could see the salmon being barbecued and had a delicious picnic. A gold mine was the next stop where they all had a go at gold panning. At Skagway they went on the White Pass Railway Tour. This is now used for tourists but years ago was used by the Yukon goldmines, the Alaskan construction and mining developments. The journey took them to the international boundary between Canada and the U.S.A. They also visited the Gold Rush Cemetery, museums and an Orthodox Cathedral before arriving at Vancouver. In August they sailed back to the Caribbean and did fortnightly trips to Los Angeles. On November 2nd they sailed for a 49 day cruise around South America.  
Mary Willcox

#### KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was an election for Committee Members at the Annual General Meeting at Kenn W. I. in November. Mrs Bubb was elected as President for 1991. Mrs Dobbs thanked the retiring committee for all the work which made 1990 into such a successful year.

The birthday party was much enjoyed by all who attended and enthusiastic thankyou letters have been received from guests. Mrs Bubb gave reports on the Group Meeting at Clevedon and the Polish Evening at Portishead. Mrs Jackson had been to the New Orleans evening, Mrs Harrison and other members had visited Cleeve Nurseries. A team of members was successful at the Quiz evening at the village hall. Mrs Aldrick was congratulated on winning the bowl for Kenn at the group Meeting with her embroidered card. Kenn will be hostess institute at the next Group Meeting in March. The skittles team has a bye in the first round and must play in the second round in February.

Mrs Yvonne Bell gave an interesting and stimulating talk on Harrods in Edwardian times. She illustrated the fruits of her researches with some

fascinating slides. The competition for an Edwardian fashion item was won by Mrs Dyer, gold, Mrs Aldrick, silver, Mrs Harris, green. The Christmas card post box will be opened at the December meeting. A collection will be made for A.C.W.W. The talk will be an adventure in fashion and colour by Miss Stone and the competition will be for a scarf worn in an interesting way.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The comments of the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition have been received. They are as follows:-

The plan was adequate. There was next to no litter, which is good considering the handicap of the main road. The churchyard and cross were well looked after. The hall surroundings were tidy and we liked the flower baskets at the pub and post office. Good children's posters. A good effort ! The Parish Council has suggested to the organisers that it would make a change to hold a competition in the Spring. A lot of villages are at their most attractive at bulb and blossom time. No reply to this idea has yet been received.

The Parish Council is continuing to worry away at the question of the speed of traffic in the village rather in the way of water wearing away a stone. We have asked whether it would be possible to have signs in Kenn Street warning about horse riders. A reply has not been forthcoming at the time of going to press. Another try is to be made to get a speed limit through the village on the main road, and some signs welcoming careful drivers to Kenn.

#### MEMORIES

I was interested to read in the notice about Tom Baker in the October magazine that he had had a flight with the National Aviation Display when it came to Kenn. I was on the ground staff driving heavy lorries during 1932-33. The Display run by Sir Alan Cobham came to my father's farm at Churchdown in Gloucestershire and I joined them there. The base was at Littlehampton and we travelled around England, Scotland and Wales. I never came to Kenn. the ground staff were used as guinea pigs to test the landing grounds and were taken on flights at each venue.

George R. Holtham.

#### KENN HISTORY

Extract from Clevedon Mercury - 22nd December 1877

' At the Railway Hotel, Yatton on Monday, The Rose and Crown beerhouse - situate in the parish of Kenn - was sold for £415.' (now the Drum & Monkey) Ray Naish

Congratulations - Justin and Leon Naish who passed their blue and green Karate belt grades.

#### QUIZ NIGHT

If anyone ever tells you you can get more than 26 tables, 104 chairs and 110 people, comfortably in Kenn Village Hall, you can tell they've never been to one of our Quiz Nights !! This was 'capacity crowd' at its utmost, and only achieved by the generous loan of extra furniture.

Needless to say, everyone seemed to have a jolly good time with thankfully fewer arguments than on previous occasions. This is all down to question setting. At one point I was going to include - How many wheels has a double decker bus ? The answer I'd be looking for would be 4, ie. those that touch the road.... but I could foresee trouble when it came to steering wheels, cogs, gears, ticket machines and so avoided inclusion.

There were several humorous moments worthy of publication ;-

Q. How is Shirley Crabtree better known ? (Big Daddy)

A. Shirley Bassey !

Shirley Tempole  
Shirley Maclaine  
Dusty Springfield  
Barbara Windsor

Q. What is a Kukri ? - (curved Gurka dagger)

A. A vegetable

Q. Which modern day city had the Roman name Glevum ? (Gloucester)

A. Accrington Stanley

Q. Which 'ology' is the study of fish ? ( Piscatology)

A. Ask the man when he brings the fish and chips ! Chipology.

There is likely to be a considerable reduction in volume when it comes to carol singing and the last line of the last verse of Away in a Manger - only 10% of the teams got it right. And on the other musical round when I played the Classical Ads themes I asked for the title of the 'Kleenex Tissus' music. I had to smile when I read the incorrect answer ?

being advertised:- Vauxhall (Kleenex)

title piece :- Cavalier Rusticaris (Cavalleria Rusticana)

It reminded me of Radio 2 presenter, Ken Bruce's version of the same title - translation : My Vauxhall has dodgy bodywork !

At half-time we enjoyed a well earned fish and chip supper provided by Nailsea Fish Bar (Clevedon) and organised and provided by Jenny Pascoe and Sheila Naish.

Simon Pascoe and Richard Gaunt once more took care of the liquid refreshment department and Sheila sold a whole book of 500 raffle tickets. Thankfully the Cavalry arrived in the form of Margaret Stowell with fresh supply of tickets. It was a great pleasure that the 1st prize of a bottle of wine each was awarded to a 'home team', the Women's Institute represented by Mrs Ruth Dyer, Mrs Mary Lamb, Mrs Julia Bush and Miss Ann Holtham. Only 5 points separated them from second place team from the Blue Flame who won boxes of chocolates. The booby prizes, a copy each of The Sun with the crossword completed went to Q.Pugh and the Ugly Two. You will note that last year's booby prize winner has improved herself and joined the worthy 5th place winners.

Thanks to everyone who came and to all the helpers- particularly Jenny and Simon who were each involved in heavy work commitments that week. Jenny was especially grateful to all those who took their money to her instead of vice-versa. Special, special thanks to Justin and Leon Naish and Timothy Denmead who acted as 'runners' and were absolutely shattered by the end of the evening.

A total of £229.04 was raised in aid of The Meningitis Trust.

Well done all. Back in March !

Kate Denmead.

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - In your letter last month you asked about plants for a north-facing fence. You said that grass is reluctant to grow; does the grass go right up to the fence ? If so I would have it up and compost the grass and roots, then, if I were patient, I would cover the entire surface of what was to be a new bed with black plastic, well anchored with stones and this I would leave for a year. However, I have never been accused of being over-patient so I would in fact dig and weed it well, adding plenty of compost, peat and farmyard muck together with blood, fish and bone meal. After all that hard work, the fun begins. I gather from your letter of September that you have removed the dreaded Russian Vine and also Honeysuckle. Dose this mean that you do not want anything on the fence ? If not, how about Clematis ? Orientalis Bill Mackenzie is lovely with yellow lantern shaped flowers and shining seed heads in Autumn. In fact there are a lot of Clematis which would be suitable for this aspect and they are not too rampant but would require wires to cling to.



The montanas are also suitable but much more rampant. If not climbers, how about pyracanthas to hide the fence and back the bed ? There are various coloured berries and they could be trained to grow along sideways along the fence. Then there are Camellias - providing they don't get too much sun in the morning which would spoil their bloom - this should be ideal. Also Garrya Eliptica, Euonymous Fortunei, Jasmine Nudiflorum, Choysia though not I think 'Sundance' which like most golden leaved plants needs sunshine to keep its colour. Having said this, the Lemon Balm Officinalis Aurea would be good and bright gold. Hydrangeas, Arum Lilies, Iris Foetidissima - the one with insignificant flowers but lovely berries in the Autumn, also Dwarf Bearded Iris, Ladies Mantle, Astrantia, Bergenia, Solomon Seal including the one with variegated leaves, some of the Perennial Geranium, Hostas and Hellebores should also be good there and how about ferns? There are some lovely shapes, quite easy and not fussy about soil. Foxgloves and Hollyhocks and many annuals, these could be underplanted with bulbs and Lily of the Valley. Enough my pen is running away with me and you are really spoilt for choice especially starting from scratch.

I have an apology to make to our 'Cherry Sad Gardener'. Please forgive me for not replying last month - put it done to anno-domini.

Now it is a little difficult to diagnose what ails your Weeping Cherry without seeing the patient. It could, of course, be too dry at the roots due to two very dry summers - on the other hand it could sadly be Honey Fungus which is fatal! Has there been any yellow brown toadstools at the base of the tree ? Are there any small orangey spots on the bark ? Is the bark loose and are you able to pull it away from the trunk ? If so, and there is a white mould with a distinct smell of mushroom, then I am afraid this is the trouble. There is no cure and the tree should be removed with as many roots as possible and everything should be burnt, together with as many of the long black strands underground as you can find, since these will spread the disease to other trees and bushes. You can try drenching the ground with Phenalic Emulsion to prevent the spread but it would not be a good idea to replant. If on the other hand, it is too dry and the grass grows right up the tree, I would try digging up the grass for say, two or three feet all round, gently open the soil, feed with some blood fish and bonemeal and a little of the good stuff never goes amiss, and plenty of water.

Good Luck ! and a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year to you all !  
YOURS UNCLE FREDDIE AND AUNTIE

FROM H Q'

Dear Uncle Freddie - You leave me quite breathless ! I'd no idea there was so much to choose from for a north - facing fence. I like the sound of the none too rampant Clematis and I'm delighted you mentioned Hollyhocks as they form part of my plan for a cottage garden. Also I love Camellias but am I right in thinking they are lime-hating like Rhododendrons and Azaleas ? Whatever I decide to select you have certainly given me plenty to get on with. You will recall I spent an afternoon in August replanting my hanging baskets with winter-flowering Pansies. Two and a half months on they are absolutely super, having filled all the gaps to capacity and even started to 'trail'. The ones on the front of the house get the morning sun - such as there is in Winter and have done much better than those at the back which get very little - proof positive of the benefit of those precious rays. Well, time has run out on me - I'm off to put the kettle on and plan my new border. Thank you so much for your ideas.  
Yours Kate.

A MOMENT OF THOUGHT

Lord, make old people tolerant,  
young folk sympathetic,  
great folk humble,  
busy folk patient,  
bad folk good,  
and make me what I ought to be.

These are all things that, put into practice, help us to treat our families, friends and neighbours with greater consideration - and make life as a whole run smoothly.

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Tel. 875156  
Les has worked for many people in the village  
and comes highly recommended

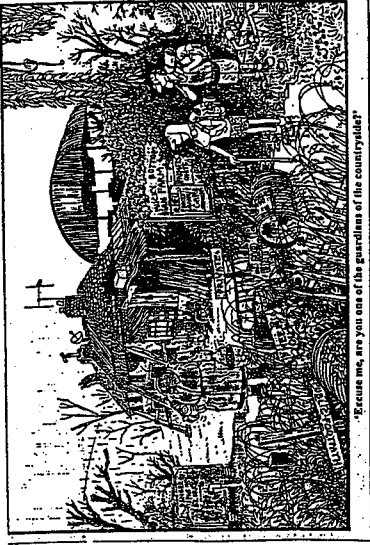
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**COFFEE MORNING**  
 TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 10.30<sup>AM</sup>  
 KENN COURT

RAFFLE IN AID OF  
 KENN MEN'S 3 VIEWS

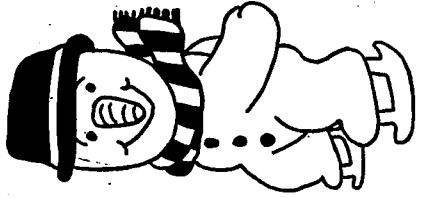
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\*Excuse me, are you one of the gentlemen of the countryside?

**CHRISTMAS DISCO**  
 THEME: RITZ - GLITZ AND CHRISTMAS BITZ

SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 8<sup>PM</sup> - 11.45  
 KENN VILLAGE HALL  
 BAR RAFFLE IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH TRUST £2.50 from SHEILA NAIGAI, KENN 504



The village has been offered a piece of land behind the existing hall, for the purpose of building a new hall. At present it would give Messrs John Griffin and Roger Wilcox some idea of your opinion on the idea, if the following form could be filled in and sent back to Kenn Stores, Kate or Sheila. You do not need to give your name unless you wish to. There is no commitment to the new hall at this stage. Your co-operation is much appreciated

A: I THINK THE OFFER AND THE IDEA ARE GOOD

B. I DO NOT THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA

NAME: (optional).....

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