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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Kenn News and Views is a magazine for the villagers, by the villagers, with comments and articles by friends welcomed. Kate and I only gather up and collate the material for the magazine. We have never altered an article in content, only perhaps an odd spelling mistake. We do not feel that is our job to 'vet' articles. We will, of course, never print anything libellous or containing bad language. However, it is not for us to decide whether one person's opinion on something will differ from another's and therefore should or shouldn't be printed. We print what is sent in to us with open minds. If we have any opinions of our own they are given in due course, as are anyone else's. We live in a democracy where freedom of speech is a privilege and long may we enjoy that freedom.

Kate and Sheila

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Perseverance wins the day! The diary has come to light and so we can now publish belated birthday and anniversary wishes for September followed by this month's celebrations.

September	5th	Jill Pike
	8th	Hilda Staples Donald Staples
	10th	Howard Watkins
	18th	Jean Fenwick
	24th	Iris and Dennis Goldsworthy - Wedding Anniversary
	25th	Jim Middleton
	28th	Heather Jenkins
October	3rd	Gill Taylor
	4th	Roland Hazell
	26th	Justin Naish

NAISH'S NOTES

Angie (up the garage) has had a nasty fall at home but happily is back with us all - shaken but not stirred! and is now the proud owner of a child-proof gate at the top of her stairs to stop any such fall happening again.

I have been asked NOT to mention who put fabric conditioner into their dishwasher instead of dishwasher liquid, due to the fact that they felt rather 'soft' afterwards; but I couldn't resist the story.

Kid's Quotes: "Mum - why is it that your face is all lined and wrinkly in the morning but it looks nice when you've got your make-up on tonight?....!!"

Child: "Mum, why did God make us so that we've got to eat?" (pained expression when being nagged to eat his tea.)

Mum: "I don't know."

Child: "Well, why is it?"

Mum: "I don't know, ask the Vicar."

(Note to Vicar - Well, why did he?)

Congratulations to Brian Tyrell who won a consolation prize recently in the Gloucester County cricket Club Draw.

CALLANETICS

The Callanetics Class has been put on hold for the time being. More news later for classes starting after Christmas.

DISCO

The disco to be held at Kingston Seymour on 6th October will have all proceeds given to Cot Death Research. All welcome. Tickets from Kenn Shop or Sheila.

Timothy Denmead and friend David are going to do a sponsored walk for Cot Death Research around the local playing field on the same weekend. Anyone willing to sponsor them please contact Sheila or Kate.

Sheila Naish

SAMANTHA LOUISE

Many thanks to everyone who has 'phoned or called in or just stopped Miles or myself recently, offering love and support to us all during our sad time when Jeff and Stella's lovely baby Samantha died. We cannot and could not at the time thank everyone enough. It was a comfort to us all knowing how much people were thinking of us all. Jeff and Stella have asked me to pass their thanks on to everyone who has been so kind to them and caring.

Sheila Naish

THE FUN RUN

This year's event was a roaring success with more people than ever attending. The weather turned up trumps for us following a very cloudy start, the sun came out and shone all afternoon.

The three mile run had over 30 entrants with three wheelchair entries. This race was won in 19 minutes 10 seconds by Jeremy Osbourne, closely followed by Tim Harris - 19 minutes 20 seconds- and third Mark Knight - 19 minutes 25 seconds. A close race! Julian Wilcox was the first Junior back at 21 minutes 10 seconds - well done. The first lady back was Sally Burdon, 22 minutes 30 seconds. 'Mrs. Thatcher' turned up late and clinging onto Brian Tyrell ran round in 35 minutes - thanks to them for raising £51.50 in sponsorship money.

The 1½ mile race was entered by just about everyone else including many senior citizens - well done to them. This race was won by Tom Corke for the children and a very hot and sticky Andy Boyle from Duck Lane for the adults and who was only talked into entering the day before! Kenn Street was a sea of happy, smiling faces. We did have a few cars arrive in the middle but they were only allowed to pass when they had very generously donated to our cause.

The BBQ and games afterwards were enjoyed by all. McDonalds came and gave out orange juice to the children and then gave all their profits to us.

The children -v- adults rounders match was won by the children. (Adults will do better next year!)

On the whole a very enjoyable, happy afternoon was had by all. Thanks must be given to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Auty especially for sponsoring the event, enabling all the money raised from the refreshments to be pure profit. Thanks also to the Blue Flame Inn and Tripp Robbins garage for their donations - to everyone who helped on the day, everyone who turned out to support us, everyone who donated raffle prizes and anyone else I may have forgotten.

To date we have over £1100 in the kitty with one week left for money to come in, so if you are still collecting your sponsorship money please hurry. This is a fantastic sum, we are absolutely overwhelmed by people's generosity. We were delighted that several people from the MS Unit in Nailsea could come and join in with us; the people who were pushed around the 3 mile course showing us all what true spirit is. Well done. All monies from this event will be given to the ARMS Group Centre in Nailsea when they have been collected.

Sheila Naish

P.S. For all of those of you who thought Jenny and I had chickened out of the run, may I inform you that we went round the 1½ mile course later on two children's bikes!! which were too small for us and I had the bruises on a part of my anatomy for one week afterwards! I will run next time.

P.P.S. Mr. David Grey (Jet Garage) was the only entrant to cycle round the 3 mile course and came riding in after 47 minutes 18 seconds, just when we had all forgotten him! Perhaps he'd be quicker running next year.

SNIPPETS

Welcome Home - A warm welcome to James Griffin and Robert Bessant who returned to Kenn after travelling and working their way round the world.

Fun Run - Congratulations and well done to everybody who helped to make the Kenn Fun Run such a huge success.

Our flag was flown for both celebrations.

September 11th - We were very sad to fly our flag at half-mast for the funeral of little Samantha Louise Naish, aged eight months. To all her family we send our sincere sympathy.

As we go to press we are sorry to record the passing of Mr. Tom Baker on September 22nd. Our flag flew at half-mast.

A Long Walk - James Mackay and a friend completed their cross-country walk from St. Bee's Head to Robin Hood's Bay - a total of two hundred miles.

Dog Obedience Trials - Once again several fields in Kenn were used for Dog Obedience Trials. We hear some of the owners and their dogs were staying locally and the owners were very pleased with the hospitality they received at our local hostelry.

Our Former "Bobby" - Many Kenn residents will remember the time when Mr. Claxton pedalled around his 'beat' in Kenn, calling at many homes en route. Those were the days when we all knew our local Constable and he knew us. To his family we send our sympathy.

Kenn Village Hall - Once again we are extremely grateful to Mr. John Ings for his work in decorating the cloakrooms in the hall.

The final cost of the new tiles in the ladies' cloakroom and kitchen was £510.

The hall is now in good condition to be used and enjoyed by Kenn people - we hope every event arranged will be enjoyed and supported by as many Kenn people as possible.

Return to Somerset - According to County Councillors and press reports, moves are afoot to return Local Government to the City of Bristol with the result that the much disliked and unwanted County of Avon will be buried once and for all.

Prizewinner - Mr. Mark Ayres, while on holiday, entered a talent competition and won a clock for his singing - congratulations.

Return Home - We are pleased to know Mr. John Stowell has returned home to continue his convalescence.

Mr. Whitehead is at present in Weston Hospital.

R.M.D.

MR. TOM BAKER

Mr. Tom Baker passed away in Clevedon on 22nd September 1990. Tom was a true countryman who lived and worked in Kenn for many years.

Before the war he worked at Kenn Court before leaving to work at Black Rock Quarry, until he was called up to serve in the Royal Artillery. He saw active service in Italy when he was in the battle of Monte Casino.

When Sir Allan Scott's air pageant was held in the thirties in Park at Kenn Court, Tom was one of the Kenn lads who became airborne and actually looped the loop - quite a feat in those days - the price is reported to have been five shillings, or 25 pence in today's money.

After active service Tom returned to work at Kenn Court and he and Mrs. Baker settled into Court Cottage where Mervyn was born. Later they moved to their present home and Tom went to Yatton to work until he retired.

Tom was a keen pigeon fancier and had a great interest in bell-ringing, regularly ringing at Kingston Seymour as well as visiting other towers. He was a good neighbour - always alert and willing to help should anything be amiss in local fields.

We shall miss seeing Tom cycling around the village and send Mrs. Baker and Mervyn our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

R.M.D.

WELL DONE KENN & FRIENDS

What is there to say: - good weather;
- best turnout yet;
- over £1100 raised with more to come.

Despite the fact that one or two of the organisers were awake the night before counting beefburgers, rolls and glasses, and worrying that we had enough, everything at the fun run went well.

Yet again Jerry came in first for the 3 mile race - all that isotonic Lucozade paid off! - and the rest of the 3 mile participants all had very respectable times - noted for next year so that you have a target to improve on. It was great to see some of the younger element in the village tackling the longer route and of course those in wheel-chairs. What about a trophy for the winner next year? Most of the village tackled the 1½ mile course and yes, Sheila and Jenny did go round the course in the end, even though it was on bikes. Sheila swears it was worse than trying to jog round.

As always, the support we received was unbelievable. Village children made games to help raise extra money - hundreds (or so it seemed) of balloons were blown up for gifts for children, and the 'old faithfuls' were press-ganged yet again into serving drinks and burgers, selling raffle tickets and clearing up afterwards. By the way, who noticed Kenn's own Race Marshall - Dave from the garage? Despite the fact he got teased for coming in last on the 3 mile route on a bike, he was in fact seeing the runners round (or that's his excuse anyway). Thanks Dave. But most importantly, almost all the village turned up to spend their money and help raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

We wouldn't have raised what we did without the Sponsors - thanks to Stuart and Lynn Auty, The Blue Flame and Tripp Robbins.

We couldn't have held the event so easily without the use of Ray's field and the fact that Cyril moved his cows for the day. Mind you I think the milk would have turned to butter if they had had to contend with all the 1½ mile joggers pushing past them!

Thanks to all of you who helped make the day such a success and here's to the next one.

Special congratulations to Miles Naish who raised the highest amount of sponsorship money - £133.20.

P.S. For the comments received by Sheila and Jenny following the photo in the Mercury - some will receive extra Christmas cards this year - some won't be getting any!

Jenny Pascoe

RNLI GARDEN PARTY

Thanks in part to the lovely weather, the Garden Party for the RNLI was a great success. Over 150 people came through the gate and sat in the deck-chairs kindly provided by Woodspring D.C., listened to Clevedon Youth Band playing on the lawn. 'Wilbur the Grate' provided endless tricks and amusement for the children and the adults had their share of games and stalls. It was good that the two cakes were won by Kennites and we like to thank all who came and contributed to the grand total of £360.

Special thanks to the Village Hall for use of the tables and chairs and to Toby Gale for the use of his field for a car park, otherwise Duck Lane would have been blocked most of the day.

Peter & Kate Neill

QUIZ NIGHT III

On the understanding that I make the questions somewhat easier than last time, I have been asked to organise another Quiz Night. This is to be held at Kenn Village Hall on Saturday 10th November. The evening will commence at 8 p.m. but we would ask you to arrive well ahead of this time in order to make a prompt start. A full list of rules will appear in next month's magazine but you can register your team of 4 by telephoning on Clevedon 879747. The limit is 25 teams and the entrance fee is £4 per team. As before we are unable, for reasons of space, to allow spectators. Finally, after the 'fiasco' last time it highly unlikely that we will be using the Joker system!! Also, certain teams of hecklers and cheats should be prepared to be sent to the back or brought to the front of class respectively! Let's look forward to another enjoyable evening of fun at Kenn Village Hall. 'Phone me now. In aid of the Meningitis Trust.

Kate Denmead

LOST PROPERTY

Left at the Garden Party at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn - one gent's hooded raincoat. Ring 872493 if it's yours.

QUESTION ANSWERED

Many people are asking what breed of sheep are those that are in the field by the Village Hall. They are grey-faced Dartmoors and are fast becoming a rare breed. They are famous for producing very heavy fleeces. The 10 lambs there are all young rams. If anyone would like one for a stock ram or a pet, please don't hesitate to come and talk to me about it.

Ray Naish

POPULATION

The population of Kenn doesn't seem to change much over the years. There are about 300 people here at present while the 1881 census tells us that there were 288 residents at that time. I have recently been lent a copy of the report of "The Board of Guardians" published in 1863. Of the Bedminster area of which Kenn was a part, this reported that there were 282 residents here that year. The representative for Kenn on the Board at that time was Mr. Samuel Dyer of Kenn Court.

The difference between the people of Kenn in 1863 and 1990 is that people today are well off. In 1863 there was one indoor pauper, i.e. in Bedminster Union; 6 men, 3 women and 2 children were classed as outdoor paupers, in other words receiving Parish Relief. In Kingston Seymour there was 1 man, 2 women and 2 children in the Union and 11 men, 12 women and 15 children classed as outdoor paupers, all receiving Parish Relief.

Ray Naish

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Have you heard about the local farmer's wife who was helping her husband move some cattle from one field to another? Unfortunately, when they drove them onto the lane, the cattle ran the wrong way. Explaining to her husband what a good athlete she had been when she was a schoolgirl, she said it would be easy for her to jump the ditch to get in front of them. Said the husband "Carry on then". The wife walked back into the field, then took a long run. Sadly, the spring that used to be in her heels was no longer there. She only managed a small jump and landed right in the middle of the ditch and under the water. When she surfaced and climbed out, she was covered from head to foot in duckweed and was almost in a state of undress. All this was witnessed by her father-in-law who found it highly amusing.

Ray Naish

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN 'S INSTITUTES

On 11th September women all over the land were celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes in Britain, one of the most important moves towards good fellowship that the world has ever seen. The Bells at Wick St. Lawrence were rung for the first time for sixty years, which just goes to show!

Our own celebration took the form of a evening party at the home of our President, Mrs. Dyer. It was an evening steeped in nostalgia. The scrap books compiled over the years provided great interest. Some things have changed such a lot, but others not at all. Members also pored over photographs of their fellow members when young. At least one photograph was older than the W.I. itself. There were some surprises when the results were read out.

There was delicious food, a glass of wine to toast the future of the W.I. and good company. What more could anyone ask.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

There were no matters of great moment to discuss at the meeting of the Parish Council on 17th September. It was good to have some members of the public with us.

The seat on the village green is in need of a coat of paint. The Parish Council will provide the materials if some kind soul or souls will volunteer to do the work.

Our County Councillor was with us. She was left in no doubt about the general view on Avon County Council's future.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th, in the Village Hall. Members of the public are most welcome to come along, but they may not speak unless invited to do so.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the September meeting of the Kenn Women's Institute, Mrs. Dyer was thanked for her hospitality in allowing members to use her home to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Institute.

Mrs. Blake and Miss Snook were congratulated on their success in competitions at shows during the Summer. A letter of thanks has been received from the Queen Mother for her birthday card.

There will be two competitions at the October meeting. One is for a hand-crafted birthday card, size A4 folded and blank inside. The winning card will be entered at the Group Meeting at Walton St. Mary on October 17th. The other is for a slogan about apples. The talk at the meeting will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Small on the growing and marketing of apples.

The Birthday Party will be held on October 24th. Offers of help were invited. Mrs. Blake agreed to go to the Autumn Council Meeting on 26th September as delegate. It was agreed that she should vote for the motion on recycling. Nomination for the 1991 committee will be made at the October meeting.

Mrs. Harris gave a talk on Dame Kiri Te Kanawa illustrated with video recordings of some of her performances. She was thanked by Mrs. Blake. The competition for a cake for an anniversary party was won by Mrs. Crawley, with Mrs. Ings being awarded silver.

CONCERN

It is understood that the threat to the continued usage of the Village Hall has become more of a reality in that the Village Hall Committee has received a letter indicating that legal proceedings are being considered in respect of past functions held there.

It would be sad if minority interests were allowed to kill the community spirit that has grown up around the fund-raising activities of which Kenn can be proud. Some £4800 has been raised over the last 2 years for worthy causes including refurbishment of the Village Hall itself.

As one who has been involved in the organisation of many of these events I am disappointed that reason has not prevailed and that recent actions seem to have sounded the death knell not only of the Village Hall, but also, and more importantly, of the whole spirit of the village itself.

Simon Pascoe

P.S. I would be happy to be proven wrong. It's up to us all.

FROM THE POND

Once more I am delighted to say that we have lots of frogs of all sizes. The cold frame seems to come alive in the evening when I water the cuttings, which I have been bringing along as advised by Uncle Freddie.

When Dennis wanted to cut the grass the other day, I had the job of crawling along in front of the mower to make sure there were no small frogs hidden in the grass.

One thing that rather surprises us is that we still have tadpoles. Can one of our more knowledgeable readers tell me if this is just the usual way, and will the tadpoles ever develop at this late date?

Iris G.

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - This is such a busy month in the garden it is difficult to know where to start. Having said that, I must say that it is difficult to do anything until we have some rain, the ground is so hard.

The grass needs to be scarified to get rid of all the dead grass at the bottom, also some fertiliser would not go amiss.

The perennials need attention, splitting, moving and generally tidying up and a little bone meal would help.

Some people sow their sweet peas now either in open ground or under glass, but I prefer to leave it until later in the winter.

There are also bulbs to plant, both in the garden and for indoor planting.

This year I grew more plants in pots and containers than I usually do and next year, all being well, I plan to grow more so that I can move them about and give them a little rest in the shade from time to time if we have another hot summer.

Now is also the time for ordering new roses ready for planting in November.

I was so pleased to hear that 'Little Ed' is having some success with her poinsettia. Now is the time to start covering it every night with a black plastic bag for fourteen hours.

I should think this will keep you out of mischief for a few days! At last the rain has come so now we can start. Yours, Uncle Freddie and Aunty.

FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - I spent a very constructive couple of hours last Saturday redoing my hanging baskets. Despite the hot weather they were better than ever this year with the silver-grey Helichrysum stretching a good two feet below the base. However, latterly they had become very dry and whilst I have tried to rescue the geraniums, I don't know if I shall be successful. I have replanted with Universal Pansies which look very pretty but a bit small and pathetic in comparison.

We have divided the back garden with a screen fence, trellis top. This stands where a screen hedge used to be. I don't know what it was but it doesn't seem to have been offended by being hacked down to ground level - it is coming up again! All I know about it is that when I came to view the house originally in June it was covered in tiny green caterpillars - and so was I after fighting my way through it. It was variegated - pale green and white - with large maple-type leaves. Probably a trifid! Kate.

A MOMENT OF THOUGHT

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself to others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career however humble: it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself, especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture the strength of spirits to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be; and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its shams, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann 1927

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