

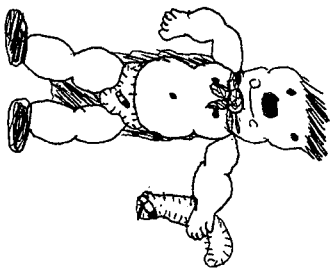
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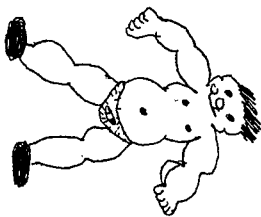
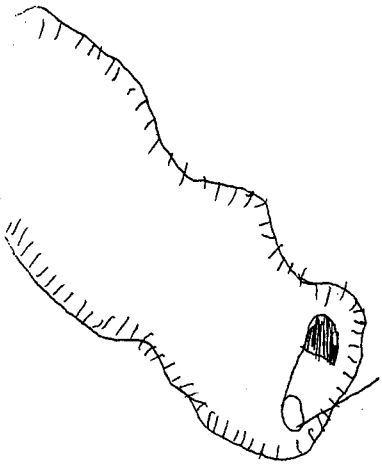
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NAPPYMAN



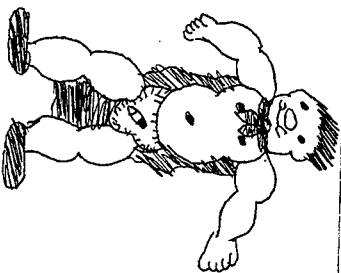
1 It all began when a car with a baby in crashed into a scientist car and the baby got turned into NAPPYMAN!

2 His weapon was a Nappy with a safety pin in it.



3 Nappy man said that he would fight crime with his super powers

4 Then he made his blanket into his cape and got a pair of baby shoes because he couldn't find any boots.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

Many of you have said how much better the magazine looked last month and how much easier it is to read. Many thanks indeed to Richard GAUNT who is responsible for typing up the notes and for its new look. He also keeps both of us on our toes and we're off to night school for a refresher course in English!

We didn't have any response to our plea for a Spring-type cover for this month's magazine, so we have borrowed the beautiful drawing we used in February 1989, supplied by Mrs Jean WITHERS. Also inside we have reused another drawing by Mrs WITHERS and one of Leon NAISH's from April 1989. As this issue comes out on April 1st may we wish you all a very happy Easter.

BIRTHDAYS.

- 1st - Clare STOWELL
- 3rd - Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS
- 5th - Robin TAYLOR
- 6th - Andrea WATERS
- 8th - Emma FENWICK
- 10th - Mary LAMB
- 10th - Anna EDWARDS
- 11th - Kate DENMEAD
- 21st - Barbara MIDDLETON
- 22nd - Liz JAEHME
- 23rd - Mary WILCOCKS
- 24th - Margaret STOWELL
- 28th - Theresa WATERS
- 29th - Miles NAISH

ANNIVERSARY

- 10th - Jean and Ray NAISH

NAISH'S NOTES.

FIRST AID CLASS

We have now had 13 people respond positively to the suggestion of a First Aid Class in Kenn. Watch this space for more information.

FASHION SHOW

There will be a Charity Hair Fashion Show at Cadbury Country Club on Tuesday 2nd April at 7-30pm. This is being organised by the Through The Looking Glass Salon in Yatton and all proceeds go to Cot Death Research. Tickets are £6.50 including a glass of wine and are avail-

able from the salon, tel. Yatton 838270 or Sheila NAISH, 838357. Come along and get some ideas for a new hairdo. Gentlemen welcome. Advice given by Pat INGLEBURY and her staff. It promises to be a super night out.

SPRING IS SPRUNG

Well done and thank you to David Gray (up the Jet) whose spring flower borders are really pretty.

COMIC RELIEF 1

A Comic Relief Fun Nite was held for the over 10's at the Village Hall on Friday 1st March. They were entertained with skittles, darts, fun quiz and a chance to eat spaghetti or jelly and blancmange with chopsticks - a very messy task! Little Ed had 2 goes on the darts and missed the board with all 6 darts, this must be a record. The children helping all backed off fearing for their lives as darts flew everywhere but in the board! It has been suggested that she wears glasses next time. There was also a children's raffle and the highlight, for the boys at least, was a computer game competition. The girls gave a performance of the Stonk but I think needed a bit more practice.

Little Ed and Big Ed were wearing red noses, Little Ed small ones dangling from her ears and neck and Big Ed going two better festooned in big red car noses and doing her impersonation of 'The Fallen Madonna with the Big RED Boobles'!!!

Many of the village children supported us with their friends and several older villagers came too. A good night was had by all. The grand total of £85-11p was raised by the youngsters and will be sent off to Comic Relief. Thanks to all, especially the Social Committee who sponsored the evening's refreshments and Hall rent.

A letter from Sebastian WILCOX about the evening is reproduced at the back of the magazine.

NOSE NOTE

Little Ed had been very upset the week before Comic Relief because some thoughtless soul had had the audacity to pinch the red nose from the car radiator! Blooming cheek! However Big Ed came to

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the rescue in time for the big day by presenting her with another - cheering her up no end. Just you wait 'til I find who pinched it!

COMIC RELIEF 2

Mrs Barbara MIDDLETON raffled an enormous Easter Egg for Comic Relief. The winning ticket was number 163, purchased by Tim NEATH. The grand sum of £88-25p was raised and sent to the Comic Relief Fund. Well done Barbara.

NOSE NOTE 2

Barbara was sporting her red nose on the day even though she got a lot of odd looks and rude comments.

REMINDER

Don't forget the Jumble Sale on April 3rd in Kenn Village Hall at 7pm in aid of Hall funds.

Sheila NAISH.

SNIPPETS

CONGRATULATIONS

Very best wishes to James GRIFFIN who celebrated his 21st birthday on the 25th February.

CEASE FIRE

The cease fire was agreed in the Gulf War on the 28th February.

Our flag was flown for both the above happy events.

TEA PARTY

A tea party was held, for local handicapped people, at Kenn Court on 11th March. Two ladies aged 93 years old were present, one of whom only gave up Scottish Dancing a year ago! My grateful thanks to Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs WHITEHEAD, Miss BAKER, Mrs LAMB and Mrs SURRIDGE who came along to help.

DAFFODILS ON THE GREEN

Once again our daffodils are making a lovely display on the village green. Spring is on the way.

QUIZ

As one of the competitors who

thoroughly enjoyed the evening, I would like to say a warm thank you to Kate who ably researched the questions and controlled the evening helped by Roger and Christopher - thank you to the DENMEAD family.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

According to the press, the charge for the coming year for Kenn will be £437-80p. On Budget Day it was announced all charges will be reduced by £140 so I presume the charge will be £297-80p - quite a saving, but it still behoves chargepayers to watch and question Council spending.

WARNING TO SHOPPERS

It is not advisable to put your handbag in a supermarket trolley - we know of one lady who had her bag, containing money, keys etc. stolen while shopping.

(Note: If your bag has a buckled strap, undo it and thread the strap through the bars of the trolley - this makes it less easy for someone to grab the bag suddenly. If you have no buckle, how about carrying a small dog collar with you for this purpose.)

RETURN TO SOMERSET

Many people in Kenn and surrounding villages are supporting the campaign to return to Somerset by signing the petition forms. Our youngest campaign worker is Sebastian WILCOX - well done and thank you Sebastian.

RMD

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KENN VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

Come and meet your friends on Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm to support a Jumble Sale for Hall funds. Stalls include Books, Toys, Produce, Groceries, Plants, Vegetables, Cakes, White Elephant, As New, Jumble, Draw and Refreshments.

Offers of help and goods will be most welcome - in fact anything saleable. Goods to Hall from 10am to noon or contact 872676 or 872326. See you there.

COFFEE MORNING

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A Coffee Morning in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is to be held at Kenn Court on Friday 12th April at 10-30 - 12 noon. Come and bring your friends.

RMD

APRIL ALTAR GUILD ROTA

Mrs I STOWELL and Mrs J WITHERS

ST. JOHN'S SPRING CLEAN

Monday evening 29th April for the Gents

Tuesday morning from 9-30 for the Ladies

Any help would be gratefully appreciated, Many thanks.

Jean and Iris

SKITTLES

An enjoyable evening was held at Kenn Valley Social Club when W.I. members, husbands and friends held a friendly Skittles Match on 18th February. Serious skittling - food - and then a game of killer was the format of the evening, followed by a draw. There were prizes for highest lady and gent. Despite a squashed thumb acquired on route, Dennis was able to take home the booby prize! Hope your thumb is now much better Dennis! The next such evening has been arranged for 24th June. Same venue, start 8pm.

R PEARCE

QUIZ NIGHT IV

Another successful and enjoyable Quiz Night was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th March. This time it was in aid of Comic Relief and we were able to raise £160 for the fund. The proceeds of the raffle, £71, went towards a parcel of requirements for the soldiers still in the Gulf, namely the Royal Engineers who are staying out there to clear mines.

Some 25 teams gathered for a prompt 8pm start and I should say at this point that in future we will definitely be keeping to this number owing to the shortage of space. A 26th team would probably have been sitting in the Gent's cloak-

room!

At 9pm we took a break for the very welcome fish and chip supper, the selling of Raffle tickets and much discussion as to the progress so far. After supper the progress of the teams was confirmed by giving out interim scores before all buckled down to the questions of part 2

After part 2 the raffle was drawn while the totting up took place and then the moment of truth - the PC's came first with a score of 111 out of a possible 140 and Jenny, Simon, Diana and Robert each carried off a bottle of "falling over water". The second team only lost by one point. Led by Jean Fenwick "Baccate" will surely be back next time to try and secure first place but this year took second prize of a box of chocolates each. The booby prizes of rosettes saying "Next Year's Superstars" were won by the Trekkers led by Steve and Sue Edwards - to spare their blushes I won't publish their score!

Following are a few of the stranger answers but first I would like to thank everyone who came. It is reasonably hard work setting new questions every time but your appreciation makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to Jenny and Simon for collecting all the money and organising the suppers - to Avril for taking care of the Raffle and to everyone who gave prizes - to Ian, Daniel, Timothy and Sebastian for doing the running and to Roger and Christopher for the marking. We'll be back in November for Round 5, probably to coincide with Children in Need, so check your magazine in October.

NOT THE CORRECT ANSWERS

HISTORY

Q: How is Arthur Wellesley better known?

A: Popeye. (1st Duke of Wellington)

GEOGRAPHY

Q: At which French port would a Newhaven ferry usually dock?

A: Bordeaux (Dieppe)

Q: Which mountain range forms the

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backbone of Italy?

A: Andes (Appennines)

CINEMA

Q: With which film do you associate Moon River?

A: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. (Breakfast at Tiffany's)

LITERATURE

Q: Who was the Queen of the fairies in "Midsummer Night's Dream?"

A: Wanda / Fag ash Lil (Titania)

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q: Which horse won this week's Cheltenham Gold Cup?

A: Nobby the Mule / Shergar (Garrison Savannah)

Q: Which TV personality announced this week his intention to run for parliament?

A: Dick Tracy / Larry Grayson (Gyles Brandreth)

POP MUSIC

Q: What kind of soup did 10cc sing about?

A: Pea / Mulligatawny / Carrot / French Onion (Minestrone)

1980's

Q: In which year did Shergar win the Derby?

A: 1983 - the year before he was corned beef (1981)

Only 5 teams correctly gave the answer Maundy Money as being the only UK coins still regularly struck in standard silver - well done.

But NOBODY got full marks for the road signs. It is no wonder that ring roads are sometimes as congested as their alternatives because when shown the sign:-

6 teams said it meant holiday route

8 teams said it meant rest area

3 teams said it meant nature reserve

1 team said it meant restricted area - they were obviously following the above 11 teams!

7 teams actually got it right.

AND FINALLY

Q: The sign with a red circle, plain white centre?

A: Polo Factory ahead!

Kate.

AND LO THERE WAS LIGHT

Two ladies who lived alone, had a very kind milkman who did bits of shopping for them. One day they asked him to buy a 100 watt light bulb for the sitting room. The next day the milkman arrived with the goods and found the ladies both asleep in their chairs, so he fixed the light and left. Next morning he found a note in the milk bottle saying "Don't buy light bulb, the old one is now working!"

Gladys GRIFFIN

KENN 1934 - 1937

Kenn was a very different village at this time than it is at the moment. In 1934 there was no electricity, gas or piped water in the village, most people got their drinking water from a well. Some were lucky enough to have a hand pump attached, others had to get their water up by throwing a bucket on a long rope, down into the well and draw it up carefully. But if you lived in the Kenn Pier area you simply dipped your water requirements from the River Kenn. There were no fixed bathrooms, bathing was not the high priority it is today. Most people got the tin bath in on Saturday night and had a bath in the back kitchen, but first of all the boiler had to be lit to get the water hot. After the family had taken their bath, the water had to be carried out again and thrown on the garden.

The only lighting was by candle or oil lamp or by lantern for use in farm buildings.

Kenn Street had only 16 houses then, against 36 today. There were only 3 motor cars in the village, one owned by the vicar, Reverend William Henry Durant THATCHER; another by Mr Thomas HOPTON of "Briarside". This house

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was opposite the vicarage but was pulled down to make way for the motorway bridge. Mr HOPTON was the only man to travel to Bristol daily, where he had a concrete block making business. The third car was owned by Mr William John STAPLES of the Garage, Kenn. This was a very rare Cubit car but was never used in my lifetime, always being kept at the back of the garage where he carried on the trade of wheelwright and carpenter.

There were two shops. The Post Office run by Mrs Clara MOORES and a small shop run by Mrs Flo OGBORNE on the end of Duck Lane, now the home of John and Sylvia STAPLES and family.

By 1937 great changes were taking place. Electricity was brought to the village and the Clevedon Gas Company joined forces with the Clevedon Water Company and had a pipe-track opened where they laid both pipes side by side. When they got to the top of Kenn Street the Water Company brought water pipes down the street but the Gas Company continued to Yatton. These pipe-tracks were dug by hand and were a great source of employment when there was large scale unemployment in the area. The men were paid 10d per hour, about 4.5p in today's money, and had to find their own shovels. They were expected to get out a certain length of track each day. Traffic, ie horses, carts, bicycles and a few cars were controlled by a Stop and Go sign.

The night watchman in Kenn Street was the late Mr Bill PERRY of Clevedon, who had a wooden leg. I remember his daughter and nephew bringing his supper down from Clevedon. In the evening, the schoolboys used to go out and sit with him round his fire basket.

In 1937 my parents had the telephone installed. Clevedon 343 - in other words the three hundred and forty third 'phone on the Clevedon exchange. This was the fourth 'phone in Kenn, the others being at the Post Office, the Vicarage and Briar-side. The pub, then the Rose and Crown, was just a beer and cider house. The landlady was Mrs Isabella ARTHUR. There were about 250 people in Kenn in those days and the majority of the men earned less than £2 per week.

Ray NAIISH

THANK YOU

Mrs Jean INGS and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during their recent sad loss.

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate, This is a busy time in the garden but some of the jobs are difficult to start due to the weather. The grass is growing well but, as I write, too wet to cut as I write. It also needs to be scarified when weather permits. This is also the month to get ready to plant up pots and containers for the patio. Everything needs to be cleaned, compost ordered and decisions made as to which plants to put where. It is also a good time to lift and divide Michaelmas Daisies and various other herbaceous plants. Do be sure to give them some fresh compost and bonemeal when replanting. Later in the month it will be time to plant out Dahila tubers and the Delphiniums will need staking. There really is no time for shirking now and it is a pity since the spring blooms are so beautiful it would be nice to stand and stare.

Back to the grind.

Uncle Freddie.

WITH THANKS

Dear Uncle Freddie, A very big thank you for your advice about my triploid tree. I took your advice to the garden centre, they consulted their reference books and are at this moment in the garden, in the pouring rain, replacing Jupiter with a more suitable variety. There faces look rather red.

You suggested that we tie a grease band around the tree to stop the nasty creepy-crawlies filching our apples. The bands in the shop say "Do not use on young trees" The man says it will be OK, is he right?

Last year I pruned my mallow very hard and it seemed to respond with beautiful sprouts. This year I've done the same, is it the right treatment?

Thank you very much for your expert help,

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Appleticipator.

DISCERNING DINERS

Dear Uncle Freddie, With reference to the birds NOT eating Big Ed's cake crumbs - I have to divulge that the said crumbs were in fact the burnt edges of a cake baked by her own fair hands and cut off to disguise the burns from her family. Big Ed is still miffed that the birds have been ignoring her offerings, stating that over the years her children have learnt that charcoal is good for them and so should the birds!

Little Ed

A WELL EARNED REST

Uncle Freddie has decided he would like to take a break. Would anyone like to take over the gardening column please. Contact Shella or Kate.

KENN AIRPORT

The Gulf War caused air travel to fall dramatically as business people and holiday makers stayed at home. The rapid victory of the Allied Forces has reversed this trend and more people are flying than the Government had planned for. The London Airports are near to capacity and it has been decided to build a fourth airport as rapidly as possible. As the South East is so crowded it has been decided to expand Bristol by building a second terminal.

The current proposal is to build Terminal 2 in Kenn as there is a suitable amount of flat land readily available. Kenn International will be linked to London by a high speed railway line through Yatton and will include a new railway station built on the old Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Railway land and 3000 houses for airport workers.

Apart from a local farmer whose land will be used and is planning to move to Costa del Kingston on the proceeds this will be of no benefit to the village. It will destroy our rural tranquility - and change Kenn beyond recognition.

If you are worried about this outrageous proposal come to the protest meeting (we'll be peaceful) on the 31st April at

8pm prompt.

April UNA.

LETTER.

The following letter was sent by Andrew Jenkins to his mother on Mother's Day :-

Mother, Mother we think so much of you thank you thank you for everything you do

we give you flowers for your special day
three cheers for mothere hip hip-hip hooray.

HOCKEY BLUE

Duncan MACKAY has been awarded his hockey blue by Clifton College after some sterling displays in the first team. Well done Duncan.

CHILDREN'S ART

A further selection of art from our younger readers appears on the next pages. Well done to all!

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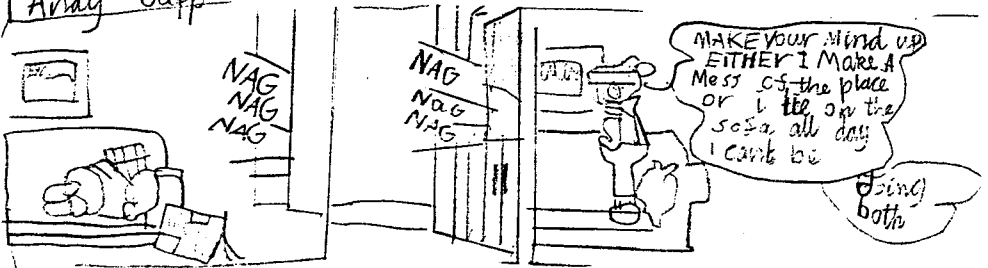
I would like to thank Kate Denmead and Sheila Neish for organizing the Comic RELIEF Childrens evening at the village hall. It was nice to know that while we were having fun we were raising money for Comic RELIEF. It was great.

Sebastian Wilcox

Frank and Ernest



Andy Capp



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How many local pubs can you find in the grid?

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You may go up, down, across and even use the same letter twice.

Drum and Monkey
 White Hart
 Prince of Orange
 The Star
 Old Inn

Blue Flame
 Railway Hotel
 Market Inn
 Butchers Arms
 Wagon and Horses.

Shirley Livesey.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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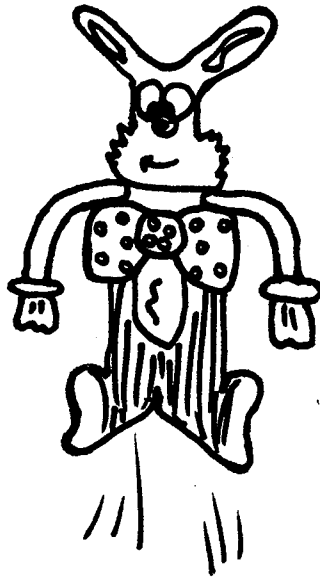
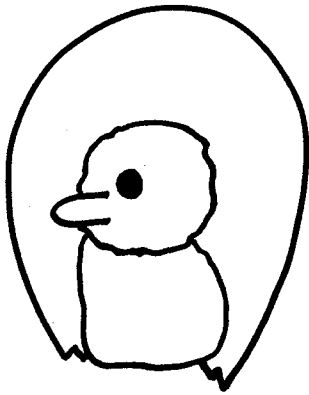
Mrs. Bubb welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting of Kenn Women's Institute. Mr. Derek Lilly gave a fascinating talk on the early development of Clevedon illustrated with some most interesting slides. He was thanked by Mrs. Dodd.

Mrs. Ella Brake came to judge the two competitions. One was for a button from the 1920's. Mrs. Lamb was awarded gold, Mrs. Dyer, silver and Mrs. Mann, green. The other was for a spoon. The winning spoon will be entered in the competition at the Group Meeting. Mrs. Harris was the winner. Final arrangements were made for the Group Meeting at which Kenn is to be the hostess.

A donation has been sent to the Heart Foundation in memory of John Ings, husband of a member. Mrs. Dyer is to be delegate at the first triennial conference in the summer. A delegate will go to the Spring Council Meeting at Keynsham.

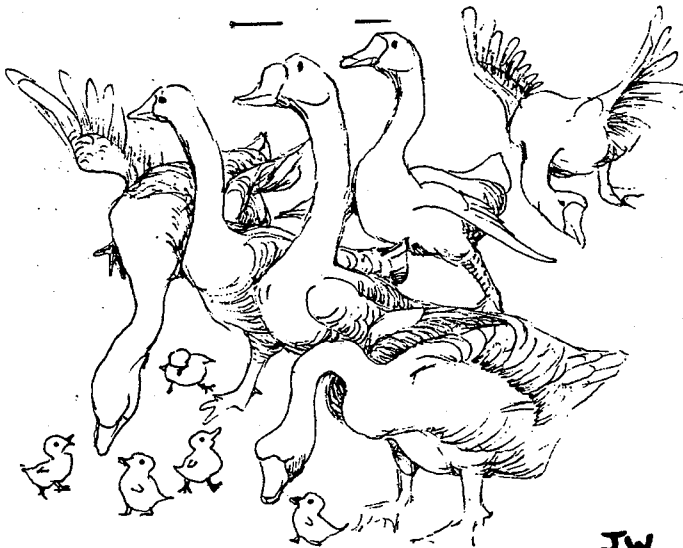
Concern was expressed at the alterations to the roundabout at the Six Ways in Clevedon. A letter will be sent to the highways authority.

The skittles evening at the Kenn Valley Social Club was much enjoyed, so another has been arranged for June 24th. The date of the Teddy Bears Picnic, the charity event at Mrs. Harrison's home will now take place on July 17th.



HAPPY EASTER

by LEON NAISH



J.W.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL READERS