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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

It's that time of the year again to say thanks to all who are involved with Kenn News and Views. To Richard, our self-confessed three fingered typist, to Margaret our printer, to Avril for stepping into the breach when needed, to Ray for taking delivery and to those who walk the streets to get the magazine to you. Thanks of course to all our contributors over the past twelve months. We look forward to more in the New Year. Lastly thanks to all our readers who always say how much the magazine is enjoyed.

A very merry and peaceful Christmas to all our readers and a happy and prosperous new year.

Kate and Sheila.

## TYPIST'S VIEW

I believe that we the readers of this magazine ought to say a big thank you to Kate and Sheila for the hours of work, the cajoling of us to get contributions in and for their sheer enthusiasm to keep the magazine lively and interesting. Now I know that they don't read the magazine after I've typed it so if anyone would like to join me in giving them a small present please contact me or Avril.

## DEADLINE FOR JANUARY.

Please get all contributions in by 20th December - PROMPT.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Libby WILCOX
- 2nd - Alex GAUNT
- 4th - Sally WHITEHEAD
- 4th - Roger JENKINS
- 10th - Louise PUGH - 21<sup>st</sup>
- 10th - Tom CLARKE

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 23rd - Richard and Avril GAUNT  
(thanks Sheila for the reminder!)

## NAISH'S NOTES

### PRESENTATION EVENING

The Presentation Evening held at Kenn Valley Social Club on Thursday 21st November was attended by many villa-

gers and their friends. The evening coincided with Stowell Concrete's Skittles Match and this swelled the numbers who saw Dr Ruth WIGFIELD from the BRI accept a cheque for £2955 for Cot Death Research. The money was the proceeds from the Fun Run, Treasure Hunt and Disco, all held earlier this year. With Dr WIGFIELD was Thelma, the midwife attached to the Neo-Natal Research Unit, and the money raised is to be used to pay her salary for the next few months. We were grateful to Robin, Gill and Tim TAYLOR who decided that Dr WIGFIELD should have the money brought up to £3000 and to this end organised an impromptu 'whip-round' of the club and raised an extra £46-41. Dr WIGFIELD eventually took away a cheque for £3001-64. Well done the TAYLORS!

Many thanks again to everyone who has helped and donated gifts and money to help us achieve this marvellous amount.

We were just sad that the South Avon Mercury could not provide us with a photographer for the event despite being approached.

## ST MARY'S RESTORATION

TOTAL MONEY RAISED £784.

Three events were held in one week to raise money for St Mary's Restoration Fund.

The first was the Hallowe'en Disco held at Kingston Seymour Village Hall on 2nd November. We all had a lovely time, most people having dressed in suitable Hallowe'en fancy dress. Many thanks to John and Penny HAZELL for the brilliant disco.

Secondly there was a Fashion Show by DOROTHY PERKINS of WESTON SUPER MARE held in our own village hall on Friday 8th November. Seventy five people were treated to a wonderful display of fashions by Dorothy Perkins' staff. Cheese, wine and coffee were served at half time and the show ended with a bride and groom. A very successful evening.

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Finally on the 9th November came the Quiz Night - see Kate's report later. Anything she says about my knowledge of things is to be ignored!

The three events were very well supported. Many thanks from myself, Avril and Kate for all our raffle prizes and all the help given.

## SICK LIST

Special thoughts and good wishes to Mr Sam STAPLES, Mr John STOWELL and Mr Mark AYRES. We hope that they all progress nicely.

We hear that David BROCKWAY age 11.5 has been very ill and is awaiting an operation. Our very best wishes go to him.

## YOUTH CLUB

Our secondary school children have now resurrected the youth club, meeting twice a week in the Church room and every Sunday in the Hall. If anyone has any unwanted games or an old colour television that they no longer want they would be very pleased to accept them. Please contact Julian WILCOX or Phillip WOODS.

## TRICK OR TREAT

It was no trick-or-treat for one of our more senior residents on Hallowe'en Night to find that her newly planted pots had had all their plants pulled up and just left on the top of the pots. Our resident was prepared with sweets etc. for would-be callers but had not heard the doorbell. "A silly thing to do - what mindless vandalism" is the comment they would like passed on. Fortunately the plants were repotted and have survived.

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## SNIPPETS

### CELEBRATION

On 14th November His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales celebrated his 43rd birthday.

## CHRISTENINGS

November 3rd

- Emily ZUCZKA, daughter of Kevin and Della MIDDLETON and granddaughter of Mrs Barbara MIDDLETON and
- Toby SAMUEL, son of Jeffry and Stella NAISH and grandson of Mr and Mrs Raymond NAISH.

Our flag was flown for both of these happy events.

## MISS GRIFFEY

Miss GRIFFEY who had been poorly for some time, moved to Linden House Nursing Home, Yatton where she passed away on 5th November.

Miss GRIFFEY, an accomplished musician and a great dog lover, came to live in Kenn some twenty nine years ago. Two years later she was invited to play the organ at Kenn Church - a voluntary task she performed for 27 years until she became too unwell. Never once during those years did she miss a service or practice.

The funeral service attended on 12th November by family and neighbours, was taken by the Reverend John CRUSE, the address being given by the Reverend Mary WELSH. Afterwards, at the behest of the family, coffee and biscuits were served at the Village Hall.

Our flag was flown at half mast.

## KENN WI

Some thirty members and friends thoroughly enjoyed a Skittle Evening at Kenn Valley Club on 11th November. The winners were:

Top score ladies - Mrs Jean INGS

Consolation - Mrs G DENMEAD

Top score Men - Mr MANN

Consolation - Mr Dennis GOLDSWORTHY

An excellent buffet provided by mine host was much enjoyed.

## COUNTY SKITTLES

The first match in the County Skittles was played on 12th November at the

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Spotted Horse, Congresbury against Banwell W.I. Kenn, represented by Mrs BUBB, Mrs DYER, Mrs INGS, Mrs BLAKE, Mrs HAMBROOK, Mrs MIDDLETON, Mrs J NAISH and Mrs JACKSON, won by three pins and go on to the next round.

## TREE LIGHTS AND CAROLS

Calling all Kenn residents - wrap up warmly and bring your torches and voices to give the Kenn Christmas Tree a good "switch On". Mrs GAUNT has kindly agreed to organise the carols and a collection will be organised for the Children's Society. We hope to serve mince pies and perhaps liquid refreshment in the lay-by, offers of mince pies please.

The great event begins at 6-30pm on Friday 20th December, all are welcome. We suggest cars **ARE NOT PARKED ON THE LAY-BY.**

Should the weather on 20th December be inclement, the switch on will be postponed to Saturday evening. Stay tuned to the Kenn Grapevine for the latest information.

Thank you to the organisers of Kenn Quiz Night for £62 towards the fund for lights which now stands at £190.

## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Festive decorations arranged by Mrs Kate DENMEAD and Mrs Sheila NAISH provided an interesting welcome for some 80 Kennites and friends to the annual Wine and Cheese Party on Saturday 23rd November. The stage was beautifully decorated by Mrs Sarah CLARKE and Mrs Marianna MACKAY, to display twenty one prizes given by members of the Hall Committee for the raffle.

A mouthwatering supper awaited the party-goers with English cheeses from Kenn Post Office, delicious English apples from Charlton Orchards near Taunton, all prepared by Mrs I STOWELL, Mrs M STOWELL, Mrs JEN-

KINS, Mrs FENWICK, Mrs LAMB, Mrs DENMEAD and Mrs DYER.

Before supper Mr Sam DYER made a presentation to Miss Lucy BAKER for her work as Treasurer of Kenn Village Hall for over 40 years. The present given to Miss BAKER was a plate, beautifully painted with suitable inscription by Mrs Ruth TRANMER nee PIKE, accompanied by an embroidered card with inscription created by Mrs Kate DENMEAD. Miss BAKER responded.

During the evening many raffle tickets were sold; Mr and Mrs John GRIFFIN tempted those present with the possibility of guessing the weight of a turkey for their Christmas lunch - Dr BULLOCK was the lucky winner - the weight being 15lb 3ozs. Mrs Sheila NAISH organised a name competition for a toy rabbit, kindly given by Mr and Mrs

MACKAY. Leon NAISH was the lucky winner - the name having been secretly chosen by Mrs GAUNT. Another interest for the company was the chance to win a bottle of whisky or gin. Mrs Heather JENKINS did yeoman work on this project. Mr and Mrs Roger STOWELL managed the bar and Miss HOLTHAM and Mrs WILSON served coffee to round off an enjoyable evening. Mrs COLES and Mrs COX kindly did the washing up.

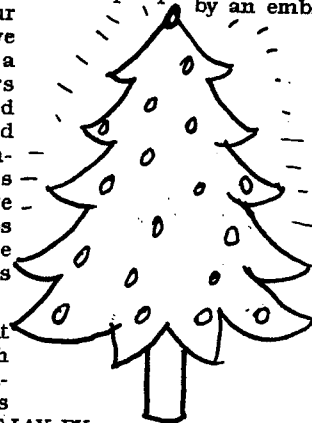
A profit of around £290 is expected.

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## KENN HISTORY GROUP

We are holding a get-together for anyone who is interested in forming a local history group on Wednesday 15th January 1992, at The Granary, Duck Lane. Please join us at 7-30pm for an informal chat - you will be very welcome.

John and Grace GRIFFIN



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\*\*\* WHERE THE MONEY WENT \*\*\*

EVENT	1989 INCOME	TOTALS	CHARITIES	OUTGOINGS	TOTALS
P/L RAFFLE	£24.00		BRI	£2850.00	
DISCO	£336.56				
M/MAKER	£45.25				
SKITTLES	£133.33				
GUN CLUB BBQ	£127.00				
TREAS. HUNT	£96.22				
DRUM BBQ	£105.00				
CARDS	£33.20				
FUN RUN	£750.69				
BARN DANCE	£218.80				
DISCO	£161.00				
CARDS	£96.24				
QUIZ	£194.82				
DISCO	£435.55				
GLASS PTY	£20.00				
PUB COLL.	£20.00				
INTEREST	£57.14				
<b>TOTAL 1989</b>		<b>£2854.80</b>			<b>£2850.00</b>
	1990				
DISCO	£308.50		YATTON LIFT	£308.50	
QUIZ	£245.59		VILLAGE HALL	£500.00	
DISCO	£232.50		ARMS	£1300.00	
TREAS. HUNT	£113.40		COT DEATH	£526.00	
FUN RUN	£1310.00		CANCER	£445.27	
CARDS	£22.13		M'GITIS TRUST	£229.04	
DISCO	£347.00				
TIM WALK	£101.00				
DONATION	£5.00				
ARMS D'N	£50.00				
QUIZ	£229.04				
DISCO	£385.27				
INTEREST	£37.86				
<b>TOTAL 1990</b>		<b>£3387.29</b>			<b>£3308.81</b>
	1991				
QUIZ	£160.00		GULF SUPP	£160.00	
DISCO	£770.24		O/FOLKS PTY	£155.00	
TREAS. HUNT	£68.00		ST. MARY'S REST	£784.19	
FUN RUN	£2181.18		XMAS LIGHTS	£62.00	
DISCO	£300.00		COT DEATH R'SCH	£3001.64	
FASHION SHOW	£281.00				
QUIZ	£203.19				
RAFFLE	£62.00				
COLLECTION	£46.64				
INTEREST	£8.11				
<b>TOTAL 1991</b>		<b>£4080.36</b>			<b>£4162.83</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>£10322.45</b>			<b>£10321.64</b>

TEN THOUSAND POUNDS PLUS many people have asked how much Kenn has raised for charity over the last three years so I hope the details above will be of interest.

We can all be very proud that a village of this size can raise so much for such worthy causes.

WELL DONE KENN.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

As previously reported Kenn came third in the Best Kept Village Competition this year. The judges comments have now been received and are as follows.

"It was a good performance to get third place among the small villages amid the strong competition that exists at this level. The judges saw evidence of much effort on the part of the community to keep the village in good trim, and you scored high marks in all sections. Well done."

Sadly none of our posters won a prize but Sam HARRIS from Kingston Seymour won one of the two prizes for individual entries, which is very pleasing.

As the demise of Avon draws nearer Woodspring is about to apply for unitary status. There will be full discussion and consultation on the application when the time comes.

## KENN WI

Mrs DYER was elected president of the Kenn Women's Institute for the coming year. Mrs BUBB and the retiring committee were thanked for their hard work in the last year and for producing such an enjoyable programme. Mrs HARRIS presented Mrs BUBB, Mrs WALTERS and Miss LIVESY with gifts as a mark of appreciation. Mrs STOWELL was congratulated on her new grandchild.

The WI teams were successful in the first round of the Skittles Tournament and in the Quiz in aid of St Mary's, Yatton. Mrs JACKSON gave a report on the Group Meeting at Walton in Gordano.

As is customary at the December Meeting the post box will be available for members cards. Contributions to ACWW will be welcome. A vote will be taken for the charity to be supported in 1992. The speaker will be Mr EVERITT on colour in a winter garden, and the competition will be for a card with a flower on it.

After the Annual General Meeting, Mrs CRAWLEY described her luxurious holiday on the QE 2 to New York and her trip back by Concorde. She had won it in a competition in Home and County. Mrs

KINGCOTT gave a demonstration of spinning and explained the rudiments of the craft. Both speakers were warmly thanked by Mrs JACKSON.

The competition was for a knitted pullover. Gold was awarded to Mrs HAMBROOK, silver to Mrs DODDS and green to Mrs AYRES and Mrs SURRIDGE.

## STAMPING AT THE GARAGE

Dear Shella,

I'm writing to thank you for your donations to our "used postage stamps appeal". I am wondering if through your magazine you could let other villagers know that we would very much appreciate any unwanted stamps in our collection box at the JET Garage.

Up until now our stamps have always gone to Frenchay Hospital but for the next few months have decided to donate them to the Radio One appeal - "Children in Roumania" - another very worthwhile cause I'm sure you will agree. We would be very grateful for all the stamps we can get. If people would like to drop them into me here at the garage I would be very pleased to receive them.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Angie (Up the garage)

## LETTER

Mendip View, Kenn Street.

I would like to say thank you to Juliet who 'found' Mark and to Roy, Kathy and Barbara who helped so much when Mark was taken ill. Also to everyone for their concern, offers of help and lifts to the hospital. These are all greatly appreciated.

At the time of writing Mark is making progress very slowly. Thank you all.

YVONNE AYRES

## CONGRATULATIONS

Several groups of youngsters were out on Hallowe'en for Trick or Treat, but we are pleased to hear from Tim TAYLOR of

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Duck Lane that he and his friends Dan and Sam collected £8 which they have donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Well done lads!

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## LILLIAN BEES

Lily (nee WATTS) lived in Kenn all her life until her marriage to Arnold BEES of Clevedon. She has recently died after a short illness at the age of 67.

With her brothers and sisters she was an ex-pupil of Kenn Village School. Always a very cheerful person to talk to, Lily often spoke fondly of her schooldays here in the 1930's when the Head Teacher was Mrs BERAN and the infants teacher, Miss PILGRIM. I am sure her old school colleagues would wish to join me in expressing our sympathy to her husband and family.

RVN

## SOCIABLE YOUTHS

- Is your life dull and boring?
- Need a break from your parents or homework?
- Want to meet new friends?

Kenn used to be a boring place for kids, but not anymore! Come along on Tuesday and Friday nights, 7-9pm at the Church room where you can meet people and have a chat, and then on Sunday night, same time, to a new Youth Club at the Village Hall. There's music, snooker, table tennis, skittles and hardly any adults!

Any secondary school age Kennites are welcome, but if you don't know anyone bring a friend or two along.

There's a charge of 75p a week, but if more and more people come this is sure to come down.

Hope to see you there!

## WINTER VISITORS

There are large numbers of winter visiting birds in the area again this year.

Hillsea, Claverham is a favourite haunt of wild birds. Earlier in the Autumn I saw four large flocks of Goldfinches feeding

on thistle-down. They stayed several days and then disappeared, probably going further south, to the continent. Yesterday, 22nd November, thousands of Fieldfares were feeding on the Hawthorn berries. I wonder if they will stay all the winter or will they fly south? What a long journey they have already covered, all the way from arctic Russia. I haven't seen any Lapwings on the Moors this year but I have been told that flocks have been seen flying over, very high. Where are they heading? Whooper swans, also from the arctic, have arrived in Cheddar Reservoir much earlier than usual. Does this mean we are in for a hard winter?

Jeremy OSBORNE who works for our family told me that he saw a salmon trying to leap over the dam at Phipps bridge this morning 23rd November. This bridge spans the river Yeo between Kingston Seymour and Hewish. Could anyone tell me if salmon have ever been seen in this river before? I think the source of the river Yeo is Blagdon Lake - was the fish trying to get there?

Ray NAISH

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Have you heard that a regular visitor to the village, often seen driving a three-wheeled car, was noticed a short time ago driving sharply down Kenn Street with what appeared to be a naked body in the car with him. She had her head in his lap and her legs poking out of the window! On closer inspection it proved to be a shop window dummy. The mind boggles wondering where he could have picked her up?

RVN

## MISSING ANOTHER CAT

Black and white kitten - 6 months old but big. Went walkabout on Sunday night 24th November. Answers to Ben. Any news welcome to Libby WILCOX, Rorty Crankle.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Alright, alright! I plead guilty! Yes the Quiz Night was a good deal harder this time, but in my defence I have to say that



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of the 5 quizzes we've done so far, this is only the second one you have found difficult. With this in mind I hope it will not deter anyone from coming to future quizzes.

Aside from the questions, I believe everyone who came had a thoroughly enjoyable evening which, along with the fundraising, is the purpose of the event.

We managed to raise £182 towards St Mary's Restoration Fund and a further £62 towards the fund for Christmas Lights on the village green. Thank you to everyone for giving so generously, especially on the 'extra' raffle.

As is now customary, we all enjoyed a fish and chip supper, produced and delivered by the Nailsea Fish Bar. This 'brain food' certainly seems to make a difference to the second half scores - in most cases! Thanks as always to Jenny PASCOE who plays a big part with the quiz night in collecting all the money and arranging the supper. Thanks also to our runners, Timothy DENMEAD, Justin and Leon NAISH, Sebastian WILCOX, Ian PASCOE and Daniel QUINN - we couldn't do it without them and they were rewarded on the night. Finally, thanks to Kathy for helping with the Santa raffle, Christopher, Julian and Roger for scoring and Simon Pascoe for helping to clear up at the end of the evening. Finally, finally thanks to my mum for lending us the tables and chairs - when she retires we're going to be stuck!!

We look forward to the next Quiz, probably sometime in March, but meanwhile some of the more amusing, and printable answers are printed below.

Kate

## MUSIC

Q - What is the literal meaning of the word Karaoke? (Empty orchestra)

A - Scream along!

## THE BIBLE

Q - What is the name given to the first five books of the Bible? (Pentateuch)

A. - Enid Blyton's Famous Five

## SPORT

Q - What is the motto, in English, of the Olympic Games? (Faster - Higher - Stronger)

A - Come on down the price is right

A - Five gold rings, Four calling birds .....etc One of Miss NAISH's attempts.

## ON SCREEN

Q - Who was Dr Zhivago's mistress? (Lara)

A - Hyacinth bucket

Q - Give me the name of Hyacinth Bucket's son? (Sheridan)

A - Tulip

## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Q - To which two saints is Tickenham Church dedicated? (Quiricus and Julietta)

A - St and Greavsie

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q - What have recently been installed at Clifton Suspension Bridge? (Samaritan phones)

A - Safety nets

## LITERATURE

Q - Who wrote the Midwich Cuckoos? (John WYNDHAM)

A - Can I tell you later when I've looked?

A - Percy THROWER

## ORDNANCE SURVEY

Q - What does a pink triangle signify the position of? (Youth Hostel)

A - Brothel (Mothers can embarrass one so)

## SCIENCE

Q - What is the common name for your appposable pollices? (Thumbs)

A - Nasal hair

## ANIMAL KINGDOM

Q - What is the collective term for a group of owls? (Parliament)

A - Hoot/spectre/wisdom/A to whit to whool!

## PROVERBS

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Q - Fine words butter no? (Parsnips)

A - Barm cakes

## FOOD AND DRINK

Q - What is the world's most common edible fish? (Herring)

A - Fish fingers

## HISTORY

Q - Who was the last British Prime Minister not to have a wife (Margaret

Thatcher)

A - We caught a number of teams out on this, Ted Heath being their answer.

Finally, I think I should have given an extra point to the Press Gang as they wrote apologies every time they crossed something out.

## CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

EVERYONE WELCOME Mums and Dads, Kids, Grannies, Granddad  
Uncles and Aunts

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 6-30PM

Hot punch, mince pies and coffee.

Profits to Children's society

## STOP PRESS

In an exciting encounter on the Kenn Valley Football Field the good, and honest citizens of Kenn beat Kingston Seymour. A full match report from our very own 'good sport' reporter Mrs Kate Denmead will appear in the next issue.

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Thanks to the Revd. John Cruse for being the referee.



# The Yatton Moor Team Ministry

**Team Rector:** The Rev. John Ruffle  
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Tel: 0934832776

14th November 1991

Mrs. A. Gaunt,  
The Chalet,  
Kenn Road,  
Kenn,  
Nr. Clevedon, Avon.

Dear Avril,

I am writing to thank you very much for the money that you and the other friends of St. John's Church raised for St. Mary's Restoration Appeal. This was a wonderful effort and has been a great encouragement to the Restoration Committee. As you know, we are on the last lap of our fund raising and this is always the hardest bit, and it is especially good now to have the help and encouragement of friends at Kenn.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



John Ruffle

