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'The Cottage'

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

The day we all thought none of us would live to see has arrived. Both Big Ed and Little Ed have been struck speechless; this month they could think of nothing to say in their Message from the Editors. So desperate were they in fact that they asked your old three-fingered typist to pen a few words in their style.

It usually starts with a moan about the lack of copy - well this month is a particularly short magazine, about half the usual number of words. If this is the reason for the editorial silence may I, on behalf of Miles and Roger, thank you most sincerely for your consideration. However it makes your magazine less interesting so I am proposing to start a Rescue Kate and Sheila Campaign. Everyone who has the interests of these dear ladies at heart PLEASE PLEASE send a contribution for next month's mag.

Rescue Kate and Sheila, get writing!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9th - Andrew JENKINS
- 13th - Sheila NAISH
- 15th - Timothy DENMEAD 12
- 16th - Sebastian WILCOX 12.

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 16th - Sheila and Miles NAISH.

## NAISH'S NOTES

### FUN RUN

The Fun Run total is now £2050. We would like to close the fund by 15th November so any monies outstanding should be given to myself or Simon PASCOE by then. Many thanks to everyone once more.

We have organised a Presentation Evening at Kenn Valley Social Club at 8-30pm on Thursday 21st November, when the total monies raised will be handed over to a consultant from the B.R.I. who specialises in Cot Death Research.

Everyone is welcome to come and "nibbles" will be provided courtesy of the Fun Run Committee. Do please come - you all deserve it!!

## GYPSY SITES

Well done to all the villagers who turned up at the meeting about the gypsy sites. Avon County Councilors were left in no doubt as to the villagers' feelings on the subject - NOWAY!

## YATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to Richard GAUNT who has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors of Yatton Junior School.

## DONT FORGET

- Hallowe'en Disco on the 2nd November at Kingston Seymour Village Hall. 8 to 12 midnight, tickets £2.50 from myself or Kate.
- Fashion Show on 8th November at Kenn Village Hall. 8pm.
- Quiz Night - sold out - Kenn Village Hall 9th November.

All these are in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.

- Kenn v Kingston Football match. Kenn Valley Social Club pitch, kick-off 1.30pm. Sunday November 24th. All supporters welcome and needed! Perhaps we have enough girls in the village for a cheer-leader's team, any offers?

Sheila NAISH

## SNIPPETS

### SAFEARRIVAL

We are pleased to report the safe arrival on 18th October of a daughter - Kayleigh Alex - to Michael and Millie STOWELL. First grand-daughter for Mr and Mrs John STOWELL and great grand-daughter for Mrs COX.

### WEDDING

Lesley BOWRING and Kevin BREWER were married at Kenn Church on 28th September. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Our flag was flown on both occasions.

### INVALIDS

Mr Sam STAPLES is making progress and hopes to return home soon.

Miss GRIFFEY has been unwell for some time and has moved to Linden Nursing

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Home in Yatton. For many years her neighbours Mrs WHITEHEAD, Avril GAUNT and Marianna MACKAY have done everything that they could to help her.

## FLOWERS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Many thanks to Mrs BURSTOW for planting the pots on the village green.

## KENN VILLAGE HALL

To comply with regulations it has been necessary to fit a fire-proof cupboard around the electric meters - cost £310.

## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

The Village Hall Committee is arranging a Wine and Cheese Party at 8pm on Saturday 23rd of November for Hall Funds. Our readers and friends are cordially invited to come and support our Hall. Tickets are £2-50 and available from Committee members.

## KENN NEWS AND VIEWS and CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FUND

The Jumble Sale held in the Village Hall raised, with donations, £100 for the fund. Thank you to all who helped and supported the event. Four families who were unable to attend gave donations. We invite more Kenn people to make contributions - treasurer Mrs Irene STOWELL.

Our plans for a Christmas Tree on the Green will not become a reality unless we get financial support - watch this space.

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 13th - Kenn Women's Institute Annual General Meeting. The speakers are Mrs Irene KINGCOTT on spinning and Mrs CRAWLEY on her prize-winning trip on Concorde to America.
- Saturday 23rd - Wine and Cheese Party.
- Wednesday 27th - Floral arrangements organised by the W.I.

## DOG TRAINING

Golden Valley Veterinary Hospital are arranging Dog Training Classes in the Hall on Saturday mornings; 9th, 16th and 23rd November.

## KENN W.I.

At the October meeting of Kenn Women's Institute Mr J MAXEY from NatWest

Bank gave a very interesting talk on the work undertaken by banks and the changes in the banking world. He was thanked by Mrs DYER. Mr MAXEY judged the competition for an old coin. Mrs CRAWLEY was awarded gold, Mrs J. JEFFERY silver and Mrs GOLDSWORTHY green.

The plans for the birthday party on October 23rd were finalised.

Tickets are still available. There will be a friendly skittles evening at the Kenn Valley Social Club on November 11th. The first match in the skittles tournament will be on the following evening at the Spotted Horse, Congresbury, against Banwell W.I. Tickets are available for the Christmas Flower demonstration by Sheelagh STEPHENS on November 27th.

Mrs HARRIS reported on the Autumn Council Meeting. Nominations were made for the 1992 committee. Concern was expressed about moves within the EEC to ban the sale of produce at meetings and farm gates. It was decided to write to Jerry WIGGIN and Margaret DALY about the apparent unequal application of EEC rules.

The November meeting will be combined with the AGM and will begin at 7-15pm. The competition will be for a woollen pullover.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON TRAVELLERS IN AVON

It is not often that Kenn Village Hall is filled to overflowing and there is standing room only. The organisers of the meeting

## CHRISTMAS IN KENN

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY  
MRS SHELAGH STEPHENS  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27  
KENN VILLAGE HALL, 7-30PM  
TICKET £1 INCLUDES COFFEE  
EVERYBODY WELCOME

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had without doubt under-estimated the strength of feeling in the village about the two proposed sites for travellers which could be located in the village.

Those people who commented and asked questions all made very valid points which could only prove to the County Councillors and Officers present that the sites in question are totally unsuitable.

The slide presentation at the start of the meeting set out the criteria required for sites for travellers: proximity to a good road network, availability of schools, employment prospects and such like. As the meeting progressed it was obvious that neither site meets the criteria in any respect, but most particularly in safety for the children and access to schools.

Another point that became increasingly clear throughout the meeting was that the consultants

(a firm from Carlisle) who at an exorbitant fee paid by the community charge-payers of Avon had not done any proper research at all. Had they visited the sites properly they would have realised that one is bounded by a dangerous river and the other is subject to flooding quite apart from this is the fact that the livelihoods of several families is dependent on those sites and adjacent pieces of land. Any routine local authority search would have shown that planning permission has been consistently refused for adjacent sites by both Woodspring and the Highways Department of Avon.

Should the County Council be so daft as to proceed with either of these sites they can be in no doubt that they will have a fight on their hands. Everyone attending the meeting was given a free form for comments. Please complete them and return them - we can't afford to give up yet.

Ann HOLTHAM, Parish Council.

## TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Does anybody travel to and from Bristol daily with a spare seat in their car for a Kenn young lady? Arriving Broadmead/Centre 8-30 - 8-45 am approx.

Willing to share expenses. If anyone thinks they can help with either one or both journeys it will be appreciated. 'Phone 875073.

## QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night is nearly upon us. Please don't forget that it will be a prompt 8pm start. As you know the proceeds are going to St. Mary's Restoration Fund but there will be a raffle to raise some money for the Christmas Lights. We hope you will support this raffle for a

COME AND MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

at the

## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

KENN VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD at 8pm

TICKETS £2-50

unique Christmas prize.

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## ALFRED JONES

Alf JONES, as everyone knew him, has died recently in a hospital in Wolverhampton, where he had spent the last months of his life, to be near his daughter Glenys and her family.

The JONES family came to Kenn during the last war as evacuees. Their home in London had been bombed and all their worldly possessions they wore or carried as hand luggage - everything else had been lost. Their first home in Kenn was at "Poplars", Kenn Street - now Latcham House. The occupiers at that time were Mr and Mrs Dick DELANEY who had themselves recently come to Kenn from Wigan. They were of Irish descent.

Before the Jones arrived here, another family from London had already been

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billeted with the DELANEYS. They were Mr and Mrs BOWDERY and their five children. So for quite a long time three families lived at Latcham House: three DELANEYS, seven BOWDERYS and four Jones. How they managed to live in such cramped conditions goodness knows, but that is how millions of people had to live in this country during wartime.

When the JONES family had lived here for some time they managed to rent half of Rose Bungalow on Moor Road and continued to live there until the end of the war when they moved to Yatton. Alf and his wife, son and daughter were very happy living in this district and never wanted to return to London. Sadly the son, Alfie, died when he was fourteen years old. Mrs JONES died some years ago.

Soon after Alf arrived in Kenn he was enlisted as an air-raid warden, as were most other men at that time. When on duty he kept his fellow wardens highly amused with his cockney humour. He was also an amateur hairdresser and was pleased to cut your hair for sixpence with very basic equipment - comb, scissors and a baby's hairbrush.

Ray NAISH

### BOW KENNELS

Cheryl and David Quinn would like to thank Ray NAISH for responding to their plea for information. They wonder if anyone has old photographs of the kennels that they could look at. If anyone is able to help will they ring them on 878850.

### FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT

During the past month Mrs Doreen POWELL and her sister Patricia have visited Kenn. If you remember last month I wrote that Doreen and Patricia, nee WAKEFIELD, wanted to look at the church registers to find out the names of their grand-parents. They left Kenn in 1937. Both ladies can remember quite a large number of people considering they left when so young. I recognised Patricia immediately but could not remember Doreen.

Another recent visitor was Mrs Josephine MUNRO and her husband. She was formerly Josephine BURKITT of Latcham House. She has lived in Zimbabwe for over thirty years and they were in this country for the wedding of one of their sons. They also can remember many people and were invited to look around their old home by Mrs Angela BULLOCK.

Ray NAISH

### EDITORS NOTE

Mrs POWELL telephoned me a few days after the visit, having mislaid Ray's telephone number and wishing to enquire about the Jumble Sale, which the two ladies subsequently attended. Mrs POWELL told me how interesting her visit had been and how she'd wanted to knock on the door of The Cottage. She hoped people would be able to tell her more of her grand-parents in due course.

I know how she felt because a few years ago I went back to Heywood in Lancashire and sat outside the the house where my late grand-mother had lived. I too had an overwhelming urge to knock on the door, which I resisted. I could remember sitting on my grandma's back step eating strawberries straight from the garden! In the same house grandma had a large sideboard in the front room. In one of the locked cupboards she had kept sugar lumps ready for teatime when visitors called. I used to stuff my face with those and bury my head under a cushion!!! I'm sure she knew who'd done it but I never remember her chastising me!! What else are grandma's for??

## FOOTBALL MATCH

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KINGSTON SEYMOUR

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER at 1-30pm

Kenn needs more players, names to  
Richard Gaunt

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