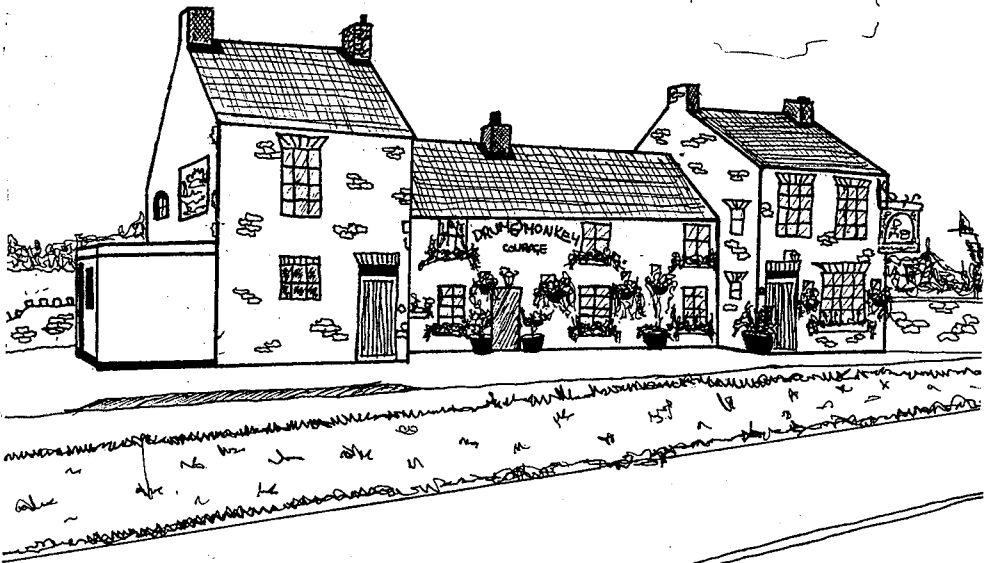


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Here we are again, back from our summer recess and on the downward slope to autumn and Christmas! As I write I am sitting in the garden and the temperature is about 80 degrees fahrenheit so a more Christmas-like climate would be welcome! Anyway - back in harness we are and ready to receive your articles and snippets.

Kate and Shella

****DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE****

***** 20TH SEPTEMBER *****

BELATED AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 3rd - Clare and Louise EDWARDS
- 6th - Steve EYE
- 7th - Lorraine STAPLES
- 7th - Ray NAISH
- 10th - Stephen BRAIN
- 15th - Jean NAISH
- 24th - Sam STAPLES
- 25th - Stella NAISH

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5th - Jill PIKE
- 8th - Hilda and Donald STAPLES
- 10th - Howard WATKINS
- 18th - Jean FENWICK
- 28th - Heather JENKINS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August -

- 10th - Kate and Roger DENMEAD
- 29th - Hartley and Jane STAPLES

September -

- 24th - Dennis and Iris GOLDSWORTHY

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning will be held at Stonehouse Farm on Tuesday 17th September from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Proceeds will be towards a new mower etc. for St. John's churchyard.

Jean NAISH and Iris GOLDSWORTHY.

NAISH'S NOTES

Many thanks for all your good wishes and cards during my last spell "under-the weather". Many thanks and more to all the people who fed and looked after us all too. This village is truly blessed with kind, helpful people, I'm so glad we live here.

HISTORY PLEASE

Cheryl and David QUINN who live at Bow Kennels would like to hear from anyone who knows anything at all about the past history of BOW COTTAGE, previous inhabitants, age of the property etc. Tel Clevedon 876850.

CHURCH KNEELERS

If anyone would like to purchase and embroider a kneeler for the church in memory of a loved one, or if they would like one embroidered for them by someone else, please contact Renee BELL. There is a lovely range of designs and you may choose whichever you wish. We have several ladies in the village willing to embroider the kneelers. We are trying to replace all the old ones and the new ones we have so far look absolutely smashing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes go to Gill MORRIS on her marriage to Matthew BUTLAND on 31st August at St. John's, Kenn.

NEW ARRIVAL

Welcome to Toby Samuel NAISH born on the 21st July. A beautiful son for Jeff and Stella. All are doing well

GET WELL SOON

Angel MIDDLETON has been quite poorly, we hope she is soon fit and well.

Dave PUGH has also been unwell and we wish him well.

WELCOME HOME

Emma FENWICK and Trina WILLOUGHBY have returned from their travels abroad. It's good to see them back in Kenn, safe and sound and looking great. (I think the editors might go globe-trotting one day! Watch this space!!!)

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PROPOSED GIPSEY SITES

There will be a chance for Kenn residents to pass an opinion on the PROPOSED gipsy sites in Kenn on 1st October in the Village Hall. This will be a public meeting and County Councillors will be present. It is important that as many people as possible attend so that the Councillors can be in no doubt about Kenn parishioners' strong feelings about the sites. PLEASE DO ATTEND.

INTERVILLAGE ROUNDERS

Kenn ladies have been challenged to a ladies rounders match to be held at Kenn Valley Social Club. The challenge comes from Kingston Seymour ladies. Come on girls - we can do it! All volunteers (and press-ganged) please let me know. We think the event will be held in early September.

AND FOOTBALL

The gentlemen of Kingston, eager to support their ladies by losing on the sports field to the sterling folk of Kenn, have challenged us to a game of football. Would all who want to play give their name to Richard GAUNT (tel. 875992) so I can arrange the details.

CHILDREN'S DISCO

Kingston Seymour have invited Kenn kids between the ages of 10 and 16 to a disco to be held at Kingston Seymour Village Hall. The event is on Friday 13th September starting at 7pm.

NEVER MIND THE PENNIES - TAKE CARE OF THE POUNDS

Beware of counterfeit £20 notes. I have recently found myself accused of passing one to a market trader, who held it up for all to see and told everyone around me what it was. I had no idea at all having been given the note by my bank. I insisted that I had no idea and that the note had come from the bank but you could see that my story was met with disbelief. I was so embarrassed and nearly died of shame, so please be careful, it is a horrible experience.

FOOTNOTE

My £20 was in fact not a forgery, merely an old style note. Barbara at the Post Office knew this at once and my bank confirmed that it was perfectly legal, but they changed it to save further embarrassment. I felt like going back and walking up and down with a placard - INNOCENT!

Sheila NAISH

SNIPPETS

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

On 4th August Her Majesty The Queen Mother celebrated her ninety-first birthday.

On 23rd July Wally MOORE had a surprise party to celebrate his ninetieth birthday.

On 20th August Mrs HOLTHAM had her eightieth birthday.

On 21st July the North Somerset Young Farmers Club had their Golden Anniversary lunch in Kenn.

Our flag was flown for all these celebrations.

ON THE SICK LIST

We are sorry to know that Miss GRIFFEY is in Weston Hospital and Mrs YEATES is in Forda Rest Home.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Kenn was placed third in the class for small villages. Well done to all those who worked so hard - and still do - to keep the village neat and tidy. We will try even harder in 1992.

KENN STUDENTS

To all school leavers and those continuing their education - we congratulate you all on your exam results and wish you every success in your chosen careers.

RETURN TO SOMERSET CAMPAIGN

It now seems certain Avon will be consigned to the rubbish dump but before we start celebrating let us all be on our guard to watch the aspirations of Greater Bristol, and watch developments care-

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fully - especially in villages close to Bristol.

PRIZEWINNERS

Congratulations to Mr John WITHERS of Moorside Farm, owner of the famous WITHERSLEIGH pedigree herd of Shorthorn cattle. At the Mid-Somerset Show he had prizes in the following classes :-

- Cow in milk - 1st
- Female - 1st
- Heifer in calf born since 1987 - 1st
- Group of three cattle - 3rd.

Well done!

TRAVELLERS - PROPOSED SITES

The County Council are staging an exhibition on Monday 30th September and on Tuesday 1st October in Kenn Village Hall, followed by a public meeting at which County Councillors and officers will be present.

This meeting will be the first opportunity to voice our strong disapproval and total rejection of the proposals.

TIME OF MEETING 7-30PM

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 1ST - Fun Run.

SEPTEMBER 11th - Women's Institute, 7-30pm

SEPTEMBER 30th - Exhibition re Travellers

OCTOBER 1st - Public meeting re Travellers

NOVEMBER 23rd - Advance Notice of Cheese and Wine Party.

QUIZ NIGHT

Our astute readers will notice that we have inadvertently double-booked the Quiz Night for the 23rd November. Now you know why I'm the Question Master and not a participant!! Behind the scenes re-organisation has taken place so in the words of Corporal JONES "Don't panic"!

LATEST STOP PRESS

The Quiz Night has been re-organised

and will now be held on the 9th November.

Kate

NSPCC

The recent Clevedon and District house to house collection raised £1072. Kenn raised £92.16 and Kingston £104.18. Many thanks to all who gave so generously and special thanks to all my helpers - Miss L. BAKER, Mesdames DENMEAD, HARRISON and BYE and Mrs Gill TICEHURST and Mrs Prue RUSSELL from Kingston Seymour.

Angela BULLOCK

CANCER RESEARCH

Well done Kenn - a total of £74 has been collected in the village for Cancer Research. Thank You to the collectors - Lyn BYE, Sheila NAISH, Mrs RUSSELL, Mrs Sylvia STAPLES and Mrs Joan STEVENS for their efforts.

HJ

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

NUISANCE FOULING BY DOGS

The Parish Council has received notification from Woodspring District Council that under the Environmental Protection Act it could be responsible for cleaning up dog faeces from public areas. In order that we do not find ourselves in this position the Parish Council would be grateful if dog owners could make sure that their animals do not foul places where children are likely to play or pedestrians walk. If this should happen it would be nice if owners cleaned up after their dog fouls. Thank you.

At the time of writing this I have been unable to find out the date of the public consultation meetings to be held by Avon County Council on the proposed gypsy sites. I will keep on telephoning Avon House until they do something about it. All they can tell me is that they will take place sometime during September/October

Ann HOLTHAM

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TYPIST'S NOTE

The badgering of Avon obviously worked and the meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 1st October at 7-30pm.

SEARCH FOR SITES

Below is a reprint of an article recently published in an Avon Newsletter.

SEARCH FOR SITES FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

The County Council has recently stepped up its search for sites for Gypsies and Travellers. A firm of consultants was commissioned to review land in the County, and bring forward proposals for sites. They made a first report to the Traveller Matters Sub Committee in April and included 32 possible sites. Consultation with the public and other Councils will be done following more detailed feasibility studies on these sites.

Since 1968, The County Council has had a duty to provide sites for Travellers and Gypsies. "residing in or resorting to" its area. In spite of this, there is only one authorised local authority site in the County with spaces for only 16 caravans. This situation has left many families with no place where they can stop legally, and problems about access to even the most basic amenities such as water.

Until 1989, the County Council usually evicted Travellers and Gypsies who stopped on County land - often by the side of the road. However, a non-harassment policy was adopted in 1989 and Travellers and Gypsies are no longer evicted unless there are unavoidable reasons why this should happen. This has led to a situation where there are usually about 15 unauthorised sites on County land, most of which have less than the most basic amenities. This non-harassment policy is in line with central government guidance for councils which do not have adequate numbers of permanent sites.

The County Council is caught in a 'Catch 22' situation. Whenever an unauthorised site is set up, there are complaints about it, and pressure to evict the people on it. On the other hand, all of Avon's efforts to provide permanent, well-managed sites

have also been met with public protest and the refusal of planning permission.

It is in everyone's interest that well-managed permanent sites should be established. Until that happens, Avon will be in breach of its legal duty to provide sites. When the County does try to evict Travellers or Gypsies from unauthorised sites, it is usually faced with judicial review proceedings, which Travellers and Gypsies can take because of the failure to provide permanent sites. This causes long delays with evictions even when they are well justified on safety or other grounds.

Full details of the Consultants report on sites are available in selected County libraries. If you would like further information, contact your local library or the County Press and Public Relations Office in Avon House North.

It is to be hoped that all the parties involved: the County Council, other Councils and members of the public including Travellers and Gypsies, will accept the reality of the situation, and co-operate with the search for the most suitable permanent sites.

VIDEO

If anyone would like to borrow - or see a video recording of a programme "Video Letters" - made by the B.B.C. which records video letters from two Bristol women (campaigning against a site in their area) - to a Gipsy lady and her family. It makes interesting watching, particularly the Gipsy hopes. Please contact Jean Ings, 875308.

HARVEST SNACK

Friends of Kenn Church would like to invite you to join them in a HARVEST SNACK - in Kenn Village Hall after Harvest Festival Evensong - Sunday September 8th. £1 entry which includes snack and drinks.

KENN CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

A very good evening, thank you to all who helped, contributed and CAME - the

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profit of £168-63p will be used by Kenn Church. Special thanks to friends at Yatton/Nailsea for their 'bits.'

Jean INGS

HORSEY JAZZ

Woodspring Equestrian Centre springs into a new life with its new, innovative owners, Pauline and Brian JONES, who are visibly enthusiastic about the Centre's future.

The three day Jazz Festival which was held there recently was probably the most entertaining event held in Kenn. The aim of the Festival was to preserve the music of the past and present in a light-hearted and entertaining way for all to enjoy.

It was nice to see so many Kenn people supporting the Jazz Festival. I certainly hope that there are many more music festivals held at the Equestrian Centre which has perfect facilities for this type of event.

Lyn EYE

YOUNG FARMER'S LUNCH

The 21st July 1991 saw 177 past and present members of Gordano Valley (formerly North Somerset) Young Farmers enjoying a super luncheon at Kenn Court by kind permission of Mr and Mrs S DYER.

This event was special because it was to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Club. It was lovely to see older members meeting up again with friends that they had not seen for a while and even that they had forgotten about.

A display board was set up with photos and certificates spanning the 6 decades and cups and medals were brought along by the members.

We look forward to the Club giving many more years of enjoyment to members

because they know that YFC offers so much and the more they put into it the more they will get out.

Rosemary TUCKER nee DYER

WALLY MOORE

"BOY TO LEARN FARMING AND TO LIVE IN AS FAMILY"

This is what Edwin BAKER of Clevedon Farm read in the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" one day in 1915.

The man who had paid for the advert had four sons. He was a Tailor's Cutter. Three of his four sons went on to learn the trade from him and to become successful tailors. Wallace MOORE (Wally) was the son who would never make a tailor and was being advertised. If he could learn the farming he might make a success of his life by emigrating to Australia, but first he had to learn the skills and Kenn would provide the opportunity.

This is how Wally Moore came to Kenn. In those days there were many more farms around Kenn than there are today, although many of the names - BAKER, STOWELL, NAISH, DYER, STAPLES - are still associated with the village. There was one car in the village at Moorgate House which was then a cheese factory. Wally's father sent him a shilling (5p) a week as pocket money. The girl who later became Mrs MOORE was "in-service" at Kenn Court.

On July 23rd of this year Wally was 90 years old. The flag was raised on the village green for our oldest resident and many of us saw him at a surprise Birthday Party in the Village Hall. Wally was delighted to see so many friends and neighbours. He was presented with a framed picture of Yatton Signal Box with the King George V coming through the station - a rare event. We shared and remembered with him some of the times and people he has known in Kenn.

But... as Wally often points out he was not born in Kenn. In fact he was born and raised in Nottingham. For the first ten years of his life his family lived in the village of Ruddington, a few miles south of Nottingham. Believe it or not, Wally's



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grandfather was a parson - the Rev. John MOORE of Dorset. Wally's father was also a "man of the cloth", he worked for City Tailors which had branches in most major towns, a bit like Burtons today. In those days he was becoming a successful tailor. Much of his work involved fitting and cutting for "gentlemen". Not only did they need clothes for themselves but also for their coachmen, footmen, butlers, gamekeepers and the like. These were the days when families like the ELTONS owned vast estates and employed hundreds.

Wally went to school in the village school in Ruddington. He was described as a "poor scholar". He was often sent to the Headmaster, one Mr SMITH, with a note saying what he had done wrong. Perhaps he had been caught sucking sweets or squirting ink from the inkwell. No doubt he talked a lot or perhaps he had cheated by spitting on his slate instead of just rubbing it hard with a cloth. As the Headmaster caned him on the hand Wally remembers he would say that Wally would "never be as good as his brothers". We can imagine Wally at school dressed in his boots and stockings, his knickerbockers and his blue jersey with the clean white handkerchief pinned within reach of his nose. "MOORE! stand up and say your eight times table." Ah - poor Wally.

Wally was still living in Ruddington when King Edward VII died in 1910. He can still remember having to wear a black armband to school. This was the end of the most settled time in Wally's childhood. In the next few years his father moved to West Bridgeford, Hastings and Macclesfield, before coming to Bristol and advertising Wally in the farmer's paper.

Times were changing. Wally's father was now making uniforms. The First World War was raging. Wally was himself later to join the Royal Artillery. We can only guess at his feelings as he was brought to Kenn. He hadn't enjoyed much success in his life up to this point and he must have felt unwanted.

A few years later when he was discharged from the Army he was described as "a first class man, honest, sober and trust-

worthy. Very intelligent, hardworking and clean in his habits."

Wally remembers that at Ruddington Village School they had said the same prayer every afternoon before going home. It began :

"My Father for another night

Of quiet sleep and rest....."

We congratulate Wally on Reaching his 90th year of quiet sleep and rest and wish him many more years in Kenn.

Many Happy Returns.

Colin BEDFORD.

POSTSCRIPT

Wally would like to thank the many Kenn people for the kindness he has enjoyed over the years and especially for the party given for him on his 90th Birthday.

MATTHEW HOBBS

Mat HOBBS, as he was known to most people, passed away after about 2 years illness, at his home, Rose Cottage, West End, Nailsea, aged 86. Many of the older residents of Kenn knew him well.

Mat and his wife Emm had been married sixty five years. He started work at the age of 12 and continued until he was 84. He worked as a farm worker when he was a young man and then for the next forty years making concrete products. When he was a boy he learned many country crafts from his father and carried on these crafts until he finished working. He was famous for his skills at dry stone walling. In West End, Nailsea can be seen much of his beautiful workmanship. In years gone by much of the hay was stored in hay-ricks. Mat was an expert both at making the ricks and thatching them. When he was working full time he carried on these skills in the evenings and at weekends. He was also an expert at making thatching spars from willow sticks. He did this on winter evenings.

Mat had a vast amount of knowledge of old Nailsea having lived there all his life. Sadly, the people who have been writing books about Nailsea in the past never interviewed him to record some of the

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Interesting things he could remember.

At his funeral service in Tickenham Church there was a large congregation. The HOBBS family must be one of the largest and oldest in Nailsea and district. They were joined by many friends and neighbours who held him in great respect, many of them newcomers to the district.

Our sincere sympathy is with Emm who looked after him so wonderfully until the end, enabling him to have his greatest wish, to die in his own home near his beloved garden which was always a show-piece.

Ray NAISH

'TIME FOR BED' SAID ZEBERDEE, BOING

It's hard enough to maintain one's decorum and dignity when taking one's

children out for a treat in the school holidays. However, on the train, in the Exploratory, in the shops, on the bus, the children exceeded all expectations and were superbly well behaved. Even in the toy shop they obeyed instructions not to touch anything. But what chance does one have when a famous (or infamous) short person - not unconnected with this magazine - is suddenly seen bouncing up and down excitedly on a POGO STICK? Amid cries of sheer delight the said person purchased the said article and bounced practically all the way back to the train, but for a brief respite on the bus. Needless to say she proved two things :-

- a) a highly proficient ability to pogo stick on 3" heels and
- b) A distinct impression of a very bouncy youth!!

Florence.

Hidden below are the names of local animals, plants,
birds, trees, insects and pond creatures found locally.

Can you find all 30?

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