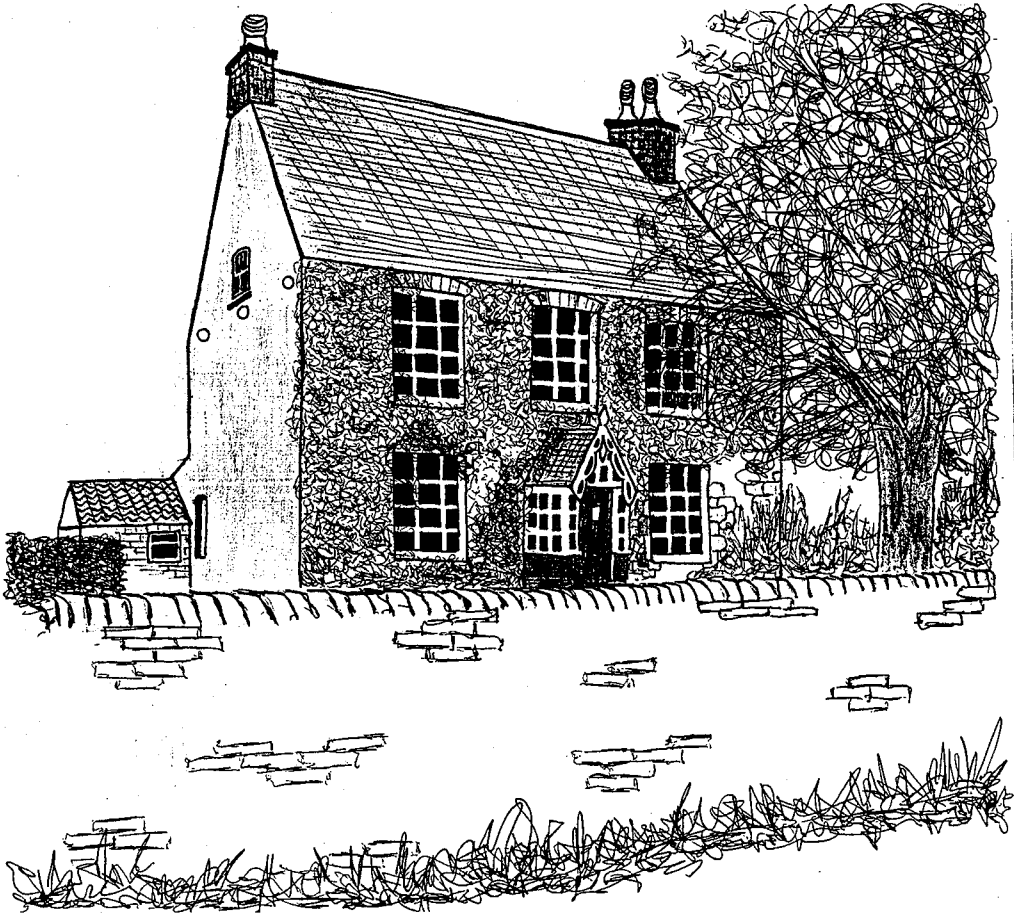


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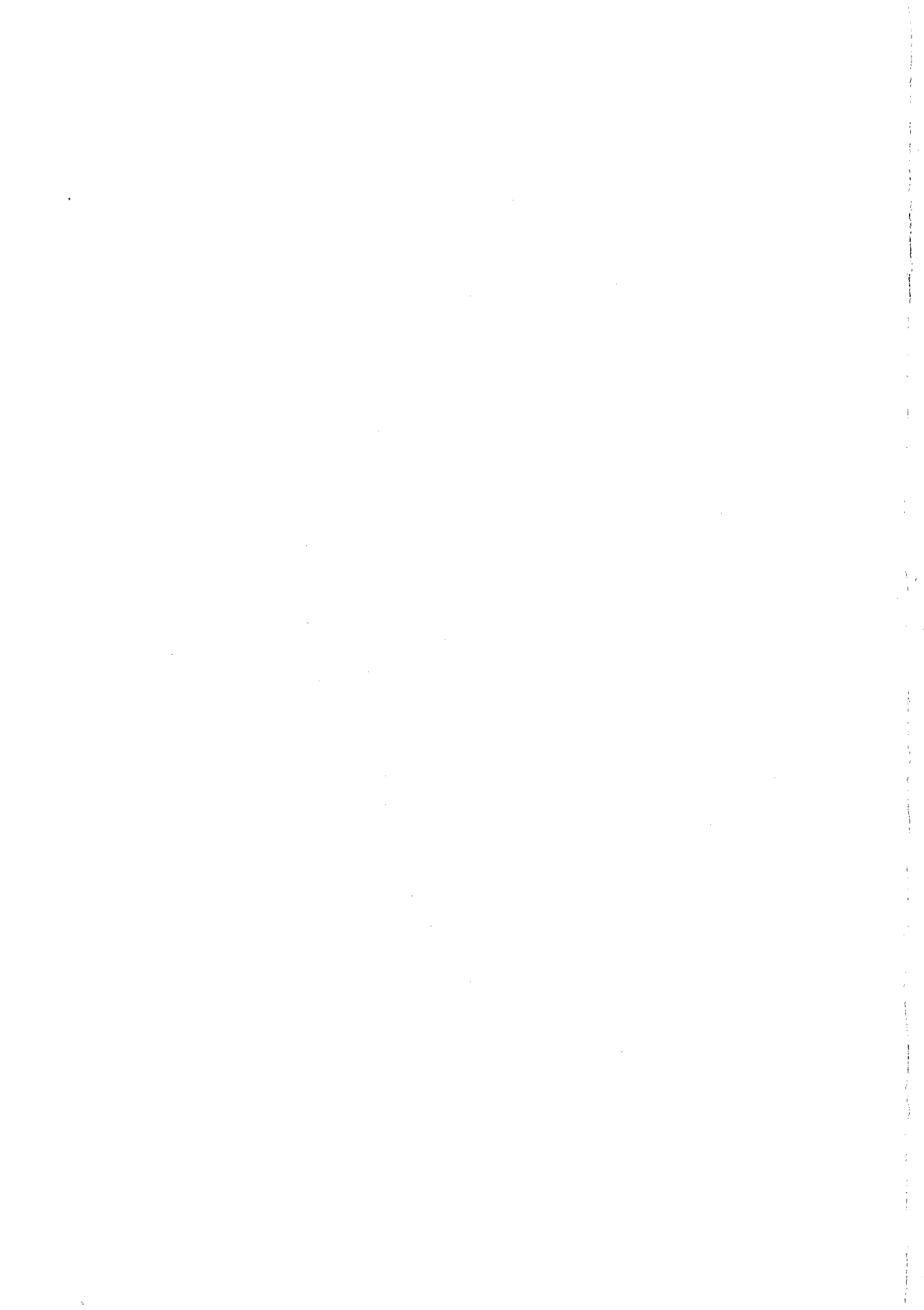


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

"SPRING IS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RIZ

I WONDER WHERE THE BOIDIES IS?"

Well this "boid" is tucked up safely in a nice warm house, well away from the fact that "THE NORTH WIND DOTH BLOW", and hoping we don't get snow. Surely not - although I'm well aware it has been known. Anyway, on days like these I'm happy to stay indoors and put your magazine together.

At the time of writing it is apparent to me that Big Ed and the Three Fingered Typist will be away for the April deadline - not together I hasten to add. This suggests there could well be a delay with next month's magazine but please, please, please continue to write and hand in your contributions to Sheila for the 20th. As always your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Kate and Sheila

DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE

20th APRIL

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

- ⇒ 1st Clare STOWELL
- ⇒ 3rd Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS
- ⇒ 3rd Avril FLOWER
- ⇒ 5th Robin TAYLOR
- ⇒ 6th Andrea WATERS
- ⇒ 8th Emma FENWICK
- ⇒ 10th Mary LAMB
- ⇒ 10th Anna EDWARDS
- ⇒ 11th Big Ed (age not admitted SN)
- ⇒ 21st Barbara MIDDLETON
- ⇒ 22nd Liz JAEHME
- ⇒ 23rd Mary WILLCOX
- ⇒ 24th Margaret STOWELL
- ⇒ 28th Theresa WALTERS
- ⇒ 29th Miles NAISH

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- ⇒ 10th Ray and Jean NAISH

NAISH'S NOTES

SICK LIST

Leon NAISH is nursing a broken arm. Mrs PASCOE emerged from a nasty accident, thankfully with just a cricked neck. Someone speeding down the motorway bridge banged straight into her stationary car.

We wish them both well.

RELOCATION

Mr Jack HANSON is moving further into the village having bought Westonwood, Miss GRIFFEY'S bungalow. We are all delighted for him.

GYPSY SITE

We are awaiting the outcome of the next Gypsy Liaison Sub-Committee meeting at Avon House on 3rd April when it is hoped that a decision will be made as to whether or not our site is included on the list.

Mrs Greta LEWIS, our local councillor, at our open meeting suggested that letters should be sent to Woodspring District Council raising our objections. Copies of letters would be appreciated by Ann HOLTHAM, Parish Clerk, who will keep them safe and copy them again should the need arise, sending them to any relevant authority.

Woodspring District Council are forwarding all letters on to Avon County Council and have stated that they will oppose any application for planning permission for a travellers site in Kenn.

While Parliament is dissolved and MPs fight for their seats we are unable to lobby our MP, Jerry WIGGIN, but he is fully aware of all objections. Maggie and Trevor GEORGE have a list of all the people letters could be sent to - please telephone 877363 if you require addresses. Maggie has written over 50 letters to different people so far!

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LAMBING IN KENN

The following is not to be read at the meal table or by those of a nervous disposition. Big Ed.

I did not receive any offers for either ewes or Miles after last month's magazine and so I've struggled on and made do. We, like most others in Kenn, have nearly finished lambing thank goodness. (Note: Oh no Little Ed will be on the loose again!!!!) the weather has been very kind to us this year and things have gone well. I found this list of 10 reasons to dislike lambing in our farming magazine.

1. Having to walk around with permanent wet patches on my knees.
2. Making the mistake of putting ewe replacer milk on my cornflakes.
3. My dog eating the placenta and then being sick on the floor.
4. Walking backwards carrying twins and shouting "maa-maa".
5. Forgetting to re-charge the lamp.
6. Ruining yet another coat with either red or black pitch.
7. Having "visitors" trying to help lost lambs find their mothers.
8. Yearlings that take all night to lamb then run away.
9. Purple spray with a faulty nozzle that takes 3 weeks to wash off.
10. Looking over the fence at my neighbour's new lambing shed.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ 7th April - Tuesday. Parish Council Meeting in Hall.
- ⇒ 19th April - Easter Sunday. No Youth Club.
- ⇒ 22nd April - Wednesday. Jumble Sale, KVH at 7pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Midsummer Madness 11. Disco in Miles and Sheila NAISH'S barn. June 27th. Let's hope for better weather this year.

Sheila NAISH

MATTER OF CLARIFICATION

I do indeed have a birthday this month to which Little Ed has added 'Age not admitted'. It's true I am not in the habit of shouting my advancing years from the rooftops but two things I will say: according to the criteria for middle age we read about a couple of months ago I'm NOT and secondly, I'm younger than HER!! And so are my wrinkles!

Kate

CLOTHES PARTY

There is to be a Clothes Party for adults and children at Meadow Lea, Kern Street on 28th April at 7-30pm. The proceeds will go towards the Youth Club funds and EVERYONE is welcome.

Kelly BURSTOW and Amy BEDFORD

ALTAR GUILD

The Annual Meeting of the Altar Guild will be held at 11am on Tuesday 7th of April at Stonehouse Farm.

RESUSCITATION UNIT

In last month's magazine I reported that there was to be a Silent Auction at the Community Centre to raise funds to purchase a resuscitation unit for the use of the Clevedon GPs.

This was duly held and was quite successful making a total for the evening of £1200. This brings the total raised by the Committee to date to £4311.

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Thank you to all those who supported the evening and also those who gave donations.

For your interest, it is hoped that there will be a demonstration of the equipment at the AGM on the 27th April at 7-45pm at the Health Centre.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting of Kenn Women's Institute the president, Mrs DYER, welcomed Mrs Margaret BESSANT as a new member and two visitors. Mrs BUBB was congratulated on her Golden Wedding Anniversary and presented with a gold leaved shrub for her garden.

A team has been entered for the Village Quiz on March 28th and the skittles team play Sandford in the next round of the tournament on 31st March. It is hoped that the 8 top scorers at the skittles social evening will form a successful team. Preliminary plans have been made for an outing to Priston Mill on June 22nd.

Mrs DYER asked members to send any views they might have on the proposed gypsy site to Woodspring District Council. There was further discussion on the resolution for the Spring Council Meeting but the decision to vote for the resolution remains the same. Mrs ALDRICH has made a beautiful panel as part of the hanging for Denman College and it was much admired.

At the April meeting Miss LILLY will talk on Rustic Ructions and the competition will be for a Maypole not more than 18" high.

After a most amusing talk by Mrs FRANCES Jumble Sales will never be quite the same again. We shall approach the next one on the evening of 22nd April in quite a different light. The competition for a Jumble bargain was won by Mrs LAMB, gold, Mrs DYER, silver and Mrs AYRES, green.

TRAVELLERS' SITES

A very useful and constructive Public Meeting was held on Thursday 5th March in the Village Hall. It was attended by all our district councillors and our county councillor. They were able to give us the latest information and explain the workings of committees and planning applications.

The County Council will decide on the 3rd April whether to submit a planning application to Woodspring District Council for the site on Kenn Moor. Woodspring have already said that they will refuse permission for the site and are working on the terms of the refusal so that if Avon County Council then decide to appeal to the Department of the Environment the case will be watertight.

The Parish Council would be grateful if a letter could be sent from every household in the village to both Woodspring and the County Council. The address for Woodspring is: Mr C STEVENS, Chief Executive, Woodspring District Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ. If you would like to take a copy of your letter and let me or any other parish councillor have it it can be kept under lock and key in case we need to send copies elsewhere in the future. Mr R STOWELL has said that he is willing to take copies for anyone who needs them.

Woodspring District Council are also willing to invite the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council to their meetings so that the best approach can be worked out.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 7th April at 8pm. Our representatives will again be present to give the latest developments. Please try to come.

Ann HOLTHAM, Clerk

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SNIPPETS

COMMUNITY CHARGE

The 1992/93 Community Charge for charge payers in Kenn has been set at £313-66p.

PARTY FOR LOCAL HANDICAPPED

A tea party for sixteen local handicapped people was held at Kenn Court. My grateful thanks to Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs WHITEHEAD, Mrs SURRIDGE, Miss BAKER, Mrs I STOWELL and Mrs MACKAY for their help.

ON THE SICK LIST

Mrs WHITEHEAD has been unwell and confined to her home for a month. We are pleased she is much better.

Mark AYRES is still receiving treatment and is presently in the Clevedon Cottage Hospital.

AMANDA WOODWARD

Amanda has been very ill in a Bristol Hospital; she has responded to treatment and we wish her a speedy recovery.

NSPCC A well attended coffee morning on the 17th of March at Kenn Court resulted in £140-50p being raised to help with the work of the Society. Many thanks to those who attended or sent donations, and especially to Mrs I STOWELL, Mrs SURRIDGE, Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs PEARCE, Mrs COX, Mrs B DYER and Mrs MACKAY who helped in many ways.

Receipt from the NSPCC awaited.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ April 8th Kenn WI 7-30pm,
- ⇒ April 9th General Election
- ⇒ April 22nd Jumble Sale 7pm.

LUCKY WINNER

Lady Luck smiled on Mrs Jean FENWICK now the proud owner of a Kenwood blender and liquidiser, a prize in the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club draw. The ticket was sold at Kenn Stores.

RVN

WI SKITTLES EVENING

The social evening at Kenn Valley Alley became at times quite noisy, especially when 5 of the male guests (all with the same score) competed for the top prize. We were pleased to welcome some new faces and to enjoy a lovely supper. The evening ended with frenzied "Munder" the other 29 competitors being seen off by John BESSANT.

Nothing will be said about the Joint Captain who won the booby!!

Jean I and Barbara M

GYPSIES

It is vitally important that we all make Avon County Council fully aware that we oppose this gypsy site, as the decision at the moment rests with the Travellers Sub-Committee. Having spoken to people in Avon, we must keep the pressure up and keep the letters flooding in. It is apparently the volume of correspondence they receive and the number of times each point is raised that matters. So if you haven't written yet please do NOW. You can either copy the enclosed (on back page) sample letter or better still write one of your own. Stress the dangers of the river, Mr WITHERS' livelihood, the environment, etc. etc., in addition to the consultant's criteria which are not met. Please would you send one letter for every adult in your household, we want them inundated with protests. Don't let them think that because Kenn is only a small village they won't get any opposition.

Thank you.

Maggie GEORGE

UPDATE ON NEW VILLAGE HALL

Planning permission has been obtained provisionally (subject to certain con-

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ditions) from Woodspring District Council to build a new village hall in Coxhay Orchard which is behind the present hall. Permission to erect two new houses on the site of the present hall has also been obtained subject to the same conditions.

Woodspring District Council were approached to find out if any grants were available towards the cost of building new recreational facilities in small villages. A representative from Woodspring has visited the site and said grants are payable only on completion of a building meeting their specification. Before Woodspring can enter into any agreement they must be able to talk to an elected committee responsible for the building programme.

It's now up to you, the people of Kenn! Are you prepared to undertake the building of a new village hall?

RV NAISH

1992 FUN RUN

Following Iris Goldsworthy's article about the silent auction to raise money for a resuscitation kit for the Clevedon GPs the Charity Fund Raising Committee felt it would be a good idea to investigate the possibility of making this the charity for this year's Fun Run.

The equipment sought is an ECG machine with defibrillator (to restart the heart if it stops), a suction pump and tubes to clear a blocked throat and a collection of drugs to treat heart attacks. A great deal of money is still needed to buy the kit and provide extra funds to cover the maintenance, insurance and regular replacement of the drugs. The doctors on call will be able to carry this kit around with them instead of having to waste valuable time collecting such items from the Cottage Hospital.

This equipment should prove a great asset to the Clevedon GPs and consequently be of value to those of us who are patients.

It was the opinion of the committee that this would be a very worthwhile project to donate the 1992 proceeds to, ESPECIALLY as it could benefit anyone in the village should the need arise.

SO MAKE A DATE

1992 KENN FUN RUN

SUNDAY AUGUST 30th.

Jenny PASCOE

A SMILE FOR ELECTION DAY

The candidate for a 'fringe' party was heard to say that he wanted to campaign to have the buttons on pelican crossings moved lower - after all you never see squashed pelicans but you often see squashed hedghogs!!

Anon.

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

I know that I've worked for the NHS for more years than I care to mention but as they say you are never too old to learn.

After Miles "fell out" with a sheep trough (or some similar thing) and it chose to throw itself on his foot I was required to help out by dressing his toe daily.

I was concerned as to why after I'd used all my knowledge and experience of applying dressings gently, the patient seemed to remain anxious and distressed. However all was to be revealed on the next visit.

The problem - I hadn't used Dettol cream! and according to those that know (obviously someone forgot to tell the staff of the Intensive Care Unit and ALL nurses in training) you use Dettol cream for everything!!

Miles spent a restless night sure his foot would fall off despite all I'd done so at his request the treatment was altered!!! I am now telling everyone in the profession about Dettol cream and that we've been doing it wrong all these years.

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Truck loads will I'm sure be delivered to hospitals all over the country when word gets out!

DOGS

I've been walking through Kenn village looking at all the beautiful spring gardens and street borders. They are a delight to behold, so full of colour after the winter gloom. The sun and rain refreshing and warming the ground have brought on the flowers to give a treat everyone can see. Our street has become marred by the excreta of household pets and our pathways have become, I'm sorry to say, a toilet! We are so sad to see the fouling of our pathways and grass verges that we appeal to those who walk their pets to feel concerned about this unhealthy litter and ask that they "Play the game" if only for their animals' sake.

Anon.

KENN HISTORY GROUP

We met at "the Granary" on the 16th of March.

Ray NAISH had taken a record of Wally MOORE recalling his life and work in the village since he arrived aged thirteen, 78 years ago! A fascinating account of farming and country life in this century.

This encouraged our senior male members to exercise their memories of times past with some amusing tales. As a project we intend to compile a history of Kenn School. Kate and Renee will make a start by going through the church records.

Farming until recent times was our chief industry so we would welcome any information or photographs etc. in order to start a project. Any notes or photos would be copied and returned to the owners.

Our next meeting will be on May 18th starting at 7pm. Weather permitting we plan a "walk about" with an OS map in hand to fill in any missing properties ie

those houses/farms no longer there. We hope to retreat to the Drum and Monkey when finished.

CORRECTION

When I wrote about the schoolmistress's husband from Kenn who became a clergyman in last month's News and Views I hadn't got all my facts right. Perhaps I can be excused as I was only five years old when it happened.

I wrote that Ernest BEVAN was ordained after going to theological college and went straight to Trinidad. The facts are that he did his training and when he was nearly ready for ordination no Bishop in England would perform the ceremony because he came from a working class background; he had been a mining engineer in Wales before coming to Kern. However he wasn't easily put off and by chance he heard of a retired clergyman who had come to Clevedon from the West Indies. This vicar told him that if he went to Trinidad he would have no trouble in getting ordained there because they were desperately short of clergymen. He sailed off and on arrival was ordained at Port of Spain.

After doing several years ministry in that country the BEVANS returned to England but when he tried to get a parish to work in he was still against the church authorities who didn't want to recognise him as a vicar because of his background.

Eventually he was approached by the vicar of Stoke-Lacy in Hertfordshire who was in poor health and offered to pay him to do his work in the parish, but he would still retain the living. This was agreed. After some time the vicar, the Reverend Morgan, died and eventually Ernest BEVAN was allowed to become vicar of that parish.

Ray NAISH

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PS We hope Avril has the same problem and we can all go to Trinidad for her induction. A coach party from Kenn perhaps.....?

Little Ed

APOLOGY

Last month the jolly three-fingered typist in a fit of editorial power inadvertently missed a whole section of the magazine out. I'd like to apologise to Grace GRIF-FIN whose section on the new village hall was the portion omitted. Sorry.

YATTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

A concert will be held in St. John's Church Kenn on Thursday April 30th beginning at 7-45pm. The performance is "The Story of the Great Tenor Heddle NASH" and will be given by his son John Heddle NASH.

Tickets are £3 each.

Travellers' Sub-Committee,
Avon County Council,
Avon House,
The Haymarket,
BRISTOL.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Kenn, near Clevedon, I wish to express my opposition to the proposed travellers site on Kenn Moor, site no. 20, on the grounds that it does not meet the following criteria laid down by the consultants in the report, paragraph 9.2.

Preferably be a location normally frequented by gypsies.

Be reasonably located for shops, schools, medical aid etc.

Be reasonably located for business opportunities for gypsies.

Have adequate access to an adequate public highway.

Be accessible to major public transport routes.

Have a minimal impact on agricultural land or ecologically important sites.

Utilise land of little use for other purposes.

Their policy also states:

Sites should generally avoid places where no other residential development would be tolerated.

As the land at Kenn Moor clearly fails to satisfy any of these criteria, it should be rejected immediately.

Yours faithfully,

