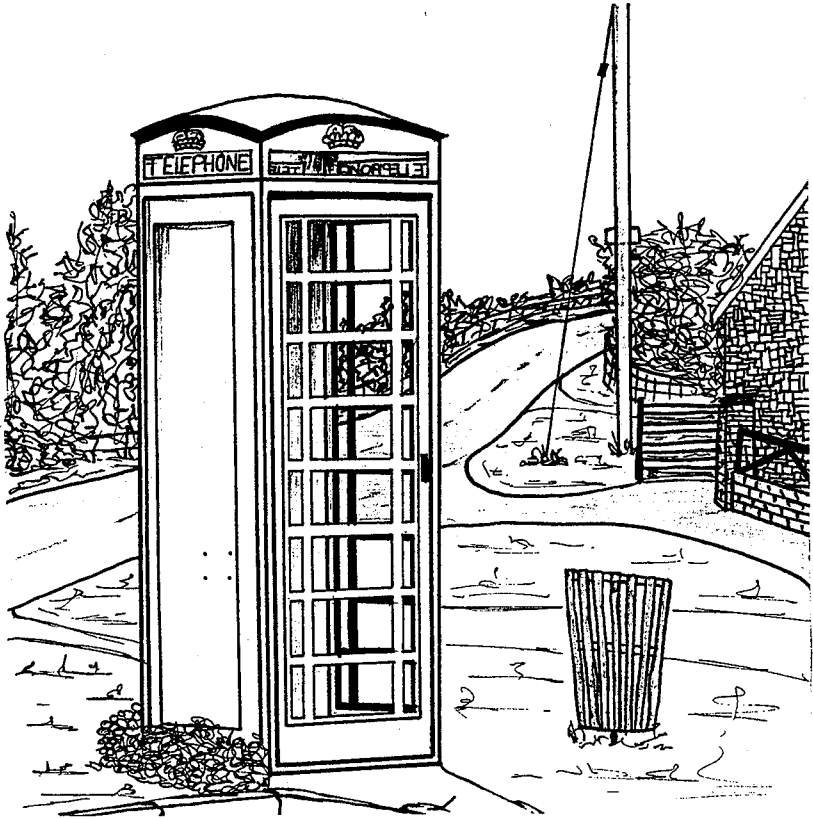


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## MESSAGE FROM EDITORS

Holiday time is upon us and we hope that all our readers and friends enjoy their well-earned breaks. Needless to say though, we'll be interested to hear of any amusing anecdotes or fascinating facts arising from your visits at home or abroad. So along with the postcards, jot down a little bit - however small - for your magazine. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kate and Sheila

## DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE

20TH AUGUST

## BIRTHDAYS

- ⇒ 3rd Clare and Louise EDWARDS
- ⇒ 6th Steve BYE
- ⇒ 7th Lorraine STAPLES
- ⇒ 7th Ray NAISH
- ⇒ 10th Stephen BRAIN
- ⇒ 15th Jean NAISH
- ⇒ 23rd Mark PASCOE
- ⇒ 24th Sam STAPLES
- ⇒ 25th Stella NAISH
- ⇒ 26th Peter WOOD

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

## BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

On July 15th Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN celebrated her 90th birthday. We all hope she had a wonderful day.

## NAISH'S NOTES

### THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to everyone who attended the fashion show on the 25th June. It was a very hot evening and we ran out of chairs and were rescued by several local ladies who went home and fetched garden furniture and kitchen stools. The show itself was different!! and raised

laughs (and tempers!! NOT OURS) and lots of money. £273 was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis Unit in Nailsea. We bought a microwave and video for them, this replaced the ones they had had stolen.

Thank you to all who attended Midsummer Madness 11 at Oakland Farm on the 27th June. About 250 people crammed into our barn for a disco, again on a very hot evening and we were grateful to Derek, Shirley, Chris and their staff at Kenn Valley Social Club for the efficient, well stocked bar. Thanks to the mobile beefburger bar. John HAZELL provided the music for us and played most of our requests, even if he did get his ear bent over some! A super time was had by all and the total money raised was £872 20p. This money goes to CLIC for their half-way house in Bristol.

Well done Kenn folk and their friends - £1150 raised for charity in just 3 days is brilliant.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Kenn Valley Social Club are holding a FUN DAY on Sunday August 23rd. All villagers and their families are invited. There will be various stalls, a bouncey fly wall and a pig roast. Do come along and support this event.

## COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at Stonehouse Farm on the 11th August from 10-30am onwards. All proceeds will go to the Kenn Building fund and Macmillan Nurses.

## WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Debbie and Byron MURPHY who have moved into Woodbine Cottage.

## THE SHOP

Following along the theme of live and let live can I say how appalled I was to pop into Barbara's shop a few weeks ago, not to find our usually happy, smiling post-

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mistress but a very unhappy lady in tears and very upset; most people well know by now that someone had complained to the authorities about Blackie being in the shop. The outcome of all this is that Blackie is banned and doesn't know why she cannot be near her mistress, she thinks she is in trouble. Barbara is hurt and upset and cannot bear to watch Blackie looking so bewildered.

The shop has been for sale for a long time, Barbara eager to sell as a shop, so we in the village do not lose our Post Office. She has always been there for us, and always bright and cheerful. What a shame her last weeks in the shop should be marred by such unhappiness. What a shame the "complainer" didn't really think about the outcome of their action. We in Kenn would rather have Barbara in her shop safe from harm, guarded by her faithful dog than anything else.

## FUN RUN

SUNDAY 6th  
SEPTEMBER  
A3T 2-45PM



As usual a "jaunt" up and down the village for "us whots not so fit" and our 3 mile jog for anyone who has the stamina and the legs for it! (I don't, mine are too short. No they are NOT fat and hairy. Little Ed.)

**ALL WELCOME!!** In fact it's nearly compulsory!

Bring your friends, even if it's just to watch. There will be a BBQ afterwards and if we've the strength our usual rounders match - mind you I'm still trying to get the cow muck off my knickers from last year GAUNTY!!

Any donations towards the raffle would be welcome, any sponsorship money will be gratefully received, in fact anything

let us know.

Proceeds towards a resuscitator for the Cottage Hospital and its doctors. We may all benefit one day.

We already have some lads going to push a bed round the route. Any other wacky whacky ideas.

Sheila NAISH

## COUNCIL TAX

As you are all no doubt aware the Community Charge will be replaced from 1st April by the new Council Tax. For the purposes of this tax each domestic property will be valued within one of eight bands as follows:

- ⇒ BAND A - £0 - £40 000
- ⇒ BAND B - £40 000 - £52 000
- ⇒ BAND C - £52 000 - £68 000
- ⇒ BAND D - £68 000 - £88 000
- ⇒ BAND E - £88 000 - £120 000
- ⇒ BAND F - £120 000 - £160 000
- ⇒ BAND G - £160 000 - £320 000
- ⇒ BAND H - £320 000+

The valuation exercise will be complete by the Autumn of this year and will be open to public inspection at the Town Hall and Area Offices in due course.

## IN THE SWIM

Congratulations to Leon NAISH who recently completed a swim of 2 miles and gained yet another certificate for Mum's wall.

## FAREWELL .....

We wish farewell to Ken and Sharon DYER who have left Elmbank for a new home in Lancashire. We hope they enjoyed their time in Kenn and send our best wishes for the future.

## ..... WELCOME

Indeed welcome back to Hartley and Jane STAPLES and Joanna who are returning to Kenn after living in Tickenham for a few years. They were never far away but

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we're thrilled to have them back in our fold. Congratulations also to Joanna who has recently become engaged.

## A GREAT DAY OUT

Many of you know about the GREAT DORSET STEAMFAIR which takes place every year just outside Blandford. This year the fair runs from Saturday 29th August until Saturday 5th September at South Down, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford, Dorset. If you have a caravan or tent you can camp at the official site for £6 per night but even as a day visitor you are almost guaranteed a great and interesting day out.

A leaflet and more details are available from M F OLIVER, Dairy Mead, Child Okeford, Blandford, Dorset, DT 11 8HD. Tel: 0258 860361.

## SNIPPETS

### CELEBRATIONS

June 30th. Lucy BULLOCK elder daughter of Doctor and Mrs BULLOCK married William MORGAN at the Friary Church, Clevedon. We wish them a long and happy life together.

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

July 15th. Grannie GRIFFIN celebrated her ninetieth birthday in style with a weekend in London with Granddaughter, lunch at the Walton Park Hotel on the day followed by further family celebrations at the Granary at the weekend.

Our flag was flown on both occasions.

### POSTER FOR BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Only ten posters were submitted to be judged by Mrs Greta LEWIS, Chairman of Woodspring District Council, who awarded the prizes to:

- Class 1 - 1. George DARK  
2. Andrew JENKINS  
3. Pippa JENKINS

Class 2 - 1. Mark PASCOE

2. Matthew GAUNT  
equal 3. Sarah DARK and Alex GAUNT

Class 3.- 1. Sebastian WILCOX

2. Joanna BRAIN  
3. Elizabeth DARK

The posters are displayed in the Porch at Kenn Hall.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

Mrs PREW and Mrs QUINN and her family have offered to give a suitable Christmas tree to be planted on the village green in memory of Mr PREW. This kind offer is much appreciated and the tree will be planted at the suitable time.

## JUMBLE SALE

The Kenn Village Hall Jumble Sale will be held on August 19th at 7pm in aid of Hall funds.

Offers of help and anything saleable will be most acceptable ie produce, books, cakes, white elephant, toys, clothes etc.

Goods to Hall from 10am on August 19th.

## SEE YOU THERE!!

## DIARY DATES

11 TO 13th September. Kenn Village Harvest and Flower Festival. Displays in St John's Church, Stonehouse Farm and the Village Hall. Preview supper, teas, refreshments and entertainment.

All proceeds for Macmillan Nurses and St John's Building Fund.

St John's Harvest Snack Supper after Evensong on the 13th September in the Village Hall.

Full details in September issue of News and Views.

## ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

This unhappy saga continues unabated.

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If a woman is called by God to take Holy Orders what right has anyone on this earth to try and prevent her from doing so. We are constantly being told about the shortage of Clergy in our Church but even so a prominent churchman and politician still considers the idea of women priests is an obsession born out of "every passing fashion and every popular fad".

Meanwhile while such sentiments hold sway many sincere and devout women are banned from their true calling.

## PATIENT

We are sorry to hear Mr SURRIDGE is in the Royal Infirmary - we wish him a speedy recovery.

RM DYER

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

At a special meeting of the Woodspring Group of the Avon Local Councils Association held at the Town Hall in Weston-super-Mare, Mr STEPHENS, the Chief Executive, gave an update on the progress of Woodspring's bid to become a unitary authority.

The Local Government Commission has published a timetable which could mean the end of the County of Avon by April 1995. Woodspring's submission has to be made to the Commission by 1st September. The Commission will make its recommendations to the Secretary of State within the six months following that.

A full report of the meeting will be made at the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 3rd August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All electors in the parish are welcome to attend.

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President, Mrs DYER, welcomed visitors from Banwell WI to the July meeting of Kenn WI. Mrs WILSON, a

new member, was also welcomed. Mrs ALDRICK was presented with the Rose Bowl which was won at the last Group Meeting. An acknowledgment of the card sent to the Queen has been received from Buckingham Palace.

Mrs MANN will be the delegate at the Autumn Council Meeting. The resolution on prisoners of conscience will be discussed at the September meeting.

As a rule there is no meeting in August, but this year members are invited to Kenn Court on 12th August at 7-30pm to discuss plans for a Flower Festival. The coffee evening held by Mrs BUSH to raise funds for this event raised £140. A coffee morning will be held at Stonehouse Farm on 11th August to help with funds.

Mrs Gwen EVANS entertained members royally with her talk entitled "I'll tell you a story". Both stories were very much enjoyed. The competition for a funny story in less than a hundred words was won by Mrs BUBB, gold, Mrs DYER, silver and Mrs HAMBROOK, green.

At the September meeting Mr ROME will talk on Bristol Cathedral and St Mary Redcliffe. The competition will be for a picture of either.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO "REPORTER"

Kenn has been very fortunate in having a postmistress and shopkeeper who tirelessly and cheerfully caters for the needs of the village. Someone who cannot afford to be ill, or to take time off. Someone who has been strongly resolute in ensuring the shop has continued to run for the village's benefit, despite wishing to sell and settle for a quieter and less stressful lifestyle.

The village for its part has been equally good in supporting and using the shop appreciatively, and for that I would thank you. However, I cannot let the actions of whoever reported my mother to the Public Health Department for

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having a dog in the shop, pass without comment.

Since dad died, Blackie has been both companion and protection for mum. This has now been denied her during shop opening hours. For those people who genuinely use and appreciate having a village shop, you will know Blackie has always kept a low profile and has not posed a threat from the point of view of health or hygiene.

The actions of this "good samaritan" have already caused upset (to both mum and Blackie), loss of sleep, and much distress. I believe mum would be justified in "shutting up shop" regardless, and choosing to convert and live in the property as a private house, if she were able to afford that luxury.

So, to that nameless, faceless individual I would like to say this;

I cannot pretend to begin to understand your reasons, but whatever your motives were, I trust you feel justified in what you have done. And if that prickly little thing called conscience keeps you awake, just a little, tonight, then perhaps you'll have a little sympathy with my mother. And who knows, it may help you to think before you act in future!?

Nigel MIDDLETON

### AVON SCHOOLS CAMP

On the 18th of June I went to the Avon Schools camp site with Clevedon School. Our tents were nice and big. They had wooden floors and beds. We did lots of things like water sports, circus skills, fishing, shopping, walking and washing up after a meal. In water sports we did sailing, skimmming, windsurfing and we broke the Avon School camp record for making a raft of canoes and standing up on them. In circus skills we learnt how to

juggle, how to use the devil sticks and diabolo. We also learnt stilt walking and how to ride the unicycle. It was great fun.

Sebastian WILCOX

### VILLAGE HALL

Hall rents from September 1st:

- ⇒ Evening meeting £10
- ⇒ Social event £25
- ⇒ Jumble Sale £20
- ⇒ Children's birthday party £15
- ⇒ Wedding etc. £35

The Hall has been used by several organisations: dog training classes brought in £100, Youth club £101, Wood-spring Council £260. It has also been used locally. The major expenses were: Electricity £400, Insurance £300 (a 100% increase), and the doors to cover the electric meters £300. At the moment income only just covers expenses, and there is always maintenance to be done.

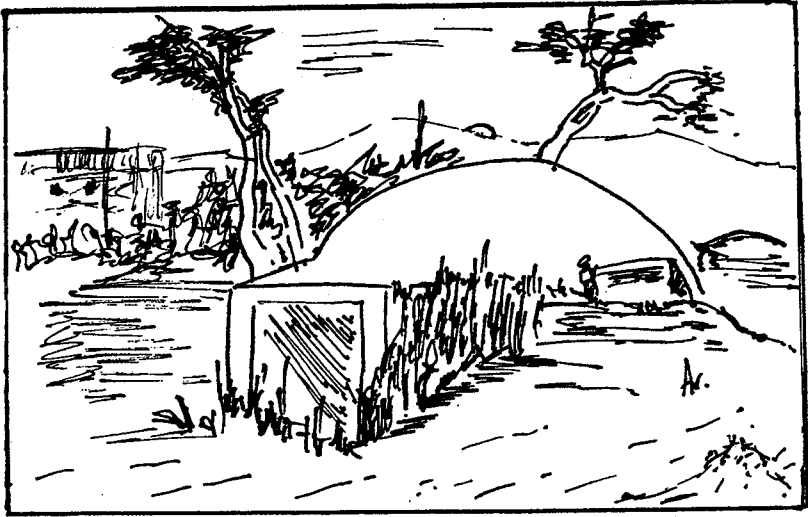
The Hall committee try to keep the rents as low as possible so that everyone can use the Hall for events. This coming year there will be legal requirements to comply with the new hygiene regulations, and maintenance will be needed on the outside of the hall. The hall is kept clean by volunteers. The committee thanks to all who help in this way.

I STOWELL

### ALBANIA

A few weeks ago I went to Albania on business; this gave me the chance to travel around a country that until recently was closed to all outsiders and had no British diplomatic representative. It now has a democratic government but they have a major task to repair the ravages from 50 years of communist mis-rule. In their latter years they became so paranoid they thought the

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West would invade Albania and built over a million concrete bunkers guarding such important things as telegraph poles, an unbelievable waste of effort in a country with food shortages! They looked like so many mushrooms dotted about the countryside.

Today Albania is only three hours flying time from Heathrow but a world away in living standards. It was quite a shock to find Europeans living and working in the second half of the 20th century in conditions I'd only seen in black and white photographs from a hundred years ago.

Towards the end of the communist rule there was widespread disruption as the people struggled for democracy and as I travelled around the country it became increasingly depressing to find that most of the factories and farms had stopped working and everywhere had an uncared for look. Shortages of basic foodstuffs were widespread and even visiting businessmen, with our large (by Albanian standards) supplies of dollars, suffered inconveniences. Minor I admit by the local standards but having fig jam and dry bread for breakfast every day gets a little wearing, although the custom

of giving visitors a large brandy (cost 30p a bottle) mid morning does help one forget breakfast and provides some encouragement to keep going until the evening meal. The Albanians do not eat a mid-day meal, quite a trial for my GAUNT frame.

Albania is the poorest country in Europe. The typical worker is paid about £2 per week and lives in a jerry-built one bed roomed flat. In the factory manager's house I visited conditions were similar and two children shared a single bed in the kitchen. However, they were fortunate because children are still being treated in hospital for starvation - it comes as quite a shock to discover that three hours away children are starving. The hospitals are desperately short of equipment and medicines, syringes are shared and as a result hepatitis is rampant although the closed nature of the country has kept AIDS out (so far!).

The Albanians need help urgently. The major help is coming from Italy (food) and Hungary (medical care for children); the British Government has done, and shows every sign of continuing to do, very little. Some British charities are

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working in the country including Action Albania, an Anglican charity, which is providing food and medical equipment to the Elbasan area. I visited this area, the site of a large factory which has polluted the surrounding land and caused much illness in the population, and can vouch for the appalling conditions.

Kenn has a proud history of charitable giving. The Albanians need help; initially food and medicine to see them through the winter but in the longer term they need new equipment to produce their own food and training in modern industrial and farming techniques. The industrial training is beginning to arrive but agriculture remains backward. I think it would be a nice idea if we twinned with an Albanian rural village and tried to help. Is anyone interested? If you are please call me on 875992.

Richard GAUNT

### MRS COX

On June 25th residents of Kenn were shocked to hear of the passing away of Mrs Kathleen Veronica COX after a short illness in Weston Hospital. Mrs COX, known as Vonnice, was born at Rose Cottage, now known as Cherry Tree, some eighty two years ago.

After her marriage to Mr Sidney COX she lived at The Limes, then the cottage now disused in Kenn Street, then to Nailsea before returning to Kenn to live in the old milk factory, now Moorgates, before moving to Clevedon Farm some forty years ago to continue dairy farming.

Twelve years ago she moved to Fairways, Kenn where she created a beautiful garden. Mrs COX derived great pleasure from growing her flowers which she took to Winford Market and also supplied shops in Clevedon. Often a queue was ready outside Martin's in Hill Road to await her arrival with fresh flowers from her garden.

Mrs COX loved the country way of life taking long walks in the Moors, was a staunch member of Kenn Church and supporter of Whist Drives, Jumble Sales and other local activities.

The respect for Mrs COX was shown on July 1st when there was a large attendance at her funeral at Kenn Church when the service was conducted by the Reverend John RUFFLE.

To all her family we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss. Mrs COX during her life gave people a lot of pleasure with her flowers. We shall miss her.

Our flag was flown at half mast on June 25th and July 1st.

RMD

### THANK YOU

Irene, Beryl and Heather would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy, attended the funeral, and for kindness in giving donations to the church. Our Mum was one of the best - our mum and best friend.

### CRISIS

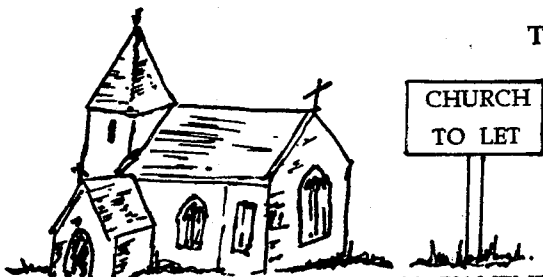
It is quite clear from the leaflet handed to members of the congregation at St John's that we are running into severe financial problems. The "quota" mentioned above expenses is our proportion of diocesan expenses used to pay clergy and to provide, amongst other things, for their training, housing and pensions.

The electoral roll consists of the names of those people who have committed themselves to support the Christian work of the Church and the quota is based partly on these members. The diocese has recently considered ways of making more economical use of the manpower and resources available and there has been a suggestion that the small or underused churches could be closed. Let us hope



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The Parish Of Yatton Moor



## CRISIS

AT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF GIVING BY MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S, WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO KEEP THIS CHURCH RUNNING.

The cost of the five major items in maintaining the life of the church is as follows:

QUOTA	£ 2835	To pay the clergy
MINISTRY EXPENSES	£ 912	Petrol, telephone etc.
INSURANCE	£ 372	
POWER AND LIGHT	£ 448	
OTHER ORDINARY EXPENSES	£ 928	Candles, leaflets, booklets, stationery, maintenance, organ tuning, organist etc.
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TOTAL	£5495	

Last year from planned giving \_\_\_\_\_  
and collections we obtained £3456

This amounts to only £1.02 a week on average from each member on the electoral role.

In view of a 47.5% increase in Quota and at least 5% increase in other costs this year and for the next five years, Giving must go up to **AT LEAST £2.50 per head NOW** and to **£4.30 per head by 1995** if this church is to survive.

**LAST YEAR, ST. MARY'S SUBSIDISED ST JOHN'S BY £2039 EXCLUDING BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES.**



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this will never happen in Kern but it is up to us to do our bit to keep St John's open for the benefit of the community.

Renee BELL

## COW MANURE IN THE PAST

Reading in July News and Views the comments on horse manure on Kern streets and lanes reminded me of a similar problem about forty to fifty ago.

In those days several herds of dairy cows used the roads daily. One herd belonged to Toby Gale, these cows often used Duck Lane four times a day going to and fro for milking.

Like all cows they left a lot of manure on the roads. About that time a Mr and Mrs REECE and their son John moved into The Cottage, Duck Lane. I was talking to Mr REECE outside his garden gate one day and he said to me "I wouldn't mind Toby's cows going up and down this Lane so much if he didn't feed them on Syrup of Figs."

Roy NAISH

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone that supported and helped at the Coffee Morning at Stonehouse Farm in aid of St John's Altar Guild. The total raised was £88-42p.

RVN

## CLEVEDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

From comments and recent enquiries, some residents appear to have realised that the Club will be organising far more and varied events than straightforward Football/Sports, and could well prove to effect the present "quality of life" of residents.

At present the Equestrian Centre submits a list of approved events for a 12 month period, and it is hoped that the same policy will prevail with the Football

Club. However the press report from Chairman of Club makes it plain they will be looking to every and any way of making money.

The Parish Councillors received a lot of "flak" over suggested lack of development information - so it is now up to residents to make their views known on proposed Club events - now is the time, not after applications have been agreed! The first suggestion of a market contains no dates/size/content, it will now be considered by Woodspring on 7th September, if you have ANY comments please WRITE to Mr MCSTAY at Woodspring Planning Offices.

This is NOT an official Parish Council intimation but one several of us feel should be made known in the next months NEWS.

Jean INGS, Parish Councillor.

## G M GRIFFIN

July 12th

Granny Griffin went to London for her 90th birthday. John put me on the coach at 9am, Kate met me at Harrods and took me in her car to her flat. We had lunch by the Thames, had a lovely look at the shops and even bought a hat half-price. Then Sarah picked me up in her car and I stayed at her flat for the night.

Monday: A taxi to tea at the Ritz, a gift from Sarah, what a thrill. Took us two hours to eat the lovely Tea. A lady played a harp and started Happy Birthday to you and I was overwhelmed. Other guests were having a champagne tea so we had a gay time. Another taxi and Sarah put me on the 6-15 coach.

Home again after a Happy Day.

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

On June 29th about twenty of us visited Mr Alfred Gay's farm at "Eastwood Manor" East Harptree, to enjoy a guided tour by My GAY of his famous Victorian

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agricultural farm buildings.

This amazing one roof structure covering about one and a third acres, provided for all the needs of a large mixed farm, accomodating the year round all the livestock, together with their fodder. One can best convey the scale of the building and its facilities by reporting that the cost of the construction in 1856 was no less than £15,000 (by the value of today, millions of pounds)

We saw and heard about a lot of the GAY family history and farm equipment used by them for several generations. We found the whole evening quite fascinating and it ended with us gathered round a wagon drinking coffee and eating biscuits talking with the GAY family while browsing through the old farm records, and account books from the first world war. Wages 2/- to 2/4 (ie 10/12 new pence) per day, with milk being sold for tuppence halfpenny (ie 1 new pence) per gallon! Yet a horse, the tractor of the day, could cost £30+

An event like this makes you realize just what a century of great change has taken place for the farming world and is now drawing to a close. One hundred wonderful and remarkable years, with progress and change the scale of which surely can never be repeated in any similar future time span.

John GRIFFIN

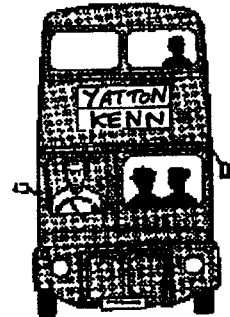
## THREE FINGERS TO BIG ED

Last month you may recall I crawled to Big Ed when she announced she would pick up any you-know-whats dropped in front of the house. Well some were, I called, and, and, and further and ... nothing happened. Come on and do your duty!!

Richard.

WHETHER YOU'RE  
GOING BY

OR



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## AVON BRANCH OF ARMS THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE

UNITS 41/42 SOUTHFIELD ROAD TRADING ESTATE  
SOUTHFIELD ROAD, NAILSEA, BRISTOL BS19 1JD  
Telephone (0275) 858806

Self help is our way of action.

8 July 1992

Mrs. S. Naish & Mrs. J. Pascoe  
Oakland Farm  
Kenn Road  
Kenn  
Nr. Clevedon  
Avon

Dear Sheila & Jenny,

We were so thrilled to receive the microwave and video yesterday - it was just like Christmas here!!

Please accept our sincere thanks for raising yet more funds for our centre enabling these latest gifts to be purchased for us. We're certainly looking forward to having our jacket potatoes again!!

We would like you to pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the 'Fashion Show' such a great success. Our thanks also to Simon who, we understand, did the 'shopping' - we are delighted with your choice!

Although we have an on-going fund raising programme amongst many of our members, without the support of people like yourselves the therapies and support we offer Multiple Sclerosis sufferers could not continue.

Once again, our thanks to the residents of Kenn who support your fund raising efforts - we really do appreciate what you do for us.

With kind regards from all the members of Avon Branch of ARMS.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Body  
Centre Manager