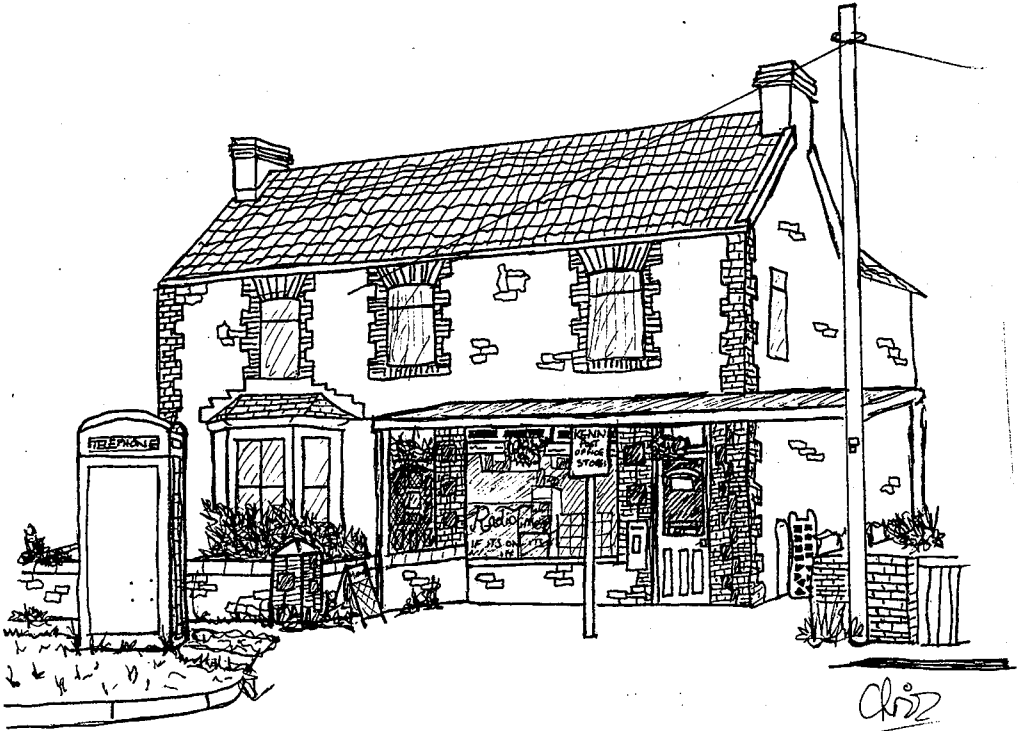


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Just a note this month about the covers of the magazine. Christopher DENMEAD produces the drawings for us from photographs he has taken. Two ideas have been suggested following on from these drawings. The first is that Christopher could produce a village calendar for 1993. For this we feel that he ought to have permission from the householders. Therefore if anyone feels they would rather NOT have their house included would they please let us know.

The second idea is that if anyone would like a drawing of their home to frame and keep, Christopher is willing to come and discuss sizes and prices. Please ring him or Kate on Clevedon 879747.

Kate and Sheila.

Deadline For March Issue - 20th February.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Tim TAYLOR
- 2nd - Katy STOWELL
- 14th - Gladys DENMEAD
- 16th - Marianna MACKAY
- 19th - Jeff NAISH
- 25th - James GRIFFIN
- 27th - Jenny PASCOE.

NAISH'S NOTES

OFF TO OZ

James GRIFFIN and Robert BESANT are once more off on their travels. They have flown to Australia for a month. Who can but envy them the glorious weather when at the time of writing it is below freezing point over here.

Rosemary WILCOX is soon taking a leaf out of their book and she too is off to Australia.



We wish all the travellers well, let's hope we get a postcard.

HOSPITAL STAY

Heather and Jim NOAD are the proud parents of baby George born on January 11th. Welcome George and congratulations to Heather and Jim. Heather, whilst expecting George, qualified for and took part in the driving class at the Horse of the Year Show acquitting herself admirably.

FOOTBALL MATCH

I have some photo's of the teams at the village football match if anyone wishes to see them or to order a copy. What a team we had!

TYPIST'S TROUBLE I

In Kate's excellent report of the match against Kingston she correctly attributed the first Kenn goal to Jeremy OSBOURNE. I have no excuse for misreading the name (Kate is a very clear writer, unlike some) and I must apologise to Jeremy.

SORRY JER.

MORE NEW ARRIVALS

We are very busy at the moment, lambing time is here. This is the time of the year when we are caught muttering to ourselves, dressed up like Wurzel Gumidge and smelling delightful; most of our waking day is spent in lambing sheds. I found an interesting article in one of our farming magazines and I have adopted it as follows: (yes they are ALL applicable! MN take note)

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A FARMER'S WIFE

1. Thou shalt cook meals which can be served 30 minutes early or 2 hours late.
2. Thou shalt learn to manipulate the farm records to incorporate absent receipts, dates and VAT amounts.
3. Thou shalt remain silent while thy husband exaggerates the weights of his

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cattle and numbers of his lambs.

4. Thou shalt remain patient and calm as thou tries to read thy husband's lips and understand thy husband's sign language.
5. Thou shalt be able to wear a farmer's cap, have dust in thy ears and straw in thy hair and still be desirable.
6. Thou shalt flatter thy husband's ego in the face of younger, stronger, firmer hired help.
7. Thou shalt be able to organise thy time to keep a clean, attractive home, freeze abundances of blackberries and apples, prepare interesting meals and drive to town for a tractor part.
8. Thou shalt spend quality time with thy children, ensuring that they are able to swim, do a stimulating hobby, read the same book for the millionth time and coach them to be seen and not heard when their father is about.
9. Thou shalt cherish and conceal thy delight upon receiving brown envelopes.
10. Thou shalt love lunchtime when the smell of the farmer is stronger than that of the food on the table.

31ST NIGHT?

Seen in the village - a Christmas Tree - UP!! Is this someone early and ready for next year, or has it just not been put away yet? My own decorations were still in the spare room until last week.

I heard it was a Willow!
YOUTH CLUB

This is still held every Sunday evening from 7 to 9pm. All secondary school children are welcome. Bring a friend - admission 75p.

The Church Room is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 7 to 9pm for the same age group.

JUMBLE SALE

The Social Committee will be raising funds by holding a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 19th February at 2pm in Kenn Village Hall. All items welcome at the hall in the morning.

SNIPPETS

WELCOME

A warm welcome to George Michael, baby son of Mr and Mrs Jim NOAD, who was born on January 11th. Our flag flew in celebration.

KENN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Balance sheet for Christmas lights and Kenn News and Views.

Income

Jumble Sale	£100.00
Donations.....	£25.90
Miss Griffey estate.....	£16.00
Quiz Night.....	£62.00
TOTAL.....	£203.90

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

AT KENN

COLLECTED AND RECEIVED WITH THANKS

THE SUM OF £26-

F. M. WILLIAMS

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Expenditure

Christmas tree.....	£30.00
Lights.....	£115.00
Gift to J HAZELL.....	£15.00
Thanks for electricity.....	£7.50
Gifts To News team.....	£24.44
Donation(Child's Soc.)	£4.00
 TOTAL.....	 £196.19
BALANCE.....	£7.71

We hope that a suitable tree will be planted on the green in the near future. We are most grateful the organisers of the multi-host Christmas Party have offered to help to pay the balance for the tree. Thank you very much.

TO OUR TYPIST

We are all pleased you enjoyed your wine; it is wise to remember time and tide wait for no man. In a few years!!! you will be welcome to join the happy band of senior citizens.

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is someone who was around before the pill and the population explosion. They were here before television, penicillin, antibiotics and microwave ovens, frozen foods, radar

and credit cards. Time sharing meant togetherness - not sharing a holiday apartment. Hardware WAS hardware and software wasn't even a word. Before men had long earrings, and when being stoned meant having rocks thrown at you.

Senior citizens were before yoghurt, the 40 hour week and the minimum wage. They got married before they lived together - how quaint one can be! Closets were for clothes, not coming out of. Gay meant merry and aids were for assisting.

Senior citizens were before pizzas, MacDonalds, instant coffee and decaffeinated anything. They thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. They were before FM radio, compact discs, word-processors and the post-punk period.

Senior citizens remember when cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing and pot was something that you cooked in. If you ask a senior citizen to explain DSW, CIA, UFO, ET, MOW or MS they'd say it was alphabet soup.

We must congratulate today's senior citizens they are indeed a hardy bunch when one considers how the world has changed and the adjustments they have had to make.

God bless all senior citizens.

TROUBLED TYPIST II

I have done a quick calculation using Mrs Dyer's definition of a senior citizen; on the basis of the criteria listed above I am 74% of the way there and on the basis of age, 80% there. I estimate that I will reach senior citizen status in January 2000. I look forward to joining such an elite band.

If anyone wishes to join in this discussion on the definition and qualities of senior citizens please feel free. It seems that a senior citizen is one born before

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about 1940 (based on the time television transmissions, radar and penicillin became available).

MRS VERA TURNER

We are sad to hear of the passing of Mrs Vera TURNER, of Clevedon. She was a friend to many villagers and attended St. John's regularly. She also enjoyed the Senior Citizen's Tea Party and will be missed by her many friends.

BARROW HOSPITAL

When I asked at the WI meeting for any old Scrabble or Trivial Pursuits games for Combe Villa at Barrow Hospital, I really didn't think my request would be met with such kindness. Sheila NAISH and her committee promptly offered me £28 to buy a new Trivial Pursuits game and an anonymous person left, within a couple of days, a NEW Scrabble set. This person has now been revealed, Mrs Betty BUBB.

So may I thank you all, on behalf of the staff and patients; I assure you that the games will have a very useful life.

Shirley LIVESEY

PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

A Silent Auction is to be held on 28th February at 7-45pm in the Community Centre in Clevedon, in order to raise funds to purchase a Resuscitation Unit for the use of the Clevedon GP's. It will be available to any GP on call and it is particularly needed for heart and asthma patients.

Admission is by ticket available from Mrs CORKE on 874998 at a charge of £2; this includes a Ploughman's Supper. The singing group MISCELLANY will be entertaining.

It is hoped there will be a wide variety of items on sale - if anyone has any contributions to make they will be very

welcome.

I am sure everyone will agree that this is a very worthwhile objective and most of us know someone who could have benefitted if this equipment had been available earlier. So please try to help.

Iris GOLDSWORTHY

KENN WI

There were several apologies at the January meeting of Kenn Women's Institute as some members were unwell. Subscriptions for 1992 are due. This year the fee is £9 of which £3-50 is retained by the Institute, £2-50 is sent to the County Federation and £3-50 to the National Federation.

The skittles team play the next round of the tournament against Barrow Gurney on February 4th. There will be a Jumble Sale for funds on the evening of 22nd April. The Spring Council Meeting will be held at Bath on 15th March. A letter from MEP Margaret DALY seeking to allay fears about EEC Regulations on food safety was read. It will be necessary to watch developments very closely. Secret friends for 1991 were declared and those for 1992 chosen.

Mr COE gave a most interesting and well illustrated talk on the Silk Route. With him members travelled to such exotic places as Tashkent and Samarkand. The competition for something Eastern was won by Mrs CRAWLEY, gold, Mrs DYER, silver and Mrs MANN, green.

At the February meeting Mr PITTS from the NSPCC will give the talk and the competition will be for a child's rattle.

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LETTER

Attached is a copy of an extract from this month's AVON REPORT available from your library.

It gives three different views on the Traveller problem and will probably interest your readers, especially the overall problem for the County, also the summer influx. From the DoE report it would seem that no one is thinking of dis-encouraging the trend!

Jean INGS.

To help our readers extracts from the paper are given below.

GROWING PROBLEM

The growing problem of unauthorised travellers' sites in the Southwest was one of the main talking points at a Regional Planning Conference held in Taunton recently.

Delegates at the conference were told that between January 1990 and January 1991 Southwest counties saw an extra 256 unauthorised, council-owned and private sites across the region. This growth in all types of site accounted for more than half the national increase in the total number of sites - some 506 new sites (all types).

During this period, the greatest increase in the number of new sites (all types) was in Gloucestershire (73%) and Cornwall (52%). In particular, the number of unauthorised sites in the region grew considerably during the same period, with the Southwest experiencing a 32% increase compared to no change nationally. The biggest increases in the number of unauthorised sites were in Cornwall (96%), Gloucestershire (49%) and Avon (35%).

Certain routes in the Southwest are used by a substantial number of travellers and the high demand for sites in Avon results from its position at the intersection of the M4 and M5 and location on the A38 and A39.

The increased flows of travellers through the Southwest during 1991 are thought to be associated with the recession and the greater availability of jobs in the Southwest, especially during the summer season - numbers in some places are three or four times higher in the summer than in the winter. Employment centres such as Bristol attract a large number of such job seekers.

A survey of site provision throughout the region shows there is a shortfall in authorised provision in the Southwest of some 480 pitches (based on current demand), with particular shortfalls in Cornwall in Avon and Cornwall.

Wiltshire and Dorset, the only designated counties (ie the DoE is satisfied that there is adequate site provision for travellers residing in or resorting to the area) in the Southwest, have above average provision of local authority sites, while Avon and Gloucestershire are particularly reliant on private sites.

All counties, however, recognise a need for additional authorised sites and are exploring the possibility of strategic transit sites along the traditional routes through the region, while continuing to develop their own individual provision.

DoE BACKING FOR AVON

Contrary to recent press reports suggesting the DoE is unhappy with Avon County Council's Travellers' Site Policy, the DoE has fully backed Avon's current site provision strategy.

The current extensive consultation programme on permanent site provision has met with the full approval of the DoE and Avon regularly consults with the DoE to ensure its policy continues to meet Government requirements. Indeed, this permanent travellers' site provision is in direct response to a DoE directive to find 80 pitches within the county.

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Court action to evict travellers from unauthorised sites is generally unsuccessful because of the lack of alternative authorised sites in Avon. The DoE has stipulated that alternative provision must be offered to travellers evicted from unauthorised sites, consequently the County Council is attempting to set up emergency and temporary sites in the short term while consultation continues to take place.



MEETING

A Travellers Sub-Committee meeting to discuss consultants proposals for permanent provision in Avon - originally scheduled for 24 January - will now be held on 12 February at the earlier time of 9-30am.

This will allow the Sub-Committee members more time to consider the comments made - a total of 1382 letters and questionnaires - on the consultants' proposals. Avon County Council carried out a major consultation exercise last year on the 30 possible permanent sites identified by the consultants, involving an extensive round of 15 public meetings and accompanying exhibitions.

Members are expected to draw up a short-list of possible permanent sites from this report. Full consultation on these short-listed sites will then take place.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Several from the village met at The Granary to form a Kenn Local History Group.

We have decided to hold monthly meetings, the next to be held on Wednesday 19th February at The Granary at 7-30pm. If you are interested please join us, you will be very welcome - the more the merrier.

We believe our first task must be to call on some of our senior citizens and record their memories up until the outbreak of World War II. Also if any of you have any photos of village events, people, families etc which we could borrow for copying we would be most grateful. Thereby we can build up written and pictorial records of our village this century. Then in time we will start going back into the previous centuries.

We are looking forward to this becoming a very interesting and flourishing group in the village.

John and Grace GRIFFIN

VILLAGE PARTY

As most of you know by now the annual Village Party takes place on Saturday 8th February in Kenn Village Hall from 7 to 9-30pm.

The children's Fancy Dress will be judged at 7-30pm with classes for under 4 years, 4 to 8 years and 8 to 11 years. All entrants receive a small prize. There will be organised games, supper and a raffle.

Admission is £1 - children free.

QUIZ NIGHT IV

This will take place on Saturday 28th March - 7-30pm for a prompt 8pm start. The format is as usual with the fish and chip supper at half time.

This year the questions will be set by Mr Roger Wilcox who will also be the

