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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

At the time of writing Big Ed is still preparing to have an Easter break in Devon, but at the time of reading Easter will be over and we hope that you all had a good time.

Spring is now well and truly sprung and we'd like to think that our readers' fancies turn lightly to thoughts of writing (apologies to Lord Tennyson). As always we are pleading for anything you would like to send in by way of copy. Particularly at this time of year perhaps the gardeners among you have excess seedlings you would like to swap or sell so let's do a gardeners' swap slot next month. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kate and Sheila

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- ⇒ 10th Jill BUTLAND and JAYNE MORRIS (twins)
- ⇒ 22nd Duncan MACKAY
- ⇒ 26th Brian STOWELL
- ⇒ 26th Jane STAPLES
- ⇒ 28th Sally TAYLOR (21)
- ⇒ 29th Trina WILLOUGHBY
- ⇒ 30th Joanna BRAIN

NAISH'S NOTES

We have had several of our villagers in hospital or ill in the the past month.

Wally MOORE is in Clevedon Hospital.

Dave PUGH has been in Southmead Hospital, having given his family a nasty shock by having heart problems whilst out at Clevedon one day. (Rumour has it , it was the strain of Roger Wilcox's "easy" questions at the Quiz Night, Little Ed.)

Mark AYRES has returned from hospital and is back with us taking up his 'post' at the door for the Jumble Sale. He was a very welcome sight indeed.

Lucy BAKER has had a very nasty fall

and broken her arm in two places. She is at home after a trip to Weston Hospital. We hope all goes well and no further accidents befall her.

Our good wishes go to all of them.

QUIZ NIGHT

A report on the Quiz Night will appear further on. I am glad it is over and I did not disgrace myself this time. Our team was only JUST behind Big Ed's (but way in front of a certain typist's, no names mentioned).

Thanks to Roger WILCOX for a very entertaining evening and for taking over from Big Ed as Question Master, a most thankless task. A good night was had by all.

MISSING CARAVAN

Avril and Richard GAUNT woke up one morning to find that their caravan was no longer in its usual place. After checking that Avril hadn't hidden it and I had not "spirited" it away, Richard finally realised that it had been stolen during the night. They were upset and dismayed that someone had had the cheek to steal the caravan from their drive. This was not the first incident of theft in the village; a house in Kernn Street was also broken into during the month.

We urge everyone to be vigilant and to lock up all possessions. If anyone gives cause for suspicion ring the police.

WANTED

A large petrol lawn mower in good condition. Phone Sheila (0934 838357) or Avril (875992).

WANTED ALSO

Offers of help for mowing the Village Green and the Churchyard. Contact Ray NAISH (872493) or Avril (875992).

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DIARY DATES

Midsummer Madness 11 Disco in barn, Oakland Farm, 8pm until late, June 27th. Tickets from Miles and Sheila or from Kenn Stores.

Clothes Show, Fashion Show and Sale. June 25th at Kenn Village Hall. Tickets from Avril GAUNT, Sheila NAISH or Kenn Stores.

Jumble Sale, May 20th in the Village Hall. Proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Barbara's (up the shop) friends, Gwen and Tom who frequently stay with her, on the birth of their first grandson.

Sheila NAISH

TYPIST'S TITTLE

At the very end of the month Little Ed appeared sporting a humungous black eye. She tried to tell me it is the effect of dental treatment (if he's that far off target perhaps a new dentist is required?). The best I heard was the suggestion to Miles that he was too gentle, the ONLY way to control women is to black both eyes.

We all hope that you feel better soon.

KENN W.I.

At the April meeting of the Kenn Women's Institute Mrs DYER congratulated members on various successes. The skittles team won the latest round in the tournament and are to play Hewish and District next. The quiz team were again victorious and Mrs ALDRICK'S scarecrow won second prize at the group meeting.

Endometriosis, a very unpleasant female complaint, is the subject of one of the resolutions at the Annual Meeting at Bournemouth. The matter was discussed and members voted to support the resolution.

Mrs BUBB gave a report on the Group Meeting and Mrs JACKSON reported on the Spring Council Meeting, both much enjoyed. Mrs DYER urged everyone who had not yet done so to write to the authorities about the short-listing of Kenn Moor as a travellers' site.

Mrs BUSH asked for volunteers to help with a flower festival at Kenn on September 11th, 12th and 13th. It is a joint project with the W.I., the local Flower Arranging Society and the Church. Some of the proceeds will go to this year's charity.

At the May meeting Mr SPERRING will talk on owls. The competition will be a depiction of birds or fish in any medium.

Mr Derek LILLY gave an interesting talk on local legal cases in bygone days. He was thanked by Mrs SURRIDGE. Mrs CRAWLEY was awarded gold for her Maypole in the competition.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Following another accident on the main road the Parish Council will again tell the County Council that there is a need for a speed limit through the village. We understand that there is to be a 40mph limit at North End Yatton, so the County Council may be persuaded to extend it to Kenn.

We congratulate our District Councillor, Mrs Greta LEWIS, on her election as Chair of the District Council. She works extremely hard for us all and deserves the honour.

The Parish Council continues to fight against the short-listing of Kenn Moor as a travellers' site. If anyone still has not written to the authorities we would be glad if they could find the time to do so. It is a very important matter.

As people living at the Kenn Pier end of the village feel themselves to be isolated from the rest of the village one person there will be told of any developments likely to affect them. It must be pointed

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out that the Parish Council is only permitted to offer observations to the Planning Committee, it has no power to decide whether an application is allowed or not, and all applications are decided by the authorities within strict legal guidelines.

The County Council is proposing to put a weight restriction on Yatton High Street. This will affect Kenn. Discussions are being held to decide what our viewpoint should be.

Dog owners are asked to keep them under control and not to let them foul Kenn Street and Duck Lane.

The daffodils on the green, which have been lovely this year, are to be thinned out and bulbs planted in other parts of the village. Volunteers please. We shall again be entering the Best Kept Village Competition. More news of this will appear later.

The celebration for the Queen's Jubilee will be on 6th June. Details will be later in the magazine.

Ann HOLTHAM

RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

As you will know 1992 sees the 40th Anniversary of our Queen's accession to the throne. The accession was in February 1952 and although the Coronation was not until June 1953 you will remember that the Silver Jubilee celebrations took place in June 1977. Although there is no official day of celebration this year we feel that it would be a good opportunity for the village to get together. To this end the Parish Council has kindly accepted our suggestion of a Village Tea Party on Saturday 6th June. This will take place in the grounds of the village hall - or in the hall if wet. Some of the details are still to be confirmed and we will publish a separate leaflet in due course.

The details we know of so far are:-

TEA will commence at 4pm although the

event itself will begin at 3pm. Tea will be served at tables and we hope to be able to seat as many as possible. There will most likely be a shortfall in the number of chairs and we would ask you to bring any garden chairs that you have available. Patio chairs would be most acceptable and could be collected if necessary. We hope that everyone will be kind enough to bring a plate of sandwiches or cakes, sausage rolls, crisps, biscuits. We will contact everyone in due course. Tea and squash will be served and beer and wine available for purchase.

If the weather is agreeable we hope to hold sports or rounders for the more energetic amongst us. Skittles will be going on in the hall into the evening. Roger WILCOX is organising entertainment of a more cerebral kind with a Treasure Hunt/Quiz. There will be a raffle for which the proceeds will go towards the purchase of a Commemorative tree for the village green which would be planted by the winner of the Fancy Dress Competition for the under 16's. The theme is Red, White and Blue.

Mr John RICKARD, professional photographer and friend of Roger WILCOX has been asked and kindly agreed to take a village photograph of the kind taken at the Silver Jubilee and already in the hall. Obviously this means we want ALL villagers present. Indeed we hope ALL villagers will want to join in this happy celebration.

We are looking into the possibility of giving a commemorative mug to each child in the village, details later.

THE NITTY GRITTY.

This is a non-profit making event but of course there will be expenses incurred. For instance, tea, squash, table covers, prizes for games, commemorative mugs to mention but a few. To meet some of these expenses it has been suggested we ask every household for a VOLUNTARY donation, perhaps £1. Any monies left over at the end will be given to charity.

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This event is for Kenn residents and their families and we very much hope that everyone will contribute to make this a family and village day to remember.

Two final pleas; we would obviously like to decorate the Hall and grounds in red, white and blue for the day, so if anyone has any bunting or the like that they could lend we would be grateful.

Help on the day is vital. We have already had 3 volunteers come forward but more would be great. Let's all get together for a really smashing day.

Your village needs you.

Kate and Roger 879747

Sheila and Miles 838357

Jenny and Simon 878451

Avril and Richard 875992

QUIZ NIGHT

Once again there was an excellent turnout for our latest quiz evening. Twenty six teams in all took part releasing the awesome power of no less than one hundred and four of the best brains in Kenn into the proceedings.

Ample helpings of fish and chips were enjoyed by all, probably more than some of the questions judging by the the amount of unsolicited abuse suffered by the compere.

It's amazing what can be learned from quiz evenings; did you know for instance that skylarks' nests are usually found under skylarks or that Fergie won the Cheltenham Gold Cup this year (well I suppose she is an outsider now). Even more amazing is the fact that Pixie, Tiny Tim and Big Boy are 'Chippendales' and to cap it all the 'Star' who when asked "did you have anything on at the time?" replied "Yes, I had the radio on" was none other than Sheila NAISH.....well it just goes to show!

Congratulations to the Wild Indians who won for the second consecutive time.

Thanks to all the organisers, Kate, Sheila and Jenny (complete with stiff neck, get well soon) and to the runners and scorers and to everyone who helped in the making of another successful evening.

The event raised £230-18p which will go towards the purchase of a grass mower for the village.

Guess what the booby prize will be next time?....You're right, Pushing the mower!

Roger WILCOX

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 8th. In over thirty years as a Parish Councillor this was the worst year for criticism of the elected Parish Council members I can remember.

I would like to deal with some of the points raised more fully than was possible at the meeting.

Firstly I thought our Chairman, Mr Sam DYER, was (to use a modern phrase) given a hard time. I thought that this was in very bad taste when you consider the lifetimes voluntary service he has given to this village. To people's amazement the questions involving most debate were not current ones but decisions that had been made in the past. Some of these were brought forward, unfortunately, in rather aggressive tones.

The phrase "we didn't know about it" was often used referring to planning applications in the Kenn Pier area. My answer to that is people who read local newspapers and take part in village activities generally know what is going on. All notices that have to be displayed by law are posted in the two places required by law, i.e. the Parish Council notice board by the Post Office and on the notice board on the western wall of the Church porch.

One suggestion put forward was that the Parish Councillors were inclined to encourage all recreational facilities to be

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located in the Kenn Pier area and so disturbing local residents. The reply to that is what about Kenn Valley Social Club which is located at the opposite end of the village? Also anyone with the smallest knowledge of the geography of Kenn knows that the Equestrian Centre and Clevedon Football Club ground are as near to residents in Kenn Street, if not nearer as the crow flies, than they are to residents in Moor Road and Nailsea Wall. I have yet to hear any complaints from Kenn Street people.

When the meeting came to current problems i.e. the proposed travellers' site at Moorside Farm this was discussed very quietly and constructively giving the feeling that some people had run out of steam.

It must be said that the criticism of the local councillors actions in the past didn't come from long time residents but in some cases from people who have lived in Kenn a comparatively short time.

It was pointed out that when it is time for new councillors to be elected the silence from fresh people willing to stand is deafening.

Several people present were disappointed that no-one from the Parish Council was able to attend the meetings at Avon House regarding the proposed travellers' Site.

RV NAISH

TYPIST'S NOTE

While I take note of many of Ray's points I'd like to point out that many newer members of the village work extremely hard for this community and feel the distinction made between old and new residents is unfair, and that we all have an equal right to express our opinions.

THANK YOU

Dave, Sue and family wish to thank all their friends and neighbours in the village who expressed their concern during

Dave's recent stay in hospital. These people are too numerous to thank personally so we would like to say a very heart-felt thanks to you all.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

From time to time newsletters are sent to Dennis GOLDSWORTHY who feels they would be of interest to our readers. The March 1992 letter is reprinted below.

Dear Members,

Firstly I must apologise for the time lapse since my last letter. This is mainly due to the fact that I have been busy starting up new schemes in the area, now numbering 34. This, in turn, has also presented problems in that it has been difficult to provide adequate information to the Watches regarding local crimes etc. Efforts to improve this will be mentioned further on in this letter.

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures for January-December 1991 clearly show an increase of 50%, in the main being burglaries, theft of pedal cycles and criminal damage. With the summer months approaching, always ensure that your property is totally secure at all times, even for short periods and alarm systems used if you have one.

BURGLARIES

Several house burglaries have been committed in the first quarter of the year - the majority happen between Friday - Sunday, during the day or early evening. The trend is to call at the front door to see if anyone is at home, if you answer then an excuse is given and they go down the road to another house. If no reply, entry is normally gained by forcing a rear window or patio door. If you have a suspicious caller, make a note of the time, a description of vehicle etc. Several houses that have been attacked have had dogs, so don't assume that a dog is a deterrent.

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PEDAL CYCLES

These days pedal cycles are not cheap to buy and yet many people still leave their bikes unlocked, either outside shops or in their gardens. For the sake of a padlock, this particular crime could be vastly decreased. Always lock your bike even if it's in a garage or shed.

PC CAMERON

As from March 16th, Police Constable HARRIS will be joined by Police Constable CAMERON who will be working full time in the village.

LOCAL STATIONS

Weston 24 hours 0934 635252
Nailsea 8am-mnt 7 days 0275 810101
Clevedon 9am-5pm M-Fri 0275 343000

ALL ABOVE ARE OFFICE OPENING HOURS ONLY, but

ALL AREAS ARE POLICED 24 HOURS DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

999 SYSTEM

Many people are still unsure whether a call for Police warrants a 999 call. If you feel it's an emergency and that you require a policeman as soon as possible, don't be afraid to use it, you will not be criticised. All none urgent matters, use one of the numbers listed.

CRIMESTOPPERS - FREEPHONE 0800 555111

This line is available for everyone to use who may have information useful to the Police. It is not only for major crimes or for those shown on television. You can if you wish remain anonymous and all calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

In an effort to improve communications with the present 34 Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating in this area, we are arranging a Co-ordinators meeting in April, with the intention of improving the scheme effectiveness. The venue and

date will follow shortly.

FINAL SUMMARY

Unfortunately, in this day and age with crime on the increase it is up to all of us to be extra vigilant.

If you feel you need to discuss any queries or worries with the PC's or myself, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

WSC 6214 BALL

ALTAR GUILD

On Tuesday 7th April the Altar Guild met at Stonehouse Farm. Nine members attended and it was decided to spring clean the Church on the 27th and 28th April.

The new Altar Guild rota was suggested as follows:-

January - Miss BAKER and Mrs WILCOX

February - Mrs M WILLIAMS and Mrs WOOD

March - Mrs FENWICK, Mrs BUSH and Mrs PASCOE

April - Mrs I STOWELL, Mrs INGS and Mrs WITHERS

May - Mrs PAPASOLOMONTOS and Mrs GAUNT

June - Mrs M STOWELL and Mrs BELL

July - Mrs G GRIFFIN, Mrs LAMB and Mrs NAISH

August - Miss STUCKEY, Mrs BEDFORD and Mrs GOLDSWORTHY

September - Mrs DARK, Mrs J STOWELL and Mrs NAISH

October - Mrs K DENMEAD, Mrs R RUSSELL and Mrs JENKINS

November - Mrs DYER, Mrs CLARKE and Mrs MACKAY

December

Week 1 - Mrs FENWICK, Mrs BUSH and

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Mrs PASCOE

Week 2 - Mrs M STOWELL and Mrs JENKINS

Week 3 - Mrs GAUNT and Mrs MACKAY

Week 4 - Mrs NAISH and MRS GOLDS-WORTHY

FESTIVAL DECORATIONS

Altar - Christmas Mrs GAUNT
 - Easter Mrs I STOWELL

Pulpit - Mrs MACKAY

Chancel Window - Mrs JENKINS

South Front window - Mrs SURRIDGE

Pulpit window - Mrs WOOD

South rear window - Mrs COX and Mrs R RUSSELL

North rear window - Mrs GOLDS-WORTHY

Porch - Mrs I STOWELL and Mrs WITH-ERS

Font - Mrs INGS

Under Hymn Books - Mrs DARK

If the above dates and duties do not suit anyone perhaps you will ring Mrs NAISH (872493) or Mrs GOLDS-WORTHY (877391).

Miss BAKER brought the beautiful new altar cloth which was donated and made largely by herself but with help from a friend. It is beautiful and I should like to thank her very much indeed on behalf not only of myself but all of the Guild and also the Church congregation for all the hard work she does to keep the church looking immaculate. It may be that at times it seems we all take things for granted but truly the linen is much admired and appreciated.

I should like to thank Mrs NAISH for her hospitality and hard work.

Iris GOLDSWORTHY

OUTDOOR TOMATOES

If anyone is interested I shall have some spare outdoor tomato plants shortly. These will be Super Marmande which are large and irregular in shape but of good flavour, and Gardener's Delight which is very small but generally regarded as about the best for flavour.

It is still too early to put them out but it would be helpful to know if anyone would like some. Please ring me on the usual number.

Iris GOLDSWORTHY

NSPCC

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
 67 Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8RS

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- DONATION
- HOUSE TO HOUSE
- COLLECTING BOX
- FLAG DAY
- EVENT (Coffee Morning)
- OTHER (.....)

Arslad

FOR NSPCC

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TYPIST'S MOAN

I would be grateful if people could respect the deadline and get their copy in on time - it makes my job rather easier.

SNIPPETS

CELEBRATIONS

Many congratulations to Emma FENWICK who celebrated her twenty first birthday on April 8th.

19th April Easter Sunday we remembered the resurrection of our Lord.

21st April Her Majesty our Queen celebrated her birthday.

Our flag was flown on each of these days.

23rd April St Goerge's Day was remembered when our St George's flag was flown.

In memory of Mrs Rosalind WILLIAMS our flag was flown at half mast on April 24th the day of her funeral.

KENN WI

The Jumble Sale on April 22nd raised £101-26 for funds. Many thanks to everyone who supported the evening. It was especially pleasing to have Mr AYRES presiding at the door and conducting the raffle.

OUR DAFFODILS

Once again the daffodils on the green have given a wonderful display. Now some of the clumps are getting rather large, so it is suggested they be divided and planted in other parts of the village. Volunteers to help are most welcome!!

ACCIDENT

We are sorry to report Miss Lucy BAKER fell in her garden and unfortunately broke her arm. Luckily a neighbour heard her call and was able to call for assistance. We wish Miss BAKER a speedy recovery.

WALLY MOORE

Wally is presently in Clevedon Hospital.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

In the current issue of the Clevedon Mercury we note the Old School is on the market the asking price being £125,000. Other properties still awaiting a buyer in Kenn are Luxgarth and Elmbank. Mr Jack HANSON has purchased Westonwood having sold Woodbine Cottage.

NSPCC

Apologies to Mrs AYRES whose name was omitted from the list of helpers at the morning.

EVENING OUTING

Evening outing Monday 22nd June leaving 6-30pm.

Visit Priston Mill near Bath cost £8 per head which includes coach, admission and tour of Priston Mill, Scenic Waggon Ride, Ploughman's Supper and all Gratuities. Come and join us.

Phone 872676

MRS ROSALIND WILLIAMS

Mrs Rosalind WILLIAMS passed away in a Clevedon Nursing Home on April 19th. Mrs WILLIAMS was born at Clapton-in-Gordano and on her marriage to Mr Leslie WILLIAMS she moved to Plenty's Farm Kingston Seymour where she took a very active part in the farm due to her husband's ill health. She loved flowers and was always ready to help with church flowers.

Some years after her husband's death she moved to Kenn where she continued her interest in Kenn Women's Institute and her garden. Ill health intervened and she moved into Clevedon.

Her funeral service at Kenn Church on April 24th was conducted by the Reverend Cruse and attended by her family and friends.

To Brian, Gillian, Andrew and their family we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.



