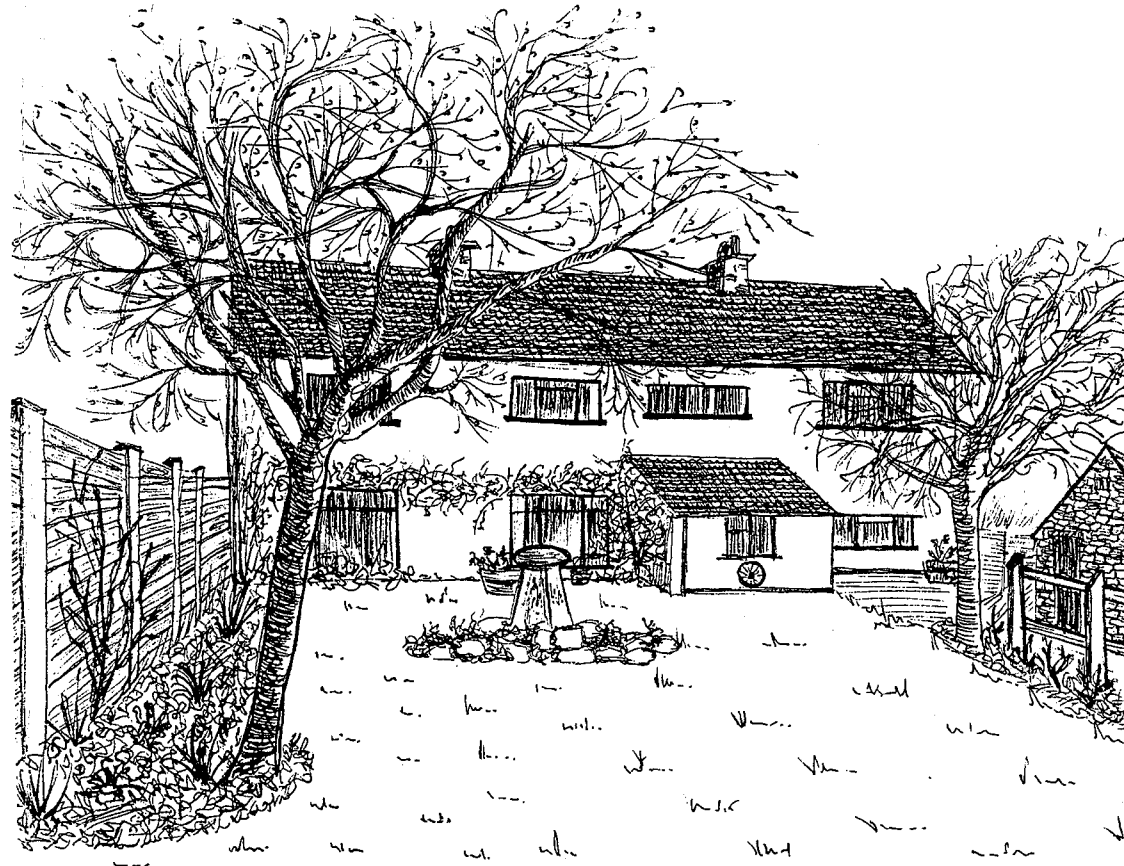


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DIARY DATES

November 9th - Coffee Morning Kenn Court 10-30 to Noon

November 11th - Kenn W.I. AGM. 7-15pm. Speaker Miss Ann HOLTHAM. All ladies welcome.

November 21st - Wine and Cheese Party in aid of Hall funds. Everyone welcome.

November 25th - Kenn W.I. Christmas Flower Arrangements. 7-30pm

December 2nd - Kenn Senior Citizens Party.

December 7th - Kenn Children's Christmas Party.

December 12th - Christmas Disco.

BACK TO SOMERSET CAMPAIGN

The forthcoming review of local government offers us the best - and possibly last - chance to recover our Somerset identities on our addresses, road signs and maps. The campaign does not advocate a return to Somerset County Council administration from Taunton; our campaign is solely concerned with Somerset's history and heritage and is totally divorced from the politics of local government - except that we will vigorously resist any efforts to include parts of North Somerset in a Greater Bristol authority.

Mrs Mary LEIGH, one of our two local government Commissioners conducting the review of local government in Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire, indicated the first criterion would be to consider 'local identity and community identity'.

If you support our efforts to recover the old Somerset boundaries when Avon goes please let the Commission know. Write a brief letter to Sir John BANHAM, Chairman, Local Government Commission, for England, c/o 20 Elmsleigh Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset BS23 4JN.

Please put KENN on the back of the

envelope. All letters will be sent unopened to the Commission.

DO IT TODAY

Ruth DYER

KENN W.I.

At the October meeting members were pleased to welcome Mrs. WREN, who gave an instructive and entertaining demonstration of lip reading. Also with her were Anne and her hearing dog, Molly. Molly is trained to alert her mistress to sounds like the door bell, telephone and smoke alarm, a blessing to the profoundly deaf. She was warmly thanked by Mrs BUBB.

Members are asked to note that the November meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will start at 7-15pm instead of the usual 7-30. The talk will be on the library service and the competition will be for a book given to members as children.

The organisers of the Flower Festival were thanked and congratulated on its success. The princely sum of £619 was donated to the Macmillan Nurses Appeal and a similar sum to the Church Building Fund. Mrs NAISH was awarded the prize for the most points gained in the competition.

Tickets were on sale for the Party and final arrangements were made. Mrs MANN gave her report on the Autumn Council Meeting. Sadly the skittles team lost to Banwell in a very closely fought match. The subscription for 1993 is to be £10-50.

In the competition for a depiction of a dog in any medium Mrs BLAKE was awarded gold, Mrs GARMSTON silver and Mrs SURRIDGE green. A paper-weight belonging to Mrs AYRES will be forwarded to the competition at the Group Meeting.

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perms, cuts and blow dries - anything at all.

- MARTIN BEYNON - Plumber. 24 hour service. Tel: 0934 851153.

Do you know of or have you used someone's services and wish to recommend them? Let us know.

Sheila

SNIPPETS

GOLDEN & RUBY WEDDINGS

September 12th Mr and Mrs John WITHERS of Moorside Farm celebrated their Golden Wedding.

September 27th Mr and Mrs Mark AYRES celebrated their Ruby Wedding.

CHRISTENING

October 4th Jessica Nellie Rose Fenwick BRETT, daughter of Rebecca and Paul BRETT and granddaughter of Mr and Mrs FENWICK of The Laurels, was christened.

Our flag was flown for each celebration.

FLOWER POTS ON THE GREEN

Once again we are pleased to say thank you to Mrs BURSTOW for her work in planting the pots on the village green. This year after the final judging we were awarded third place in the Best Kept Village Competition for small villages. If everyone could be persuaded to try a bit harder next year perhaps we could come first in 1993.

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Every month Kenn News and Views is delivered to every house in Kenn. Since its first issue some four years ago, month by month we have been kept up to date with all happenings in Kenn: our joys and celebrations, our efforts for charities, our grumbles, our concerns about the possibility of Travellers' Camps being set

up in our village, events we could attend or support and the pleasure of seeing our homes skilfully drawn by Christopher DENMEAD on the front page. This, our own magazine, is the result of the untiring work of our editors, typist and printer. Now it is our chance to acknowledge their efforts.

All readers in Kenn are invited to a Coffee Morning at Kenn Court on Monday 9th November 10-30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy, Raffle etc.

If you are unable to be present perhaps you would like to send a donation to Mrs Irene STOWELL. Offers of help would also be much appreciated.

The proceeds of the Coffee Morning will be for Kenn News and Views and to provide a suitable frame for the Baptismal Roll in the Church. This roll with the names of Kennites will then be safe from further deterioration and be preserved for posterity - a bit of our history to be protected. Kenn notelets will be on sale - £1 for a set of six.

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Wine and Cheese Party. Saturday 21st November at 8pm. Tickets £2-50 including supper and a glass of wine.

Come and bring your friends, meet your neighbours and support your Hall. Tickets from committee members or from Irene STOWELL.

KENN W.I.

Christmas Flower Arrangements 25th November, 7-30pm. Mrs Margaret TITMAN will demonstrate "Letters to Santa" at Kenn Village Hall.

Admission including coffee and biscuits £1-50.

EVERYONE WELCOME

IF AVON GOES, WHAT THEN?

In September a Government-appointed Commission will consider the future of local government in this part of the country. If, as seems likely, Avon County Council is abolished the Commission will have to decide what replaces it.

The Government favours a nationwide introduction of single-tier (unitary) authorities to replace the present two-tier structure of county and district councils. They argue that local government will become more cost effective and that people will more easily be able to understand who is responsible for the various services they pay for.

There is a long history of dissatisfaction with the structure of local government in this area and the Commission has Avon, Somerset and Gloucester at the top of its list for review. They will receive submissions from all interested parties and it is expected that Bath, Bristol, Wansdyke and Woodspring will all put forward plans to be unitary authorities in what is currently south Avon.

The new Commission wants local people to have a say about their preferred form of local government and that gives everyone the chance to lobby for the restoration of the old county boundaries.

OVER 85% IN FAVOUR

When Avon was created in 1974, 85% of North Somerset voted against being taken into the new authority. After all, Somerset had existed for over 1,000 years and people resented the loss of their history, heritage and county identity.

Since then the Back to Somerset campaign has attempted to keep the issue alive. Our confidence that we speak for the vast majority in North Somerset is based on successive opinion polls:-

- 1983 21,000 people sign petition in the Bath area.
- 1983 29,000 vote in parts of Woodspring. Over 98% favour a return to Somerset.
- 1990 Western Daily Press phone-in shows 96% in favour of abolishing Avon.
- 1991 Bristol Evening Post survey shows 97% want Woodspring returned to Somerset rather than taken into a Greater Bristol administration.
- 1991 29,000 sign petition demanding that any future form of local government in North Somerset formally recognises and works within the old county boundaries.

The time has now come for the people of old North Somerset to speak for themselves.

"I can confirm that the Government still stands by the (1974) statement"

Michael Portillo, Minister for Local Government, July 1990



BACK TO SOMERSET

Campaign

President: Dr. W.P. (Tim) Kelly
Chairman: John Ley-Morgan

Affiliated to the Association of British Counties

Patrons:

Jeffrey Archer
Acker Bilk
Tony Britton
David Bryant CBE
Hugh Dykes MP
Bel Mooney
Lord Rees-Mogg
Richard Shepherd
Jerry Wiggin TD MP
The Wurzels

Dear Fellow Residents of North Somerset,

I hope that you are one of the vast majority who would like to see the old Somerset County boundaries restored to their pre-1974 positions. If so, the forthcoming review of Local Government (details overleaf) offers us the best - and probably last - chance to recover our Somerset identities in our addresses, on road signs and on maps.

I should stress that we are *not* advocating a return to Somerset County Council administration from Taunton nor actively supporting any other applications for Unitary Status in this area. Our campaign is solely concerned with Somerset's history and heritage and is totally divorced from the politics of local government - except that we will vigorously resist any efforts to include parts of North Somerset in a Greater Bristol authority.

If you support our efforts to recover the old Somerset boundaries when Avon goes, please let the new Commission know. Write a brief letter to:-

Sir John Banham;
Chairman; Local Government Commission for England,
c/o 20 Elmsleigh Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset BS23 4JN.

Please encourage your family and friends to write too. Letters need not be long, a sentence or two will do, but if only a few write the impact will be negligible so *please* don't leave it to others. Let's impress the Commission with *thousands* of letters to show the strength of local opinion.

We will pass them on, unopened, at the most effective time. The name of your town/village on the back of the envelope will help us monitor distribution.

❖ *Please don't delay. We are relying on you.* ❖

Thank you for your interest and your support.

Yours faithfully,

John Ley-Morgan

"The new county boundaries are administrative areas, and will not alter the traditional boundaries of counties, nor is it intended that the loyalties of people living in them will change, despite the different names adopted by the new administrative counties."

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able to report our findings.

We look forward to seeing you and also send out a plea for any information or photographs (to copy) that householders in the village may be able to supply.

Kate D

QUIZ NIGHT VI

This was again a very enjoyable evening albeit there were several fewer teams and one or two moans beforehand. The latter are becoming rather too commonplace of late and we feel they are totally unnecessary, not to mention upsetting to those of us who organise these events for the enjoyment - thankfully - of the majority. On the whole however we remain undeterred and grateful to those who come forward and thank us - you make all our efforts worthwhile.

A grand total of £177-20p was raised to help in some small way the troubled people of Somalia. They say every little helps.

Congratulations to the winners - FOUR PLAY ON A SATURDAY NIGHT, a team of friends and supporters from Clevedon. In second and third place came the BJ's and the LOCO's - both Kenn teams. The booby prize went to the NEIGHBOURS - they know who they were so I'll spare their blushes.

As usual, some of the more humorous answers are printed below:

Q: Who plays Vera DUCKWORTH in Coronation Street? (Liz DAWN)

A: Sheila NAISH (twice!!)/Maggie THATCHER/Rosy BOTTOM

Q: Who is artist Pietro ANNIGONI's most famous subject? (The Queen)

A: The Fallen Madonna with the big boobies

Q: Where is Lord NELSON buried? (St

Paul's Cathedral)

A: 6 feet down in Westminster Abbey

Q: What does Lord Archer refuse to have added after his title? (In Avon)

A: Old Moneybags

Q: Who designed the Volkswagen Beetle? (Ferdinand PORSCHE)

A: Yon German chap/ Adolf HITLER

Q: Who composed "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" at the age of 5? (Mozart)

A: Billy COTTON

Q: What did the Walrus and the Carpenter eat on the beach? (oysters)

A: Bread and Jam/Jellied Eels

Q: How long may you look for a golf ball before it is declared lost? (5 mins)

A: 20 mins (or until someone drops one out of their pocket when they're P'd off looking for it!

Q: Who wrote "Rock of Ages" while sheltering in Burrington Combe? (Rev Augustus Montague TOPLADY)

A: Arthur MULLARD

Q: Who said to customs officials "I have nothing to declare but my genius"? (Oscar WILDE)

A: Paul DANIELS/Mick JAGGER/Clive SINCLAIR.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way on the night.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The results of the Best Kept Village Competition have arrived. Kenn came third in the small village section of the competition. This is wonderful news as the interim report was distinctly unhopeful.

Dr GAUNT has been invited to a future meeting to talk about his visit to Albania and to see if there is any way that Kenn can help people there.

A letter is to be sent to the County Library in support of the Mobile Library Service which has recently been under threat.

The question of the experimental weight restrictions in Yatton High Street will be kept on the agenda so that representations can be made when it comes up for review.

The next meetings are on Monday 7th December and Monday 1st February 1993. Meetings start at 7-30pm.

CLEVEDON TOWN F.C.

Thank you very much to Clevedon Town Football Club for kindly letting us make a collection at one of their local matches to help swell the monies raised at the Fun Run. Not only did they announce the collection before the match and at half-time but they also printed information about the collection in the programme. We raised over £54 from the crowd. Once again many thanks.

Jenny PASCOE

FOUND

Left behind after the Fun Run - 1 black umbrella with white slogan.

Contact Jenny PASCOE -878451

AUTUMN MONEY TREE?

A well respected lady in the village has had to lay low for a while after she was found to be laundering money.

Having put the washing out, the aforementioned lady set about cutting the grass. As she drew close to the washing line she saw some paper on the grass so went over it with the lawn mower expecting it to be picked up. On the way past she realised that some of the debris looked familiar - yes, it was a cut up £10 note!!! Having been through the washing machine it landed up on the grass under the line. Last I heard she was on her third roll of sellotape!!

JP

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Christopher DENMEAD on passing his driving test first time on the 1st October.

KENN HISTORY GROUP

The History Group met at The Granary on Monday 19th October and discussed the aims we have in mind. Ultimately we would like to publish a history of Kenn with as much information and photographic evidence as we can research and collect. As a prelude to this our November meeting on Monday 16th will be by way of a talk with slides by Dick BROOMHEAD. He is a professional freelance archaeologist, frequently employed by local authorities, and he will be advising us on how to go about investigating our heritage through records and archives. It should be an interesting evening to which everyone is welcome. Admission and membership of the Group is free, with just a 25p charge for coffee.

For the future our intention is that every other month we shall have a speaker, and every other month we shall hopefully be

