

# KENN NEWS AND VIEWS

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

On the evening of July 12th we enjoyed a walk in the moors with Ray NAISH as our guide.

We heard from him an interesting account of his memories of farming on these wetlands over the last 50 years.

Until they were drained by the creation of the "New Kenn Drainage Cut" in the 20's, the moors were of very little value and land was bought and sold very cheaply, for the reason that flooding kept all stock off the moors in winter and even in summer too if it was a wet one. Since drainage, the land has become very productive and can be farmed for most of the year, growing a lot of grass for grazing, hay and silage. Some stock is overwintered in the shelter of one of the plantations of trees.

We inspected the remains of the air-raid shelter which had provided, during World War II, shelter for the RAF lads who manned the decoy site that had been built to mislead the German airmen to bomb Kenn instead of Bristol. The Germans were not fooled, they left their bombs on Bristol as planned. After the war the shelter was used as a home for two separate families as there was a desperate shortage of homes and the very primitive conditions were better than nothing!! A family of Romany Gypsies also lived in the moor and bred horses which fed from the grass verges.

When the moors flooded in the winter they attracted a large population of wildfowl which provided a plentiful supply of meat for local hunters, including several Kenn Men - a useful addition in rationed war-time Britain

Some of the trees of the plantation are very ancient indeed, as is the pasture around them.

We had good weather for our stroll and

all in all it was very pleasant and worthwhile. Thank you to Ray for taking time to talk to us about local history.

The get together for August will be another walk, weather permitting, on Monday 16th, meeting at Stonehouse Farm at 7-30pm. Ray will take us on another local mystery tour, so please feel free to come. Anyone who is interested in our village and the surrounding countryside is welcome.

## TEA AND CHAT

On Thursday 5th August at 2-30pm afternoon tea will be served in church and all parishioners are invited. The vicar, John CRUSE, will be there and if anyone has matters to raise with him, there will be an opportunity for informal discussion.

It is hoped to make such tea parties a regular monthly occurrence on the first Thursday of each month. In the cooler months from October onwards the tea parties will be held in our homes on a rota basis. If anyone would like to act as Host(ess) for a tea party they should contact one of the Churchwardens or Wendy PAPASOLOMONTOS.

## CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

Thanks to a lot of help from our friends a profit of £103 was raised. Some new faces were welcome and the "usual gang's" help was much appreciated, along with generous raffle prizes and money donations.

Jeans I and N


## COFFEE EVENING

A coffee evening has provisionally been arranged for Friday 3rd September at Conifers, Duck Lane. Proceeds for the Kenn Church Restoration Fund. Contact 876134 for more details.

KENN RACE NIGHT

RACE CARD

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RACE 1		RACE 2		RACE 3	
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NO. NAME	OWNER	NO. NAME	OWNER	NO. NAME	OWNER
1 GEORGE'S FATHER	Jim Noad	1 GORGEOUS GRACE	Grace Griffin	1 BARPOST	Barbara Middleton
2 BLOCKBUSTER	Vincent Stowell	2 PILL COUNTER	Gina Stowell	2 MECHANICAL MADNESS	Quinton Stowell
3 ANGEL DELIGHT	Nigel Middleton	3 ORCHARD FARM	Ken Jones	3 PINK POODLE	Colin Bedford
4 CHEGWIN	Cheryl Quinn	4 KNACKERED NAG	Dave Quinn	4 FLASHMAN	The Quinn Kids
5 RAVE ON	Justin Naish	5 FUNKY CHICKEN	Geoff Naish	5 FAST AND LOOSE	Stella Naish
6 HILLWALKER	Ian Pascoe	6 ATHLETIC LAD	Wendy Papasolomontos	6 ELLA CHRISTO	S Papasolomontos
7 ROBINS NEST	Robin MacKay	7 LITTLE "K"	Avril Gaunt	7 BIG "D"	Richard Gaunt
8 BEN GUN	Jack Butland	8 LADY IN WAITING	Jo Batten	8 DUNRUNNIN	Tom Clarke

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RACE 4		KENN RACE NIGHT		RACE 5	
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NO. NAME	OWNER			NO. NAME	OWNER
1 ANNIE	George Ware			1 KENN VALLEY COWBOY	Chris Durbin
2 HONEY'S MUM	Margaret Stowell	2 ROYAL STANDBACK	Ruth Dyer		
3 CHURCH WARDEN	Renee Bell	3 SANDY	Derek Bell		
4 LIGHTNING	Ray Naish	4 KNIGHTRIDER	Jean Naish		
5 TOBY'S BOY	Toby Naish	5 HARRY SLAP CABBAGE	Brian Tyrell		
6 GROUP 4	Ben Woods	6 NORMAN LAMONT	Jean Woods		
7 RUBY	Heather Jenkins	7 TINY TEARS	Pippa Jenkins		
8 SUNNY SIDE UP	Mike Gray	8 DAG'S NAG	Gill Taylor		

1/3 OF ALL TOTE RECEIPTS WILL BE GIVEN TO KENN RESTORATION FUND

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RACE 6		RACE 7		RACE 8	
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NO. NAME	OWNER	NO. NAME	OWNER	NO. NAME	OWNER
1 WANDERING ROSE	Mary Willcox	1 ALL LEGS	James Griffin	1 CHASESIDE	Roger Stowell
2 SURPLUS SURPRISE	John Griffin	2 FRANTIC FILLY	Angie	2 TUPPENCE HA'PENNY	Tina Middleton
3 BEEDLE BAUM	D. Goldsworthy	3 TIRED OUT	Miles Naish	3 COOL KID	Leon Naish
4 SOUL MAN	Sheila Naish	4 MONEY MAN	Simon Pascoe	4 GUNNER	Mark Pascoe
5 NIGHT NURSE	Jenny Pascoe	5 BOXER	Maurice Ford	5 CHURCH MOUSE	Mariana MacKay
6 LYN'S DAD	Lyn Darke	6 HAY RACER	Roger Jenkins	6 EMILY'S BOW	Kevin Middleton
7 EDDY	Andrew Jenkins	7 CHESHIRE CAT	Robert Bullock	7 TREVONE LADY	Iris Surridge
8 PISTE ARTISTE	Dag Taylor	8 ROBERT	John Bessant	8 DIRTY DANCING DEB	Debbie

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## MESSAGE FROM THE TYPIST!

This is August! In August the Ed's (big and little) go on their holidays and leave old three fingers to write the message. So here goes.

Firstly, there has been a very disappointing response to last month's competition to design a new front cover - precisely **NO RESPONSE** in fact. Come on, get your pens out and produce some suitable pictures.

Secondly, this month's edition is not the largest ever. Can we have some more copy please - I'm sure a lot of interesting things have happened in the last month - please let us know.

Thirdly, and finally, this years Charity Fun Run is to provide funds for a children's hospital in Albania. I've been to Albania and it is in an appalling condition with children starving to death so please read the details later and make a great effort to come and join in on the day.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Clare and Louise EDWARDS
- 6th - Steve BYE
- 7th - Lorraine STAPLES
- 7th - Ray NAISH
- 10th - Stephen BRAIN
- 15th - Jean NAISH
- 22nd - Mark AYRES
- 22nd - Dave QUINN
- 23rd - Mark PASCOE
- 24th - Sam STAPLES
- 25th - Stella NAISH
- 26th - Peter WOODS

## BELATED JULY BIRTHDAY

- 27th Jessica BRETT

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10th - Roger & Kate DENMEAD
- 29th - Hartley & Jane STAPLES
- 31st - Matthew & Jill BUTLAND

## NAISH'S NOTES

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Just to put the record straight as to whether or not Big Ed actually received her Christmas prize. I should like to remind her that I myself personally delivered her prize of a box of Cadbury's miniatures, stating that as she was watching her weight she could eat one a day and then they would last her herself ages. She agreed! Timothy however later divulged that cuddly Big Ed had eaten the **WHOLE BOX**, all in the one night!! I rest my case and say no more.

### Big Ed's Note.

It's all true. I can say nothing convincing in my defence except that I have apologised to Little Ed and Timothy's bruises went eventually!

## HORSE RACE NIGHT

This event held in the Kenn Valley Social Club was a really entertaining evening. We raised £200 for the Church Restoration Fund and many thanks go to Derek and Shirley WALL and their helpers for making the evening such fun. I have enclosed a race card (back page) for you all to see - some of the names make interesting reading.

## WINE EVENING

The Wine Evening at Oakland Farm raised £102 towards the Flower Festival funds. Many thanks to all who donated, attended or helped.

Don't forget the Church Flower Festival on August 7th and 8th. Donations of flowers and foliage will be welcome on the Thursday and Friday. Donations of

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Offers of help, produce, books, furniture, white elephant, toys, clothes etc to the hall 10-11am on morning of sale.

Financial gifts will be gratefully received by Mrs Irene STOWELL.

Kenn Village Hall spring cleaning will take place on Monday August 23 and Tuesday 24th. Volunteers please to help with the job. If you or anyone is unable to come on the day but would like to help please contact Irene STOWELL on 872326 or Mrs DYER, 872676.

## DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 4th August. Jumble Sale at 7pm - for Hall funds.
- Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th August. Flower Festival in aid of Kenn Church Restoration Fund.

## BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Mr SWEET, head of Torbay Parks Department, and his assistant, Mr CARNELL, inspected, from the road, the gardens of Kenn for the competition. We await their comments. Thank you to everyone who worked to make their gardens really blooming.

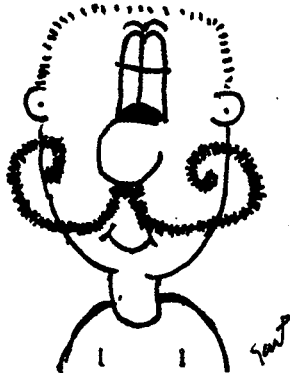
## CONGRATULATIONS

Very many congratulations to Angel MIDDLETON whose weather picture was shown on the HTV weather forecast.

RMD

## HAIRY TALE

We understand that Mr Wally MOORE has grown a moustache, giving as the reason for this hirsute enterprise, "I think that, at 92, I am allowed a little leaway".



## KENN WI

Twenty two members attended the July meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th.

From the many favourable comments and letters received it was agreed that the Cream Tea given to Kenn villagers to celebrate 40 years of the Kenn WI was a great success. Mrs G DENMEAD was given special thanks as the funding for the tea had come from her - the profit on the Christmas cards she sold. Plans are now in hand for our main celebration, our 40th birthday party.

The £5 sent to Kenn WI by County was used to buy raffle prizes at the Cream Tea and this plus the £20 raised is being returned to WI House as Kenn's contribution to their fund raising efforts for 1993.

Jean WITHERS was thanked for the repainting of the Kenn Village Hall sign. It is a vast improvement and it is hoped will enhance Kenn's chances in the Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom Competitions.

The summer outing is to be on Thursday 29th July - a visit to Moorlynch Vineyard. There will be a tour of the vineyard with wine tasting followed by a Ploughman's Supper.

Two members of the Samaritans were the speakers at the July meeting. They gave a brief outline of the history of the movement, then went on to describe their training. Their aim is to listen to the problems, never be judgemental and allow the caller to find their own solution by talking through the problem. They deal with all age groups and all types of pro-

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blems. It was pointed out that some of the calls can go on for several hours and in most cases they never know if they have been able to help as very few callers ever call back. Both speakers came over as very caring and dedicated to their roles.

### COMMISERATIONS

We would like to convey our sympathy to Mrs Winnie Grigg who has recently lost a sister.

RVN

### KENN FUN RUN

The Kenn Fun Run will be held on Sunday September 5th beginning at 3pm. The format will be similar to previous years with 3 mile races for adults and children and a gentle perambulation for the more refined, such as the typist. A BBQ with drinks for adults and children to be followed by the usual rounders match (Sheila promises to play fair this year). It should be a lively day.

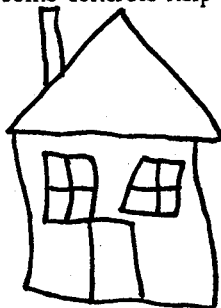


This year we are raising money for the Albanian section of Children in Distress - a christian charity committed to alleviating the suffering of children in Eastern

Europe. You will see the logos of both the charity and the Albanian section in the article and on the posters about the fun run.

### Why Albania you ask?

Several months ago I visited Albanian and was shaken by the appalling state of the inhabitants - something I wrote about in the August 1992 issue. Things take a long time to sort out in Albania and finally through this charity we are able to offer some concrete help to the country.



Children are dying in Albania at a high rate - from malnutrition (a polite word for starvation), from hepatitis resulting from the use of shared needles, and diarrhoea - conditions eradicated years ago in the rest of Europe.

This hospital, being built on land donated by the Albanian government close to the border with Greece (see map at front) will make a real difference to hundreds of children. It will cure many and return them back to their homes, and allow the incurably ill to die with dignity.

I am trying to arrange a video from the charity to explain their work and when it arrives I will organise a viewing at my home.

Please contact me to get sponsorship forms and try to get as much as possible for this worthy cause.

Richard GAUNT

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goods and offers of help to Cheryl QUINN on 876850. Donations of scones and cakes to Avril, Jenny or Marianna.

Bring your friends and family to see the flowers and buy from the stalls, enter the raffle, enjoy a cream tea and, for the youngsters, a bouncy castle. These are just some of the attractions.

See the display advert for fuller details.

### STOP PRESS

It's that time of year again. Dust off your trainers, dig out your shorts and get ready. Our annual village FUN RUN and jaunt is on Sunday 5th September at 3pm.

More information is given later by the three-fingered typist, but we also need offers of help, raffle prizes, donations of cash and help to fund the event.

**ALL AGES, ALL CONDITIONS, NO EXCUSES!!** Usual BBQ and drinks afterwards. Who do you fancy? Will Jeremy win again?? He is in training (I hope!) **ARE YOU?**

Sponsor forms from Richard, Avril, Sheila, Simon, Jenny or from Kenn stores.

Get yourself fit, **GET YOURSELF SPONSORED**, and turn up on the day for a fabulous village do.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew STAPLES, son of Hartley and Jane STAPLES of Elm Bank, married Cheryl BLUFF at the church of St Mary and St Lawrence, Bolsover, Nr. Chesterfield on Saturday 31st July.

We wish them a long and happy life together.

Sheila NAISH

### SNIPPETS

We are sorry to record the death in Kent on June 26th of Mr. COMPTON

Mr COMPTON, who lived at Orchard

Cottage, gave the daffodils to the village green when he left the village to live nearer to his family. We extend our sincere sympathies to Mrs COMPTON and her family.

### WEDDING

On July 10th Melanie STEVENS, daughter of Mr and Mrs STEVENS married Mark FARLEY. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Unfortunately we were unable to fly the flag for this happy occasion as the flag pole is showing signs of age after 11 years on the village green. We hope the damage can be repaired in the near future.

### DEPARTURE

Mr and Mrs Mark AYRES have left Mendip View and gone to live in a bungalow in Honiton Road, Clevedon. They have lived in the village for 25 happy years and I'm sure you all join in wishing them good health and happiness in their new home. We hope they find the time to visit the village from time to time.

The typist remembers the wonderment on the faces of his children when Father Christmas called round on Christmas Day to check all the presents had been delivered and were acceptable. I hope they both have a long and healthy life in Clevedon - they brought so much to Kenn.

### WELCOME

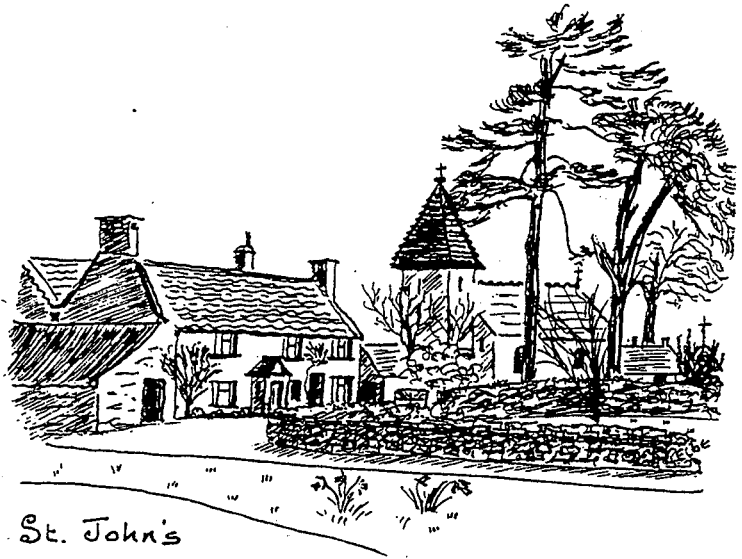
A warm welcome to Mike and Tina SMITH and their daughters, Emma and Kate, who have moved into Mendip View. We hope they will enjoy living in Kenn.

### KENN VILLAGE HALL

We invite **every family** in Kenn to support the Jumble Sale on Wednesday August 4th at 7pm in aid of Hall funds.







St. John's

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

KENN VILLAGE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Saturday 7th August - 11.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 8th August - 1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Admission £1

The Flower Festival for Kenn Village Church Restoration fund will be held on the above dates.

There will also be a Bar-B-Q on Saturday Evening in the garden of Church Path Cottage from 7.30 onwards. Bring your own food/drink and cook on the Bar-B-Q for 50p and enjoy the fun.

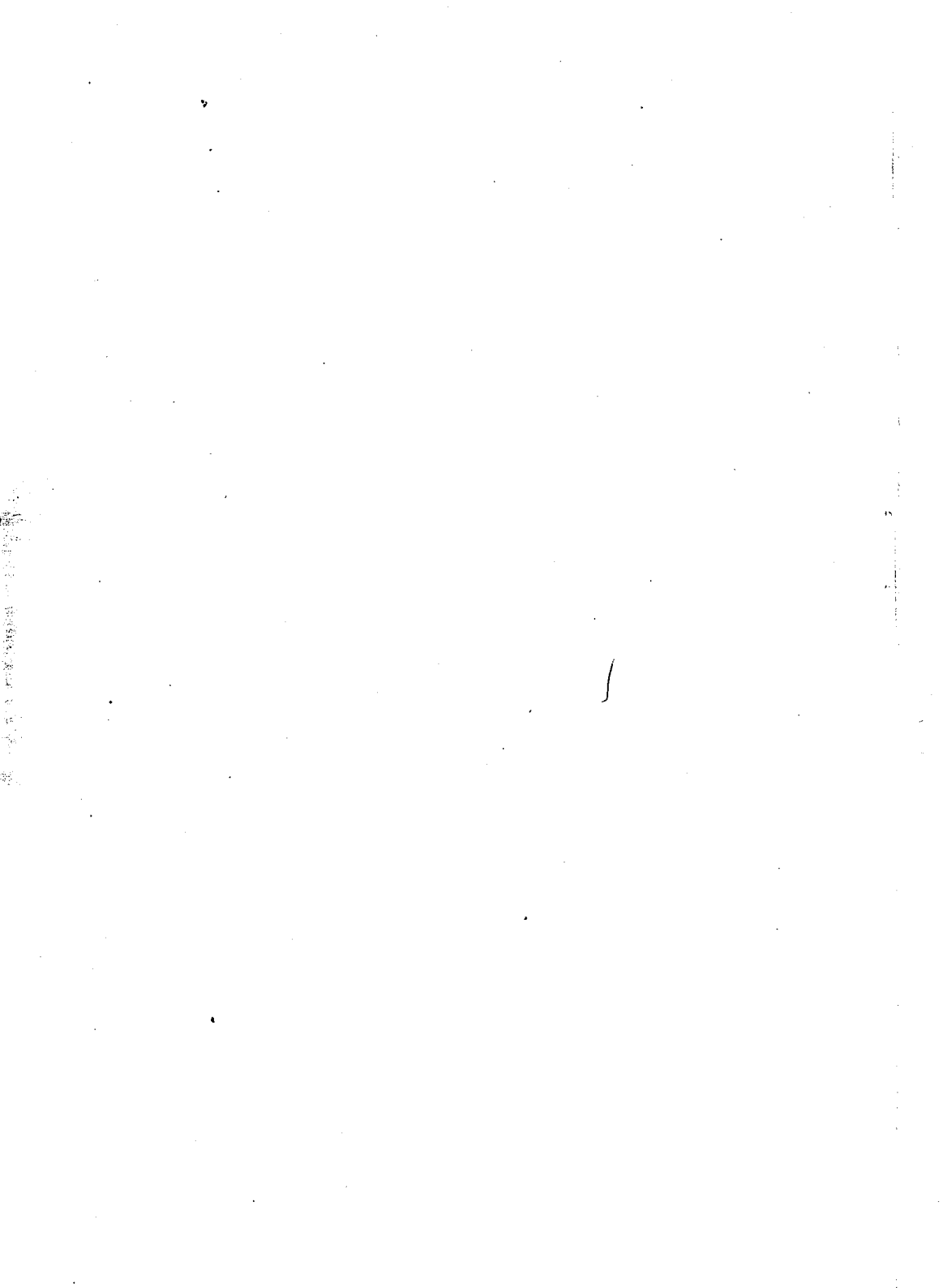
Both days there will be a Bouncy Castle and organ on the Village Green. There will also be Stalls and Cream Teas.

Any donations for the stalls would be gratefully received (books, bottles, tins, produce or cakes)

For this to be a success we need your support and we look forward to welcoming you over the weekend.

Tel. Cheryl - Clevedon 876850

Tel. Sheila - Yatton 838357



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### LETTER TO THE EDS

The Old School,

KENN

The Pedlar's Caravan reminded me vividly of my dear uncle, recently departed this life at the ripe old age of 94 years.

Uncle Leon had a brightly painted gypsy caravan complete with a dear old horse, living in a field at Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Fine you may say, so what? Fine indeed except that at the time he was manager of Westbury-on-Trym Labour Exchange, and the field was behind his office!

Those in authority thought it unseemly that their manager, a moderately high ranking civil servant in those days, should choose to live thus, despite his claim that he was reducing the cost of travelling to and from his own home in Clifton, Bristol.

Eventually, discretion being the better part of valour, a wave of unusual sanity overtook him, and he abandoned his rather colourful way of life, as "requested" by the Ministry in London.

Leon had a phrase he used occasionally throughout his long life, he would sit quietly and then say "where do he come from, where do he go to?". I never really understood why he used to come out with such words that appeared to afford him great glee.

It only dawned on me when reading the poem included in Ray's contribution this month.

Many thanks to all,

Best Wishes,

Margaret FORD

PS By the way thanks for Kenn News and Views each month, congratulations to all concerned.

Clevedon Gilbert and Sullivan Society  
present

Excerpts from the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan  
(Musical director Greta Plank)

at

St. John's Church, Kenn.

on

Saturday, 11th September 1993.



Proceeds for Kenn Village Church Restoration

7.30p.m Tickets from Churchwardens £3