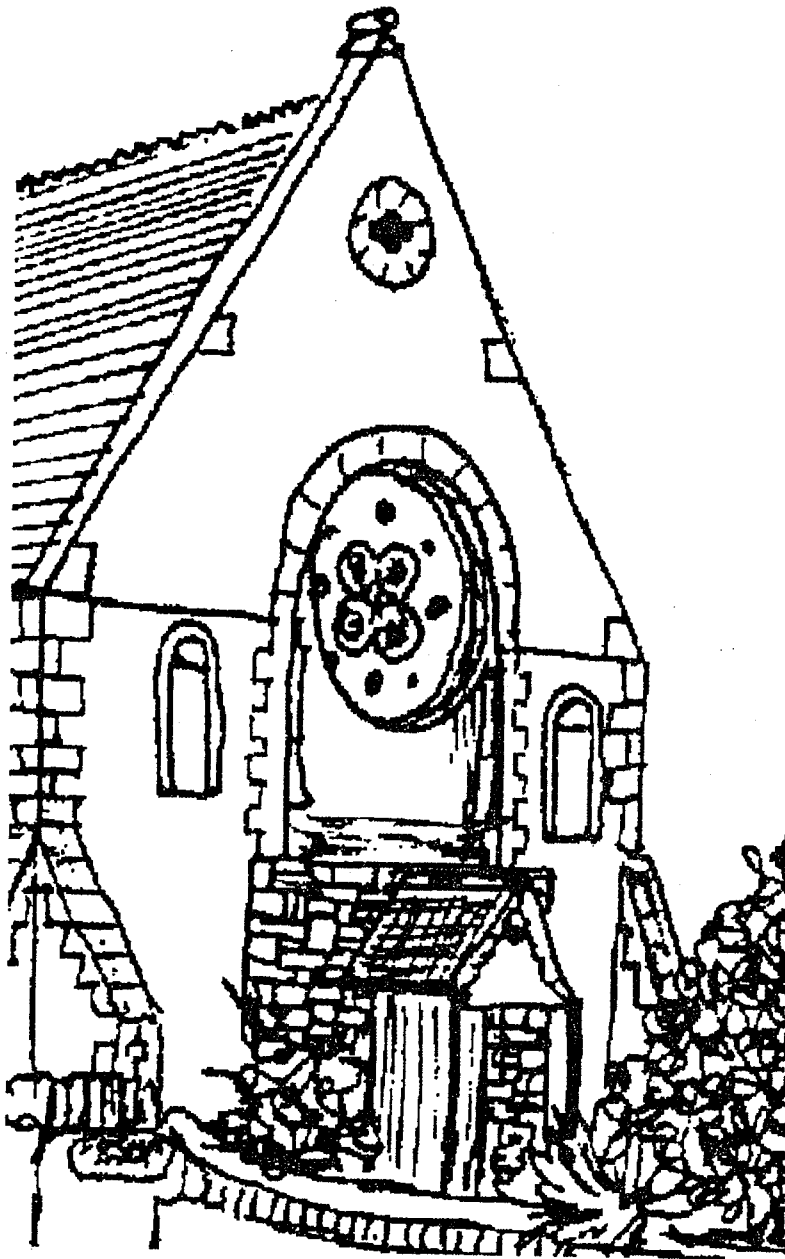


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BEST KEPT VILLAGE



POSTER & ESSAY COMPETITION

ENTRIES IN BY 14th JUNE 1993

NO. 1.

POSTER - Any medium Paint/Pen/Collage etc.,

NO. 2.

ESSAY/POEM - Neatly/legible written on subject -

"My Village - how I can make it an even better place to live in"

Child should suggest what he/she could realistically achieve with the help of adults to improve any part of the village.

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BRITAIN IN BLOOM

NO. 3.

CHILDS PAINTING COMPETITION - by TIDY BRITAIN GROUP

Maximum size - 20" x 30"

Subject matter - illustrate FLORA OF A BRITAIN IN BLOOM MONTH
no wording - put Month on back of entry.

Up to 7 yrs - Illustrate - MONTHS February, June, October

8 to 10 " - " MONTHS March, July, November

11 to 13 " - " MONTHS April, August, December

14 to 16 " - " MONTHS January, May September

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ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE - NAME, AGE, ADDRESS - ON BACK OF ENTRY.

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KENN PARISH COUNCIL PRIZES - (3 in each age group)

1. Age 4 years to 7 years inclusive.
2. Age 8 years to 12 years inclusive
3. Age 13 years to 16 years inclusive.

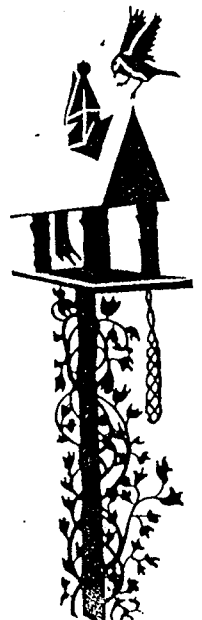
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NOTE - THERE ARE - 3 DIFFERENT COMPETITIONS

Any problems/queries - ring R.Dyer, Kenn Count - 872676
or J.Ings, Mead Cott. - 875308

RETURN ENTRIES BY 14th June to R.Dyer/J.Ings

VILLAGE JUDGING STARTS - 15th JUNE 1993



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

This month I'm writing this message AFTER compiling the contents, and what a pleasant read it is. A nice mix of information and entertainment. Please, please, please let's have more of the same next month, and every month.

Kate and Sheila

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE

20th JUNE - PROMPT

BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Joshua MIDDLETON
- 10th - Christopher DENMEAD 18
- 11th - Julian WILCOX 18
- 11th - Naomi BRAIN
- 11th - Wendy PAPASOLOMON-TOS
- 13th - Lyn BYE
- 15th - Matthew GAUNT
- 18th - Ian PASCOE
- 21st - Heather BRAIN
- 21st - Dave PUGH
- 21st - Thomas BYE
- 22nd - Yvonne AYRES
- 26th - Roger WILCOX
- 26th - Luvy BAKER
- 27th - Phillippa JENKINS
- 30th - Roger DENMEAD

NAISH'S NOTES

Congratulations to Amy BYE for gaining her International Silver Survival Award.

PS Since this was written Amy has gained the Gold award - well done!

Congratulations to Katy Stowell on passing her driving test.

Congratulations to Daniel QUINN, Ian PASCOE and Duncan MACKAY on successfully completing their 10 Tors walk - 40 miles - in appalling conditions.

Well done everyone!

FOR SALE

Rowing machine - converts to other things. £45. Contact John at Oakland Farm.

POST OFFICE UNDER THREAT

As you will have gathered, your Council Tax cannot be paid through the Post Office unless in Cash. Benefits and pensions are now being targetted by the DHSS for payment directly into a bank account instead of at the Post Office. The Post Office depends on these payments to help in its continued existence. Barbara has leaflets explaining about the threat to sub-post offices, with the address of the House of Commons. Please read the leaflet and write to our local MP, Mr Jerry WIGGIN, giving support to our local post office. Complain to Mr Jack DAGNALL, your new Avon County Councillor or to Mr JOPP or Mrs CUMMINGS, your Woodspring District Councillors. We need our local post office, it is a vital part of our rural community. We want to use it - we don't want to lose it! **HANDS OFF!** Without it we will have to trek into Clevedon - can you imagine?

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have had yet another break-in in Kenn, at lunchtime and when the householder had merely stepped out for 10 minutes. We have also had tools stolen from a garage at night and we have even had a burglar confronted on his way out of a house with his haul of goods and in broad daylight! If you see anyone strange (apart from the editors or typist!) in the village, keep watch. If unsure ring the police. Be alert and dial 999 if worried.

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VERY LATE CONGRATULATIONS

Sorry for the delay in congratulating our Vicar, John CRUSE, and his wife Janice on the safe arrival of their baby son, Nicholas. We look forward to seeing him.

WELCOME to Irene and Richard who have moved into Kenn Court Cottages.

ALTAR GUILD - JULY

Margaret STOWELL and Rene BELL.

Volunteers are required for Altar Guild duties in September. Contact Jean NAISH or Iris GOLDSWORTHY.

DIARY DATES

- 12th June - Cow Pat Party
- 18th June - Dorothy Perkins Fashion Show. Tickets £3 from Sheila NAISH or Barbara RUSSELL.
- 26th June - Midsummer Madness III Disco and BBQ at Oakland Farm. 8 'til Late. Tickets £3 from Kenn Stores or Sheila.
- 3rd July - Horse Race Night, Kenn Valley Social Club.
- 7th July - Jumble Sale 7pm. Kenn Village Hall, all welcome.

HISTORY GROUP

On Monday 14th June the Group invites all those interested to a walk around Manor Farm. Sarah and Tom CLARKE have kindly agreed to let us "drink in" some of the history surrounding their home. Everybody is welcome to meet at the farm at 7-30pm. Coffee and biscuits will be served.

G GRIFFIN

KENN KONNECTED

On Monday 10th of May social history was made in Kenn. It is my belief that it is the first time ever, that the village has been connected directly to the City of

Bristol by means of public transport. The Badgerline Bus Company introduced a new service - Number 360 CLEVEDON - BRISTOL which operates hourly from Clevedon via Great Western Road, Old Church Road, Southern Way, Kenn (Drum and Monkey), Yatton (North End, Station Road), Claverham etc. This service does not operate on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The first bus leaves the Drum and Monkey on weekday mornings at 7-43am and arrives at Bristol Bus Station at 8-36am, thus being convenient for many who work in Bristol.

This service will also be a great asset to anyone from Kenn visiting hospitals run by the United Bristol Hospitals (NHS) Trust as a bus service to these hospitals runs from the Bristol Bus Station approximately every 20 minutes. This service is run by the Trust and is free for patients.

The Time Table for the new 360 service is reproduced on the next page. Further information about this service can be obtained from Badgerline Bus Shop in Clevedon, Thornton's Travel, 12 The Triangle.

CMW

KENN SNIPPETS

On May 6th a party of local blind people were entertained to tea at Kenn Court. My sincere thanks to Miss BAKER, Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs AYRES, Mrs LAMB, Mrs WHITEHEAD and Mrs SURRIDGE for all their help.

TEN TORS

Many congratulations to Duncan MACKAY, Ian PASCOE and Daniel QUINN who completed the arduous walk across Dartmoor. The terrain of Dartmoor is full of hazards and difficulties.

Well done boys.

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EUROPEAN CHAMPION

In Antwerp Mr Robert John HANCOCK beat ninety five stylists in the European Gold Medal Competition for hair sculpture for the second year running. This followed victory in Holland where he had won the Golden Tulip Award when representing England.

KENN WI - RUBY JUBILEE

As we go to press there is still time to collect FREE tickets for the strawberry tea at Kenn Court on Saturday 19th June, 3-5pm. Residents of Kenn will be welcome but tickets are essential. If wet the tea will be in the village hall.

Bring and Buy Stall, raffle, competitions and an opportunity to look at the record book compiled by WI members, of life in Kenn during the past forty years.

JUNE DIARY DATES

- 9th. Kenn WI 7-30pm. Speaker Mrs Mary MACEWAN SMITH.
- 14th. All entries for the 3 competitions for children in Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom competitions to be returned for judging.
- 15-30th. First Round judging for Best Kept Village will take place.
- 18th. Fashion Show in Village Hall.
- 19th. Strawberry Tea.
- 26th. Disco at Oakland Farm.

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KENN W.I.

At the May Meeting Mrs KINGCOTT held her fellow members entranced with a display and demonstration of weaving undertaken at her school in Kingston Seymour. She was warmly thanked by Mrs JEFFERY.

The recent Jumble Sale raised £100 and the Barn dance for this year's charity, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, raised £105. It was much enjoyed by those people who attended. The team entered for the village quiz in aid of the Church Restoration Fund came second.

Two of our members have been lucky enough to get tickets for the trip to the House of Commons. It has proved to be such a popular outing that disappointed members will get another chance to go on one to be organised later in the year. Names are still being taken for the visit to the vineyard at Moorlynch on 29th July.

Further plans were made for the Anniversary Garden Party to be held at Kenn Court on 19th June (in the Village Hall if wet). It is free to all members and villagers but a ticket is required to help the caterers.

At the June meeting we look forward to welcoming Mrs MACEWAN SMITH who will recount her experience at her investiture at Buckingham Palace. The competition will be for a piece of costume jewellery.

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COW PAT PARTY, 12TH JUNE - KENN VILLAGE HALL

Proposed programme

12-30pm Kenn Village Hall opens to serve you meals and refreshments. There will be the added bonus of serving wenches to deal with your every need (in the food line) and the added bonus of a few competitions, just to whet your appetite before the grand entrance of Miss COW PAT!

12-45pm Country fair stalls open, anything from local produce to plants, books and Bric-a-brac. Anyone wishing to run a stall please contact Heather Jenkins (0275 877389).

1-00pm COW PAT TAVERN opens for business! Guest beers for you to sample.

1-30pm Fun and Games Events:

- Splat the Rat, Tin Pan Alley
- Stocks (so bring your camera and record the occasion)
- Guess the weight of the sheep, and lots more including the

COW PAT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Enter any of the following and become Kenn's very own *CHAMPION* at

WELLIE THROWING, BALE LIFT or COW MILKING

Now just one quick plea here:

Donations please for a Tombola (Tins or Bottles). Barbara (Kenn Stores) will have a box on hand for anything you may like to contribute. Donations of cakes and garden produce will also be much appreciated. Please bring any perishable items along to the Village Hall on the day. Thanks in anticipation.

2-45pm Winner of NAME THE COW competition announced.

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COW ENTERS FIELD

£100 to the winner of this competition! (No time available for this one yet but I'll get back to you just as soon as something drops).

3-30pm Winner of GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE SHEEP competition announced.

4-00pm PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Presentation of certificates to the championship winners from the WELLIE THROWING, BALE LIFTING and COW MILKING competitions.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A PROPOSED BATTLE OF THE TITANS!

Yes Kenn's own TUG OF WAR competition for the honour of a most illustrious cup to commemorate the event. Sounds good, let's hope JG can organise it, fingers crossed.

4-20pm (provisional) TUG OF WAR teams will commence battle. I hope!

7-30pm And for those of you who wish to return and relive that cow pat moment, The Village Hall is open for skittles and possibly an impromptu game or two over a quiet drink at your favourite pub, The old COW PAT TAVERN. Rolls and eats will be available.

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KENN CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

PAST EVENTS

Quiz Night. Thanks to Kate £139 was made and a good time had by all.

Wine and Cheese. A very successful launch adding £229-10p to funds.

Slide show Over 60 people were entertained by Ray, ably assisted by Kate at the show in Church - thanks to Jenny PASCOE and friends for tea, coffee and homemade cakes. A total of £78-09p.

Thanks to Clare LEAMAN for drawing a plan of the roof showing 20 000 tiles representing £1. 1087 coloured to date. This is displayed in church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cow Pat Party, 11 and 12th June. In and around the Village Hall:

Friday night entertainment - a Horse Racing Evening including a bar with different draught beers and wine and refreshments available.

Saturday - Refreshments available all day plus bar in the evening.

Attractions include:

- Tossing the Bale
- Splat the Rat
- Toss the Wellie
- Name the Cow
- Guess the Weight of the Lamb
- Produce
- Milk the Cow plus a demonstration of milking by Ray.
- Tombola
- Cow Pat itself. The cow will be let into the field at 3pm.

After the cow has performed there are plans for a tug-of-war contest and possibly rounders or volleyball.

Heather is looking for volunteers to help with all of the above.

A grand parade of winners is planned for 4-30pm.

During the evening a Skittles Competition will be held in the Village Hall.

Fashion Show. 18th June - by DOROTHY PERKINS. Tickets now on sale at £3 from Barbara RUSSELL, Sheila or Barbara at the shop.

Midsummer Madness. Disco on 26th June at Oakland Farm. Tickets now on sale.

Horse Race Evening. Kern Valley Social Club, 3rd July. More details to follow.

Gilbert and Sullivan Club Concert. Yvonne AYRES has kindly agreed to organise a concert, hopefully in September or October.

August Flower Festival. 7th and 8th August. Cheryl QUINN has offered to arrange a Flower Festival in Church for this weekend. It is planned to have stalls outside, a BBQ in Marianna's garden on Saturday and Teas on Sunday. Cheryl would appreciate sponsors to pay for the flowers for various windows, also offers of greenery and help.

Sheila will hold a Wine Evening with Bring and Buy at Oakland Farm to help finance the Flower Festival.

LADIES OF THE FLOWER CLASS

I am sure you will all recall that at our last evening class Pam produced some seeds which you all decided I should grow and Margaret should spell. Don't ask me why. However, I have done as requested and now have the plants available. If you are interested will you please ring me on 877392. They are perennials and I think the spelling is PHYSALIS - OK Margaret?

Iris GOLDSWORTHY

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

As you may have heard on the village grapevine, I am running a Flower Festival to raise funds for the Church Roof.

I would be most grateful for any offers of help with either the flowers or the cream teas; also for any offers of foliage that you could spare. Pruning service available!

So as not to have to raise money for flowers, if anybody or any local business would like to sponsor an arrangement in the Church, I would be most grateful. During the event, raffle tickets will be sold so that the arrangements can be enjoyed afterwards and so raise that little bit more for the roof.

All offers of help or assistance to Cheryl at Bow Cottage Kennels, Tel: 876850

Cheryl QUINN

RUBY JUBILEE TREE

It was with some dismay that a couple of weeks ago I noticed our latest addition to the village green was looking a little "wonky". On closer inspection it transpires that the supporting stake had or had been broken. We do not know how it happened but in these sad times it is hard to rule out thoughts of mindless vandalism. I am told that the tree is in no immediate danger, but a careful eye is being kept and a very much harder to break stake will be provided if necessary.

Kate

QUIZ NIGHT IV

If I am honest I will admit that I was a little disappointed with the fact that only 15 teams entered our latest Quiz - the moreso as it was one of the first events in aid of the Church Roof. However, my undying thanks and gratitude to those who did attend, especially after the post-

ponement. We had a good time anyway didn't we? As usual for your entertainment some of the more **unusual** answers are published here but first my sincere thanks to Jenny for the suppers, Jane for the raffle, all who donated raffle prizes, the runners and for Simon who always stays to help us clear up.

We made £139 for the fund.

Q:- Who was the winner of the men's event in this year's London Marathon?

A:- (Eamonn Martin): A very fast old man!

Q:- How is the film "Or how I flew from London to Paris in 25 hours 11 minutes" better known?

A:- (Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines): A Pigeon

Q:- Who wrote "Dr Finlay's Casebook"?

A:- (A J Cronin): Janet

Q:- What is the motto of the BBC?

A:- (Nation shall speak peace unto nation): Pay your licence OR The best value television and radio you can buy.

Q:- Dogs are canine, Cats are feline, What are bears?

A:- (Ursine): Teddyine

Q:- In what is a herpetologist interested?

A:- (Reptiles): Dirty postcards.

Q:- The number one hit "Young at Heart" advertises what on TV?

A:- (Volkswagen cars): A car - red.

Q:- What is the difference between mist and fog?

This question caused quite some consternation, not to mention barracking. As you know, the quizmasters decision is final and I promised a definitive explanation on this issueI'm just off to make one up...

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The answer I gave on the night was ... visibility; if you can see more than 1100 yards it is a mist (and you don't need specs!), less and it's a fog.

A lot of people thought a fog descended and mist rose. Here is what the Guinness Book of Answers has to say on the subject:

"FOG. A layer of very small water droplets forming upwards from the surface of the sea or ground and reducing visibility. Also advection fog - fog that forms when air cools to dew point by travelling across a surface that is already cooler, such as sea or snow.

MIST. Very small water drops suspended in air near the ground, reducing visibility"

Kate

AN AFTERNOON ON DARTMOOR

On Sunday 16th May there was early activity in Kenn. David and Cheryl were up dog walking at day break so that they could leave the kennels. Marianna and Robin were getting ready to depart Kenn at dawn and Jenny, having given up the idea of going to bed after work, was getting into the car along with the rest of the Pascoes. - WHY? They were all off to Dartmoor to cheer home Duncan, Daniel and Ian at the end of their two day Ten Toors expedition.

Duncan entered with his school at Clifton College whilst Ian and Daniel took part with the Cleeve Claverham and Yatton Scout Group.

At some point on Sunday afternoon all of us in turn thought that we must be absolutely mad as we stood in horizontal hail stones, sleet, driving rain and wind in the middle of Dartmoor with no shelter. Some of us were more protected than others, mind you Cheryl did look very fetching in a blue "designer" bin

liner given to her by the refreshment lady who took pity on her soggy state. Most of us landed on our posteriors at some stage having slipped in the mud - some more gracefully than others. Mark and Jessica spent most of the afternoon rescuing frogs and lambs.

All this was forgotten however as the boys teams managed to make it back over the 35-40 miles of Dartmoor that they had covered to get to the finish line. It was an emotional sight to see the scout team of six lads come past carrying their three troop flags across the finish line.

It was all credit to the boys and their commitment to training that all of them finished in a year when there was a record number of fall outs, mostly due to the terrible weather conditions.

Each lad had his own tale to tell - Ian's of being nearly blown away as a large army helicopter landed near him at a check-point when to the amusement of the rest of the team he was seen being blown backwards rather than walking forwards. Daniel's was closer to home when he thought one of his team was holding him back from the finish line - only to discover that his kagoule cord was caught up on the rope of the finishing funnel.

The sight of the boys' faces as they received their medals showed that it was worth every minute of getting soaked, sore feet and aching legs.

WELL DONE boys - three entrants from Kenn in one year to be successful in the Ten Toors is an achievement to be proud of. Next time maybe your parents will pay closer attention to the type of clothing and footwear required to keep the Dartmoor weather at bay and stay somewhat more comfortable.

So be warned all of you Kennites - if Duncan, Daniel or Ian suggest taking a

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short stroll it could end up with you walking 30-40 miles!

MOOR BIRDS AT KENN PIER

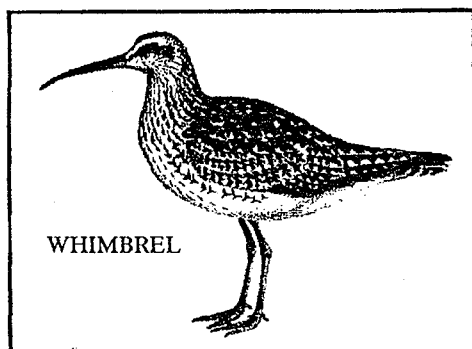
Since living at Kenn Pier, Brenda and myself have recorded 50 different kinds of birds in, over or from our cottage during the past 12 years. But number 50 gave us particular pleasure and surprise as we never realised the bird could be seen south of Scotland.

It was on Saturday morning, 24th April when from our kitchen window we saw a pair of birds that looked wingless in the lane leading to Kenn Pier Farm. They were finely marked in shades of grey and brown with distinctive red legs and bill. We had no idea what they were, but from our "Book of the Countryside" discovered they were FRENCH or RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE.

David and Brenda GLASSON

KENN'S AFRICAN VISITORS

During the last few days in April and also during early May, Kenn Moor plays host to an unusual wading bird, the WHIMBREL. Every year whimbrels migrate from their African wintering quarters to their breeding grounds in Iceland, and the Somerset Levels is a traditional resting and refuelling area.



Here they feed on worms and other invertebrates before resuming their journey north to the boggy moorlands of Iceland.

Whilst searching unsuccessfully for any flocks, Ray NAISH met me on the moor and a week later was able to report that he had seen small parties of whimbrel on three occasions, with a maximum of 20 birds.

The whimbrel looks like a three quarter size Curlew with a slightly less long decurved bill. It has a distinctive rippling call from which it gets its colloquial name of seven whistler. The return migration is more fragmented and the birds use the estuaries rather than the moors for feeding, before heading south for Africa.

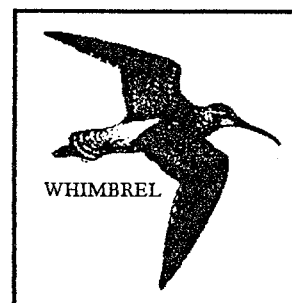
So if you hear the Seven notes or see a small curlew-like bird then you will have found the whimbrel - but it's not likely to be until Spring 1994 now!

Trevor RIDDLE, Yatton.

MORE MOOR BIRDS

This seems to be a good year for wildlife. Since talking to Trevor RIDDLE whose notes you have just read, I have noticed a pair of whimbrel still in the moor, hopefully staying to nest rather than following their fellow travellers to Iceland. The chances are that they have of rearing their young in this area is slight because there are so many crows looking for young chicks for food.

There are many broods of young ducks in the moor and along the rivers this year. The biggest brood I have seen is 14. It is



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very noticeable that many people are saying they haven't seen any mink for a long time. They have been the scourge of young ducks in the past. It is thought that they may have contracted some disease that has almost wiped them out.

Jeremy OSBORNE, who works for our family, saw a fallow deer drinking in Russ Pond recently. I've never heard of a deer in the Kenn area before. Sadly a few days later Miles found a dead one in a hedge in Colehouse Lane; perhaps it was the same animal.

For the first year ever, I haven't seen any shelducks nesting in the orchard behind Stonehouse Farm.

Ray NAISH

VICAR'S VISITS

The Vicar will be glad to hear from anyone who would like him to visit. His telephone number is 0934 832776.

RB

BEST KEPT VILLAGE and BRITAIN IN BLOOM

VILLAGE JUDGING STARTS - 15th JUNE 1993

There are 3 Children's competitions this year:-

1. Poster - any medium.
2. Essay/Poem - "My Village - how I can improve it"
3. Britain in Bloom Painting.

If you live in Kenn and are 16 and under - please enter.

Entries by 14th June to:- R. DYER 872676

J. INGS 875308.

All children in Kenn should have received a set of rules - if we missed you please contact the above.

The rest of us - out with the mower/strimmer and a sack for the rubbish.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL