

NOWS (AND I'M DEAD)

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records and other documents.

We had a great time browsing our little schools history and studying photographs of pupils in attendance in the 20's, 30's and 40's. We are grateful to Lucy Baker for the loan of the photo's for the evening.

Among the many interesting things we learnt are the following:

The Church gave land for the school to be built, on December 27th 1841.

The School opened in 1842 for the education of the children of the

"Yeomen, labouring and manufacturing persons of the said Parish of Kenn." It was funded by grants from the "Committee of Council on Education" and by voluntary contributions. Listed in

1872 are folk who gave money .

Names that are familiar to this day are:- Sir. A. Elton, Rev. Braikenridge of Yatton, W. J. Stuckey, Rev. Still, Mr. Baker, Mr. Dyer, Mr & Mrs. J. Griffin and Mr. Sprod.

In 1875 the salary for the School Mistress was £5 per quarter or £20 per annum; by 1889 it had gone up to £26 per annum.

In 1904 the school was extended. Unfortunately nowhere could we find records of the number of pupils attending the school. However, from the photographs when Miss. Pilgrim was Mistress in the 1920's /30's, the number could not have been more than 30 pupils.

Among the many items of interest was that in 1939 Mrs. Watts resigned

as caretaker and Mrs. Grigg (then and now of Chapel Cottage), took on the post at £12 per annum.

Mrs. Griffiths was Mistress from the 1930's until our school closed in the early 1950's. She lived at 'School House' and had 3 weeks leave of absence in 1937 when her daughter Jennifer was born. Jillian Bye was one of the last pupils to attend the school.

In the 1950's Harry Gale of 'The Orchards' offered to buy the school building , now redundant, for £125 and was turned down. In 1961 the property was sold to Ron Urch for £200 and from 'The Old School' he restored and sold antiques. He sold to a builder who converted it into a residence. Gerald and Margaret Fowler were the first people to live there and in time they sold it to Maurice and Margaret Ford.

By the end of the evening we all agreed it had been one of our better meetings.

Our last get-together for this year will be at 7.30pm on Monday 15th November at 'The Granary'.

JOHN GRIFFIN

THE CHOIR AT KENN CHURCH

There is evidence that there has been a choir at Kenn Church for a very long time. A gravestone in the churchyard tells us that John James was a chorister for 70 years. John died in 1933 so that takes us back to

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success. Our solicitors are at present trying to get a sensible agreement with the planners. If they persist with their present attitude, they are in fact depriving the village of Kenn of a chance to build a new hall on this site.

RAY NAISH

CRIME

This article is taken from a recent Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

THEFTS OF/FROM VEHICLES.

At present car related crime is the biggest area of concern and it may be worth investing in a visible form of car security system such as a Krook-lok or an alarm. The cost of these is minimal compared with the cost and inconvenience of losing your vehicle.

Reports are still being received of crimes where keys have been left in the ignition or valuables left visible. Always try to lock your car in the garage and make it as hard as possible for the thief.

Whilst patrolling the area, I notice a vast number of open garage doors with no car to be seen - an open invitation to a thief to take bikes, electrical goods or garden implements - as well as an indication that no-one is at home.

BURGLARIES

Although they can occur at any time, the present pattern seems to be between 3 and 4pm, probably while mum is collecting the children from school. Always ensure your house is secure, even if you are only away for a short time.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

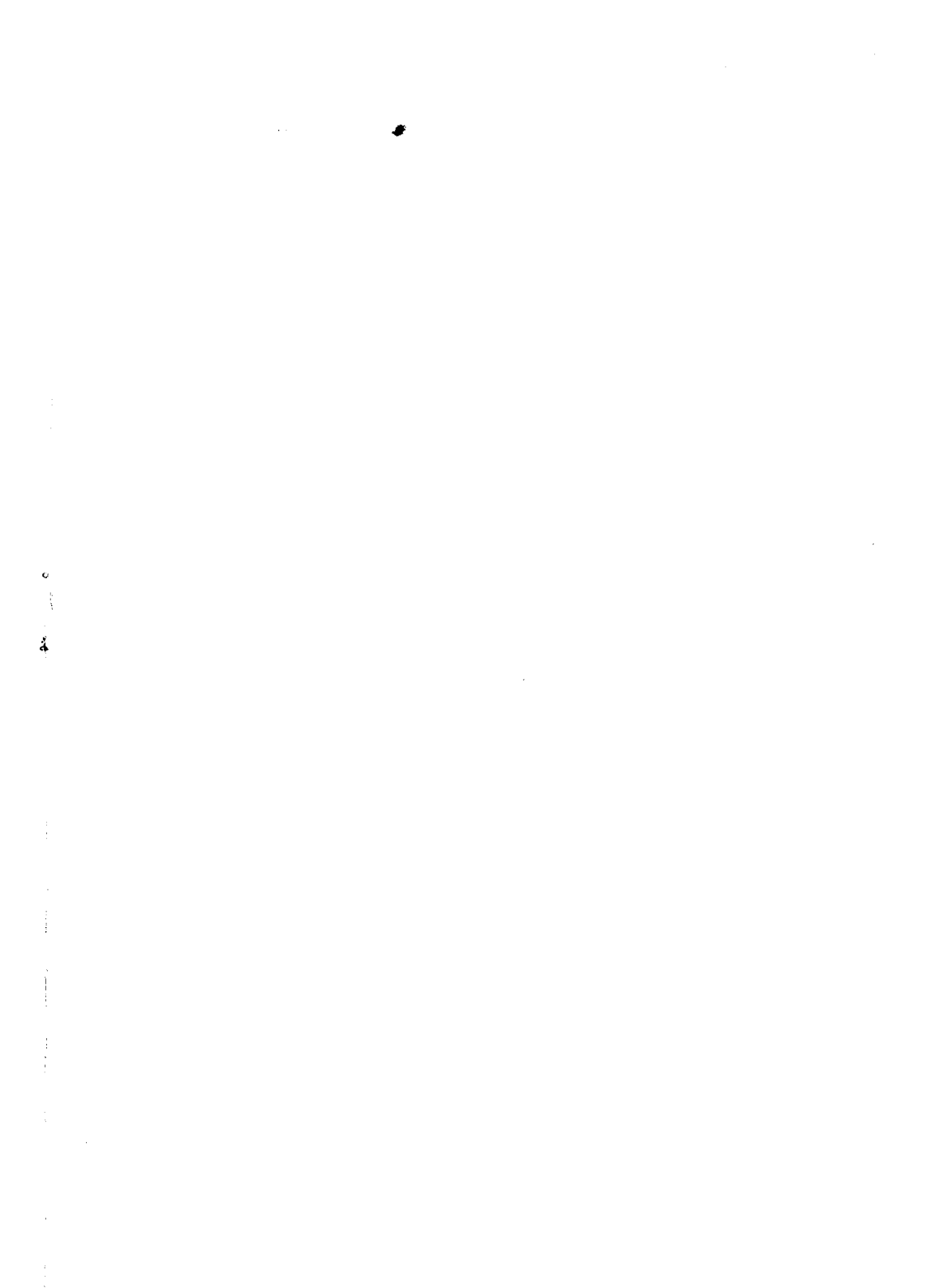
Recent changes to the force system have led to some of the station numbers being removed from the directory. The main number is:-

0934 635252

For a non-urgent matter, drop a note into the Yatton office letter box and we will contact you at the earliest opportunity.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Many of you are concerned about the lack of policing in your area. YES, in an ideal world we would like to be able to walk round the streets daily, but it is not possible. I assure you that we endeavour to provide police cover in all areas, but we have to concentrate on known trouble spots. Please don't forget that you are our eyes and ears in our absence and we rely on your information in the fight against crime in our villages.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

We've all come to know and love(?) the quirks, foibles and the odd spelling mistakes of our beloved three fingered typist. This month those famous three fingers are taking a well earned rest and we are indebted to Chris Denmead who has stepped into the breach with his own double fingered efforts. We hope you will bear with us if your magazine differs this month from our usual standard.

NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SHEILA & KATE

DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS MAG

20th NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

9th - Andrew JENKINS
13th - Sheila NAISH
(IT'S HERE AT LAST - THE BIG ONE!)
14th - Rowena AYRES
15th - Timothy DENMEAD
16th - Sebastian WILCOX
27th - Rebecca BRETT (nee FENWICK)
28th - Sarah CLARKE

ANNIVERSARIES

16th - Sheila & Miles NAISH

SNIPPETS

WINNER Lady Luck smiled on Mrs. Grace Griffin when she won £100 in the weekly Gloucestershire County Cricket raffle

COFFEE MORNING

Readers of Kenn News and Views are invited to a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9th November 10:30 'til noon at Kenn Court. Bring and Buy. Raffle. Offers of Help would be much appreciated. "A chance to say thank you to those who work so hard for Kenn News and Views".

KENN VILLAGE HALL

The annual Cheese and Wine Party will be held on Saturday 20th November at 8pm. Come to Kenn Hall and meet your friends and neighbours. Tickets £2.50. Raffle: Guess the weight of the Turkey and win a £15 voucher towards your Christmas Turkey. Tickets available from Committee members.

APPLE DAY. 16th OCTOBER

The apple day held in the hall was much enjoyed by those who attended to have their apples identified, to examine and to buy many varieties of English Apple grown by Charlton Orchards at Creech st. Michael. Display boards gave much information about English Apples. We learned some varieties have local names Clevedon Prolific, Court de Wyck and Kingston Black. Visitors were able to purchase honey, cakes and pies and many preserves ; to enter various competitions and to partake of Ploughmans lunches and tea with apple cake. Christmas orders were taken and will be delivered to Kenn Court a week before Christmas.

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LANDS END TO JOHN O' GROATS

It was with great regret and disappointment that I had to decide to cancel my drive from Kenn Church to Kenn Church via Lands End and John O' Groats. Even as I write (26/10/93) I should have begun the return journey southwards. Several people generously agreed to sponsor the event in aid of the Church Roof Restoration fund, but unfortunately not enough. I wonder if the risk of winning a haggis had anything to do with it? Shame really, because it came with a free hutch!

Whilst I was sad not to be going to the ends of the country, I was even more saddened to hear the remarks from people who thought it was 'no great feat', and had I been walking or cycling it may have been more worthwhile. Perhaps they would like to turn their sour grapes into effort and undertake their ideas themselves. I shall look forward to being more generous than they were. Finally, thank you to all those who did support me, sponsor me, offered prizes and the loan of a mobile phone; and special thanks to those who donated their sponsorship money to the Restoration fund anyway.

Kate Denmead.

QUIZ NIGHT

Just when you thought autumn would go by without one, the next Quiz Night is well underway organisation wise. It will be held on Saturday 13th November in the Village Hall, opening at 7:30 for a prompt 8:00pm start.

Roger Wilcox will be your Quizmaster Extraordinaire. (Big Ed will be putting her money where her mouth is!) Entry is £5 per table plus £2.50 per head for a fish & chip supper which is optional, but remember fish is brain food! There is the usual 25 team maximum, so book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings through Kate please, on 879747. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses - and picnic hampers in some cases - and a little extra cash for the raffle. See you there. In aid of Church Roof Restoration Fund.
Kate D.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Kenn did not do very well in the Best Kept Village Competition this year (it was probably not our turn) although Kingston Seymour was the runner up in the Small Villages section and we congratulate them. The Judges comments were as follows :

The map would have gained higher

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the wedge in joining Kenn with Clevedon, that the roads are not suitable for the traffic it would generate and that there is a more suitable site nearer the motorway roundabout. Comments have to be sent to Woodspring by the 31st December. The Parish Council comments will be prepared for the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 6th December, when, if approved they will be submitted. Please come along if you have a view on the matter.

KENN WOMENS INSTITUTE

There were several apologies at the October meeting of Kenn Womens Institute. Best wishes were sent to Mrs. Megan Harris who has had an operation and is recovering well. Mrs. Lamb's son was congratulated on his invention of a device that prevents rivers overflowing. He has generously donated half of his prize to Water Aid. Mrs. Jeffery was presented with a gift to celebrate her Ruby Wedding.

Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming 40th Birthday Party. The skittles team are playing Cleeve W.I. in a round of the skittles tournament in the near future.

An account of the autumn Council Meeting was given and it was noted that a team had taken part in the County Quiz.

Mr. Brayley gave a talk to members on CLIC and the excellent work they do for children with Cancer or Leukemia. He was warmly thanked by Mrs. Kingcott. The competition for an amusing birthday card was won by Mrs. R. Dyer, Gold, Mrs. M. Crawley, Silver and Mrs. B. Bubb, Green.

The November meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and a members social evening. The competition will be for a Bonfire Party recipe. The annual flower arranging demonstration will take place on November 24th when Mrs. Mary Fielden will entitle her talk "Merry Christmas".

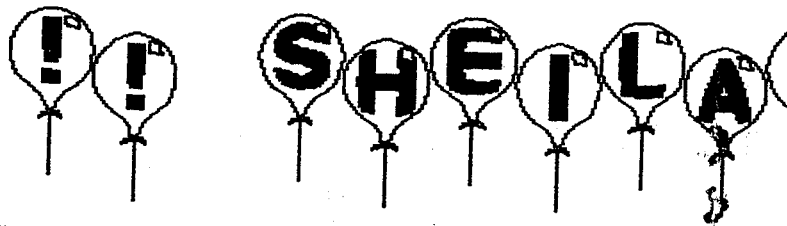
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rob and Jo Treble of The Old Ox House, on the safe arrival of their son, 10lb 14oz at 4pm on 27/10/93.

Congratulations to Gerald and Jenny Griffin on the safe arrival of their grandson, Marcus Gerald, born in a London Hospital to Stephen and Jane Griffin. Congratulations to Mrs. Gladys Griffin on becoming a great grandma again!!

THANKS

Many thanks to Revd. J. Ruffle, for assisting with the pictures in the October issue.



NOW EVERYBODY KNOW

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marks if road names had been included (my fault, and I'm sorry). There was not much litter in evidence.

Gardens were let down by one or two poor ones. Some of the main road commercial premises were untidy.

The Churchyard was awarded very high points, as was the Village Cross.

Marks for the village amenities were fair (the judges regretted the presence of a bird caught in Village Hall netting).

In the Public Places section, there was unfavourable comment on the untidy telephone box and bus shelter, and on the unswept appearance of the Public House forecourt.

There was considerable evidence of community effort throughout much of the Village.

Mark 75%

In the Children's Poster, Essay and Poetry Classes , Jo Brain received a highly commended award for her essay. Posters by Jo and by Leon Naish have also been selected for display at the prize giving ceremony. They will be returned to us later .

This is despite a very disappointing number of entries this year, so well done Jo and Leon.

It is rather a different story in the Britain in Bloom Competition which Kenn entered for the first time this

year. Kenn has been awarded a Mary Mortimer Certificate for villages with a population of less than 800.

The judges comments were as follows:

Attractive and litter free village. Many front gardens maintained to a good/high standard.

Good effort by Kenn Post Office and Garage. However, car/vehicle repairers near green could enhance their premises with conifers/ tubs/ baskets.

Churchyard well maintained.

Most residents had nicely maintained gardens especially near the green.

The main green is well maintained.

Kenn has the makings of becoming a well-known and well-decorated village. Some consideration should be given to providing a small flowerbed near Kenn Village sign on the green and hopefully in time, occasional tubs in strategic locations in the village. A good first time effort.

There was much discussion at the last Parish Council meeting on the Woodspring Local Plan Consultation Draft. The Parish Council will again try to get the village fence ammended to include the piece of land between the Village Hall and Coxhay. The other item in the plan to particularly interest Kenn is the proposal to have an amenity site behind Portbury Farm. The Parish Council Is apposed to this on the grounds that is the thin end of

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Requests have been received that a similar event be organised next year. Time will tell; meanwhile, eat and enjoy English Apples.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Vicar of a mendip village speaking at their Harvest Supper, reminded his audience how easy it is in this day of the car, to ignore village events. He emphasised how important such gatherings are to village communities and especially mentioned support for the church, the village hall and the village shop. He said village churches stand to day for prayer and praise, joy and compassion and to say thankyou for all our blessings, because countless generations have cared for them. The village hall offers scope for entertainment, meetings, parties and dances for all ages of the community.

He continued, "Hardly a week goes by with out hearing or reading that yet another village shop has closed because of lack of support from the village and increasing overwhelming competition from the supermarkets."

Readers, can you imagine Kenn without our church, our hall and our shop where we always get service with a smile. We all have it in our hands to support these three pillars in Kenn. Food for thought!

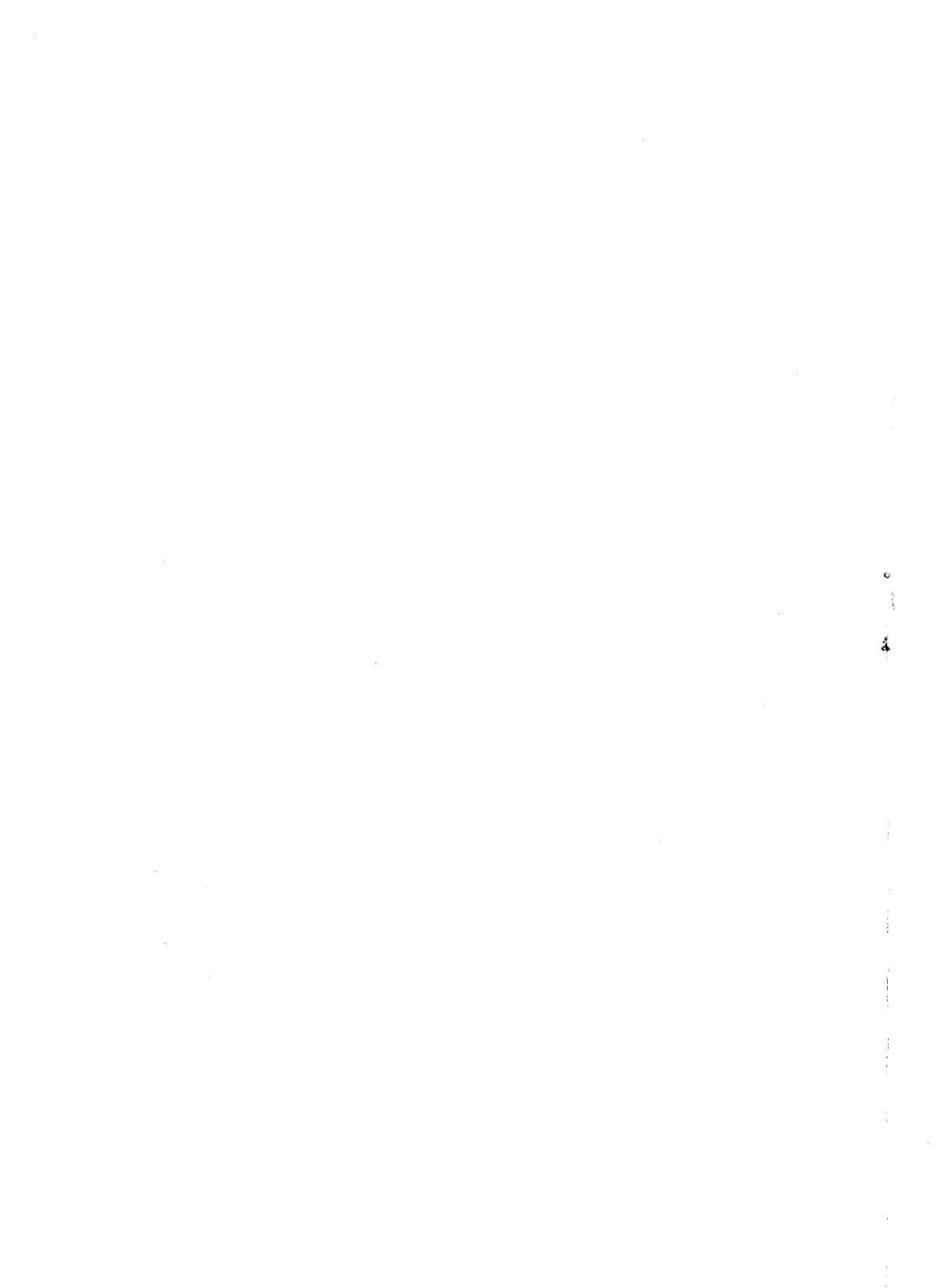
DIARY DATES

November 9th - Coffee Morning,
Kenn Court, 10:30am for Kenn News
and Views
10th - Kenn Womens Institute
7:30pm, Kenn Hall
19th - Event in aid of lifeboats, Kenn
Hall
20th - Wine and Cheese Party,
8:00pm, Kenn Hall
24th - Floral Demonstration, 7:30pm,
Kenn Hall "Merry Christmas" by Mrs.
Mary Fielden, £1.50, organised by by
Kenn W.I.

APOLOGY

Our sincere apologies to Mr & Mrs Donald Staples who celebrated their Diamond wedding in 1992. We were not told about the happy event so our flag was not flown. Meanwhile, may we offer our belated congratulations.
RMD





Children's Christmas Party

December 7th

It's here again folks Kenn,s very own xmas party!

The party is open to all children from the village aged 0 -10 years parents will be sent invitation forms by 20th November. However if your a Grandparent and wish your grandchildren to be included please contact me (Heather Jenkins) on Clevedon 877389 for an invitation form. All forms should be returned by December 1st.

The party will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December, starting promptly at 4:15 and finishing around 6:30.

The programme will include a return visit from 'Uncle Brian' who will be supplying another fun packed evening of entertainment and as always we have sent out our invitation to Father Christmas, let's hope he can fit us into his busy schedule!

So please do come along and support the above event and remember if you require an invitation form please do contact me on Clevedon 877389.

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This Word Square as usual carries a small prize. In the square are hidden the names of Kenn events such as the Village Party. As usual there is one point for every word correctly identified. Unusually, and to make it more difficult, I've also added some other words. I will deduct one point for every word incorrectly found and entered -but as I'm feeling generous will add two points for any word you find that either I did not intend to be there, or for a word I did but you can think of a Kennection I find acceptable.

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H I S T O R Y G R O U P S T F

KCUL DOOG!

Richard GAUNT

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rebuilt from the windowsills up. We are fortunate that there is always a reasonable number of people in the choir stalls for every sung service. In fact on the first Sunday of every month when there is a family service the stalls are often full. Sometimes we have to use chairs for this service. At our 11 o'clock services a large proportion of the congregation are under the age of 15. If it is a Communion Service, members of the Sunday Club come into the last part of the service. The last hymn is chosen to suit very young children. On family service Sunday, we use chiefly modern hymns i.e. the ones that children use at day school. At our family service just about half of the people present are under the age of 15.

There is evensong on the 3rd Sunday in the month when the more traditional hymns are sung.

Our organist, Mrs. Mary Holmes, chooses different chants for the Psalms, the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis each time we have evensong. Mary has recently presented the church with a new set of Chant books for which we are very grateful.

Choir practice is held on Friday nights at 7pm. We try to learn something new each week. It can be boring if choir members attend only to practice four hymns that they already know by heart. We often learn new anthems to be sung at

festivals. If any members of the congregation would like to attend choir practice to learn new music, they will be made very welcome.
RAY NAISH

LAND FOR A NEW VILLAGE HALL

Some time ago my sisters and I offered to give the village an area of land for a new village hall plus an area for a car park and a play area. This land is situated at the rear of the present hall.

Our offer still stands, but we are having extreme difficulties with Woodspring planners. We have obtained planning permission for a new hall to be built plus permission to build two dwellings on the site of the old hall, once a new one is complete; but there is a big problem. The planners have refused to hand us a certificate to proceed until we agree to make a large contribution towards building the new hall. In fact they want us to contribute 20% of the sale price of the land that the old hall stands on. We have advice on this and are told that this could amount to anything between £15,000 and £20,000. We consider this to be very unreasonable and are not prepared to agree.

One of our district councillors, Mrs. Greta Lewis, has taken this up with Woodspring Planners without any

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SAVE IT

The following is a list of items you may collect along the way and have no use for yourselves. However, Sheila will collect them from you for the reasons or causes listed alongside.

Esso Tiger Tokens: for prizes re lottery/childrens Father Christmas presents.

B.P. Options vouchers: for lottery prizes

Angel Delight Dessert Mix Pack Fronts: for Ladybird books - offer extends to 1995.

Birds Eye 'Best before date' panels (worth 10p each): for books for schools. Offer ends 31/12/93.

Any pack will do not just promotional ones.

"Eggshells" from inside "Kinder Eggs", not chocolate or toys ;shells required for game at christmas fair.

Persil (Micro Concentrated Liquid), funfit points: for free school games equipment.

Contact Sheila on 0934 838357

FOR SALE

Snooker Table in very good condition
£20 Tel: 0275 878729

TEA & CHAT

The Tea and Chat Afternoon with the Vicar for November, will be at Mrs. Denmead's home, Conifers, Duck Lane on Thursday 4th November from 2.30pm until 4pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

120A, Old Church Road, Clevedon
Dear Sheila, The two Grannies in Clevedon read the poem in the back of your village magazine. We laughed until we had tears running down our cheeks. Thankyou for all the news from Kenn Village, I do enjoy it. Yours sincerely
Gladys Griffin
P.S. I had 6 copies printed off to send abroad.

It seems "the 2 grannies" weren't the only ones to like the poem. Howard Watkins, who sent the poem in, showed it to his Doctor who now has a copy on his surgery wall!

KENN HISTORY GROUP

We had a good attendance at the October meeting, the topic being, Kenn School. Maurice Ford, brought along his old deeds and records of the building he and his wife Margaret own and where they now live. Ray Naish provided the minute books of the School Managers Meetings in the last century, the cash