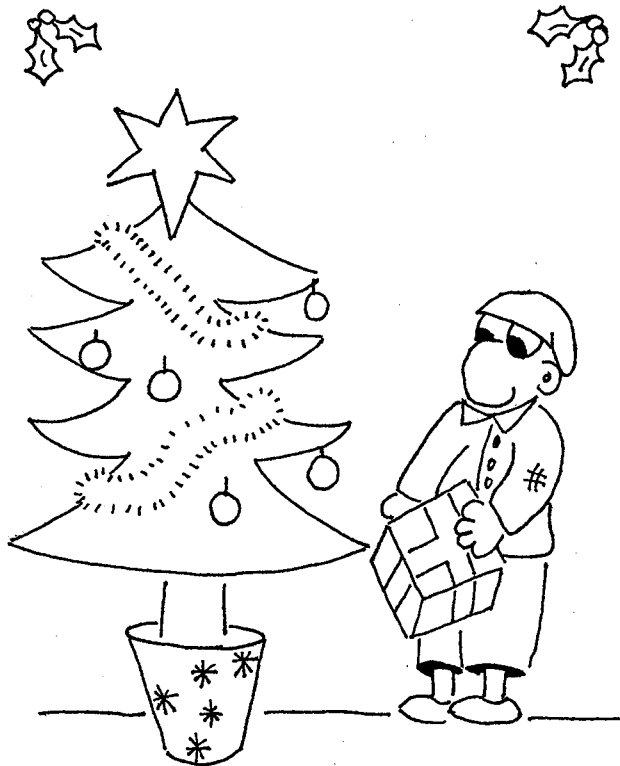


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**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
and
JOYOUS
NEW YEAR
to all
KENNITES**

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EDITORS' MESSAGE

Thank you to those readers who responded with positive comments about the magazine last month: we have received several encouraging letters. Even better, we have been provided with a bumper crop of articles and other contributions so perhaps Kate's little "head-fit" did some good. Be in no doubt your magazine will continue.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our readers in Kenn and further afield a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Kate and Sheila

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE

***** 20th DECEMBER *****

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Alex GAUNT
- 4th - Sally WHITEHEAD
- Roger JENKINS
- 5th - Jerry NAISH
- 10th - Louise PUGH
- Tom CLARKE

ANNIVERSARIES

- 23rd - Richard & Avril GAUNT

NAISH'S NOTES

As Christmas draws near and the New Year approaches, many thanks to Barbara for her help throughout the year with ticket selling, raffle ticket selling, collecting items for the magazine and a host of other things that she has always cheerfully helped with. I miss the shop as it was but am mighty glad that Barbara has kept the Post Office going and transformed it to a cards and sweet shop. Wouldn't it have been a tragedy if we'd lost it?

Remember - USE IT OR LOSE IT!

IF WINTER COMES

Christmas is just around the corner but you would have a job to believe it if you saw the violets out in my garden. The bulbs are up higher than ever before at this time of year and even the stinging nettles are sprouting!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Please make a note of the festive fun planned in Kenn this month.

7th December - Senior Citizen's Tea 3pm

16th December - Christmas Tree lights switched-on 6pm Carols around the tree will be followed by an evening at our local hostelry, with Ken and Barbara providing filled jacket potatoes and chestnuts roasted on the fire. All are welcome, including children. The Grand Raffle of the cake and the knitted Father Christmas will be held during the evening. Please lend your support.

17th December - Grand Christmas Bash at Kern Village Hall. 8pm til 12 in conjunction with Ken, landlord of the Drum and Monkey. Tickets ú3 from the pub, the shop and Sheila, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Centre Nailsea. Raffle prizes welcome. 22nd December - Children's Christmas Party 3pm - 5.30pm. See Milly STOWELL'S notes further on.

SICK LIST

Several villagers have been or are in hospital. Mr Sam DYER, Mrs Edna CHAMBERS and Mrs Doris GULVIN. We send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Also, Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN has had a fall and although we are told she has been a "little fragile" we are glad she is recovering nicely.

GOODBYE AND HELLO

We say farewell and good luck to Connie

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and Phil WILSON of Honeymead Duck Lane who have moved nearer to their daughter. Also farewell to the WOODWARD family of Freshfields and welcome to that address to the HART family.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The quality of my performance sometimes depends on the quality of my audience."

.....(I bet you are glad the Three Fingered Typist is on his travels and cannot make comment on that pearl of wisdom!!)

SMELLING PISTAKES!

Profuse apologies to Paula McCULLY (who keeps the pots on the village green looking so nice). We seem to have spelt her name incorrectly again, so that she was beyond recognition, however, Paula has seen the funny side of this and put pen to paper thus:-

I hope this will not cause offence,

Instead perhaps a smile

If Mr GRUNT agrees to type

In his own endearing style.

This is just to say Hello

To the NASHERS, all the clan,

To the DENHOLMES, QUINCES and FJORDS,

to the villagers of LENN.

You may have met our neighbours

you know them - JOB and BENNY. Theres FENNELS, NORDS and WIDDLES too,

To name a few of many.

We really do love living here - me and hubbie - my big MAL. We've been here seven years now And we love you one and all.

We live here with our spotty dogs

Best known as MICK and SLOSH. (Doesn't sound so clever ...

As saying MAC 'N' TOSH!!)

Of course to get the gist of this - To understand it fully

You need to realise my name -

Not McCAULEY but McCULLY.

Well done Paula - Can we have more?

Sheila

NOTE... Apologies in advance for any incorrect names this month - I'm only learning.

Pieman SOSCO (Relief typist)

SNIPPETS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 13th

Our flag was flown for all those brave men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars for our freedom. As is our custom in Kenn, poppies were arranged on the altar in church.

CELEBRATIONS

Our flag was flown on 14th November to celebrate the forty-sixth birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Even in the dark days of winter "It is always possible to find sunshine if we look for it". A smile, a kindly action, a thank you.

NORTH WEST SOMERSET

After years of working for the abolition of the unloved, unwanted County of Avon, it is pleasing to learn that the "Powers that Be" have listened. In 1996 the present district of Woodspring will become a Unitary Authority called North West Somerset - we shall at last be free from the domination of Bristol.

DIARY DATES

- 7th December Senior Citizens Tea
- 14th December Wednesday at 7.30 Kenn WI Speaker Mrs Brenda Davies
- 17th December Christmas Disco
- 22nd December Children's Christmas Party

Ruth DYER

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

This year's party will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd December from 3 - 5.30pm. There will be a magician and disco. Invitations will be sent out and should be returned by 15th December.

If for any reason you do not receive one please ring Milly STOWELL on 872326 or Sheila NAISH on 855257

Milly STOWELL

ALTAR GUILD

Rota for December is:

4th - Mrs J FENWICK & Mrs J PASCOE

11th - Mrs G GRIFFIN Miss L BAKER & Mrs R BELL 18th - Mrs M STOWELL & Mrs H JENKINS 25th - Mrs M McKAY Mrs A GAUNT & Mrs S CLARKE 31st - Mrs J NAISH & Mrs I GOLDSWORTHY

Anyone unable to take their turn should contact Jean or Iris - Many thanks.

Jean & Iris

ALTAR GUILD THANKS

We would like to express our thanks for all the help and assistance given to us by Mr Jack HANSON with the cleaning of the Church during October.

Tina Heather & Kate

Mrs EDNA CHAMBERS

Thank you to everyone for their best wishes and the many lovely cards sent to Edna whilst in hospital. Now at home she is slowly recovering and getting stronger every day.

CLEEVE CLAVERHAM & YATTON SCOUT GROUP

CHRISTMAS POST

This year CCY Scout Group to which several local boys belong is running a Christmas card delivery service covering Cleeve, Claverham, Yatton, Kenn and Kingston Seymour at a cost of 10p per card.

Stamps will be sold via scouts and also at Kenn Village Hall on Saturday 10th December from 12 - 1.30pm or from Daniel QUINN or Ian PASCOE.

Post boxes will be sited at Kenn Village Hall, Kingston Seymour Village Hall, Clive's Newsagents, Somerfields, C J Hole, Edwards Butchers, Claverham

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Stores and Bebe's Newsagents. Last collection will be at midday on 21st December.

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The November meeting was also the Annual General Meeting. Members were very pleased to welcome Mrs Anne McDOUGALL our VCO to the meeting. Mrs WITHERS was thanked for the arrangement of winter flowering prunus, a very cheerful sight on a deadfully wet evening.

£33.50 had been sent to the Meningitis Trust as a result of the cake sale at the previous meeting. Kenn was sadly beaten in the first round of the skittles tournament but emerged triumphant in the village quiz in aid of the Village Hall. Mrs JACKSON gave a report on the Group Meeting which had been enjoyed by all those attending. Final arrangements were made for the Flower Demonstration by Mrs Pam BLUER on November 23rd.

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Mrs Jenny JACKSON was presented with a card and flowers and very best wishes from all members as she and her husband take up a new life in Saudi Arabia. The competition which was for a paperweight was won by Mrs J JEFFREY, gold Mrs PREW, silver and Mrs INGS, green.

At the AGM there was no election for Committee as the correct number of nominations was received. Committee members for 1995 are Mesdames DYER MANN SURRIDGE INGS MORRIS GARMSTON STOWELL and Miss HOLTHAM. Mrs Addie MANN was re-elected

as President. Mrs BUBB proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the retiring committee. Mrs MacDOUGALL answered members questions ranging from accounting queries to the poor standard of the diaries this year.

The post box will be available for gifts and cards at the December meeting. Contributions to Associated Country Women of the World in lieu of postage will be welcome. The speaker will be Mrs Brenda DAVIES with a talk entitled "Sweetness and Light" and the competition will be for a fancy candle.

RESULT OF GRAND DRAW

The draw took place on 15th November at the coffee morning held at Stonehouse Farm with the major prizewinners as follows:

1st Prize £100 - Mrs BUTLER Flight Bag - J STOWELL Whiskey - Tony SALMON £50 Tesco Voucher - G HALL

There were a further 10 smaller prizes and a full list of winners is available from the committee.

In total over £450 was added to the Church Restoration Fund and thanks must go to all those who helped in selling tickets, supporting the coffee morning and Bring and Buy and donated prizes. Further thanks to the well wishers who covered the stationery and printing costs and for the donation of the £100 first prize. Our thanks also to Ray and Jean NAISH for their hospitality.

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KENN HISTORY GROUP

At the November meeting Ray showed us the slides of the river Kenn from where it rises in Wraxall to its joining with the Blind Yeo at Kenn Pier after passing through Nailsea lock-gates and crossing Kenn moors. We also saw some of the old properties along its route and heard about their history. Ray then showed some of the other old properties in Kenn; pictures of the views we don't normally see from the road. It was all very interesting - Thank you Ray.

We will not be having a meeting in December but plan to restart in January 1995 on Monday 9th at 7.30 at The Granary Duck Lane. We always learn something of interest at our meetings so please feel free to come along. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

John & Grace GRIFFIN

SOOT-CAKED SMOKE-STACK?

Do you require the services of a flueologist? Chimney sweeping undertaken. Experienced, quick, clean reasonable rates and efficient. Ring Arther THOMAS on Yatton 838166.

KINGSTON CHRISTMAS

Kingston Seymour Village Special Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 3rd December from 10am. with a large number of festive stalls. Markets are held on every first Saturday in the month throughout the year.

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

KENN 18th December - 6pm Service of Carols and Lessons
24th December - 3pm Crib Service
25th December - 11am Holy Communion with Carols

KINGSTON SEYMOUR 23rd December - 7.30pm Carols and Lessons with the Young Farmers Club



CARING AT CHRISTMAS

Did you know that Bristol has the largest number of homeless people outside of London? Many men and women young and old for the first time in their lives will have nowhere to live this Christmas and no-one to care about them. Caring at Christmas is a registered charity providing a warm welcome, food and shelter, companionship and comfort for the Christmas period. There is a box in the Post Office for donations of non-perishable foods and if anyone has any sturdy shoes, new underclothes or socks (no

other clothes) please deliver them to Marianna MacKAY Church Path Cottage
Tel 873774 Thank you.

KENN CHURCH RESTORATION

The restoration work has proceeded well helped by an initial spell of good weather.

Locals will recall repairs to the north side of the roof in the early 1950s but at that time roof battens were not replaced. Recent inspections found these to be rotten and the iron nails used at the time now badly rusted. The current work has involved new battening with the tiles to the south side being replaced with new hand crafted tiles and the north side being re-covered with the best of the old.

The builders found it necessary to cut back the old chimney over the boiler house in order to replace the tiles properly and it is expected that this will cure the damp patches which appear from time to time.

The existing ceiling to the main building comprises laths fixed to the backs of the rafters and is plastered between the rafters. Unfortunately, in the case of the porch the construction was integral and the whole lot had to be removed and restored with due recognition to the correct method of conservation. The specifications of such restoration are particularly stringent requiring the use of high quality stainless steel nails at £30 per box, new cast-iron guttering and down pipes to replace the previous PVC and asbestos rainwater goods. There is even a particularly high grade of horse-hair specified in the plaster mix (I can almost see the "pound signs" appearing in the eyes of Kenn based equestrian entrepreneurs!!!). Indeed the total cost of tiles battens and felting was in excess of £6000.

The work is being carried out by local builders, Messrs Parsons and Watkins under the watchful eyes of Mr GRIFFIN and the church architect Mr Alan THOMAS both of whom consider the roof will be good for another 100 years.

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to Village fund raising efforts that has enabled Kenn to pass on a cheque for £8500 to the PCC to go towards the restoration costs

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of this lovely old building.

We should all be proud for it seems that
"If there is a need Kern responds"

Renee BELL and Ray NAISH

KENN CHURCHYARD

Many many thanks to Ben WOODS and family who have cut the grass regularly to keep the churchyard tidy for St John's and the village. Their contribution is particularly valuable as it includes servicing the mower and even making spare parts which would otherwise cost a good deal of money.

Renee BELL

COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning held at Stonehouse Farm on 15th November raised £117.00 for the Church Roof Fund. Many thanks to those who came along and to the helpers. Well done to Maurice FORD in organising the Grand Draw which took place at the coffee morning.

R V & J NAISH

TIMELY REMINDER

Instances of property "going walkabout" in the village and the darker winter evenings make it even more important for us all to take note of anything that seems unusual. As a Neighbourhood Watch area a Handbook is now available giving guidance on subjects ranging from "securing your home" to "bogus callers"

The Avon and Somerset Constabulary remain keen to strengthen the "watch" network and urge us to remain ALERT to the unusual reporting to them on the 999 number in emergencies or on 0934-635252 for the less serious.

Contact the Editors for details of handbook and other information

LETTER FROM CLIFF EDWARDS

Dear Eds, Some years ago when I retired some colleagues and I wrote a few lines on how indispensable we thought we were to the firm: Poem 1.

Afterwards on looking again we thought we had been a bit hard on ourselves so we penned Poem 2 in answer.

I'VE RETIRED, BUT WHAT WILL THEY DO WITHOUT ME?

Sometime when you're feeling important
Sometime when your ego's in bloom
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified man in the room;

Sometime when you think that your leaving

Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water
Put your hands in it up to the wrists;
Pull them out - and the hole that remains there

Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter

You may stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

The moral of this is quite simple -
Do just the best that you can
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.

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A REPLY TO THE INDISPENSIBLE MAN

Sometime when you're feeling downhearted

Sometime when the outlook is blue,

Sometime when it all seems so useless,

And life has no meaning for you;

Sometime when you feel that your going

Would pass by unnoticed by all,

Just follow this simple instruction

And learn to get up and walk tall.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,

Take some sugar and and choose a small grain

Drop that small speck on the surface,

And watch it descending like rain.

You may lose it all in that volume

Dissolve it will, with some haste

But you know that the water is sweeter

And yet it's not clear to the taste.

So remember the people you've talked to
The lives that you've touched on your way

Our world can be changed for the better
Just by one man in a day.

Thankyou Cliff - they are both thought
provoking poems. KD

SOMETHING FOR BOXING DAY

The following quiz has been compiled by Mrs Ruth DYER. All the answers are People, Places or Events of Kenn. Your solutions should be with Sheila by 15th January and there is a prize for the person with the most correct answers. Solutions will be published in February magazine.

1 We may call it Kenn Street but according to records it is?

2 Single timber?



Stare at the 4 dots in the middle for 30secs in a bright light. Then look at a white surface (the ceiling?) until the white circle disappears.

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- 3 What nectar for a medieval feast?
- 4 Baptist / Horse's shoulder?
- 5 Leader from grocer's shop / hide away in water?
- 6 Metal / value?
- 7 In our alley / snow white top?
- 8 Was justice done here?
- 9 Animal / canal?
- 10 Mice / grapes / festivities?
- 11 Open space / beavers home?
- 12 Early priest / change of colour?
- 13 Did the banana boats dock here?
- 14 Not first nor last / imperial weight?
- 15 Not Jill / cab?
- 16 Happiness / effort?
- 17 Lights / singing / colour?
- 18 Fruit / field?
- 19 The more you beat them, the better they be?
- 20 Did the Bonnie Prince hide thee(there)?
- 21 Information / vistas?

QUOTE OF THE YEAR 1

(no names, no embarrassment!) "Ooh! someone with a sense of humour got in here last night and turned you into a pixie" (the victim had just woken up with sticky-up hair and wrinkles!)

QUOTE OF THE YEAR 2

"You can with a Nissan....." (said to small person rushing to Safeway's car park in the rain by her companion whose car was squashed into a small space outside the shop they were leaving in Station Road)!

VIEWS ON "VIEWS"

Friends of Kenn

Please, oh please, don't stop our news
Our special round-up of each week
We learn of others points of view
And the good news that we seek.

For those of us less agile, or maybe hard
of hearing
We reminice of past events,
and look forward to those nearing
We may not always come along, for one
reason or another
But it's great to learn
of others fun, doing this and that and
t'other

So once again dear friends of Kenn
Keep press and typist toiling
Keep village closely knit as now
Not let friendships, maybe spoiling.

M J F

NEWCOMER'S NOTES

Dear Editor
As you are probably aware
my family and I are newcomers to Kenn
having lived here for only 7 months.
I feel the Kenn News and Views has
helped us to adjust to village life
so to hear that the magazine may cease
caused me concern so I thought I would like
to contribute to the magazine.

Firstly my wife and I have only managed
to attend one of the village events,
that being the Fun Run, which we thoroughly
enjoyed.

This leads me on to the second point -
is there anybody in the village who would
be prepared to baby-sit to enable my
wife and I to partake in the village
activities and also for work commit-
ments.

Thirdly I understand there was a good
"turn-out" of Duck Lane residents when
our house alarm went off last month.
May I take this opportunity to thank
those concerned for a most impressive
response.

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My family and I enjoy living in Kenn and hope to meet more of the residents as soon as we can.

C P GOLDING-ELLIS

(**TYPISTS NOTE** - Fun Run final total has again topped £1000.

Thanks to all concerned - Cheque being sent to Hospice South West who I am sure will respond in next magazine.)

NOVEMBER BIRD NEWS

At the end of the fine spell in October 4 stonechats were present on the moor - it will be interesting to see if any overwinter.

A few skylarks were also evident probably including some migrants passing through. The mute swans have enjoyed a good year as I saw 9 youngsters together.

Following the torrential rain at the end of October a wet field held 15 lapwing and remarkably 18 snipe being the highest number I have ever recorded here. 100 wood pigeons and several hundred starlings were feeding on the wet fields whilst a single stonechat remained.

By mid November around 60 chaffinches were seeking seed from a cut maize field. A handful of redwings and fieldfares were present and a grey wagtail was sighted. 10 mallard were on Blackditch rhyme together with the usual buzzard. By the 19th the fields were saturated,

fieldfares numbered around 50 with a couple of hundred starlings and 60 black headed gulls and our buzzard was seen being "mobbed" by a crow.

Winter visitors seem to be slow in arriving, probably as a result of the lack of cold weather so far but there are numbers of snipe and rough legged buzzards in Eastern England which may herald the arrival other Scandinavian visitors later. Watch this space!

Trevor RIDDLE

KENN VILLAGE HALL

A very successful Wine and Cheese Party was held in the Village Hall on 19th November attended by some 60 Kennites and friends.

Some 21 prizes, donated by committee members were in the Christmas Draw beautifully displayed on the stage. Other attractions included a Christmas Cake won by Heather JENKINS, a box of groceries won by Mrs WHITTINGTON and a guess the weight of the turkey competition won by John HAZELL.

A profit of £413.50 went towards Hall funds and the committee would like to thank everyone for their support.

FOR SALE

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DRINKS + FOOD

PROCEEDS TO CARING AT CHRISTMAS
APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

DONATIONS
OF MINCE PIES
TO AVRIL
GALWT PLEASE