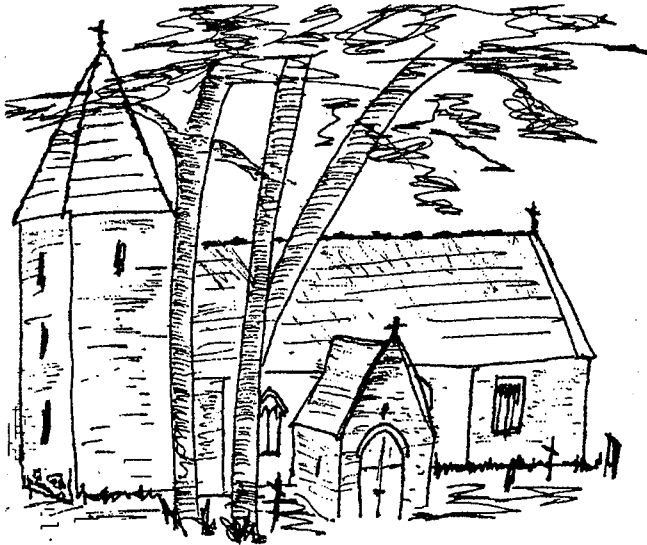
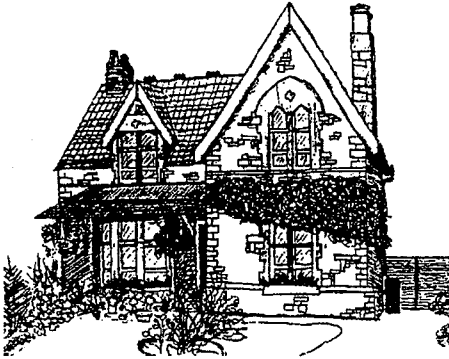


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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

January has been a quiet month for news from Big Ed (although see later for a **WORLD EXCLUSIVE**) except to say she has been reading the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary so her vocabulary should have broadened. Why, You ask? She is stuck on just one of the questions in the Church Roof Fund Quiz, and has even offered to buy cream cakes for her 15 workmates if they come up with the answer! To no avail. She is now hoping the only answer she has come up with is right but factually wrong, ie the wrong way round. She hopes she's not the only one in a quandary over this probably simple answer. Watch this space.

Kate and Sheila

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Tim TAYLOR
- 2nd Katy STOWELL
- 14th Gladys DENMEAD
- 16th Marianna MACKAY
- 19th Jeff NAISH
- 25th James GRIFFIN
- 27th Jenny PASCOE

## NAISH'S NOTES

Mr and Mrs Donald STAPLES have asked me to pass on their thanks to the Social Committee for their gift of a tin of biscuits at the Senior Citizen's Party and to everybody there who honoured them with a toast on the occasion of being married a marvellous sixty-one and a half years. As a member of the Social Committee and on behalf of all of them I can say that the pleasure was all ours, here's to many more happy years together. I've been married 20 years this year and I thought I was doing well - maybe qualifying for a medal!! Although Miles says he needs a medal for putting up with me, looks like we've a long way to go yet?!!

## APPLE DAY

Anyone who attended the Apple Day at the village hall in the summer and purchased jams, preserves, pickles, chutney etc from the Rose Farm Stall will be pleased to know that they can now purchase same from Darren, the new owner of A. Edwards and Sons, Butchers, High Street, Yatton, alongside the quality meats and cheeses - just like when Robert EDWARDS was there. Darren will only be too pleased to supply any villagers requirements. Pop in and see him (I recommend the curried peach chutney).

## ADVANCE DIARY NOTE

This year's FUN RUN will be held on Sunday 4th September. The Committee will be pleased to consider any requests for a good cause or charity that is close to any villager's heart. Ideas to Simon, Jenny, Avril, Richard, Sheila or Kate.

## DUNNOCKS!!

Little Ed has many Dunnocks in her garden if anyone is interested.

## REMINDER

They'll look here, they'll look there

Wherever they look, Forty signs will be there.

Forty years of poise and grace

Guess who? Guess when? Just watch this space.

## FUMES AWAY

Several villagers are attempting to kick the habit of smoking as of January 1st. Well done to them! They are all doing well. and I am led to believe over the initial tearing out of the hair stage! Keep up the good work. News and Views are proud of you. My own resolution only lasted 3 weeks, but I'm not letting on what it was.

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meet anyone who was at the school during those years, she can remember most of the names. We hope we can arrange a reunion for you and her.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Does anyone have 2 mountain bike wheels they are prepared to sell - the cheaper the better. Timothy DENMEAD is building a speedway cycle and would be interested in hearing from you. Also, if you are interested in the sport - newly launched in Clevedon - Tim can give you more details on Clevedon 879747.

## DOING IT ALL

Congratulations to Christopher Denmead who starts training for an Assistant Manager, Sales with DO-IT-ALL in Bristol on 7th February. The first rung on the ladder of his retail career. All the best to him for the future.

## SAFETY FIRST

We may not have had much in the way of hard frosts this winter (yet), but our paths can be very slippery after all the wet weather. I speak from experience after a bad fall on an algae-covered pathway, so perhaps a little grit or ash, especially on smooth slabs would prevent a similar accident to any readers.

## LETTER TO LITTLE ED.

From: Church Path Cottage, Kenn

Dear Sheila,

Thank you for such a great disco - we all enjoyed it and it was wonderful to see so many locals there. I gather the money will be used to benefit Multiple Sclerosis which as you know has stuck down a number of people locally. It is always nice to know that money raised in the village benefits the local community.

Looking forward to the next one.

Marianna.

## KENN W.I.

The President, Mrs MANN, welcomed members to the January meeting of Kenn W.I. There were several apologies. A card was signed to be sent to Mrs MIDDLETON with a gift to express sympathy following her recent unfortunate experience.

The annual competition prizes were awarded, Mrs CRAWLEY was first, Mrs DYER second and Mrs BUBB third. The 1993 secret friends were declared. A round of the skittles tournament is to be played against Standford at the Woodspring Inn at Worle. Subscriptions for 1994 are now due. This year the subscription is £11-60p.

Kenn is the hostess Institute for the Spring Group Meeting on 23rd March. The speaker will be Mr Norman MARTIN on Malta. The competition is yet to be declared.

Tickenham Gardens provided a very knowledgeable speaker for the talk on seaside gardens. She brought a splendid selection of plants resistant to wind and salt, most with very attractive foliage. She was thanked by Mrs JACKSON. The competition for a sea shell was won by Mrs LAMB, gold, Mrs SURRIDGE gained silver and Mrs PREW green.

The speaker for the February Meeting will be Mr MILLS on Avon and Somerset Cliff Rescue and the competition will be for a flask.

## KENN T-SHIRTS

Arrangements are being made to produce an exclusive series of T-shirts for Kennites. Will anyone who has an idea for a suitable logo send a sketch to Margaret STOWELL.

## KENN HISTORY GROUP II

At the January meeting on the 10th we talked about life in Kenn between the two World Wars.

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## SNIPPETS

The Poppy Day collection at Kenn Post Office Stores raised £42-46p.

## THANKS

Our indefatigable printer, Margaret, wishes to thank Kenn News and Views readers for the lovely flower arrangements she received on Christmas Eve.

## BRITAIN IN BLOOM

We would like to display the certificate Kenn was awarded in the Britain in Bloom Competition. Does anyone have a picture frame to take the certificate, size 8" x 11.5". The judges for the 1993 competition suggested containers of flowers or small gardens could be created at different parts of the village. Any Offers?

## LIGHTING THE NIGHT

Many thanks to the GAUNT family for their help and co-operation in making our Christmas tree evening and the twelve nights of Christmas so worthwhile and enjoyed.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 6th. Kenn Women's Institute 7-30pm.

February 16th. Jumble Sale in aid of Senior Citizens' Tea.

## SICK LIST

Mr Charles HARRIS had an accident and was confined to hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## APOLOGY

The following article was submitted by Iris GOLDSWORTHY last month and promptly lost by Little Ed. Very many apologies.

## CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

May I say thank you very much to all who supported me in my little fund raising efforts.

Mrs Juliette STOWELL held the winning number (123) in the raffle for Father Christmas drawn by the Revd. RUFFLE. The second prize of the filled stocking was won by Mrs Win COLES with ticket number 14 drawn by Pip JENKINS. In all I made the stockings and around 80 toys.

The total sum raised was £136 which has been passed to the fund's treasurer.

A special thank you to Heather JENKINS for her salemanship, a skill which I am totally lacking.

Iris GOLDSWORTHY.

## KENN HISTORY GROUP (I)

At our November meeting we studied a file and notes created by our one-time village archivist, the late David CHAMBERS. We have also received a letter from a local historian, Matt. WEAS from Yatton, together with a family tree on the KENN family which he has compiled. Copies have been made of this family tree and given to members of the History Group for their personal records.

There are several unanswered queries, so if anyone has any knowledge of the KENN family they may have the answers.

We plan to leave a questionnaire with the owners of the older properties in the village asking them to record for us all the details of interest about their homes and its history. One feature we are particularly interested in is those properties which had their own wells.

Kay and Charles HARRIS brought along the extensive titles and deeds of Orchard House, which made interesting reading.

Mrs Christine MALET (Miss BOND) one time school teacher at Kenn school, 1937 to 42, heard about an article in Kenn News on Kenn School through Joyce KENT. We have been in touch with her to arrange that she comes to our MARCH meeting to talk on the school and bring photographs. She is particularly keen to

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The folk who lived here then and now and how they made their livings, which homes they lived in. Some still living here, some moved away by their work, many now memories their journey now completed.

We recalled that Kenn was mainly a milk producing farming community, about 15 working farms all putting out churns of milk each morning or selling locally. Most farmers grew a lot of fodder for their stock, also vegetables for their own tables, indeed most homes then had kitchen gardens and were pretty well self sufficient.

Very few cars were owned (we think about 2 or 3). Farms were worked by men and horses, the first tractors arrived at the end of the 1930s.

Trades carried on in this small community were: candle making, sausage making, cider making on most farms, slaughter house, village shop and Post Office, pub, wheelwright, carpenter, the vicar living in the village and the Chapel in operation too. The village hall with all sorts of functions and the children walking to their own village school.

Another good evening of pleasant fellowship and chat.

We missed Charles and Kay HARRIS as Charles was in hospital after his unfortunate accident. We sent him a get well card.

The questionnaire has now gone out regarding the older properties and some interesting facts are being reported, which we will write about later.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th February at 7-30pm at The Granary.

## DUNNOCKS AND OTHERS

There was a good entry to last month's competition to find the sixteen bird species I claim to have seen. So much so that I had to be strict with the marking to get a winner - 2 points for every completely

right answer and one for nearly right.

The winner, and recipient of the traditional chocolate, is Trevor RIDDLE who scored 32 out of 32. Well done.

For information the answers were: collared dove, feral pigeon, magpie, gull, sparrow, greenfinch, chaffinch, great tit, blue tit, pied wagtail, starling, blackbird, robin, jackdaw, thrush and rook.

P.S. To my favourite correspondent on the matter of birds and word squares, the bat is not a bird.

Richard GAUNT

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

You will recall from the last issue of this magazine that on May 1st 1941 it was decided to fit-up and maintain a cottage in Kenn Street as a First Aid Post and ARP Station at an annual cost of £6-10. The story continues:

"May 21st 1941. A very large parish meeting assembled in the school to decide whether the monies voted at the last meeting i.e. on May 1st should be paid over.

The chairman who was holding the fund in the Post Office decided that he was not prepared to do so without further advice because it would almost extinguish the fund and he believed there was a good deal of opinion in the parish that had not been expressed at the former meeting.

It soon became evident that this was the case and after much discussion it became clear that a solution could only be found by dividing the fund.

This was at length arrived at by agreement. Eight pounds being allocated to those who wished to maintain the old casualty post and ten pounds nine to those who were forming a new one with the ARP in Kenn Street.

In accordance with this decision Mrs Lee having already received a draft of £6-10

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on May 17 received a further draft of £3-19 on May 21.

June 23 [no year] A meeting was held in the school at 8pm on Monday June 23 to consider the scheme of the County Council for assisting distressed people from bombed areas in Bristol on occasion of air raids.

The chairman explained the scheme as given to a meeting held at Long Ashton on the previous Friday. Mr Farmer who had also been present then spoke inviting support. A schedule of duties was considered and volunteers appointed for each of them. 3 of our buildings were found to have been scheduled as possible shelters. The school, the church and the chapel. It was decided to arrange for feeding in the school and sleeping in the chapel and church. All the 14 persons present were allotted a duty. But this number not being considered sufficient it was decided to hold a meeting the following Friday.

A meeting was held on Friday June 27 which was attended by most of those present on the previous Monday and several others. The scheme of the County Council was explained again and many others allotted duties under it.

Recognising the value that the small building in the school playground might be should the emergency arrive it was agreed to clean it and sort and replace the contents.

This was carried out the following Monday evening.

In celebration of victory and the end of the war two meetings were called to make plans which resulted in a tea given to the children in the village hall with games afterwards and later a cinematograph and a conjuring entertainment.

This was given on Sat Oct 6 and on the following Monday a Meat Tea was given to the old people to which all over 65 were invited. Not many came but those

who did enjoyed an excellent repast. After due thanks had been paid to those who had taken such pains in preparing it the children of the school came in and gave a capital version of the Sleeping Beauty on the stage and afterwards some country dancing on the floor of the hall. Later came the band and the rest of the evening was given to dancing. Some capital songs and recitals were given during the evening and some vigorous community singing."

## TO WITHTWOOD

As part of my training for the Church Ministry I am spending 3 months working in the Wightlywood area attached to the ecumenical church there, instead of to our churches in Yatton Moor. As a result local church goers will not be seeing me in church here until after Easter. I miss seeing all of my friends in Kenn Church but working in an urban area is very valuable experience and I am finding it very interesting and stimulating.

Avril

## OUR FIRST WOMAN PRIEST

Our Deacon, Mary WELSH is to be ordained Priest in Wells Cathedral in May. She will be amongst the first women priests in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Although retired from 'paid' work as such, she has worked tirelessly for this parish since moving here in the 1980s. I am sure many villagers will join me in congratulating her on this achievement and wishing her well in her future ministry.

Avril

## RNLI

We have received a letter of thanks for the money donated as a result of the Carols round the tree. The letter is included at the back of this magazine.

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Thank you very much again to all who came.

## RAY'S ENDINGS

Congratulations to Mrs Phillip WELLS on joining the long list of octogenarians who live in Kenn.

Mrs WELLS lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and David GLASSON, at "Riverside". Kenn Pier. Her 80th birthday was on January 6th. I hear there was a party in celebration.

## CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

The Church Services at Christmastime were all well attended. At the Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas the Church was packed, Avril GAUNT found a super bunch of readers from the congregation, some of whom read in groups. It was good to see so many young people taking part.

The choir helped by several friends from Kingston and Yatton sang really well and as they left the church people were saying how much they had enjoyed the service, a great start to the Christmas Festival. The collection taken during the service was by far the largest, even on a Sunday in Kenn.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was attended by about 80 people. It was good to see so many children taking part in the Nativity Scene, what good actors we have in our young congregation - some remembering very long parts without notes. There were several humorous parts such as Mary becoming impatient with other members of the cast for not hurrying up to see the baby when she had invited them. One of the shepherds while watching over his flock by night was heard whistling for his dog - no doubt he has been watching "One Man and His Dog". The youngest of the Three Kings got very sharp with the other two for not acting promptly to his commands.

As is usual the three Angels almost stole

the show, in spite of getting the star they carried on a pole caught up with the large star that was shining in the East.

Thanks are due to the ladies who gave so much time in teaching the actors their parts and preparing the costumes, and to Simon PASCOE for recording the service on video.

RVN

## WORLD EXCLUSIVE



Big Ed continues to lose weight and I'm told is so much a shadow of her former self that she is, in future, to be known as Medium Ed.

Keep up the good work. When we both reach our ideal weights we'll celebrate by eating those 15 creams cakes you were going to waste on your workmates, EACH!

Richard.



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29 December 1993

Mrs A J Gaunt  
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Dear Mrs Gaunt

Thank you for your letter of 21 December enclosing a cheque for £24.00 as a donation for the funds of the RNLI collected during carol singing in your village.

This kind thought is very much appreciated. I can assure you, and I would be most grateful if you would pass on our sincere thanks to the carol singers concerned. I enclose our official receipt herewith.

Donations such as this enable us to provide the finest boats and equipment possible for our volunteer coxswains and crews who so selflessly risk their lives to save those in trouble around our shores. Last year lifeboats were launched on 5,522 occasions saving 1,400 lives.

With renewed thanks and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*Pam D Steer*

Pamela D Steer  
 Office Supervisor

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## Kenn Village Hall

### Jumble Sale

Wednesday 16th February, 1994

2.00 p.m.

Admission 10p

Proceeds to Kenn Village Party Funds

Raffle, Produce, Jumble, White Elephant

Volunteers to man/woman stalls will be warmly welcomed - Meet at Hall to prepare at 10.30 a.m. - Meet at Hall to sell at 1.45 p.m.

Sheila will willingly collect JUMBLE - call her on 0934 838357