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APRIL 8TH, KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I'm writing this during the fish and chip interval at the quiz Night. I've seen the half time scores and I fear there may be a lynching in the village before the night is over. I've already been threatened with missiles if the questions are too hard. Anyway, thank you all for your contributions this month and if this is my last Editorial, its been a pleasure to have "done my bit" for the mag over the years. Please continue to assist Little Ed and the Three-fingered typist (though why I should ask this I don't know - she's responsible for the impending missiles and he's the Head Heckler)

Kate

TYPIST'S THOUGHT

Being briefly serious, Kate puts in a lot of hard work for the Quiz Night and her answers are usually more correct than ours.

Well done. Perhaps if I ever grow up, I will learn to keep my heckles to myself!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Clare STOWELL
- 3rd - Antonis PAPASOLOMON-TOS
- 3rd - Avril FLOWER
- 5th - Eric PASCOE (80).
- 5th - Robin TAYLOR
- 6th - Andrea WATERS
- 8th - Emma FENWICK
- 10th - Mary LAMB
- 11th - Kate DENMEAD (After the quiz Night will she see another?)
- 21st - Barbara MIDDLETON
- 22nd - Liz JAEHME
- 23rd - Mary WILCOCKS
- 24th - Margaret STOWELL
- 25th - Theresa WATERS
- 29th - Miles NAISH

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10th - Ray & Jean NAISH

NAISH'S NOTES

Our sympathies go to Mr Cliff EDWARDS and family on the sudden passing away of Mrs Barbara EDWARDS.

COMIC RELIEF

Many thanks to all the ladies who attended the "Punch and Picky Bits" evening at Oakland Farm. The grand total of £117-60p was raised on the night. Thanks to Mr Ben WOODS for his donation - he kindly handed over the contents of his copper bottle. Thanks to Derek and Sheila WALL at Kenn Valley for letting our two "blue rinse and pink rinse" ladies make a "voluntary!" collection on the night. Yes, the lady in the wig was our previous pub landlady, Barbara, so to those of you who thought they knew her face, mystery solved.

DIARY DATES

April 8th. Race Night @ Kenn Valley Social Club. 8pm. In aid of Multiple Sclerosis. All welcome. Free admission. Come along and have some fun.

April 15th. Disco @ Kenn Valley Social Club. All welcome. 8-30 pm onwards, free admission.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

(For the kids) The first sign of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left.

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork.

SNIPPETS

CHRISTENING

On March 5th, Keir Edward James, son of Kevin and Della MIDDLETON and grandson of Barbara MIDDLETON was christened. Our flag was flown in celebration.

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TEA PARTY

On March 13th fifteen handicapped men and women were entertained to tea at Kenn Court. My sincere thanks to Miss BAKER, Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs LAMB, Mrs SURRIDGE and Mrs WHITEHEAD who helped to make the afternoon so successful.

INVALIDS

Mr Dennis GOLDSWORTHY and Ben SMITH have had short stays in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

JUMBLE SALE - KENN WI

A Jumble Sale will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Wednesday August 26th at 7pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY II

Wednesday April 12th. Kenn WI at 7-30pm. Mrs Suzanne CLARKE will talk about the National Trust.

Wednesday April 26th. Jumble Sale 7pm.

Sunday May 7th. VE Thanksgiving Service in Kenn Church.

Monday May 8th. VE Commemoration Day from 4pm - Kenn Village Hall.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Take a fresh slice of toast and marmalade (preferably homemade) and spread LIBERALLY with plain cottage cheese.

MOBILE LIBRARY

From the 4th April there will be a new timetable for the mobile library coming to Kenn. This will be:

Kenn Pier	0935 - 0945
Duck Lane	0955 - 1015
Kenn St. (Chapel Cott)	1020 - 1035
Kenn Rd. (Bus stop layby)	1040 - 1050.

Please support your Mobile Library as it is such a valuable amenity in this rural

area and has the definite advantage of levying no fines for those people borrowing any number of books for many weeks!!

There is also a lift device for those finding steps difficult to negotiate.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Mann, the President welcomed members to the March meeting of Kenn W.I. on what was an unusually dry evening. She also welcomed Mrs. Middleton as a visitor to the meeting.

Names were taken for the Group Meeting at Congresbury later in the month and the superb patchwork cushion made by Mrs. Blake for the competition was on display. A Jumble Sale in aid of funds will be held on 26th April in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. It has been suggested that there should be a summer outing to Burford with a stop at Cirencester for lunch on Wednesday 19th July. Names will be taken to see whether this will be viable.

The Group skittles tournament will take place on 13th March. Sadly a social skittles evening scheduled to take place on 30th March has had to be cancelled as not enough members and guests were able to attend.

The Committee proposed that the charge for visitors to attend a meeting should be raised to £1. There was discussion and a vote was taken. The proposal was defeated and the charge will remain at 50p. The Institute is always glad to welcome visitors to the meetings and delighted if this leads anyone to join. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Dyer asked members to consider whether Kenn W.I. should join the campaign for W.I.s in this part of Avon to rejoin the Somerset Federation when the Local Government boundaries change in April 1996, or whether members wish to

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remain in a Federation of the new unitary authorities. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting when a decision on what action to take will be made.

Our speaker, Mr. Pallent, outlined the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and showed a splendid action-packed film of rescues at sea. Some members confessed to having felt seasick. The competition for a picture of a sea rescue was won by Mrs. R. Jeffrey, gold, and Mrs. J. Harris, silver.

The talk at the April meeting will be on the National Trust and the competition will be for an Easter bonnet.

VE DAY COMMEMORATION

A public meeting was held on March 13th to consider whether the suggestions made at the January meeting were viable or not. Some 11 people were present and progress on the arrangements was reported.

A church service will be held on Sunday May 7th at 6pm to give thanks for continuing peace and to remember those who sacrificed everything so that we could enjoy that peace.

On Monday May 8th, which is to be a Bank Holiday, it is proposed that there should be a Tea for everyone in the village who cares to attend. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange for a village photograph to be taken. This will be followed by sports for the young. The evening will be taken up with a BBQ and social evening. Everything depends upon the weather. We have usually managed to have a good time despite the elements.

Commemorative mugs will be given to children up to school leaving age. There will be some for sale at about £2 each.

Mr and Mrs GRIFFIN propose to mount an exhibition of memorabilia and will be

very glad to receive offers of photographs, cuttings etc. Great care will be taken of them.

There may be some people who, because of what they suffered during the war feel that this occasion should not be marked in any way. However, it is being commemorated in gratitude for their sacrifice and to tell people too young to remember it what happened so that it is never allowed to happen again.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 3rd April at 8pm. It will be preceded by a short Parish Council Meeting at 7-15. All electors in the Parish are welcome to attend.

We very much hope to be able to welcome our Community Policeman who will talk about Neighbourhood Watch. He will probably be willing to answer questions too.

The present councillors are due to retire in May. Nominations for the new Council have to be at the Town Hall in Westons-Mare by noon on the 4th April. If there are more than 7 nominations an election will take place on May 4th. District Councillors will be elected on the same day. The new District Council will oversee the transition to the new unitary authority which comes into being on 1st April 1996.

KENN CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

The restoration fund committee held a meeting on March 20th.

After hearing a financial report from Simon PASCOE which stated that monies raised would exceed, when all had been paid in, the £20 000 required to pay for the roof repairs, the general feeling was that as the target had now been reached

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it was time to consider what role the committee members could take in the future.

With this in mind it has been decided to call a meeting of the members together with any members of the Friends of Kenn Church. This meeting will take place in the Church on Tuesday 25th April at 7-45pm.

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APRIL ALTAR ROTA

Mrs I STOWELL, Mrs J INGS and Mrs J WITHERS.

QUIZ NIGHT

A very successful Quiz Night was held on Saturday 25th March. All proceeds went to hail funds. As usual, Kate DENMEAD hosted the evening. The winners were The Budgie Bashers with a staggering 108 points, second were The Short Legs with 97 and third The PGs with 94. Well done to the winners. As is traditional, there was also a booby prize, this time of light bulbs - as obviously they were not bright enough. To protect the guilty, I will not name them.

Questions varied greatly in difficulty, inevitably. However the contestants guesses were frequently more entertaining than the correct answers - is there a place for awarding bonus marks for a really good (but totally wrong) answer?

Some of the better responses follow:

Q: Which animals are grouped as a Clouder?

A: Cats (correct) but our inspired collection included Gnus, crows, hedge hogs, flamingoes, crabs, giraffes, locusts and squirrels.

Q: Spell Diarrhoea. Note carefully for the future.

The best answer in this section however, headed the answer paper Spelign. Their

spelling of the answers was also "free range", but they did get the first three letters of Diarrhoea and Albuquerque right!

Q: What was Cassius Clay's middle name?

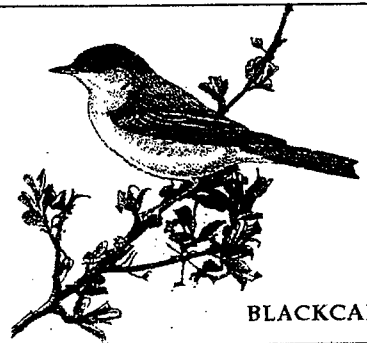
A: Marcellus (correct) but Aloyious and he didn't have one were also popular.

Again many thanks to Kate and friend for their hard work.

BIRD NEWS - MARCH

The main spectacle this month has been the large flocks of fieldfares and redwings feeding on the moor. These birds are migrants heading north to their breeding areas and are all the more welcome as they were distinctly scarce this last winter.

Lapwings were displaying early in the month despite the inclement weather. With the large numbers of carrion crows around I am not optimistic for their breeding success.



BLACKCAP

By mid month, a couple of chiffchaffs were singing, as was a skylark, a species currently in decline. I was absolutely delighted to see a kingfisher speed along the rhyne by Claverham Drove, perhaps a young bird trying to establish a nesting territory.

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Many of the birds are now coming into their best plumage. A couple of reed buntings were particularly pristine.

April is the month when most of our summer visitors arrive. Swallows and house martins should be seen in the second half of the month, willow warbler and blackcap perhaps a little earlier. Keep a note of when you hear a cuckoo for the first time, usually around the

22nd.

Finally thanks to landowners who co-operated with the winter bird survey. Preliminary results are not too surprising, but encouraging numbers of snipe and stonechat were recorded. I shall endeavour to provide more detail in a future issue of KN&V.

Trevor RIDDLE

THE STEP

What would I do if I fell down a step with a pet and a net.

Why I would get the vet.

A bump and a bang and a scrape and a scratch.

What would I do if I fell down a step.

Why I would get my first aid where is it, it is not

In my pocket Oh no, no it fell down the well Oh drat,

Drat I sat on a hat.

A bad day a bad day a good day a good day well at lest I get

Home with a broken leg in hospital in bed - thats why I

Hate the step.

The End

By Elizabeth DYER



LOCAL BOY SINGS FOR SUPPER

On Wednesday March 15th I, my fiend Janice and my daughter Katy attended the production of "Oliver" at the Downs School. The lead role was justifiably bestowed on Richard JAEHME of Carpenter's Farm.

The children had really worked hard, putting the show on for 3 nights. The costumes, make-up and scenery were a credit to children, staff and parents alike. Martin, Liz and Christopher must be

very proud of Richard who was a true professional.

Juliet STOWELL

CHAMPION SWIMMER

Helen GEORGE recently took part in the Somerset County Swimming Championships at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. She beat girls from all over the county, including Millfield School, to become the 1995 Somerset Junior 100 metres breast-stroke champion. She is now going on to the Western Counties Age Group Competition in Bournemouth and Plymouth,

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swimming against the best swimmers from Cornwall, Devon, Gloucester, Dorset and Wiltshire.

CEDELA TYLEY

Cedela passed away recently after being in poor health for some time.

Born in Kenn, she lived in the village all her life until the last ten years or so when she and her husband Wilf moved to Clevedon.

Cedela was a former Kenn School pupil and could remember many poems etc she was taught over 60 years ago.

In her early days she and her mother and father, Billy and Daisy HORSEINGTON, were great supporters of the Congregational Chapel in Kenn Street, always taking a lead in the services there. Cedela was organist for many years until it closed in the 1950s. Mrs HORSEINGTON was caretaker and also ran with Cedela's help a children's meeting on Wednesday evening. Her nickname when we were at

Kenn School was Dolly. In the days when children spoke more local dialect than they do today, Cedela was known as Dolly HOSSINGTON.

After the closing of the Chapel, the HORSEINGTON family started attending Kenn Church and ran the Sunday School there for many years. Later Cedela became Enrolling Member of the Mother's Union.

Cedela was a very kind and pleasant person, very contented with life and a lover of the countryside.

Her funeral at Weston Crematorium was attended by a large number of people. It was conducted by Mr John CLARKE of Claverham Free Church who knew Cedela well. The Readings and hymns were chosen by herself and reflected her great faith.

Her many friends in Kenn were very saddened to hear of her death. The last time many of them had seen her was at the Senior Citizen's Party last December.

Ray NAISH

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50 YEARS

Kenn village will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day with a programme of events.

SUNDAY 7th MAY A service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving will be held in St. John's Church at 6pm.

MONDAY 8th MAY Bank Holiday.

- **4pm.** There will be a Tea Party in the Village Hall and the meadow. FREE to all Kernites. Commemorative mugs will be presented to the children. Further mugs will be on sale. Mrs DYER would appreciate any help with this tea.
- **5-30pm** Group photograph. After the photographs a children's sports session, with prizes, will be held. (John GRIFFIN)
- This will be followed by a BBQ, with music.
- Finally, A Grand Raffle & Draw.

There will be an exhibition of war time memorabilia, so if you have anything interesting from those days, Mrs GRIFFIN would be pleased to hear from you.

Gifts of money, food or other help would also be welcome. Any monies remaining will be donated to an ex-service charity.

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Thank you.