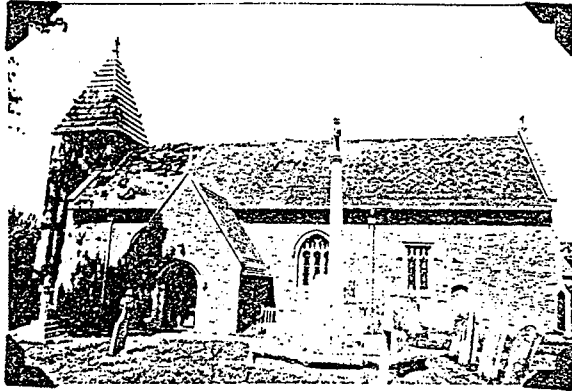


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FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH.



Inaugural Meeting on

FRIDAY 21 JULY 1995

7.45p.m. in the church.

Do come and help the village plan to maintain the fabric of St. John's church for future generations of Kenn people.

The "Friends of Kenn Church" will be a village organisation dedicated to raising funds to assist Yatton Moor Parish to maintain and beautify the building. All village residents and those with Kenn connections will be welcome as members.

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN.

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Dear *Mrs Dye*

Very many thanks for your letter dated 3rd June and the donation of £400.00 from the Kenn V E Day Fund to SSAFA funds.

In the year ending 31st December 1994 we, as a Division, were called upon to disburse nearly £26500 of Regimental, Charity and Service funds to cases where, after investigation, ex-Servicemen or their dependents needed financial assistance. Out of our own Divisional funds we provided nearly £1000 of grants, and although we are all unpaid volunteers, there are the usual expenses of rent, telephone calls, postages and administration. Each year we try to make a grant at Christmas time to cases where we think a little extra would be needed, and this last year we did think, for the first time, that we might not be able to continue this practice. With your donation we shall have no difficulty in keeping up the practice for this year.

Could you please pass on our grateful thanks to all who helped raise your gift and assure them that it will be used in a productive and sensible way, and in accordance with the aims of SSAFA.

Yours *sincerely*

Varra Richards

(V RICHARDS Treasurer)



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HELPS AND CHERISHES

6th June 1995

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At this point Mrs YOUNG said that anyone who was interested could go back and look at her garden. Most decided it would be a nice way to round off the evening. Originally Castle Farm had a large farm-house but this was taken over by the Golf-club and became the club house. Mrs YOUNG has a lovely cottage adjacent to it, the garden was a revelation, a typical and very lovely English cottage garden. There was a profusion of colour, pinks reds blues and whites with plants of every type, some common and those not so common. We all wondered how Mrs YOUNG managed to keep it so lovely, every plant was next to another, not in any particular order, yet somehow not looking untidy. Altogether it was a jewel, and so the end came to a very nice evening.

I'm sure everyone there would like to thank Ray NAISH for the time and trouble he takes to organise these walks. A special thanks to Mrs YOUNG for allowing us to see her farm especially her garden.

A sincere thank you to you both from us all.

Cliff EDWARDS

The next History Group walk will take place on Monday 10th July meeting at Stonehouse Farm at 7pm. We hope to visit "Ham Farm" Kingston Seymour by kind invitation of Frank and Irene KING-COTT. We hope to walk out to the bank of the River Yeo, an area few people from Kern ever get the chance to visit. You don't have to be a group member - anyone who is interested is welcome to come along.

RVN

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD JULY ROTA

Mrs G GRIFFIN and Mrs S NAISH

Iris and Jean wish to thank everyone who

helped spring-clean Kern Church on 6th/7th June. We were very grateful so many people turned up to help and worked so hard.

Thank you all once again.

RUSH SUNDAY

Many readers will know about the special Service held at St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol on Whit Sunday. At this service all the civic dignitaries of Bristol are in attendance, what is probably not so well known is that the floor of the Church is covered with rushes. This is an ancient custom going back hundreds of years that has been kept up.

In the last 50 years or so our family has been able to supply the rushes for this event. The late Joe WHITE of Claverham held the contract to cut and tie the rushes into bundles for many years and these were cut on my late father's land at Hillsea Claverham and delivered to the Church the day before the service.

Ray CHAPPLE of Clevedon now has the contract and he cuts them on Miles' land at Wemberham Yatton. Years ago rushes grew in abundance all over Kern and Claverham Moors but with better drainage they have completely disappeared out there. Ray has a difficult job finding enough rushes to fulfil his order these days. Long may he be able to help keep this old custom going.

Ray NAISH

NO ENTRY

This spring is the first time I can remember that there have been no nests of starlings in the Church roof. Generally around Whit Sunday they could be heard during services but this year all has been quiet, the roof restoration has been so good that the nesting pairs have not been able to find a way in

RVN

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This year seems to have been a good one for wild birds, everywhere you go there are young birds in little flocks looking for food with their parents. I expect the death toll will be high as there are so many hawks and other predatory birds around. As was mentioned in last months News & Views wild ducklings have been completely wiped out in the Kenn Pier area. David GLASSON of Riverside tells me that a brood were hatched in a willow tree in his garden. Once the left the nest they disappeared, he hasn't seen them since, in other years the mother duck brings them out of the river each morning into the yard to be fed.

Hérons or cranes as they are sometimes called are very observant birds, a contractor started cleaning out the Little River near Moor Street Bow early one morning and in a very short time a pair of cranes arrived. They stood on the bank a short distance from the machine ready to grab any eels that were pulled out with the water weed.

There has been a pair of Jays in the gardens of Kenn Street all this spring which is quite unusual as they are very shy birds. PS.- I have just walked across the fields to Hillsea Claverham and the hedges are teeming with young birds.

RVN

REUNION

There will be a reunion of former Kenn School pupils in the Village Hall on August 12th at 7pm. This is intended to be for ex pupils of all ages. If you know of the whereabouts of anyone who may be interested please let them know. For further details contact Ray NAISH. Clevedon 872493

WELCOME

Welcome to Mr and Mrs PROBERT and family who have moved into Meadowlea Kenn Street. It is hoped that their life here will be long and happy.

BIRD NEWS - NORFOLK - JUNE

The plan was to take a week's holiday in Norfolk in an attempt to see the rare and spectacular Swallowtail butterfly. In the event the weather was so cold that we didn't see a single butterfly of any species all week!!

Still we did manage to visit three nature reserves including the "flagship" reserve at Titchwell. These lie on the north coast of Norfolk and consist of saltmarsh, fresh marsh, grazing marsh and reedbed. As the last three named habitats are being created at the Avalon Marshes project on the Somerset Levels it is tempting to contemplate that the Somerset reserve will eventually be home to the specialist species.

We saw dozens of Avocets with chicks (of course these birds require saltmarsh so we shall not see them on the levels) a real population explosion since my previous visit a dozen years ago. It was gratifying to see the Avocets in numbers chasing off marauding gulls and crows.

There were also a good many Marsh Harriers and these were visible from the main coast road as well as from traditional viewpoints. The creation of large reedbeds has drastically assisted this once near-extinct bird. Sadly heading in the other direction is the Bittern. There are thought to be only a couple of pairs in north Norfolk. Their decline is complex but one factor is thought to be a lack of eels, their main food item. Apparently eels have been suffering from a parasitic disease and are thought to be low in numbers. Are there many in the rivers and rhynes in Kenn now?

The fourth specialist is the Bearded Tit or Bearded Reedling, a small bird which only feeds and nests in reedbeds. It has increased in numbers helped by the recent series of mild winters. Our nearest population is at Berrow near to Burnham-on-Sea but so far there has only

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WAKING

Many years ago before retirement I wrote a few short lines on "Waking".

The strident note beside

I am reborn

Events past, and expectations sweet

Do not diminish

Sleep's tenacious hold

Have I lain here long?

Has sweet sleep reclaimed me

For a moment or an hour?

Panic does not bestir me yet

But minds mirror displays

A hazy preview of the coming day

With gladness, or distaste

Eyes closing once more?

But No!

I stand bewildered on the lonely floor

Body a victim

Of brain's coarse command.

I am awake

For better for worse

This day.

Cliff EDWARDS

PROGRESS OR WHAT?

WE ARE SURVIVORS (For those born before 1940...)

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots frozen foods, Xerox, plastic contact lenses, videos, Frisbees, and the Pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ball point pens; before dish washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes...and before man walked on the Moon.

We got married first and then lived

together (how quaint can you be?) We thought "fast food" was what you ate in lent, a "Big Mac" was an oversize rain-coat and "crumpet" we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual cars and when a "meaningful relationship" meant getting along with cousins and "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt or young men wearing earrings. For us "time sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip" was a piece of wood or fried potato, "hardware" meant nuts and bolts and "software" just wasn't a word at all.

Before 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk, the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams, "stud" was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and "going all the way" meant staying on a double-decker to the bus-depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day cigarette smoking was "fashionable", "grass" was mown, "coke" was kept in a coal house, a "joint" was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and "pot" was something you cooked in. "Rock music" was a fond mother's lullaby, "Eldorado" was an ice cream, a "gay person" was the life and sole of the party and nothing more, while "aids" just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today BUT

BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE HAVE SURVIVED HALLELUIAH !!!

Thanks to Howard WATKINS for searching out this gem.

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KENN HISTORY GROUP CASTLE FARM - WALTON IN GORDANO

A goodly company assembled at Stonehouse Farm for another very pleasant history walk. This time we were to go to castle Farm in Walton-in-Gordano. It was a lovely evening (has Ray got an arrangement with the weather man?) After threading our way through the village of Walton we arrived at Castle Farm, to be met by Mrs YOUNG the tenant. Once we had all got over the stile and into the first field Mrs YOUNG gave us some background to the 100 acre farm.

She and her husband first came there as tenants in 1943, when the land was practically unworkable. In fact she said the best crop at that time was the plentiful supply of rabbits. Traps were set and those caught were easily sold to make a welcome addition to the wartime meat ration. Mrs YOUNG showed photographs taken at the time of the land as it was then and the heavy machinery required to put it into shape.

The scrub had to be cleared with Caterpillar Crawlers and even flame throwers. It must have been very hard work for the two men doing it. Mr YOUNG was an expert ploughman and an instructor, in fact one of the men he taught went on to become champion ploughman of England. Among the first crops were cereals, potatoes, swedes and even strawberries. The harvesting and gathering in was also tedious and long, with nothing like the mechanical help that is available today. Later on still the farm had a herd of 50 Guernsey cows.

As we walked to the peak of the high meadow, the ground fell away to reveal a wonderful view of the estuary. On a clear day you can see the Old Pier at Weston-super-Mare and sometimes even further almost to Woolacombe. The wind by now was keen, but the air fresh and invigorating. Beneath our feet the soil

was dry and the grass short, but in spite of these conditions we saw some lovely wild flowers, some of them quite rare. Then we saw the horses, a beautiful stallion, some mares and their foals. Ray NAISH explained how he came to have the stallion. Although a thoroughbred it had a problem with it's front legs and Ray thought his family lucky to get him for the slaughter price. Somewhere in the blood-line of these horses was the North-American breed Appolusso and this showed itself in the very beautiful markings and colour of the foals.

We had now come up to an electric fence separating us from the next field. The grass was longer, greener and more lush, Ray explained that Jeff NAISH had increased the nitrogen content in the ground resulting in much better grass. Ray has a great fund of local stories and he told us one about the tractor, the driver and the dog. The dog was named "old Joe" and was nearly blind although was still good at his job of herding the animals. Unfortunately he had a habit of snapping at the tractor wheels and one day he did it too often and alas, the wheel cracked poor old Joe's jawbone. "He's a gonner" they said, "he'll never survive" But after careful vet's attention he did get better. However it taught old Joe no lessons for he still snapped at tractor wheels.

On our way back to our starting point we passed the small reservoir that is the water supply to the village. Over the stile again there was an old-fashioned type of small-holding with pigs, piglets, ducks, goats and even a turkey. We could see into the sty with the old sow lying asleep on her side and the piglets suckling for all they were worth. There was even a muddy pond in which the pigs could wallow, no wonder the old sow looked contented. To see the small-holding was like looking back 40 years.

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MARTYN BEYNON - 01275-851153 -
Plumbing and Heating Specialist

LES BAKER - 01275-875156 - Carpet fitter
and supplier

If you would like to recommend someone
- let us know and we will include them
next month.

I am collecting used postage stamps for
Cot Death Research, please save them for
me and leave them at the shop or give to
Ray or myself. Thanks.

SNIPPETS

WELCOME June 1st - a warm welcome to
Amy a second daughter for Mr & Mrs
BOYLE, a sister for Alice. Mr & Mrs
BOYLE live in Duck Lane.

June 10th - HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
celebrated his birthday.

June 17th - Her Majesty Our Queen
celebrated her official birthday.

Our flag was flown on each of these
happy occasions.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE & BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS

Many thanks to Mrs INGS for planting a
trough on the Village Green with plants
donated by the Kenn WI.

We know some kennites are really trying
to keep the Village free of litter which
THEY drop or throw out of cars. we do
appreciate their efforts and appeal to
everyone to follow suit. Many thanks to
Duncan MACKAY who gives the green
an extra cut and to Robert WILLCOX for
cutting the Hall hedge.

VE GIVING AND COMMEMORATION DAY

Receipt for £400 sent to SSAFA is now to
hand and the village photographs have
been ordered and we hope to receive
them soon. Plates, dishes etc not collected
from the Village Hall before next Jumble
Sale will be offered for sale.

NORTH SOMERSET SHOW

The Duke of Windsor Gold Cup was
awarded to a shorthorn cow owned by
Mr John WITHERS of Moorside Farm
Kenn. This renowned Withersleigh herd
of Pedigree Shorthorns also collected
three First and two Second prizes.

Mrs Heather NOAD of Rose Cottage
competing in the Private Driving Classes
won the Championship at the North
Somerset Show and was awarded
Reserve Championship at the Royal Bath
and West Show. Congratulations to both
prizewinners.

COFFEE EVENING

Every household in Kenn receives a
monthly copy of News & Views. Since its
inception over 7 years ago our Editors
Typist and Printer have worked cease-
lessly to create a publication which
records the activities of Kennites. It is
only right to acknowledge their work
with small gifts at Christmas time. Also
for the past few years we have had a
Christmas Tree on the Green and a coffee
evening in aid of the above will be held
at Kenn Court on Wednesday August
2nd at 7pm to which all Kennites are
invited. Offers of help will be apprecia-
ted - Bring and Buy Raffle Bygones etc.

If unable to attend all donations please to
Mrs Irene STOWELL.

Jumble Sale in aid of Flower Festival
made a profit of £98.00 Thanks to
everyone who supported the evening.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday July 5th Coffee Morning at
Durbin Park Road Clevedon in aid of
Kenn WI 1995 Charity - The Blind Work-
shops

Saturday/Sunday July 8th/9th Kenn
Flower Festival

Wednesday July 12th Kenn WI at 7.30pm
- Talk and demonstration of semi-pre-
cious stones by Mrs Iris PRESTON. Com-
petition a brooch.

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ADVANCE NOTICE Wednesday August 2nd at 7pm Coffee evening at Kern Court.

Monday July 17th Public Meeting regarding Village Hall.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

June is a very fitting month to have a talk on roses and Mrs. Judy JEFFERIES gave a fascinating demonstration on the rose since Tudor times with all its medicinal, decorative and culinary uses. She illustrated her talk with pictures, books and flower arrangements. She was thanked by Mrs. J. HARRIS. The competition for a posy of herbs was won by Mrs. J. MORRIS, gold, Mrs. R. JEFFREY, silver and Mrs. M. CRAWLEY, green.

Mrs. M. HARRIS was thanked for the delightful arrangement of hedgerow flowers on the President's table. Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were reminded of several future events. A coffee morning for charity will be held at Mrs. MANN's home on July 5th. The Annual General Meeting of the County Federation will be held in Weston-S-Mare on October 3rd. This year as an experiment the party will take place at the October meeting. Supper will be arranged by the Committee. Sadly owing to lack of support the outing to Burford on July 19th has had to be cancelled.

Mrs. DENMEAD will be taking orders for calendars and diaries at the July meeting. Mrs. GLASS will come from Clevedon to give her report on the Intermediate General Meeting held earlier in the month. Plans for the W.I. contribution to the Flower Festival at Kenn Church on 8th and 9th July are going forward.

At the July meeting there will be a talk given by Mrs. PRESTON on semi precious stones. The competition will be for a brooch.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Best Kept Village Competition and Britain in Bloom time are upon us again. It seems to me that it comes round much more frequently than it used to - or am I getting old? We have not been given a judging date yet for the Britain in Bloom competition but as long as we keep the village litter free and looking as pretty as possible we can do no more.

Arrangements are being made to mark VJ Day and the end of the War. Details will be appearing nearer the date in August and in other parts of this magazine.

Notices of Parish Council meetings and other items of public information are displayed throughout the village. The public notice board is on the green outside the Post Office. There are also a notice boards in the Church Porch and the foyer of the Village Hall. Notices are also put up in the bus shelter.

Parish Council meetings take place on the 1st Monday of every other month. The next one will be on August 7th. Time will be made at the end of each meeting for anyone to raise a matter that they feel should be aired.

A Public Meeting to consider the question of a new Village Hall will be held in the present one on Monday July 17th at 7.30 p.m. This is a very important matter for the village so do please try to come.

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MESSAGE FROM BIG ED

"Everything must have an end" so the song says, and it is with these words in mind that I have to announce my resignation as Co-Editor of Kenn News & Views. I haven't been a villager now for over 7 years and it almost goes without saying that it is more and more difficult to keep in touch with what is going on - let alone write about it.

I'm sure that Kenn News & Views will continue to flourish in my absence and may I take this opportunity to thank ALL the readers for their input and continued support since the magazines inception.

In future - as in the past - Little Ed will be delighted to receive your articles snippets news and views.

KATE

MESSAGE FROM LITTLE ED

As with all successful partnerships it is very sad that kate has through personal reasons had to part company with News & Views. I wish her well in her new home and for the future. We decided to launch News & Views over 7 years ago, supported by Ray principally and quickly by the whole village. We have had many laughs and good times putting together this magazine and grew to love being "Little and Big Eds" (even if she is now medium and I'm catching her up!!)

We have worked together with typists and printer to make this magazine a monthly worthwhile read. I hope that without Kate as my other half I still can do a good job although her wit, wisdom and ideas will be sadly missed. We will miss her very much - I know you will all join with me when I say **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK KATE,** you will be missed!

DIARY NOTES

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 5th - Avril GAUNT
- 15th - Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN
- 21st - Toby NAISH
- 24th - Roger STOWELL - Brian WALTERS
- 25th - Sue PUGH
- 27th - Jessica BRETT (FENWICK)
- 28th - Juliet STOWELL - Jack STOWELL

We would like to update this section so let me know about your family's birthdays and anniversaries.

NAISH'S NOTES

Well now Kate is not writing the editorials, nagging you all for articles it falls on myself and Richard to say keep writing, keep sending your snippets etc, let's keep this magazine great.

As if Kate's resignation isn't enough I have been upset this month, I did not realise that I was SO SMALL!! I knew that I was short, indeed Justin who is as tall as Miles, always calls me short when he's patting me on the head. So I know that I was short, but have you seen the V.E. photos "up the shop" I am in the back row,- yes!! its me, between Phillip WOODS and Tassos PAPASOLOMON-TOS, no, I am not kneeling down. I JUST and ONLY JUST reached their shoulders. I want to know what their mother's feed them on! I must change my diet, either that or next time we have a village photo will everyone please remind me to sit with the pre-school children. Meanwhile I have got a new pair of stilettos (4" heels) and feel a bit better.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH KENN

FLOWER FESTIVAL

8TH AND 9TH JULY - 11AM TO 6PM

*ALL THE USUAL
ATTRACTIONS*

- RAFFLE
- EXCITING STALLS
- CREAM TEAS - from 2PM
- CHILDREN'S GAMES
- AND OF COURSE - FLOWERS GALORE!



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