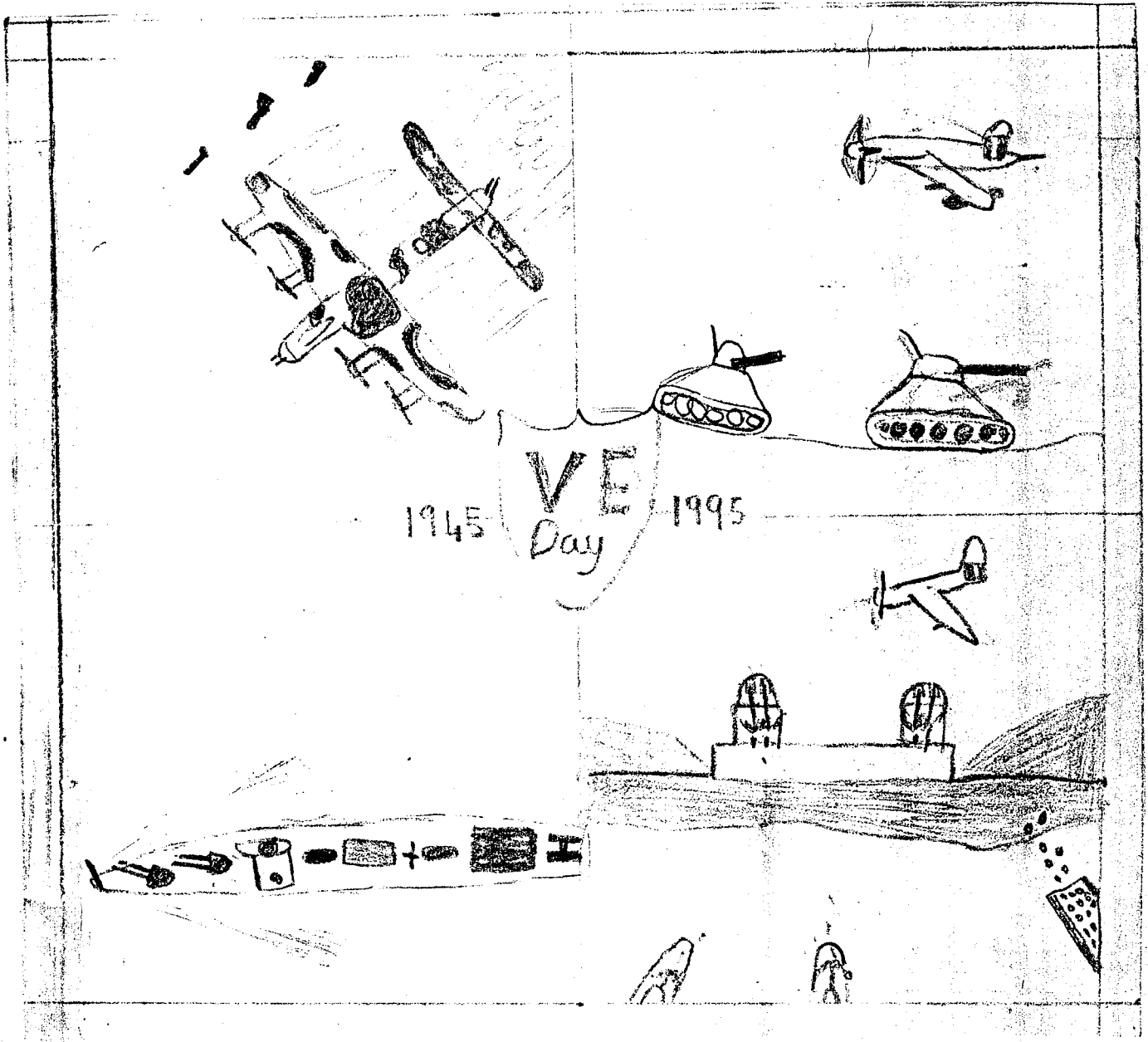


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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

May is going to be a very busy month! There are Parish and local council elections on May 4th - don't forget to vote. May 8th sees the start of our VE Day celebrations - please come and support the various events. Don't forget to display your bunting and wave your flags!! We will be remembering those people lost, and those who would be thought of on VJ day (which is later in the year).

Remember too "cast not a clout until May is out" which my mum always insisted meant "keep your vest on until it's warmer". We've had some funny weather, let's hope spring is really sprung.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Hartley STAPLES
- 10th - Jill BUTLAND
- 10th - Jayne MORRIS
- 20th - Harrison FLOWER
- 22nd - Duncan MACKAY
- 26th - Jane STAPLES
- 26th - Brian STOWELL
- 28th - Sally WHITE
- 29th - Trina WILLOUGHBY
- 30th - Joanna BRAIN

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 5th - Sarah and Tom CLARKE

## NAISH'S NOTES

Our sincere condolences to Maurice and Margaret FORD on the very sad loss of Diane. Diane will be sorely missed by Kenn folk so used to seeing her walking her beloved dogs every day. Diane was a very courageous lady who put others before herself right up to the very day she passed away.

Our condolences also go to Mr Cliff EDWARDS on the sudden loss of his wife

Barbara, who will be sadly missed by her friends in Kenn.

Our good wishes for speedy recoveries to Bob HANCOCK and Robin MACKAY who have been in hospital with heart problems. Please take it easy now boys.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Victoria and Neil TUCKER on the safe arrival of Joseph David Bryan. (Victoria is Jean FENWICK's niece and Neil is our "Uncle Brian's" son.

## GCSEs

Best wishes, good luck and may you all have many passes to all our Kenn children about to take their GCSEs. Our fingers are crossed.

## RACE NIGHT

The race night held at Kenn Valley Social Club was a roaring success. Many thanks to Derek WALL (who lost his voice) and staff for such a brilliant evening (even better when the Kenn Ladies syndicate won £50!!). The amazing total of £350 was raised for the MS Centre at Nailsea who were very pleased to receive it.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Anyone interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch from Kenn Court along the main road to Oakland Farm please ring me ASAP on 01934 838357.

## APRIL FOOL

We hear that one of our senior residents was locked in their dining room when they tried to April Fool their better half into thinking that the cat had done some dastardly deed in there. Lady of the house cottoned on, rushed out locking her spouse in behind her. He's got to get up earlier than that to catch me out says she.

Better luck next time sir!

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## GOING TO THE DOGS

We hear that Jade, Barbara's guard dog has been given a voting card for the forthcoming elections. Her voting number is PAW 1.

## CHARITY DANCING

Well done to Jessica QUINN who took part in Angela ROBBIN's School of Dance Charity Concert in aid of cot death research. Jessica took part in the concert at the Community Centre. It was an excellent concert given by children of all ages.

## SNIPPETS

### QUIZ

The quiz arranged by Kate DENMEAD resulted in a profit of £118-50 for Hall funds. Our sincere thanks to Kate for all her hard work, also to Mark and Ian PASCOE, Alex and Mattie GAUNT, and Peter WOOD who acted as runners for the evening.

### CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Mr PASCOE senior who celebrated his eightieth birthday on April 5th.

### FLAG FLYING

Our flag was flown on:

April 16th to celebrate Easter; and

April 21st to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty our Queen.

### BEREAVEMENTS

Our flag was flown at half mast on the passing of Mrs Barbara EDWARDS who passed away on 22nd March and again for the funeral which took place at Weston Crematorium on March 29th.

On April 11th our flag was flown at half mast on the passing of Diane FORD and again on April 20th for the funeral service at Kenn Church.

Both services were well attended by

Kenn people and our sincere sympathy goes to Mr EDWARDS and Mr and Mrs FORD in their great loss.

## OUR FLAG

In Kenn it is our custom to raise our flag not only to celebrate national events but to raise it for Kenn people to celebrate their joys and to mark the loss of dear ones. We raise it for births, christenings, twenty first, eightieth and ninetieth birthdays, weddings and special wedding anniversaries ie silver, ruby and golden, and we fly our flag at half mast for deaths and funerals.

We have St George's flag on St George's Day, April 23rd. It has come to our attention that on some happy events we have not been told and hence no flag. Please families, friends and neighbours let us know. We do not mind how many times we are told, but are most concerned when we are not told.

## KENN VE DAY

Many thanks to Mrs MIDDLETON for organising an Easter Egg Competition which raised £23-50 for the fund.

Regarding kennites who proposed to attend the tea at 4pm, please, please let Mrs FENWICK or Mrs DYER know how many will attend and what food you are willing to provide - ie sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls. Alternatively please return the form from the April issue of Kenn N&V to Mrs MIDDLETON at the Post Office. All food to the Hall at 2pm. All help appreciated.

VE mugs are on sale at the Post Office at £2. Flags and bunting - please display if possible.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**MAY 4th** Election of parish and district councillors.

**MAY 7th** Thanksgiving Service in Kenn Church at 6pm

**MAY 8th** Tea for Kennites at 4pm in Hall

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followed, hopefully, by village photograph and children's sports, distribution of mugs to Kenn children, a BBQ and music by John HAZELL in the forties style.

A historical display of wartime memorabilia will be staged.

**MAY 10th** Kenn WI, 7-30 in Hall. Mrs BELL will speak on "Edwardian Style". Competition for something Edwardian.

**JULY 8/9** Advance notice of Kenn Flower Festival in Church.

## INVALIDS

We are sorry to report Mr HANCOCK has had as spell in hospital as has Robin MACKAY. We wish them both a very speedy recovery.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE/ BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Once again Kenn is entered and we appeal to every resident for support in tidying up our village and to plant a few more plants.

RMD

## BEST WISHES

Mr Richard BOWRING of Russ Lane is in poor health at the moment. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

Ray NAISH

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There were several apologies for the April meeting of the Kenn W.I., a lot of members being away. Heartfelt sympathy was sent to Mrs. Ford on the death of her daughter. Miss Dorothy Weaver was welcomed as a new member.

This being the Centenary Year of the National Trust, Mrs. Clarke came to talk on National Trust gardens. The talk was illustrated by beautiful slides of Sissinghurst, Stourhead, Hidcote and other properties. Mrs. Clarke ended with a plea to

passionate gardeners not to take cuttings or plant labels from the gardens - even the most law abiding citizens are not above that sort of thing. Mrs. Crawley modelled her beautifully decorated Easter Bonnet and was awarded a gold star.

A Jumble Sale in aid of funds will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday April 26th at 7 p.m. Jumble can be taken to the Hall at 10 a.m. on the day.

The Institute hopes to run an outing to Burford on Wednesday 19th July. The coach will depart at about 11 a.m. and stop for lunch at Cirencester. There will be time for a look around Burford before an arranged W.I. tea. If anyone would like to join us please let any W.I. member know.

It was agreed that Kenn will support any move to reunite Institutes in the Woodspring area with the Somerset Federation when the County of Avon disappears in 1996. Reports were given of the Spring Council Meeting held in Bath and the Group Meeting at Congresbury. Members had been to several day meetings arranged by the Federation and had much enjoyed them. The team which took part in the Village Quiz came ninth. Sadly Kenn was unsuccessful in the Group skittles tournament.

Mrs. Mann asked members to think about the Birthday Party and consider whether we should have outside caterers or not. It is felt by some that self catering means such a lot of work for the caterers that neither they nor their guests are able to fully enjoy the party.

At the May meeting Mrs. Yvonne Bell makes a welcome return with a talk on Edwardian Style and the competition is for Something Edwardian.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

We were delighted to welcome Community Constable, P.C. Harris to the Annual Parish Meeting. He spoke to the

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meeting about Neighbourhood Watch schemes. It is hoped that the whole of the village will soon be covered by a scheme and that notices to this effect will be put up at the approaches to the village. P.C. Harris also answered questions. He hopes to attend two Parish Council meetings per year. It will be very good to see him.

The village is again entering the Best Kept Village and the Britain in Bloom Competitions. Several people have volunteered to organise parts of the village so please approach them if you can help. They are Mr. J. Griffin, Duck Lane, Mr. H. Staples, Mr. & Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Harrison for the Main Road and Mrs. Olsen at Kenn Pier.

Of course it is early days yet and there will be more details later on. There will not be a poster competition for the children this year.

There are ten nominations for the seven seats at the Parish Council Election on 4th May. They are Mrs. R. Dyer, Mr. C. Edwards, Mr. M. Ford, Mrs. M. George, Mr. D. Goldsworthy, Mr. J. Griffin, Mrs. S. Naish, Mr. R. Naish, Mrs. C. Quinn and Mr. R. Stowell. At the time of writing I do not know who the candidates for the District Elections are. Several councillors have taken the opportunity to retire and are not putting themselves forward this time. We thank them for all they have done in the past.

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

At our March meeting we enjoyed a talk by Mr Alan BLACKMORE of Clevedon; his subject "The history of the North Somerset Agricultural Society Show." We had a good number for this interesting evening including Sam DYER who is the current President of the show.

The North Somerset held its first show in the early 1840s and continues on an annual basis, the only misses being the war years 1914-18 and 1939-45. So it has

approximately 140 years of history.

During its long life the venues have moved around, often onto estate land owned by the President for the year. Sites named by Alan BLACKMORE were Leigh Court, Barrow Gurney, Tyntesfield, Yatton, Clevedon Court and Long Ashton Court where it has settled.

Before the Bath and West made its permanent home at Shepton Mallet they would sometimes use Ashton Court, in these years the North Somerset would not hold a show.

One of the North Somerset's greatest shows, which many Kenn folk would have attended, was held at Clevedon Court in 1884 when Victorian Britain was full of optimism and vigour and Victorian Clevedon was booming. Sir Edmund ELTON was President, the show being held in the Court grounds.

From the GWR station in the Triangle, around the Triangle, along Old Church Road, on the beach, around the pier and out to Clevedon Court via Old Street and East Clevedon Triangle, Clevedon was decked out and dressed all over with bunting, flowers and triumphal arches 27 x 30 feet hung with slogans like "God speed the plough", "Good luck to the Show", "Adams bread is the staff of life", "Buy your meat from Stuckey and be well, strong and plucky".

The whole involved local craftsmen and friends working for a week or more to erect.

The weather was, as reported by the Mercury "extremely fine". With attendance of between 4 and 5 thousand people, the morning gate yielded £133-16-0 @ 1s each. In the pm the "horny handed sons of toil" ie the workers were admitted for 6d each - some 2,500 passing through the gates. They came by train, horse & cart as well as on foot.

During the day, many took advantage of

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the shady parks trees to enjoy a family picnic. A great day out for Clevedon and the show.

Alan's talk finished at 9-30, coffee was served and he was thanked for giving a most pleasant evening.

We have now completed our winter programme and look forward to May when Ray NAISH will take us on our first summer walk. We will meet at Stonehouse Farm on Monday May 22nd at 7pm. anyone is welcome to come along, any age.

## MISSING

Small male cat, about 10/11 months old. Pale ginger with darker stripes on back. No white markings. Answers to Sammy (or biscuits).

Please can you check any outbuildings etc.

**ANY** info please to Shirley LIVESEY, Portbury House. Tel 871419.

## PLANTS FOR SALE

Bedding plants for sale - all proceeds to Kenn Church for repairs.

Tel Mary 872837.

## BARBARA EDWARDS

The loss to me of my wife, dear Barbara, was so sudden and so tragic, that even now, I cannot believe it happened.

I wish to thank all the wonderful people of Kenn who have given me their love and support at this time. It is a comfort for me to know that I am amongst such real friends and I thank you all most sincerely.

Cliff Edwards

## RECOVERING

We are pleased that Mrs Eva GLASSON is home and making good progress after

having had an eye operation in Bristol Eye Hospital. Mrs GLASSON is one of our most senior residents and lives at Riverside, Kenn Pier with her son David and daughter-in-law Brenda.

## WELSH WIZARDRY

Yew tree Cottage, Kenn.

Whilst holidaying in Anglesey recently, Alan and I spotted the following sign in a local hostelry. Perhaps you'd like to brush up on your Welsh and share it with us!!

## HERE'S TO PANDS ENDAS

OCIA LHOU RINHA RMLE  
SSMIR THAN DFUN BEJU  
STAN DKIN DLETF RIEN  
DSHI PREIG NAN DEVI  
LSPEA KOFN ONE!

How long did it take for the penny to drop? I'm sure the length of time we took had nothing to do with the amount we'd consumed!

## REUNION

There will be a reunion of former Kenn School pupils of all ages in the village hall on Saturday August 12th 1995 at 7pm. If you know of former pupils who live away from the village please let them know. We look forward to meeting many old friends. There will be a ploughman's supper available.

Please contact Ray NAISH on 872493 for further details.

## DIANE FORD

Margaret and Maurice wish to thank the many people who sent cards and letters of support at the death of Diane. We have lived in Kenn for a relatively short time but feel very much at home. Diane always said that she would never leave

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Kenn and her wish has been granted. It was of great comfort to us to see so many people in church for her funeral and to know that she had so many friends. Time will ease the pain caused by the sudden and unexpected loss of Diane but, in the meantime, the support of the village is much appreciated.

Our thanks to you all.

Margaret and Maurice FORD

## ST JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD

May Rota - Mrs A GAUNT and Mrs W PAPASOLOMONTOS.

## COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning and bring and buy sale for flower festival funds on Wednesday May 17th from 10am to noon at

Mrs Jean NAISH'S house, Stonehouse Farm.

Everyone welcome.

## QUIZ

This brain teaser should give you some entertainment. The answers to the clues below are old money (pre-decimalisation) values ie thruppence.

SINGER

STONE

TYPE OF TRANSPORT

ONE LEGGED LADIES GARMENT

PORTION OF ROYAL HEAD GEAR

TO GO UP AND DOWN

LEATHER WORKER

TYPE OF PIG

OUT OF SORTS MARINE CREATURE

MARS, JUPITER AND PLUTO.

The answers are given at the end of the mag. Don't cheat by looking there straight away.

## APRIL BIRD NEWS

Migration is intrinsically linked with the weather and after a record wet winter we seem to be heading into a record dry spring. Swallows were seen (not by me) in Kenn very early in April and reported on Radio Bristol. Generally migrants have arrived earlier this year than last and today (21st) "our" house martins arrived back. They were inspecting last year's nest indicating that they were almost certainly last year's birds; not bad for birds which weigh less than one ounce to navigate back from Africa so accurately!

The missing migrant (for me) is the cuckoo which to date I have not heard or seen. There are fewer around these days of course and it will be interesting to see if numbers do build up during May.

On a happier note, the pair of marsh harriers that nest on the Somerset Levels had arrived back by mid-month - these are celebrity birds - the only ones in South West England.

Finally, in May look out for parties of whimbrel on the moors. These are small "curlews" and will be re-fuelling en route from Africa to Iceland.

Trevor RIDDLE

## MORE NEWS

A raven has been seen around Kenn in the middle of April. It was continually mobbed by crows who probably drove it away. Sam STAPLES of Riverside Farm saw a swallow on the 1st of April, it flew around a few times then went straight into the stable where it nested last year.

David GLASSON of Riverside Cottage saw 4 swallows at Kenn Pier on April 4th. As Trevor says these were very early arrivers.

RVN

## TOM HAZELL

Tom HAZELL has died recently in Van-

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couver aged 90. He was the second son of George and Agnes HAZELL of Manor Farm, Kenn and one of eight children. He had been married sixty six and a half years to Inez and they had one son, Thomas Roland George, his own name and the name of his two brothers. Roland of Kenn Moor Road is the last survivor of that family.

During the 1920s, Tom with his friend Jim STAPLES left Kenn to start a new life in Canada. They followed another Kenn man, Jim STOWELL, who had already settled in Canada.

Jim STAPLES was the son of Sidney who was featured in Kenn news and Views two months ago and brother of Donald, Sam and Winnie and the late Eileen and Veronica. He died in 1981 aged 76. He lived near Calgary.

Jim STOWELL when living in Kenn had run with his two brothers his own cheese and bacon factory at Moorgates, Kenn Street and later became a fruit farmer in Vancouver. His mother and sister joined him in Canada later. Jim STOWELL was 38 years old when he married Velma SIMPSON but still lived long enough to become a great grandfather. He died when 98 years old.

All three had visited Kenn to see friends and families at various times.

## **MRS BARBARA EDWARDS**

Friends and neighbours were shaken and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Barbara EDWARDS of Tramar, Kenn Street. With her husband Cliff she had lived in Kenn for 7 years.

Barbara was born in Glasgow, one of a family of 10 children. 6 of her brothers served in the armed forces during the last war and all returned home safely.

Barbara and Cliff met when he was a patient in the Royal Naval Hospital, Glasgow. It was a meeting with almost a

fairy tale ending. Barbara was in the hospital to visit her brother who already had two visitors so he told Barbara to go and talk to the chap in the next bed who didn't get any visitors as his family lived in London. Barbara moved over to Cliff's bed and spoke to him. From that meeting they got married. Had Barbara lived until August they would have been married 50 years.

Barbara was a quiet reserved lady whose chief interests were her home and family. She enjoyed helping with sales in the village hall and enjoyed being a guest at the Christmas Senior Citizens' Party which she never missed.

At her funeral service at Weston Crematorium there was a large congregation of family and many friends and neighbours from the village.

Our sympathy is extended to Cliff, his son and daughter and their families and Barbara's brother Richard who came down from Glasgow to stay with Cliff during this very sad time.

Ray NAISH

## **REVD HECTOR SOUTHCOMBE**

The Reverend SOUTHCOMBE passed away recently aged 87. Many Kenn people will remember him as he was in charge of the pastoral care of Kenn and conducted many services here when there was no vicar in charge several years ago. He was a kindly and friendly gentleman who made many friends here and at Yatton and Kingston.

Ray NAISH

## **TYPIST'S TAIL PIECE**

After all the "complaints" and comments about my poor spelling, I have decided to invest in a computerised spell checker. This is the first magazine to have benefited from the computer's efforts. It identifies words it doesn't recognise and sug-



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gests alternatives.

It seems to have few names in its memory so for names in this month's mag it suggested:

Jayne: djinn, gowany or gonia

Trina: trinal (seems to have a Bristol accent!

Naish: knish

Neil: newel or nolle

Derek: diarrhoeic or dirac

Quinn: kaon or cion

Kennites: khanates.

Does anyone know what any of these words mean? Incidentally when offered DENMEAD it had no suggestions - perhaps it was too nervous to cross Big Ed?!

## QUIZ ANSWERS

TENNER (£10-0-0)

FOURTEEN POUNDS (£14-0-0)

PENNY FARTHING

HALF A KNICKER (10/-)

HALF A CROWN (2/6d)

BOB (1/0d)

TANNER (6d)

GUINEA (£1-1-0)

SICK SQUID (£6-0-0)

3 FAR THINGS (3/4d)

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## FRONT COVER

The lovely artwork this month is the work of Andrew JENKINS. Well done.



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Mr. D. Wall  
Kenn Valley Social Club  
Kenn Road  
Kenn  
Clevedon  
Avon

Dear Derek,

We all had a great night on Saturday at the Horse Race Evening. Just hope you and everyone else who joined in enjoyed themselves as much as we did!

Our sincere thanks to you Derek for making your club available to us and for running the evening. We are pleased to say that after expenses, we made £345.00, which we are obviously delighted with.

Please pass on our thanks to Shirley and the other lady (her name escapes me) who sold the tote tickets and worked out all the money, to Colin who worked the projector, your bar staff who worked very hard all night and, of course, to all the people of Kenn and roundabout who supported the evening so generously.

We all greatly appreciate you supporting our centre in this way. The people of Kenn have been very good to us for many years and we can't thank them enough.

Once again, our thanks to you Derek for a good night out and for helping us to raise more funds for our centre.

With best wishes,

*Chris.*

Centre Administrator