

# KENN NEWS AND VIEWS

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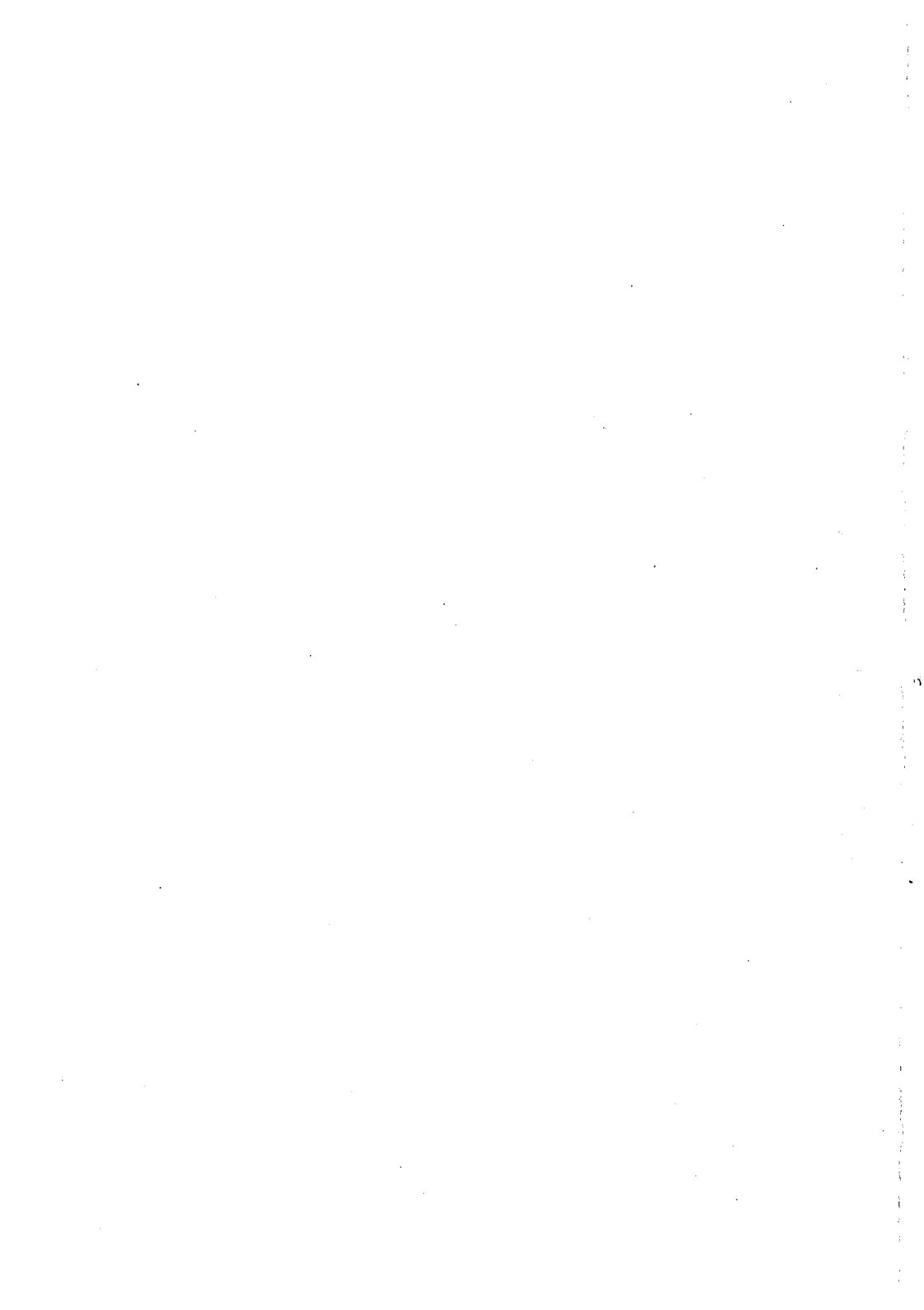
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

We are used to people moving in or out of this village, we are pleased to meet our new villagers and we miss our old neighbours. We are about to have a huge gap in our lives shortly, one that will be very hard to fill. Barbara has sold the Post Office, to very nice people she says and we look forward to meeting them, and of course we are pleased for her. BUT I cannot imagine her not being there. Barbara has always (so it seemed) been there: she listens to our moans; cheers us up instantly with her cheery smile; takes our messages; passes on anything and everything left there; collects things; sells raffle and various function tickets for us; lets us know who is ill, who is well again; what's what etc!! To me, Barbara has been a shining example of what one would expect of a village Postmistress and has also been a very good friend. She will be very sorely missed by us all. Three fingers, Margaret and I would like to thank her for all she has done collecting articles for this magazine. We wish her well in her new home in Clevedon when she moves in and we hope that we will still see her at our village events. We have been lucky to have had such a gem in Kenn Stores for so long.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Clare STOWELL
- 3rd - Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS
- 3rd - Avril FLOWER
- 5th - Eric PASCOE
- 6th - Andrea WATERS
- 8th - Emma FENWICK
- 10th - Mary LAMB - Happy 80th!!
- 10th - Anna EDWARDS
- 12th - Alan McCULLY
- 21st - Barbara MIDDLETON
- 22nd - Liz JAEHME
- 23rd - Mary WILCOCKS
- 24th - Margaret STOWELL
- 24th - Emily GOLDING ELLIS
- 28th - Theresa WATERS

29th - Miles NAISH

## ANNIVERSARIES

10th - Ray and Jean NAISH

## SNIPPETS

A very warm welcome to the STARLING family who have come to live at Cider House at Kenn Court and to Rachel GARDINER and James HARRINGTON who have come to live at Merlin Cottage, Duck Lane.

We hope that they all enjoy living in Kenn.

## TEA FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Thirteen members of the Tea Set from Clevedon were entertained to tea at Kenn Court on March 11th. My sincere thanks to Miss BAKER, Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs LAMB and Mrs WHITEHEAD for their help.

## CELEBRATION

Our flag was flown on March 17th to celebrate the birthday of James MACKAY, elder son of Robin and Marianna.

## KENN WI

Kenn WI will hold a Jumble Sale in aid of Women's Institute funds on Wednesday April 13th in the village hall from 7pm. Goods to the hall between 10 and 11 am please.

Everybody welcome.

## WELCOME TO NORTH SOMERSET

As you read this April 1996 issue of Kenn News and Views, the unwanted, unloved Avon will be no more; we shall be living in North Somerset and no longer dominated by Bristol.

This happy state of affairs has come about by the unceasing work of Somerset people who constantly canvassed members of parliament, councillors and never missed an opportunity to get rid of Avon.

Secret ballots were organised in many villages, including Kenn, which resulted in a vote to get rid of Avon. In Kenn the vote was 76 to 1 in favour of the proposal. The actual voting papers are still in a sealed tin, perhaps to be opened in the next century.

We shall fly our flag on April 1st 1996 to welcome North Somerset Unitary Authority and to wish it well for the future of everyone.

### **BISHOP THOMAS KEN**

A small party of Kennites journeyed to Wells Cathedral on March 14th to see a music drama for young performers and congregation celebrating the life and work of Bishop Thomas Ken. The 350 young performers drawn from twelve church schools in the diocese of Bath and Wells were a credit to their teachers who must have worked extremely hard to create such an enjoyable and moving performance.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**April 10th:** Kenn WI @ 7pm. Speaker Mr Merrett SMITH:- "From New Orleans to St. Louis". Competition: 1 An interesting piece of music

2. A piece of Royal Commemoration china or pottery.

**April 17th** Jumble Sale @ 7pm.

**June 22nd** Fête at Kenn Court.

### **KENN WOMENS' INSTITUTE**

At the March meeting of Kenn W.I. Mrs. Dyer, the President, commiserated with Megan Harris who has broken her wrist.

The skittles evening held at the Kenn Valley Social Club had been much enjoyed and names were being taken for another. Names were also taken for the Group Meeting to be held at Tickenham on April 23rd. The competition at the Group Meeting will be for a piece of Royal commemorative china. Kenn's entry will be chosen at the April meeting.

Mrs. Ings and Mrs. Morris had attended a sugarcraft day and told members about it. There was discussion about the Denman bursary. Some changes to the award will probably be made. Mrs. Harris hopes to attend Denman this year.

Members much enjoyed listening to Mrs. Stella Edwards who spoke on multiple sclerosis. She judged the competition for an arrangement of daffodils. Mrs. Naish was awarded gold, Mrs. Ings, silver and Mrs. Prew, green.

At the April meeting Mr. Merrett Smith will take us on a musical journey from New Orleans to St. Louis and the competition will be for an interesting piece of music.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Kenn Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st April at 7.15 p.m. it will be followed at 8 p.m. by the Annual Parish

RM DYER

### **DISCO - DAG TAYLOR**

We expected to raise a large amount of money at the Disco in Dag Taylor's memory but we were amazed at the final total which was £1240-75p. This money will be divided between Weston Hospital League of Friends and the BRI Open Scanner Appeal. We are hoping to purchase something with Robin's name on and will keep you informed when the decision has been made.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this disco such a wonderful evening. The Grand Raffle was held on the following evening due to the fact that we received so many wonderful prizes. The pubs and Barbara at the shop did a wonderful job of selling tickets beforehand and lots of money was raised this way. Many thanks to all the people who donated prizes. Special thanks to Mick and Sue at the Blue Flame who nagged their breweries for T-shirts etc., which swelled the number of prizes to over 50. Jeff NAISH kindly donated a champagne balloon flight which raised the grand sum of £150 on the night.

We had such a lovely evening in Dag's memory and will be able to do some good with the proceeds. I am sure Dag would have been proud of the outcome - only he could have extracted more money out of folk as they left the hall.

Sam TAYLOR was disappointed to have missed the disco, due to the fact that he was in hospital, but he was there in spirit.

Mick and Sue from the Blue Flame have kindly donated a further £325-60p from an account that Dag and they had left from previous fund raising activities for the League of Friends. So in

total we have £1565 to divide up.

Once again thank you to everyone involved, people's generosity never ceases to amaze me.

Jill, Sally, Tim and families would like to thank all who donated at the Church after Robin's funeral. £282 was sent to the Weston Hospital League of Friends.

Sheila

## **DAG TAYLOR**

Family and friends of Robin Taylor have decided to further fund raise in his memory and to purchase a hearing dog for the deaf which would be called Dag. This means that £2 000 needs to be raised. We can do that if we try. The first event is a Charity Football Match to be held at Kenn Valley Social Club on Sunday May 5th at 3 pm. (As this is a Bank Holiday weekend, no one will have to work the following day.) This match will be between Nick's Nobbler from Worle and the Drum and Monkey 11. This will be a fun afternoon and evening for all the family with games, raffle, BBQ and disco in the evening. Celebrity footballers have been approached to attend - more next month.

Rounders for the ladies and children, volunteers please to Sheila.

If anyone would like to help, either with a game for the children or run a stall, contact Gary LEE or Sheila.

We need as many helpers and ideas as possible. We need you all to attend, have fun and spend your money. Raffle prizes would be once more appreciated - to Gary, Jill or Sheila.

## **FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH I**

As most of the people in the village may know, a Society was formed recently to be known as "Friends of Kenn Church" and a steering committee installed. The purpose of the Society, briefly, is to raise money in order to assist the PCC in the upkeep, restoration and improvement of the St. John the Evangelist Church, Kenn. Simon PASCOE agreed to contact the Charity Commissioners with a view to the Society becoming a registered charity. This has now been completed and the Society is regis-

tered. Shortly, a letter will be sent to each household in the village as well as to other interested folk, inviting them to join. There will be a minimum subscription of £1. We shall look forward to a good response so that the Society may further its aims. St John's is a lovely church and deserves our help in looking after it.

Cliff EDWARDS

## **FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH II**

The friends of Kenn Church propose to hold a Garden Fête at Kenn Court on Saturday June 22nd to which all Kennites and their friends are cordially invited. The proceeds will be used to help care for the church building and our congregation's contribution towards the running expenses which include clergy pay, insurance, heating and lighting.

Without the goodwill of all these villagers there would be no viable church in Kenn; their contribution is invaluable and we are fortunate to have so much support

We are asking for help in the following ways: Goods for stalls ie books, cakes, bric a brac, plants and herbs; produce; bottles; raffle prizes; not forgetting scones, cream and jam for cream teas; volunteers to man stalls; and stewards to help. The loan of garden chairs and tables marked with owners' names are also wanted.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

We propose to stage an exhibition of Kenn children's and young people's work, hobbies and collections for the company to see.

We invite each and everyone of you to produce a painting, drawing, poem, essay, pottery, in fact anything you create or collect. Everything offered will be exhibited.

### **STATIC DISPLAY**

We intend to have a static display of old cars. If any kennites have historic items they would like to display, they will be welcome.

If you can help with any of the above, please let me know.

Ruth DYER (01275) 872676

## ELECTION OF St JOHN'S CHURCHWARDENS

The Easter Vestry meeting to elect Churchwardens was held immediately after the morning service on the 10th March.

The Revd. John CRUSE explained that the office of churchwarden is a very ancient post. In years gone by not only did they have to take care of church matters, they were also responsible for administering relief to the poor of the Parish they represented.

There were two nomination papers handed to the vicar before the service. Renee BELL was proposed by Jean NAISH and seconded by Jack HANSON. Raymond NAISH was proposed by Sally WHITEHEAD and seconded by John GRIFFIN. As there were no other nominations they were re-elected to serve as churchwardens for the ensuing year.

It is our custom at Kenn Church to record the names of all the people who are present at church and at the meeting that follows on this particular day. This is very important historically as records of this meeting are a legal requirement which are kept for ever. In a hundred years time people will be able to look back and read the names of those present at this year's meeting. There were over thirty people present and recorded.

## CHURCHWARDENS' THANKS

At the end of another year of serving as churchwardens, Ray and I would like to thank everybody who has kept St John's ticking over successfully.

A large number of people from this small village give their time and energy towards keeping the building and churchyard in order. Teams of ladies clean, polish and arrange flowers every week, the linen is laundered and as soon as spring arrives our friend services the lawn mower and starts the grass cutting. Throughout the year collections and free-will offerings by envelope are counted, recorded and banked and Kenn members attend Parochial Church Council meetings to report and to keep abreast of

matters arising in the wider context of Yatton Moor and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Mothering Sunday service this year was a great success, fifty two people attended with an age range of a few months to 93. This was very encouraging as it was an extra service.

The children of the Sunday Club had been exploring the five senses - taste, sight, hearing, smell and touch, and brought their ideas to the service. As a result, instead of the usual posy of flowers being given to mums, a bag of pot pourri was given to all the ladies present, linking in with the sense of smell.

Wendy PAPASOLOMONTOS made and distributed a lovely simnel cake to the congregation. People enjoyed eating this with their cup of coffee at the end of the service.

Simnel cake has an interesting history which goes something like this.

Many years ago when children left school they often had to leave home to get a job and lived with the family that employed them. They had very little time off but were allowed to go back to their homes for a few hours to visit their family on Mothering Sunday.

One lady had a son and daughter who were coming home to see her on Mothering Sunday. She decided to make a special cake to share with them at tea-time. When she had made the cake she decided that it was the best she had ever made and that she wanted to give it a special name.

Her children were named Simon and Nellie so she named it after them and called it Simnel cake.

RVN

## ALTAR GUILD - APRIL ROTA

Mrs Jean INGS & Mrs Irene STOWELL

There will be an Altar Guild meeting at Jean NAISH's on Wednesday evening the 3rd of April at 7-30pm to discuss the rota. Anyone unable to come but is able to continue as usual,

please let Iris or Jean know.

Many thanks.

Jean and Iris (872493 or 877393)

### KEEP FIT CLASSES

The keep fit classes will be held in the village hall on Thursdays April 11th, 18th, and 25th, beginning at 7-30pm.

### BIRD NEWS

The Redwing and Fieldfare roost at Yatton peaked at an estimated 10 000 birds at the end of February and this gathering attracted the attention of at least one peregrine falcon. Milder weather saw the roost disperse but the cold snap in mid-March saw it reform, albeit not the extent of the February numbers.

Waxwings have turned up in a Yatton garden, the last occasion at the time of writing being 14th March. Another rarity has been a Black redstart in the new housing estate.

The first summer migrants arrived in the shape of Sand martins at the Yeo Estuary along with the odd Wheatear mid-month. April is of course the prime month for migrants with Chiffchaffs early month, Swallows about the 20th and Cuckoos usually about the 22nd.

Trevor RIDDLE

### MORE BIRD NEWS

A waxwing was seen in a garden in Stowey Road, Yatton. Joyce KENT of Kenn Street has seen a large flock of Fieldfares feeding in the field behind her house several times lately.

RVN

Can anyone help Ray Surridge with any of the following ?

Small Weekly Washing

A Little Sewing

Occasional Hot Meal

### RECEIPT

This is a copy of the receipt for the money paid in after the Dag TAYLOR disco.

Date 4/3/96.

Account Name S. A. NAISH

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Notes £50	
Notes £20	
Notes £10	
Notes £5	
Notes/Coin	
50p	
20p	
Silver	
Bronze	
TOTAL CASH	
CHEQUES, etc.	

TOTAL CREDIT **£ 1215 75.**

RED AND GREEN SONG QUIZ

The answer to each of the following clues is a popular music/song title or first line which includes the colour red or green.

Example: L.R.M. = Little red monkey.

- 1) R.S.I.T.S. Red Sails in the Sunset
- 2) G.G.T.R.O. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) R.A.R. Roses are Red
- 4) T.I.A.G.H.F.A. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) R.R.F.A.B.L. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) T.G.G.G.O.H. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) W.T.R.R.R.C.B.B.B.A. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) T.G.B. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) R.R.R. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) G. Greensleeves
- 11) R.R.W. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) T.G.L.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) M.L.I.L.A.R.R.R. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) T.O.M.G.I.A.G. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) L.I.R. Lady in Red
- 16) L.G.A. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) R.T.R.N.R. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) G.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) S.W.R.F.A.A.H.H.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) E---G. Ever Green
- 21) T.R.F. \_\_\_\_\_