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Stuff the EU Eat British Beef

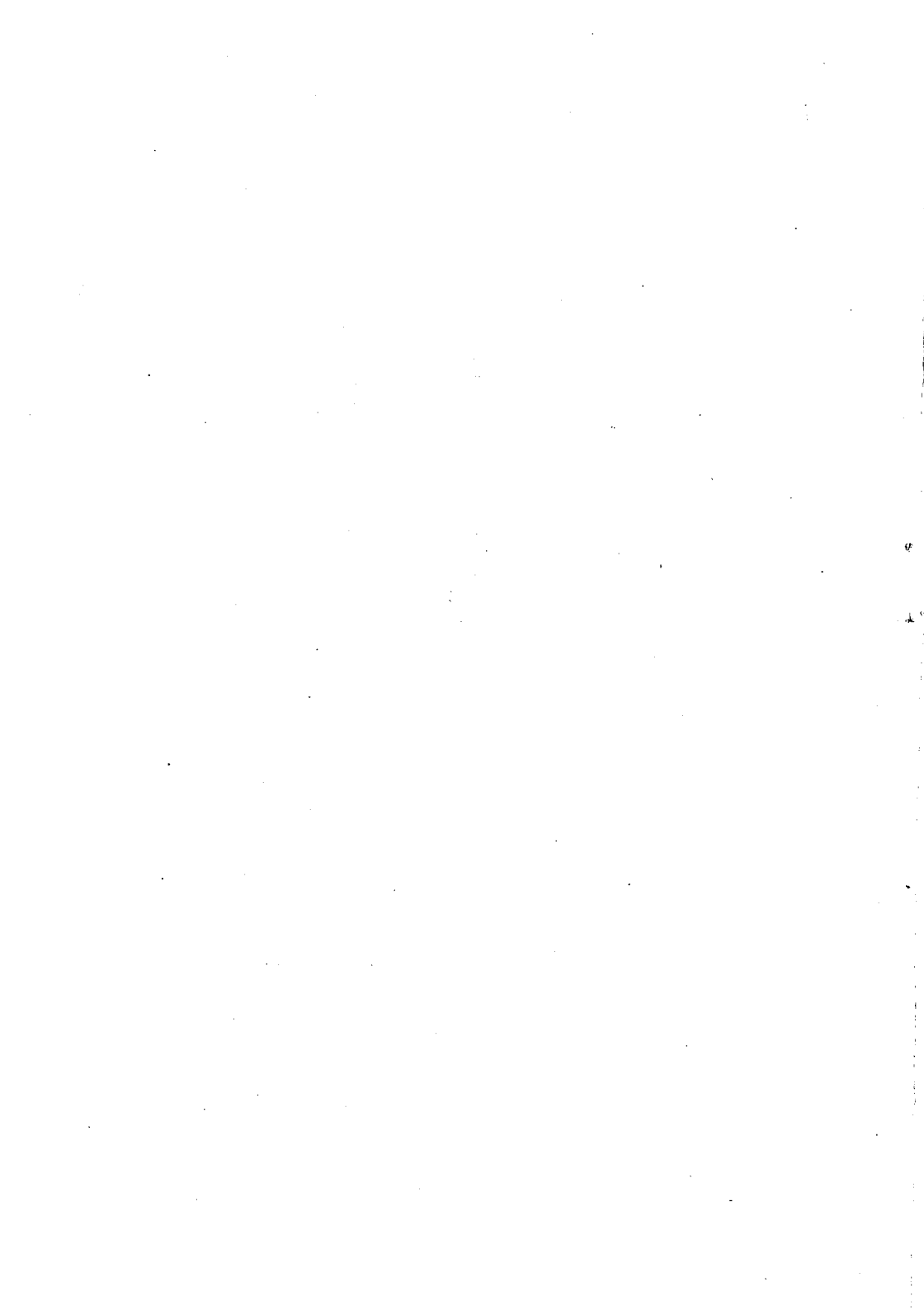
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This month's cover speaks volumes. I am not clever enough to blind you with science nor am I suitably conversant with politics, but what I do know is that I am fed up with all the hype to do with BSE. This is a farming area, there are many people locally who depend on farming for their livelihoods, be it as farmers, hauliers, butchers or whatever. This industry has been put to a standstill for the past month or so. Believe it or believe it not, we are not all growing money on trees and we are not all stinking rich. We have to feed our animals even if we can't sell them, we still need to pay bills, pay staff and we need to pay the banks. Never has farming been so disheartening. We have done all what we have been asked, we have filled in forms, we have abided by Ministry decisions, quotas, IACS forms, capping etc. etc., and now we just have to sit and wait whilst in many cases a lifetime of hard work and dedication, toil and trouble is put on hold while "faceless" people hold meetings, make speeches and get nowhere trying to decide what causes BSE and the new form of CJD - all to no avail.

It makes me wonder who is MAD here! Is it the cows or is it the politicians and our so-called partners in Europe who are quite happy to watch British beef take yet another roasting!!?

And the saddest of all for me, is that I am sure British beef is safe to eat.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Does BSE mean BRITAIN STUFFED by EUROPE?

Copies of the "Stuff the EU, Eat British Beef" stickers are available from Heather NOAD.

Please note that the North Somerset Show is at Ashton Court, Bristol on Monday 6th May (earlier Bank Holiday than other years). Please support the show as this year's President is our own Sam DYER.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Hartley STAPLES

10 - Jayne MORRIS

10 - Jill BUTLAND

20 - Harrison FLOWER

22 - Duncan MACKAY

26 - Jane STAPLES

26 - Brian STOWELL

28 - Sally TAYLOR

29 - Trina WILLOUGHBY

30 - Joanna BRAIN.

NAISH'S NOTES

KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

There will be a 6 a side skittles tournament during May/June/July on Thursday and Friday nights. Anyone interested in playing, contact Derek or Shirley on 01934 832086.

Congratulations to Kenn Valley Sunday "A" team who have won the Rose Bowl Trophy in a thrilling Cup Final at Cheddar on Sunday 8th April. Score 2-1.

DAG TAYLOR

Charity match on Sunday May 5 th. Don't forget, please support us it will be a great day.

We are in desperate need of Tombola prizes, raffle prizes, cakes, books or anything we can sell on a stall. All offers to Sheila or direct to Kenn Valley on the day.

NEW DRIVER

Congratulations to Tim TAYLOR on passing his driving test.

SNIPPETS

HOT MONEY

On March 31st a hot air balloon piloted by a member of the London Camera Exchange landed in Kenn. The pilot agreed to give a donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Unit at Nailsea.

WELCOMES and CELEBRATIONS

April 4th - A warm welcome to Rosie, daughter of Jo and Rob TREBLE and a sister for Jack.

April 10th - Mrs Mary LAMB joined our band of octogenarians. Happy Birthday.

April 21st - Her Majesty, our Queen celebrated her seventieth birthday.

Our flag flew on each of these happy occasions.

BEREAVEMENT

April 5th - We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs GRIGG at the great age of eighty eight. Mrs GRIGG, who lived at Chapel Cottage, had been in failing health for a long time and although she was often in great pain she never complained. In her younger days she helped her late husband with the Youth Club and the village hall.

She was always a pleasure to visit. She was interested in all that was going on in the village and to support such events. We shall remember her amusing advice and her lovely smile. We send our sincere sympathy to all her family in their great loss.

We shall miss her.

Kenn church was full of family and friends when her funeral took place on the 15 th April. The simple and moving service was taken by the Revd. John CRUSE assisted by the Revd. Avril GAUNT. The organ was played by Mrs HOLMES.

Our flag was flown at half mast on both days.

OUR FLAG

Since August 22 nd 1982, we have been proud to fly our Union Jack for royal and national occasions, as well as for happy and sad events for kennites. As is our custom, we flew it on Easter Sunday, during which time some ill-disposed person stole it. Whoever took it did not have much of a bargain as after nearly fourteen years flying in all sorts of weather, it was long past its best.

We shall now fly St. George's flag.

KENN FLOWERS

Many thanks to Mrs Jean INGS for planting up the trough by the Kenn sign.

THE MILLENNIUM

Suggestions are invited from Kennites for ideas for the Millennium celebrations. Ideas please to members of the Parish Council.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Once again it has been decided to enter Kenn for the Armstrong Cup for villages with populations

under 1 000. Up to 20 marks go on general impression created by the village and 10 marks for a map of the village. Particular attention will be paid to gardens, industrial premises, farm yards, notice boards, floral displays and absence of litter. Villages will be marked leniently where there are busy main roads.

Volunteers have offered to try to keep litter at bay along our grass verges.

Oak Farm Cottage to The Orchards - Sheila NAISH

Orchards to Russ Lane - RUSSELL family

Russ Lane to Kenn Court buildings - NOAD family

Kenn Court buildings to bus shelter - DYER family

The Green - MACKAY family

Bus shelter - Jack HANSON

Bus shelter to Post Office - Hartley STAPLES

Post Office to M5 bridge - Irene STOWELL

M5 bridge to Portbury House - QUINN family

Portbury House to Kenn sign by river - Shirley LIVESAY

Davis Lane to M5 bridge (excluding lay-by) - Millie STOWELL

Kenn Pier - Mrs OLSEN

Kenn Pier to M5 bridge - Lyn BYE

White Railings to Barbery Farm - Sarah CLARKE

White Railings to Coxhay - Clifford EDWARDS

Duck Lane - HACKETT family

Coxhay to Hall - Heather JENKINS

Kenn Street - Clifford EDWARDS

All Kennites are invited to help the volunteers. NB, should any £5 notes be found it will be "finders keepers". Recently one well known personality did find a £5 note thrown away in Kenn.

Judging starts on June 1 st. and will be completed by August 15 th.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Judging will be July, August and September.

The village has been entered for the Mary MORTIMER Cup for villages with populations less than 600.

Judges will be looking for general effect on entering the village, the extent of effort by public bodies ie church, village hall etc., gardens and general care and tidiness. Every Kennite is invited to get Kenn blooming - Please help.

FRIENDS FÊTE

In the April edition of News and Views we asked for support for the Friends of Kenn Church Fête to be held at Kenn Court on Saturday June 22nd.

Children and Young People

In order to make the necessary arrangements to display your exhibits please let Mrs PAPA-SOLOMONTOS know what you wish to exhibit. Remember everything offered will be exhibited.

Cake Stall

Mrs Jean INGS will organise and would like to receive preserves as well as cakes.

Still Needed

Goods for stalls including books, cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, bottles, raffle prizes, scones, cream and jam. Offers of help are welcomed.

Plant Stall

Marianna MACKAY will organise.

Welly Competition

Clive GOLDING-ELLIS will arrange - also live music.

Cream Teas.

Grace GRIFFIN and Joyce KENT will organise

OVER THE HILL BUT NOT FAR AWAY

Another first for Kenn when our ever smiling Postmistress, Barbara MIDDLETON, hosted a most enjoyable party for family and friends. We all received a warm welcome, enjoyed a delicious buffet produced by Jean FENWICK and Sue PUGH, then danced to music supplied by John HAZEL.

During the evening our hostess was presented with some jewellery from funds donated by Kennites.

We are all very sorry that she has decided to retire and take life a little easier but she has promised to still come to Kenn events. We sincerely thank her for all the help she has given to Kenn over the years and wish her well.

KENN POST OFFICE/STORE

We look forward to welcoming Mr and Mrs NOYES and family. In Kenn we are indeed lucky to have a local shop. Remember:

"Use it or lose it"

DIARY DATES

Wednesday May 8 th. Kenn Women's Institute. Speaker Mrs Margaret ADAMS on "Living wi the BOSS" 7-30pm. Competition for an old domestic utensil.

Thursdays May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 th. Keep Fit classes. &-30pm

June 22 nd. Friends of Kenn Church Fête.

RMD

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sheila for the lovely things you said in last month's magazine. I have really enjoyed listening to everyone, taking messages etc. and I have very mixed feelings about leaving the shop. Still things can't stay the same for ever.

I would like to thank all who have supported first the shop as it was and latterly the Post Office it is now.

The jewellery you all contributed to is absolutely beautiful. I really appreciate it and can't thank everyone enough.

I would have loved to have invited everyone to my party but unfortunately that wasn't possible. Thank you Ray for also saying lovely things about me; I feel really good - some of them must be true!

I am going to miss you all very much but I'll be back for all the functions, don't worry. Also I'll be visiting you all because I'll have plenty of time.

No, I'm not taking up knitting blankets.

See you all for another month or so yet.

If anyone would like to see what you bought me please come in and look - it's worth looking at. I am so pleased, thanks once again.

Barbara

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the April meeting of Kenn W.I. Mr. Merrett Smith took members on a journey with the Big Bands from New Orleans to St. Louis. His talk was illustrated with nostalgic slides and the music was guaranteed to set the feet tapping. Mr. Merrett Smith judged the competition for an old piece of music. The winners were Mrs. R. Dobbs, gold, Mrs. R. Dyer, silver and Mrs. R. Jeffrey, green. He also judged the entries for the competition for the Group Meeting. The winning piece of Royal Commemorative china belonged to Mrs. Dyer.

Mrs. Mary Lamb was congratulated on her 80th Birthday. She was presented with a card and small gift and members sang Happy Birthday. Mrs. M. Harris is hoping to attend Denman College in May. A skittles evening has been arranged for the 29th April and the Jumble Sale is taking place on 17th April. Two members had much enjoyed a trip to Portsmouth and Mrs. Bubb gave a full and interesting report on the EGM at Weston-S-Mare.

It is hoped to arrange an outing to Berkeley Castle and to Slimbridge at the end of May. A garden tea party will be held in June for this year's chosen charity, Friends of Clevedon Hospital.

Kenn is again entering the Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom Competitions. The W.I. has already planted a tub at the foot of the village sign.

At the May meeting Mrs. Margaret Adams will give a talk entitled 'Living with the Boss'. The competition will be for an old domestic utensil.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the last meeting of the Parish Council, Mr. Naish spoke for most people when he said that April 1st 1996 was the historic and welcome day

when we all came back to Somerset. Our good wishes go to all those, Councillors and Officers, involved in North Somerset and we wish them every success in the future.

Kenn has again decided to enter the Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom Competitions. Details about these appear elsewhere in the magazine. The Parish Council is grateful for the effort that everyone makes to keep the village looking tidy and attractive.

The seat on the green is in need of a lick of paint. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to do it? Materials will be paid for.

The Parish Council has started to think about the Millennium. Any ideas on how to mark this momentous occasion will be gratefully received. Suggestions already made are a village sign made in cast iron to replace the wooden one on the green and flowering and other decorative trees in strategic places. Any Parish Councillor will be glad to hear your suggestions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd June in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

THANKS

I wish to thank my neighbours and friends for their kindness to me on my birthday and for their good wishes, cards and gifts. I had such a happy time.

Mary LAMB

THOMAS DUNSTAN HAWES

On the first of April this year, Thomas Dunstan HAWES died at his home in Bognor Regis. He was in his mid-eighties. His connection with Kenn goes back to the early days of the war when he came to live at Mill Farm. He lived with us for approximately seven years.

For almost the whole of his working life he was employed in the aircraft industry, and in particular, aircraft engines. He worked for what was known in those days as the Bristol Aeroplane Company, now known as Rolls Royce.

His work was on research and development, being part of the team responsible for bringing our many of the engines that powered, among

others, the Bristol Beaufighter and the Short Sunderland Flyingboat, and eventually the giant Bristol Brabazon.

It was while living at Mill Farm, he met and married Kathleen STOWELL from Portbury House, with whom he had three children, Richard, James and Helen. He had many interests which included art, opera and antique firearms. However, his main enthusiasm was reserved for classic cars, having had in his possession two Lagonda Rapiers and at Alvis Firefly at one time.

Many will remember Tom HAWES with affection, and will recall his old world charm and exquisite manners, products no doubt of an upbringing in a distinguished family. We may never see his like again.

Gerald and John GRIFFIN

KENN HISTORY GROUP

At the March meeting we saw slides of Ancient Egypt from holidays taken recently by Deryck BELL. It was fascinating from our small village in North Somerset to watch slides of a sun-drenched land in North Africa where the civilisation and culture so many thousands of years ago had produced the most incredible and sophisticated society, which created such wondrous temples, monuments etc, also agricultural and irrigation systems, which were considered ancient at the time of Christ and yet to present day visitors much of Egyptian rural life appears unchanged since biblical times.

Our thanks to Deryck BELL for his contribution to a pleasant evening.

Next meeting Monday May 13 th 7-30pm at the Granary when Mr David STAPLES from Wales will talk to us on the history of the "Staples" family. You are very welcome to come.

J & G GRIFFIN

YATTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Mary's, Yatton Flower Festival will be held on 14 th, 15 th and 16 th June. The programme is:

Friday 14 June: 7-30pm Preview with Gour-

met supper in Chapter House. Admission by ticket only.

Saturday 15 June: Craft and Produce sale in Chapter House, 10am to 6 pm.

Organ recitals and craft demonstrations.

7-30 pm. Llanbydie Male Voice Choir - in the Church.

Coffee, teas, Ploughman's lunches available all day.

Sunday 16 June: Cream Teas served from 3 pm.

7-45 pm. Songs of Praise.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I hesitate to cross even friendly swords with my chum Ray NAISH, especially over weights and measures, something he obviously feels so strongly about. However, I feel it should be pointed out that metric measures have been around for a long time now and not only in mainland Europe, many of whose inhabitants were on our side in WW2.

Our Antipodean cousins went metric some time ago. You have to listen to an Australian cricket commentator like Richie Benaud to realise this. And anyone who has ever been involved with electrical, telecommunications or radio engineering knows that metric units have always been used in those fields. I agree with my late father in law who served this country in the earlier war against Germany and felt "we should have gone metric years ago." He was born in Queen Victoria's reign and died in 1969.

One final thought. I hope that the April 1st change to North Somerset is no more than a date on the calendar! I have a funny feeling that we may yet live to regret the demise of Avon for at least we lived in a County, not in a new-fangled hybrid with the splendidly Orwellian title of a Unitary Authority.

UGH!

Yours sincerely,

David HOLMES

PRESS RELEASE

Robert HANCOCK, owner of the Robert John Group has won the British National Senior Ladies Hairdressing Championships. This makes a unique double as in 1991 he won the men's championship.

He has been training hard and has been selected as a member of the 4 man ladies squad which will represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Washington USA in August 1996. Robert will be travelling with two other members of the Robert John Group, Nick WILLIAMS the artistic director of the W-s-m salon and Claire PAWSEY from Portishead who is a member of the British Junior Ladies squad.

This also marks a first for this magazine - our very first official "Press Release" giving the news.

SPRING IS HERE

It had been a grey day, warm with a gentle breeze but no sunshine. Water from previous rains still lay underfoot and squelched at an unwary step. As I walked with the dog, the river flowed lazily by with an unruffled surface reflecting the greyness of the day. Swans, coots, moorhens and mallards were about their business, being little concerned at the odd duo walking past.

Suddenly, their was a flash of recognisable wing, and then another. As I stopped, ten swallows and martins, their plumage flashing with metallic lustre, were flying around me, silently except for the sound of wings slicing air. Martins touched the surface of the river for a drink, leaving expanding circular ripples reflecting the light.

As I stood admiring, their numbers grew, first twenty, then fifty and looking up I saw a cloud of swallows and martins dropping out of the north-east sky, like snowflakes from invisible heights. As specks they swirled gently down still silent as falling leaves, until I seemed to be mixed in a moving column of 300 eddying birds.

I stood entranced, feeling for a moment part of this swirling migrating cloud. Then, as suddenly as they came, they had gone but I was happy. I knew that Spring had arrived - the swallows had

come.

MRS WINNIE GRIGG

Gwen, Ron, Grace and Eddy wish to thank all of mum's neighbours and friends for their help and concern which helped to ensure that she kept her independence and stay in her home for so long. We would also like to thank the many villagers and friends who attended the service in Kenn Church and for the messages of sympathy, cards and donations.

ST JOHN'S NOTES

Did you notice what a picture the churchyard looked around Easter and the weeks after. Many graves had lovely flowers on them and the daffodils around the edges with other wild flowers added to the show. The eastern end was particularly colourful with a great mass of celandine like a golden carpet - a sure sign that Spring is here.

ALTAR GUILD ROTA - MAY

Revd. A GAUNT and Mrs W PAPASOLO-MONTOS

SPRING CLEANING

29th and 30 th April. All hands gratefully appreciated, (Gentlemen - Monday evening: Ladies Tuesday from 9-15 am)

TEA AND CHAT

Mrs Ruth DYER will be the hostess for this month's Tea and Chat to be held at Kenn Court on Thursday 16 th May from 2-30 to 4pm

Everyone is welcome.

FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Kenn Church will be held in the Church on May 2nd at 7-30pm.

All are welcome to attend, even if you do not live in the village.

MRS WINIFRED SARAH GRIGG

Winnie GRIGG has passed away, believed to be Kenn's oldest resident. She had lived at "Chapple Cottage", Kenn Street since 1939.

Winnie was born in Bristol 88 years ago, one of

a family of 13 children, 12 girls and one boy. I once asked her how her father managed to earn enough money to keep such a large family. She said he owned a horse and cart with which he travelled around cabinet makers' shops where he bagged up the sawdust from under the machines; he then took the bags of sawdust round pubs and butchers' shops where he sold them for use as a floor covering.

During the war years Winnie worked terribly hard for very small pay, like doing a day's washing by hand at people's houses for half a crown a day (12p in today's money).

Later in the war, Bill her husband got a job moving pit props from Clevedon Station to Walton Moor where they were stored until wanted. Winnie helped with this work, both of them driving the horse-drawn timber carriages which they loaded themselves by hand - very heavy work. When they arrived at Walton, dockers from Avonmouth were waiting to unload the timber. Winnie once told me it took 7 dockers to unload what she and Bill loaded themselves. At one time Winnie was very near being killed when a load of pit props rolled over onto her.

About that time Winnie was acting as the village midwife, helping with the birth of many babies without the help of a doctor.

During the war her tiny cottage was crammed full of people, mostly her family from Bristol who were there to get away from the air raids. At one stage there were about 10 people living in just one bedroom and small box room.

After the war, Bill and Winnie ran a very successful social club for young people in the village hall. Although Bill ruled with a rod of iron, it was a very popular night out and attracted youngsters from Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Nailsea and even Portishead. Later they ran ballroom dancing classes which were also very popular.

Bill died 23 years ago and today as I write these notes on the 20th April, the garden at Chapple Cottage is a picture - a mass of flowers many of which were planted when Bill was alive. It gives a great pleasure to many.

Winnie was a very cheerful and pleasant person, a pleasure to talk to. She had many little tales to tell and could give good advice. Sometimes I knocked on her door and said "Anybody home?". Generally a quick answer would come from the fireside like "No, only the cat, and he has gone to get some milk." All her life she had an amusing answer for you. Winnie will be greatly missed by her many friends.

On a personal note, she had been our next door neighbour here at Stonehouse Farm since 1939 and was the most wonderful neighbour anyone could have. I have never heard her complain to us about anything. She had great cause to years ago when we often had 50 calves in the sheds overnight and they made a tremendous noise; if I apologised to her about it she would say "don't worry, everyone has to make a living".

The church was packed with almost 100 people at her funeral, evidence of her popularity. A large number of those present were octogenarians themselves.

Winnie was one of the most generous people I have ever met, always supporting good causes with pleasure. If she had a surplus of fruit or vegetables in her garden she was pleased to give it away.

I am sure her many friends and neighbours would wish to join with me in expressing our sympathy to her large family, sons and daughters Gwen, Ronald, Grace and Eddie, 12 grandchildren and 21 greatgrandchildren.

Ray NAISH

BIRD NOTES

About 50 Goldfinches were seen feeding on a patch of chickweed at West End, Nailsea on April 16 th. Woodpeckers are busy boring holes in hollow trees in the area. A large yellow butterfly was seen on April 20 th, also at West End. A brood of about 12 young ducklings was seen on the Little River at Kenn Moor Gate, Lower Claverham, the first brood to be seen this year.

RVN

BIRD NEWS - APRIL

Despite the cold weather early in the month, migration gathered pace during April. Early on Wheatears were present along the sea wall, with a few waders also on the move. Chiffchaffs were singing and Swallows were starting to arrive. On Easter Monday, a couple of Swallows over the fishing ponds at Kingston Seymour contrasted with a flock of 22 Fieldfares. A Little owl was sitting out in the middle of the day and all three "common raptors": Kestrel, Sparrowhawk and Buzzard were seen within a few minutes.

Southerly winds just after the middle of the month brought a new wave of migrants. "Our" house martins arrived on the 20th - last year they came on the 21st.

By the 21st April this year, Reed warblers had arrived in force - nine were singing along the old railway at Yatton, with a couple of Sedge warblers and two Whitethroats.

On the previous day I saw my first Cuckoo of the year in the Brue Valley, quite an early date. Nearby three Whimbrel moved over making their distinctive seven note call. The Marsh Harriers have also returned and at the time of writing seem to be settling down to nest - both birds having been seen carrying nesting sticks. These are celebrity birds (the next nearest are in Kent) so after last year's absence we are hoping for a successful outcome. Marsh Harrier chicks generally fledge in July, so I hope to be able to report positively in the August issue of K N and V.

May should see migration continue; look out for parties of Whimbrel on the moors. Will the Hobby seen last summer return? Let's hope so. Any details of this or other unusual sightings would, as usual, be very welcome.

MAD POLITICIANS' DISEASE

After reading Sheila's editorial this month, I felt obliged to respond and do so with her permission. She posed the question - Is it the cows or the politicians who are mad? It is undoubtedly the politicians, but not the ones the "Stuff the EU"

Campaign is aimed at.

As everyone knows, BSE first came to prominence in the 1980s and was thought to be a consequence of feeding ground up animal as a food supplement to dairy cattle. By 1989 it had become such a marketing problem that the UK government acted to remove the parts of cattle thought likely to carry BSE from the food chain and order the destruction of infected cattle. Unfortunately, as is commonly recognised, enforcement of these rules was lax.

Compare this lax enforcement of sensible rules with the response of the Perrier company when their bottled water was found to contain very low levels of benzene, a cancer-causing chemical. They withdrew all stock, changed their production methods, told everyone they had, and labelled new stock so consumers could tell. These actions were not scientifically necessary but required to restore confidence. Today Perrier has regained its market and its reputation.

Now in 1996 with a BSE crisis upon us again, the UK government has not learnt from 1989 or from Perrier. It started with ideas of mass slaughter then was forced (on grounds of cost?) to retreat. What message does that send to consumers? It says we care more about money than the long term health of people. What incompetence. This is not an argument about whether a mass slaughter policy was the best, it's an argument about managing the perceptions of meat eaters.

Then the EU decided to ban export of British beef - not because they considered it unsafe but to protect beef sales elsewhere in the Community. A sensible political decision for the greatest good of the greatest number. Only the EU can lift the ban and insensitive campaigns like "Stuff the EU" don't seem to me to be a good way of getting their help in this.

So I think you need to be more positive. I'm not an expert but as someone who has not eaten any *European* beef since 1989, I will suggest some things that might help.

1. Beef cattle are not (normally) fed on the suspect feed. Cereal fed beef is safe. Why don't you tell people of the difference and label cereal

fed beef?

2. Joints of beef from dairy cows from herds with no recent history of BSE are (almost certainly) safe. If you guaranteed removal of infected animals from the food chain (see 4), they would be.

3. Mechanically recovered meat (used in sausages, pies, cheap beefburgers) from infected herds is the least likely to be safe. If all infected cattle could be identified and removed, even this meat would (probably) be safe.

4. So it all comes down to the UK. If we strictly enforced our rules (would a £10 000 per cow fine for any farmer or slaughterer selling infected meat be a good deterrent?) and labelled meat as to its origin, much of the problem would disappear. The final answer is the development of the rapid test for BSE - the government refused to accept this suggestion in 1989 - look now at the consequences (remember Perrier); wouldn't it be nice to say "this cow does not have BSE"?

In conclusion, the mad politicians are in the UK government. The British farming industry has a major problem and you won't solve it by jingoistic campaigns like "Stuff the EU". You have to manage EU and British public perception by convincing them you have the willingness to make sufficient changes to convince them your beef is safe. My real sadness is that I think you've chosen the wrong option and seem to have been dragged into taking the minimum actions necessary to get the ban lifted. In being perceived as unwilling to act, you have left yourselves open to a third BSE crisis.

McCULLY THANKS

Those get well cards and thoughtful calls,

All asking how I fared -

I really was most touched,

I didn't know you cared.

My wound is so much better now

Tho' it hurt, and I mean lots

And what has it even worse?

He swallowed loads of spots.

In case you didn't realise

It's Ribbi I refer to

That dog wot lives next door to us -

A vicious beast I tell you.

Seems Job and Benny told him off.

As if I think that mattered.

I'd like for him and you to know

My canine trust is shattered.

It simply just can't be forgot

'Tis long I'll bear the scar.

Just like to say - to witnesses

This is the start of WAR.

But it has been so nice of you

To mourn my bitter flanks

So to you Kennites, all of you,

I say a great big THANKS.

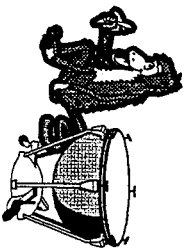
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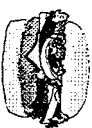
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Drum and Monkey V Nick's Knobblers



Kick off 15.00

at the Kenn Valley Social Club



Disco and B-B-Q
to follow



Stalls and other entertainment will also be provided

In aid of a hearing dog for the deaf
to be trained and named 'DAG' in memory of 'Robin Taylor'