

# KENN NEWS AND VIEWS



## KENN HORSE RACE NIGHT

*Real ponies*

*Place your bets*

*BBQ*

*DISCO*

*SATURDAY 5th JULY*

*KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB*



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## MESSAGE FROM ED

Well lambing has all but finished - except for the odd few which I am ignoring!! I've seen enough for one year! Miles is now busy calving, we've dipping and haymaking to come now. However, I have no excuses for missing out the May Birthdays and skipping on to JUNE!! I seem to have fooled most people as only two people pointed it out to me. I am truly sorry to all our May birthday people and hope you had a lovely day.

## BIRTHDAYS - June

Same as before !! Sorry again!!!

## NAISH's NOTES

Well this is the time of year when Charity Fund Raising events begin. Cheryl QUINN is organising a Pig Roast and live entertainment with two groups - Taste of Honey who are a brilliant take-off of the Bee-Gees and Small Furry Animals doing a variety of rock, Blues Brothers etc. Both groups are very popular locally.

This is for Cleeve Claverham and Yatton Scouts - Tickets are £5 (Children under 16 free) from Cheryl (Phone 01275-876850) or Kenn Valley Social Club where the event is taking place on 21st June from 7.30 onwards. Bars inside and out ample parking.

Do not miss it ! Last years event was absolutely brilliant.

I am organising two events myself - the usual BBQ and disco in our barn to be held on Saturday 28th June from '8 til late' Tickets £3 from myself or Kenn Shop. All welcome but this is an adults only event - Usual bar and plenty of parking in the field.

Good food, good beer, good music - what more do you want?

On Saturday 5th July we are holding a Pony/Horse Race Night Yes! with *REAL* horses at Kenn Valley Club. Come along, place your bets, enjoy a BBQ and finish off with a Disco. This is the first time we have staged this type of event and I am told they are good fun. We hope to have some local "celebrities" riding in the last race (well Jeff NAISH, Jer and did I hear Tom CLARK say yes?).

This is to raise money for the British Institute for Brain Injured Children in Bridgwater. We will be helped by the Manager and staff of Abbey National who have adopted BIBIC as they are both celebrating 25 years in Bridgwater. A splendid cause - please try and support us, this is a family event - details from me (838357) or Kenn Valley (832086)

Sponsors for races required and raffle prizes for both events welcome if not *desperately* needed.

Sheila

## KENN NOTES

### SNIPPITS

Convalescing - Heather JENKINS has had a short spell in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery to good health.

New residents - a warm welcome to Mr DILLON who has come to live in The Chalet, to Mr and Mrs JUGGINS in Court Cottages and John, Caroline and Matthew in Chapel Cottage.

Election - On May 1st there was a very high turnout of Kenn electors. Doctor Liam FOX was elected as MP and should any reader need his help or advice his local office is at 71 High Street Nailsea (01275-790090)

Kenn Village Hall - The Fashion Show held on May 19th was well supported. Carousel of Congressbury modelled some sixty outfits for all occasions. £234 was raised for hall funds.

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I saw a flock of wimbrels flying around Moorstreet Bow on the Moor road at the beginning of May, two days later I disturbed them again at Hillsea Claverham. They are like small curlews and make a distinctive seven piped note, they are said to fly from South Africa to Iceland to breed returning again in July, what an amazing journey.

Several broods of song thrushes have hatched around the village this spring helping with the recovery of this rare bird in the area. Unfortunately a sparrow hawk killed one on Mary LAMBS lawn last week. Mary was upset about it, but I suppose sparrow hawks have to kill to live.

The village is still alive with birdsong of all sorts.

The famous red legged partridge reported in last months N&V has been making appearances again up and down Kenn Street. He spent one day with Jean and Fred FENWICK in their garden last week. The last I have heard of him he was visiting Yew Tree Farm, Robert WILLCOX was afraid that the cats there might kill him.

Ray NAISH

## THANKS

Very many thanks to kind friends and neighbours for lovely cards, gifts and flowers and the many offers of help during my recent stay in hospital.

It was very much appreciated by my family and myself.

Heather JENKINS

## ST JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD - June

Renee BELL and Margaret STOWELL

## COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in aid of St John's Altar Guild at Stonehouse farm Kenn on Tuesday 17th June from 10am 'til noon.

Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

Jean & Iris

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

Did you enjoy the beautiful costume drama The House of Elliott?

Well the Kenn History Group can't offer you the costumes but we did have a look at the fabulous cars used. Joining forces with the Kingston Seymour History Group we visited Roger TRIGGOL'S Tickenham Farm to discover a wonderful display of cars, tractors, farm machinery and artefacts. The 1921 Model T Ford and model T Truck were used cleverly in the House of Elliott series by changing their outer logos so you thought you saw the butcher, the baker and candlestick maker but in fact it was Mr TRIGGOL'S two cars. Additionally supplied for the series was the 1921 Austin and the 1931 Morris 16, both in immaculate condition.

Mr TRIGGOL'S current claim to fame is an amazing car designed especially for Toad of Toad Hall, he and his team have the responsibility of driving this around the UK for film promotions. Other cars include a 1924 Nash, in fact the only right hand drive remaining in the world (14 left hand drives still remain) and a 1929 Studibaker President. If Hollywood ever wants to do a gangster Al CAPONE movie the Kenn History Group knows a man who has the cars!! You can of course hire these beautiful cars for special events.

The lovely collection also includes the most amazing agricultural and domestic tools and appliances for example a "baby daisy hand

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pump vacuum cleaner", an 1864 cheese press, a 1923 Lister engine with belts driving a corn threshing machine, a stone roller apple mill and a corn grinder, butter churns, milk bottles, milk churns, ploughs and a hay tedder( a machine that looks like a mechanical line dancer for hay turning.)

Lined up in the field was the last 3 wheeled 1934 Stevens delivery van and four old tractors including a 1919 International Titan tractor. The tractor was started with a cranking handle and when it was going the group was invited to drive it around the field. Although deafening and with a bone shaking suspension it was actually very responsive with a surprisingly small turning circle. Grace GRIFFIN was trying her Damon HILL impression when Concorde crossed the sky just to remind us as to how technology has moved on.

If you watched Ruth MOTTS Victorian Country Kitchen and enjoyed how all those amazing and ingenious devices were used then watch out for the TV series about to hit our screens called "Land Girls". Again Mr TRIGGOL'S collection figures and he showed us some amazing items including a "water pump flange mender", a portable contraption to fit every push-bike - a must for 20th century living!!

It was a fascinating evening, not just to see an interesting collection of times past but for Mr TRIGGOL'S boundless enthusiasm and energy. We all look forward to see in a few years time his 1932 Sunbeam, presently a wreck in many pieces, restored to its former glory as we left in the sure knowledge that he and his team have the technology and can rebuild it.

The Group would like to thank Mr TRIGGOL for a very informative and interesting evening.

Mandy BOYLE

## SUMMER OUTING

This year we will be going on a walk on the Mendips with Les DAVIS of the Mendip Ranger Service.

The walk will start from the car park at the Mendip Outdoor activity Centre at 7pm on 17th June. Lasting about 2 hours it will include part of the reserved area and the churchyard. Kenn people are very welcome to join us. There will be a small charge and I look forward to seeing you there.

Olive LAWRENCE

'Bulbeck' Kingstons Seymour

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

The first walk of the season will take place on Monday 9th June, meet at Stonehouse Farm at 7pm. We hope to go to the Tickenham area.

Ray NAISH

## RABBITS

A tremendous number of rabbits have appeared in Kenn this spring. In the Russ bridge area they have almost reached plague proportions.

I was talking to Roland HAZELL recently, he is an octogenarian and has lived on Manor Farm all of his life, and he told me that rabbits have appeared on the farm for the first time in living memory.

Ray NAISH

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Fun Run this year will be on Sunday 7th Sept

## Stop Press:

Congratulations to Emma FENWICK on her engagement to Peter BROOKS.

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Antiques Valuation Evening - Tuesday July 15th at 7.30pm. Come along and meet friends and neighbours and bring along an item to be valued by Mr Marc BURRIDGE of Clevedon Sale Rooms. Admission £ 1.50 to include wine and nibbles with £2 for each item valued. Tickets from Committee members or telephone 872676 or pay at the door.

Kenn Thro' the Ages - Due to unforeseen circumstances this event has been postponed until Easter 1998.

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday June 11th - 7.30 Kenn WI. Speaker Mrs V RIGG Voices around Great Britain. Competition Three Roses

Tuesday July 15th - 7.30 Antiques Valuation Evening

Advance Note - November 1st Wine and Cheese Party

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It was a particular pleasure to welcome Mrs. Stella Edwards back to the Kenn W.I. This time she was reminiscing about her life in the Police Force. For a number of years she was a Sergeant in the Child Protection Unit and found the work very rewarding. Mrs. Edwards was thanked by Mrs. Harris. In the competition for a uniform button Mrs. Blake was awarded gold, Mrs. Prew, silver and Mrs. Dyer, green.

The coffee morning held in aid of Action for the Blind raised the princely sum of £81.50. The money will go towards special user friendly door locks at the Lauriston Hotel in Weston-S-Mare where the guests are all blind or partially sighted. The skittles evening was much enjoyed and will probably be repeated in the autumn. The limerick on St. George composed by Mrs. Ings won second prize at the Group Meeting. Mrs. Denmead is taking orders for diaries and calendars for 1998.

As no-one is able to attend the TGM in Birmingham a proxy has been asked to register Kenn's votes on the resolutions. There is only one public affairs resolution this time which asks the Government to withdraw the use of Lindane due to a possible link with breast cancer and the use of organochlorine pesticides. Members supported this resolution.

It is hoped to make the June meeting more of a social occasion and members are asked to bring a friend. The speaker will be Mrs. Rigg on voices around Britain and the competition will be for three roses.

## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd June in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## KENN NATIONAL SCHOOL

In the course of looking for something else I have discovered one or two interesting things about the School. In 1903 Miss Willcox was the Principal and Miss Watts her assistant. A Miss Annie Staples was mistress and presumably looked after the 'babies'. In 1905 she resigned and Margaret Bacon succeeded her at the generous salary of £4 a year. In 1909 she resigned and Gladys Hazel took her place. In 1910 Irene Hazel, Gladys' sister took over until 1912 when Hilda Wyatt became mistress at a salary of £5.4.0. which was considered by the school managers to be too little.

I have not got any further yet but would be very glad to have any information on these ladies.

Ann Holtham.

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## THANK YOU - SAVE THE CHILDREN

£72.74 was collected in Kenn for this charity. Thank you everybody for your generosity.

Claire LEAMAN

## A WORD FROM THE WISE

A Church of England publication is reported to have listed the following answers to religious questions asked in school:

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark

Henry VIII liked Wolsey so he made him a cardigan

The fifth Commandment is Humour thy mother and father

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night

Mary was the mother of Jesus and the Magna Carta

Salome was a woman who danced naked in front of Harrod's

Holy acrimony is another name for marriage

Christians can only have one wife, this is called monotony

The Pope lives in a Vacuum

Wild beasts are kept in Theological Gardens

The Patron Saint of Travellers is St Francis of the Seasick

Iran is the Bible of the Muslims

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so Paul got stoned

It is sometimes hard to hear in Church because the agnostics are so terrible.

Cliff EDWARDS

## QUOTE:

Too many of us have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keeps us from catching the real thing.

## BOOK SALE

Maurice FORD is selling off his library of hard back books. Mainly fiction but some others of leisure interest. Prices at no more than £1.50. A third of all proceeds will be donated to Friends of Kenn Church.

Maurice can be contacted on 01275-878805 to arrange viewing.

## BIRD NEWS -May

Early in the month my survey walk in the field by the old railway Gang Wall south of Yatton produced a whinchat and a wheatear. These birds are both migrants from Africa and had arrived on a light south easterly wind. They would be nesting before moving on to their upland breeding haunts. On the same walk I recorded a satisfying large number of singing warblers: sedge, whitethroat and chiffchaff.

Our house martins arrived on May 2nd and on the same day two swifts flew over. I have a breeding bird survey to carry out in Kenn so if you spot me around you know what I am up to! Results will be published in KN&V first.

The Kenn red legged partridge seems to be something of a celebrity -I have never heard of one harassing a cockerel before, in fact they are usually very shy. I wonder if it is a tame bird that has escaped or been freed?

I read that the song-thrush populations are stable in "suburban gardens" (they are still declining in other habitats)and whilst I would not risk controversy by describing Kenn as suburban, no doubt your gardens are similar to those on the edge of conurbations.

Trevor RIDDLE

## BIRD NEWS II

A cuckoo was calling near the Village hall early one morning at the beginning of May, unfortunately it was before most people were up and I expect very few heard him.

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## CHURCHYARD CHALLENGE

N.W.

G.W.

S.W.

M.H.

*"See here together dissolved in dust we lie.*

*Therefore prepare you for eternity.*

*For die we must, we know not where or when.*

*Therefore prepare you for your latter end."*

S.W. J.W. S.W.

This inscription in this ancient writing is on a very old gravestone in Kenn Churchyard.

Here is a challenge - see if you can find it - its not easy!!!

I wonder if it refers to the WARNE family who lived in Kenn many years ago, when Samuel WARNE was a Church warden?

Ray NAISH

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Mr. D. Wall  
Kenn Valley Sports & Social Club  
Kenn  
Nr. Clevedon  
North Somerset

Dear Derek,

Yet again, another very successful Horse Race Night on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, making £619.00 for our funds.

Everyone who came along from the Centre said what a good night it was and 'how well run'!! obviously thanks to you, of course, your very efficient Tote Ladies, Shirley, Vera and Sheila and your bar staff who all did a grand job.

Our sincere thanks to you all for supporting our Centre in this way and our thanks also to your locals who joined in, buying horses, betting on the night etc. etc.

We greatly value your support as our work continues and you may rest assured that this money will be put to very good use as we continue to help and support those with MS.

Hope to see you again next year - can we top £619.00 though?.....

Once again, many thanks.

With kind regards.

*On behalf of everyone at our Centre*