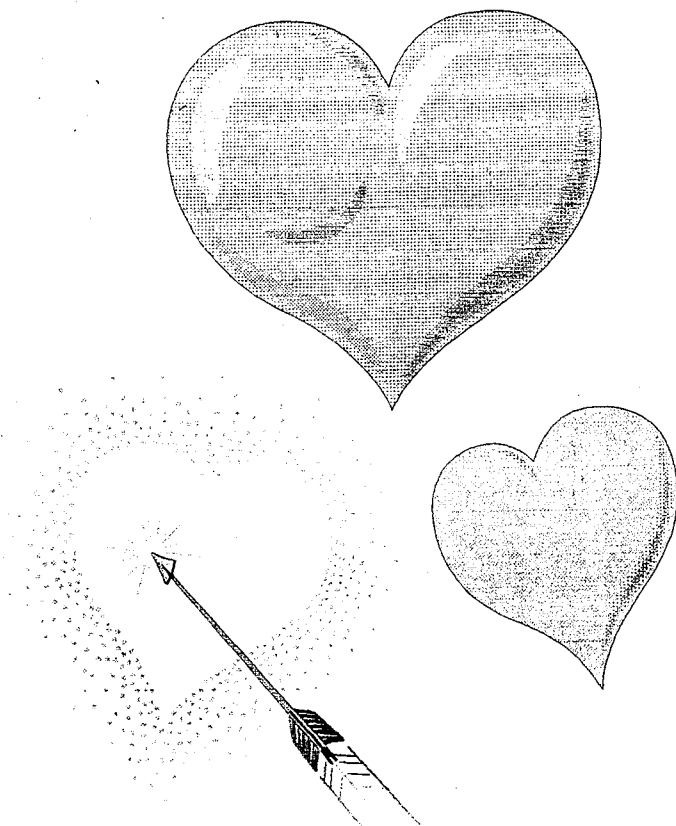


KENN NEWS AND VIEWS



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Message from Ed.

New Year started with a bang for the last ten houses in Kenn. BANG ! off went our electricity on a Saturday at 4 o'clock, but at 8 o'clock it was restored, not too bad we thought, then on Sunday at 3.45, BANG ! off it went again, but this time it stayed off until 10.45 pm Monday evening.

I lost count of how many times I tried to switch on our lights ! Our heating is gas, but with an electric pump !

We forget just how dependant we are on electricity. Thank you to people who came to the rescue with flasks of hot water for a cup of tea, and for hot meals.

SWEB will pay compensation if the electricity supply is lost for 24 hours or more. It's not much but it is worth claiming off your bill just for the inconvenience. I'm still mighty glad to have the power back.

HOWEVER !!

The following Saturday, BANG !! off goes the water; a burst main further down the road, so no water all day until early evening.

They say it goes in threes, I'm hoping with fingers crossed that enough is enough.

We're lambing now, as are many other farmers. So insanity will be upon us between now and the end of it as there is nothing as daft as a ewe. Nothing compares to a ewe or lamb for just having a single aim to die and I ask just this - are sheep related to wildebeest ?

When it comes to jumping into ditches or rivers and drowning it can't just be one that does it ! it's got to be at least 10!

Anyway, let's have your news, views, stories, poems or whatever by February 22nd. Thank you,

Sheila

Birthdays/Anniversaries

February 1st	Tim Taylor
2nd	Katy Stowell
14th	Mrs. Gladys Denmead
16th	Marianna Mackay
19th	Jeff Naish
25th	James Griffin
27th	Jenny Pascoe

Naish's Notes

We have several of our villagers having been in hospital or been poorly, so we wish them all a speedy recovery. Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Withers and Alexis Papasolomontos.

Advance Notice for your diaries - ANNUAL EVENT July 11th BBQ and Disco, Oakland Farm, Kenn 8-late. Charity to be advised.

We have received a letter from BIBIC which has been reprinted further on in the mag.

Jamie Derrick, our little lad with cerebral palsy who we raised money for a computer for has been promised

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this computer and table etc. for this month. We will keep you informed.

I am organising a Valentine's bash on Saturday 14th February. This is to raise funds for the new Children's Hospital in Bristol. This is for the Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal. I have pin badges on sale for £1. We have a live band called Atlantis who are broadly based on the Shadows, followed by a Disco and the usual raffle. Tickets are £3 from myself or Kenn Valley Social Club where the function will take place. Please come and support this new band who are making their debut for us.

Buy a badge - or raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Anyone who wishes to enter into the spirit of Wallace and Gromit can come dressed in the "wrong trousers", otherwise ordinary dress will do.

Will romance be in the air? who knows: be there, have some fun and help this good cause.

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Snippets

Mrs. Kay Harris

December 24th we flew our flag at half mast to remember the passing of Mrs. Kay Harris.

Mr. Charles Harris

We are sorry to record the passing of Mr. Charles Harris on 23rd January, our flag was flown at half mast.

December 25th, we flew our flag to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and family who have come to live at Truxgarth. We hope they will enjoy living in Kenn.

Fund Raiser for Kenn Village Hall.

Many thanks to Mrs. Denmead for the gift of £130 for Hall Funds - the result of her efforts in selling Christmas Cards and Gifts.

Congratulation

Congratulations to Matt and Jill Butland (nee Morris) on the safe arrival of Harry a brother for Jack and a third grandson for Mr. Ben Morris of Duck Lane.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday February 10th from 10.30 am - 12 noon at Kenn Court.

Every month Kenn News and Views is delivered to every Kenn household; please support the Coffee Morning for thank you gifts to our devoted Kennites who produce our newsletter for us to enjoy.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to support the effort please contact Mrs. Irene Stowell 872642.
Bring and Buy and Raffle.

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Keep Fit Classes on Monday and Thursday evenings and Dog Training Classes on Tuesday evenings. All at Kenn Village Hall.

Patients

Mrs. Jean Withers and Mrs Grace Griffin who have both been in hospital and now home.

Accident

Mrs. Barbara Russell fell in the village and unfortunately broke her ankle. We wish all these ladies a speedy recovery.

RM.Dyer.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd February - Kenn Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm - Kenn Village Hall - Everyone welcome.

Monday 9th February - Kenn History Group at 7.30 pm - The Granary, Duck Lane, Kenn.

Tuesday 10th February - Coffee Morning at Kenn Court - 10.30 - noon.

Wednesday 11th February 7.30 pm - Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Women's Institute.

Speaker - Supt. Allison Police Air Support.

Competition - Drinking Vessel

Wednesday 18th February 2.00 pm - Kenn Village Hall - Jumble Sale in aid of Christmas Parties - this will include a Blue Peter Bring and Buy Table.

KENN WOMENS' INSTITUTE

President Miss Ann Holtham welcomed members and our guest Mrs Marlene Arney to the January Meeting.

A springlike bowl of flowers, arranged by Mrs. Joy Morris brightened the table as all the business was dealt with, including the Resolutions Agenda for the IGM next June.

Out of the list of ten, the banning of using car phones whilst driving came top, followed by the removal of the single-person's supplement on holiday accommodation etc. and more support for child-carers, who often have difficulty in attending school and having time for any social life of their own.

Letters of thanks were read from Mrs Holtham and Mrs Crawley and it was reported that some WI diaries were faulty - if you have one, please return it for a replacement.

Our Speaker, Mrs. Pat Davies, promised us a trip to Iceland - no, not there: the country.

Unfortunately the projector had the sulks and so Mrs. Davies kindly gave us an impromptu talk, and answered our many questions. It certainly sounds an amazing place, though driving is not for the faint-hearted, what with all the boiling mud, ravines and exploding geysers !

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The competition was for a holiday photo and was won by Mrs. B. Bubbs, (2) Mrs Prew and (3) Mrs. Ings. The winners for most points won during the year were Mrs. Prew, Mrs. Ings and

Mrs. Dyer, who all received prizes presented by Mrs. Harris.

The Trade Stall did good business, and Mrs. Blake and Mrs Kingcott were presented with gifts to show our appreciation of their hard work during the past year.

Refreshments and a raffle ended the evening.

QUIZ EVENING

14 Teams assembled at about 8 o'clock to do battle with Kenn Quizmaster Roger Wilcox.

It is surprising what gems you can drag from the memory banks when forced, but even though I have answered the question before, I still can't fathom out why that darned plane does not end up back at Lulsgate after apparently flying in a square !!!

A fish and chip supper was welcome at "half time" refuelling the brain cells for more teasers and musical questions which I regret to say I remembered first hand, some tens of years ago.

An enjoyable evening was had by all with the spoils going to a team basking in the name "Three plus a nerd".

My thanks to Roger for his hard work in setting the questions and to his band of helpers and to all those who took

part and raised a super sum of £90 for the Friends of Kenn Church.

Thanks again,

Simon (The Nerd???)

Schools

There are just about fifty children under sixteen years of age living in Kenn. I have just worked out that they attend around twelve different schools between them. Is it any wonder that children from one end of the village don't know those from the other end.

It was very different when I was a youngster, then we had our own Village School. In those days all the children under eleven years old attended there, almost without exception. In those far off days everyone knew everyone.

It is rather sad that so few actual village children attend the excellent Sunday School we have running at the present time.

Over half of those attending live outside the village, it could be a good way for village children to get to know each other. The Sunday School leaders and all members of the Church welcome all children to join them, whether they live in Kenn or elsewhere.

Ray Naish.

Kenn

Do we appreciate how lucky we are to live in Kenn. It is a very rural village with very friendly people living here, generally they are excellent

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neighbours, very helpful when people have troubles.

The young people who live here never cause any troubles, vandalism amongst them is unknown.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Angela and her family at this sad time.

R. V. Naish.

Many of the older residents are visited by friends, some on an almost daily basis, no one need be really lonely.

Kenn is wonderfully situated, it is within five minutes of the motorway network, it is near the coast and shops, the City of Bristol is only a few miles away for those who want to go there (I don't).

There is very little air pollution, so must be an above average healthy place to live in.

What a difference to places where there is very heavy air pollution. I read that the inhabitants of New York are never able to see the stars in the sky because the air is so thick with pollution.

Ray Naish.

Mrs Bernadine Shaw

Mrs. Shaw has recently passed away, she was often in Kenn when visiting her daughter Mrs. Angela Bullock of Latcham House, Kenn Street.

Mrs. Shaw lived in Nailsea, but always showed interest in what was happening in Kenn, she was a generous contributor to many fund raising events in this village.

BIRD NEWS

The first half of January has been characterised by rain and gales and the severe storms of the first weekend blew a few seabirds up the estuary.

However, in mid-winter most are miles out to sea and are not seen from land. Now the forecast is for cold and frosty weather, so maybe we shall see more Redwings and Fieldfares as a result.

Our garden has been very quiet birdwise, but a neighbour has reported Siskins regularly visiting her nut feeder, and maybe a cold snap will bring more into gardens.

The Short Eared Owls have been seen again on Nailsea Moor after a gap of 3 weeks, so it is likely that they will now stay until the end of February.

Yesterday Jill and I paid our annual visit to Slimbridge. Apart from the captive birds, many wild birds are enticed to the surrounding fields and no less than 2,000 White Fronted Geese were present. Some birdwatchers (more ardent than me) were trying to pick out 2 (very similar) Been Goose from the flock.

Jill and I just enjoyed the sight of a swirl of ten thousand birds (Dunlins,

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Golden Plover, Lapwings and Geese)
when a Peregrine Falcon passed over.

Trevor Riddle

On Wednesday 18th February - 2
o'clock at Kenn Village Hall for Kenn
Party Fund.

Also, at the same time, join in with
Pip's Bring and Buy Table Sale in aid
of Blue Peter Breatheasy Appeal
(Cystic Fibrosis)

H.J.J.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who
has enquired after my well-being, sent
cards and even given me lifts, when I
had broken my arm and after my
recent operation.

What would we do without our
neighbours and friends !

Grace Griffin.

The following are extracts from real
letters sent to various Benefit Offices,
contributed by Cliff Edwards:

In accordance with your instructions, I
have given birth to twins in the
enclosed envelope.

I want my money as quick as you can
send it. I have been in bed with the
Doctors for a week and he doesn't
seem to be doing any good. If things
don't improve I shall have to get
another Doctor.

Milk is wanted by my baby and the
father is unable to supply it.

In reply to your letter, I have already
cohabited with your officers without
result.

I am forwarding my marriage
certificate and two children, one of
which is a mistake, as you will see.

Re your dental enquiry, the teeth on
the top are alright, but the ones in my
bottom are still hurting terrible.

This is my eighth child what are you
going to do about it.

Kenn History Group

Our February meeting will be on
Monday 9th, 7.30 pm at The Granary,
Duck Lane; when Mandy Boyles will
give us a talk, with slides, on Flat
Holm.

Please feel welcome to attend.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of
Kay Harris, before Christmas, and
Charles Harris during January. They
both spent happy times coming to our
meetings in the past.

Grace Griffin.

JUMBLE SALE

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Unless I get my husbands money I
shall be forced to live an immortal life.

I am writing these few lines for Mrs. J
who cannot write herself as she
expects to be confirmed in a few days
and can do with it.

I have no children as my husband is a
bus driver and works night and day.



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14 January 1998

Mrs S Naish
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BS21 6TT

Dear Mrs Naish

Thank you for your generous donation of £517.10 from your fun run in aid of BIBIC - the British Institute for Brain Injured Children.

As I expect you will recall, BIBIC is a small national registered charity helping blind, deaf, and immobile youngsters to have lasting improvements in their quality of life. We currently help 250+ children in their own homes. We also have a waiting list of children as a result of the recent press coverage (enclosed) of our success.

We do not aim to teach parents to become health professionals. We distil items from different areas into a simple format that parents can usefully carry out at home. We accept that as in many things - from riding a bike to learning a language - practice improves performance.

There is no miracle cure for brain injury but if you could meet little Lauren - whose mother was told she could take her off to die - standing, talking, playing and laughing like other children of her age you would agree that dramatic progress is possible.

We receive no Government or Lottery funding and rely entirely on voluntary donations. Because our programme is home-based, it costs less than £3,000 a year to support each child on our programme of therapy. Your donation will help us to offer hope for a fuller life for a brain injured child. We all thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Meg Garner
Head of Corporate Fundraising

BIBIC offers a fighting alternative to accepting brain injury as untreatable

British Institute for Brain Injured Children is the operating name for BIBIC

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