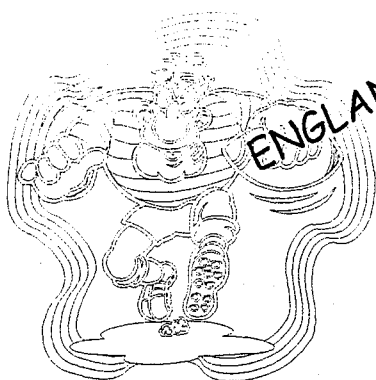
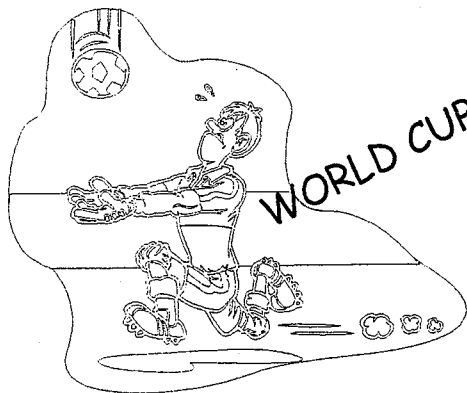
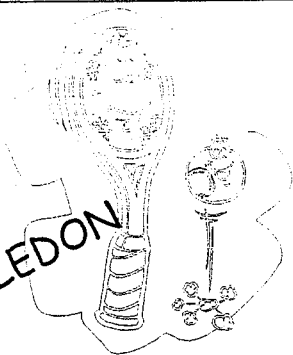


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Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 1 - Simon Pascoe
3 - Joshua Middleton
11 - Naomi Brain
Julian Wilcox
Wendy Papasolomontos
13 - Lyn Bye
15 - Matthew Gaunt
18 - Ian Pascoe
21 - Tom Bye
Heather Brain
Dave Pugh
22 - Yvonne Ayres
26 - Roger Wilcox
27 - Pip Jenkins

Message from Ed

The Tidy Village Competition is now imminent - so please take care, keep litter under control, pick a piece up here and there and let's see if we can't make Kenn a winner this year.

Naish's Notes

Miles and Sheila are holding their annual Barn Disco and B.B.Q. at Oakland Farm on SATURDAY 11th JULY - 8.00 pm - 1.30.

This year's charity is to be Clevedon Cottage Hospital

Tickets £3 from Sheila, Kenn Valley Social Club or Heather Jenkins.

The bar will be open all night, usual raffle - prizes gratefully received.

Over 18's please.

This year we will be having a "Cabaret" spot late on in the evening. Following their great success at Kenn Valley's Fun Day we are pleased to announce the return of the "lads" performing THE FULL MONTY. If

you missed them last time - don't this time !! Absolutely brilliant. You've seen the film - see it for real !
(I'm open to offers for front row spots !!! next to me of course)

B.B.Q. with beefburgers, sausages, pork chops, salad, onions etc. served til late. Join the fun. Support the new wing of Clevedon Cottage Hospital - We've all had need of it at some point.

Get your tickets early.

Church News

The Reverend Ian Hubbard who is at present Vicar of Winscombe has been appointed as the new Rector of the Parish of Yatton Moor. His licensing to this Parish will take place at St. Mary's, Yatton on October 9th.

On May 17th the Service of Evensong at Kenn Church focussed on the season of Rogation-tide.

The choir and congregation revived the ancient tradition of holding part of the service in the open air. The weather was perfect. The Reverend Chris Horseman read special prayers for the growing crops and blessed the surrounding fields and gardens.

All the hymns, one of which was sung in the open air, featured farming and growing crops and the countryside in general.

Members of the congregation commented on the wonderful view across the fields to the Mendips now that the churchyard hedge has been lowered.

They enjoyed coffee and biscuits outside the Church and seemed to

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enjoy taking part in this old custom.
there were thirty eight people present.

Ray Naish

Churchyard Spring Clean

Please help us to tidy our Churchyard on Tuesday 9th June, meeting there at 7.00 pm with clippers etc. so that we can have this area ready for the inspection the Best Kept Village Competition which starts on the 15th June.

St. John's Altar Guild

June Rota

Mrs. R. Bell and Mrs. M. Stowell

A big thank you to all the ladies and gents who helped to Spring Clean Kenn Church. It was very much appreciated.

Many thanks,

Iris and Jean

KENN NOTES - SNIPPETS

Kenn Women's Institute Strawberry Tea

The members of the Kenn W.I. are organising a Strawberry Tea in aid of The Friends of Clevedon Hospital in the garden of Kenn Court (weather permitting) otherwise in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday July 4th at 3 pm.

Tickets for Strawberry Tea £3 from W.I. members or ring 872676.

Other attractions will be a Bring and Buy Stall, Plants Stall and a Raffle.

Please come and meet your friends and neighbours and support our local Hospital - We are indeed so blessed to have hospital just a short distance away.

R.M.Dyer

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st June - Kenn Village Hall
- 7.30 p.m. Kenn Parish Council

Saturday 6th June - Kenn Valley Social Club - Fun Singalong Night and Cash Bingo.

Sunday 7th June - Kenn Valley Social Club 10.00 - 5.00 Somerset Vintage Farming Society - ENGINE RALLY

Tuesday 9th June - Churchyard Blitz
Everyone welcome with clippers from 7 pm.

Wednesday 10th June - Kenn Village Hall at 7.30 - Kenn Women's Institute - Speaker Mr Amesbury on Origin of Surnames - Competition - Three Roses

Saturday 4th July Strawberry Tea,
Kenn Court Garden - weather permitting.

Saturday 11th July - Barn Disco and B.B.Q. at Oaklands Farm

Tuesday 11th August - 10 - 12
Coffee Morning at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn - by kind invitation of Jean Naish - Proceeds to the Friends of Kenn Church.

Saturday 29th August - Kenn thro' the Ages - information and details in next issue of Kenn News and Views.

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KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President Miss Holtham welcomed members to the May meeting and introduced Mrs Ball from Clevedon WI, who will be our joint delegate at the Brighton IGM.

Mrs Morris was thanked for her flower arrangement and thank you letters were read from Mrs Lamb, who is recovering from her operation, Mrs Dyer for the cards etc received on her anniversary, and from Mrs Surridge who has left the village to join her daughter in Falmouth. We are sorry to lose Iris and send her our very good wishes for the future.

Treasurer Mrs Crawley was pleased to report a profit of over £80 from the recent jumble sale. North Newton will be joining us for the August meeting and there will be a reciprocal visit in September.

Mrs Blake and Mrs Kingcott had enjoyed a WI day out at Cardiff, and Mrs Ings and Mrs Prew had an equally good time at Walton-in-Gordano WI's birthday party.

Fifteen members from Kenn had attended the Group Meeting at Tickenham, again a very good evening. To crown it Kenn members had won four of the lovely flower arrangements by Mrs Tilman, given as prizes in the raffle.

All these events led to a discussion of the benefits of joining the WI - there are always lots of events at very reasonable cost, plus the support of a group of very friendly people.

Then on to the serious stuff - the IGM Resolutions.

1) Young Carers: 'This meeting urges HMG to ensure that full support is available to assist school-aged children who are carers, in order that their welfare and education are protected'.

This was discussed at length. It is known there is a minimum of 30,000 of these children, who often help to care for a parent or sibling 24 hours a day, and only when their school work is affected does the problem come to light. The voting on this was left to Mrs Ball's discretion.

Resolution 2) Housing: 'The NFWI urges all levels of government (national, regional and local) to make the regeneration of brownfield sites in urban areas a priority in the planning of housing development'.

This was carried unanimously after being discussed at length. It was also strongly felt that measures such as the abolition of VAT on the refurbishment of old properties should be brought in urgently.

Our speaker, Mrs Joy Morris, then gave a very amusing and encouraging talk on Beauty for the Mature Woman. This, she said, is anyone over twenty-one.

Diets help but then the dread word exercise was mentioned. However, Mrs Morris went on to explain that this need not mean a grim workout in lycra shorts. It can be incorporated into daily tasks. While you wait for the kettle to boil, use the sink-unit as a ballet barre. Give each leg a good long stretch. And if you cannot manage that, use a kitchen stool instead of the sink-unit. Pull on door frames as you go through; this will firm up your bust. And before

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you drive off in your car, go to each wheel and bend down as though checking the tyres. This will impress the men as they will think you are at last becoming car-minded, but the real purpose, of course, is to whittle down your waist. these tips and many others should have us losing inches by the end of summer.

Mrs Joyce Jeffrey volunteered to be made up by Mrs Morris and advice was given on beauty products.

Refreshments and a raffle ended a most interesting evening.

The competition was won by Mrs Kingcott, with Mrs Bubb second and Mrs Dyer third.

Next month's speaker will be Mr Amesbury on the Origin of Surnames and the competition is for three roses.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Best Kept Village time approaches again. The judging begins this year on 15th June and depending on success in each round continues throughout the summer. The easiest way to fail in the competition is to leave litter lying around. We know most of it comes from passing motorists but please pick it up and take it home if you see any.

The Millennium also approaches. As a memento of the year the Parish Council hopes it will be possible to make an album with a photograph of each house (from the outside) and of the family living in it in the year 2000.

Brief details of previous occupants and history would also be included if known. It will be very interesting to future residents even in 50 years time. It is hoped that everyone will be willing to take part.

FOR SALE - BEDDING PLANTS

Mrs Mary Willcox of Yew Tree Farm is again offering Bedding Plants for sale with proceeds going towards Kenn Church Funds.

Telephone 872837

Kenn Thro' the Ages

Saturday 29th August

Amongst the various displays to be seen at the above event will be one entitled "WAR"

If anyone has any memorabilia suitable for showing, (especially World War II) Please contact Cliff Edwards 870329.

Kenn History Group

Unfortunately we have not been able to get a sufficient number of people to arrange a visit to Clevedon Court (25 minimum).

A walk has been arranged by Ray for Tuesday 16th June at 7.00 pm meeting at Stonehouse Farm.

Would anyone be interested in an evening trip on the Waverley ?

Please let me know on Clevedon 872948

Grace Griffin.

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Thanks

Dear Sheila,

May I through the News and Views thank all my good friends and neighbours for their cards and messages of good wishes during my stay in hospital. I am progressing well and will soon be out and about.

Mary Lamb.

BIRD NEWS I

The May edition of K.N. & V. was a real bumper issue with all the local bird news. It really is very interesting, as birdwatchers tend to concentrate their visits on nature reserves and local areas tend to be overlooked.

Song Thrushes certainly seem to be doing well locally - perhaps they are beginning to adapt better to village living. Let us hope that species currently in decline can similarly get to grips with late 1990's living and start to increase again. Shelducks also seem to be more noticeable on the moors and Kingfishers always enjoy mild winters such as we have just had.

The sighting of Common (Grey) Partridge is very good news - I wonder if they will rear a family this year ?

Generally speaking our summer birds seem to have arrived in good numbers with the notable exception of the Cuckoo - I have only heard one locally and there are not many on the Somerset Levels (Shapwick), a site that usually holds several cuckoos.

Our House Martins returned early in the month and there seems to have

been a dispute over the nest sites as there are more birds than nests.

During the May Day Bank Holiday one of my survey walks around Yatton produced a real surprise; a singing Grasshopper Warbler. This bird reels like a (loud) grasshopper and was the first I have ever recorded in the area. There must have been a passage as a friend heard two more in the Kingston Seymour area on the same day.

Later in my walk there was another surprise, a beautiful singing Redstart. This species used to breed in the area many years ago, so I wonder if it will find a mate.

During the day I heard no less than eight species of warbler in song, including several Lesser Whitethroats. These are scarcer than Common Whitethroats and sing a little 'rattle', rather like a Yellowhammer but without the "cheese" at the end.

A walk from North End to Kenn in search of Tree Sparrow was unsuccessful but a Peregrine Falcon was watched repeatedly stooping over a rhyme. It eventually gave up and flew off and we discovered a duck Mallard in the rhyme. She was much too sensible to be put to flight so the falcon, unwilling to fly below field level was frustrated.

Warmer summer evenings in June should be good for looking for Little Owls and perhaps Barn Owls. If these birds are feeding you they generally start to become active from around 8 o'clock onwards.

Trevor Riddle.

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BIRD NEWS II

Jeff Naish has reported seeing a pair of Geese at the old "Decoy Pool Farm" he said they were about the size of Muscovy Ducks and had almost white heads, it has been suggested that they were Grey Lags, probably hand reared.

Mrs. Edith Tripp who lives at "Riverside", Nailsea Wall, who is one of the most senior readers of News and Views and lives on the bank of the old River Kenn has told me that several mallard visit her garden daily, one pair has got very brave and if she leaves her back door open they come into her back kitchen and pinch her cat's food. They also leave their visiting cards behind.

It is May 26th and I still haven't heard a cuckoo this year, one has been heard in the Kenn Pier area. David and Mary Holmes have heard one in the Mendip Road area of Yatton.

Starlings seem to have had a good breeding season, everywhere you go around here there are flocks of noisy young starlings flying around looking for food.

Ray Naish.

Cancer Research Campaign

Well done to everyone in Kenn who supported the house to house collection for the above charity. The grand sum of £82.23 was collected. I'm sorry it we were unable to get back to some people to collect the envelopes.

A special thank you to Joan Stevens and John Staples for their help. Thank you again.

Heather Jenkins

Spring Time

What a wonderful sight the countryside around here has been these past few weeks, the cow parsley and the may bushes have never looked better. The cow parsley on either side of the Kenn/Claverham road through the Kenn Moor was almost car height, like driving through a tunnel, one field out there was a mass of cuckoo flowers

There are very few good cider apple orchards left in this district, the best one I have seen belongs to Frank Kingcott and family of Ham Farm, Kingston Seymour; the orchard there was a sight to behold early in May, every tree was a mass of blossom.

I have been thinking about what the old people who lived around here say sixty years ago would have been saying about this wonderful sight, they all talked with the lovely old Somerset dialect in those days. I can hear old Jack Denmead who was an old man when I was a boy saying something like this.

"Wunerful apple blowth tu yer, I hant never sid nuthin like it afore, maby we shall get a heavy crop of apples thecas fall if we dont get no late frosties"

Translated into modern English,

Wonderful apple blossom this year, I haven't ever seen anything like it before, maybe we shall get a heavy crop of apples this fall, if we don't get any late frosts.

Ray Naish

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Tracing Ancestors

I have had a letter from a man who lives in Sussex who tells me that he is a descendent of an old Kenn family. His greatgrandfather was named BRAY and lived at Kenn Pier. His greatgrandmother was a PARSONS who also lived at Kenn Pier. There are still several members of the Bray family living in Clevedon. Can anyone let me know which houses they lived in or anything about the family when they lived in Kenn.

I met a man at church last Sunday whose name was WARE who lives in the West Midlands. He told me his family also came from Kenn originally. Again, can anyone let me know where the Ware family lived when in this Village or any details of them.

Mr. Ware was down here to see the re-opening of the Pier. He also has relatives in Clevedon.

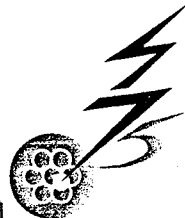
Ray Naish

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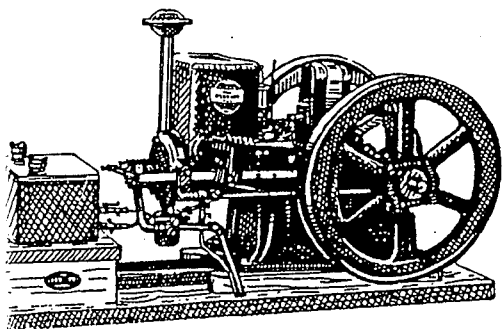
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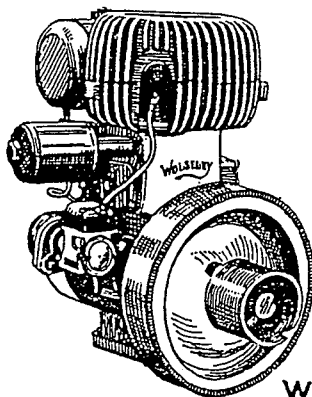
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The Cancer Research Campaign acknowledges with thanks receipt of the sum of £82. 23
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Kenn.

Sandra Pine
Hon. Chairman



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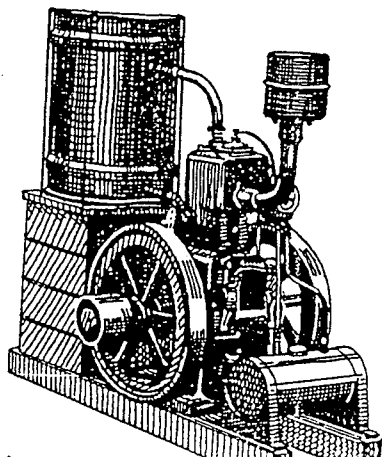
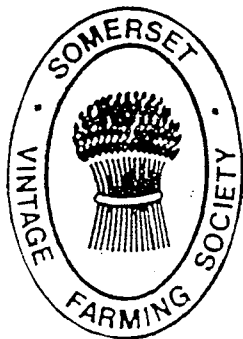
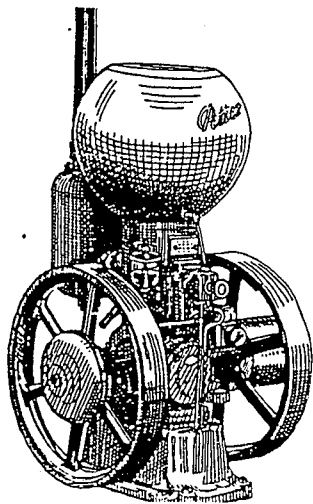


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SOMERSET VINTAGE FARMING SOCIETY

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ON 7th JUNE 1998 AT KENN SPORTS
AND SOCIAL CLUB

10 am - 4pm
ENGINE RALLY



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SUNDAY 7th JUNE

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