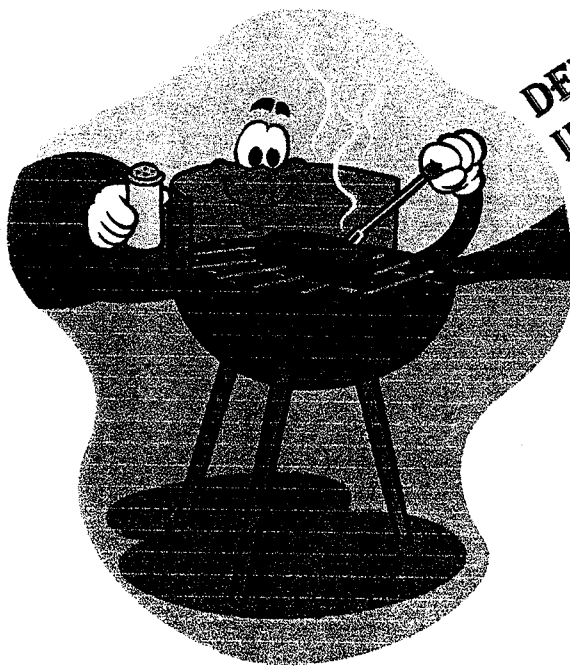


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**FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH
BBQ
VILLAGE HALL FIELD
SATURDAY 17TH JULY**



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 5 - Avril Gaunt
7 - Adam Gamester
8 - Oliver Hart
10 - Caroline Holden
15 - Mrs Gladys Griffin
21 - Toby Naish
24 - Brian Walters
25 - Sue Pugh
27 - Jessica Brett
28 - Juliet Stowell
Jack Stowell

Naish's Notes

Our condolences go to Mr. Ivor Youde and his family on the sad loss of his wife Joyce. The funeral was held at St. Andrews Church, Clevedon and the flag was flown at half-mast. Mrs. Claire Leaman represented the village.

FOR SALE -
Electric Organ £100 o.n.o.
Tel. 01934 518028 Nick for details.
Larger, more comprehensive model.

Need new windows? Thinking about a conservatory? Reliable service - ask for a quote
- Contact Sheila 01934 838357

HEALTH TIPS

- 1. It's holiday time ! A quick cure for sunburn - cover with natural yoghurt. It takes the pain and heat away - and works.*
- 2. Natural yoghurt covering leg ulcers - helps bring relief and speeds up the healing process.*

Has anyone any other remedies we could pass on to our readers. Let us know !!

Welcome to Viv and Julie who have recently moved into the end cottage on the lay-by ! Anyone wishing to purchase a second-hand car ? Pop down and look in the lay-by ! Contact Julie for details.

Well done to Pip Jenkins who won many prizes at the Pony Club Show at the Equestrian Centre last month.

The Village looks lovely, let's keep it tidy - who knows, we could win !!

Doesn't our new Bus Shelter look lovely - thank you to John Griffin for organising the purchase of it. Very posh indeed.

Don't forget, if you want to go to Goodwood Races, you need to book with Mike at the Drum and Monkey - now !!!

The Steak and Strawberries meal for £4.95 is very popular - I can vouch for that - pop up the Drum and sample some - Scrummy !!!!

Sunday 4th July. Comet (Clevedon) Staff are holding a Charity Fun Day at Kenn Valley Social Club to aid the Kosovo Refugees. All Welcome - lots to do - Bring the family.

Saturday 17th July WASP is holding a Charity Horse Race Night - Contact Cheryl Quinn 01275 876880 or Kenn Valley Social Club (the venue) for details 01934 832086. Come along and have a bet and a good time.

Heather and myself have been to see Boyzone, Backstreet Boys and All Saints in 3 separate concerts recently - who says you have to be a teenager !! We've had a really brilliant time and

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intend to continue - so if you feel the urge to "boogie" - do it ! It's such fun !!! (We went to see Errol Brown - from Hot Chocolate, as well - but at least he was more our age group)

The only drawback to "younger" concerts is that they blow whistles all the time - you have to resist the urge to strangle some fans, but still - we used to just scream ! now who is next on our Agenda - back to the Box Office

As everyone is aware, Farmers are struggling with market prices for their stock - the following is an extract from the letter sent to Miles from The Wool Board, enclosed with the cheque for our fleeces when we had the sheep sheared:

03 June 1999

"Dear Mr. Naish,

As you will note there is **NO** balance payment for some of your wool - furthermore carriage charges may be applicable.

This has occurred because of the poor market situation whereby the wool in question failed to reach at auction the interim price paid.

As widely reported in the press and explained in our 1999 Price Schedule the last year has been the most difficult trading period in the Board's history. etc. etc."

So, not only is the stock not worth much, the wool is now virtually worthless and we've still got to pay staff and sheep shearers.

It's getting harder to earn a living and very demoralising for farmers.

Sheila.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Chris, Lee and Kelly Adlam who have recently moved into Orchard House, next door to the Post Office.

Kenn History Group - July Walk

The July walk will be on Tuesday 13th, meeting at Stonehouse Farm at 6.45 pm. We hope to take a walk around a farm at Kingston Seymour. Everyone is invited to join us.

Church News - Confirmation

On Thursday 10th June at All Saints Church, East Clevedon five young people from the Parish of Yatton Moor were confirmed by the Bishop of Taunton. They were Angel Middleton, Andrew Jenkins and Jerry Naish from Kenn, Becky Thomas from Kingston Seymour and Matt Lee from Yatton.

It was good to see so many people from Kenn joining with relatives of the candidates at the Service - there to give these young people their support.

St. John's Altar Guild

July Rota

Mrs. G. Griffin and Mrs. S. Naish.

Many Thanks to all who helped tidy the Churchyard ready for the Best Kept Village Competition, it looks a picture.

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**FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH
BARBECUE
at
THE VILLAGE HALL FIELD
KENN**

**SATURDAY 17th JULY 1999
from 7.00 pm**

Bring your own drinks

**Tickets - £3.00 adults
£1.00 children**

**from Church Wardens,
Committee Members,
Kenn Post Office
or ring Grace Griffin on 872948**

(if wet in Kenn Village Hall)

Offers of help to Grace please !!

KENN NOTES - SNIPPETS

Best Kept Village

Thanks to Robert Willcox for cutting the Village Hall hedge, to Jean Fenwick for cleaning the entrance to Hall, to Heather Jenkins for putting flowering plants there. To Marianna Mackay for planting the pots on the Village Green. To those who tidied the Churchyard, to all those Kennites who pick up rubbish others leave around and to everyone who makes the effort to make Kenn a Best Kept Village - keep up the good work.

R.M.Dyer

Our Flag

We are sorry to report the passing of Mrs Joyce Youde of Wendover on 18th June. To Mr. Ivor Youde and son Stephen our sincere sympathy in their great loss. We flew our flag at half mast.

Celebration - 10th June, we flew our flag to celebrate the birthday of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

19th June, we flew our flag to celebrate the marriage of His Royal Highness Prince Edward and Miss Sophie Rhys Jones at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. We wish them many happy years together.

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 14th July at Kenn Village Hall - 7.30 pm. Kenn W.I.

- Water Cascade by Mrs M. Sykes.
Non members are most welcome.
Competition - Slogan for saving water.

Saturday 17th July at Kenn Village Hall. - Friends of Kenn Church Barbecue.

Every Thursday at Kenn Village Hall 8.00 pm. Burns, Turns and Thighs, Keep Fit with Sue Gilbert.

Advance Dates

Wednesday 4th August - Coffee Morning at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn for Friends of Kenn Church 10-12 noon.

Wednesday 25th August - 7.00 pm Jumble Sale for Kenn Village Hall.

September 18th/19th Kenn thro' the Ages.

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Best Kept Village

Many thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, to the people of this Village who made such a great effort to get everything very neat and tidy before the judging started on 15th June.

Something like twenty people, over several days, helped to get the Churchyard in good shape.

I drove around the Village early in the morning of the 15th, it looked wonderful, there were just one or two eyesores; chiefly the responsibility of non-residents. It would be disappointing if these spoiled our chances of winning the competition.

Parish Councillors hope everyone likes our new Bus Shelter. It is our gift to the Village for the Millennium and it is hoped it will last many years. The old one that was taken down had a life-span of around 50 years.

Adopt a Grave in the Churchyard

Several people who have no relatives interred in the Churchyard have asked me if they can take charge of a grave, with a view to keeping it neat and tidy.

I think this is a great idea. There are many graves of people who have no relatives left here to look after them.

If you would like to take charge of a certain grave, please have a word with Renee Bell of myself, Ray Naish.

Christian Aid I

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. To everyone in Kenn who gave so generously in Christian Aid Week in May. At the first count, we had collected just under £160.

Thanks to the ever faithful Jean Fenwick, also to John Griffin and Heather Noad who stepped in at the last minute to collect envelopes when I was a bit overwhelmed.

Julia Bush

Christian Aid II

Re: the above.

I haven't actually lived in Kenn since 1981 and as a result I'm sometimes not up to speed on the ever changing population of the village.

So ! Somewhere out there, there must be hordes of people with the time, energy and will to help with next year's Christian Aid Week.

Many collectors mean fewer doors each. So please give me a call on 01275 873554 if you can help (otherwise I will start head hunting)

Kenn Women's' Institute

Members were warmly welcomed to the June Meeting by Miss Holtham. It was such a beautiful evening and that, together with Mrs. Harris's Sweet Williams, made us all feel that summer HAD arrived.

Business was soon dealt with and the Newsletter quickly scanned: as usual it was full of interesting events, from discounts for the Horse of the Year Show to photography and jazz.

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Mrs Dyer had attended the Group Representatives meeting at Tickenham and reported that a Travelling Tutor will be there to give an entertainment of Music from the Musicals on 19th October.

A Group Garden party will be held at Kenn Court on 30th July.

The next Group Meeting will be at Walton-in-Gordano when Mrs Bruton will give a talk on Clothes from Victorian Days to the 1960s. The competition will be for a template of a dress for a paper doll.

There will be a Coffee Evening on 11th August at Kenn Village Hall in aid of our charity for the year. It starts at 7 pm and there will be stalls including a Bring and Buy.

Our attention was drawn to the Government's intention to pay all Social Security payments through banks, who will charge the recipients a fee. It was strongly felt that this would be unfair to the recipients, many of whom are, of course, elderly and infirm and also to village Post Offices. These are in a lot of cases only just staying in business and to remove this service would be the death of yet another amenity in the countryside. Everyone is urged to write, both as members of W.I. and as individuals to MPs and newspapers to ensure that this idea is abandoned.

At the time of the Meeting there had been no report back from our Delegate to the I.G.M.

Kenn Through The Ages will now take place on 18th/19th September.

Mr. Taylor, our Speaker, brought some charming photos of flowers that grow round the Avon Gorge area.

He informed us that Hellebores were at one time used to cure children of worms. Unfortunately these plants are so poisonous that they often killed the poor child as well.

Many orchids grow in this area and what a strange sex-life they have. Some pretend to be insects, while others are self-pollinating and so produce clones; every one an exact copy of its parent. One old remedy that is based on truth is that cowslip wine is a cure for nervousness. Cowslips do contain a form of tranquilliser. Hawthorn has many superstitions. One is that it is unlucky to bring the flower into the house.

The competition for a wild-flower arrangement was won by Mrs Kingcott. second Mrs Arney and third Mrs Prew. Next month's Speaker will be Mrs M. Sykes on Water Cascade and the competition is for a Slogan on Saving Water.

Shirley Livesey
871419

Leader of Tomorrow

One of our own Kenn young people has been recognised as a future Leader for the Year 2025.

Rebecca Brain, of The Limes, at Kenn was selected to represent Wales in the Price Waterhouse Coopers "Leaders of Tomorrow" competition and went on to win the National Finals held at The Savoy Hotel earlier this month. This was a televised event and should be broadcast later in the year.

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Rebecca is currently in the 3rd year of medical studies at Cardiff University (hence representing Wales). Her vision for her position in the year 2025 is to be leading a mission hospital in the Third world (preferably in India).

Rebecca Brain and Duncan Mackay led the Backwell school Young Enterprise company "Forever Green" four years ago and since then she has excelled in her medical studies, worked in India and learned Hindi.

Last summer she received a Wellcome Trust scholarship to study smooth muscle at Belfast University and made a major breakthrough in the understanding of the muscle. In years to come this will help people with bladder problems.

Rebecca has written five revision guide books which have been bought by Cardiff University and are now on their web page for medical students.

Rebecca received her award from Prince Michael of Kenn and a part of her prize is an all expenses paid trip to New York. She plans to study Breast Cancer while she is there and also work in an accident and emergency unit.

The Gala Dinner for the National Finals was a wonderful event with 342 guests attending a champagne reception followed by the award ceremony and then a dinner.

Melvin Bragg was Master of Ceremonies, and a two minute video of each of the 7 regional finalists was shown and then celebrity guests were called forward to open the black envelopes containing the names of the 3 National winners. After each

winner was called to receive their award from the Prince a five minute video was shown of their life,

It was an amazing evening and one the Brain family will remember for many years to come.

Heather Brain.

Seen Around

Several unusual happenings lately, all seen from the garden.

Am I the only person ever to have been hit by a low-flying Sparrow Hawk ? I was cleaning the car a while ago at the side of my house when a small bird travelling far too quickly for me to properly identify, swooped around the corner of the house, over my head so as I felt the rush of air, followed closely by a Sparrow Hawk.

Obviously as unaware of my presence as was its target, the pursuer actually brushed me on the side of the face with its wing before crossing Kenn Street at tremendous speed and disappearing at zero feet across a farm gate and out of sight. I wonder if he, or she, was as surprised as me !

A few days later I watched a Kestrel devour a small rodent whilst sitting on a fence post at the bottom of my garden. It really is a treat to view these magnificent birds of prey, which are once again becoming fairly commonplace.

Only a couple of days later, and in bright sunshine, at about five in the afternoon, a very large dog fox ambled across the field behind my property, made a small detour to disturb a

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couple of crows, then proceeded to sit and bask in the sunshine for a few minutes before continuing along the edge of the field and eventually out of sight.

The Green Woodpecker that visited my garden regularly and became, I think, the subject of the "Mysterious Grey Bird" letters last year, is back. Now however it's sporting a much greener livery with its crimson head very much in evidence. Green Woodpeckers do not develop their adult livery until at least a year old and remain a rather dull grey as yearlings. Green Woodpeckers are more likely to be seen on your lawn than in trees with which they are more usually associated and where they are more difficult to spot. Their habit of alternating between digging for insects and pointing their severe looking beaks skyward, scouting for danger and usually emitting sometimes one, but more usually three, shrill "peeps" of a call makes them readily identifiable. As they mature the call becomes more of a shrill cackle.

However, "Spot of the Month", must be a Deer, again seen in the field behind my house. Around three in the afternoon, a couple of Saturdays ago, my son pointed out a reddish to sandy coloured animal some fifty yards or so away, looking at us in the garden. It was about the size of a largish dog, smooth haired and with the unmistakable head of a member of the deer family. I thought at first it was a young Roe deer, but having managed to get an albeit fleeting glance at it with binoculars, which I always keep handy, the sandy colour the curved back and the way it moved as it ran back across the field reminded me of

another similar creature I have seen in parks, zoos and on television wildlife programmes, the Muntjac.

Roger Wilcox.



Muntjac: the male emits frequent barks to warn other animals of danger.

BIRD NEWS - ISLE OF ARRAN

Jill and I have just returned from a week's holiday on the Isle of Arran. This time with a party from the R.S.P.B. Weston-super-Mare group. It is a complete change from Somerset - there are lots of Song Thrushes (they are more common than Blackbirds) and no Magpies !!

This year we saw more Divers than usual. The Red Throated Diver nests on remote upland lochans but they feed on (or rather in) the sea and can be watched without disturbance. They are wonderful creatures, especially in their summer breeding plumage.

We also enjoyed a lovely sunny view of a Golden Eagle and an extraordinary close sighting of a pair of Short Eared Owls. This was next to the Machria Standing Stones just to make it even more evocative!

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We saw several Hen Harriers (my favourite bird) including one at ten o'clock in the evening, flying in the pink sunset-light. There were Red Squirrels in the garden and some of our party saw 3 Otters right outside the guest house where we were staying. There are lots of Red Deer and Common Seals and with a late evening Badger we clocked up a good list of mammals as well as birds.

Trevor Riddle.

BIRD NEWS II

About two months ago, I mentioned in News and Views that the Green Woodpecker that visits gardens in Kenn Street had bored a hole in a dead apple tree in the orchard here at Stonehouse Farm. I wrote that I hoped it would nest in there, and I have great pleasure in letting readers know that it has all taken place. I see the bird flying in and out and I can hear young birds inside the tree.

A Jay also visits gardens in the same area, I think this is quite unusual. Jays are normally very shy birds who keep well away from humans.

Jeff and Toby Naish tell me that they have noticed a brood of young Mallard on the river at "Decoy Pool Farm", One of the young ducks is pure white. I think this is rare and wonder if this young duck is a descendant of the family of white Polder Ducks that lived around Kenn Pier years ago. They seemed to have been wiped out by Crows who could easily see the young ducklings and pick them up.

Have you noticed the great number of Rabbits that are around the Village this Summer, around the lane between

Russ Bridge and Kingston Bridge there are literally hundreds of all sizes. As you drive through it is difficult not to run over them.

Ray Naish

The Beast of Cadbury

The Beast of Exmoor, the Surrey Puma, the Essex Lioness, all familiar yet mysterious creatures that may or may not exist..... well, now such a manifestation appears to haunt the Cadbury Garden Centre.

Two Kenn ladies can recount an all too vivid testament of this allegation - having recently encountered it face to face - and coming off very second best, actually requiring medical attention after a fairly severe mauling.

The victims, who wish to remain anonymous, said "We were minding our own business just poking around in a more remote corner of the garden centre when it struck. We were terrified and fought for dear life, but it simply got the better of us".

The monster is described as being brownish in colour with a longish snout, scary eyes, sharp teeth and when drawn up to its full height, being almost as big as a fully grown hamster.

I am assured that this tale could yet turn into tragedy as at least one of the victims has assured me that if her name was to be associated with this event, in any way, she would probably expire with embarrassment, but only after doing very nasty things to whoever disclosed her identity in the first place.....

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A doctor who administered necessary anti-tetanus jabs (in which part of the anatomy has not been disclosed) once he had stopped laughing described the pair's condition as Staples, sorry, I mean stable !

??? Rorty Crankel

Mary Saunders nee Huxtable

Mary has passed away in Clevedon Hospital after a long illness.

Mary was born in Kenn and went to the Village School until she was eleven, she then attended Highdale School in Clevedon.

Although Mary and her husband Sidney had lived in Clevedon for the past forty years she retained a great affection for the Village and the people she knew who live here.

Mary had a wonderful memory, she could remember with great clarity the people who lived here when she was a young girl.

A keen ballroom dancer until her illness, Mary learned to dance in Kenn Village Hall when she was very young. Mary's husband Sidney, with his brothers, ran a very successful dance band for many years - often playing in Kenn Hall. They had a regular contract to play for the very popular Saturday Night Dance in the now disappeared "Salthouse Pavilion" in Clevedon. They kept this contract until the Pavilion was demolished in the 1960's.

The Funeral Service for Mary was held in Kenn Church there were around eighty people present, her ashes, after

cremation will be interred in her parents grave in Kenn Churchyard

Ray Naish

Gladys Travis

Her many friends in Kenn were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Gladys recently at the home of her daughter Joan in Kingston Seymour. Gladys was well known here chiefly through her association with the church. When Kenn and Kingston Churches were joined about thirty two years ago Gladys with her late husband Jack and their family were some of the first people to move to Kenn Church when there was no service at Kingston.

Up until the time of her prolonged illness, she seldom missed Evensong here at Kenn, bringing other people from Kingston with her. She was very sad when she could no longer drive her car over to the service, but she didn't give up. Until quite recently she got one of her daughters to drive her over to the mid-week Service of Holy Communion although confined to her wheelchair.

Gladys was a very keen reader of Kenn News and Views and was particularly interested in the Bird News.

Gladys was a most cheerful person, a pleasure to talk to who showed great courage. Even when severely handicapped she was always telling people that her walking had improved and that she could take "one more step". She had been a wonderful wife and mother, and had been wonderfully looked after by her daughters during her prolonged illness and will be

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greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

There was a very large congregation at her funeral service at Kingston Church.

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

Ray Naish

Hints for Gardeners

Sow Five Rows of Peas:

Presence at Church
Patience
Preparedness
Promptness
Perseverance

Sow Three Rows of Lettuce

Let us be faithful to duty
Let us be loyal and unselfish
Let us love one another

At Any Time of Year Sow Turnips

Turn up for meetings
Turn up for new ideas
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with determination to make everything good and worthwhile

In Hot Weather Develop Your Own Squash

Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Interference

So make everything in the garden
LOVELY !!

Kosovo/Millennium Charity Funday

**Sunday 4th July
Kenn Valley Social Club
2 pm onwards**

**Events include
Strong Man Machine
Gyroscope
Mini Karts
Spongy Stocks
Face Paints
Music Lorry
Tug 'o' War (6 pm)
Evening Disco
Karaoke
and Free Buffet**

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There are eleven local farms hidden here - can you find them?

Stonehouse, Manor, New House, Oāklands, Colehouse, Moorside, Yew tree, Kenn Pier, Portbury, Kenn Court and Nailsea Wall.