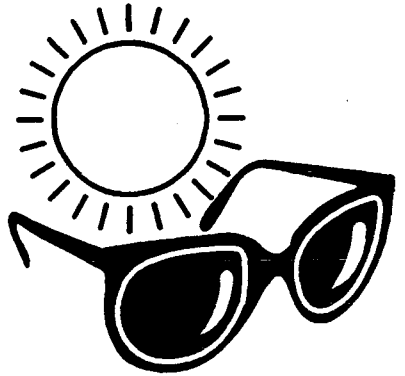


KENN NEWS AND VIEWS

*Springtime
in England*

*Take your
pick!!*



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

1st Hartley Staples
4th Nigel Middleton
8th Mike Stowell
Tina & Nigel Middleton WA
10th Jill Butland
Jayne Morris
11th Tina Middleton
20th Harrison Flower
22nd Duncan Mackay
26th Brian Stowell
Jane Staples
28th Sally White
29th Milly Stowell
Trina Willoughby
30th Joanna Brain

Message from Ed.

Copy for the magazine can be left at the shop, or with Margaret Stowell or Ray Naish. By 24th May please.

Thought of the Day

Why is it that when one has a mouthful of ulcers, all one craves is crisps ?

I was given this ditty by a villager and cynical it may seem, but true it could be:

*Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece was white as snow
She had to shoot it through the head
The lamb price fell so low.*

Naish's Notes

Parish Elections are being held on Thursday 6th May. The following people have applied to represent Kenn.

Mr. R. V. Naish
Mr. J. Griffin
Mr. C. Edwards
Mrs. R. Dyer
Mrs. S. Naish
Mrs. C. Quinn
Mr. H. Staples

If anyone has any questions about Parish affairs or anything they require information on; they can contact any Parish Councillor at any time for help and information.

The Parish Council meets every two months and members of the public are always welcome.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th June at Kenn Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

I have a very interesting report: sent to me by the M.S. Centre at Nailsea, who we as Village Fund Raisers, try to support. It is too long to print in the magazine, but I will be glad to copy it for any reader who is interested.

It states that some diet drinks and sugar substitutes contain Aspartame which, when taken in large quantities can be harmful to the system and aggravate diseases like M.S., Parkinson's Disease and diabetes. I have been checking labels since reading this and it is in my flavoured sparking water and even in Yoghurt.

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I am trying to avoid such goods now and have warned my family about diet drinks etc. Worth thinking about!

We receive a monthly newsletter from the M.S. Centre, if anyone would like a copy or is interested in joining and supporting the M.S. Centre for £5 membership per year, let me know.

Mr. Sam Dyer has been back in hospital. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

Sheila Naish

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST KENN

The Parish of Yatton Moor

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Yatton Moor was held at Kingston Seymour Village Hall on Sunday 11th April.

The following people were elected to represent Kenn.

Deanery Synod

Mrs Julia Bush
Dr. Wendy Papolomontos.

Parochial Church Council

Mr. Clifford Edwards
Mr. Nigel Middleton.

Sidespeople

Mr. Mike Callow
Mr. Clifford Edwards
Mr. Dennis Goldsworthy

Mr. Jack Hanson
Mr. Richard Ledbrook
Mr. Geoff Marchant
Mr. Gerry Penzer

Mrs Jean Naish
Mrs Irene Stowell
Mrs Margaret Stowell
Mrs Sally Whitehead

There are 71 Church Members on the Kenn Electoral Roll, the highest number ever.

Churchwardens (who were elected at the Easter Vestry meeting) are Mrs Renee Bell and Mr. Raymond Naish.

R. V.N.

Kenn Altar Guild

May Rota

Mrs Wendy Papolomontos

Wendy would like some help, for about 1 hour per week, for the month of May. Please ring Wendy, Jean or Iris if you can help.

Many thanks

Friends of Kenn Church Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday 27th May 1999
at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

**All Parishioners and Friends are
invited to attend this meeting**

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 28th May 1998
3. Matters Arising :
Quinquennial Inspection
Millennium Floodlighting
Church Heating
Churchyard upkeep
4. Finance
5. Election of Committee
6. Future Events: Barbecue
 Harvest Event
7. Any other business

KENN NOTES - SNIPPETS

Celebrations

4th April. We flew our flag to celebrate Easter Day and again on 21st April to celebrate the seventy third birthday of Her Majesty our Queen.

April 23rd our St. George's Flag was flown on St. George's Day.

Convalescence

Nigel Hackett has been in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery after his operation.

Election Day - Thursday 6th May

Kenn Electors have the opportunity to cast their votes for North Somerset District Councillors in Kenn Village Hall from 8 am - 9 pm.

Dates for your Diary

6th May 8.00 am to 9 pm at Kenn Village Hall

Local Elections

Wednesday 12th May

7.30 pm at Kenn Village Hall
Kenn Women's Institute - Speaker
Mr. D. Jackson - The Modern Palmist.

Competition - A sample of
handwriting.

Thursday 27th May at Kenn Church
7.30 pm - Annual General Meeting of
the Friends of Kenn Church.

Wednesdays (except 2nd in month)

8pm-9pm Keep Fit at Kenn Village
Hall with Jacqui Curwen.

Thursdays except 6th May at KVH

10.30 am - 11.30 am Line Dancing
with Brian and Ede Warren

8pm - 9 pm - Bums, Tums and Thighs
- Keep Fit with Sue Gilbert.

Advance Notice

24th/25th July - Kenn thro' the Ages

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Kenn History Group

The first walk this summer will take place on Tuesday 11th May. We hope to meet at Stonehouse Farm at 6.45 pm.

We are planning to walk around a farm in the Clapton in Gordano area. Everyone is invited - you do not have to be a member of the History Group to join us on our walk.

Ray Naish

Farm Implement Sale

There was a sale of farm implements held recently at "Dowlais Cottage Farm", Lower Strode Road, Clevedon for Graham Griffin who had given up the tenancy and retired early due to ill health.

Graham sold his herd of dairy cows last year.

Fortunately for Graham and his family the sale, by auction, of all the equipment that had been accumulated over the past thirty years or so was a great success, some of the implements made more money than they cost when new.

One of the highlights of the sale was when an Allis Chalmers tractor which was made around 1947 was offered. This old tractor, which had flat tyres, was very rusty and had a seized up engine, made £500 which is more than it had cost when new. The old chap who bought it probably has the time and patience to restore it. Another tractor in working condition made £3,000 way above expectations.

The sale in itself was a wonderful social occasion. There was a huge

crowd there, a large majority of the local farmers took a few hours off to attend. Also many retired farmers and those generally interested in farming were there to meet old friends and have a chat. The hard part is now that Graham has retired and given up the tenancy, North Somerset Council the owners are selling the farmhouse with the farm buildings with just a few acres; making it no longer useful as a working farm. The remainder of the land has been put only a nearby farm. This is happening all over the country, there will soon be no small farms left.

Ray Naish

Famous Last Words (contributed by Shirley Livesey)

Voltaire on his death-bed, to the priest who implored him to renounce the devil:

"Certainly not - this is no time to be making enemies".

Lytton Strachey

"If this is dying, I don't think much of it"

Oscar Wilde as he lay dying in Paris

"Either that wallpaper goes, or I do"

Sigmund Freud

"What is it that women WANT?"

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London Marathon 1999

Congratulations on finishing the London Marathon in 3 hours and 9 minutes to Peter Brooks, fiancé of Emma Fenwick of The Laurels, Kenn, also to Mark Willoughby, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Willoughby of Duck Lane who completed in 3 hours and 1 minute. Well done to both of them

Jean Fenwick

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The morning of our April Meeting was rather more than the normal 'Blackthorn Winter'.

Blizzard conditions had us wondering if a cancellation was likely, then the sun came out again and spirits were further raised by Mrs. Morris's spring flowers.

Names were taken for the Group Meeting, and lots of outings were on offer.

Our Jumble Sale had been profitable and several bags of clothes were sent to Clevedon Scouts for onward shipment to Kosovo.

Avon County Draw Tickets were on sale at £1.00 per book. In the past year Avon Federation WIs have collected an amazing £1,844.75 for the ACWW Pennies for Friendship scheme.

Our Quiz Team had done well, being fourth at Southern Clevedon's evening and second at the Kenn Thro the Ages Evening.

Members had enjoyed the friendly Skittles Evening at Kenn, though only two members had been able to attend

the practice evening at Kingston, arranged by Southern Clevedon WI. Two members had enjoyed the Tickenham lunch and the puppet show afterwards.

Miss Holtham congratulated Mrs Bessant on the arrival of another grandchild, and then brought us up to date on the EGM, held this time at Saltford.

The Resolution on the reduction of packaging on goods was passed.

The Triennial will be held next year at Wembley. Taylors of Harrogate are doing a tea promotion, and will each month be giving the WI with the bar codes from packets of Taylor's Teas a cake. The Speaker sounded most entertaining. She kept pigs, and when her sows went off to meet their husbands, this lady provided wine and cake. No, not for the pigs, but to be consumed by her and the owner of the boar!

Even more cake is promised by County providing some ingredients for baking cakes which will then be sold on the Trade Stall and the profits shared by each WI and County.

Our Speaker, Mr. T. Riddle, showed us some charming slides of birds in the Kenn area. It was surprising how many are making a come-back after being in decline. The house sparrow seems to be one of the exceptions, due to modern house building.

It was a surprise to be told that the little owl is not a native of Britain, but had been introduced to Northamptonshire by a landowner some 110 years ago from eastern Europe.

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Mr. Riddle thought we might be seeing some unusual birds in future due to the warmer weather. These included egrets and red kites, which were once so common they were like vultures in London, scavenging in the streets.

The competition for a bird ornament was won by Mrs. Dyer, with Mrs. Blake second and Mrs. Prew third.

Next month's speaker will be Mr. D. Jackson on The Modern Palmist and the competition is for a sample of handwriting.

Shirley Livesey,
Kenn.

BIRD NEWS I

As I write these notes on 11th April, our popular visitors from abroad, the House Martins and Swallows are expected any day now, and have already been seen further south.

A recent visitor to our nut-feeder was a Greater Spotted Woodpecker, which in the past would visit several times a week. The larger Green Woodpecker is heard quite a lot in the Kenn Pier area, but never visits the feeder for nuts.

In our garden, we have a Mistle Thrush, the largest of the Thrush family nesting in an apple tree and fairly exposed, only about ten feet above the ground. Hopefully it will survive undetected by predators.

Fishing lines have too often been a threat to water birds. Recently a Moorhen was found at Kenn Pier with only one leg, when taken to a vet in

Yatton it was discovered that the bird's leg had been amputated previously by a vet in Clevedon - due to this problem.

In a field near the Blind Yeo river were a pair of Shelducks, a common resident, found all around our coasts.

David Glasson

BIRD NEWS II

Many of our summer visitors seem to be arriving quite early this year: there were a few Swallows around early in the month and by mid-month Willow Warbler, Blackcap and Sedge Warbler could all be heard. This is in spite of the bitterly cold weather mid-month.

On the 14th (the day of the SNOW) There were 800 Swallows at Chew Valley Lake. Swallows, Martins and Swifts often congregate at Chew in poor weather as there are, no doubt, insects hatching from the water even in such cold weather.

In the Shapwick Heath area the male Marsh Harrier returned on 26th March. He arrived on 27th March last year, so we are hoping he will have another good season. At the time of writing only one of last year's offspring was present but the young birds often arrive later - up to the middle of May.

Finally, I have received several intriguing reports of a Hen Harrier in the Chelvey and Nailsea Court area in late March. To the best of my knowledge this is the first record for the area for 18 years!

Trevor Riddle

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Bird News III

The first report of a Swallow this spring was at "Naish Farm" Wraxall on 1st April. The first one I saw was at Russ on 8th April. On the evening of the 20th a large number arrived out in the moor, almost skimming the ground.

The first ones to arrive here at "Stonehouse Farm" were on the 22nd, one day earlier than last year. They soon flew into the garage to inspect last year's nests.

Today 26th April, I heard the first Whimbrel of the season flying north over the moor.

A Green Woodpecker is a frequent visitor to our garden. It has bored a hollow in a dead apple tree in the orchard and it is hoped it will rear some young there.

Ray Naish

Philip Harris

The very large number of people who knew Phil were very shocked and saddened by his sudden death on Easter Sunday morning at his home in Kingston Seymour.

Although Phil never lived in Kenn he was extremely well known here, he was a regular attender at Church here when there was no service at Kingston, also through his wife Megan's membership of Kenn Women's Institute.

When Kenn and Kingston Seymour churches were joined about thirty two years ago Phil and Megan and other members of the Harris family, with other families from Kingston, were the first to show willingness to attend church here when Kenn and Kingston shared a Vicar.

Phil was one of nature's Gentlemen, he was a friend of everyone who knew him, he had a very long list of elderly and sick people who he visited on a regular basis. He was always willing to listen to other people's problems, especially lonely people.

Although Phil was semi-retired he never really gave up work. He enjoyed being useful, in fact he milked the family's herd of over eighty cows early on the morning that he passed away.

He was very interested in what was happening in Kenn and was a keen reader of Kenn News and Views which I gave him a copy of each month.

Evidence of Philip's popularity and the respect in which he was held was when three hundred and twenty people attended his funeral at Kingston Church, filling the church and overflowing into the Churchyard. The Service was relayed to those outside.

I am sure that her many friends in Kenn would wish to join with me in expressing our sincere sympathy to Megan and her family at this sad time.

Ray Naish