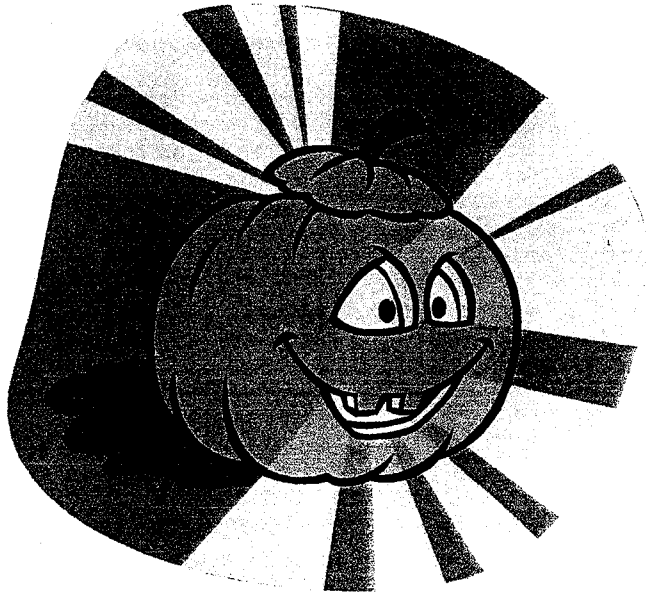


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**Remember
Clocks go back on
31st October**

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

- 1st Katy Golding Ellis
3rd Gill Taylor
4th Roland Hazell
6th Daniel Quinn
7th Tim and Julia Bush W.A.
12th Dave and Sue Pugh W.A.
16th Cheryl Quinn
18th Wendy & Sotoris
Papasolomontos W.A.
26th Justin Naish

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

As I am writing these notes, I am feeling a little sad - Leon is off to University in the morning - where have those 18 years gone ? and my golly, I'll miss him (loud, ear-splitting music blaring, and irritating behaviour excepted).

Time seems to have flown by, seems to go quicker as I get older !!

Thought of the Month

*We are all manufacturers,
making good,
making trouble
or making excuses.*

Naish's Notes

The Kenn Thro' the Ages exhibition was very successful, thanks to all the people who attended.

The people who ran the exhibits put a great deal of time and effort into their various areas and it was all very interesting.

I found out most of the News & Views magazines and browsing through them reminded me of the very happy times we have had in this village and how as a community we have pulled together for various causes.

The fund raising recorded over the last 11 years is a real eye-opener.

It made me realise how lucky we are to live in Kenn and just how privileged I've been to be part of this community.

I certainly would not want to live anywhere else.

It strikes me that we're all very fortunate to live somewhere where people care !!

Tickets for the Millennium Disco Party on Saturday 11th December will be on sale from next month. Book yours now !!

Put it in your Diary.

Kenn Notes - Snippets

Our Flag

9th September

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the ninety first birthday of Mrs Hilda Staples of Duck Lane.

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24th September

Our flag was flown on the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Iris and Dennis Goldsworthy.

Christmas Presents

We are always being advised to shop early for Christmas. May we suggest 'Kenn 2000' Tea Towels price £3 from Irene Stowell tel. 872472 or Ruth Dyer tel. 872676.

Kenn Village Hall

Thank you to Robert Willcox for once again cutting the Hall hedge.

Bereavement

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Sam Stuckey, stepfather of Juliet Stowell.

We send her and her family our sincere sympathy.

Patient

Jack Hanson is very ill in Southmead Hospital - our thoughts are with him.

Kenn thro' the Ages

We would like to thank everyone who supported Kenn thro' the Ages day - it was attended by Kennites and friends of all ages, interests and religions.

We saw wonderful displays of life in Kenn as it was and is today.

Displays about Education, Local Government, Church, Women's Institute, War, Farming, Cider, Health, Bees, Fashion, News and Views and today's Toys which kept the little ones amused as well as winter flowering pansies on sale.

All the displays gave huge amounts of information - the result of much research.

Lunches with cheese from our Post Offices Stores were served, followed by cream teas.

Alas the weather was unkind and the programme arranged by young Kennites could not be implemented and not everyone ventured out into the field to see old and new transport and farm implements of old.

Excellent raffle prizes, all given, including a meal for two at the Drum and Money were for the lucky ones.

I think the day was a success and thank you to everyone for all your help and co-operation.

The profit, after expenses, for Hall Funds was £539.15.

Ruth Dyer

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Dates For Your Diary

Kenn Village Hall

Monday 11th October
Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm

Wednesday 13th October,
Kenn Women's Institute 7.30 pm.

In the Footsteps of Matthew Flinders
with Supt. B.J. Allison
Competition - A Holiday Photograph.

Wednesday 27th October
Kenn Women's Institute
46th Birthday Party - 7.30 pm.

Every Thursday 8.00 - 9.00 pm
- Bums, Tums and Thighs
- Keep Fit Classes with Sue Gilbert

Advance Notices

MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS FLORAL
DEMONSTRATION
organised by Kenn W.I.

Millennium Disco Party
at Kenn Village Hall
Saturday 11th December.

Congratulations

Birth

Congratulations to Iris and Mike
Callow on the birth of their grandson
Edward on the 14th September.

1999 Trainee of the Year

Emma Smith of Mendip View was
among six students recently named as
1999 Trainee of the Year winners.

The 18 year old administrator started
on a Training 2000 Programme with
Advanced Training Associates last
year. Emma works for Pentagon
Mercedes Garage at Weston.

We send her our congratulations and
best wishes for the future.

THIS SPACE IS FOR

YOUR NEWS

PLEASE PASS ANYTHING YOU

WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TO

SHEILA, RAY OR MARGARET

Letter to the Editor

from Chris, Leigh and Kelly Adlem of
Orchard House, Kenn Road, Kenn.

Dear Kenn News and Views,

Now that the packing boxes are finally
empty it's time to say 'thank you' to
you and the people of Kenn for the
warm welcome you have all shown us
since moving into the village.

Although we have a lot of work to do,
keeping us busy around the house and
garden, we are looking forward to
getting 'out and about' and involved in
some of the local activities.

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GREAT EVENTS IN KENN

On Sunday 12th September the Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Kenn Church, it was a wonderful day.

At the morning family service over sixty people were in Church including a large number of young people, who brought with them a great selection of Harvest Gifts. These, together with a large amount of vegetables, produce and fruit that had been left in the Church the previous day, were distributed to the sick and elderly later in the week.

Members of the Sunday Club took a large part in the Service, including Lesson reading and prayers, they also acted out a play referring to Harvest written by Sunday Club Leader, Julia Bush.

The Service of Evensong also had a congregation of sixty people. The Church had been beautifully decorated by ladies from the village.

After Evensong people were invited to the Village Hall to share a Harvest Barbecue.

This was a great event, getting on for one hundred people were there to share the feast. So many were there that the pudding ran out.

People were saying what a wonderful meal they had, and great value for money. One of the encouraging things about this Barbecue was that so many young people were there, around a quarter of the people present were children or teenagers.

The people who organised this great event are to be congratulated on coping with the large number of people who arrived at the hall and sending them back to their homes so satisfied and pleased with their evening out, rounding off a wonderful day, among those present were two visitors from U.S.A.

On Saturday 18th September celebrations continued in the Village Hall in the shape of a great event called "Kenn thro' the Ages" this was a display of a great many things relating to Kenn from the past to the present.

A very large number of people took a great interest in putting this exhibition together, many doing a great deal of research lasting several months.

There was also a display of old and new vehicles in the field behind the hall, also old machinery.

Unfortunately it rained much of the time, stopping many people from having a good look at this part of the event.

There were refreshments served all day long, no one had to go home for meals.

Some visitors came immediately the Hall was opened at 11 am and were still there when it closed at 6 pm. There was so much to see that it was almost impossible to get around it in a day.

The displays were so numerous and so many people taking part that I find it

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impossible to name them all or what they exhibited.

To sum it up, I think it was one of the most interesting events held in Kenn for a very long time. I almost feel sorry for those people who could not, or did not bother to go along to have a good look around.

Dr. Alistair McLeod of Clevedon, now retired, was there from start to finish. He told me that he had a wonderful day, not only was he interested in all the exhibits, but it was the people he met during the day that pleased him so much.

Over £500 was raised that day.

Ray Naish

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Heating Scheme

We are able to report that the contractor Dennis Gardiner has completed the installation and all other work for the new Heating System. Also removing the old heaters from the walls, old wiring and the switchboard and bringing the electrics generally up to date.

It is most pleasing to see how our church appearance has been enhanced by the clean walls - free of the old bar heaters.

We are now ready for the winter weather and looking forward to the great "switch on".

As is normal these days, the work cost more than first expected, regulations changed and forced an upgrade in the specifications.

However our Yatton Moor P.C.C. received and paid the account and The Friends of Kenn have forwarded to Michael Earle, the Treasurer, the sum of £5491.62 to cover the cost.

We would be most grateful for any further donations to help with this scheme and prepare for future responsibilities connected with the maintenance of St. John's.

With our thanks - The Committee of Friends of Kenn Church.

Floodlighting of Church Tower

Some of us in Kenn thought it would be a good idea to test out a floodlight on the Church Tower - with a view to marking the Millennium (if there was good support in the village) with a permanent floodlight for use on special occasions, public and private.

We are now advised that the Diocese of Bath and Wells will no longer grant permission for Church Floodlighting, nor indeed will local authorities for any public buildings; on the grounds of light pollution of the night sky.

So sorry folks, we are too late. Those who already have it installed can keep it but we are no longer allowed to make new installations !!

John Griffin

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St. John's Altar Guild

October Rota - Heather Jenkins
Tina Middleton and Jean Woods

Thank you

A big thank you to all the ladies who decorated the church over the Harvest Festival. As usual it all looked really lovely. We also had lots of fruit and vegetables to take around to the elderly people, this was much appreciated.

Thank you very much once again for everything.

Jean Naish

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thanks

I wish to thank all members of St. John's Church, Kenn for the gifts of fruit and vegetables given to me after the Harvest Festival. They really were much appreciated, so thank you again.

Mrs Rose Edwards

Thank you

Many thanks to the kind people and children of the church who sent me a beautiful box of produce and fruit from the Harvest Festival.

I appreciate this greatly. I shared it with my elderly cousin, who was staying with me. We really enjoyed all those lovely things.

Many thanks again,

Yours sincerely,

Edith Tripp, Nailsea Wall

Plea from the caterers

The T-shirt for miracles, loaves and fishes has long since been awarded.

Even *He* didn't try doing the same with pork-chops, chicken and baked potatoes though and the venerable 'pulpit' of vicars present at Kenn Harvest appeared powerless to make the apple crumbles stretch any further !!!

With 60 tickets printed and 12 left unsold, I confidently expected about 50 people and had catered accordingly.

By about 1 pm on Sunday confidence was dropping at about the same rate as numbers were rising and although we came through this time - it does nothing for the blood pressure and we won't be as lucky all the time - just praise the lord for Sunday shopping and well stocked freezers !!!

Please, please - if tickets are on sale do try to buy them in advance and give the caterers at least a fighting chance.

SIMON

Cheerio

Maurice and Margaret Ford have left their home in Duck Lane and have gone to live in Weston, we shall miss them.

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Since living in Kenn they have been involved in many parish activities, they were both members of the History Group.

Maurice had been a Parish Councillor, at one stage Vice Chairman. He was at one time Chairman of the Friends of Kenn Church. Together they were interested in many Village activities. We look forward to seeing them back in Kenn from time to time and wish them well in their new home.

Ray Naish.

KENN HISTORY GROUP

Our first meeting of the winter will take place at The Granary Duck Lane on Monday 11th October at 7.30 pm when we will discuss the forthcoming programme.

If anyone would like to join us for an enjoyable relaxed evening, the only charge is 25p. for coffee and biscuits, please feel free to come along. We need some new ideas.

Grace Griffin

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Returning after our summer break, the September Meeting opened with President Ann Holtham having the pleasant task of handing over a cheque for £320.50 to Margaret Mead from Clevedon Hospital. This was the result of our Coffee Evening to raise funds for the hospital. Mrs. Withers was welcomed back as a visitor after a long absence.

A group of members had visited North Newton WI, enjoying meeting them all again and being entertained to a talk on Doll's Houses.

Mrs. Dyer was thanked for the use of Kenn Court for the Group Garden Party, a very pleasant evening.

Another party of members had been to Mrs Gregson's garden at Wookey. This is a real gardener's garden with lots of tempting plants for sale. A violent thunderstorm accompanied us, but did not spoil things, especially when the evening ended with tea and home-made cake.

Mrs Dobbs had been to a very splendid Garden party - Buckingham Palace, where she had a super time.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Harris had been very entertained at the Weston-in-Gordano WI Turkish Evening - though not tempted to join in the belly-dancing !

After all these pleasurable events we were brought down to earth by being informed that subs. are to go up again next year.

A team will be going to Somerset Hall to take part in the County Quiz. But we will not be sending a delegate to the EGM at Weston.

Our 46th Birthday Party will be on 27th October at a cost of £8.00 per head.

Mrs Morris took subscriptions for Home & Country - good value at £11.88 a year.

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Mrs Trish Harrison was our speaker and before she had gone very far we were all feeling hungry. Her talk "How to Use your Loaf" was on how to make party savouries from ordinary sliced bread. This was oiled, rolled, toasted etc. and then various fillings used. When they had been cooked in a portable oven, Mrs Harrison arranged them prettily on the table and invited us to help ourselves. This we did very enthusiastically and cleared the lot rather quickly. To have an interesting speaker and food as well was very acceptable.

Mrs Naish won the competition for three scones and Mrs Hackett's dressed paper doll will go forward to the competition at the next Group Meeting. Next month's speaker will be Supt. Allinson's "In the Footsteps of Matthew Flinders" and the competition is for a holiday photograph.

Shirley Livesey

BIRD NEWS 1

The Kingfisher sighting as reported in last month's Bird News by Ray Naish is good news. Let's hope it was able to breed successfully. I have not seen any of these birds on our river Kenn in recent years.

Also, as mentioned in the previous issue, Owls are very frequent at Kenn Pier just now. In July we watched just before nightfall (9.30 pm) a Tawny Owl come to rest in our apple tree, holding on to its dinner, what looked like a rat.

Brenda and I have just returned from a break in Cornwall, where on a day out spent at a quiet retreat (only seven miles from Plymouth) we watched a Little Egret or White Heron at low tide on an estuary, feeding on small fish and harassing any Gull that came too close. Although this bird is rare and has yet to breed over here, it is increasing in numbers, probably due to climate change.

David Glasson.

Bird News 2

There has been a young Buzzard flying around Kenn lately. It has often been seen perching in an oak tree down behind the Village Hall and many people have noticed it.

Out in the Moors there has been a lot of bird activity lately due to the recent flooding. Huge numbers of sea birds have been out there most days, probably feeding on the worms brought to the surface by the floods. Also large numbers of wild Duck.

Hérons or Cranes must have had a good breeding season, there are a good number out in the moors each day.

As I write on 26th September the Swallows and Martins around the village show no signs of migrating, there must still be plenty of insects around.

Ray Naish

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Letter from India !!

Jean & Fred Fenwick's daughter Rebecca who works in Abu Dhabi, recently travelled to India to the wedding of a friend; leaving the children at Kenn.

She wrote a long letter about her trip to her sister Emma and parts of this missive follow.

"When I got back to Abu Dhabi I seriously considered not going !! I was so upset at leaving the children"

"Even at the airport I nearly bottled out - we boarded this bus to take us to the aircraft - I was standing, surrounded by Indians all looking at me as if to say 'are you sure you are on the right flight' (even the check-in staff and ground staff kept saying 'are you going to Trivandrum?' with an odd expression)".

"Anyway we stood on this crowded bus for 45 minutes and then they told us the aircraft was not ready

"So now I'm thinking, ok, if the flight is cancelled there will be no point in me going because the wedding was the next day

"We eventually left 2 hours late but the 4 hour flight was good - I don't know why but all of a sudden one of the cabin staff asked me to move to first class !!

"absolutely hundreds of people..... but thankfully Mini and Bivin spotted me and waved. Then we got in their Indian version of a 4-wheel drive and embarked on a 6 hour drive to Cochin.

Apart from narrow escapes with transporter buses, pot holes, auto rickshaws and lorries, the scenery was beautiful - very tropical with coconut palms, rice fields, banana, pineapple and tree plantations and rubber tree forests.....

"smallish towns where the traffic came to a near standstill and there were hundreds of people, cows, goats even elephants walking along the road ...

"amazing to see the disparity in housing - one minute grand beautiful properties the next little huts alongside a river or paddy field with children running around outside - no electricity and primitive living conditions.....

"eventually arrived in Cochin about 5 pm after refreshments booked into the YMCA hostel - pleasant surprise, a big clean room with clean sheets and hot and cold water.....

"after a wash - it was either a cold shower or the traditional Indian bath of a bucket of water and jug ... we went to bed..

"the Beauty Parlour was packed there were 4 other brides being made up and dressed. It was a famous parlour where Indian film stars often went and it was fascinating to watch the brides get their hair and make up done and then being dressed in their wedding saris and then of course for all the gold jewellery to go on.....

"Annie looked lovely, her make up was perfect and her hair was put into a knot at the back of her head and little silk flowers and gold pins put in it.

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Eventually I had my sari put on. I was surprised at how comfortable I was in it. It helped that it was soft silk and not the stiffer more common silk sari so that it was quite easy to walk in. I don't think I went to the loo that day - not until it came off any way.....

"back to the Aunt's house for photographs and prayers.....then off to the church where I was greeted like royalty - everyone jostling to get a look at me and to shake my hand

"Annie arrived and with Ranjit they walked down the aisle with the parents following plus Mini and her family and me.....

"I couldn't understand the service it was in Malayalam.....

"Prayers and blessings and exchange of rings. Mini had the honour of standing behind her and putting the back drape of the sari over Annies head and Angela held the bouquet a bit like a bridesmaid. Annies sari was lovely - off white with lots of gold thread - the more gold the more expensive the sari and the back portion in particular is intricately embroidered with gold thread - the amount of jewellery is also significant..

"Annie was wearing a gold choker and at least 7 other gold necklaces and lots of gold bangles - Mini valued the jewellery at £10,000 (plus a dowry of £20,000).

A bishop conducted the ceremony.... The most expensive sari is the one the bride changes into for the reception. This is draped over her head during the ceremony. Annies was a lovely pinky/brown with lots of gold.

"One poignant moment for me was when the choir sang "The Lord's my Shepherd" which the choir sang at my wedding. quite emotional

"the reception for 6-800 people - a buffet, eat what you want and then leave, no speeches or dancing.

"a model aircraft zoomed across the stage whilst a tape recorder played the sound of a plane and it dropped silver confetti on the couple as they cut the cake.... perhaps you would like to incorporate that little touch into your own wedding plans !!!

"immediate family go to groom's house, more prayers and exchanges of gifts and the bride is officially handed over to the husband's family.

to be continued next month

it was a very long letter

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Dear Mrs Naish

Thank you for all of your fundraising efforts

I'm so pleased to be writing to you today to thank you for the donation of
£483.50 you've raised for the NSPCC Full Stop Campaign.

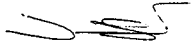
Many people say that the hardest part of fundraising is getting started
and you've certainly cleared that hurdle!

Such a positive beginning must give you a real incentive to keep going for
your year-end target! What an encouragement it is for us to know that we
have such committed and successful fund-raisers working to stop cruelty to
children once and for all. Please keep up the good work.

Remember that if you want more ideas to raise funds for the Full Stop
Campaign, please do go back to your fundraising magazine for inspiration,
it also has the details for how you can forward further funds raised.

Once again, congratulations for making such an impressive start to your
personal campaign - your hard work is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Linda Pawlowski
Fundraising Support Manager

PS Stopping cruelty to children is the biggest challenge we have faced.
Thanks to fund-raisers such as yourself, we're on our way.

