

KENN NEWS AND VIEWS

HAPPY 2000 NEW YEAR



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BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY - 2000

8th Cliff Edwards
11th George Noad
13th Abigail Smith
14th Rebecca Brain
16th Fred Fenwick
30th Mike Smith

Message from Ed

Many thanks for all your good wishes and for the presents we were given at the tea party.

Please keep sending in your contributions - we can't manage without you.

We welcome any news, views, gossip or titbits and we'd love some of our new villagers to put pen to paper.

Our phone numbers are on the front - we do collect !

We'd like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year, let's hope the new Millennium is the start of better things to come and we enjoy a peaceful, brighter new year. Good health and happiness to you all.

Thoughts of the Month

If you want to kill an idea, get a committee working on it.

Happiness seems made to be shared.

NAISH'S NOTES

I was so very sorry to have missed the Tea Party before Christmas. I could not arrange the time off work. It has always been the start and indeed the highlight of my Christmas Festivities and you were all in my thoughts that afternoon - I really, really missed being there.

I am told that a good time was had by all and that there were 4 vicars there (there must be a collective name for such a thing - prize for the best suggestion) Anyway, I'll book next years party day off in January.

Due to 'the bug', I also missed the Christmas Tree Lights ceremony. Again, I really missed that too. It doesn't feel right having missed so much. Look out next year !

It's very difficult now that I'm working full time, I really miss popping in for tea and seeing people at our many functions. I shall make a bigger effort next year, persuade my boss to give me more time off!

Our condolences to Mrs Win Cole, Gerry and family on the enormous loss of Betty who will be so very badly missed in Kenn.

Christmas/Millennium Disco

This year's party was one of the best we've had. We had the hall packed to the seams!

Johnny Hazell did us proud and kept us dancing all night! Looking around everyone seemed so happy and enjoying themselves. What a super send off for John at his last Kenn "Do"

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Many thanks to Kenn Valley Social Club for providing us with the bar.

To all of you who attended, thanks for making such an effort.

For all the donated prizes -Thank you.

The proceeds of the night will be winging their way to the M.S. Centre at Nailsea when I've collected in the last of the ticket money. It should be about £490. WELL DONE !!

Future Events

I am looking for ideas for the Fun Run Day - We're thinking of having a fete/pig roast etc. incorporating the fun run - Any ideas? Who'd like to help ?

Phone me!

Get your thinking caps on!

Due to the fact that everyone has either had, or is getting over 'the bug', I'm thinking of turning my summer BBQ Disco into a Christmas one, complete with tree - we could perhaps have an Australian Christmas! What do you think.

Let me know of any wacky themes you can think of for a DO!!

Sheila

St. John's Altar Guild January Rota

Mrs M. Wilcox and Mrs. J. Staples

Many thanks to all the ladies who arranged flowers at Kenn Church over the Christmas Festival. The Church looked really lovely.

Thank you for all your hard work

Jean

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December 4th

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate Mrs Whitehead's 90th Birthday.

A steady stream of family, neighbours, friends from far and near visited Corner Cottage throughout the day with congratulations, gifts and many memories of long ago.

Birthday cake and refreshments organised by family and friends were much enjoyed.

After all the excitement of her birthday celebrations Mrs Whitehead attended the eight o'clock Holy Communion Service on the following day.

25th December

As is our custom we flew our flag to celebrate our Lord's birthday on Christmas Day.

Women's Institute Carol Service

December 6th. Kenn Church was filled almost to capacity with members of the Yeo Valley Group of Women's Institutes.

The Revd. Avril Gaunt conducted the service of Carols and Bible Readings and Mrs Mary Holmes played the organ.

The collection raised amounted to £101 which was divided between the Friends of Kenn Church and the Multiple Sclerosis Unit at Nailsea.

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Bereavement

Betty Gallagher

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Winnie Cole and to all Betty's family on her passing on December 14th after a long illness bravely borne.

Thought for the New Year

Weatherwise

We all look forward to the lighter days, but it is wise to remember the old saying

"As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens"

Ruth Dyer

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th January at 7.30 pm at Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Women's Institute - Speaker Mrs Anne Carpenter on Reflexology. Competition - Your view on the Millennium in any medium.

Kenn Christmas Tree on the Green

December 17th the evening, after a very wet day was dry and much warmer, when about thirty Kennites gathered on the Green to see Jean Naish, our Christmas Celebrity, switch on the tree lights.

Over many years Jean has always given her time and energy to help Kennites.

Following lights up, carols ere sung, a collection the Children's Society resulted in £36 being raised which has been sent to the Society. We were delighted to listen to Jack and Rosie Treble singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

The tree and lights were put in place by Sam Dyer and John Ball, delicious mince pies and sausage rolls were provided by Kennites and punch and squash given by Robin and Marianna Mackay.

Our sincere thanks to the Parish Council which pays for the tree and to everyone who supported the evening.

Welcome - New Residents

Several new families have moved into Kenn during the past few weeks. It is hoped they will all enjoy living here. We hope to get to know them all in the near future.

Ray Naish

HIGHBRIDGE MARKET CHRISTMAS PRIMESTOCK SHOW 1999

Congratulations are in order to Tom Clark of Manor Farm on Kenn Moor Road for his recent success at the Christmas Primestock Show and Sale held on the 6th December 1999 at Highbridge Market. Tom entered one of his steers in the unhandled classes at the Show and not only proceeded to win his class but to go forward and obtain the second top honour by being presented with the Reserve Champion rosette.

The steer also sold extremely well with the judge of the class paying 109 pence per kilogram to back up his judgement.

At the fork supper and presentation of awards Tom was awarded keepsake mementoes of his success and also to hold for one year the Reserve Champion Trophy.

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Highbridge Market is renowned for the quality of stock at its annual show and sale. It is therefore no mean feat to achieve the results that Tom has this year.

The only downside to the day is that, despite a good show day, the farming industry is still in the depths of despair and large numbers are getting out of the industry or are going bankrupt.

Show success such as Tom's is very welcome to cast a ray of sunshine on a depressed profession. Keep supporting the backbone of your community by buying British and saying "NON to les Frogs".

More Congratulations

Presentation

Congratulations to Norman Baker who sings in the Church choir at Kenn when there is an Evensong. He has recently received a presentation for being a choir member of St. Andrews and St Peters Churches in Clevedon for sixty years.

R.V.N.

Thanks

Christine, Christopher and families would like to thank all neighbours and friends for all their help, contributions and gifts which went towards making Sally's 90th Birthday such a lovely day.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Kenn Women's Institute

Christmas decorations and the tables piled with cards and gifts made for a very festive feeling at our December Meeting.

Guest Joyce Kent and new member Jenny Croxton, who has come to live in Duck Lane, were welcomed by President Ann Holtham. She then read out all the duties for the coming year, and also the new programme of speakers, as usual full of variety and interest, organised by Gill Hackett.

Members from Yeo Valley Group of WI's joined us at Kenn Church for the Carol Service, enjoying hot mince pies and coffee afterwards.

The sum of £101.00 was raised, to be shared equally by the Friends of Kenn Church and the M.S. Society at Nailsea.

A delegate is required for the EGM at Weston in March, where the speaker will be Ann Tippet from the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The Triennial in June will be at Wembley, and coaches will leave Gordano Services at 6.50 a.m.

Members were reminded that subs. are due next month.

Our charity for the next year will again be the League of Friends of Clevedon Hospital.

Eileen Prew and Madeline Crawley were thanked for their splendid efforts in dealing with the Christmas Post Box.

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As is now our custom, we had a Beetle Drive instead of a speaker - this time with a difference. Having only three dice to play with, Ann Holtham organised us into three groups of eight, instead of the usual fours. This worked very well and Ruth Dobbs was the eventual winner.

Next month's speaker will talk on reflexology and a member has agreed to be her demonstration model. Mrs Carpenter has generously given a free consultation as first prize in our raffle. The competition will be for "An Interpretation of the Millennium in any Medium".

The evening ended with tea and extremely hot mince pies. Jean Ings won the competition for a Christmas Bauble, with Ruth Dobbs second and Thelma Blake third.

Shirley Livesey. 871419

Healthy Area

The Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea area, which must include Kenn, is the second most healthy area in Great Britain in which to live - and that is OFFICIAL.

Only the Woking area is healthier. A survey has been undertaken of all areas to find out which part of the country has the highest length of life expectancy, the lowest infant mortality and the best area for generally healthy living.

Kenn has at least eight residents who are over eighty years of age and three of those are over ninety. Around 10% of the residents of this village are aged seventy or over. I consider we are very lucky people to be able to live in such a healthy area.

Ray Naish.

Bird News I

December has produced a couple of cold snaps this year and I have been receiving reports of Blackcaps visiting gardens and feeding on ornamental berries. There still seems to be average numbers of Redwings and Fieldfares in the Kenn Area, but I still have not seen any Lapwings. Their decline as a breeding species in the U.K. has been widely reported and maybe we are now seeing the evidence of this. There is a big flock (700) however in the Brue Valley near Glastonbury.

A boat trip on a glorious sunny day on the River Exe provided truly wonderful views of a flock of 500 Avocets along with thousands of other waders of 10 different species as well as thousands of Brent Geese.

Trevor Riddle

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Today 20th December there has been a flock of about 100 Lapwings in the field behind The Old Oxhouse, Kenn Street. Rob Treble noticed them, there have been very few of them reported in this area this winter.

About four pairs of Carrion Crows have been quarrelling over which shall have the best nesting site in the very tall fir tree on the lawn here at Stonehouse Farm. This has been going on for about two weeks, the very cold weather over this last weekend hasn't seemed to have put them off.

Ray Naish.

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Christmas Parties in Kenn

Senior Residents Christmas Tea Party.

About 40 senior residents, including several visitors who have Kenn connections were entertained to Afternoon Tea December 8th in the Village Hall.

After a splendid tea, provided by ladies from the village, guests were invited to join in with carol singing, followed by a free draw which contained many prizes.

The committee who run this Annual Party get great pleasure from doing so. The guests seem to greatly enjoy this get together. Some of them only meet on this occasion.. Members of the committee thought this one to be the most enjoyable and friendly one they had organised.

The Village Hall looked super, it had been beautifully decorated.

Children's Party 22nd December

Twenty eight children were entertained by Uncle Brian at the Annual Tea Party held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd December. Father Christmas paid a surprise visit and a fun time was had by all.

Thanks to Jo Batten and her team of helpers.

The date for next year's party has already been fixed at Wednesday 20th December so make this your first diary date.

