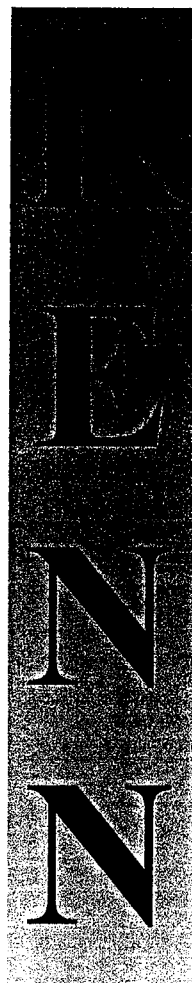


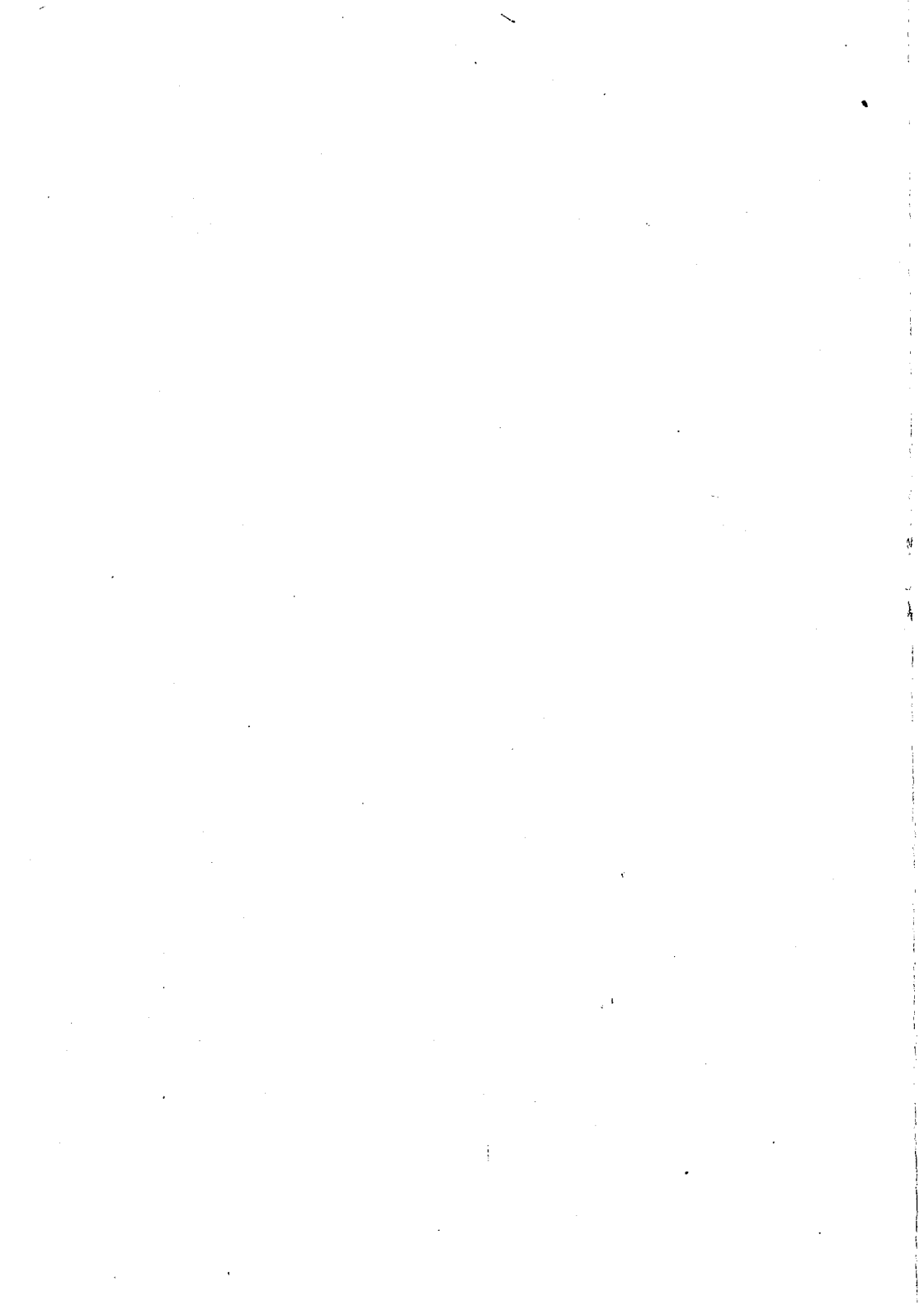
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 5th Leon Naish
8th Jeremy Osbourne
9th Tassos Papasolomontos
16th Angie Ndow
(at the garage)
16th Brian & Julie Stowell
WA
17th Lee Staples
James Mackay
18th Quinton Stowell
Grace Griffin
27th Amy Bye
31st Ruth & Sam Dyer WA

Thought of the Month

*Don't lose your temper –
Keep it safely hidden*

*Slow progress is better than no
progress*

Message from Ed.

Don't forget – Comic Relief Quiz 16th
March – details further in Magazine

At the time of writing we are in a time of severe crisis and worry in the farming industry – sat on a time bomb – praying foot and mouth does not reach our area. Do spare a thought and prayer for all those people who have been affected and whose lives will be devastated for the foreseeable future.

Naish's Notes

Please support our Comic Relief Quiz Nite, either by turning up or donating a Raffle Prize. It's good fun and a very good cause, helping people both here and abroad who are far worse off than ourselves!

Meningitis Update

The Department of Health have revealed that there is a 90% reduction in cases of Group C disease in 15-17 year olds and an 82% decrease in babies under a year old.

This is a tremendous step in the fight against meningitis and septicaemia. Proof indeed that the vaccine works. Brilliant! This is the time of year when extra vigilance is required.

Speed is of the essence – look for the signs, if in doubt ring the doctor!

Freephone helpline 08 88 00 33 44
Meningitis Research Foundation.

We sadly have had a burglary in the area – please keep your eyes peeled and report any suspicious “visitors” to the police.

Follow the fortunes of Eugene Dunne our local postman in The Mercury. He plays football for Clevedon United.

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Church Services for March

4th March 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11th March 11 a.m. Holy Communion

18th March 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Mothers' Sunday

25th March 11 a.m. Family Service

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Advance Notice

At the Evening Service at 6.00 on Sunday 17th June we hope to have a reunion of former and present Choir Members of any age. This will be followed by a get together with light refreshments. If you know any former members, please let them know. This reception will be held in the Village Hall. Further details from John Griffin or Ray Naish.

Church Notes

The January Family Service was combined with the Annual Plough Service. There was a large congregation.. There was rather disappointing support from the local farming community but that was more than made up for by the enthusiasm from members of the general congregation.

Eleven readers took part with readings referring to farming and the countryside. The plough was supplied by Mr. Sam Dyer.

During Evensong on February 18th a Flower Stand was dedicated for use in Kenn Church and a Silver Communion Set for use in the Churches of Yatton Moor. These have been presented to the church in memory of the late Sidney and Cherry Stranks who were members of the congregation here. These have been presented by members of their family to whom we are very grateful.

After the family service on March 25th which is Mothering Sunday there will be a short meeting to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. Everyone who lives in the village or

who is on the Church Electoral Roll is entitled to take part in the meeting. It should start at around 11.45 a.m. and it generally lasts no more than ten minutes.

St. John's Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild on duty in March are Mrs Julia Bush and Mrs Jenny Pascoe.

Thanksgiving for the Lambing Season

There will be a special Service of Thanksgiving at Kingston Seymour Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday 4th March for the Lambing Season.

The Revd. Avril Gaunt has arranged this and the Revd. Robert Widdowson who is Rural Advisor on the countryside will be the guest speaker. It is hoped as many people as possible from Kenn will give this service their support.

It was originally arranged to take place at Richard and Anita Simmons farm, but owing to the Foot and Mouth scare it is to be held at All Saints.

Foot and Mouth Disease

Foot and Mouth has reared its ugly head again after being absent from this country for some twenty years.

In the early 1940's there was a serious outbreak in this area. Cattle became affected in at least three farms around here. One was at "Riverside Farm", Kingston Seymour which was owned

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by the Maynard family. The next was at "Dowlais Farm", Lower Strode Road, Clevedon owned by farmer Arthur Parker on the part of his farm called Dugenhams where Tim and Julia Bush now live. Another was at "Colehouse Farm", Kenn owned by Mr. Tommy Beacham and his son Clifford. All the cattle on these farms were destroyed.

In those days of wartime, when there was a complete blackout and it was an offence to show any light at night, burning the carcasses (as is being carried out at present) was out of the question.

When the cattle were destroyed they had to be buried in lime. The men employed to dig the pits for burial were German Prisoners of War who were living in a camp at Yatton. At that time in the War food was scarce and strictly rationed. Meat was particularly in short supply. At one time people were only allowed 10d. worth of meat each per week, in today's money less than 5 pence.

I expect prisoners of war at that time were lucky if they got any meat at all. It was said at the time that when no one was looking the prisoners took the livers out of some of the cows before burial and took them back to the camp for food.

I well remember the large number of Ministry of Agriculture Vets who were concentrated in this area inspecting every animal daily, checking for foot and mouth.

I was about 15 at the time, one of my jobs was to feed a bunch of cattle daily with hay which I had to cut out of a hayrick with a hay-knife. This was before there were any hay balers.

These cattle were in a field near Kingston Bridge. Before I could feed them each morning, I had to wait until an vet came to inspect them for any signs of foot and mouth.

When the cattle on those farms which had been infected had been buried, the farms had to be completely disinfected and scrubbed.

I think I am right in saying that prisoners from Horfield Jail carried out this work.

After all this was over the farms had to be rested for several months before they could be restocked.

The pits where the cows were buried on Tim and Julia's farm were still visible not long ago.

Ray Naish.

Kenn Notes

Jumble Sale 21st February for the Christmas Parties Fund

Many thanks to all those who contributed, helped, served, bought raffle tickets, gave raffle prizes or sent donations. The magnificent sum of £227.62 was raised this included donations received of £60 towards the parties. We were able to pass the unsold goods onto the Jumble Sale at Tickenham held on the following Saturday.

Margaret Ball

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What's on at The Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 6th March
MONKEY FINGER
60's to the 90's

Tuesday 13th March
TERRY JAMES
You name it, he'll sing it
from Irish to Country

Tuesday 20th March
MIKE and GRAHAM
The relaxed sounds from The
Beatles to Robbie Williams
Back again and Well Deserved

Tuesday 27th March
50's - 90's Sing and Dance to the
Sounds of
BILL and BOB

Tuesday 3rd April
The Country Sounds of
DALE WINSOR
Back after a long absence

STEAK AND STRAWBERRIES will
be back in March
6 oz Rump Steak with all the
trimmings followed by
Strawberries and Cream

KENN VILLAGERS LUNCH
TUESDAY 6TH MARCH
FROM 12.30 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

The Drum and Monkey is having a
'Thai Evening'

An evening of Oriental Flavour
which includes a Buffet of Thai
Food with intervals for
Thai Dancers to Entertain.

Ticket £15 per head from The Drum

SNIPPETS

Bereavement

We are sorry to record the passing of
Mrs Brenda Glasson of Riverside
Cottage, our former Postmistress on
February 6th. Her funeral conducted
by the Reverend Horseman took place
on February 12th. We extend our
sincere sympathy to her husband and
daughters. We flew our flag at half
mast on both days.

Ruth Dyer

Dates for your diary

The Drum and Monkey Village Lunch -

Tuesday 6th March from 12.30 p.m.
Come along and meet your neighbours
- A warm welcome for everyone.

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 14th March - Kenn

Women's Institute - 7.30 pm.

On being a School Matron

by Mrs Clarke. Competition -

Memento of School Days

- Non members always welcome.

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Kenn Valley Social Club

Friday 16th March – 8.00 p.m.
Comic Relief – FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Kenn Village Hall

Kenn Women's Institute
Saturday 21st April 10.00 a.m. – noon
Table Top Sale - Anyone who would like to have a table 'phone 872676

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Easter Vestry Meeting

Sunday 25th March after the morning service at about 11.45 a.m.

Brenda Mary Glasson

People who knew Brenda were very saddened to hear of her death at the early age of 62, after suffering poor health for several years.

The Glasson family came to live in Kenn about thirty years ago when they took over Kenn Post Office and General Stores. Brenda was the Postmistress, she was helped by her mother and father-in-law, this was before the large supermarkets out-priced small grocer shops and village people were able to buy much of their supplies locally.

After several years Brenda and her family sold the business and moved to Clevedon; later returning to Kenn when they bought Riverside Cottage at Kenn Pier.

Brenda will be remembered for the wonderful care and kindness she showed to her elderly mother and to her mother-in-law. She nursed both of them at the same time in her cottage until their deaths. Unfortunately, when at last she had some time to enjoy life she almost lost her sight.

Brenda was a wonderfully friendly person both in business and in her private life. She was very much liked by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

There was a large congregation at her funeral and burial at Kenn Church.

I am sure everyone who knows her husband David and daughters Christine and Clare would like to join with me in expressing our sincere sympathy to them in their sad loss.

Ray Naish.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I wish I understood constellations because the night of our last meeting was wonderful, the sky was clear and full of stars over Kenn Village Hall.

Jenny Croxton reported that after the aromatherapy massage she had at our January meeting her tennis elbow had improved and she was able to wear her wedding ring which she had not been able to do for some weeks.

Mrs Dinham celebrated her 92nd Birthday that evening and was duly 'sung to'.

We have been asked for goods and volunteers as St. Peter's Hospice is opening a charity shop in Clevedon Triangle.

Mrs Cryer gave us a most interesting talk on Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. The charity was started by Tony Blunt some 18 years ago after he retired from

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the Police Force. Tony saw a need for deaf people to be able to hear and came up with the idea of dogs providing this service as Guide Dogs provide sight for their recipients.

All sized dogs are used - toys are popular with elderly people or those living in small flats where space is at a premium. Larger dogs are preferred by younger people; therefore we saw a papillon being trained through to labradors. Many dogs are cross breeds or simply the dear old mongrel.

Potential owners must be profoundly deaf, fond of dogs and willing to look after the animal properly.

Dogs are selected for their intelligence and friendly disposition; they come from many sources - unwanted pets, gifts by breeders, and rescue centres. The dogs communicate by touch and then leading their owner to the noise, or crouching down if there is danger such as a smoke alarm. For four months they are trained to recognise alarm clock, doorbell, telephone, smoke alarm (probably the most important noise), a baby alarm or a baby crying (so helpful for deaf young mums or dads), and cooker alarms which are also used to alert for the washing machine. In fact, they can be trained to recognise any noise associated with their recipient's life be it at home or at work.

We heard that one dog 'works' at Weston Hospital in the Radiography Department and has been trained to collect the patient's card from the Doctor and pass it on to her owner.

Because they are allowed free travel on many forms of transport, including the air, and access to shops and

restaurants, their owners have complete freedom and independence

It has been found that these animals have given their recipients greater confidence, and thence higher self esteem and well being, to enable them to go out more often and meet people.

The exercise is good for the owner, stress is reduced, they have a purpose and responsibility in life.

It has also been noticed that the hearing community accept a Hearing Dog readily and therefore the deaf person is equally accepted. There is an increase in visitors and telephone calls because the doorbell and 'phone bell can be heard at all times.

Finally, as those of us who are dog lovers know well, the companionship and devotion of a dog is immeasurable. Dogs are retired at 12 or 13 years of age but very often remain with their owner, even when a new young dog is placed with that recipient.

The charity is totally dependent on donations and receives no government funding, and as it costs £2,500 to train a dog, they are constantly in need of money.

Dogs can be sponsored and full details can be obtained from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, The Training Centre, London Road (A40), Lawknor, Oxon, OX9 5RY.

The monthly competition was well supported by photographs of dogs and gold was Rosemarie Ford, silver Eileen Prew, and bronze Thelma Blake.

Kenn W.I. are having a Table Sale on Saturday 21st April at Kenn Village Hall 10.00a.m. - 12 Noon.

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For details to rent a table please 'phone Mrs. Dyer 01275-872676.

The next meeting on Wednesday 14th March – 'On being a School Matron', the speaker being Mrs Clarke and the Competition for a Memento of School Days. Non-Members are always welcome.

BIRD NEWS 1

The Waxwings which I mentioned last month have been feeding on berries in Kenn Moor Drive in Clevedon and have been much appreciated by birdwatchers and local residents. Seen in good sunlight they are fantastically beautiful birds.

Ray's note about the Woodcock near Kingston Seymour was interesting as this species is a classic cold weather migrant and this winter now looks like being one of the coldest for some time. As I write mid-month, the resident birds are in song and pairing up. I recorded 5 Song Thrushes on my survey walk near Yatton – they do seem to making a comeback – but just one Skylark. A Barn Owl has been reported from the old Cheddar Valley Railway line where Water Rails have been heard (but not seen). We have just returned from watching the Starling roost at Shapwick, where there were just too many birds to even estimate. "More than 2 million but less than 10 million" was the wardens' guess. They performed Mexican waves and 'chaos' patterns against a deep red sky for 20 minutes before funnelling down into the reeds to roost.

Trevor Riddle

BIRD NEWS II

There have been several sightings of an almost white Buzzard near West

End, Nailsea also a Fingfisher flying up and down the old river Kenn.

A large flock of Lapwings have been around in the moor.

Several people have commented on how noisy is a mixed flock of Starlings and Fieldfares.

Ray Naish

Food for thought – found by Sheila from the Internet

Taking things for granted?

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:

There would be:

57 Asians

21 "Europeans

14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south

8 Africans

52 would be female

48 would be male

70 would be non-white

30 would be white

70 would be non-Christian

30 would be Christian

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89 would be heterosexual

11 would be homosexual

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth (and all 6 would be from the United States).

80 would live in substandard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death;

1 would be near birth

1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

1 would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

The following is also something to ponder ...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation You are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death You are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.
Sing like nobody's listening.
Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin

When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile then I realized its worth,

A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Keep the smile going by sending this on to a friend.

Everyone needs a smile!!!



KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB

SAYS

**“PANTS TO POVERTY”
ON FRIDAY 16th MARCH**

WITH A

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

(IN AID OF COMIC RELIEF)

START TIME 8pm

**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN,
EITHER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUALLY,
AND WE WILL FIND A TEAM FOR YOU TO
JOIN!**

ENTRY IS ONLY £1 PER PERSON

**AS WELL AS RAFFLES, SPOT PRIZES &
UNBELIEVABLE WINNERS & LOSERS
PRIZES, WE ARE OFFERING A PRIZE FOR
THE BEST PAIR OF PANTS WORN ON THE
NIGHT!!! (EITHER OVER OR UNDER YOUR CLOTHING)**

**SHOULD YOU WISH TO PRE-BOOK YOUR
TEAM ENTRY PHONE SHEILA ON 01934
838357 OR DEREK ON
01934 832086, OR SIMPLY JUST TURN UP
ON THE NIGHT!**

DON'T FORGET

PANTS MAKE PRIZES!!!!!!!!!!!!