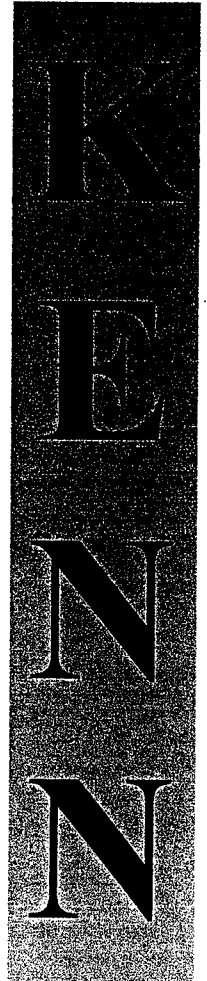


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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- 9th Andrew Jenkins
11th Irene Stowell
12th Derek Wall
13th Sheila Naish
Jody Stowell
16th Sam Dyer
Miles and Sheila Naish - W.A
22nd Emma Palmer (Smith)
27th Rebecca Brett (Fenwick)
Sarah Melling (Griffin)
28th Sarah Clark
Grace & John Griffin - W.A.
29th Mr & Mrs George Holtham
W.A.

Thought of the Month

*There is no beginning or end
Yesterday is History
Tomorrow is a Mystery
Today is a Gift*

Naish's Notes

Many thanks to all the people who attended the Fun Quiz in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness on 20th October at Kenn Valley Social Club.

We had 27 teams and many people had entered into the spirit of the pink theme and dressed in pink.

We raised the grand sum of £409.00 which I was very pleased with. It goes someway to my target of £1000.00 by Christmas.

I must thank all the folk who donated raffle prizes. We had some really good prizes and of course lots were pink.

Thanks must go to Derek Wall who was Quiz Master as usual, and I think that this Quiz was the best we have ever had and was certainly the most fun.

We had a donation of Pink Iced Fairy Cakes for sale and these were very much enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mrs. Barker for those.

To all the Bar Staff at Kenn Valley and the Waitresses who gave their time for free thanks very much.

Special thanks to Marcus at the Basement Hairdressing Company who created a masterpiece of pink and purple extensions in my hair which coupled with my pink shirt, leggings and black striped socks definitely made me stand out in the crowd. (my son was moved to say "Mother you look dreadful") Odd, I thought I looked stunning !!!!!!!!!!!!!

A brilliant night and one to be remembered by all.

Sheila 01934 838357

Old Chinese Proverb

If there is righteousness in the
heart,
There will be beauty in the
character

If there is beauty in the
character,
There will be harmony in the
home

If there is harmony in the
home,
There will be order in the nation

If there is order in each nation
There will be Peace in the World

(submitted by John and Grace)

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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Services at Kenn in November

Sunday 4th – 8 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 11th – Remembrance Day
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 18th – 6 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 24th – 11 a.m.
Christingle Service

All families will be very welcome to
this service.

Other Special Services during November

Sunday 4th – 11 a.m. Patronal Family
Service at Kingston Seymour

Sunday 4th – 6 p.m. Service for
Remembrance of Loved Ones
At Yatton

Sunday 11th – 6 p.m. Remembrance
Service at Kingston Seymour

The Chalice Hand Bell Team

Our team, which has played on several occasions over the past few years at St. John's, is looking for new members to enable us to use more bells.

With Christmas approaching, we need to enlarge our band so that we can play carols at several venues.

If you would like to give this a try, please contact Eleanor in the Parish Office at St. Mary's or 'phone us evenings on 01934 834550.

Geoff Marchant

Altar Guild Members on Duty in November

Mrs. Sarah Clark
Mrs. Ruth Dyer
Mrs. Marianna Mackay

December Rota

If any ladies are unable to do their week in December, please let Jean Naish know.
Tel. 872493 - Many thanks

Sunday 2nd
Mrs J. Fenwick/Mrs J. Pascoe

Sunday 9th
Mrs R. Bell/Mrs G. Griffin

Sunday 16th - CAROL SERVICE
Mrs M Stowell/Mrs H. Jenkins

Sunday 24th
Mrs J Cheek/Mrs M. Mackay

Sunday 30th
Mrs J. Naish /Mrs J. Staples

Mrs J. Naish, with helpers, will decorate the tree in Church for the Carol Service.

"New Room" Update

The basic plans for the proposed refurbishment of the small room in the church car park have been on display in the church for the month of October.

These plans will be in place until 20th November.

Please let me have any comments by then.

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I hope to finalise the outside "appearance" of the room, in consultation with the church architect Julian Hannan for submission by 1st December.

Thanks

Julia Bush 873554

Kenn's **Christingle Service** will be held on Sunday 25th November at the 11.00 a.m. Family Service.

It will include a Dramatic Presentation.

All Welcome !!

Julia Bush

Confirmation

Four young people from Kenn Church were confirmed at All Saints Church, East Clevedon by The Bishop of Taunton the Right Revd. Andrew Radford on 27th September. Their names are Jemima Barnes, Phillippa Jenkins, Tuppence Middleton and Vanessa Naish.

Much of the credit for bringing these young people to this stage in their church life must go to the Sunday Club Leaders and the Leaders of Quest who have taught and encouraged them over the years.

There were a large number of relatives and Kenn Church members at the Service to give them support.

R. V. N.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Affordable Housing

For some time the Parish Council has been discussing the possibility of trying to get some "affordable" housing in the village.

These would be small houses at an affordable price for young people and others who wanted to stay in Kenn but were unable to afford current prices and have therefore to leave the village.

The Rural Housing Trust, a charitable foundation, undertakes to purchase the land and arrange for a Housing Association to build and manage the sales.

Covenants are put in place to ensure that these houses are only available to people with a connection with the village by virtue of birth, family or employment.

Before anyone can proceed the Parish Council needs to know whether there would be sufficient interest now and in the future for such houses.

If you have any views on the matter, please speak to any parish Councillor.

Thank you.

Fly Problems

A very well attended and frank meeting was held on October 16th with members of the Local Authority and the expert consultant from ADAS.

It appears that the problem is not an easy one to solve but things can be made better if every householder

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Inspects the loft of their premises in January and hoovers up and destroys any flies that may be over-wintering there.

North Somerset will help those people who for a variety of reasons cannot get into their lofts. They make a charge of £20 for doing this.

The ditches and places where the flies breed when they wake up in the spring will also be dealt with at the appropriate time. It is also advised that overhanging trees and shrubs where the flies shelter should be cut back.

A survey form will be made available to every house to ensure that every loft has been inspected and the results will be plotted on a map for reference purposes.

The Parish Council and all those badly affected do hope that everyone will co-operate so that the number of flies will diminish year on year, even if the problem is never totally eliminated.

Thank you.

Thanks

We are delighted to let Kenn residents know that our collection for Oxfam this year reached a grand total of £130.

Two people also pledged regular monthly donations.

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously.

Colin and Jan Bedford

Monthly Village Luncheon at The Drum and Monkey

The first Village Luncheon at the Drum was on Tuesday 7th November last year so we have now completed a full year.

These lunches have proved most successful, numbers have reached almost 50 but usually nearer 30.

This month we shall meet from 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th November and look forward to a relaxed lunch.

Cost - two course "Winter Warmer" meal £5.45, plus other menus on offer, including Lite Bites.

(Thanks to John Griffin for the original suggestion !!)

Kenn Notes - Snippets

Kenn Village Hall

Thanks to Robert Willcox for cutting the Hall hedge.

The Jumble Sale held on October 17th for Hall Funds raised £119. Sincere thanks to all Kennites and Friends who supported the event.

Village Green

Thank you to Hazel Hansford for planting the pots on the Green

Golden Jubilee

In June 2002 Her Majesty our Queen will celebrate her Golden Jubilee. Ideas are being explored to celebrate the day in Kenn.

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Kenn Women's Institute

Kenn W.I. will meet at 7.30 p.m. on the 14th November.

The Speaker will be Mr. Amesbury on "The Matthew"

Competition "A Stone or Pebble"

Non Members always welcome

Kenn Women's Institute invite you to their Christmas Floral Evening

Wednesday 28th November 7.30 p.m.

A Christmas Floral Demonstration by Mrs Weeks.

Admission £3 to include coffee.

Everyone most welcome.

Dates for your Diary

The Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 6th November from 12.30 p.m. Village Lunch

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 14th November 7.30 p.m.

Kenn Women's Institute

- Speaker Mr. Amesbury on The Matthew

Competition - A Stone or Pebble

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Christingle Service

11:00 a.m. Sunday 25th November

Kenn Village Hall

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Cost £3 to include coffee.

Advance Dates

Kenn Village Green

14th December

Kenn Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on by a local celebrity.

Kenn Village Hall

5th December - Christmas Tea Party

Invitations will be sent late November (volunteers to help - contact Margaret Ball on 874077)

15th December - Christmas

Disco/Party - tickets from Sheila, more details next month

21st Children's Christmas Party

- Contact Jo Batten 878782 if an invitation for your child or grandchild is not received by the 14th December.

Kenn Women's Institute

KENN W.I. - October Meeting

At our meeting on the 10th October we learned that we are writing to Margaret Beckett MP requesting that the Government orders a Public Enquiry into the foot and mouth outbreak this year as a matter of extreme urgency.

Mrs Baker gave us a most interesting talk regarding 'Health for the Future for People & Animals', with particular emphasis on the use of aloe vera in its various forms to relieve symptoms of disease.

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She 'discovered' the benefits of aloe vera through trying to find a relief for two of her children, who both suffered from eczema and asthma from babies, rather than having to keep using steroid based products under conventional medicine.

Aloe is in the garlic and onion family and grows in the Caribbean and North Africa in its natural habitat but if a plant is kept on a sunny window sill it will thrive in this country. A leaf broken off and the inner gel rubbed on burns, rashes, bites, and stings will bring much relief. Aloe relieves the symptoms, i.e. it cools the skin down and stops irritation, and then the body can set about healing itself. It can also be drunk and is then a very good anti-oxidant; if drunk every day it helps with digestive, nasal, bronchial, and arthritic problems, and boosts the immune system to assist with healing internal and external ulcers.

Because it contains many essential vitamins and minerals its benefits to the body are many. It can penetrate the skin more deeply than any other product and as a result is very good for assisting the healing of scar tissue. It has no known side effects and is recommended by many dermatologists.

Vets use it widely in assisting with the treatment of animals, particularly in relation to skin complaints. Mrs Baker showed various products and told us that she had been drinking aloe vera for some four and a half years, and she was certainly a product of its success as she was a very young looking woman whom one could hardly believe was the grandmother of two.

She did warn that when buying products with aloe vera in them, we should ensure that the list of ingredients shows aloe at the top of the list where the highest percentage of the item is indicated.

The competition was a health tip and Mrs Bubb received gold, Mrs Ings silver, and Mrs Crawley bronze.

Our entry for the Group meeting competition was won by Mrs Ings.

On the 28th November Mrs Weeks will be giving us a flower arranging demonstration starting at 7.30p.m. at Kenn Village Hall; tickets are £3.00 each to include tea and home-made biscuits; please contact Rosemarie Ford 01275-877243 if you would like to book a seat, or just come along it is always a most enjoyable evening.

ROSEMARIE FORD
01275-877243

Extracts from an E-mail sent to Joyce Kent from a relative in America following 11th September

Letter from America

These are Alice's thoughts and would you be so kind to make sure Joyce and everyone reads this.

Dear Joyce, Tim and all our British family,

We were all touched by your concern for us at such a difficult time.

We were and still are shocked and deeply saddened by the horrific and cowardly events that took place here on September 11th, so close to my home.

Our city has always felt secure to us and that particular section was my favorite. It will never be the same.

We hope that justice will prevail and this War on Terrorism will be a success and someday visitors will return to our great city!

We hope our leaders make the right decisions and help us get through these difficult times.

Mayor Guiliani has proven to be a great leader and most Americans approve the way President Bush is handling the crisis.

We are thankful to our British counterparts for their support. We feel the same pain as we know you have lost many British citizens also.

We truly feel a special bond with our British family

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Bird News I

Ray wrote about Swallow migration last month and on Portland in late September it was visibly evident, with thousands of birds passing through.

Now we will be expecting northern birds particularly Fieldfares and Redwings but also Robins, Chaffinches, Blackbirds mixing with our own residents.

All of our local reservoirs have had lowered water levels and as a result good numbers of migrant waders have been present, notably a Pectoral Sandpiper from America at Chew Valley Lake.

However, perhaps the most welcome sighting was of 3 Short Eared Owls at the Weston Water Treatment Works by the Axe estuary. These too are from the north and will probably move on. They have been giving some spectacular views with low level hunting (and they are unaffected by human presence) much to the joy of birdwatchers and casual visitors.

I have just paid a flying visit to the Isle of Man, principally to see my all time favourite – the Hen Harrier. No less than 30 came into their main roost in just 45 minutes on one evening. The roost site is a bog with willow cover. Entirely quiet and peaceful. Against a red sky the Harriers provided a magic spectacle as they flew around in the breeze before going to bed.

Trevor Riddle

Bird News II

Sam Staples of Riverside Farm has told me that his resident Swallows left on 1st October. He said that he misses

them greatly because when he was working in his little shed a pair of Swallows would go in to feed their young taking no notice of him. He enjoyed their company.

On the same day the Swallows left the buildings at Stonehouse Farm except for one who stayed on until the 9th. I wonder why?

At a recent meeting in the Village Hall about the fly problem, the experts that came to talk to us said that Swallows and House Martins should be encouraged to nest near peoples houses because they consume very large numbers of flies

On the 19th October I heard, but did not see, the first Fieldfares of the Autumn flying over.

Today, the 23rd, two Cormorants were spotted on the top of an electricity pylon near Nailsea Wall Farm. This pylon is overlooking the old river Kenn. They often perch there, again, I wonder why? It is in a very exposed position.

A few days ago I saw two large flocks of Finches feeding in the dense vegetation on the old railway line near Russ Bridge. One flock was Chaffinches and on the other side of the line there was a flock of Goldfinches.

Ray Naish.

Wendy Boyd

Church people were very saddened to hear of the death, after a short illness, of Wendy Boyd.

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Wendy was a very popular person in both Kenn and Kingston where she regularly attended the mid-morning services at church. She will be remembered as a very cheerful and friendly person who had a kind word for everyone she knew.

At a Thanksgiving Service for her life held at Kingston Seymour Church there was a very large congregation to pay their respects to her.

Wendy had been involved in many organisations including working in Charity Shops in Yatton.

Ray Naish.

What's on at the Drum

Tuesday Night is Live Music Night

Tuesday 6th November
Greg Winters

Tuesday 13th November
Mike & Graham

Tuesday 20th November
Flash Harry Duo

Tuesday 27th November
Julie

Every Wednesday Evening
is Quiz Night at the Drum
Free entry - Prizes
Raffle for local charities

Bookings are now being taken for
Christmas Parties in December from
the 1st - 24th

(Parties of up to 30 people)

Stonehouse Farm continued

Last month, I wrote about cider from this farm being delivered locally. Later it was sent all over the country.

The reason for this expansion of trade was that, in the late 1920's, father bought a cider filtering machine. This was a copper tub which was filled with cotton wool. Cider was forced through it by a pump. When it came out the bottom it was as clear as crystal.

The cider was then bottled, corked up and the bottles labelled with attractive labels which read VICTOR E. NAISH, CIDER MAKER, KENN, YATTON, SOMERSET. The cider was like champagne.

In 1927 father sent a sample of his bottled cider to the Brewers Exhibition in London and won a Highly Commended Award.

A man, who was a Harley Street Specialist in Rheumatic Diseases, noticed the address on the bottles at the Exhibition and got in touch with my father asking him if he would supply some of his patients with cider.

The specialist explained that he recommended cider drinking to these patients as a counter acid to combat their rheumatism.

Soon people were writing from all over the country ordering cider. This was sent to them through the Great Western Railway at Yatton Station.

At that time the Station Master at Yatton would send a lorry down to Kenn to pick up either barrels of cider or cases of bottles of cider to be

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delivered anywhere in the country for three shillings and sixpence each.

The local trade was not neglected. Several days each week a pony cart was loaded up with barrels of cider to be delivered in and around Clevedon to both private houses and pubs and clubs.

The man who did most of these deliveries was the late Reg Bessant who worked at the farm for many years. Reg arrived at the farm from his home in Clevedon at 6.30 a.m. on his bike. He then harnessed the pony called Bob to the cart, drove down to Russ with whoever else worked here to milk the cows which were trained to stand still in the field to be milked by hand without being tied up. When the milking was finished the milk was brought back to the farm and unloaded.

Then the cart was loaded up with cider barrels, Reg then drove the cart to Clevedon to his home, had his breakfast, and then delivered the cider to the customers.

In 1942 Reg left the farm, he had found a better job.

This job was a charge hand for Somerset Rivers Catchment Board. This was a cushy number. He had been put in charge of 30 Italian Prisoners of War who were working repairing the sea wall at Kingston Seymour.

All he had to do was show them what had to be done. Reg got on well with the prisoners; they referred to him as Mister.

When Reg was a young man he had been a Grenadier Guardsman and had

volunteered for duty in Ireland when that was a very dangerous place to be.

For volunteering he was awarded a pound a week pension, for life.

To be continued Ray Naish.

Kenn Village on the Screen

On 16th October there was a programme on T.V. about the Village of Kenn.

It was chiefly about the Kenn Hangings when three men from the Village were hanged near the scene of the crime for setting fire to mows of wheat belonging to Farmer Benjamin Poole in 1830. It was reckoned to be the last public hanging at the scene of crime ever to take place in England.

They had set fire to the mows because Farmer Poole had reported one of them, William Wall, to the authorities for selling cider from unlicensed premises. The other two were young lads called James Rowley and William Clarke. Several others including William Wall's wife Mary, who was accused of making the matches that started the fire were sentenced to Transportation for Life.

Two Kenn residents, Cyril Willcox on whose farm the hangings took place and Hartley Staples who explained about cider making were interviewed by the T.V. men.

Ray Naish.

This poem, sent in by John and Grace, was written by Mrs. G. Yeates after a fox took a hen from Mrs. Harry Gale of the Orchards, Kenn - they believe that the Vicar at the time was Frank Stevens.

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A Sunday Morning at Kenn
1st February, 1970

Twos on a Sunday morning
The winter skies were grey
And the Vicar had gone to
Kingston Church
On this particular day.

His scattered flock were busy
With their own affairs to mind,
When Master Reynard too set out
Some easy prey to find.

He wandered down the hedgerows
And slunk across a field
"Ah! - Mrs. Gale has fine fat hens
"A tasty meal they'll yield."

No one saw his coming
He crept, belly low, to the pen
And beneath the wire he burrowed
To seize the biggest hen

He bit her hard, right through the
neck

Not a single squawk was uttered!
"And now to get her safely home"
The crafty dog-fox muttered.

But Mr. Baker from his window
Saw him with his load
And jumping on his bicycle
Pedalled off down the road

Two passing rooks took up the cry
And dived and swooped and
cawed,

They followed the fox and showed
where he went
As they flew about the sky.

Homeward from Church the Vicar
was coming

When he heard Tom Baker shout.
"Run up the path and ring the bell
"and fetch the Yeates's out"

The Vicar did as he was bid
As fast as he could run,
Bill and Missus both rushed out
Each loading up a gun.

They searched the orchard and
found the hen

But the fox had travelled on,
And only disgusted rooks on high
Knew just where he had gone.

So Mrs Gale you must mend your
pen

And we'll keep a ready gun,
For Mr. Fox will be coming back
This isn't the end of the fun.

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M.S. Centre - 100 + Club 2000/1

The cost per year is £10.00 for one
number to go into a monthly draw
(drawn during the first week of each
month). You can buy as many
numbers as you like.

On joining you will be informed of
your allocated number/s. Winners will
be notified by post.

The prize money for December is
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By joining our **100 + Club** you will be
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*To enter - contact Sheila Naish -
01934 838357 who has entry forms
which must be returned to the Centre
by the 30th November in readiness for
the first draw of **£200.00** on the 1st
December*

- don't miss out by entering late!!



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24 October, 2001

Dear Mrs Ford,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Kenn Women's Institute about the Foot & Mouth epidemic and the need for a full Public Enquiry. The Government, far from addressing adequately the problems posed by foot and mouth, aggravated the situation. A failure to understand that it is impossible to separate the needs of farming from the wider rural community on the part of the Government is largely why their response was so inappropriate. It is also why there is an urgent need for the Government to hold a full independent public enquiry.

A report from the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) out yesterday accused the Government of aggravating the foot and mouth crisis by its actions. The CPRE's acting head of rural policy, Gregor Hutcheon, said: 'The initial response to "close the countryside" was based on the misnomer of a separate rural economy isolated from the rest of the economy. It failed to appreciate how much business, other than agriculture, also relies on upon a high quality countryside. As a result, many businesses, in both the town and the country, have experienced tremendous hardship and economic difficulties'.

Responding to the report, Shadow DEFRA Secretary Peter Ainsworth MP said: 'The rural task force has delivered precious few practical benefits to hard-pressed non-farming businesses in particular tourism businesses which have suffered a massive economic impact with serious long-term consequences... It is for these reasons that the Government should be held to account by a full, independent, public inquiry'.

Jane Ainsworth

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