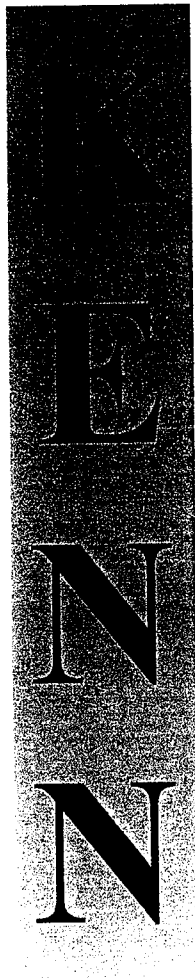


# NEWS & VIEWS



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Turned to the child just before Cribbs Causeway to say – well we're going to be nice and early – aren't we, aren't we - oh golly! NO CHILD!

Screech of brakes, one circuit around the roundabout – back for the child – who was still waiting and much speed with (what is the speed limit on the motorway??) 10 minutes to go – to get to Southmead.

Said parent did arrive on time – no speeding fine – but red faced !!

The child reminds parent of “senility” as often as necessary!

Glad it's not just me!

## Editor's Notes from Sheila

Don't forget there is a Public Meeting at Kenn Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00 p.m. to discuss the “Fly Problem” in Kenn. This will be chaired by an executive of the Environmental Services Agency.

Please come and air your views.

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Our best wishes to Sam Dyer and Robin Mackay who have both been in hospital. We understand both are now on the road to recovery.

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Many thanks to John and Margaret Ball for organising the splendid work on the floor of the Village Hall. It is totally wonderful.

When's the next dance?

## St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

### Altar Guild – October Rota

Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and Tina Middleton

### News & Views about the Church Room

I now have the first sketches showing the proposed alterations to the small room next to the church car park. There is a small presentation on one of the notice boards in the church.

I would welcome comments from anyone with ideas or opinions and will meet anyone for discussions if you contact me on 01275 8735545.

Remember, this is just the beginning !!

Julia Bush

### Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Kenn on 9<sup>th</sup> September were very well attended. At the morning Family Service there were a large number of families with young children who brought a great variety of Harvest Gifts which were distributed to the sick and elderly later in the week. There were around 70 people of all ages in the congregation.

The evening service had a congregation of over 50 people.

Church leaders consider these to be very large numbers for such a small village as Kenn.

The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables.

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## Kenn Village Hall

A Jumble Sale for Hall Funds will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 p.m.

Goods to the Hall 10 a.m. – 11. a.m. morning of the sale please.

Offers of help and raffle prizes will be most acceptable.

Kennites and friends using the Hall recently have seen the transformation of the Hall Floor, now that it has been sanded, sealed and polished. The work cost £1700.

If any reader unable to come to the Jumble Sale but would like to give a donation will they please send or take it to Irene Stowell at Fairways, Kenn.

R.M.Dyer

## Dates For Your Diary

**Kenn Village Hall**  
1<sup>st</sup> October – Parish Council 7.30 pm

**Drum & Monkey**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
- 12.30 onwards - Village Lunch  
- all welcome

**Kenn Village Hall**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October,  
Kenn Women's Institute 7.30 pm.

"Health for the Future for People and Animals" by Mrs. C. Baker  
Competition 1) Your Health Tip  
2) Souvenir in Glass of a Holiday

Non-members always welcome

## **Kenn Village Hall**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 pm**  
**Public Meeting – to discuss the "Fly Problem"**

## **Kenn Village Hall**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2.30 pm**  
**Jumble Sale for Hall Funds.**  
Produce – Books – Bric-a-Brac  
Plants etc. etc. – Admission 20p.

## **Kenn Valley Social Club**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**8.00 pm – Fun Quiz Night & Disco**

## Advance Dates

### Kenn Village Hall

28<sup>th</sup> November – W.I. Christmas  
Flowers

5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tea Party

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas  
Disco/Party

21<sup>st</sup> Children's Christmas Party

Could you fill this space ?

News - Views - Stories

Please forward to  
Sheila at Oaklands Farm, or  
Ray at Cloverlea,  
or Liz at the Post Office  
or Margaret at Chaseside

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**Congratulations** to John & Grace Griffin on the birth of their first granddaughter; second child for Sarah and Robert Melling.

**Welcome Back to Kenn** to Maurice and Margaret Ford who have moved into Wimbridge, Kenn Street.

## **Thank you**

from Riverside, Nailsea Wall.

I write to say many thanks through Kenn News and Views to the kind people of the church who brought me a wonderful box of Harvest goodies from the Festival. It gives me great pleasure when I realise it is some of the Children's gifts that I have received.

I am pleased to be able to say that I am much better now after a stay in Clevedon Hospital.

I am grateful that I am still able to live in my little home and look after myself, but I am sorry to say I can't do any gardening any more; but I can't really expect to as I am now 93 years old.

I am pleased to see visitors from the Village to keep me up with the news.

Many thanks again,

Yours faithfully,

Edith Tripp

## **Thanks**

Mrs Hilda Staples of Duck Lane wishes to thank people of the Church for the lovely box of Harvest produce which she received recently. She is pleased to say that she is still able to look after herself in her own home at 93 years of age.

## **Leaving Kenn**

Our best wishes go to Mary Lamb who has moved to a new home in Clevedon. Mary has lived in Kenn for many years, she has been a model parishioner, involving herself in most things that were going on.

Many people will miss her greatly, she never missed a Service at the church, was a faithful member of the W.I. and was always willing to help at many fundraising events held at the Village Hall.

It has always been a pleasure to talk to Mary, she is always cheerful and looks for the best things in life, never dwelling on bad things. We look forwards to seeing her around again when she is able to visit the village.

Ray Naish.

## **Thanks**

Sam Dyer wishes to thank everyone who made enquiries during his recent stay in hospital. They were much appreciated.

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## Message from the Drum -

Mike Beardshaw would like to thank all who had faith in him and wishes it to be known that he is "Glad to be Back"

Welcome to Graham Wakefield who is the new joint licensee and manager

Best wishes for the future to Lita who has now "retired" and thanks to her for 'holding the fort' over the past few months.

### What's on at the Drum

Kenn Villager's Lunch  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 12.30 p.m.

Visitors warmly welcomed,  
come and meet your neighbours

Tuesday Night is Live Music Night

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Julie  
Very Talented Female Singer

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Not Guilty  
Very Entertaining Duo  
Popular - Not to be missed

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Monkey Finger  
From 60's to 90's songs you  
thought you had forgotten

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Rob Cook  
Entertaining all rounder

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
The Peppercorns  
Good Duo who write and sing their  
own music  
+ 70's & 80's  
well worth seeing.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
The Multi-Talented  
Greg Winters  
(what can you say?)

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night  
free entry - prizes  
Raffle

The Drum and Monkey Special  
Main Course and Sweet £5.45

December 1st - 24th  
Christmas Menu £12.95  
(not Sundays)

Three Courses with Coffee  
Bookings are now being taken

### BIRD NEWS I

A new facet of bird watching at Shapwick Heath has been counting the Little Egrets going to roost - generally around 25 most evenings. Of course, standing around for an hour or so before dust invariably means that other birds and animals are seen too.

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Jeff Naish spotted a bird in Nailsea Moor; he thinks it was a Redstart. It had a reddish tail and underparts. This is a rare sighting.

Ray Naish

## The Occupants of Stonehouse Farm

Continued .....

Last month, I wrote about my parents Victor and Maggie Naish moving to "Stonehouse Farm" in 1924. By the early 1930's their family had increased to five, my two sisters Margaret and Daphne and I had arrived on the scene.

By this time father had developed a large cider making business at the farm. If readers remember in an earlier article I wrote that Charlie Staples had started a cider business when he lived there. This had been continued by the Corp family when there.

Father improved on this, he bought a large amount of apples from farmers in the district to add to the large amount that were grown in the two orchards on the farm. Some years 50 tons were harvested from these two orchards, all picked up and bagged by hand.

Some years when there was a light crop in this area he bought apples that had been imported from France and Belgium, these apples had been brought into this country and delivered to the farm for around £2 per ton.

These apples were ground down and pressed. Most of this work was done on wet days and in the evenings. It was no trouble to get men to do this work, they could help themselves to as much cider as they cared to drink.

Going back to the apples that were grown in the orchards, they were chiefly picked up and bagged by casual labour. This was a boring, back-aching job that took at least two months to complete, however in times of high unemployment, men and sometimes their wives were pleased to do the job for one shilling (5p.) per hour.

In the early days, most of the cider was sold locally. One of the customers was Mr. Cornelius Meaker Arthur landlord of the "Rose and Crown" as Kenn pub was called in those days. When he passed away his widow took the licence, she was Mrs. Isabella Arthur, known as "Nellie".

Another customer was Mrs. Harry Smith, known as "Granny Smith" who ran "The Old Bridge Inn" this was an ancient building built of mud and wattle near where the present "Bridge Inn" now stands.

Cider was delivered to both pubs in 15 gallon barrels at 1 shilling and 3 pence per gallon.

Other pubs and clubs supplied were "The Waggon and Horses" and the "Conservative Club" in Clevedon.

To be continued.....

Ray Naish.

# FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> October 8pm

teams up to 4

£5 per team

AT

KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB

Raffle, Best Decorated Bra Prize (worn by male or female)

Disco to follow 'til late

In Aid of

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Ring Sheila on 01934 838357 to book your table

Think PINK!! Dress PINK!! Drink Pink!!

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One night a Spoonbill (another white heron) was with the Egrets and Kingfishers (on the South Drain) and Barn Owls are often seen.

More notably a Otter has been seen on several evenings, but regrettably not the ones when I have been there.

Water is being pumped out of Blagdon Lake and the muddy margins are proving attractive to a number of wader species.

However on the 12<sup>th</sup> a Baird's Sandpiper was spotted. This is a small American wader and is the first ever to be recorded in the old County of Avon area.

Last month Ray commented on the abundance of Swallows and House Martins and that seems to represent the situation generally. "Our" House Martins have been here since June but didn't nest until the second half of August. As Ray commented, the earlier broods do assist in feeding their later siblings, a good example of how nature makes full use of all its capacity.

Trevor Riddle

## BIRD NEWS II

Many birds around the village have now recovered from their late summer moult and become active again.

Around the buildings and in the orchards near "Stonehouse Farm" Robins are claiming their winter territories by singing loudly in the mornings and evenings. They must have had a good breeding season as there seems to be a lot of them around.

The Blackbirds in the orchards are also very noisy just before dark, warning others to keep away.

Little Owls are screeching in the tall trees. They always seem to do this at this time of year.

It is now the 26<sup>th</sup> September, and large numbers of House Martins and Swallows are still with us. This has been particularly noticeable today because there has been drizzly rain forcing the insects down near the ground. The birds have had to fly low to feed on them. They must migrate soon.

A flock of something like 300 Peewits have been feeding in the moor. A large proportion of them are juveniles, they still have their brown plumage. It is something of a mystery where they have come from and where they were hatched, probably not in this area.

Several Wheatears have been noticed in different places around Nailsea, also some young Buzzards flying awkwardly.



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## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### September Meeting

Our meeting started with a minute's silence for the sudden sad passing of Mrs Irene Kingcott. We shall miss her very much for her kindness, hard work on the Trade Stall which she ran so efficiently with Mrs Thelma Blake, her work with the WI Market on a Friday, and her loyal membership of the WI. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to her family.

In view of the inclement weather and the distance our speaker had travelled, we reversed our order of business and Mrs Miley, warned us that "Christmas is Coming".

She is a delightful lady with the most beautiful soft Irish voice, and I think we could have all listened to her for hours as she showed us the tree decorations, Christmas Stockings, Advent Calendars, ideas for low priced presents – as she said if the wrapping is pretty, the present can be quite small providing it is well thought out. She also does not like the bang of crackers, so she has made individual miniature stockings which are placed at the table settings and she pops inside a joke (which she cuts out from magazines and papers so they are better than the usual cracker jokes), paper hat, and a present suitable for the recipient or a luxury chocolate.

She does, however, ask for the stockings back so they can be used from year to year. As she so rightly said, Christmas is tradition and a major part of it is using the same decorations from year to year with the excitement of taking them out of storage and remembering stories that surround some items.

Her decorated baubles, handmade birds, little parcels, and tiny cushions (three together in pretty material looked so effective) were beautiful and in fact much more sturdy than the plastic or glass decorations we buy in the shops. She said that she has now amassed enough hand made decorations to completely cover her tree every year.

Her talk was interspersed with anecdotes of Christmases past. She recalled how one year she had her champagne cocktail (her 'cure-all' at Christmas!) at 11.00 a.m. and shortly after the main ring on her cooker blew. The turkey and gammon had cooked and as she was about to start cooking the vegetables the tree lights went out and they had a power cut – not good when the house is all electric! However, they had another drink and sat and waited; at 2.30

p.m. they had another little drink and by now the adults were beginning not to care but still no electricity. Eventually her next door neighbour came to the rescue as she had a gas cooker. All the vegetables were transported next door and whilst they were cooking, Mrs Miley prepared the bread sauce and gravy on a camping stove. Everything turned out well and the turkey was certainly well rested.

Another year she recalled that her Son brought his new wife to Christmas Dinner and Mrs Miley had bought her a large present for which she used a lot of paper "If you unwrap it carefully you will be able to use the paper again," said Mrs Miley to the girl, and she received a somewhat bemused look from her new daughter-in-law; we can all remember when we had to iron gift paper and use it from year to year during and after the War; young people these days are used to this throw-away world unfortunately.

Mrs Miley, like WI Members in general, hates any waste, Mrs Miley also brought some of the clothes she has made and these were good enough to have come from a fashion house. I wonder if she has any sleep and she is so very clever with her hands making fabric goodies; not only this but she enjoys gardening in the Summer and her sewing and craft is done in the Winter months. Mrs Miley is a truly charming speaker who is very entertaining.

The competition was for a handmade Christmas card – Gold Thelma Blake, Silver Joy Morris, Green Ruth Dyer

We then attended to the Branch business. We shall be having another Table Sale but we shall ensure that the posters will call it a "Quality Table Sale" to show the type of goods we have on offer. The skittles season has started and our first match is against Hewish (a tough draw). We have a friendly match at Kenn Valley on the 24<sup>th</sup> October to practice. Our next meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Kenn Village Hall when we shall hear about "Health for the Future for People and Animals" from Mrs. Baker – the competition is Your Health Tip. The entry for the Group Meeting competition will also be judged at this meeting; it is a Glass Souvenir of a Holiday. Another date to remember is our Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – tickets available at our October Meeting.

ROSEMARIE FORD – 01275-877243

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## "Thank you"

Kind friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, fruit and good wishes we have received upon our return to live in Kenn. We are delighted to be back, we have returned home !

Margaret and Maurice Ford

**Thanks** to the Churchwardens of Kenn from Corner Cottage

Will you please accept our sincere thanks for the lovely box of Harvest gifts you so kindly brought us.

It was a wonderful Harvest Sunday, this comes with our love and God's Blessing to one and all

Jack Hanson and  
Sally Whitehead

## From New House Farm

When I started to clean our lovely little church back in the 1970's, I remember saying to Ruth Dyer that it was my dream to see Brian walk our daughters up the aisle.

Well, on September 1<sup>st</sup> my dream came true when our eldest daughter, Clare married Matthew Hibbs.

It was a magical day, the sun shone, the church was beautiful, it was just like a fairytale.

Clare looked radiant. Our other daughter Kate and Clare's best friend Louise Pugh were bridesmaids and looked wonderful.

The service was conducted by Ian Hubbard, the organ played by Tristan Noyes and the choir were the Mirabel Singers. Quinton Stowell gave the reading.

The church was decorated beautifully by Joanna Cheek and Jane Staples.

Margaret and John Ball supplied the cars and Marianna and Robin Mackay very kindly gave us the use of their beautiful garden for the photographs.

Mark Pugh provided the bay trees outside the Church door.

Christopher Taylor took Clare and myself up and down to Bristol for dress fittings and many other errands.

So Brian and I would just like to say a big "thank you" to you all for making our dream really come true.

Matthew looked quite good too!

Juliet

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Many thanks to all the ladies who took so much time and talent in decorating the church and to all who contributed in any way to making this such a wonderful festival

Julia Bush and Ray Naish

## The Harvest Barbecue

Once again Simon and Jenny Pascoe with Robin and Marianna Mackay and all their helpers provided a wonderful Harvest Supper which followed the Evening Service.

This was held in the Village Hall, around 100 people took part in this feast of gigantic proportions, (not ideally suited to vegetarians). One of the good things about this event was that it attracted people of all ages, with young children and many teenager attending, also visitors who were astonished at the bounty on offer at such a reasonable price.

Many thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful climax to the day's celebrations.

This barbecue followed the great event organised by Margaret and John Ball a couple of weeks earlier at their home "Chaseside" when around 400 people attended and a grand total of £2,448.58 was raised for charity.

Come to Kenn for great early autumn festivities. Village Life is in good shape here for all who are willing to take part.

Ray Naish.

## Kenn Notes - Snippets

### Celebrations – Our Flag

#### Wedding - 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the wedding of Clare Stowell, elder daughter of Brian and Juliet Stowell of New House Farm to Matthew Hibbs of Clevedon.

The Reverend Ian Hubbard officiated at St. John's Church. We wish them a long and happy life together.

#### Birthday - 7<sup>th</sup> September

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Mr. George Holtham. He kept the garage at Kenn for many years before retiring to Clevedon.

### Irene Kingcott

Kenn Women's Institute lost one of its hardworking members in the passing of Irene Kingcott of Ham Farm, Kingston Seymour on 11<sup>th</sup> September in Southmead Hospital after a short illness.

Irene will be sorely missed; she ran the Trade Stall at Kenn W.I., produced for and helped at the Clevedon W.I. market and did wonderful work in Kingston Seymour Church, organised Kingston Seymour market and taught spinning and weaving. If Irene said she would do something she could be relied on to do it.

She was a true Christian and we extend our sincere sympathy to her husband Frank and his family.

Ruth Dyer.

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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.
8th	Robin Rogers
12th	Dave and Sue Pugh W.A.
16th	Cheryl Quinn
18th	Wendy & Sotoris Papasolomontos W.A.
26th	Justin Naish

### *Thought of the Month*

*From little acorns big oak trees grow  
and from one small event will spring  
others and £1 donation is better than  
nothing at all  
support our Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month*

### **Breakthrough £1,000 Challenge for Breast Cancer Awareness**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and to this end I have signed up and pledged to raise £1,000 which will be met by £100 by its sponsor Kodak.

I have organised as the first event a

**Fun Quiz Night at Kenn  
Valley Social Club on  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
8.00 p.m.**

Teams of 4 – please let me know if you wish to enter.

It is a pink/purple theme!

Prize for the Best Bra!

Anyone with Raffle Prizes to spare?  
I would be glad to have them.

We shall follow this event by another one of  
**Jean Woods'**  
**Christmas Puzzle Sheets**  
to drive you and your families crazy, and of course the  
**Christmas Disco/Party in the Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

So please help me to raise this money and have some fun doing it!

Fact! Every month 1000 women die of Breast Cancer that means thousands more, sons, daughters, husbands, parents and friends suffer too, so let us help make a difference.

If anyone else wishes to take up the challenge and pledge to raise £1000 give me a ring and I will give the details to them.

Sheila 01934 838357

### Naish's Notes

No name – I promised! – but one of our villagers having had to take an offspring to hospital for an appointment left nice and early for the appointment, picking up said child on way.