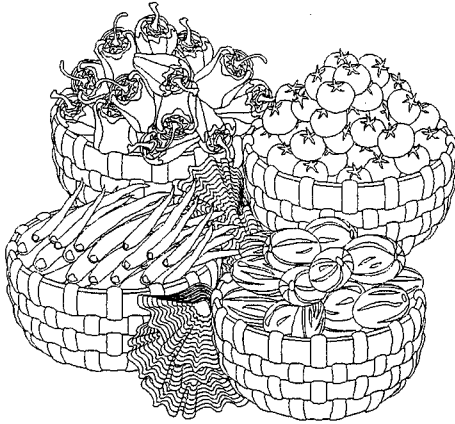


KENN NEWS AND VIEWS



**KENN
HARVEST BBQ
SUNDAY
9TH SEPT
7PM**

TICKETS £4 (CHILDREN £1)

**BRING YOUR OWN
CUTLERY/DRINKS**



Editor Sheila NAISH
01934-838357

Issue No 157 September 2001

Printed by:- Margaret BALL
01275-874077

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

- 1st - Tina Smith
2nd - Marianna & Robin Mackay
(WA)
- Tina & Mike Smith (WA)
3rd - Renee Russell
7th - Mr. George Holtham
7th - Mike and Joan Stephens (WA)
8th - Mrs. Hilda Staples
8th - Matthew Hayden
18th - Jean Fenwick
20th - Jessica Quinn
20th - Clive & Suzanne Golding-Ellis
(WA)
24th - Iris and Dennis Goldsworthy
(WA)
25th - Caroline and John Hayden
(WA)
26th - Joanna (Staples) Cheek
28th - Heather Jenkins

Thought of the Month

*It is when things go wrong
You must not quit
They can only get better*

Naish's Notes

We had a brilliant time at our BBQ/Disco in spite of the thunder/lightning/pouring rain.....

We danced down the barn with umbrellas up at one point – budding Gene Kelly's – to the tune of "It's Raining Men" – it felt like "cats and dogs"!

Well done and many thanks to Derek Wall for the Disco, even if the CDs were soaked his sense of humour "shone" through and we all enjoyed it.

Many thanks to the Stout family for all their hard work making it such a success.

Total monies raised will go to M.S. Centre – please send any late ticket money a.s.a.p.

Official

Drinking milk prevents cancer!!!

Research in Norway has found that women who drink more than 3 glasses a day are half as likely to develop breast cancer as those who don't drink milk.

A study by scientists at Bristol University found that drinking milk can reduce the level of heart disease in men.

How encouraging – after years of being told to keep off dairy products, fats etc. – a boost for milk. Dairy Farmers spread the word !!!!

Congratulations to Russell Hancock and his new wife on their recent marriage at Kenn Church.

Condolences to Roger Jenkins and family on the sad death of his father Tony. Anyone who had had dealings with Tony who was a regular visitor in Kenn, joining in our activities and helping out – will remember him as always laughing and joking. He will be sadly missed.

Congratulations to our students. We hear that very good results were had by all.

Sheila

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

St. John's Altar Guild

September Rota

Mrs. J. Stowell, Mrs. J. Naish
and Mrs. S. Pugh

KENN NOTES - SNIPPETS

Celebrations

One Hundred and First Birthday 4th August

We were pleased to fly our flag to celebrate the one hundred and first birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

Marriage - 4th August

Russell Hancock of Kenn and Leanne Hudson of Clevedon were married at St. John's Church, Kenn. We flew our flag in celebration and wish them many happy years together.

Ninetieth Birthday - 20th August

Mrs Holtham, who lived at Kenn Garage for many years and now lives in Clevedon, celebrated her ninetieth birthday.

Mrs Holtham is one of the founder members of Kenn Women's Institute. We flew our flag in celebration.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Drum & Monkey

Tuesday 4th September - Village Lunch from 12.30 - everyone welcome - come and meet your neighbours

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Sunday 9th September Harvest Festival

11.00 a.m. Harvest Family Service

6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong

7.00 p.m. Harvest Barbecue at Kenn Village Hall

- Everyone welcome
- Tickets available now
- £4 adults
- £1 children
- from Jenny and Simon Pascoe or Churchwardens.

(bring your own cutlery/drinks)

Kenn Village Hall

- Wednesday 12th September at 7.30 Kenn Women's Institute Meeting
- Speaker Mrs P. Miley on
- "Christmas is Coming"
- Competition - a Home Made Christmas card.

Non-members are always welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

**Kenn Village Hall - 17th October
Jumble Sale in aid of Kenn Village
Hall Funds 2.30 p.m.**

Offers of help and goods most welcome.

R. M. Dyer

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

LATE NEWS

Thanks

Mary Willcox would like to thank all those who supported the sale of plants she had grown in the spring.

Many of these can now be seen in full flower around the village. £200.50 was raised which has been donated to Church Funds.

Thank you Mary

Typist's note: Sorry Mary, I should have put this in a couple of months ago.

More Late News

Congratulations to Denise Stevens – younger daughter of Mike and Joan of Kenn Street – who was married in Clevedon recently to Daniel Fitzpatrick – we wish them many happy years together.

Even More Late News

Richard Jaehme, aged 17, was in the news in July when his prompt action saved the life of a man who was bleeding to death opposite the Prince of Orange pub in Yatton

- Well done Richard!!!

Early News

Brian and Juliet Stowell's eldest daughter Clare will be getting married on Saturday 1st September at 12.30 p.m. to Matthew Hibbs – Best wishes to them both.

Announcement

John and Margaret Ball are pleased to announce the engagement of Gina, daughter of Margaret and the late Roger Stowell to Hilton Minakawa who comes from Brazil.

The wedding is planned for November and they will be making their home in Chingford.

Pig Roast results

Many thanks to all who helped to set up, serve, cook, cater, entertain, and most importantly help with the clearing up.

Thanks also for the generosity of those who attended.

The Raffle for St. Peter's made £692.00 (prizes having been donated) and the Auction £170.00.

Jean's Bookstall made £48 and Julia's games £40

We are delighted to report that £853.00 has been passed to St. John's Churchwardens for Church funds and £1332.00 plus an unknown sum in the collecting boxes has gone to St. Peter's Hospice.

Judging by the comments elsewhere from John and Julia it was not a bad night.

Again, thank you all, especially the Rolls-Royce Enthusiast's Club for suggesting the idea.

Margaret and John Ball

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Driver Needed

Is there anybody out there who could occasionally transport well behaved members of the congregation who do not have their own motorbikes/cars, to and from services at St. John's?

You do not have to come to church but there would be a warm welcome if you did.

Get back to me - Julia Bush
01275 873554

p.s. Don't forget,
I still need a Village Organiser
for Christian Aid

Harvest Family Service

Harvest Thanksgiving Services
this year's will be held on
Sunday 9th September.

At the Family Service at 11.00
a.m. children are invited to
bring Harvest Gifts.

These, with any other gifts of
fruit, vegetables, eggs etc. that
have been brought to the
church will be distributed to the
sick and elderly later in the
week.

The Harvest Evensong will be
held as usual at 6.00 p.m.
followed by a barbecue in the
Village Hall.

What's on at the Drum?

Tuesday 4th September
Village Lunch - meet from 12.30 p.m.

Live Music at The Drum

Tuesday 4th September
Monkey Finger

Tuesday 11th September
Terry James

Tuesday 18th September
Greg Winters

Tuesday 25th September
Me & Mrs Jones

Don't forget - Every Wednesday
QUIZ NIGHT

PIG ROAST

On Sunday 26th August John and
Margaret Ball organised a Pig Roast
and Barbecue at their home
"Chaseside" to raise funds for St.
Peter's Hospice and St. John's Church,
Kenn.

Almost four hundred people attended
and enjoyed a truly memorable event
on a warm balmy evening.

We were entertained by live music and
a display of approximately 35 classic
cars, mostly Rolls-Royce whose
Enthusiasts' Club shared the partying,
with Kenn folk and friends of John &
Margaret.

The food was really excellent with
most generous portions for all.

We thank John and Margaret for their
hospitality and all their hard work in
providing us all with an "evening to
remember".

John Griffin

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

More Pig Roast notes

An evening to remember at Chaseside.

The late summer sun glinted on the stately Rolls-Royce as it progressed down the village street. As it drew up to park, there was a slight lull in the buzz of conversation amongst the team who were putting the finishing touches to various games and stalls in anticipation of the first guest's arrival.

Was this the opening scene for a T.V. thriller of a Tourist Board ad to encourage Americans to holiday in Britain?

No, it was the charity event of the year in Kenn. Hosted by John and Margaret Ball in the grounds of their house, Chaseside.

The Bank Holiday weather was kind and the village looked at its best as hundreds of people arrived to enjoy an evening of pleasant company, good food and easy music.

A cavalcade of gleaming vintage and classic cars took pride of place and the 'experts' among us wandered slowly up and down discussing technicalities until the light failed.

Meanwhile, chairs were drawn into friendly groups to facilitate chatting, which was only interrupted by trips to the BBQ and munching thereafter.

There were games (not serious) a raffle (huge) and an auction (lively). These all helped to swell the takings and provide a bit of fun.

I left as darkness fell, after a very pleasant evening, knowing that some folk were just getting started!

Thanks to superb organisation and a willing band of helpers the whole event appeared effortless.

Details of the profit which will be divided between St. Peter's Hospice and Church Funds will doubtless be recorded elsewhere, but whatever the result, we would like to thank John & Margaret for their generosity and everyone who helped for all their effort.

Sincerely,

Julia Bush and Ray Naish
Churchwardens - St. John's

BIRD NEWS 1

A fairly quiet month, but a Wheatear by the riverbank at Congresbury indicates that autumn migration is under way. On the same date (18th) the railway path bushes held lots of Warblers grounded by poor weather, and only evident by their contact calls.

Blagdon lake hosted a rare White Winged Black Tern for a week and this drew a small crowd of "twitchers" (including me!).

In the garden our local Robin is singing his autumn song to establish winter territory and out on the moor a family of Buzzards is calling to give the youngsters confidence.

September is the main migration month, when many of our swallows and House Martins leave on their incredible journeys. But if the wind swings to an easterly direction keep a sharp look out in your gardens as any tired migrant bird may turn up for food, rest and shelter.

Trevor Riddle

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

BIRD NEWS II

Everywhere around the district this summer there have been very large numbers of Swallows and House Martins. The numbers have increased as more and more young have been hatched as the summer progressed.

I visited a farm at Charterhouse on Mendip recently, and it was the same up there. The farm has two farmhouses, around the original one the Swallows nest; around the newer one the House Martins nest.

The family who run this farm have farmed on Mendip for generations. I was amazed how interested the farmer I was talking to was in the bird life around his farm, considering the hard life they have to endure on this very isolated, windswept farm.

He went on to tell me that a House Martin's nest fell down when repairs were carried out to the roof. It contained three chicks. The man doing the repairs quickly made an open box, placed the nest and chicks in it and nailed it to the side of the house. The parent birds flew straight into the box and fed the young.

Another thing he told me that I have never heard before was that the young that have been born early in the summer help their parents to feed the young born later in the year.

Ray Naish.

Anthony Peter Jenkins

Tony has recently died after being in poor health for a very long time. He was a husband to Kath, father to Roger, father-in-law to Heather and

grandfather to Andrew and Pip of "Coxhay", Kenn Street.

Although Tony never lived in Kenn; he was well known to many Kenn people through he and Kath being involved in many fundraising and social activities in the village.

Together they helped raise a lot of money towards the re-roofing of the Church. Tony made and presented to the Church the Crib that is used on the Children's Corner at Christmastime.

Tony had a poor start in life. He was found as a new-born baby, abandoned in the doorway of a hospital. Fortunately he was adopted by a childless couple and brought up in Bristol. He married Kath when only nineteen. Their marriage lasted almost 52 years. Kath has been in poor health for years; she has sometimes been overwhelmed by Tony's ability to see the best in every situation and in everybody. He had warmth and laughter for everyone. He looked after Kath tirelessly until his own health gave out. He had an inner energy and warmth that seemed to carry him through life unhindered with the baggage of worry and stress.

In recent years people who met him found it hard to believe that he could have such a debilitating illness and still be cheerful.

Roger told me that in a discussion with his doctor before Tony's death, the doctor had said how impressed he was with his dad's resilience and enthusiasm for life. A remark he made was "Always laughing – a lovely man".

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

There was a large congregation at Weston Crematorium for his funeral.

Tony had been a wonderful husband and father and a very caring and kind grandfather to Andrew and Pip and a great friend to very many people throughout his life.

Always laughing A lovely man...

Ray Naish

The Occupants of Stonehouse Farm

Continued

Last month I wrote about Allan Corp and his family when they were living at "Stonehouse Farm", they left in 1924.

On 25th March 1924 my parents, Victor Naish and Maggie Simmons bought the farm. Victor moved in straight away and Maggie joined him after their marriage at Kingston Church on 23rd April the same year.

The following year my grandfather and grandmother Alfred and Clara Naish moved into one end of the farmhouse with their daughter May. They had retired from farming at North End Farm, Yatton.

Victor had been farming in a small way previous to this, the buildings he used were rented from William Traves. These are the ones situated at the foot of Kingston Bridge on the Kingston side. He brought to Kenn a small herd of milking cows, about 14, also a big cart mare and a pony used for delivering milk. The former well-known Kenn resident Alfred Neath was employed at that time.

The milk produced here at "Stonehouse Farm" was delivered and sold daily to Stowell's Dairy at "Moorgates", Kenn Street.

The Stowell family had a big business running there. They bought most of the milk produced in this area and manufactured it into cheese. They used the whey, a by-product of cheese making, for fattening pigs. Had the pigs slaughtered on the premises. Cured some of the pigmeat for bacon and made sausages with the remainder.

Their produce was sold all around the district including Bristol.

A large number of local people were employed there.

To be continued next month

Ray Naish

FILL THIS SPACE

with your

"News and Views"

Magazine Material please

to Sheila Naish

to Ray Naish

to Liz at the Post Office

or to Margaret Ball