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Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

- 1st - Tina Smith
Clare & Matt Hibbs (WA)
2nd - Marianna & Robin Mackay
(WA)
- Tina & Mike Smith (WA)
3rd - Mrs. 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) Check
28th - Heather Jenkins

Thoughts of the Month

*I love deadlines
I especially love the swooshing sound
they make as they go by!*

(sorry Margaret - but I will try!)

Think before you Ink

Naish's Notes

Congratulations to our young people who have done so well in their exams.

Chill Out Day

I thoroughly enjoyed our Chill Out Day. Everyone worked hard to make it such a success. Many thanks to the people whose brainwaves led to the Hot Tub on The Green and to Margaret, John, Marianna, Robin, Hazel and Mike for organising it.

I had a brilliant, relaxing time the first time I went in and enormous fun the second time when it felt like 'how many people can we get into a hot tub!' It was lovely.

To the two people who are having Hot Tubs, I must remind them that as a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator it will be my duty to look after them when they are on holiday etc. and make sure they run smoothly in their absence My presence sat in them should surely deter burglars!

Money raised from Sponsors should be collected in as soon as possible and passed to Margaret, Simon or Marianna.

Kenn Valley Social Club

Derek Wall is leaving Kenn Valley Social Club on 1st September.

Over the years Derek has given his time and premises free of charge for many fund raising activities both for the Village and Villagers' events and outside events. We have had many good times there over the years and for this we would like to thank him wholeheartedly.

We hope that he is successful in his new venture and wish him well for the future.

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We will miss both Club and Derek. Our functions will not be the same, let us hope that he will participate in some of our activities, but as a guest in future.

Sheila

Latest News concerning Hand Stadium

Sheila has received the following letter from Avon and Somerset Magistrates Court dated 29th August 2002.

"Dear Mrs Naish,

Re: Application for Grant of On Licence in respect of The Hand Stadium, Davis Lane, Clevedon

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August 2002. The application is listed for hearing on 4th September 2002 at The Courthouse, Flax Bourton at 10.30 am.

Due to the number of objections received, this application will not proceed on 4th September and will be adjourned.

Your objection has been recorded and therefore you need not attend to object at this stage.

You will be required to attend on a later date and give evidence if you formally wish to object to the application.

If you have any queries etc.

Clerk to the Licensing Justice."

Sheila has also received an acknowledgement from Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

Church News

New Room News – September

I have been in contact with Bob Palmer, the architect at present working on the plans for the new room. He intends to draw up the final specification this month, and put the work out to tender.

This should take about six weeks and I hope the job should get underway before Christmas. If we can satisfy insurance requirements, it is hoped that some of the initial demolition work could be carried out by 'village volunteers'.

This would save time and money, while giving everyone the chance to make their own contribution to this project. I hope that towards the end of the build we could at least do the decorating ourselves. (Ladies, look out your faithful emulsion brushes!)

Julia Bush

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FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH

A Meeting will be held in Church at 7.30 pm on Friday 20th September to discuss raising funds for the New Room. Everyone welcome – bring lots of ideas!

Plum Jam

Victoria Plum Jam made to order, in aid of Kenn Church Funds (new room).

Please phone Grace Griffin on 01275 872948

St. John's Altar Guild

September Rota

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

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on September 8th. At the morning Family Service at 11 o'clock children and families are invited to bring Harvest Gifts. These will be distributed to the sick and elderly later in the week.

Members of the local community are invited to bring gifts of fruit, vegetables and eggs etc. to the Church the previous day.

Church leaders are keen to make this Sunday a traditional Harvest Festival. The 11.00 am service will be followed by Coffee, Chat and Cakes.

Festive Evensong will be held at 6.00 pm.

Ray Naish and Julia Bush

STOP PRESS!
We shall be giving away fivers!!

YES this is your chance to prove your moneymaking skills and all in a good cause.

For inspiration see Matthew Ch 25 v 14.

After both Harvest Services you can sign for a £5 note.

Take it home and using your unique ingenuity, turn it into £10, or £20 or more!

For those folk who need to sell their wares, there will be a sale at the beginning of Advent (December)

Anything legal is OK by us

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THANKS

Kenn Congregation donated £44 to the Christian Aid, Southern Africa Famine Appeal.

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held recently at Cloverlea was very well supported. Around 40 people attended and the total amount raised was £136. This will be used towards the restoration of the Church Room.

Many thanks to all who came and helped in so many ways.

Jean Naish

TOMBSTONE

The ditch at the eastern end of the churchyard has been cleaned out recently. When the work was being carried out an ancient tombstone was uncovered buried deep in the mud. John and Margaret Ball managed to lift it out with a tractor and winch.

This stone is beautifully carved with the name John Barber Yeoman of this Parish and his wife Marey. John died in 1719, his wife a few years later.

Ray Naish

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

What else have the Parish Council been up to?

Apart from the tremendous activity surrounding the application for the On-Licence at Hand Stadium the Parish Council have been fairly busy.

At the last meeting the following matters were touched on:

Potholes - a perennial problem, but we persevere!

State of the pavements - ditto!

Thanking David Pugh for varnishing the bus shelter

Problem of transporting young people aged 16 to 19 to places of education.

Thanking everyone involved in the successful Golden Jubilee Celebrations and deciding what to do with the profit.

Reporting that the Post Box is often too full to take all the letters and that the aperture is too narrow for large envelopes.

Gratitude that at that time there had been no flies.

Ragwort needs pulling up.

Fly tipping in Little Davis Lane.

Purchase of a large Ordnance Survey Map for the Village Hall for use at meetings.

No news of the Best Kept Village Competition.

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At present the accounts are being audited. Those for 2000-2001 are undergoing a traditional audit. The 2001-2002 accounts are subject to the new "Light Touch" audit, which owing to the dead hand of Government is proving to be anything but.

As you can see topics range far and wide. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The next meeting is on Monday 30th September at 7.30 pm. In the Village Hall.

A letter of condolence from the people of Kenn to the people of Soham in their terrible trouble has been sent.

Ann Holtham

COFFEE MORNING

BRING AND BUY

At the home of Mrs Joyce Kent
Rose Cottage, Kenn Street, Kenn

Wednesday morning
25th September from 10.30 am

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Woodspring Conservative
Association

St. John's Kenn September Services

1st September
8.00 am Holy Communion

8th September
HARVEST FESTIVAL
11.00 am Family Service
6.00 pm Evensong

15th September
no services at Kenn
Harvest Festival at Kingston
Seymour

22nd September
11 a.m. Holy Communion

29th September
Team Sunday
6.00 p.m. Evensong

KENN NOTES – SNIPPETS

Prize winner

Congratulations to Angela Bullock who was awarded the Burden Cup at Clevedon Flower and Vegetable Show for her vegetable entries.

Kenn Village Hall

The Jumble Sale held on 21st August raised £130 for Hall Funds. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event.

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Chill Out Day on the Green 24th August

Our sincere thanks to the Committee who organised such a happy day for Kennites and friends to enjoy and to raise funds for such worthy causes.

Antiques Valuation Evening September 25th 7 pm – 9 pm

An Antiques Valuation Evening will be held in Kenn Village Hall for Hall Funds.

You are invited to bring your treasures along to the Hall for valuation by experts from Clevedon Salerooms.

£4 per item to include a Glass of Wine.

Ruth Dyer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Drum & Monkey
Tuesday 3rd September

Village Lunch from 12.30
everyone welcome
come and meet your neighbours

Cloverlea, Kenn Street
6.30 pm Tuesday 3rd September
meet for a walk with Ray Naish

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Sunday 8th September
Harvest Festival

**11.00 a.m. Harvest Family
Service**

6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong

**Wednesday 11th September at
7.30 pm at Kenn Village Hall**

Kenn W.I. Meeting – Christmas
Crafts with Mrs Knight.
Competition – Handmade Bauble.

Non-members always welcome

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn
7.30 pm Friday 20th September

Friends of Kenn Church
Meeting - Everyone welcome!!

Rose Cottage, Kenn Street
Wednesday 25th September
Coffee Morning from 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 25th September at
Kenn Village Hall – 7.00-
9.00pm**

Antiques Valuation Evening

Kenn Village Hall
Monday 30th September

7.30 pm Kenn Parish Council
Meeting.

LARGE QUANTITY OF MONEY MYSTERIOUS GOINGS-

The night was closing in around the dimly glowing gaslights of 221b Baker Street. "Watson!" cried Holmes, "how do you explain the sudden appearance of £1,500.00 in the coffers of the Chill-Out Day? I suspect the dastardly Moriarty!"

"Moriarty? No!" I answered, "not even his cunning mind could have connived at such deeds. We should travel to Kenn at once and investigate."

"Mark my words, Watson. Some person or persons with whom we have never dealt before will be at the bottom of this. This telegram which was delivered after supper: "Come at once, or we shall all be in hot water..." What do you make of that?"

"Holmes, I fear the worst. Come at once. The game's afoot!"

The train flew through the night of the hottest Friday of the year. We arrived to find the sleepy west country village in a state of organised chaos.

"Good God, man! What has happened here?" Holmes demanded of a spherical man in swimming trunks (and very little else, save a smile).

"Well, saving your grace, I don't rightly know. I've got a bad attack of water on the knee, and will have to sit down."

"Holmes!" I exclaimed. "We will get no assistance from these drunken bumkins! You must use all your sleuthing prowess

to unravel the mystery without other aid, I fear."

To watch Holmes engaged in his art was, as always, an education. Beginning on the ancient Village Green, Holmes identified an unusual water source by the rocky outcrop.

"Watson, this water. It seems to have something in it. What do you make of it? You know how I value your opinion."

Plunging my hand into the surprisingly hot water I cried out "Holmes! These are the legendary Hot Tubbies of Kenn! They appear, so it is said, once a year when the apples are overripe and the cider very strong. They take all their clothes off in public, for money, no less. The bounders!"

"Yes, Watson, and I deduce that other devious means have been employed here in order to separate unsuspecting fools and their money. Do you see these green tickets everywhere? They have numbers on them. Different numbers. What can it mean?"

"Ah - I have heard it said that the redoubtable Tom Bola carries such tickets with him. He makes a tidy living from his trade, I gather."

"And what of these small white balls lying in their thousands in an otherwise normal cow field? Is this a rare form of fungus, Watson?"

ONEY TURNS UP IN KENN – GS-ON INVESTIGATED



"No idea, Holmes. But I am getting hungry. Can't we go back to Baker Street for supper? We can get Inspector Lestrade to sort this out in the morning."

"Capital idea! Whatever took place here is beyond my comprehension. Let us return to the cosiness of our fire. That, at least, is elementary, my dear Watson."

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So, what Holmes and Watson failed to find out, and what you are about to discover, is this...

Hundreds of people (and five beautiful classic cars) came to Kenn to chill out for the afternoon. Sam Dyer unveiled the wonderful Jubilee Crown (hand-made for the village by Mike Bell) atop the flagpole, and thus commenced the spectacular

FIRST ANNUAL KENN CHILL-OUT DAY!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came and parted with their money, and to everyone who turned out to help by taking money off them. What a great system!!

The names are too many to list, but there are a few exceptions – Chris Horseman, (who, amazingly, went in the tub dressed as a vicar), Julia Bush (Venus arising...) and Mike from the Drum (in a very fetching little skirt...)

Congratulations go to:

Steve Lyons, Gareth from Sanders Garden World, Jess Coombes, Andrew Limage, Tom Coombes, Robin Mackay, Kayleigh Stowell, and Bush, Barnes and Witherspoon, all of whom won MAGNIFICENT prizes for games and competitions during the day. Well done one and all!

But the real winners were, of course, St Peter's Hospice, St John the Evangelist, Kenn and Kenn Village Hall. You all gave generously to go in the Hot Tub and the Cold Plunge Pool, to play tombola, find the buried treasure, hit golf balls into the water, knock down skittles, eat cream teas, struggle with the quiz, buy books and bric-a-brac (and a three piece suite!), have lunch at the barbecue, name the cow, demonstrate your certainty of a major traffic-jam, applaud the Jubilee Crown, buy pictures of the Jubilee crowd, and chill out in the summer sunshine. You donated in excess of £1,500.00, for which the whole village is really grateful.

This is, obviously, now a tradition which can be traced back to last Friday. We look forward to putting up fences, putting down carpets, taking our clothes off and doing it all again next year.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and everyone who came – it was a splendid day.

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IF I KNEW

KENN GOLDEN JUBILEE PHOTOGRAPH

If anyone would like to order a copy they will be available at The Granary, Duck Lane until the middle of September
Tel. 01275 872948

Walk around Wemberham

We hope to arrange an evening walk on September 3rd. All are welcome to join in.

We plan to go to the Wemberham area, meeting at Cloverlea at 6.30 pm.

Ray Naish

What's on at the Drum?

Tuesday 3rd September
Village Lunch - meet from 12.30 p.m.

Don't forget - Every Wednesday **QUIZ NIGHT**

In memory of all those who perished on
11th September 2001

The passengers and the pilots, the workers in the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon and all the innocent bystanders.

Our prayers go out to the friends and families of the deceased.

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep
I would tuck you in more tightly
And pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
That I see you walk out the door
I would give you a hug and kiss
And call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
So I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
To make up for an oversight.
And we always get a second chance to
make everything just right.

There will always be another day to say "I
love you"
And certainly another chance to ask
"anything I can do!"

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
You get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
Why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes
You'll surely regret the day

That you didn't take extra time
For a smile, a hug, a kiss
And you were too busy to grant
someone
What turned out to be their one last
wish.

Thanks to Sheila for this contribution,
from the web.

A Summer's Evening Walk

At around 6.30 on Tuesday 13th August 2002 over 30 people met at Cloverlea, in Kenn Street for a guided walk with Churchwarden Farmer Raymond Naish.

We piled into cars and set off for Cook's Lane a journey of around a mile and a half. We passed Triangle Farm then turned left at the junction parking a little way on. Ray pointed out the orchard where the apples are not harvested; he estimated that the crop would be worth several thousands of pounds each year. Mr. Norman Baker's sheep graze this orchard, but they do not eat the apples.

Ray explained that the land we were visiting was owned by Clevedon Court Estate. Wildlife organisations who have looked at the land have noted how sympathetically it has been farmed, with wide hedges, some hundreds of years old, and very few thistles.

Accompanied by some very interested cattle, and passing the remains of a cottage with its own orchard, now overgrown, we walked to the rhyne which is the boundary with Tickenham.

The farm opposite is owned by Ron Lee, now 86 years old who still does his own farm work.

Mr. Naish pointed out two red and white heifers which he had bought recently at Winford Market for only £120 each. The only reason for the low price was that the colour was not popular. Discussing cattle colouring Ray confirmed that despite the Foot

and Mouth culls, his son Miles still has breeding stock of Belgian Blues.

We continued our walk towards the area known as "Smeath" with Smeath Farm, Smeathyard Farm and another home.

Ray told of the days when residents of this area walked to Kenn Village Hall in their Wellington boots, carrying their shoes, danced all night, then walked home again. The girls who lived there walked to Kenn School and later to schools in Clevedon.

Retracing our steps we passed Triangle Farm again and stopped on the bridge of Yearling Rhyne. Until 1951 when the New River was cut and Black Ditch and Yearling Rhyne were all widened the moors were flooded each winter. Since drainage the quality of the land has improved greatly.

Having parked in Cook's Lane, Ray showed us the field which Clevedon Court had provided as allotments for the people of Clevedon during the first World War. This is a 12 acre field and when Mrs Tripp, now aged 94, and her husband started farming around 1928 they paid £12 a year in rent to the Court and this never increased while they were farming.

Around that time, the country folk would take their produce to Alexandra Road where they would sell it from stalls. Sam and Mrs. Staples were the last Kennites to have stalls there on the pavement. The Market Hall in Alexandra Road was built at this time.

At around 8.00 pm Ray was thanked for this most delightful evening, and received a Standing Ovation.

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After discussion he agreed to arrange a further walk on Tuesday 3rd September, again meeting at 6.30 pm at Cloverlea.

We left as the evening sun slipped away and it became dimpsy with the memory of heron and extremely friendly cattle.

Thank you Ray.

Margaret Ball

BIRD NEWS I

Ray's note last month about the Jays visiting the Goldsworthy's garden was very apt. Jays are simple to hear and really difficult to see. However there are a pair of tame (obliging) Jays on Poets Walk Clevedon that have presumably got used to people and perhaps the Kenn birds are their offspring.

There have been reports of large numbers of Swallows feeding over Kenn Moor and I saw about 100 over Congresbury Moor. There must have been at least 200 young Swallows near Catcott and it does seem that they have enjoyed a productive breeding season. House Martins seem much less common. Ours did not nest this year, probably dissuaded by the lack of a settled warm spell until late on in the summer.

YACWAG (Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group) is in the course of purchasing Little Wood ("The Plantation") in Claverham Drove. It is old woodland, appearing as such on the 1884 survey and is a wonderful site for plants and wildlife. YAGWAG hopes to improve its potential by selected

clearing of scrub to create glades and the provision of bird and bat boxes. Next year it is planned to arrange a public open day and I will report further in due course.

Lastly, bird of the month is an Osprey or rather two Ospreys which have taken up residence at Shapwick Heath. The young male has been courting the presumably adult female – his body clock must be about 4 months out. Still it is a wonderful sight – three young children who watched him in his dead tree perch through my telescope were quite transfixed and their parents enjoyed it too! Both birds were still there on 17th August.

Trevor Riddle

LACK OF BIRD NEWS II

As many birds are now in moulting condition, they keep themselves hidden. The result is that there is very little activity to report.

There has been a large number of Swallows about this year; they are still breeding in the old cowshed behind our house.

I have seen very few House Martins this year.

There seems to be a lot of birds of prey around, especially Kestrels and Sparrow Hawks. Sparrows are reported to be very scarce, but there seems to be a lot around this district.

When the wheat was being combined at "Ham Farm" Yatton recently, three Roe Deer ran out. This was reported by Ben Morris of Duck Lane.

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Jeff Naish and his son Max saw them in Ham Lane early one morning recently.

Ray Naish.

Rosemary Stone

Rosemary Stone, nee Fletcher, has passed away aged 70.

Rosemary lived at Number 2, Church path Cottages, when living in Kenn with her father and mother and her brother Gus.

During the war years Rosemary, with all the girls who lived in the Village and surrounding area, joined Kenn Red Cross. They were trained in nursing by Mrs Counsel who was a retired nurse.

When they had been trained, they were taken by bus Each Sunday to work at Clevedon and Winford Hospitals.

Rosemary moved to Yatton with her family when the first council houses were built after the war at Henley Park. She was still living in the same house they had moved to when she died.

When living in Kenn, Rosemary was a regular Churchgoer. She was very disappointed when poor health kept her away from the reunion of former Kenn Church Choir Members held last year.

There was a large congregation at her funeral in Yatton Church.

She is survived by her husband Ron, three sons and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Also her brother Gus, who has had a very successful career as a diplomat working all over the world. Much of his work for the government has been in Palestine, China and Hongkong.

Rose will be remembered as a very friendly person. There were many Kennites at her funeral.

Ray Naish.

MILESTONES ALONG MUM'S LIFE

When Mum was still a very young child, her sister Queenie dies from Meningitis and her broken hearted and consumptive mother dies a few years later in 1908.

Mum only 6 years old with her teenage brother and sister, Edmond and Eva soon find themselves with a step mother when their father remarries with a year.

Soon the tension within the home means Edmond and Eva leave and Mum remains as a child alone with her father and step mother and without her adored elder brother and sister.

We can easily imagine what life must have been life, not an easy time for her.

After schooling, as a teenager she is apprenticed into millinery in a Bristol shop. No wages in those days, in fact her father

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pays for her training and provides her with pocket money and travelling expenses, also a home.

Very quickly Mum passes from an apprentice to being fully trained and makes good progress. She enters a very happy period of her life, staying in business for at least 15 years and she rises to a first sales position.

Her teens and twenties are great fun, much of the time spent in Bristol at play as well as work. She meets our father, Archie Griffin, and is courted in the old fashioned way.

They enjoy real and proper dances and a good social life. She owned a pony, which was kept at Manor Farm, Dad's home. They were always dressed correctly and made a handsome couple on their evening rides around the quiet lanes of the 1920's, Claverham and Brockley area.

Married at 30 they moved into a brand new bungalow, which Dad had built in Lower Claverham.

Gerald is born in 1932 and then four years later in 1936, I arrived and the family is complete.

The only disappointment being that I was meant to be a daughter (to be named Mary),

These are the best of times for Mum and Dad. There is a severe fright when I am a toddler and Gerald, little more than five, when we both contract whooping cough, this has little effect upon Gerald being a very robust child, but I was severely affected and my life for some days hung in the balance. Infant illness was a dangerous thing in those days.

Now life changes with an unexpected call to duty in a rather cruel way. Mother in law is sick at Manor Farm and Dad and Mum, with us boys move to the farm to look after the household.

Mum leaves at that time a modern bungalow, and moves into this primitive and large old farmhouse.

Her responsibilities include not only two little boys and a husband, but also a bed ridden sick mother in law, an elderly father in law, an unmarried brother in law and a mentally handicapped sister in law. Hard times indeed.

Mercifully, Grandpa must have spotted the problem and when he hears that Mill farm in Kenn, at one time the home of Mum's maternal Grandparents is coming to the market. he persuades Dad to buy the property with its 17 acres for two thousand pounds. They move in in September 1939.

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How will they live?

The farm is not big enough to provide a living and they have a mortgage.

In their purse they have twelve and sixpence, that is 62 pence in our money.

They use this, the last of their funds, to place an advert in a Birmingham paper for farmhouse holidays and they find themselves quickly booked up.

However, war breaks out and most of the bookings are cancelled.

Help arrives in the form of two families of evacuees and six/seven RAF personnel who are billeted at Mill Farm.

The income from these sources helped to keep the enterprise afloat until after the war, when the letting business restarts and it is by this means that the books of Mill Farm are balanced year by year for almost the next twenty years.

Some holidays are on a full board basis. That means three meals a day for Mum to provide, some people of course are just bed and breakfast.

The summers are full of farm work and guests coming and going.

A hard working but happy time for our family.

In 1948 Gerald goes off to Agricultural College at Cannington for a year to take a General Certificate in Agriculture.

He then returns to Mill Farm and we continue working together.

However, the business will not support more than one family and when Gerald and Jenny marry in 1956 they leave for Kenya. Gerald has secured a post as an Assistant Agriculture Office, a real milestone for the family.

In 1959 John and Grace marry.

The grandchildren arrive, Steven, Louise, Sarah, Penny, Katy and James.

As the family grows these are good times for Mum, however there is unfortunately great sadness when it found that Dad is suffering from the same complaint as his mother, Parkinsons.

Difficult years lie ahead for them both.

Dad's tragic early death in his sixties, means that Mum will be experiencing a widowhood which is going to be longer than her marriage.

Mum moves home three times, to Duck Lane, back to the cottage at the farm and then on to a flat in Old Church Road.

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Life is full and she is always on the move, indeed she passes her driving test in her early sixties and continues to enjoy her car until her early eighties.

The grandchildren are marrying and beginning to produce her great grandchildren, of which there are now nine. Tom, Lucy, Libbie, Marcus, Miles, George, Lucy, Samuel and Joshua.

Again all a source of joy and cause for satisfaction for her.

Mum retained her independence until she was 93 when she moved into her present accommodation, Alvony Rest Home at Linden Road where she is an active and involved member of that household.

We, her family, have many reasons to be grateful to her for all her hard work and staying power.

Part five from Simon Pinder
Regarding the Kenn Hangings

LAST DRAMATIC SCENES

The responses to the Litany, and more especially, those towards the conclusion, "O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us" and "O Christ hear us" they uttered with great fervour and emphasis.

Wall was the first to be pinioned and, when rising from his kneeling posture, looked towards the magistrates and others near the platform, and said in obviously earnest tones; "I hope gentlemen, you will please to forgive my poor dear wife and children: Lord have mercy upon me; Christ redeem my soul."

He then repeated the Lord's Prayer, in which he was joined by Clarke and Rowley.

At the end Wall again exclaimed "pity my poor wife and family."

During the rest of the time occupied by the executioner in pinioning them, adjusting the ropes, and so forth, they continued to read from their Prayer Books.

Before the caps were drawn over their eyes, the chaplain asked them if they wished to speak to the crowd. Rowley replied "I have nothing more to say - I hope they will take warning by us."

Wall in a distressed voice said "I should not have been here had I not opened a cider shop. If I had hearkened to my wife I should not have come to this, she always persuaded me not to keep a cider shop. Lord forgive me for all my sins."

The young man, Clarke exclaimed "cider has been my ruin, and the ruin of us all."

More to follow