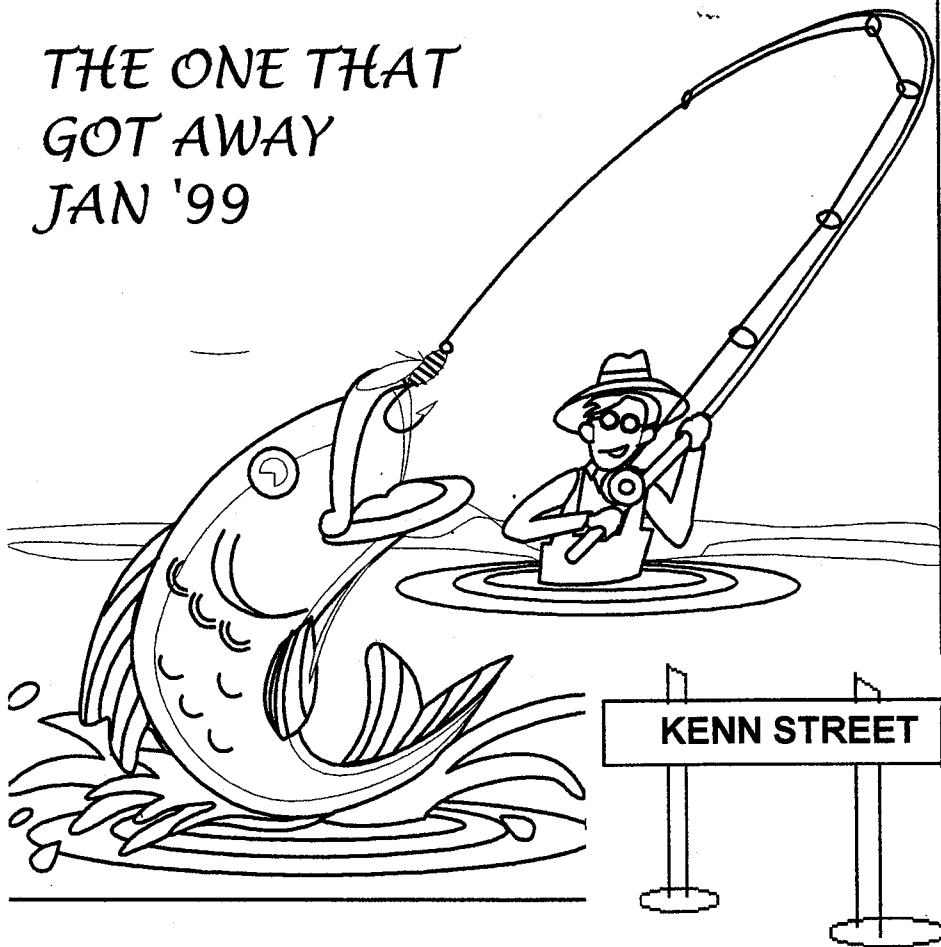


KENN NEWS AND VIEWS

THE ONE THAT
GOT AWAY
JAN '99



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 1st Tim Taylor
2nd Katy Stowell
4th Bethany Stowell
14th Gladys Denmead
16th Marianna Mackay
17th Jeff Naish
25th James Griffin
27th Jenny Pascoe

Don't forget.

VALENTINE'S DAY 14TH FEBRUARY

(donations of Red Roses/Carnations
etc. etc. to your Editor will be
gratefully received)
Make my day !!

Advance Notices

A Quiz Night in March for Kenn thro'
the Ages - date to be announced.

Thursday 11th March - Quiz Night at
Kenn Valley Social Club 8.00 pm in
aid of Comic Relief.

Saturday 24th July - Friends of Kenn
Church - BARBECUE at Kenn Village
Hall.

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th July
Kenn thro' the Ages at Kenn Village
Hall.

Wednesday 22nd December,
Children's Christmas Tea Party
at Kenn Village Hall.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st February 7.30 pm
Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Parish
Council Meeting - all welcome

Wednesdays (except 2nd)
8.00-9.00 pm. Keep Fit with Jacqui
Curwen at Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 10th February 7.30 pm -
Kenn W.I. meet at Kenn Village Hall -
Underwater Search Unit -
Speaker Mr. R. Cross -
Competition - A Sea Shell

Thursdays 8.00-9.00 pm. at Kenn
Village Hall - Burns, Tums and Thighs
- Keep Fit with Sue Gilbert

Wednesday 24th February at Kenn
Village Hall
- 2.00 pm. JUMBLE SALE
Proceeds to Village Christmas Parties
Help and Jumble needed

Saturday 13th February at Kenn Court,
Kenn COFFEE MORNING from
10.30 - Noon

Message from Ed

I'm back in overalls and wellies and
well into lambing now. It never ceases
to amaze me how stupid sheep can be
and how frustrating.

I have a chat to my girls, sternly
sometimes, but they still take no
notice! bit like Miles and my boys !

Contributions for next month's mag.
to Kenn Stores, myself, Ray or
Margaret by 20th please.

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Thoughts for the Month

The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot.

Life would be so enjoyable, but for the folks you meet on the way.

Naish's Notes

Our sympathies to Ann & Vincent Stowell and families on the sad death of Ann's mum, such a lovely lady who will be very much missed.

Our sympathies to Maurice and Margaret on the loss of their mum too.

Mark Ayres

The people who were lucky enough to have known Mark and Yvonne and family when they lived in the village will all have such fond memories of Mark.

My own are of Mark as that very important person who arrives at our doors at Christmastime. I was honoured to be Mrs Christmas at the Village parties and saw first hand how much fun and laughter and happiness Mark brought to our younger villagers.

I have lovely memories of the first time "Father Christmas" actually called at our home one Christmas morning and asked for hay for his reindeer, and he had found time to call on all our youngsters, as he did most years.

Mark was always ready to be our doorman at our Jumble Sales and attended many events with a cheerful grin.

The most outstanding memory of Mark was at our Senior Citizens Tea Party leading the singing of the carols. He had a beautiful voice..

To Yvonne and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

I had four long tailed tits descend on my bird table - Thursday 21st January - a really lovely sight.

Comic Relief Quiz - Advance Warning

I am holding a Quiz Night at Kenn Valley Social Club on Thursday 11th March at 8.00 pm.

£1 per person, teams of four preferable.

This is designed to be a FUN night, so bring your family and friends and test your brains.

All proceeds to Comic Relief. Raffle as usual. Prizes would be gratefully received.

Red noses compulsory !! Don't care where you wear it, but you'll need one or be fined !!

If you could let me know in advance that you are entering a team it would be helpful, but if not just turn up on the night.

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Jeremy Osbourne

Jer is home from hospital now, he has a 'cage' around his broken (now repaired) leg and is hopefully on the mend.

Drum and Monkey

Mike and Lita have revamped and redecorated the Pub, it looks super. If you haven't popped in for lunch or an early evening meal you've missed out.

The menu is varied (my stomach and I can vouch for that)

Give it a go - wonderful!

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Altar Guild Rota for February

Mrs. C. Leaman

(any offers of help, please)

Kenn Notes

Snippets

Mark Ayres

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mark Ayres on January 14th.

Mark and his family lived for many years at Mendip View in Kenn Street before moving to Clevedon.

His funeral was held in Kenn Church on January 22nd when our church was full to capacity. The Reverend Avril Gaunt officiated.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Ayres and Jane, Beverley and Rowena in their great loss.

Children's Society

A letter of thanks has been received from the local branch of the Children's Society -

"Thank you for the generous donation of £40, which was raised by villagers singing carols at the lighting of the village green Christmas tree in Kenn.

"The money will, of course, be used to further The Children's Society's work in England and Wales".

Coffee Morning - Kenn Court - Saturday 13th February - 10.30 a.m. - Noon

Kennites, come and meet your friends and neighbours at Kenn Court for a Coffee Morning - profit to be divided between Kenn News and Views and Kenn Village Hall.

Offers of help and raffle prizes will be appreciated. Bring and Buy.

Contact Ruth Dyer 872676

Keep Fit Class

Change from Monday to Wednesday

With the exception of the second Wednesday each month

Mrs. Jacqui Curwood's - Low impact, Fun and Friendly Class for mixed abilities and beginners 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. (*phone 01934 832207)

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Kenn thro' the Ages July 24th and 25th

It is proposed to stage a Kenn thro' the Ages weekend in Kenn Village Hall, depicting various aspects of Kennites' lives over the years.

Suggestions to date and contact helpers are listed below - more volunteers will be welcome and ideas considered.

Education	Jill Hackett 876591
Church	Renee Bell 877949
Women's Institute	Irene Stowell 872472
Local Government	Ann Holtham 875877
Fashion	Jane Staples 340771
Business	Roger Wilcox, Rorty Crankel
Health	Angela Bullock, Latham House
Transport	John Griffin 872948
Bees	Stephen Brain 342235
War	Cliff Edwards 870329
Cider Making	Ray Naish 872493
Hall	Ruth Dyer 872676
Farming	-

Refreshments Grace Griffin 872948

Children's Games and Sports -
(weather permitting) - Suzanne and
Clive Golding-Ellis - 341613

The event

*- with the exception of a Barbecue
organised by the Friends of Kenn
Church on the Saturday evening,
proceeds from which will go to
Church Funds*

- will be in aid of Kenn Village Hall

If any Kennites have photographs of memorabilia they would like to lend, please contact helpers.

For further particulars, please contact Ruth Dyer 872676 or Wendy Pappaslomontos.

Kenn Village Green

The Parish Council are asking Horse Riders to please keep their horses away from the Village Green and the surrounding areas until the daffodils and other flowers have finished blooming.

Kenn Women's Institute

Considering the awful weather and the cases of colds and flu around, President Miss Holtham had a good number of members at the January Meeting.

She welcomed everyone, especially Mrs Iris Callow, a new member, and thanked Mrs. Harris for her flowers. We were pleased to hear that Mrs. Holtham's health is improving, and also that The Princess Royal will be coming to open the new extension to Clevedon Hospital.

Last year's Secret Friends were revealed and new ones for 1999 distributed. Subscriptions for the coming year were paid in and the ACWW collecting tin passed round.

Mrs. Dyer had brought in the village sign, and it was agreed it should be re-painted, all ready for the new millennium, and KENN 2000 tea

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towels were on sale in aid of Village Hall funds at £3.00 each.

Miss Holtham was pleased to give the prizes to members with most Competition points last year. The winner was Mrs. Bubb, with Mrs. Prew second, and Mrs. Crawley third.

Our two hard-working members on the Trade Stall, Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Kingcott, were warmly thanked and given tokens of our appreciation. They are among the first into the Hall and usually the last to leave.

We all enjoy the good things they sell throughout the year.

Then Mrs Harris was congratulated on her 80th birthday and presented with a flowering plant.

We were entranced by the wonderful quilts brought by our speaker, Mrs Tina McLachlan. One after another she showed these stunning quilts, most of them her own work.

The sheer size of some of the items was awe-inspiring. Mrs. McLachlan does buy quilts, usually come across by chance.

She advised us to only pay as much for them as you have in your purse at the time; that way your husband need never know how much they cost.

Two of the quilts she had bought came from Holsworthy and had been made some time in the 1880s. Another had been made to a Commanche design and is now worth £1,000 and has pride of place in books on quilting.

The competition for a piece of patchwork was won by Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Prew second.

Our next meeting is on 10th February and the speaker will be Mr. R. Cross from the Underwater Search Unit. The competition is for a sea shell.

BIRD NEWS I

In winter birds' behaviour is very much affected by the weather, and it has been predominantly mild (and wet!) with only brief cold snaps. This is of course good for our birdlife, but I think that there have been less birds in our gardens than in any previous winter.

Food is being left, presumably because there is plenty of alternative supply.

There seem to be few Fieldfares and Redwings this winter, perhaps because there are not many hawthorn berries; a food source that is vital if we do get a freeze-up.

Two friends and myself spent New Year's Eve (well the daylight part) on Salisbury Plain looking for some of the rarer birds that inhabit the area.

The Army opens its roads between Christmas and New Year allowing access to this huge unique habitat.

Without local knowledge it is rather a needle-in-haystack job but amazingly we saw a magnificent grey male Hen Harrier from the main A36 road where it borders the plain.

Another 4 hours of searching enabled us to add a distant Short Eared Owl

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and a Merlin, so we saw our three rare birds - one every two hours.

February should see our local resident birds coming into song, traditionally on Valentine's Day. I usually hear the first Chaffinch "tuning up" around the 8th. Song Thrushes are early singers and Blue Tits should be particularly active on fine days.

Trevor Riddle

Bird News II

Hundreds of acres of the moors were flooded around the 18th January. Fortunately it only lasted about 24 hours before draining away.

The following day thousands of sea birds arrived on the moor, they were probably feeding on worms that had been brought to the surface by the floods.

Mary Lamb of Kenn Street has reported seeing Long Tailed Tits feeding at her bird table. This is the first time this has happened.

A stranger to Kenn has reported seeing a pair of Pied Blackbirds near the top of Kenn Street. This is the first time for years I have heard of pied ones in the village.

At one time pied blackbirds were quite common here. I was told recently about a man from Portishead who keeps all sorts of animals and birds having two injured blackbirds brought to him. He nursed them back to health, but neither were able to fly. He kept them in a large aviary, it was a cock and a hen, eventually they built a nest and hatched a nest-full of young,

amazingly all the young birds were pied.

Ray Naish

Mark Ayres

Mark has passed away after being in poor health for several years aged 78.

Mark was a Bristolian by birth; his mother died when he was only eleven years old and he was brought up by his father.

When Mark was seventeen he joined the R.A.F. During the war he saw service in North Africa, Egypt, South Africa and later in Israel. While he was away in the R.A.F. his father was killed in an air-raid on Bristol.

After leaving the services Mark worked as a tally clerk on Avonmouth Docks until his retirement.

Mark and Yvonne were married forty seven years ago and settled in Clevedon, later they moved to Mendip View in Kenn Street.

About five years ago Mark and Yvonne moved back to Clevedon to a smaller house due to their failing health. They kept an interest in the church here at Kenn as long as their health let them.

Mark was a great singer, with a powerful tenor voice. He took part in concerts when he was in the Services and continued his interest in music until ill health stopped him.

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At one time he and Yvonne and their three daughters were members of Kenn Church Choir.

Mark was a great member of the community when living in Kenn. He was a wonderful character; many people will remember him travelling around the village on Christmas mornings in his Father Christmas outfit visiting every house where there were children living.

He also acted as Santa Claus at the Children's Christmas Parties giving out the presents and making sure that each child said 'thank you'.

Mark stood up for the things he thought were right and was not afraid to say so. He was a wonderful neighbour.

At his funeral in Kenn Church there was such a large congregation that there was standing room only. Mark was a very popular man.

I am sure people from this village who know them would like to extend their sincere sympathy to Yvonne and her three daughters, Jane, Beverley and Rowena and their families on their sad loss.

Mark was a member of the R.A.F. Association, fellow members were at his funeral and their colours were displayed in the church.

Ray Naish

Bill Ede

Bill Ede has passed away recently after a short illness, his home was in Yatton.

Many people in Kenn knew Bill through his regular attendance at church here. He liked the village and attended many events here, including Harvest Suppers and Parties with his wife Joan.

Bill was a big man with a great sense of humour and many people will miss him.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Joan on her great loss.

Ray Naish.

Jean Harvey

People in Kenn were saddened to hear of the death of Jean Harvey. Jean was the mother of Ann Stowell and mother-in-law of Vincent. Her funeral service was at Yatton Methodist Church. Jean was a frequent visitor to this village.

Our sympathy goes to all the family.

Ray Naish

Thanks

Maurice Ford and his family would like to thank our neighbours in Kenn for their letters of sympathy following the death of our Mother. Your prayers and thoughts were much appreciated.

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Thanks

Christmas Disco

Sheila has received a letter of thanks from the Multiple Sclerosis Centre at Nailsea for £185.69 being the proceeds of the Kenn Christmas Disco.

Kenn Fun Run

Sheila has also received a letter of thanks from The League of Friends of Clevedon Cottage Hospital for the magnificent sum of £1819.42 being the profit raised by the Fun Run held in September.

Caring at Christmas

Marianna has received letters of thanks from both the Julian Trust and Caring at Christmas for cheques and goods, that she had collected at Christmastime in the village, for these charities.

The Floods in Kenn

Kenn Street and areas around it suffered the worst flooding in living memory in the middle of January.

The flood water near the Old School was something like two feet deep over a long stretch of the road. There was also deep flood water in the Yew Tree Farm, Old Ox House area, it lasted several days.

There was obviously a drain blocked somewhere. I am told the Tim Taylor came to our rescue; he found a stone blocking a drainage pipe down near

the Old River Kenn - the water soon disappeared once it was cleared.

Many thanks Tim on behalf of Kenn Street residents.

The hatch on the River Kenn at Kenn Pier was not able to be opened - on the instructions of the Health and Safety people - due to lack of maintenance.

This didn't help: there were people prepared to open it, but they were forbidden to do so.

Perhaps the safety people thought it better to flood people out than rather than relax their ruling.

It could have been done in five minutes. So much for Red Tape.

Ray Naish

one solitary life

he was born of jewish parents in an obscure village - the child of a peasant woman. he grew up in another obscure village where he worked in a carpenters shop until he was 30, and then for three years became an itinerant preacher.

he never wrote a book; he never held office; he never owned a house; he never had a family. he never went to college; he never put his foot inside a big city. he never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born. he never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. he had no credentials but himself.

while he was a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. his friends ran away; one betrayed

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him; one denied him. he was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial.

he was nailed to a cross, between two thieves. his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he owned on earth - and that was his robe.

when he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

almost twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the centre-piece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

i am well within the mark when i say that; all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that sailed the seas, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that have ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as powerfully as has THAT ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Auld Lang Syne

At New Year time (the Scottish Hogmanay) and at various other gatherings, the song Auld Lang Syne is often sung.

The background and history, if you like, of this poem by Robert Burns is not well known.

Here are a few interesting notes about it, followed by the lesser known verses, as originally written by Burns.

The earliest copy of Auld Lang Syne, was first printed in about 1700. (Burns was born in 1759)

Burns first heard the lines of the poem from the lips of an old man, who also told Burns of the original author, who by that time, had died.

Burns so liked the title and the sentiments of the poem, that he decided to write his own version, probably having in mind an old friend who maybe had left the shores of Scotland.

Also at that time, he wrote a couple of lines in admiration of the original author, as follows:

*"Light be the turf upon the breast
of the heavenly inspired poet who
composed these glorious fragments"*

Here is the full poem written by
Robbie Burns
(with a little explanation from me)

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne
(syne = past, ago)

For auld lang syne m'dear
for auld lang syne
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne

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We twa (two) have run about the braes
(hills)

And pu'd (picked) the gowan (flowers)
fine

And we've wandered many a weary
foot

Sin' auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stoup
(glass of beer)

And surely I'll be mine
And we'll tak' a cup of kindness yet

For auld lang syne.

We twa ha'e paidl't in the burn
(paddled in the stream)

From morning sun till dine
But seas between us braid (wide)
ha'e roar'd

Sin auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne m'dear

For auld lang syne,
We'll tak' a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

Clifford Edwards

And here's a hand my trusty friere
(friend)

And gie' a hand o' thine
We'll take a right guid willie-waught
(I'm baffled here - C.E.)

For auld lang syne.

red alert!

It's Red Nose Day

12 March 1999

get it in your diary before it gets you

KENN SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JUMBLE SALE

AT

KENN VILLAGE HALL

2.00 pm Wednesday 24th February, 1999

Proceeds to Christmas Tea Parties Fund

ADMISSION 20p. - MANY STALLS

FOR COLLECTION OF JUMBLE

- PLEASE 'PHONE 874077

or deliver to Village Hall during the morning.