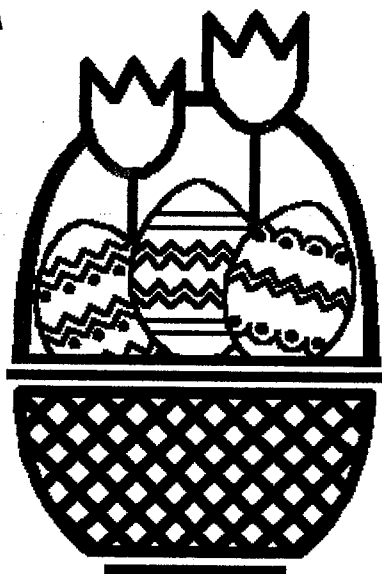


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## MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

We've lots of things going on in March, try and support if you can, let's get rid of those winter blues and start spring off with having some fun.

Welcome to our new residents, we hope to meet you at a village function soon.

Contributions for next months magazine by 17th March.

## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

5th Leon NAISH

8th Jeremy OSBOURNE

16th Angie CARPENTER (Up the Jet)

Brian & Juliet STOWELL (WA)

17th Lee STAPLES

18th Quinton STOWELL

27th Amy BYE

31st Sam & Ruth DYER (WA)

## NAISH's NOTES

Quiz Night for Comic Relief

We are holding a fun quiz night on Wednesday 12th March at Kenn Valley Social Club. This will be based on Comic Relief's own quiz questions which are designed for fun. The quiz starts at 9 pm and the charge will be £1 per person. Don't worry if you haven't got a team, we will make them up on the night, just come along. It would be helpful if you could let me know numbers in advance but turning up on the night will do. Come and have a laugh and help me raise money for this good cause

Details - Phone Sheila 838357

Comic Relief Comical Lottery

The famous noses competition poster will be at Kenn Stores with Liz. You can pledge £1

on a famous nose and win yourself £20 and we gain £20 for Comic Relief - Place your bets now.

Comic Relief Disco Party Fun Night Saturday 15th March

The final event will be the Disc party Kenn Valley function room from 7.30 til late. Bar Disco and Raffle. Ticket £3 from Sheila, Kenn Stores, Heather or Kenn Valley. This is for Comic relief so you will need need either a lapel badge or a red nose - this is compulsory. Otherwise I will spot you and you'll be fined £1. As this is a fun party fancy dress would be good - the dafter the better but not compulsory. Raffle prize donation please.

Noses and badges are available from Smiths and Oxfam shops, noses for cars from Texaco. Enter the spirit of the event and buy one or the other.

If you cannot attend any of these fun events- but want to help or donate let me know.

This years theme is Small Change Big difference - so save your change and let me have it

Many thanks.

Sheila

## THANKS

Thank you to all of our friends and neighbours in Kenn for help of every conceivable kind, turning out, packing up, cleaning, food and drink - yes, even bed and board, during our move to Duck Lane and upon arrival cards and visits to make us welcome. Where else would it have been quite like this we ask ourselves.

Margaret & Maurice

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## CANCELLATION - QUIZ NIGHT

It is with regret that the Friends of Kenn Church Quiz noted in last months magazine has been cancelled due to the clash with the Comic Relief events.

Much time and effort goes into the organisation of these functions and it is to be hoped that in future, with a little more forethought, the need to cancel village events at the last minute can be avoided

My apologies to Roger WILLCOX, as questionmaster and to those who were to participate for the inconvenience.

A further date is to be planned.

Simon PASCOE

FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH

## SNIPPITS

Congratulations - We flew our flag on February 2nd to celebrate the 21st birthday of Kate STOWELL, daughter of Brian and Juliet STOWELL of New House Farm.

Welcome - to Mr & Mrs HARGREAVES and family who have come to live in the Old School. We hope they will be very happy living in Kenn.

Moving House - Mr & Mrs Ford have moved from the Old School to Little Orchard in Duck Lane.

## KENN VILLAGE HALL

A jumble sale for hall funds will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 2pm. Offers of help and goods for sale will be most appreciated. Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Toys, Furniture and in fact anything saleable to the hall by 10-11am on morning of sale.

Further details please ring 872676 - Come and meet your friends and neighbours.

R M DYER

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 12th March Kenn WI 7.30pm subject the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust speaker Mr HARVDEN. Competition a slogan for wildlife.

Wednesday 19th March Jumble Sale 2pm

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on February 10th the guest for the evening was Victor (George) WARE from Tickenham who came to tell us about the Weston Clevedon and Portishead Railway, this created quite an interest as 20 came for the evening.

George showed us his collection of memorabilia from his time in the late 30's, when as a young man of 22 he became the last station master at Portishead with the "W C & P"

The "W C & P" was one of the many light Railways which served as a link between small towns and the main line railways country wide. The light railway travelled at a modest speed and made frequent stops along the way, the "W C & P" had about 18 stops, more if one walked up the line and put your hand up when the train approached.

The line passed from Portishead along the Walton Valley through Clevedon and out into the countryside again via Kingston Seymour and over the bridge on the River Yeo into Weston super Mare passing through Wick St Lawrence. One can still see the traces of the tracks of the old line if you know where to look.

The "W C & P" ran its first train on August 18th 1897 (almost 100 years ago), the line only went from Weston to Clevedon until 1907, then the Portishead section was added to give access to the docks and main line GWR.

The "W C & P" closed in 1940 after having been in receivership for many years, being

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unable to compete with the advent of the motor car.

We started the evening by watching an excellent video on the "W C & P" then moved on to study George's display and asked questions about those days of long summers ago. Times with a gentler pace of life when an engine driver would stop a train to allow a spot of mushroom or blackberry picking along the way by his passengers. George had also brought some super models of locomotives for us to see from his collection, some railway buffs among us had a great time.

We thank George very much for the enjoyable evening he gave us all, it was greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 10th March 7.30pm at The Granary Duck Lane.

John GRIFFIN

## HISTORY GROUP II

Readers will recall that I was trying to get hold of a disc based copy of Anne HOLTHAM's talk about Mrs Brunetta GRIFFIN. I am pleased to say that this now to hand and by the wonders of modern technology, at the press of one button, and not a lengthy typing session I can print her talk for all to read - Thanks Anne. - Typist

## BRUNETTA GRIFFIN

It all began some years ago when I was visiting Berkeley with a friend and saw in the Church a memorial which said: TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS PARNELL PARNELL SON OF THE LATE JOHN GRIFFIN AND BRUNETTA HIS WIFE OF PORTBURY HOUSE, KENN, SOMERSET, MA CHRIST CHURCH OXON, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE WHO DIED FEBRUARY 1ST 1914 AGED 54 YEARS.

It seemed rather strange that I should be living on the corner of Griffin Road and Parnell Road and I wondered whether these two gentlemen had anything to do with the road names. As time has gone on I haven't managed to answer all the questions but one piece of information has led to another and I have found out more about the Parnells than the Griffins who are a rather complicated family and require rather more research.

The first thing I did was fish out the deeds and sure enough on 19th December 1898 Brunetta Griffin sold some land fronting Parnell Road. In 1900 three plots of this land were sold on to Charles Shopland who built Nos 14, 15 and 16. Ours which is No 16 was built first. I still wanted to know why her son was called Thomas Parnell Parnell and suspected that she must have been a Miss Parnell and so it turned out.

Brunetta was the daughter of John Atherton Parnell and his wife Elizabeth who lived at Caswell Farm, Portbury. She was born on June 16th 1833 and christened at Portbury Church on July 14th. She had two brothers and a sister. Thomas who was born in 1832, John born in August 1835 and Ellen who was born on September 25th 1838. They all seem to have lived there until the 1850's as they all appear in the 1851 Census. They were probably fairly prosperous as Mr. Parnell seems to own the farm which is of 400 acres and employed 10 labourers.

During the 1850's a lot of things happened to Brunetta some happy some very sad. On February 22nd 1854 when she was still only 20 she married John Griffin in Portbury Church. He was 28. I am not sure where they lived at first because her first two children were born in Clevedon but the rest were born in Kenn. They had certainly come to live at Portbury House by 1859. By 1861 she had three children Ellen the eldest who was then 6, Thomas aged 4 and Agnes (known as

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Florence) aged 1. Ellen was christened on February 20th 1855 exactly a year after the wedding and Thomas Parnell on August 26th 1856 at St. Andrews Church in Clevedon. In the next ten years she was to have three more children, John who was born in 1863, Ethel born in 1868 and Constance the baby born in 1871. I don't know the date of Ellen's birth but it was sometime in 1855 and here comes the first sadness, on September 8th of that year at the age of 16 Brunetta's sister Ellen died. This was followed two years later by the death of her father who had by this time left the farm and was living in Portishead. Brother John died in November 1862 aged 27 and brother Thomas in May 1863 aged 31. Finally her mother died in 1868 at the age of 54. In the space of thirteen years she had lost all her family.

She later erected the lych gate at Portbury Church in memory of her family and she herself is buried just within the gate. In 1930 her four daughters had the gate restored in her memory and in 1956 the last remaining daughter by then aged 85 had the gate restored again.

I have not been able to discover yet the original source of the Griffin and the Parnell wealth, but I suspect it may have something to do with enclosures. There is no doubt however that for the time the family was very well to do. In the directories and censuses John Griffin is described as a Landowner living on his own means. He was a very public spirited man and he was a member of various public bodies. These include being a County Councillor, a member of the Clevedon Local Board, a guardian of the parish of Kenn, a member of the Highway Board, the Clevedon School Attendance Committee and the Somerset Court of Sewers. He was also a churchman and was for a number of years incumbent's warden at Christ Church in Clevedon. Politically he was a Conservative. Brunetta was very active in the church and gave the

two Glastonbury chairs which are still in the chancel at Kenn Church. Their son John also installed the first lot of heating in the early 1890's.

When Brunetta's brother died in 1863 he was living at Sheep House in Easton in Gordano and after several bequests he left all his property in the parishes of Kingston Seymour, Portbury, Easton-in-Gordano and Congresbury in trust to his nephew Thomas Parnell Griffin and the income was to be spent on his education and advancement until he reached the age of twenty one when the whole lot was to be passed to him absolutely providing he changed his name to Parnell. This was duly done and in the London Gazette of 12th November 1877 it was announced that the Queen had been graciously pleased to grant to Thomas Parnell Griffin her Royal licence of authority to take the surname of Parnell in accordance with his uncle's will. Incidentally, this will was made on 13th May 1863 and Thomas died on the 14th. Whether it was as the result of a long standing illness or a dreadful accident I don't yet know.

Both Thomas Parnell Griffin and his brother John Parnell Griffin went to school at Clifton College. Afterwards they both went to Oxford. Thomas to Christ Church after which he became a barrister and John to Magdalen College after which he went into the church and started his ministry as Curate at Rowbarton near Taunton.

Only two of Brunetta's children married. Ellen married a Mr. Weissenbach and had four children - Ida, Nellie, John and Trudie. Thomas married Edith Mary and had two children Cicely and John. So far I do not know any more about them.

After nearly forty years of marriage Brunetta's life in Kenn was coming to an end. In June 1892 her husband was thrown from his trap when his horse bolted and a fortnight later he died of injuries to his head and spine.

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He was in his 68th year. His funeral was a very grand affair. I quote from the account in the Clevedon Mercury: The funeral took place at Clevedon Parish Church on Thursday at noon, the Rev. E. Forbes, incumbent of Christ Church and the Rev. W.A. Darling officiating. The funeral cortege left the deceased's residence at 11 o'clock in the following order: Funeral car drawn by the deceased's own favourite horse. First carriage - Mrs. John Griffin, Mr. T.P. Parnell (son) Second carriage - Miss Florence Griffin, Miss Ethel Griffin, Miss Constance Griffin (daughters) Rev. John P. Griffin (son). Third carriage Mr. W. Weissenbach, Mrs. Weissenbach (daughter) Miss Ellen Weissenbach, Master John Weissenbach. Fourth carriage - Mrs. Cook (sister) Mr. Walter Cook, Mr. Rhodes Cook, Miss Ida Weissenbach. Fifth carriage - Mr. & Mrs. T. Griffin (brother and sister-in-law) Mr. J.F. Bolt, Mr. F. Weatherly. Sixth carriage - Mr. W. Hall (Lodway) & Mr. S. Hardwick (St. Georges) Next came a large number of deceased's tenants, parishioners and friends in their own conveyances. A list then follows of the representatives of all the bodies that Mr. Griffin was a member of and then the list of friends and neighbours with a fair sprinkling of Bakers, Staples, Sprods, Hollymans, Dyers, Burdges, Naishes, Stuckeys and Wallis. The coffin was of polished oak grown on the deceased's estate, with massive brass furniture, the breastplate bearing the following inscription :- John Griffin died July 10th 1892 aged 68 years. The bearers were Messrs C. Staples, J.J. Stuckey, G. Dyer, G. Wallis, J. Orchard and T. Binding. Along the route from Portbury House to Clevedon Old Church signs of mourning were visible, blinds being drawn in almost every house, showing the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held, and up to Thursday the Union Jack at Christ Church floated at half mast. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. John

James, undertaker etc. Kenn and were carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The majority of the carriages were supplied by Mr. Wm Y. Stuckey, and some by Mr. C.Barrett.

Tributes were paid to him at the various Council and Board meetings held after his death. At the Board of Guardians Meeting the Chairman said he could not let the occasion pass without giving some expression to the regret they must all feel at the loss of a prominent, diligent and very valuable member of the Board. Though they might have differed from him on some points, yet they valued his opinion, for he was a man thoroughly sincere and earnest in his opinions, and was not afraid to acknowledge them, although he differed very largely at times; but they all differed more or less. He was one of those who could not help expressing what was in his mind, and such a man was valuable - he always brought out the opposite side. [We all know some of those, don't we?]. At the Clevedon Town Meeting the Chairman said that he desired to express his deep regret at the untimely and sad death of Mr. John Griffin. He was sure they all felt it was a loss to the town and to the Board especially for they knew that for the many years Mr. Griffin had been a member he had always been most punctual in attendance even when he had been ill. He had always done his best to work with them for the benefit of the town.

A very curious letter also appeared in the Mercury, it said: Sir. - It was with great sorrow that I heard of the death of Mr. John Griffin, and I feel sure if ever anyone deserved a memorial it is this gentleman, who by his uprightness and integrity of character, has endeared himself to rich and poor alike. He has been a devoted and faithful public servant for so many years that I have no doubt if a memorial fund was started both his friends and those who differed from him in matters local and political would gladly contribute their mite. I am, Sir, yours obediently A

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## WORKING MAN.

John left all his property to his two sons Thomas and John with bequests of land in Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Yatton and Clevedon to his daughters. Brunetta was left just two hundred pounds and all his household goods and whichever of his horses and carriages she wanted. I do not think that we need feel too sorry for her because I am fairly certain that she was already well provided for and that it was probably Brunetta who brought a lot of the money to the marriage. Remember the land on which our house was built belonged to her. I have still got quite a lot of work to do on that yet.

Brunetta obviously decided that she would leave Portbury House and on 31st December almost six months after her husband had died she moved to 204 Redland Road, Bristol where she remained until her death. Florence and Constance went with her. There was obviously a great deal of affection for the family in the village because on the 19th November 1892 there was a presentation made to them before they left the village. The Clevedon Mercury says: On Saturday evening last some interesting presentations were made to the Misses Griffin of Portbury House, from the choir and parishioners, the members of the mothers' meeting and the Sunday School children, as a token of the esteem and regard in which the family are held and previous to their leaving the parish. The presents consisted of a brass letter rack and music case to Miss Griffin [Florence], a handsome brass inkstand to Miss Ethel Griffin, and a dressing case to Miss Constance Griffin. It is needless to say how many good works have been done by the family of the late John Griffin in the parish, including recently, a heating apparatus and other articles given to the church by the Rev. J.P. Griffin at a cost of about 100. In acknowledgement of the parishioners' gifts, the following letter has been received

Portbury House, Kenn, Nov 22 1892

My dear Friends, I feel I must write and thank you all most heartily for the lovely presents you have given us. It is, indeed, most kind of you, and we shall value them very much. I must especially thank Mr. J. James and Mr. George Dyer for their trouble in getting them up for us. They are such useful, as well as ornamental presents, and will be a lasting remembrance of Kenn. It has been a great pleasure to help a little in our church services, and I am sorry to leave, although I shall not be far away, and I hope I shall see you often. With my best wishes to you all and thanking you very much.

Believe me, your very sincerely

Constance G.P. Griffin

On December 10th Alonzo Dawes announced a sale to take place on Wednesday December 21st of a surplus portion of Household furniture and outdoor effects. Sale to commence at two o'clock sharp.

The next week a list of some of the items to be sold appeared. It included a set of gig and other harness, cider press, cider and other casks, lawn mower, various tools, plants in greenhouse, sundry firewood, dog's house, corn bin, spring cart, early and late potatoes, oats in straw, large ironing board and sundry tables, cooking range complete, settle, milk and other tins, tin churn, washing machine and wringer, and a variety of other things. On view the morning of the sale.

Brunetta lived in Bristol from 1893 until her death on July 8th 1916.

Florence and Constance lived with her. Son John went in 1894 to be priest of the church of St. Saviour at Thlotse Heights in the Orange Free State where he remained until 1898. He does not appear to have had a parish or appointment after that so I think he may have contracted an illness while there. It is one of the things still left to find out. He

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died at Winterbourne on December 19th 1941 aged 78 and is buried at Portbury Church.

Ellen was married and I have yet to discover where she lived. She was married to a Mr. W. Weissenbach and had four children. Thomas Parnell her elder son lived at Berkeley and was a barrister, a J.P. sitting on the Berkeley bench, a Charity Trustee, Commissioner of Taxes, a member of the Hospital Committee and Churchwarden for the Parish of Berkeley. He was married and had two children John and Cicely. He went to live at Berkeley from Somerset in about 1900. In 1914 when he was 56 he met with a frightful accident. The Bristol Times and Mirror of Feb 2nd 1914 says: Some two months ago when hunting with Lord Fitzhardinge's hounds he was thrown, and although shaken he did not appear to consider his injury of a serious nature, and was about as usual up to three weeks ago, when alarming symptoms of brain trouble appeared and he took to his bed and remained more or less unconscious until he expired. It seems dreadful that poor Brunetta should have lost both a husband and son to accidents with horses, the equivalent of car accidents today, I suppose.

His funeral was a very grand affair at Berkeley. There were four surpliced clergy officiating and a great many of the great and good of Gloucestershire are listed as attending. Practically the whole of the large congregation followed on to the cemetery about half a mile from the church, and on the way many others joined the procession. There was also a large number of people awaiting the arrival of the procession. The school children lined their playground which abuts on the road, standing at attention and the school flag was at half-mast, and below the bunting affixed to the pole was a large wreath of evergreens. The grave was a plain earth one lined with evergreens and flowers by the gardeners of Berkeley Castle. The Committal portion of the service was read by the Rev. H.C.

Armour. Rain fell during this part. The selected hymn at the graveside was "Now the labourers task is over" one verse of which was sung. The large attendance slowly dispersed. There was a large number of wreaths including one from his sorrowing mother.

There is a bit of a mystery about Ethel the fourth daughter. I am not sure what she was up to but in Brunetta's will made in July 1910 six years before her death Ethel was specifically excluded. After various bequests one of which was to Charles Staples of Kenn she divided her furniture and household effects, plate and plated articles, pictures and jewellery to be divided between Thomas, Ellen, Florence and Constance. The money part of her estate she wished to be divided into five equal parts. One part each to Thomas, Ellen and Florence and two parts to Constance in order that she could attend to the special requirements of John as Brunetta herself had done. In a codicil dated 19th July 1911 she expressed her desire to divide her estate into six parts so that Ethel could have a share.

Whether Ethel had made amends for whatever it was she had done to offend or whether her sisters had said to their mother that Ethel should not be forgotten we shall never know.

Brunetta died on July 8th 1916 aged 85. After a service at St. Albans Church in Bristol where she had worshipped and been a benefactress she was buried at Portbury Church near the lych gate she had erected in memory of her parents and brothers and sisters all those years ago.

Florence and Constance lived on together at 204 Redland Road until 1952 when Florence must have died. Constance was there alone until about 1960. John died in December 1941. Brunetta was spared one sadness. Two months after her death her grandson John the son of Thomas was killed at High Wood in the Battle of the Somme and is buried in France. There were no other male grandchild-



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dren bearing the name of either Parnell or Griffin so that particular branch of the name died out.

Anne HOLTHAM

## COFFEE & CHAT

Very many thanks to Mary LAMB who hosted Coffee & Chat at short notice in February.

This month the venue will be at Orchard Cottage Kenn Street, host Wendy PAPA-SOLOMONTOS at 10.30am to 12.00.

Everyone welcome.

## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the February meeting of the Kenn W.I. the President, Miss Holtham, said that it was a pleasure to see so many members there after the ravages of flu. Mrs. Denmead was welcomed back after a nasty fall and Mrs. Grace Griffin was also welcomed to the meeting as a visitor. Mrs. Morris was thanked for the arrangement of tulips on the President's table.

During the business part of the meeting several dates were mentioned for diaries during the Spring and Summer. The W.I. Jumble Sale will be on 28th May at 7 p.m. and Mrs. Dyer will hostess a Coffee Morning on 17th April. Names were being collected for a skittles evening on 14th April at the Kenn Valley Social Club. It is also hoped to field teams at the Village Quiz on March 15th and an inter-Institute Quiz on 7th March. Mention was also made of a Village Day to be held on 13th September to which all village organisations are being invited to contribute.

Mrs. Neath held everyone spellbound as she decorated a cake and demonstrated the painstaking art of making flowers and other delicate things that go towards making iced cakes look much too good to eat. Mrs. Neath very

generously donated an iced Easter cake which will be raffled at the next meeting. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Morris. The competition for an iced cake was won by Mrs. Ings who was awarded gold and Mrs. Prew was awarded silver.

At the next meeting Mr. Hamden will speak on the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and the competition will be a slogan for wildlife.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the last meeting of the Parish Council Mr. Naish welcomed Mrs. George as a new Parish Councillor. She has been coopted in the place of Mr. Goldsworthy who has had to resign on health grounds. It is very pleasing to have a representative from the Kenn Pier part of the village.

Members stood in silent tribute to Roger Stowell who has recently died. The Chairman said that although Roger had been on the Parish Council a very short time he had already made his mark having very generously donated the new notice board and contributing time and effort to the purchase and erection of a new flag pole.

It has been decided not to enter the Britain in Bloom Competition this year as the weather in previous years has played such havoc with flowers. It has either been too dry or too wet. Mrs. McCully was thanked for all she did in planting the tubs on the green. Sadly she is now leaving the village. Mrs. Mackay has volunteered to do it in her place. Duncan Mackay was thanked also for all the grass cutting he has done in recent summers. He is having to relinquish his lawn mower as he is off to University. Volunteers to take this over will be very welcome.

The next meeting which will also be the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on TUESDAY 1st April.

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## BIRD NEWS

The flock of teal reported by Ray last month were still present early in February and were being hunted by two peregrines. These were probably the birds wintering on the estuary as Kenn Moor is only a very short peregrine flight away. A carrion crow was also suffering molestation from the pair - an interesting case of their usual roles being reversed!

Star bird though was a woodcock flushed from Lilypool Drove. Woodcocks are classic hard weather migrants, so whilst not totally unexpected it was a very good sighting. Many of our wintering birds seem to have moved further south as there are few lapwings and fieldfares in evidence. The redwings though are still with us and roosting in the large willows just south of Yatton railway station.

The reserve at Westhay near Glastonbury has been graced by a pair of penduline tits, rare birds indeed. They have attracted visitors from a wide area, one party had come from Manchester! They are tiny reedbed inhabitants and climb to the very top of the reed stem, when it gracefully bends under their weight (about the same as a 10p coin). Then they literally slide down the reedstem like a fireman coming down a pole.

Our local birds are beginning to pair up and March should see more bird song as daylight hours lengthen and hopefully temperatures rise. Sparrowhawks and buzzards will display on fine mornings whilst on the sea wall the first wheatears can be expected.

Trevor RIDDLE

## BIRD NEWS II

People living in Kenn Street have been very pleased to hear several songthrushes singing continuously these past few weeks. This is really good news for these birds are becoming

quite rare and it is hoped they have a successful breeding season. There are at least half a dozen robins living in the buildings here at Stonehouse Farm, they have been here all winter and are now in full song warning others to keep off their territory. Also noticed in this area have been several pairs of mistle thrushes and it is hoped that the magpies that are always around will leave them alone.

Ray NAISH

## St JOHN's ALTAR GUILD - March

Julia BUSH, Jean FENWICK & Jenny PASCOE

## EASTER LILIES

As is the custom in Kenn at Easter time anyone can buy a lily to decorate the Church - details from Jean NAISH or Jenny PASCOE

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Farmers are being increasingly inundated with rules and regulations. Over the past few days every livestock farmer has been notified that if they fail to register the birth of each calf and give details of the dam they are liable to a fine of £5,000 per calf!

I wonder if people are liable to a fine if they fail to register a human birth?

Ray NAISH

## A HISTORY OF DUCK LANE

Over the years Duck Lane has probably changed more than any other part of Kenn. Until the 1950's there were only 6 houses in the lane now there are 19. Somebody pointed out to me the other day that the unusual thing about the houses is that no two are alike. The lane itself must be very old, I myself have always believed that at one time it was connected to the ancient Meadmoor Lane

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joining with it behind "Mead Cottage" where there is a raised road across the fields to where Meadmoor Lane is still visible. This lane comes out in Ham Lane North End Yatton near the very old "Ham Bowl". It then crosses the Yatton - Clevedon Road near the Bridge Inn joinin onto another Duck Lane near Kingston Bridge. This Duck Lane continues across the fields to Wemberham which is between Yatton and Kingston Seymour. At Wemberham is Phipps Bridge which crosses the River Yeo where you can cross into Hewish and join the Weston Road near The

Full Quart Pub.

Opposite the entrance to Duck Lane in Kenn Street is Saunders Lane which now only goes a short way but once would take you to Clevedon or perhaps Tickenham. This lane was once the way in to the old Hop Villa cottage that stood on the bank of the River Kenn and what is left of this cottage can be seen from Kenn Street looking towards Clevedon near Meadow Side Cottage

Ray NAISH



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