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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Firstly we must apologise for the error in the solution to the crossword last month. The answer to number 21 down was CULLED and not SELECTED, which was, of course, also the quick clue. Congratulations to those who sorted it out.

We still eagerly await your entries for the CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION. There will be seasonal prizes for the winner and runner-up. Don't forget Margaret's plea for entries to be in black and white on A4 paper. Closing date is 20th November to Kate, Sheila or shop.
Kate & Sheila. 834894 & 838357

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE - 16th NOVEMBERBIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 9th	Andrew Jenkins
November 13th	Sheila Naish (just 21-ish)
November 15th	Timothy Denmead (10)
November 16th	Sebastian Wilcox (10)
November 16th	Miles & Sheila Naish 15th wedding anniversary (nearly reaching the medals stage depending on who you talk to)

Sheila - 15 years is your Crystal Anniversary so I trust you will be choosing something nice from your Chrystal and Ceramics party on 10th November. K.D.

Mr. Ron Harrison will be retiring at the end of November on reaching the age of 60. We wish him well in his retirement.

NAISH'S NOTES

Congratulations to Jill and Steve Pike of Moor Road on the safe arrival of their new baby son.

- Don't forget - Annual Children's Christmas Party in Kenn Village Hall on Wednesday 20th December. Letters to parents will go out in due course.
- Don't forget - Fancy Dress Disco in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, 9th December. Fancy Dress on a Christmas theme. 8 - 11.45 p.m. In aid of ITU Fund.
- Don't forget - Cheese and Wine, Saturday 2nd December in aid of Hall funds. Raffle tickets for Grand Christmas Draw to be drawn at this event. Tickets at present on sale from the Hall Committee and Kenn Stores.
- Don't forget - Senior Citizens' Tea Party, Wednesday 6th December. Invitations to be sent in due course.
- Don't forget - Sheila's Crystal and Ceramics Party plus bathroom accessories and greetings cards. Oakland Farm, Kenn, Friday 10th November, 8.00 p.m. onwards - in aid of ITU Fund.

ADVANCE NOTICE - The Annual Village Party will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, 20th January 1990 from 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. More details next month.

FOR SALE - Miles Naish has 7 Cillie pups looking for good homes. Tel: Yatton 838357.

BARN DANCE 30th SEPTEMBER

The Barn Dance held in the Village Hall was a roaring success, with people of all ages joining in from the word go. We were very kindly donated some filled rolls by Mr. and Mrs. Price of Clevedon, which were literally sold out on sight.

The raffle included a vintage bottle of sherry commemorating the Royal Wedding and Kate sold an entire book of tickets - well done. The evening raised the grand total of £309 for the Intensive Care Unit at the B.R.I. Many thanks to all who attended and donated prizes.

SPONSORED WALK

Marianna Mackay has telephoned me to say that the final amount raised by James on his walk was £366.43. This was in aid of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind and paid for an eye camp where many people get cataracts done. Thanks to everyone for their support.

STRANGE THINGS IN KENN.....

For all those people still pinching themselves and repeatedly blinking as they go past Kenn Pier, or in some cases wishing they had not had that last drink - yes, it was a llama. No, not a furry sort of pony, definitely a llama boarding at Steve and Lin Bye's. Whatever will they have next?

STRANGER THINGS IN KENN

What, you may ask, was one of your editors doing shouting, waving her arms about and trying to prise open a Bakers Dolphin London Flyer coach door? Was she trying to defect from this publication to greater things in Wapping? Had she finally decided to leave all behind her and seek fame and fortune amongst the bright lights? No, she had left her much coveted Harrods Christmas Pudding on board after her jaunt in London that day and was determined it wasn't leaving without her.

P.S. What was the other editor doing to help? Rolling about on the floor helpless with laughter. Thank goodness we haven't progressed to photographs yet - a sorry sight!

BLESS OUR SHOP ASSISTANTS

Lady in Shop: "Could I have some Bovril please?"
Assistant: "I beg your pardon?"
Lady: "Could I have some Bovril please?"
Assistant: "Oh, I'm so sorry, I thought you said bog roll!"

(Sorry, we can't say which shop, or which assistant due to said assistant being bigger than me!) Sheila Naish.

VILLAGE FUND RAISING

As this year draws to an end - don't laugh, it's only 55 days to Christmas - we have to ask "What do we do it for next year?"

Many of the functions organised this year have received such encouraging comments that they are likely to be repeated next year and become annual traditions - the Treasure Hunt, Family Skittles, Quiz Night and, of course, the Fun Run.

The "unofficial committee" heading the fund raising want YOUR IDEAS as to where you would like the money raised in 1990 to go. Have you a charity or organisation that you feel should benefit - if so, please can you write in to the Magazine with your ideas. If you are helping to raise the money you should help choose.

It should be mentioned that the Fun Run will definitely remain a charity fund raising event.

FUN RUN UPDATE - Total monies raised, £760 - any more sponsor money due should be in by 1st December. Jenny Pascoe.

THE RETURN OF THE VILLAGE BONFIRE NIGHT

After a year's absence the Village Bonfire Night is back:-

Venue: Drum and Monkey

Date: Sunday, 5th November

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Mrs. Lou Summerell has kindly offered to provide the village with a venue for the fireworks and also a barbecue. The fireworks will be set off in Miss Stuckey's field behind the Drum and Monkey so that children will be at a safe distance from the fireworks. It will not be possible to have a bonfire for safety reasons.

NO CHARGE will be made for the firework display, unlike previous years. The whole evening will be funded by the raffle and the sale of food at the Barbecue following the display. So please come and support us. Jenny Pascoe.

SNIPPETS

We are very pleased to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Summerell have received an award in the Courage 1989 Beer Presentation and Cellar Management Competition. They were judged to be district winners and fourth in the national competition. Well done. Once again their floral displays were very lovely this year.

Lady Luck smiled on Mrs. Jean Fenwick in the Gloucester C.C. draw. Yes, her ticket was bought in Kenn Stores.

SKI GRANNIES....Mrs. Rachael Pearce and Mrs. Tricia Harrison, two prominent Women's Institute members, tried their hands (or may be feet and legs) at skiing recently. They enjoyed their first lesson so much they returned for further instruction to - as we are informed - learn how to stop! The question is...how did they stop at the end of the first lesson?

APPOINTMENT...Dr. Richard Gaunt has been appointed a Governor of Yatton Junior School.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Heather Kent who was married in Devon on 21st October. Our flag flew in celebration.

WELCOME...to Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pike.

WOMBLER in Davis Lane ...A well known farmer travelling along Davis Lane was surprised and pleased to see an elderly gentleman clearing up the rubbish - if only more people would follow his example, or better still persuade everyone to take their litter home.

ON THE SICK LIST...Mrs. Margaret Fowler has had an operation, as has Roland Russell. We are pleased they have both now returned to their homes to recuperate.

Wally Moore has been unwell and had a spell in the Clevedon Cottage Hospital. Mrs. Kate Neill has also been unwell and Mrs. Teresa Waters is now well on the mend after a hospital stay during September.

Miss Lucy Baker was unfortunate to have a slight accident in her car, but was helped by good neighbours close at hand. Thankfully no serious harm came to Miss Baker.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW ...The draw is being organised by the Kenn Village Hall Committee. We hope every family will buy tickets at 20p each in aid of Hall funds, from committee members and Kenn Post Office. Good seasonal prizes - poultry, wine, spirits, etc. to be drawn at the Wine and Cheese Party on 2nd December.

"RETURN TO SOMERSET" MEETING

A packed, standing room only, meeting took place in Weston-super-Mare when Kenn was represented. Russell Grant who is President of the Association of British Counties - and Chairman Michael Bradford - urged people to demand the return of the old county boundaries. He advised his audience never to use the name of the invented county, always to use Somerset on all addresses and urged parents and teachers to teach our children the history and traditions of their real county, Somerset. R.M.D.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Come and meet your friends and neighbours at a Wine and Cheese Party at the Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £2.00 from members of the Committee. See you there - everybody welcome. R.M.D.

WANTED!

Any younger ladies in the village willing to help at the Senior Citizens' Tea party would be most welcome. Please contact Jean Fenwick.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

At the time of going to print Wally Moore is back in Clevedon Hospital. All that know him send our best wishes and hope to see him back in the cottage soon.

Have you been down Russ Lane lately? I have never seen Russ pond so low. It is hoped there is enough water left to keep the fish and other pond-living creatures alive.

You notice I use the word 'Russ', the correct name of that part of Kenn. There has been a tendency in recent years to call the area 'Rust'. I notice the tipping area at Russ Bridge has a sign which says "Rust Bridge Tipping Area". This is not correct - one would have thought Woodspring District Council would have got the name right.

Don't you agree that Kenn Street is safer for pedestrians and horse riders now that the hedge near the Village Hall has been removed? (AND for drivers - KD) Ray Naish

RUBY WEDDING DAY

Dennis and I would like to thank very much all our friends in Kenn for their part in helping to make our Ruby Wedding weekend such a happy and memorable time. We both thought we had been very clever in keeping it a secret, but we reckoned without "Kenn Underground Movement" because it was our friends who kept the secret - that they knew - we truly did not realise that they had worked it out. I was told that one friend worked it out by calculating our daughter's age!

We had a very happy party with friends on Saturday evening and on Sunday, the actual day, the family came. It was memorable in more ways than one.

Just before we went to church, Dennis pointed out some water on the hearth which, he said, I must have spilt whilst watering flowers; I duly mopped it up and off we went. When we reached home the family arrived and there was great excitement with presents to be opened and a beautiful cake to be admired. Then, just as I was serving up the beautiful goose, courtesy of Juliet, I noticed more water on the hearth and more on the mantel shelf and running down behind the wallpaper! Panic all round. Dennis and Richard rushed around turning off water, we knew Philip, our friendly plumber, was away for the weekend, so we just did the best we could on a temporary basis and continued the festivities. Afterwards we took the children for a walk to get rid of some of their energy and to show them the flag being flown in our honour. I think they were impressed by the fact that the Queen and Grannyma both had the flag flown for them.

The boys had taken walking sticks to help them on their way and after a fairly sedate walk, on the way home they had an attack of "Errol Flynn's" and started duelling with them. Dennis and Richard were in front, then the children, whilst Jane and I brought up the rear - of course we were chatting. Suddenly there was an ear-splitting roar from James, the youngest. I looked up to see a brown and white dog disappearing into a garden. Apparently the dog had taken exception to the boys' activities and dashed out of the garden, had a quick bite of James's bottom and dashed back. Fortunately, although there was a very nasty bruise, the skin was not broken, but our poor little boy was very worried that he might get rabies.

We finally managed to contact Philip when he arrived home and he very kindly came to see what was wrong, this about 9.30 p.m. The hot tank had split. Oh joy! However, Philip was able to repair it next day and no lasting damage appears to have been done.

Despite the disasters it was a wonderful weekend which makes us both realise how fortunate we are to live in Kenn among such kind friends. Thank you all.

Dennis & Iris Goldsworthy.

"Nothing can change the fact that I am a 'Kennite'; I shall always be proud of that title.

"For many years my family have lived and worked in Kenn, my father a well known character could have never left behind what I am about to: his roots were more powerful than mine - had he lived longer I'm sure I would have been talked out of leaving.

"Life now at No. 2 has drifted to an end - shutting the doors for a final time is going to be hard - leaving behind some memories which only this house would remember, if only it could talk!

"I would like to thank all those people of Kenn who have helped and guided me throughout my lifetime here - In particular Mrs. Irene Russell, Ivor and Val Cox and all the others on this 'major estate'. I know I will never find neighbours as great as you all again - What will I do without you all?

"Most of you will have already met Stuart and Hilary Gamester, the new occupiers of No. 2. I would like to wish them all good luck and future happiness, hope you both enjoy life in Kenn as much as I have.

"So now it's goodbye to one and all.

Jennie Tune."

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Village Hall was transformed by some splendid brass rubbings when Mr. Gibson came to talk to Kenn Women's Institute about brass rubbings. Members asked lots of questions about brasses which are a wonderful social record of costumes in the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Mr. Gibson was thanked by Mrs. Dyer. The competition for an unusual brass rubbing was won by Mrs. Mann, gold; Mrs. Bullock, silver; and Mrs. Aldrick, green.

Tickets were on sale for the birthday party on October 25th and final plans were laid. The annual flower arrangement demonstration will be held on November 22nd. Mrs. Crouch's demonstration is entitled 'Looking Forward to Christmas'. Tickets will be £1. The Institute will field a team at the Quiz Night in the Village Hall on 25th November. The skittles team have been drawn to play Nightingale Valley in the first round.

Mrs. Wilson gave a report on the Group Craft Show at Tickenham in September at which Kenn was very successful. The Spring Group Meeting will be at Yatton on April 4th. Nominations were made for next year's committee.

The November meeting will be a members evening, and the competition is for the prettiest jug.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Disappointingly Kenn was unsuccessful in the Best Kept Village Competition again this year, but the standard is very high and not many marks separate the winners from the losers.

The judges' comments were: "We have had 55 entrants, two more than last year. Better still, the judges were unanimous in praising the high standard of almost all the villages, which were a delight to look at." (For Kenn) "A good well marked plan. Very little litter considering the handicap of the main road. The gardens were pleasant to see and the churchyard well kept. The village as a whole was neat and tidy and we liked your posters." Perhaps next year.....

LETTER FROM RACHEL

Dear Everyone, As you may well have read in an earlier edition of Kenn News, I have spent the summer working in Virginia, in America. I spent over 3 months in America, with two months working as a counsellor on an American Summer Camp for the mentally handicapped. The campers aged from about 8 years to 60 and the severity of their handicap ranged from profoundly retarded to quite high functioning.

I arrived in New York and after a night in a hotel, travelled by Greyhound bus from New York to Winchester in Virginia, the journey took about 8 hours and I arrived in Winchester quite exhausted. My camp picked me up from the bus station and took me back to camp Shenandoah. My initial reactions to camp were very mixed; to say that the camp was barren and sparse was an understatement. It was, however, set in quite the most beautiful of settings, in the Shenandoan National Park surrounded by the Blue Ridge mountains; with miles upon miles of woodland, rivers and waterfalls.

Camp itself had an awful lot to offer the campers such as horse riding, canoeing, swimming, archery and camping and cooking out. My job was to take the campers to activities and help them, with the aid of a specialist while there.

The counsellors were all a great bunch and we all worked well as a team, pulling each other together when something might get you down. We are a mixed team with half being American, and the rest English, French and Dutch.

Work started at 7 a.m., where I would leave my tent to get the campers up, washed and dressed and taken for medication if they needed it. We had a day full up with activities, where you worked with a particular cabin - such as Pale Sky, Deep Thunder or Rising Sun. Then after dinner we had lots to do in the evening involving the whole camp working together. Then we would put the campers to bed at 10 p.m. and this was the earliest you could go off duty. Otherwise you might have night duty till 12 p.m. or cabin cover, sleeping with the campers, from 12 till the next morning, as at all times a counsellor was always with the campers.

The campers were lovely to work with, obviously I had my favourites, but I suppose that was true of the counsellors as well. Working with them was an experience I would not have missed. They were so full of surprises and it was a great feeling, for example, to have worked with someone for a few weeks trying to get them near the water and then finally getting them in the lake quite at ease in a canoe.

Unfortunately after 10 weeks of camp it was time to say goodbye to everyone, and leave to start our travels of America.

About 5 of us travelled together starting from Washington D.C. with our rucksacks on our backs and Ameripass tickets in hand for unlimited travel on the Greyhound buses. We covered the whole East coast and mid-section of America, travelling first to Florida, which was beautiful and gave us time to relax after camp, sunning ourselves on the beach and swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. While there, we just had to visit Disneyworld where we met Mickey, Goofy and Daffy Duck and all the other Disney characters, and of course made ourselves quite sick on the roller-coasters. After a restful time we went to New Orleans which was excellent fun as every night was

party night with dancing, singing and playing jazz in the street. We then went North going through Georgia, South and North Carolina, (where hurricane Hugo hit), West Virginia and up to Boston, which is quite a beautiful city. I wish we had had more time there but we had to get back to New York to get a flight home. New York was a very exciting city, we were lucky to stay in Manhattan, with a friend's brother, just off of Broadway. It was great fun and nice to have a base, as while travelling we usually spent the night on the bus, arriving in a new place during the day.

I must say I really did enjoy myself in America. Travelling around the states was, of course, brilliant fun. But, I think working at camp with everyone I met was an experience I would not have missed for the world. I recommend anyone thinking of working on a summer camp should certainly go ahead and do it. It is quite the most rewarding and satisfying thing I've ever done.

Rachel Moss

Note: Rachel is now home from the United States and has returned to her studies at Reading University.

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - As you no longer have grass to worry about, you have the laugh on the rest of us as we try to get in one more cut and laboriously go over the grass with a rake to remove the stale thatch.

I expect you have finished getting your tubs planted up for the winter. I have put in some bulbs but still have a lot to do. The weather has been so extraordinary that plants are still showing lots of colour and it seems a pity to remove them, but I should think any time now there will be either a frost or a downpour and that will be the finish. However, the bright side is that we can start planning for next year.

I'm sure you have planted bulbs for Christmas but how about the Poinsettia? Are you having a go? Yours - Uncle Freddie.

P.S. I've just looked outside and rather belatedly, my rain dances are working.

FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - As yet I am not the proud owner of a Poinsettia but I shall make the investment soon I hope. I do indeed still have some grass in the front garden, although to cut it only takes a few minutes. To save another task I need to contact all local stick insect keepers. Our privet hedge is, I am told, a particular dietary favourite of these beasts and so far I have two neighbours who periodically arrive with secateurs to snip meal sized pieces for their pets. A few more such customers and we could sell the hedge-trimmer!

The wallflowers recently planted have at last had a good drink thanks to this weekend's downpour and now that the soil is so much softer we can complete bulb planting.

Yours - Kate.

QUIZ NIGHT

Entries for the Quiz Night on Saturday, 25th November, are now complete. For reasons of space and safety we cannot accept any more entries and as you may have seen in the Post Office, we are sorry to have to say there will be no room for spectators - either spouses or children. Will the teams who have entered please get their money to myself, Sheila or Kenn Stores by 5th November. Please see October Issue of News and Views for a full rundown of the rules, supper arrangements, etc. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. Any queries before the night, tel. Kate on Yatton 834894. Kate Denmead.