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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Have you missed anything so far this year? A competition. All readers are invited to submit seasonal drawings for our Christmas News & Views and the best will win a prize and have their drawing used for the December cover. All entries in black on white A4 and to Kate, Sheila or shop by the date below. Also, look out for our fund-raising day. During November - date to follow - you are invited to Oakland Farm for coffee and to browse through adults and children's clothes at bargain prices.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE 22nd NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Firstly two belated occasions to note:

6th October - 25th Wedding Anniversary for Dave and Sue Pugh
25th October - Happy birthday to Melanie Stevens

November

9th Andrew Jenkins (6)
13th Sheila Naish
15th Timothy Denmead (11)
16th Sebastian Wilcox (11)

16th Wedding Anniversary for Miles and Sheila Naish

NAISH'S NOTES

Condolences - We are so sorry to hear about the passing away of Mr. Richard Whitehead on 18th October. All our love to Mrs. Whitehead and family.

Well Again - How nice it is to see Mr. Dennis Sharp (Sharpy) up and about after his operation.

Home Again - Mr. Jim Middleton has returned home from his stay in Clevedon Cottage Hospital and we send our best wishes.

Tom Baker - Rose and Mervyn Baker wish to thank everyone for their cards and messages of sympathy received in their sad loss. Also thanks to all who attended the services and gave donations to Clevedon Cottage Hospital.

Anniversary - Congratulations to Sue and Dave Pugh on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6th October.

Putting the Record Straight - To all you people who thought that it was me (or hoped!) that landed up to her neck in a ditch, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but it wasn't!! Think again. Here's a clue - the said farmer's wife is the same size as me and has now acquired a horse which we hope can jump ditches better than its owner!

Next Puzzle - Which farmer was doing an impersonation of a Hero Turtle with his cow-stick stuck down a sewer hole one morning?

Welcome - to the Woods family at Moorlands, Kenn Street. Jean and Ben and sons Philip, Thomas and Peter. We look forward to meeting you and hope you will enjoy living in Kenn.

KENN ANNUAL FUN RUN UPDATE

The total monies raised at the Fun Run was £1,300.00. We were absolutely thrilled and delighted with the total. Jenny, Simon, Avril, Jean and myself went to the ARMS Unit in Nailsea to hand over the final cheque on Tuesday, 9th October. We were given a tour of the Unit and actually sat in the diving chamber. Avril was given a whiff of oxygen

which set her up for the rest of the night! The rest of us were treated to wine and cheese and had a chat with the people who had come and supported the run. We have received a letter from the Unit. Sheila Naish

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Auty for their sponsorship of this event in 1990. Does anyone know of any company or person who would be kind enough to sponsor the 1991 event which will be in aid of Infant Cot Death Research? Please phone Sheila, 838357, or Jenny and Simon, 878451.

COT DEATH RESEARCH FUND

The Disco held at Kingston Seymour on 6th October was enjoyed by all. The outfits this time were exceptionally good and well thought out, with one or two definitely stealing the show. It took me a long time to realise that our skeleton figure was James Griffin. I'm glad I didn't bump into him in the dark!

Many thanks to everyone for coming and supporting us. Grateful thanks to John and Penny Hazell for donating their services once more. The total money raised was £352.00 and this goes to Infant Cot Death Research.

Timothy Denmead and his 3 friends completed 7 laps of their local playing field which totalled just over 4 miles. Well done boys! They raised the grand sum of £101.00 which we have given towards our Infant Cot Death Research fund. Many thanks.

The ARMS group held a collection on behalf of Cot Death Research and gave me £50.00 towards it when we donated our money to them. I was quite overwhelmed that they had thought of us whilst we were busy raising money for them. They are a very special bunch of people and I am grateful to them.

Finally, we raised £22.13 from the sale of greeting cards donated to us from a company in Nailsea. This too goes to Infant Cot Death Research.

In total we shall have raised £525.13 to be given to the Neo-Natal Unit at the Children's Hospital, which will be used for their research work and towards a piece of important equipment.

Many thanks to all concerned for their support and generosity. It has helped us, in turn, to help in some small way the people who gave us a tremendous amount of support following Samantha's death. Let us pray that they find some useful breakthrough in their research which will help prevent such terrible tragedies happening to other families.

Jeff and Stella would like to pass on their thanks for everyone's generosity. Sheila Naish

SNIPPETS

Silver Wedding - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pugh of 'Poppins' who celebrated their Silver Wedding on October 6th. Our flag was flown for the occasion.

On the Sick List - We are sorry to report that Mr. Middleton has had a spell in Clevedon Cottage Hospital but also hear he is making progress.

Return to Somerset - Travelling nowadays into Weston-super-Mare we are welcomed by the sign "Welcome to Weston-super-Mare in the Historic County of Somerset"! R.M.D.

KENN W.I. CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday, 28th November, at 7.30 p.m. in Kenn Village Hall. £1.00 to include coffee.

Come and bring your friends to see Mrs. Jacobs of Uphill demonstrate Christmas flower arrangements, "Crackers and Kings, Flowers and Things". A warm welcome to everyone.-

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Wine and Cheese Party, Saturday, 1st December at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £2.50 from members of Hall Committee. Come and meet your friends and neighbours. In aid of Hall funds.

MR. RICHARD WHITEHEAD

Kenn has lost one of its great characters in the passing of Mr. Richard Whitehead on Thursday, 18th October at the Belmont Nursing Home. Our flag was flown at half-mast.

Mr. Whitehead had been ill for a long time; at times he was a patient in the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Weston Hospital.

Throughout his long illness he was blessed with a loving wife, nephews, friends and neighbours, doctors and nurses. He was always most appreciative of the help and kindness he received; in fact visiting him one day he told me "Kenn is the best place to live in."

When very young he was with his parents visiting Germany, days before the outbreak of the Great War. His father was ordered that the family should return to England immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead lived at Moorgates until they purchased Corner Cottage (formerly Kenn Post Office) in the late forties.

Richard was a butcher in Bristol for many years, then a caretaker at Nailsea School, finally working at Portishead.

Richard was an active member of the local community, serving as Chairman of Kenn Parish Council and a member of Kenn Village Hall Committee. He was Churchwarden for twenty-two years, during which time he made gallant efforts to control the church's temperamental boiler. After retiring from being Churchwarden he was Sacristan for eight years.

Richard was a great story-teller and derived great pleasure in recounting his escapades and practical jokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead celebrated their Golden Wedding on 26th November 1988.

To Mrs. Whitehead we send our sincere sympathy in her great loss.

R.M.D.

DOMESTIC BLISS!!

I have had the following tale recounted to me along with permission to publish anonymously.

Employee to Housewife: "Look, there's the lawn mower outside - you could cut the grass."

Husband of Housewife: "How do you expect her to work a lawnmower when she hasn't mastered the Hoover yet?"
K.D.

QUIZ NIGHT III

As reported here in the October issue, the next Quiz Night is on Saturday, 10th November at 8. p.m. Please arrive by 7.30 p.m. so we can start promptly.

As on previous occasions, there will be a fish and chip supper which should be paid for when you pay for your team entry. There will also be a RAFFLE.

We are looking forward to another evening of fun and it's all in aid of The Meningitis Trust. There follows a list of rules:

1. Commencing at 8 p.m. each team will have one table with a supply of paper and a pen. Your team name MUST be placed at the top of each sheet - use one sheet per category with the subject title also marked.
2. There will be 20 subject categories with 3 questions per category.
3. The questions for the first category will be asked and you will have 2 minutes per category to write down your answers.
4. When you have three answers or time is up, your paper will be collected and we will go on to category 2 and so on.

5. After every 3 categories the answers for those 9 questions will be given out.
6. After 10 categories we will break for supper, the sale of raffle tickets and the half-time score.
7. After the end of Part Two we will first draw the winning raffle tickets and finally announce the winning teams and scores.
8. There will be prizes for the highest and second highest scoring teams and a booby prize for the lowest.
9. In the event of a tie, I will ask questions of each team until a winner is found.
10. Finally, the questionmaster's decision is final.

See you there.

Kate Denmead 879747

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October meeting of the Kenn Women's Institute, Mr. and Mrs. Small brought a positive Harvest Festival of English apples for members to admire and taste. There were many varieties all looking very attractive. Mr. and Mrs. Small were thanked by Mrs. Harrison. The competition for a slogan to promote apples was won by Mrs. Bubb, gold; Mrs. Harrison, silver; Miss Livesey, green.

Final arrangements were made for the Party on 24th October and tickets were for sale. Those intending to come to the Party were asked to bring pencil and paper with them. Miss Livesey gave a report on the Autumn Council Meeting. The flower demonstration will be held on November 28th, admission will be £1. Nominations were made for the 1991 committee.

At the November meeting Mrs. Bell will talk about Harrods in Edwardian times. The competition will be for an Edwardian fashion item.

PLEASE NOTE - The November meeting will begin at 7.15 p.m.

TIMES PAST

Recently, when looking through some old papers and documents, Jean came across a Tenancy Agreement for a piece of land at Kenn, Somerset; worded as between Mr. E.A. Corp and Mrs. Cecilia Stowell and others. This Agreement, made in 1922, stated that Edward Allen Corp of Stonehouse Farm, Kenn (he was the owner of this farm at that time) was willing to let to Mrs. Cecilia Stowell - President of Kenn Women's Institute - who lived at Moorgate House, Kenn, and Mrs. Ellen Dyer - Vice President - of Kenn Pier Farm and Alice Gibbs - Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Institute - of Briarside, Kenn (demolished to make way for the motorway bridge), an area of land in Coxhay Orchard, Kenn, to build a Hall called Kenn Women's Institute. The rent for this land was to be two shillings and sixpence per year - 12½ p in today's money.

Mrs. Stowell emigrated to Canada with some members of her family in the late 1920's.

By sheer coincidence there arrived in Kenn the same day as this document was found, three people from Canada, two of whom were Mrs. Stowell's grandchildren. They stayed the night here at Stonehouse Farm and were very interested in the village where their family had originated. We were able to show them this document and their grandmother's signature which was on the Agreement.

Ray Naish

There are twelve local places in this grid; can you find them?

G	S	R	O	I	A	E	S	L	C	W
W	O	I	O	W	A	L	L	I	P	J
P	E	N	M	Y	A	T	A	A	M	I
Y	I	N	G	S	T	O	N	N	A	O
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V	E	Y	M	O	E	N	T	C	I	N
N	O	E	N	C	K	S	F	U	E	K
O	K	P	N	P	H	W	B	D	I	C
D	C	L	I	E	E	L	O	U	S	T
E	V	E	B	N	R	V	E	Y	R	U
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You can:

Go in any direction - up, down, diagonally, or zigzag. Use the same letter more than once, but not in the same word.

And places of more than one word are not necessarily next to each other.

- Chelvey
- Clevedon
- ~~Congresbury~~
- ~~Duck~~ Lane
- Kenn Moor
- Kenn Pier
- ~~Kings~~ton Seymour
- Nailsea
- Nailsea Wall
- ~~Russ~~
- Tickenham
- Yatton

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - How the months rush on. This is another busy month in the garden.

Do try to keep the leaves swept up in order not to encourage our slimy friends, and also in order not to slip on them after rain. I tip mine into a black plastic bag, puncture it with the garden fork when it is full and then next year I have a nice heap of leaf mould.

On the subject of garden rubbish, if you are having a bonfire on the 5th November - or any other time - do please make sure that no hedgehogs are resting in the bottom before putting a match to it. I gather hedgehogs are having a bad time of it this year where food is concerned, so if you are lucky enough to have one in your garden, a little dog or cat food would be welcome.

Back to the plants: We must also make certain that anything precious has its roots well protected from frost. Also, if you have any slightly tender plants in pots, be sure to protect them in the weeks ahead.

I have been having reports of Spring plants putting in a premature appearance; bulbs such as crocus and iris and also cowslips. In fact I have seen some cowslips in bloom. Can any wise person forecast the meaning of these signs and portents? Of course, it is possible that the iris of which I heard was Iris Unguicularis which after a hot summer such as the last one could well be in flower from November on until about February. I think I must try to find some more flowers that bloom in Winter, which after all is when we need a little cheer. For now -
Uncle Freddie

FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - Nothing much to report from H.Q. this month although I do have a question. What would you suggest as suitable plants for a north facing fence? That side of our garden only gets the very early morning sun and even the grass is reluctant to grow there. As it is about 20 feet long I have quite a space to fill. Any ideas? Yours - Kate

CLASSIFIED

Carpets - Supplied and fitted. Range of vinyls, carpets etc. Highly recommended.
Tel: L. G. Baker. Clevedon 875156

Wanted - Quantity of topsoil. Tel 879747

A MOMENT OF THOUGHT

Proverb - Better to be a sinner than a hypocrite.



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15th October 1990

Dear Sheila & Jenny,

What can we say? Thank you seems so inadequate. We are all so delighted with the donation of £1300 raised from the 1990 Kenn Village Fun Run.

Please pass on our sincere thanks to all who were involved in organising and to those who participated in this event - what a success! We really didn't expect such a grand sum to be raised.

All your efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated. We trust you will be as successful with your future fund raising events for other charities. You have certainly helped us a great deal.

Once again, many thanks to the people of Kenn Village from us all at Avon Friends of ARMS.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Brightwell,
Hon. Chairman.

AVON ARMS MS THERAPY CENTRE
Nailsea (0272) 858806

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Received with thanks.

THIRTEEN HUNDRED
POUNDS

From

KENN VILLAGE FUN RUN

Date

15/10/90

Signature