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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

Now we're all over the Christmas and New Year celebrations and spring is just around the corner, may I suggest that whilst you are spring-cleaning and making resolutions of good intentions that you "dust off" your writing paper and pens and send us a letter, a thought for the day, a poem, a recipe or even a criticism, in fact anything!! We are grateful to our regular contributors but need new material from new sources to make this magazine all the more interesting. Tel. Kate on 879747 or Sheila on Yatton 838357.

\*\*\* DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE - 18 FEBRUARY \*\*\*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES.

FEBRUARY	1st.	Tim TAYLOR
	2nd	Katy STOWELL
	14th	Gladys DENMEAD
	16th	Marianna MACKAY
	19th	Jeff NAISH
	25th	James GRIFFIN
	27th	Jenny PASCOE (40)

## NAISH'S NOTES.

**Congratulations.** Best wishes go to Heather GRAY and Jim NOAD who were married on 23rd. January at St. Mary's Church, East Brent.

**Prizewinners.** Congratulations to Leon NAISH who was a prizewinner in a Tesco Christmas Competition. He has won 2 Tomy boxed games. Well done.

**Pool winners.** Congratulations also to the two lucky people who had small pools wins. Here's to bigger things next time!

**Tea Party.** I have the photos of the tea party held at the Hall if anyone wishes to look at them or order any.

**Dirty Dancing.** Following a party at the Hall on New Year's Eve I have been forced to cut out fatty foods etc. due to splitting of yet another tight skirt. No I am NOT buying the next size.

Following a spate of copy-cat dirty dancing (did you see the film on Boxing Day? - well it wasn't quite like that - quite!!) - it has been suggested that we could do with lessons in sensible dancing, perhaps in our Hall. What do you think? Old-time, modern etc.

**Gossip.** Heard the one about a chap who'd been given a micro umbrella for Christmas - one of those where you press a button and it shoots up and opens? He was caught in a rainstorm in the car park, stopped, opened up his broolly and ping! It shot straight up, off, and flew across the car park leaving our hero holding the stick. Slightly embarrassed and very wet. Any more bank manager stories - sorry Simon.

Lambing. We, like many others at present are lambing; so I'm to be found out in our lambing shed, but a loud hoot of a car horn usually brings me running if anyone needs me.

#### BIRTHDAY.

A very happy 21st birthday to James GRIFFIN, we all hope you enjoy your party

#### TV STARDOM

Did you see our very own Robin MACKAY being interviewed on TV at Bristol Airport following the tightening up of security procedures in light of the Gulf situation?

#### DISCO MAY 1989. KENN VILLAGE HALL - BLACK AND WHITE THEME

It has become necessary for me to ascertain whether anyone who actually ATTENDED the above mentioned disco in May 1989 has suffered from hearing problems or any form of damage to their ears as a result of, or following, this function. Phone Yatton 838357.  
Sheila.

#### ST. JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD.

FEBRUARY - Mrs Mary WILLIAMS and helpers.

#### SNIPPETS

Sick List. We are sorry that Mrs YEATES is still unwell and is in the Forda Rest Home in Clevedon.

Welcome. A warm welcome to Mr and Mrs CARRINGTON who have moved into the Cider House, Kenn Court. We hope that they will enjoy living in Kenn.

Celebration. Our flag was flown on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Special Visitor. Once again our younger generation were very lucky to have a special Christmas morning visit from Father Christmas. For very many years now the Kenn children have been marked out for this very special attention.

Gulf War. Despite many attempts by politicians throughout the world to persuade Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait he refused to listen and conform with the United Nations Resolution: so the Gulf War started on January 17th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our soldiers, sailors and airmen, doctors and nurses at this difficult time; we remember their families in this time of anxiety.

#### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.

Our best wishes to the Reverend Frank Stevens, former vicar of Kenn, now resident in Burnham-on-Sea, on his eightieth birthday.

#### DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS.

Thanks to some welcome rain all drought restrictions have been lifted. Latest reports state that the reservoirs are well over half full.

**KENN VILLAGE HALL - Forthcoming Events.**

February 9th.	Village Party
February 13th	Kenn Women's Institute. Slides and talk on owls by Mr Chris SPERRING. At 7-30pm.
February 16th	Jumble Sale. at 2pm.
March 16th	Quiz Night
April 3rd	Jumble Sale. At 7pm.
September 1st	Fun Run.

We hear on the grapevine that a well known Kenn personality intends to participate in the Fun Run on his trike! All of you fit Kennites had better be prepared and get into training without delay.

RMD

**CONGRATULATIONS.**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sheila NAISH has been appointed to the Board of Governors of Yeo Moor Junior School, Clevedon. Sheila has always worked very hard on the school's behalf and we're delighted with this recognition of her efforts.

KD

**KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.**

There was a good turn out on an atrocious night for the January meeting of Kenn Women's Institute. Mrs PEARCE and Mrs BUBB welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.

Subscriptions for 1991 are due. The fee this year is £7.50. Secret friends for 1991 were declared. It was agreed that another Institute should be invited to one of our meetings. The annual competition prizes were awarded to Mrs BUBB, gold, Mrs ALDRICK, silver and Mrs HARRISON, green. The skittles team play Locking Green in the next round of the tournament. Refreshments in February will be done by Mrs J. JEFFERY and Mrs LAMB. Mrs JACKSON is collecting used Christmas cards.

Names were taken for a group visit to Frogmore Gardens on 2nd May. Some details have emerged about the Triennial General Meeting at Birmingham in June. The charity event in aid of Cot Death Research will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic by kind invitation of Mrs HARRISON. The speaker at the February meeting will be Mr Chris SPERRING on owls. The competition will be for a depiction of an owl.

Mr Mark MORGAN gave an interesting talk on acupuncture and showed how eastern and western methods of medicine can work together to good purpose. He was thanked by Mrs HARRISON. The competition for a piece of willow pattern was won by Mrs HARRISON and Mrs Rose JEFFERY, gold, Mrs Lamb, silver and Mrs DYER, green.

18th January 1991

Dear Eds and Readers of Kenn News and Views,

What a lovely surprise arrived at my door just before Christmas in the shape of a basket full of flowers. Thank you all very much. It gave a great deal of pleasure and lasted a long time.

It was with sadness I decided to stop typing the magazine, but now that I have given up my part-time job of ten years as secretary to a consultant orthopaedic surgeon in his private rooms, to become a secretary to nine consultants on a full-time basis in a hospital, life has become hectic to say the least. However, I shall still look forward to the arrival of the Kenn News and Views each month and to keeping up with the village events.

I do hope everyone keeps it in mind to support the editors by submitting their contributions, the lifeblood of the magazine. The variety of subjects adds to the charm of the content and encourages the editors to continue with their hard work.

With best wishes for the New Year to everyone,

Jo COOPER

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CANCER RELIEF Macmillan fund  
Dowlais Farm, Lower Strode Road, Clevedon.

Dear Mrs Naish,

Thank you so much on behalf of the Clevedon Committee for the large donation of £445.27 which was kindly brought by Lyn Auty this afternoon.

This money will be used to help cancer patients and is very gratefully received. In the years since the Committee was formed, we have raised over £19,000 and your generous donation will help to swell that figure!

Again MANY THANKS and all good wishes to you all,

Angela Hughes,

Vice President, Clevedon Cancer Relief Committee.

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WESTONWOOD  
KENN.

Thank you to all who have brought me tin foil for the guide dogs. I still collect it even if someone else kindly delivers it for me, so please continue bringing it.

I must add my very grateful thanks to friends around who have given me so much help and still do so. I shall never forget them and shall be thankful and grateful to them for the rest of my life. I remember them daily in my prayers.

Natalie GRIFFEY.

KENN HISTORY.

Do readers recognize how lucky we are in Kenn in that none of our historic farmhouses have been demolished? They include Kenn Court, Manor Farm, Walnut Tree Farm, Kenn Pier Farm, Carpenter's Farm, Latcham House, Lake Farm and Colehouse Farm. Lake farm house is not occupied at the present time. This is a very ancient building and fortunately it still has a good roof so hopefully it won't deteriorate any further.

The only farmhouse that has disappeared in modern times was Poplar Farm.. This was situated in Kenn Street on the site near the Village Hall where the six modern houses now stand. This house had probably not been occupied since the last century.

Kingston Seymour also still has its ancient houses still intact but like Kenn it has lost some old cottages which were mostly pulled down because they were unfit to be lived in.

Yatton has faired badly. Many of the historic buildings have disappeared in the last 30 years. They include the old Yatton Vicarage, a fine three storey building that faced the church on the end of Well Lane. Another tragedy was when the old Court Farm, a lovely old thatched farmhouse, was pulled down to make way for the Gateway shopping centre. Cherry Tree Farm was also demolished, to make way for the new houses in Cherry Grove.

Clevedon has few of its old farmhouses left. As recently as 1976 the ancient Tutton's Farm was pulled down. But the greatest tragedy of all for that town was when the Directors of St. Brandon's School had the ancient Salisbury Farm bulldozed to make their playing field larger. This was a magnificent historic farm - the house and farm buildings were all thatched. There is probably no other farm house and buildings of that quality for many miles around and sadly there are few photographs of those beautiful buildings.

RN

RUSS POND

Russ pond was almost empty a few weeks ago but the recent rains have already filled it to the point of running over.

RVN

POETS CORNER

IF.

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good nor talk too wise.

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two imposters just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life for broken  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools.

If you can make one heap of all your winnings,  
And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the will which says to them "Hold on!".

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a man, my son!  
RUDYARD KIPLING.

A MOMENT OF THOUGHT

Which local farmer's wife went on a diet for a week, stopped in the middle to consume a large quantity of Ferrero Rocher chocolates, and at the end of the week put on two pounds!!

Which same local farmer's wife took a little while to work out where the windscreen washers were on the new car, and in the process of finding out was found to be flashing her headlights and succeeded in stopping an Eastern gentleman on the Moor Road, who approached the lady shouting "You want me?" Embarrassed lady fled in a hurry!!!!!!!

#### COULD YOU COPE.

Did anyone see the Watchdog Special at the start of January about first aid? If you did you know what I'm talking about, if not can you answer the following?

1. Do you know the recovery position?
2. Can you give mouth to mouth resuscitation and cardiac massage?
3. Would you know what to do if a child scalded himself?

The list is endless - bit like training for Quiz Night!!  
But the topic is serious.

Would you like to learn basic first aid? Not only so you may be able to HELP someone but also so that you don't HARM someone by doing the wrong thing. It is possible we could get together as a Village, even children from 11 years upwards - to learn what to do. Are you interested?

FEEDBACK PLEASE. If you can't write back with ideas tell Big or Little Eds and we'll see what can be done.

JP

#### HOME GUARD

I know the Gulf War is a serious topic but "Dad's Army" has been seen out patrolling the Kenn boundaries. Dr GAUNT, Avril and the two little GAUNTS are out and about on their bikes protecting the Home Front! That's the trouble when kids get new bikes for Christmas!

JP

NOTE. Big and Little Eds have also been checking out the availability of trench coats, berets and white ankle socks!!

#### QUIZ NIGHT IV

As you will have seen in the Village Hall Diary the next Quiz Night is to be held on Saturday 16th March in Kenn Village Hall. You are all so experienced by now that I don't think it's necessary for me to go through the format again, but I will say that it starts at 7-30pm for a prompt 8 o'clock start.

When we announce a new Quiz Night we know straightaway that we have at least 15 regular teams we can put on our list of entrants. Even so it is in your interests to check with me and thereby register your team. Last time we had a number of disappointed people. Likewise if you have registered and suddenly find that you can't make it, please let me know as soon as possible in order that I can re-allocate your place. We actually have to borrow extra tables and chairs and would appreciate your prompt registration for this purpose amongst others. So please telephone me as soon as possible on Clevedon 879747.

Kate DENMEAD



## KENN VILLAGE HALL

On Monday 21st January, 1991 a meeting of the Hall Committee was held in Kenn Village Hall.

A great deal of discussion ensued, following a letter received from a firm of solicitors acting on behalf of Miss L. Baker. It put forward a complaint of 'excessive noise' at the Disco held on Saturday 15th December, 1990, both during and after the event. The letter continued to point out that Miss Baker had already made an earlier complaint to the Hall Committee regarding damage to her health following the Disco held on 6th May, 1989 and that she could not be expected to tolerate the situation any longer. Therefore, Miss Baker felt that her next available option was to bring an Action for Damages for Noise and Nuisance. Whilst being loathe to do this owing to her lifelong interest in the village and her many friends, she also felt that her views had so far been ignored by the Hall Committee.

The meeting was told that Mr. Laken, Assistant Director for Building Control, had been informed of the fact that these Discos numbered 3 per year and did much good in fundraising for both charity and the Hall itself. Several Committee Members pointed out that they had shown express concern after earlier letters and had spoken to Miss Baker accordingly. Also that on 15th December the organisers had gone to great lengths to contain and reduce the noise, keeping all doors and windows firmly closed.

At the close of this meeting it was agreed that until further information was available, all Discos would be banned.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Hall Committee was held on Monday 28th January 1991 when Mr. Hitchcock from the Environmental Health Department was present. Mr. S. Pascoe was in attendance as an observer and interested party.

Mr. Hitchcock's personal opinion was that there were 3 views of the complaint:

- 1) There could be a case for Statutory Nuisance for the Local Authority to deal with.
- 2) The events in question - 3 per year - were so infrequent they would not amount to a nuisance.
- 3) Only one person was affected, therefore it amounted to a Private Nuisance. The Local Authority would not be involved and it was for Miss Baker and the Hall Committee to resolve.

Mr. Hitchcock said our case could fall into any one of these categories. With regard to Statutory Nuisance the following applies:

- a) Infrequency of events.
- b) Some sort of effort at noise control is made.
- c) The event is terminated at a reasonable hour.
- d) Efforts are made to encourage people to leave quietly.

He went on to say that if an event ceased and everybody had left by midnight - that would be reasonable and that should the Local Authority take action within these provisos, the courts would offer little sympathy in regard to Statutory Nuisance.

The subject of Governors was raised - a device that can be set to cut all power to the Disco equipment if the agreed volume is exceeded.

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KENN VILLAGE HALL continued .....

It was asked how the noise was actually measured and in reply Mr. Hitchcock said that so far the noise had not been measured mechanically but he had found it to be "intrusive" when answering the earlier complaint from Miss Baker. If invited he would measure the noise with a precision meter.

The question arose as to what would happen if the number of bookings for Discos was exceeded in favour of Private requests. Mr. Hitchcock said the Hall Committee would then have to weigh up the pros and cons of Local Authority Action. In the case of a Private Action it would be for the aggrieved party to seek an injunction from their Solicitor.

Several Committee Members expressed their concern that events other than Discos were in jeopardy and that overall there was now a deep anxiety amongst the Community.

As the meeting drew to a close it was proposed that a letter of reply to Miss Baker's solicitor be forwarded with the following points.

- 1) That Discos be limited to 4 per year.
- 2) That all efforts be made to control noise, including the fitting of a Governor and the subsequent effects measured.
- 3) That all events finish within a reasonable time.

The motion was seconded and carried.

On receipt of a reply from Miss Baker's solicitor the Committee will consider all future events accordingly.

#### FROM THE POTTING SHED.

Dear Kate, - Things are now beginning to get started in the garden and the days getting steadily longer and we hope brighter as it is more tempting to go outside. In the meantime it is now a good time to have a thorough look at your houseplants - if you have not already done so! Take off any dead looking leaves and do any general pruning and tidying up. If necessary remove a little compost from the top and replace with some fresh and a little feed to get everything going for spring. Some may need repotting but do not be tempted into overpotting as this will encourage too much root at the expense of the blooms.

On any dry days it is a good idea to get started out of doors. Tie up the perennials, remove any dead bits and pieces and prune anything overgrown. This would be a good month to test your soil with a kit obtainable from garden centres.

Also why not take runners of mint and sow some parsley.

Yours, Uncle FREDDIE and AUNTIE.

#### GARDENERS QUESTION TIME.

Dear Uncle Freddie, Thank you for your advice on our cherry tree. Unfortunately we decided to chop the tree down and replace it with two apple trees. We chose Katy and Jupiter, two relatively new varieties of small tree which should be suitable for our small garden.

Could you please tell us if they will need any special care this spring and if there are any diseases we should watch out for and treat.

Thank you.

Yours in "appticipation"

#### TYPISTS THOUGHTS.

Apology. I am very sorry for the typing errors in the January issue - I misread St. John's as the St. John Ambulance in the obituary.

My spelling will have to improve - many of you spotted my altered spelling of altar. To encourage this detailed study of the texts I will award a small prize to the individual who collects the most errors in the 1991 issues.

Trees and paper. Did you know that in this country a forest grows about one tonne of new wood per annum and that we currently use 7-8 million tonnes a year to make paper in the UK. That's equivalent to all the year's growth in a forest one and a half times the size of Wales.

Please try to help reverse this process and collect your paper for recycling. Regular collections are held in the village.

#### WILLING WORKERS.

We have a gentleman who is prepared to do any sort of electrical work. We also know of a lady willing to do any kind of domestic work. If you're interested details are available from the Editors.