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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

One of the most difficult tasks when compiling the magazine each month is that of thinking of something new to say in our "message". Therefore this month we are printing the following "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" which we think says it all:-

"There were once four people - Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but in the end Nobody did it. Somebody got very angry over this because it was really Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody had asked Anybody."

(Extract from the 1990 Friendship Book, in turn copied from a church magazine.)

Kate and Sheila

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**** DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE - 15th FEBRUARY ****

BIRTHDAYS.

Related Birthday Wishes:	Gina STOWELL 4th January	
	Richard GAUNT 24th January (40)	
February Birthdays:	Katy STOWELL 2nd	
	Gladys DENMEAD 14th	(80)
	Mariana MACKAY 16th	(40)

NAISH'S NOTES

We are pleased to see Mr Jim MIDDLETON home again from hospital.

Mr WHITEHEAD has been seen out and about and we are glad to see he is well again.

Vincent STOWELL is back from Australia safely - having frightened Margaret and family when they heard of a coach crash in Australia before Christmas. Naturally many anxious moments passed before it was confirmed that Vincent was still roaming around unaware of any trouble. We hope he can be persuaded to write a line or two about his trip.

Welcome to Samantha Louise, a daughter for Stella and Jeff NAISH, born on the 21st December.

Richard GAUNT reached the big 4-0 on the 24th January! Happy Birthday to him. (As I heard the other day- if life begins at 40, what is it that ends at 39? KD; - childhood according to his children! RG)

Mrs Kathleen JENKINS is fit, well and at home after a very serious operation just before Christmas. We are relieved that all is now well.

Congratulations to Karen and Richard DYER who were safely delivered of a baby daughter - Clare Louise - on the 17th of January.

Thanks to all the Sunday Club leaders for organising a lovely crib service once more. It truly starts the Christmas spirit off in such a lovely way and gives us all a few moments to reflect before the hectic preparations for Christmas day begin.

DIARY DATES

3rd MARCH - TRAMPS AND TARTS DANCE - KENN VILLAGE HALL

Details from Sheila Naish - further on.

31st MARCH

QUIZ NIGHT - KENN VILLAGE HALL

Details further on.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

The children's Christmas Party was held on the 20th December and was attended by 54 children and various parents and grandparents. The children were entertained by Uncle Brian with cartoons, magic tricks, games and disco dancing. The tea was provided by the mums and was a feast indeed. Many thanks to mums for their efforts. Father Christmas arrived laden with two heavy sacks full of presents and all the children left tired and happy, all with a gift. Many thanks to all who helped and many, many thanks to the Social Committee for funding the event.

I have received the following letter from two of the children - thanks girls - the letter was appreciated. We are glad you enjoyed yourselves and come again next year.

SN

Dear Sheila
Thank you for inviting us to the brilliant party, as we've just explained it was Fab! the games were brill! and the food and disco even more Fab!!!
But last night in bed Debbie was sick! Sorry if you think it was the party's fault but it wasn't it was this stupid bug!

But never mind the party was Fab!!!

With love from your friends
Debbie and Anna Gill

XX

MRS LILIAN COX

We are sorry to record the passing of Mrs Lilian Cox in Australia on the 20th December at the age of ninety years.

Mrs Cox started her travels in 1963 when she emigrated to Perth in Western Australia. Mrs Cox loved travelling and visited her daughter in South Africa, as well as returning to England from time to time.

To her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren we extend our sympathy. We shall remember her as a frail little woman endowed with great determination. We flew our flag at half mast in her memory.

RMD

MORE TRAVELS

At the beginning of February, Rosemary WILLCOX will travel to Jamaica to join a cruise liner where she will work as a croupier. We wish her well in her new job.

RMD

CAN YOU HELP?

The Chairman and Director's of Sotheby's as their contribution to the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain are holding an auction of World War II memorabilia on the 15th September. They are generously allotting half of their commission to the RAF Benevolent Fund, the Guinea Pig Club and the Blond McIndoe Centre. The sale will be held at the RAF Museum, Hendon.

The Blond McIndoe Centre for Medical Research, East Grinstead, Sussex, RH19 3DZ are promoting this sale by requesting us to donate anything we may have connected with the war ie; log books, gas masks, uniforms, medals etc. Anyone wishing to make donations should write in the first instance to; The Appeals Director, Alasdair Campbell informing him of the items available, at the above address.

RMD

LETTER OF THANKS

I would like to say a special thank you to Heather and Roger JENKINS, Sheila and Miles, Jean and Ray NAISH and many too numerous to mention, for their continued support during and after my operation, for many lovely flowers, cards and gifts recieved.

A very special thank you to the Kenn Sunday Club members for their prayers and lovely cards; also to the ladies who run it. As an outsider Kenn and the "Tin Mission", as Roger calls it, mean a lot to me - long may she reign.
Kathleen JENKINS.

WI SKITTLES

Again this year we have entered a team for the Avon Federation of Women's Institute Skittles Tournament. Our first match, against Nightingale Valley and played at the Prince of Orange, was a win for the Kenn WI ladies. My thanks to all who gave their time to play so close to Christmas. The next match is against Midsomer Norton and will be played at The Crown, Ridgehill on the 19th of January.

REP

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs DYER welcomed members and several visitors to the January meeting of the Kenn WI. Mrs BUBB was thanked for the floral arrangement on the President's table, it was amazing to see what garden flowers were available in January. Subscriptions for the coming year are now due.

Members declared their secret friends for 1989. The next Skittles round is against Midsomer Norton at The Crown at Ridgehill. There will be a Jumble Sale on the 18th of April and a Charity Evening on the 26th of June.

Mrs DYER gave full details of the proposed trip to Holland on the 22nd of April for five days.

A VCO will be attending the February meeting to explain changes to the constitution, for that reason the meeting will start very promptly. The talk will be a demonstration and history of Punch and Judy. The competition will be for a sample of craftwork. The January competition for a favourite meat recipe was won by Mrs HARRISON, gold; Mrs BUBB, silver; and Mrs HARRIS, green. The annual competition prizes were awarded to Mrs HOLLTHAM, Mrs BULLOCK, and Mrs SURRIDGE.

A letter is to be sent to the two local MP's and the European Member asking them to press the Government to oppose the proposed EEC regulation which would mean that we would no longer be able to buy a farm fresh turkey. Farmers would lose a significant part of their income and birds would not be available at WI markets. It would be devastating not to be able to buy a fresh turkey from Mrs NOBLE of Edward's Butchers, Yatton. Mr NOBLE brought some beautiful meat to the meeting and demonstrated many cuts and joints. Even the most convinced vegetarian would have had doubts. He was very warmly thanked by Mrs PEARCE.

CRIB SERVICE 1989

Despite the dreaded flu epidemic claiming several of our key roles the Crib Service went ahead on Christmas Eve as usual.

From five Kings we were down to two by the dress rehearsal as Alexis had succumbed, but he was understudied by a valiant Duncan MACKAY. Well versed in the thespian arts, Duncan threw his voice to the back of the church. Mark and Matty looked astounded for a few minutes and then, not to be outdone, raised their voices many decibels in competition! One of our Kings incurred further problems as his golden tights came down with wear and all had to stop until he had adjusted himself. On their arrival at the stable Joseph was heard to ask "Who's got the gold cos I want that first?!"

Joseph and Mary approached fewer innkeepers this year since some were laid low in their upper rooms and one was held up on the road to his inn, but made it at the eleventh hour.

Even the angels were not without problems and it was noticed that the odd halo slipped this year!!

Despite the last minute hitches the children did wonderfully well and the cast seems to get better each year. Much appreciation goes to all the mums who worked so hard on helping to learn scripts and dressing the children in such splendid costumes. Even the hurricane outside did not deter the spirits of all those present and everyone left feeling that Christmas had well and truly begun.

A special thanks must go to Miss GRIFFEY for all her hard work over Xmas, she almost needed a campbed in church she spent so long at her organ. What an amazing lady she is.

Jenny PASCOE and Avril GAUNT

CAROL SINGING

Unfortunately carol singing in Kenn was cancelled as, although two nights had been planned in the week preceeding Christmas, the flu and weather took its toll and very few people turned up.

Avril now has enough sausage rolls and mincepies in her freezer to last until next Christmas. Funnily enough though the mulled wine evaporated!

We hope for better luck next year.

AJG

CHARITY DISCO DANCE

On Saturday the 3rd of March there will be a Charity Disco Dance in Kenn village hall from 8pm to 11.45pm. This will be a Tramps and Tarts fancy dress affair! The funds raised will go towards providing a lift for a 9 year old boy called Andrew KING who lives in Yatton and is mentally handicapped and cannot move. Tickets will be available from Kenn Stores or Sheila. If anybody has anything they would like to donate for the raffle or wants to buy raffle tickets please ring Kate or Sheila. Read the story on page one and don't leave it to Somebody.

John HAZELL is holding a disco in Yatton village hall on Saturday 10th of February to raise money for the same cause. Tickets from Jill PRIDDY, 838505, or ring Sheila. Your support will be greatly appreciated

SN

KENN WI SKITTLES

"HOT OFF THE ALLEY." We have just chalked up a win. Well done ladies - I am proud of you all. As usual our "star player" was on form even though her arm was troubling her. Barbara MIDDLETON played well too, The Crown, Ridgehill is obviously her alley. Last time she played there her score was 52 and tonight 48. Let's hope our next match will be as enjoyable!

REP

REMEMBERED

As most people already know Mrs Lillian COX recently passed away in Australia. I think I am right in saying she was born in this village 90 years ago. Her father was, in years gone by, the coachman to the Rev. Walter PERKS who was vicar here in the early years of the century. Before her marriage Mrs COX worked at Stowell's Dairy at "Moorgates". Most of her 8 children were born here and educated in the village school. Unfortunately of these only Ivor still lives in the village.

RVN

KENN PAST AND PRESENT

Do readers realise how little Kenn has changed in the last 200 years or so? If people came back who lived here say 150 years ago they would still recognize the village. Obviously many new houses have been built and many old ones pulled down but the roads are still the same as they were at that time. Just four roads, the top road as I still call it, Kenn Street, Duck Lane, and Moor Road. The top road has been altered in shape in recent years but no new roads have been made.

In the past twenty years or so at least 100 new people have come to live here; in my opinion the village is a much better place for their coming. Such a large proportion of them join in local activities such as the church and recreational events they obviously enjoy living here and want to stay.

RVN

EQUESTRIAN QUESTION

I raise the following question in the hope that one of our many local riders may supply the answer.

According to the Highway Code, section 151, - Quote

"if you are riding or herding animals after sunset, you should wear light-coloured or reflective clothing and carry lights which show white to the front and red to the rear"

On more than one occasion this winter I have encountered (suddenly) riders on the main road through Kenn. I say suddenly because neither of the above requirements were in evidence. We all try to show respect for horses and their riders on our highways but the consequences of an accident involving a vehicle, driver, horse and rider hardly bears thinking about. Therefore why is this rule not enforced vehemently in the riding fraternity? I know some riders wear reflective tabards but they are above eye-level to the motorist. How about reflective anklets for the horse or, better still, the lights as specified? You wouldn't risk riding a bicycle or driving a car without lights. We respect you - so please respect us.

KD

QUIZ NIGHT II

OK chaps - you asked for it, so now you're going to get it!!! YES, another Quiz Night in the making. To be held on Saturday the 31st March at Kenn village hall.

To all the teams who came for Quiz Night I in November we hope you will return for a re-match - to all those who couldn't make it, come and see what you missed.

We can just about manage to fit 25 teams in the space available so, as before, I'm afraid we have to say no to spectators and children. Don't leave the spouse at home, get him or her to make up another team! You may register your team from today by telephoning me on Yatton 834985, but don't delay as it's first come first served. Entry is £1 per head or, obviously, £4 per team. With your entry money we also require your order and payment for the fish and chip supper, if required. Finally don't forget to "christen" yourselves with an amusing or apt team name. I'll publish the full list of rules next month; in the meantime pick up the phone and register. NOW!

Kate Denmead

PS When you ring you might hear a drunken American telling you I'm "naht available to ahnswer your carl right now" - he's perfectly harmless, just speak to him nicely and he'll pass on your message.

THE PERILS AND PITFALLS OF JOURNALISM

We all know that the highest flying business people go in for what's known as "Breakfast Meetings". What you probably didn't know, is that these also take place here in Kenn. Such is the case with your editors. On television and the silver screen we are shown scenes of beautiful people in Chanel suits, sipping champagne and orange juice in perfect settings - they must have been up for hours to look the way they do. Such is Scene 1

Scene II sees a little mucky white car drawing up. A figure alights. Another figure appears at the front door. A cup of coffee is proffered and possibly a fried egg sandwich. The "office" is strewn with the odd farm worker seeking sustenance. Your editors have indeed been up for hours but clearly not in the same pursuit as our television friends. We realise this when a husband announces that he cannot look at his lady Editor wife anymore until she applies her "face". Oh the glamour of it! I don't know how much longer we can take it! (I shall probably be sacked anyway!) In fairness though, a worse sight is beheld when the breakfast meeting takes place a few miles away.

KD

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate,

Now that we have enjoyed a month or so by the fire, we can begin to look forward to the longer evenings and gentle pottering in the garden. I have already received my seed order and am busy getting organised with compost and seed trays. Have you started on your pots and containers? How about growing some lillies this year? This is about the latest you can plant them for this season. If the containers are placed near your sitting area in the garden why not concentrate on perfumed flowers? The weeds are already popping up but, sadly, my soil is far too wet to do anything about them - but their day will come! Talking about "popping up", the daffodils come through almost as we watch. Also at this moment I have a nine or ten varieties of plants in bloom, which is not bad for January - not vast sheets of colour you understand but nevertheless in bloom.

Back to the fire and crumpets for now.

Yours, Uncle Freddie and Auntie.

FROM HQ

Dear Uncle Freddie,

Not much to report from the Concrete Jungle this month other than, like yours, my bulbs are popping up all over the place. The winter flowering pansies have never stopped flowering and seem to me to be a good investment, providing much needed cocour during the darkest days. As I write a plant catalogue has arrived in the post giving all sorts of bright ideas. However, despite the vast assortment of rose varieties they offer, they don't include any of the old-fashioned cabbage type flowers. Do you or auntie know of anywhere these are available?

Yours, Kate.

NOTE TO OTHER READERS

Only having the proverbial "pocket-handkerchief" sized garden there is only so much to write about. I know there are many wonderful gardeners in Kenn, so how about joining in our monthly horticultural slot?

KD
As the wonderful gardeners are already OK what about those with "Kiss of Death fingers" writing and asking for advice?
RG

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Justin MAISH on passing his Green Belt at Karate. I heard he did very well in the grading tests and is understandably extremely pleased with himself - justifiably in my opinion.
RG

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

We are indebted to Richard Gaunt for stepping into the breach this month at the typing/word processing stage. Many thanks Richard.
KD & SN