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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

As 1990 opens may we both wish you all a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year. The month of January is a time of new beginnings and we shall look forward to a year of many enjoyable events in the village - some repeated from 1989 and hopefully some new ideas. Needless to say, new ideas are always welcome.

The New Year also heralds new resolutions and you can guess what we'd like one of them to be. Last month we asked you to give us the ideal Christmas gift, your magazine material on time. You answered our request perfectly and we could not have been more pleased. If it was like that every month we'd be "over the moon Harry". How about it?

Kate and Sheila

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REVIEW 1989

As the year 1989 draws to its close and a new decade dawns, let us pause to enjoy our memories, forget our disappointments and look forward with determination to do better in 1990.

Kenn News & Views: The magazine is now firmly established thanks for the continued hard work of our tireless editors Kate and Sheila, typist Mrs. Jo Cooper and printer Mrs. Margaret Stowell, our contributors and distributors. We know our magazine is read and enjoyed by readers as far away as Australia where ex-pats are still interested in Kenn activities.

Communications: In any community good communications are essential and in Kenn we are very blessed, not only with our magazine; a visit to Kenn Stores where Mrs. Barbara Middleton gives unceasing service with a smile and information if anyone wants help, is readily available; finally the flying of our flag gives notice of family events.

Caring: People in Kenn matter and in the recent 'flu outbreak this has been very apparent, with untold kindness and concern shown by neighbours and friends.

A sign of the times, but still on the caring theme, the Parish Council has set up two Neighbourhood Watch schemes - we hope a third scheme will be set up in the future. Yet still on the caring theme, one has only to look in the Church Visitors' Book to read all the wonderful comments on the way Kenn Church is kept throughout the year. The same applies to our Village Hall where so many social events take place - thank you to all those who give their time and energy so willingly.

Best Kept Village: We did not win the Best Kept Village Competition but we did try. Our children's posters were well displayed this year in the entrance of the village Hall. The floral displays at our local pub were very beautiful and the help we received from Mr. and Mrs. Summerell was much appreciated.

Road Safety : Our Parish Council has repeatedly asked that signs saying "Kenn Welcomes Careful Drivers" or "Please Drive Carefully Through The Village" be erected in an endeavour to reduce the excessive speed of motorists and prevent accidents.

Charity: The Unofficial Committee has organised a wide variety of events to raise money for the Intensive Therapy Unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. The Women's Institute supported the Laser Appeal at Frenchay Hospital.

Finally: To those who belong to the "leave it to someone else club", leave it without delay and join in the fun of living in Kenn, giving and receiving true friendship. Join in help today - you might need it tomorrow. And so forwards to the 1990's.

## NAISH'S NOTES

If anyone is ill or still recovering from the 'flu and is in need of any assistance or would like shopping brought in etc., please ring Kate or Sheila and we will organise some help.

Our thoughts are with Andy and Mandy Boyle of Duck Lane and Ted and Lyn Dark of Kenn Street, who all have relatives poorly at the time of writing.

We send our condolences to Mr. John Pearce and family on the passing of Beatrice, Mr. Pearce's mother.

The Christmas Disco was held on Saturday, 9th December, and raised over £450 for the BRI Intensive Therapy Unit. The range of outfits worn by people defied belief, with the Naish men and workers all dressed as fairies - all in stockings and suspenders - the mind boggles! Many snowmen, Father Christmas's, gnomes and angels arrived and a wonderful evening was had by all. It ended with everyone linking arms to sing Christmas songs and Auld Lang Syne at the tops of their voices. No one wanted to leave and another chorus of 'Merry Christmas Everyone' rang out before they would be persuaded to go home. An extremely happy band of revellers left the hall decked in streamers and ready for Christmas proper!

Many thanks to all who came and donated raffle prizes. Many, many thanks to John and Penny Hazell once more for donating their services free of charge. Johnny looked very swish in his Fred Astaire outfit. Sheila

## N.S.P.C.C.

The N.S.P.C.C. would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the recent house to house collection in Kenn and Kingston Seymour. The total amount for Kenn was £57.26 and for Kingston Seymour £74.04. Special thanks to Mrs. Ticehurst and her helpers in Kingston Seymour and Miss L. Baker and Mrs. P. Harrison in Kenn. Angela Bullock.

## SNIPPETS

Christening The Christening of Jack Michael, son of Michael and Millie and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Stowell, took place on Sunday, 26th November. Our flag flew in celebration.

Remembrance: Our flag flew at half mast on 1st December for the funeral of Mr. William Harrison of Walnut Tree. We send our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harrison and their family.

Special Birthday: We were pleased to fly our flag on 4th December to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Sally Whitehead of Corner Cottage.

Return Home: We are pleased Mr. Richard Whitehead has returned home from a month's stay in the B.R.I.

Mr. Jim Middleton is unwell and at present in Ham Green Hospital.

World Traveller: Mrs. Joe Cox, now nearly ninety years old, writes from Australia with Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. In her letter she says she has enjoyed her life, but doubts if she will visit Kenn again. Since she started her travels she says she has been on five ships and six planes, not to mention numerous trips on ferries and she has enjoyed every journey.

The Bug: What a blessing to live in a place like Kenn when one is under the weather with 'flu - the kindness of family, friends and neighbours has been much appreciated - thank you.

Christmas Tree: Difficulties have arisen and at the time of writing it may not be possible to have an illuminated tree on the green this year. In 1990 we must resolve to start preparations earlier.

#### EASY SWEET FOR PARTIES

Ingredients: 1 jelly - raspberry or strawberry  
Raspberries or strawberries, frozen or fresh  
Large can condensed milk  
Sugar if required.

Method: Make jelly with about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pint of water. Allow to almost set.  
Put condensed milk into a large bowl and whisk well until fluffy.  
Add defrosted raspberries leaving a few for decoration.  
Whisk well then add partly set jelly and sugar if required.  
Whisk well - pour into a large dish or several small ones -  
decorate with remaining fruit or whipped cream if available.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS TEA

At 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th December some 50 guests arrived at the Village Hall having been invited to tea by the Social Committee. Unfortunately several 'regulars' were unable to come because of the 'flu bug and this included the "Little Fairy" who was sorely missed.

Our guests were met with a warming glass of sherry and, after being welcomed by Chairman, Ray Naish, they then enjoyed the tea generously supplied by the Committee. The hall and tables were decorated in Christmas style and along with crackers containing very bad jokes gave the afternoon a very festive atmosphere.

Following the very bad jokes came the very bad singing by the Big Fairy, of a lighthearted poem on the problem side of Christmas. Thankfully everybody joined in the chorus although this was probably a tactical manoeuvre so they would hear less of the Big Fairy. This musical(?) interlude was followed by some much better carol singing, surely one of the most enjoyable Christmas activities. Mr. Ray Naish also entertained the company with some humorous tales.

Our guests left for home after a most enjoyable afternoon getting together with friends and neighbours. We have received several letters of thanks, one of which is printed below. Finally we must thank Mr. Peter Tripp for providing transport for some of our guests, and Jean Fenwick would also like to thank all those who made cakes even though they were not feeling 100% well. Kate Denmead

Dec 7. Dear Sheila, Please put a thankyou letter in your next Kenn News from the 3 grannies and Jack Morgan for the happy Christmas Party we all enjoyed yesterday. The Big Fairy did very well but we missed the Little Sheila Fairy - did she catch cold at the bottom of the garden? Yours sincerely, Gladys Griffin

Note: The Little Fairy had taken to her bed with the 'flu and felt more like a Hobgoblin but she will be back next year as noisy as ever. Sheila

## CCOUNTRY REPORT

What an unusual Autumn and early Winter this has been for the wild birds in the district. On November 8th I saw the first fieldfares of the season. Just a small flock at Hillsea, Claverham. Fieldfares arrive in the district from their breeding grounds in northern Russia every Autumn. Since that time I have only seen odd ones and twos. This is very unusual. Generally by this time of the year they are flying round the district feeding on hawthorn berries in flocks of thousands. Where have they gone this year?

On November 10th, a lovely sunny morning, I heard a skylark singing as it flew skywards. This was in Claverham Moor. Normally you only hear skylarks in summertime.

A few days later, after a windy night, I saw a large flock several hundred strong of lapwings or peewits resting in the fields in Kenn Moor. These were very common around here years ago but I seldom see them these days.

There are several buzzards living in the district, some in Kenn Moor and some in the Lampy, Kingston Seymour area. These are newcomers to the district.

Toby Gale of Kenn Street tells us that the rooks around the village started repairing their nests early in December. This is two or three months earlier than normal. What does it mean? I think we shall get a mild, very wet winter. Ray Naish

## SHOW SUCCESS

At Winford Annual Christmas Stock Show and Sale on 7th December, Richard gained 2nd prize for his steer in the Haltered Cattle classes (novice class). He also was awarded 1st prize for his Round Bale Silage in the Annual Forage Evaluation and Competition event at the same show. Joyce Kent

## QUIZ NIGHT

Unfortunately for the teams involved, it is not superman that travels through space at 66,700 mph (earth), the hovercraft was not invented by Sir Flymo or Sir Qualcast (Sir Christopher Cockerell) and the London A - Z was not the literary claim to fame of Margaret Mitchell (Gone with the Wind). These are just some of the answers suggested which nearly caused our scorer to collapse in tears of laughter at the highly successful Quiz Night, held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 25th November. It must be said that other answers caused even greater hilarity but cannot be published for censorship reasons.

The general feeling was, that the event had been a great success, was most enjoyable and must definitely be repeated with perhaps also a junior version.

The Quiz Night saw the advent of a new idea in Kenn, the fish and chip supper. This was most welcome supplied by Nailsea Fish Bar at half time, with some people managing two suppers when we found there was a surplus. Thanks are due to Jenny, Simon, Avril and Richard for organising the supper and refreshments so well.

On the night we had 21 teams of 4 and the hall was packed so although it was freezing outside we generated a fair amount of heat in the excitement.

At the finish we had a team of clear winners The Hermits, with a score of 98 out of a possible 120. There was a tie for second place between M & B's and Libby's Lot, both with 90 points. This was won by the M & B's. We also had a tie break for bottom place between Blockbusters and Non-Smokers on 62. This was lost by Non-Smokers so they took the prize. The highest scores took home bottles of wine, second place chocolates and lowest the booby prize of a General Knowledge Quiz Book each. There was also a raffle at half time - thanks to all those who gave prizes.

This event will definitely be repeated sometime in 1990 but I think the questions should be harder! Over £190 was raised for the ITU Fund. Kate Denmead

£2830 !

This is the fantastic amount raised for the Intensive Therapy Unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary in the last year by the village.

When we started we set our sights optimistically at £2,000 - then as we passed that figure we aimed for £2,500 and the final amount amazed us all.

We've had a wonderful year and hope everyone has enjoyed the various efforts at fund raising that have given us such a good year socially.

It is hoped to hand the cheque over to the BRI staff one evening in January or early February at the Drum and Monkey. Anyone who has helped in the year will be able to come for a night out, with a finger buffet to keep you going. Watch out for posters advertising this in the new year. PLEASE come for the evening - you helped raise the money - come and see it handed over. Jenny Pascoe

#### KENN CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The village had its own Christingle Service this year for the first time. There was a wonderful turnout for what turned out to be a lovely service. Most of the children in the village went home tightly clutching their christingles and at Peter's suggestion the candles were lit and put in the windows at 5 p.m. that evening. It was quite moving to look out and see all the lights shining - even if one Mum did have to drive her child up and down the village because he couldn't see any lights from his house!

#### THE CRIB SERVICE

By the time you read this the service will all be over and those involved can heave a sigh of relief for another year. A peek behind the scenes this year has revealed the following problems:-

1. It is now "We five Kings of Orient are" due to strong competition for the parts.
2. The Chief Shepherd or his helper - I can't remember which - is most upset because all the crooks have been banned after an incident a couple of years ago that resembled "Michael row the boat ashore" rather than a Nativity Play as some shepherds played tug-of-war with the crooks.
3. At least this year we didn't have to satisfy one young man's request when he announced that he wanted to be a lamb when asked which part he'd like.

So with one week of rehearsals left I'm sure there will be one or two stories to tell for next month's magazine. We'll keep you informed.

Happy New Year to the editors and staff. Thanks for the mag. We all enjoy it even if not everyone tells you. Jenny Pascoe

#### JOKE CORNER

- Q           What lies upside down 100 feet in the air?  
A           A drunken centipede.
- Q           Why does a giraffe have such a long neck?  
A           Because its head is so far from its body.
- Q           Why don't cats shave?  
A           Because 9 out of 10 cats prefer whiskers.

Ian and Mark Pascoe

CHEESE & WINE PARTY HELD AT Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, December 2nd 1989 at 8 p.m.

Kenn Village Hall committee once again organised what has now become an annual event, to bring together local people to have a pleasant social evening and to raise funds to support the maintenance of the hall. The rental paid by anyone hiring the hall for a function only pays for the routine running of the hall, e.g. electricity, rates, insurance, etc. The cost of maintaining the fabric and work to meet the ever increasing legal requirements of running a public building has to be raised by other means. So, the Committee try to do this as painlessly as possible, by combining social and fund raising together.

About 90 people attended and the success of the evening depended on their presence and on all who so generously gave of their time, energy and money and other gifts, and to whom the committee wish to express their thanks. This body of people cannot be thanked here individually. If I attempted to do so I would probably miss out a vital person so please forgive me for not attempting it!

This year a new venture was undertaken in the form of a public draw. Raffle tickets were printed and a team of sellers persuaded customers to purchase them. The names appearing on the tickets were from far and wide, e.g. Scotland and Dorset. This draw took place at the Cheese and Wine Party and here is a list of the winners.

Prize	Ticket no.	Name
1 Turkey voucher	000159	Christopher Denmead
2 Floral arrangement	000576	N. J. Milson
3 2 x bottles Perry	000902	Angela Bullock
4 Box crackers	001508	Jean Fenwick
5 Basket of Fruit	001360	Mary Lamb
6 Yardleys Toiletries	001225	John Cole
7 Tray of eggs	000583	Q.Stowell
8 Dairy Box chocolates	001334	B. Waters
9 Panties and tights	000566	S. L. Woollen
10 Christmas pudding	001527	Mrs. Russell
11 Pickle fork and dish	000044	S. Lees
12 Cushion - red	001228	Mrs. A. Marrow
13 Plant - Cyclamen	001156	S. Bye
14 Bottle drink - Country Satin	000065	Gill Hall
15 Tin of biscuits	000956	D. Barrow
16 Cocktail starter pack	000876	Lucy Baker
17 Bottle of Liebfraumilch	001287	Mr. R. McKay
18 Tray of eggs	000106	Sheila Naish
19 Bag of potatoes	000523	Kate Neill
20 Box of crackers	000214	M. K. Coomber
21 Cheese knife and tray	001509	J. Fenwick
22 Christmas cake	001151	Lyn Bye
23 Sherry - Croft Original	001675	Jan Bedford
24 Voucher for Theatre	001056	Tina Middleton
25 Stainless steel cutlery	001047	A. Holtham
26 Bottle of Whisky	000376	A. Jenkins
27 Drinks set - glasses & jug	001648	G. Yeates
28 Basket of fruit	000336	Mrs. Goldsworthy
29 Dinner service	001379q	Mr. McKay
30 Tray of eggs	001424	Mrs. Grigg
31 Bottle of Liebfraumilch	000704	K. Holland-Hill
32 Box of biscuits	000175	R. Denmead
33 Cheese board	000764	H. Grey
34 Set of glass mugs	001317	T. Cuttle
35 Lg. box chocolate liqueurs	000580	N. Milson
36 Ice bucket	000679	D. Robinson
37 Mince Pies	001066	Barbara Dyer



Prize	Ticket no.	Name
38 Bottle of Gin	000851	J. Frost
39 Flower arrangement	001575	G. Neads
40 Cushion - gold	001351	T. J. Lamb
41 Barn Dance Party tickets(2)	000996	S. Saxton
42 Flower arrangement with candle	000847	J. Williams

Another event was organised during the evening by Mrs. M. Stowell, and the prize winners were:

Bottle of Whisky	Mrs. Cox
Bottle of Brandy	Mr. Holtham
Bottle of Gin	Sarah Clarke
Bottle of Vodka	John Maxey
Bottle of Bacardi	Roger Stowell

The event raised approximately £340.

#### KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was a feast of entertainment at the December meeting of Kenn Women's Institute when members were treated to a medley of songs from the Bristol Fashion Barbershop Singers. Although a lot of their members had 'flu the concert was much enjoyed. This was followed by a Trip to India with Mrs. Shaffer, illustrated with very interesting slides.

Mrs. Stowell presided in the absence of Mrs. Dyer who is unwell and oversaw the draw for secret friends in 1990, the nomination for the charity for 1990 and the Christmas post box. A great many cards changed hands on the post table and contributions were made to the Associated Country Women of the World in lieu of postage.

The flower arranging evening had been a financial success and the arrangements have already been made for 1990 - Mrs. Jacob will demonstrate her floral art on November 28th. The skittles team were victorious in the first round of the tournament and they were wished success in their next match.

At the January meeting Mr. Noble will be talking about cuts of meat. The competition is for a favourite meat recipe. The December competition for a table decoration was won by Mrs. Harris - gold; Mrs. Aldrick and Mrs. Ings - silver; Mrs. Naish and Mrs. Bubb - green.

#### A SUGGESTION FOR THE UNOFFICIAL COMMITTEE

For some time now the Parish Council has been anxious to erect some signs indicating that Kenn welcomes careful drivers. There would be one at each end of the village on the main road. After a great deal of haggling the Council has been told that the cost of the signs will be about £20 for each sign. As the Parish Council only has £170 to spend in a year this is rather more than it can afford. Councillors do feel that this is a very worthwhile project and if it only prevented one accident the money would have been well spent.

#### FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate - For Auntie and I this is one of the best gardening months. Sitting in front of a good fire with piles of seed catalogues planning for the coming year. Next year am I going to have a lawn like green velvet with not a weed to be seen? I have chosen masses of seeds both of the old familiar well loved plants and a number of new flowers I have not myself grown before. I quite like to choose new ones although they are not always successful but it is good to try.

Then vegetables; I see rows of lovely tight little knobby sprouts, beautiful white cauliflowers, tomatoes shiny red like jewels, juicy little carrots and tender lettuce. There are a number of new varieties I think I should try. Also it is several years since I last grew sugar peas, perhaps it is time to have another go. The seedsmen are so enthusiastic about the wonderful properties of the new varieties, I feel quite guilty if I don't try them. The trouble is the slugs like them too.

Then again, all the new fruit trees are dwarf stock so that they can be grown in pots on the patio - they should be good for your garden! Had you thought of them? Perhaps a family tree. But perhaps the most exciting project to try would be an avenue of pleached lime to grow along the front drive. Of course it would be a long term plan but wouldn't it be beautiful? Perhaps on thinking again laburnum would be better since lime trees have such sticky drippings and would make a mess of the car - perish the thought.

Then again, I would like to plant a herb garden, beautifully laid out with gravel paths and box hedges. Perhaps after all I'll just content myself with a packet of nasturtiums. But I must confess I should love to have the lime avenue - trouble is I suffer from delusions of grandeur.

A happy and healthy new year to you all and Aunty and I hope you have had a happy Christmas. Yours - Uncle Freddie

FROM H.Q.

Dear Uncle Freddie - I've done it! I told you I would so you won't be disappointed. Look back through your old copies of News and Views and you will recall my purchasing a Maidenhair Fern. I foretold at the time that once we turned on the central heating I would probably kill it - and I have. It quickly turned every colour except green and 90% of the delicate fronds withered. I heard its screams of pain and transferred it to the intensive care unit, amputated its shrivelled appendages and offered liquids only. It has been in the same ward now for 3 weeks but doesn't show any signs of recovery. It has 6 fronds remaining but even some of those are on the doubtful list. I think I might as well give in. By the same token I decided to rescue a fuchsia cutting back along, despite never having success before. It was so pleased to be snatched from the jaws of the dustbin that it produced two flowers when it was only a couple of inches high. I know the experts will tell me I should have nipped off the buds and given it a chance to get established, but it was so pretty at the beginning of December. It seems none the worse for wear and is now 4" high and growing.

Happy new year to you and Aunty. Kate

MESSAGE FROM JO

Thank you very much readers and editors for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that arrived just before Christmas. I must say how much I enjoy typing the magazine even though the copy always seems to arrive just at the 'wrong time' when I am up to my ears in everything. However, it is a good excuse to sit down for a few hours and catch up with the activities in the village.

POSTSCRIPT

Don't forget the Annual Village Party in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday 20th January - 7 pm - 10 pm. Fancy Dress Competition in groups 4 and under, 11 and under, over 11 and Adult.

We still have a gap where the entertainment should be so please have a think and contact Ray Naish with your ideas.



