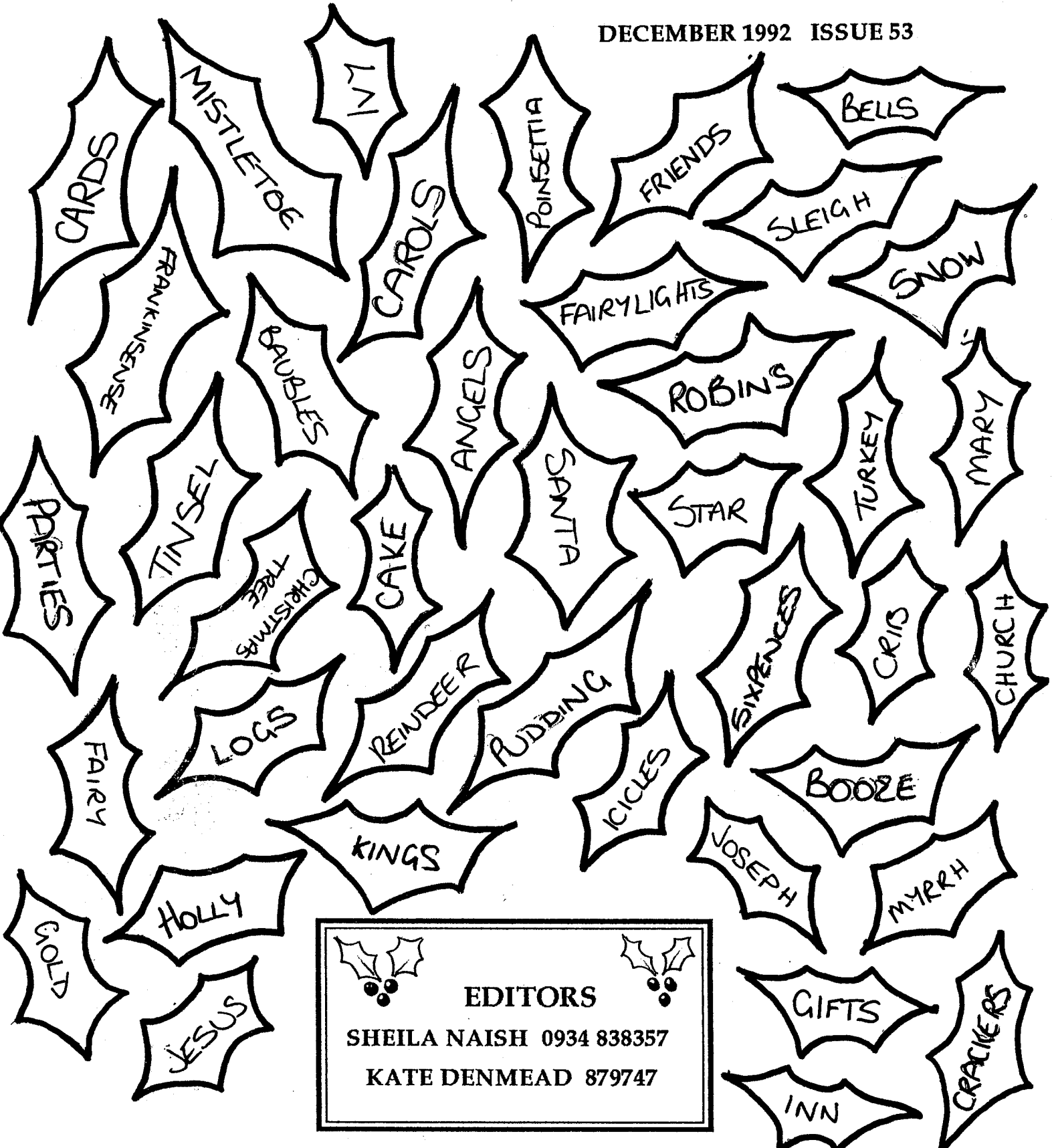




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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Well it's that time of the year again; a time for fierce competition and rivalry between your Little and Big Eds. I shall be doing my utmost to be ahead this year! No not another Quiz Night! Who has the most Christmas badges, flashing bits and bobs and glittery bits about their person? I've dusted off my fairy wings and my Mother Christmas outfit and re-charged my batteries. Tea Party and Disco here I come - I can't wait! And you'll have to judge just who is the Chrismassiest of us too when you see us about! Kate and I are (more so than usual) nutty as fruit cakes at this time of year. We love Christmas. So folks - have a super Christmas, a Happy New Year and if you're in need of two very glittery fairy types for your parties, Kate and I are open to offers.

Sheila and Kate.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE

20TH DECEMBER - PROMPT

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Alex GAUNT
- 4th - Sally WHITEHEAD
- 4th - Roger JENKINS
- 10th- Louise PUGH
- 10th- Tom CLARKE

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 23rd - Richard and Avril GAUNT

BELATED BIRTHDAY

Belated birthday wishes to Rowena AYRES for the 14th November.

NAISH'S NOTES

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning at the home of Mr and

Mrs S DYER held in aid of News and Views' funds. The sum of £56 was raised. Thank you for the donations sent by people who were unable to attend. Mrs DYER made us all most welcome.

GREAT NEWS

The news that the Church of England is to accept women priests was greeted with joy by Avril who is in the initial stages of study and training to become a Deacon.

SICK LIST

We wish Mr Jack HANSON a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

HALLOWEEN

Well done to Tim TAYLOR and fearsome friends who trick 'n' treated around the village on Halloween night and sent their £10 booty money to the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

SKITTLES SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jill TAYLOR who plays for the GROPERs skittles team and scored a magnificent 71! The average highest score in any skittles match is approximately 45.

WELCOME

To the LEES family who have moved into the cottage on the village green.

A belated welcome to the TREBLES - Rob and Jo (Jo is the one with the hat!, pattern please Jo!) who now reside in the Old Ox House.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ron and Tricia HARRISON on the safe arrival of another granddaughter.

THREAT

Don't forget your Christmas Disco Tickets - From Kenn Stores or Sheila. If you do Sheila will remember and you'll be plagued for the next 500 raffles!!

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A MILLION THANKS

As the year draws to a close, may I thank everyone who has supported the Charity fundraising events. We've made 1992 another bumper fundraiser making £2774-25p in total.

In these difficult times it has been so heartening to find that Kenn folk and their friends have been so generous. Thanks again.

Lots of love

Sheila

SNIPPETS

CELEBRATIONS

On November 1st Harrison Francis FLOWER son of Justine FLOWER and grandson of Mr Frank FLOWER of White House Farm, Kenn was christened at St. John's.

Congratulations to Melanie STEPHENS who celebrated her 21st birthday on 25th October.

On November 14th His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales celebrated his forty fourth birthday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On 8th November we remembered those men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. As is the custom in Kenn, poppies were placed on the altar.

Our flag was flown on all the above occasions.

NOVEMBER 15TH

Anemones were used in altar vases to remember Mrs POPLER, who during her lifetime organised dances and Whist Drives in the Village Hall.

DIARY DATES

- December 2nd - Senior Citizens Tea Party
- December 7th - Children's Party, 4-15pm
- December 9th - Kenn W.I., 7-30pm. Speaker Mrs Yvonne BELL on "Serendipity". All ladies welcome.
- December 12th - Christmas Disco.

KENN HISTORY GROUP

On Monday evening the 16th November we met at "The Granary" when our guest speaker was Mr Richard BROOMHEAD who gave us a most fascinating talk, supported by slides, on local history.

Mr BROOMHEAD, a full time professional archaeologist, has worked closely with the Congresbury history group. He played a very active part in their production of leaflets on Congresbury's past. We learnt much about the Roman settlements at Brinsea and Honey Hall, Congresbury and Wemberham, Yatton. Apparently the Roman's had a thriving pottery industry at Congresbury.

On Kenn, our particular interest, he advised us on ways and means of tracing the history of our older properties and of finding out information on the village settlement.

Our speaker reported that in 1947 the RAF completed a total aerial survey of Britain and that we could probably, by making application to them, obtain copies of the Kenn area photographs. These will be most informative, showing features unseen at ground level. For instance, one can spot the sites of former properties, buildings, ponds, etc long ago covered by the passage of time but still showing up as markings, shadows or

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scars from the air.

Mr BROOMHEAD kindly offered to give us any help he could as we try to build up and record our knowledge of the village.

Our Next meeting will be in January, date to be advised.

John GRIFFIN

OXFAM

The house to house collection for Oxfam raised £50. Thank you all.

CRIB SERVICE

Kenn's highly popular Crib Service will be held at 3pm on December 24th. The Nativity Story will be performed by children from the village. Anyone wishing their children to be included please phone Wendy on 877923 or Jenny on 878451.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Many thanks to everyone who donated money for the village tree. A very special thank you to Ken and Babs at the Drum and Monkey for organising a highly successful raffle and donating the money to the tree funds.

We now have sufficient funds to buy a really super tree. Well done and thank you.

We plan sing carols around the tree and turn on the Christmas lights at 6-30pm on Monday 21st December (or if horribly wet on the Tuesday). So come to the village green and start Christmas with your friends. There'll be mince pies, coffee and hot punch available.

EVERYONE WELCOME - Friends, gran-nies, granddads. PLEASE COME.

KENN WI

Mrs DYER was re-elected President for 1993 at the Annual General Meeting of Kenn Women's Institute. 1993 is the 40th year of the Institute in Kenn and it is hoped to make it a very special year.

There were reports of meetings attended and visits made. The flower arranging evening will be on November 25th. Those members attending were asked to bring a garden chair to make sure there is enough seating. A group Carol Service will be held in Tickenham Church on December 16th.

Members expressed concern about reported new EEC regulations for abattoirs and the fear that as some may be forced to close the welfare of animals would suffer as some would need to be taken a long way to be slaughtered. It was agreed that letters should be sent to our Euro M.P., Mrs DALY, and to Mr GUM-MER.

At the December meeting Mrs BELL will speak on serendipity and the competition will be for an unusual ornament. The Christmas Post Box will be available with donations for Associated Country Women of the World.

Miss Holtham gave a talk about the Avon Library Service. She was thanked by Mrs BUSH. The competition for a book from members' childhoods was won by Mrs Harris, with Mrs DENMEAD taking silver and Mrs INGS green.

REMINDER

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 7th December in the Village Hall.

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LETTER

CLEVEDON PPG, c/o 47 CAMBRIDGE ROAD, CLEVEDON.

Dear Editors,

Through Kenn News and Views may I pass on the heartfelt thanks of Clevedon PPG to the Kenn Fundraising Committee, the runners and their sponsors, for the magnificent cheque for £1 150 which has enabled us to actually purchase the resuscitation kit for the Clevedon GP's.

It is being handed over to the GP's at our next public meeting on 23rd November and we hope as many people who helped us raise so much money will be there.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed and were amazed at the generosity of everyone in the Kenn Fun Run, especially as the weather that day was so wet.

Please let everyone know that we have now 'made it' and thank them so much.

Sincerely,

Jane CORKE, CHAIR.

LETTER

RORTY CRANKEL, KENN STREET.

Dear Editors,

With reference to the article in last month's magazine suggesting that you would welcome recommendations from people who had benefitted from local providers of services, I would like to recommend Colin COOPER (tel: 872221) to anyone who is looking for sound and unbiased financial advice without pressure, obligation or cost.

Yours sincerely,

Roger WILCOX.

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Tel Yatton 838864

Anita and Richard SIMMONS

VILLAGE DANCE

On Saturday 16th January 1993 at Kenn Village Hall there will be a Village Dance starting at 8pm. Designed for the enjoyment of young adults to oldest swingers and everyone in between (that's to get Little Ed in!). Music will be varied to suit all tastes and will be provided by the locally famous Uncle Brian. Tickets will be available shortly priced at £2-50, £1 to under 18's. Ploughman's supper is included but please bring your own drinks.

This is a new venture on behalf of the Social Committee and we hope as many people as possible will attend. Don't wait to be told it was good - come and find out for yourself!

Kate

SHEILA'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

If anyone gets bored over the holiday try this quiz. It's all about Christmas and the festive season. There's a prize for the person who gets the most correct answers to me by 31st December. Answers will be in next month's News and Views. Little Ed's judgement (and it must be good, look who she married, MN) will be final. Eat your heart out Big Ed!!

1 In which century was Christmas first celebrated?

2 When was the first Christmas card sent? (Nearest year).

2b In which year will it arrive?

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3 Which of the four New Testament gospels includes the shepherds? GOOD LUCK

4 In which Charles Dickens book would you find Mrs Fred? WAYSIDE

5 What was the name of the Roman festival later transformed into Christmas? Wayside Garage Filling Station or Peter NEILL's, whichever you like to call it, is in the news due to plans being considered to convert the original dwelling at the rear into a car showroom.

6 On Boxing Day, which bird is traditionally hunted? "Wayside" as it was originally called was built as a private house on what was a small orchard in the late 1920's by a Mr BROWN who lived there for several years. The BROWN's sold it to another family - I can't remember their name - who later sold it to a great character called Mr PEARSON.

7 Which animal has a 20th century carol named after it? Mr PEARSON, his wife and two children, sister-in-law and mother-in-law came from Lancashire. Soon after arriving he had petrol pumps erected of the old type where you pumped up the petrol by using a handle which filled gallon jars in full view of the customer. No chance of giving short measure because you could see if the jar was full. The handle was then turned backwards which forced the petrol into the car or can as required. The type of petrol sold was R.O.P., short for Russian Oil Products. When it started it was priced at tenpence halfpenny per gallon, or just less than 5p in today's money.

8 Which English footballer was elected European Footballer of the Year on Christmas Day 1979, for the second time running? Mr PEARSON was a very enterprising man who ran several businesses other than the petrol pumps. He was a beach photographer operating on a pitch at Clevedon and also at Severn Beach. He had a sign up which said "YOUR PORTRAIT IN TWO MINUTES". His camera was fixed on a tripod covered by a black cloth. When taking the snap he hid his head under the cloth, then he took the slide out and dipped it into some liquid, held it out to dry for a few seconds, then slipped it into a small cardboard surround. Your portrait was ready in two

9 What annual event takes place at Seaburn on Boxing Day?

10 What street did Jean Alexander leave in Christmas 1987?

11 Which country donates a Christmas tree every year in Trafalgar Square?

12 From which country did we originally acquire turkey?

13 Where will you find Santa spoken as a language?

14 In rhyming slang what is a Christmas log?

15 In which George Orwell novel did Snowball appear?

16 On what day do panto's traditionally begin?

17 What carol, according to legend, was written because a mouse had sabotaged the church organ?

18 In which year was the last white christmas in London?

19 By what other layman's name is New Year's Day known?

20 Band Aid was formed to provide aid for which country?

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minutes for sixpence.

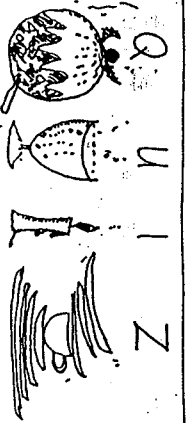
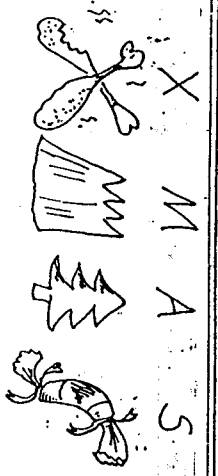
Another business he practised was as a polish salesman, stating he was the only representative for 'Scott's Polish' in the area. He travelled all around this district, right up to the Mendips selling from door to door. He had a notice in the back window of his van saying his polish was "Buy all others".

Later in his life Mr PEARSON took a great interest in Kenn church and became a choir member. He also acted as unpaid sexton. He took charge of the very temperamental coal-fired boiler, much to relief of other people who had tried to keep it going on a rota basis.

After Mr PEARSON's death, his son David ran the filling station. He also sold shoes from the shop. Unfortunately David died when only a young man. The business then passed out of the Pearson family's hands.

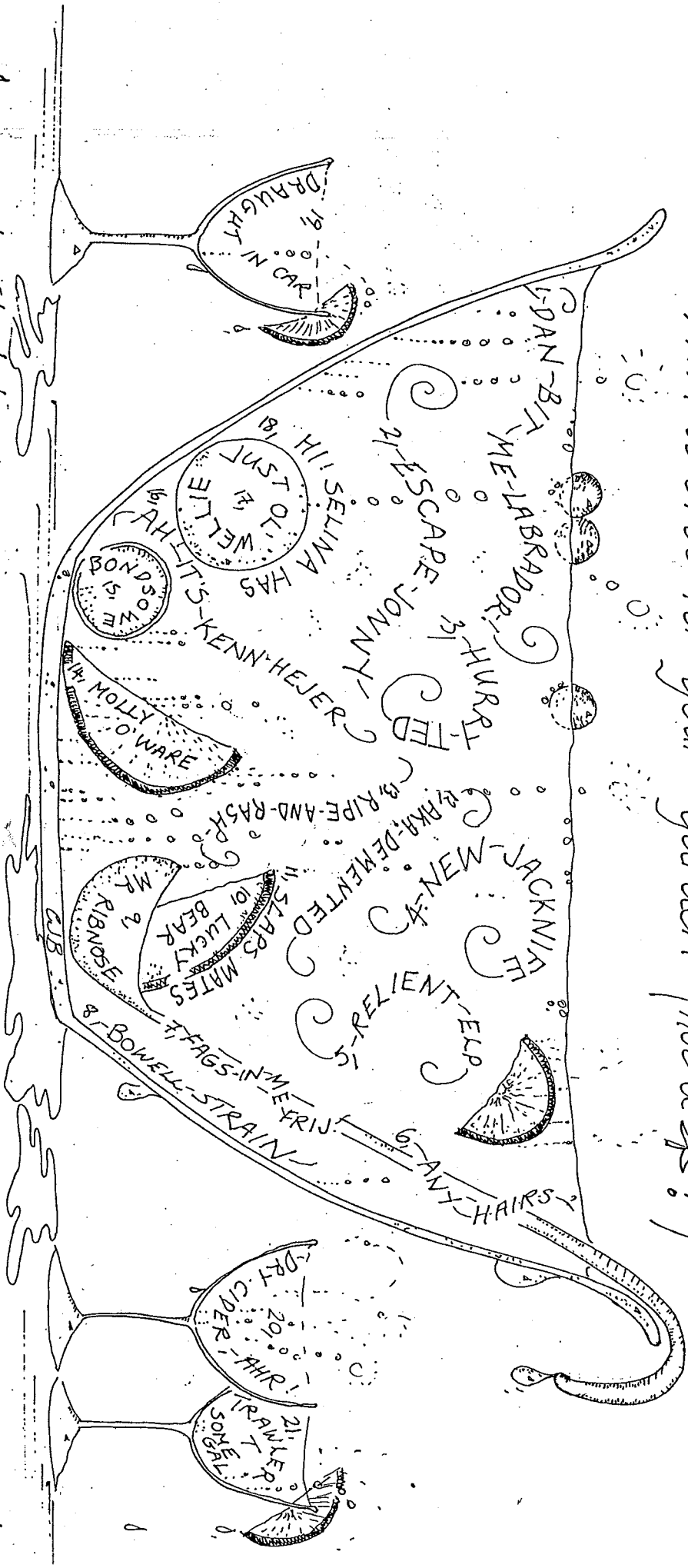
Outside Wayside on the Clevedon side is the boundary stone marking the edges of Kenn and Clevedon with K on one side and C on the other.

Ray NAISH.



Spot the Kennite ingredients
Mixed
piled-up in the Xmas punch!

Win a tree for your garden (not a )



Answers to Sheila/Kate before JAN 1st
(with your name & phone no!!) '93

Tree supplied & planted by Elbert Orb!