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Thursday 6-30 to 9.00

Friday 4-30 to 9.00

Saturday 12.00 to 9.00

Sunday 12.00 to 2.00.

All of our dishes are "home made" and very reasonably priced. To allow you to sample our fine fayre, you can visit the club 3 times before becoming a member.

Private parties can be catered for and advance bookings are welcomed. Special requirements can be booked on request, as can our party buffet menu.

Forthcoming events

FREE live entertainment is offered on many Saturday nights and Bingo on Sunday nights. You don't need to worry about baby-sitters as children are welcome in the friendly atmosphere of our family room.

- Sat 4th Dec. "A Taste of Honey" Cover charge £1 for members and £2 for non-members.
- Sat 11th Dec. "Generation Gap" Free.
- Sun 12th Dec. "Children's Xmas Party" 3 to 6pm. Free
- Sat 18th Dec. "Disco" Free.
- Fri 24th Dec. "Xmas Eve Party Night" Free
- Sun 26th Dec. "Family Day" 12 to 8pm. Disco and live act - Pete Watts. Free.
- New Years Eve. "Fancy Dress Party Night" By ticket only which must be ordered in advance at £1 for adults. Fancy dress is optional.

Membership Fees

Single adult £5 per year

Husband/wife joint £7-50, Children free.

Derek and Shirley hope to see you over the festive season and would like to extend a very warm welcome to the club.

FUN RUN

Thank you all very much indeed. As a result of the magnificent efforts in September we have been able to send a cheque for £1220 to help in the construction and equipping of St. Luke's Hospital and Hospice in Saranda, Albania. Given the extreme poverty and widespread malnutrition in that country our help was desperately needed.

Thank you all again.

Richard GAUNT

ALTAR GUILD



As we have been unable to arrange an Altar Guild meeting this year, we would be grateful to everyone if they would do the December rota as last year. This is:

WEEK 1 Sunday 5th Dec. Mrs J FENWICK, Mrs J PASCOE & Mrs J BUSH;

WEEK 2 Sunday 12th Dec. Miss L BAKER & Mrs J NAISH

WEEK 3 Sunday 19th Dec. Mrs M STOWELL & Mrs H JENKINS (Carol Service)

WEEK 4 Xmas, Sunday 26th Dec. Mrs M McKAY & Mrs A GAUNT.

Any queries please contact Jean NAISH or Iris GOLDSWORTHY.

St John's Carol Service is Sunday even-

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zine dated February 1939 and she has kindly let me borrow it. Here are some of the interesting news items from it, all the entries are by dear old Reverend HODGSON, the vicar here at the time.

On Wednesday Jan 19th Mr THATCHER came. This was a very pleasant surprise for a good many people as well as ourselves. He was looking well and said Mrs THATCHER was better in health than she had been for many years. (Mr THATCHER was the previous vicar of Kenn.)

William BESSANT has been home on leave. It was good to see a red coat again both in Church and outside, and Kenn is proud to be as well represented in the heart of London. (Bill was a Grenadier Guardsman at that time and wore his dress uniform when on leave. He lived with his parents in "Corner Cottage". He now lives in Clevedon.)

Mrs HARDING after a long spell at Forda Nursing Home in Clevedon has joined her husband in a new flat in Clevedon. (Mr & Mrs HARDING had just left Mill Farm.)

To another neighbour we must say good-bye, for Mrs WILLOUGHBY BROOKS and her daughter are building a house in Tickenham, where they will find space they need for their horses. (They kept a riding school at Bow Cottage, now Bow Kennels.

The banns of marriage had been called between Stanley DENMEAD and Gladys NORTON of Congesbury for three Sundays beginning with January 1st. The marriage was to be at Langford on January 18th and they will go to live at Nailsea. (This is Gladys DENMEAD who loaned me this magazine.)

The Winter Sunday School Treat was held at the Vicarage on Thursday December 29th. Twenty two children came, and three teachers. After tea, provided by

Mrs HODGSON, games were played for a time and then followed the prize giving. Most of these this year were prayer books with hymns. Extra prizes were given for full attendance. Medals were presented to those who made an unbroken attendance at Church on Sunday mornings during the year. Stories with magic lantern pictures brought a happy evening to a close. Hearty thanks to Mrs NAVARRA who gave the children crackers and oranges. (Mrs Lillian BAKER, Luvy's mother would have been one of the teachers. Mrs NAVARRA lived at Somerset Cottage, Duck Lane.)

On December 1st 1939, Mrs Mary CRUMPLER died at the great age of 92. Mrs CRUMPLER was a relation of Thomas HARDY the famous novelist and was at one time governess to the children of the British Ambassador to Brazil where she had spent several years in her earlier life. She was a one time caretaker of the Church. (Mrs CRUMPLER lived at Elm Bank with her daughter, Mrs Teresa BOX.) There was a large company at her funeral on December 6th.

The New Year Party on January 2nd was a happy affair. we had a good company and a lot of noise. There were strange dances and queer games. The dressing-up competition was most exciting. Mrs FARMER played the music. She also presented crackers and so earns double thanks. But it was a triumph of management on the part of the Council, to make, at 6d per head (including refreshments), a net profit of 13/6d. (Mrs FARMER lived at Green Acres.)

From the register:

Holy Baptism: October 16th Sidney John STAPLES; October 30th Jennifer Ann GRIFFITHS; December 11th Anthony Gordon WELSHER.

Burials: August 19th Sarah Ann RAWLINGS aged 85; December 6th Mary CRUMPLER aged 92.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

It's that time of year again when we start to think of wishing everyone a happy festive season and a peaceful and healthy New Year. But also, in our capacity as editors, we like to add our sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to, supports and praises our efforts for Kern News and Views. On occasion we find ourselves scratching our heads for something to write and sometimes despair of meeting our deadlines, but then someone writes an article for us or a letter saying how much they enjoy reading the magazine, and all is well again. Like Oliver, we always want more but after over 5 years we feel that we must have got it right to receive your praise as we do. Thank you to everyone but especially to Richard and Margaret for their efforts and patience.

We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous, healthy and harmonious 1994.

Kate and Sheila

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Alex GAUNT
- 4th Sally WHITEHEAD
- 4th Roger Jenkins
- 10th Louise PUGH
- 10th Tom Clarke.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 23rd Richard & Avril GAUNT

NAISH'S NOTES

Cycling Proficiency

Our good wishes go to Peter WOODS for a speedy recovery after his recent cycling accident.

That Birthday!!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards on the occasion of my birthday last month.

This was supposed to have passed by quietly as with every other birthday - of course I reckoned without Big Ed's intervention and following her full page announcement in last month's magazine I was reminded that I was nearly 40 all month. I had loads of cards, some so rude that I couldn't repeat here, and I am indebted to one very kind family for their very thoughtful gift of a birthday emergency kit which included amongst other things a set of real false teeth and a hair net!

Anyway the fateful day has been and gone and I can continue to say that I am 27 once more or at least "age not admitted" to the young man (I know who you are so watch it!) who thought I was 50 and had to be corrected by his mum. May I suggest an optician's appointment. And to the wonderful ladies who both said that they thought Big Ed was much older than me - I love you!!

WATCH THIS SPACE!! 5 MONTHS TIME IS SOMEONE ELSE'S 40TH.

REVENGE WILL BE SWEET BIG ED YOU WAIT AND SEE.

From Your Eds and Typist

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to this year's mag. and to those who have said how much they have enjoyed it. We enjoy producing the magazine each month so keep your articles coming - the more the merrier.

May we wish you all a very merry Christmas and hopefully a happy and prosperous New Year.

Special thanks to all our deliverers each month and especially to Margaret without whom we should never manage.

Christmas Party/Disco

Don't forget to get your Christmas Party/Disco tickets from Sheila or Kern Stores now. They're going like hot cakes -

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All ladies welcome

- Tuesday Dec. 14th, Dog Training, 7-30pm
- Thursday Dec. 16th Christmas Tree lights switched on and carols on village green, 7-pm
- Saturday Dec. 18th, Children's Disco
- Tuesday Dec. 21st, Dog Training, 7-30pm

KENN WI

In welcoming members to the November meeting of Kenn WI Mrs DYER thanked everyone for the embroidered card she was given on the occasion of the 40th birthday party. Mrs STOWELL was congratulated on her birthday and a card was signed for Mrs HARRIS who has had an operation.

The Birthday Party was judged a great success and a poem from Mrs HUGHES who entertained so splendidly was read to the meeting. Mrs STOWELL reported that the skittles team had been successful in the first round of the County tournament. The next match will take place in January. There is to be a friendly Group skittles tournament in the New Year.

Final arrangements were made for the flower arranging demonstration on the 24th November. Mrs FIELDEN will take Christmas as her theme and visitors are welcome. There will be a Carol Service in Tickenham Church on 15th December.

Mrs JACKSON gave a report of the Group Meeting at Walton in Gordano. Kenn is to be the hostess Institute at the Spring Group Meeting.

The reports by the treasurer and secretary were accepted at the Annual General Meeting which followed the monthly business. Retiring President, Mrs DYER, thanked everyone for their support in the last year and Mrs STOWELL gave a vote

of thanks to the retiring committee. There was no election for the new committee as there were only just enough nominations. Mrs MANN will be the President for the coming year.

The evening ended with some competitions devised by Mrs BUBB and Mrs PRUE. At the December meeting Mrs BELL will give a talk entitled Serendipity and the competition will be for an evening bag. The Christmas postbox will also be available at the December meeting when members can exchange cards and presents. A donation in lieu of postage to ACWW will be welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 13th November saw brain cells ricocheting off the walls of Kenn Village Hall as we pitted our wits against Roger WILCOX'S questions. Roger took centre stage as quizmaster extraordinaire and gave me a rest from setting and asking the puzzlers. However with a finishing score of 71 out of a possible 144 I think I'd rather be the 'Frier' than the 'fried on'.

One team wasn't disappointed. My other and the rest of the Claverham Cleverdicks requested the booby prize and a swift exit half way through the proceedings. Sure enough at the end they were told to "use their loaves" next time and walked off with a Safeway's best white sliced. The winners, the Intelligent Richards were a visiting team who won with 98 points. Close second on 97 were also visitors, so come on Kenn it's about time we had a home win.

Supper was provided and delivered once again by the Old Nailsea Fish Bar and was delicious and most welcome.

The evening was in aid of the Kenn Church Restoration Fund and we were able to hand over £154 profit from the evening.

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Thanks to Roger for setting the questions and to everyone who was involved in helping before, during and after the event.

Kate

WI BIRTHDAY PARTY

Members of Kenn WI gathered, with their guests, visitors from other Institutes and former members who were founder members of the Institute for the 40th Birthday Party. Quite coincidentally the date, October 27th, was the exact anniversary of the first Birthday Party all those years ago.

The hall and tables were beautifully decorated with floral decorations which were later raffled. Everyone enjoyed a splendid supper, which this year was done by caterers so that all members could enjoy the party without having to do a stint in the kitchen.

Ralph BYE, one-time Kenn resident and long-standing WI husband, proposed a toast to the Institute to which Mrs DYER replied. She was presented with a bouquet and the other officers received gifts.

As a finale to a wonderful evening Angela HUGHES and helpers gave us a very amusing entertainment. The cast in very fetching My Fair Lady hats led us all in some community singing. There was one song which we should have sung and didn't think of - What A Swell Party This Is!!

The party was a lovely way to commemorate the last forty years and will lead us all into the next decade when we hope that the Institute in Kenn will go from strength to strength.

CHEESE AND WINE

The Hall Committee organized the annual fund raiser for the hall expenses on Saturday November 20th. This took the form of a Cheese and Wine party. A grand draw was held and there was good food and wine for everyone present. The

total proceeds were £314. The Hall Committee thanks all who helped to raise this large amount.

LETTER TO THE EDS

251 Mendip Rd, YATTON

After several false starts the 'day' finally came to move from Mead Cottage after nearly 40 years - following the frenzied packing etc., it went off fairly well, thanks to a lot of help from the family.

Smutty and I have settled in here - amid a lot more upheaval - the neighbours have all introduced themselves, several of them knew John or myself and some attend the 8am Communion at Kenn. The Bungalow looks out onto rhyndes, farmland so it's not too great a change.

May I take this opportunity of thanking my friends for all the cards wishing me well in my move, it is a wrench but I hope that the WHITTINGTONs will find Mead Cottage as happy and lovely as I and my family and friends have done.

Don't think you have lost me to Yatton - you haven't! I will be around!!

Jean INGS



Club grub

We have recently added food to our many other facilities and have a varied menu including beefburgers, chips and beans for the kids and cottage pie, chilli and T bone steaks for the adults. Food is available at the following times:

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be there or be square. Fancy dress is optional but the more festive the better.

RNLI Dance

The very successful dance held at the Village Hall organised by the Drum and Monkey pub raised £1300 for the RNLI well done to Ken and Barbara and their team of helpers.

Sheila

SNIPPETS

The Coffee Morning held at Kenn Court on November 9th raised £59.72. Many thanks to all those Kennites who supported it.

November 14th was the birthday of His Royal Highness, Prince Charles.

November 14th was Remembrance Sunday when we remembered the many men and women who gave their lives for their country. As is our custom in Kenn Church, poppies were arranged on the altar. Our flag was flown on this day.

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Kenn's annual start to our Christmas celebrations, the carolling around the tree has been fixed for 7pm on Thursday the 16th December.

The tree lights will be turned on by a well known local celebrity and will be followed by the singing of a selection of popular carols. To replace all that energy hot mince pies and punch will be available.

Come along and enjoy yourselves. Please bring torches and any

musical instruments you can play. A collection will be held in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Offers of mince pies will be appreciated.

KENN CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will be held in St. John's Church on the 19th December at 6pm with the Revd. John CRUSE officiating.

Everyone welcome.

CRIB SERVICE

The highlight of Christmas for many parents and grandparents is the Crib Service. The children of the Sunday Club will re-enact the nativity story bringing lumps to many a throat. The service will be held on Christmas Eve starting at 3pm in St. John's Church.

Any parents who want their children to be in the play should contact Jenny PASCOE (878451) or Wendy PAPASOLO-MONTOS (877923).

DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Tuesday Dec. 7th, Children's Party
- Tuesday Dec. 7th, 7-30pm. Dog Training Class organised by Golden Valley Veterinary Service.
- Wednesday Dec. 8th, Senior Citizen's Party, 3-5pm
- Wednesday Dec. 8th, Kenn WI, 7-30pm. Serendipity Part 2, Mrs Yvonne BELL.

CLEVEDON M.C.C.

XMAS CHARITY RIDE TO THE BRISTOL DOGS HOME ON SUNDAY 19th December

Motor Cyclists Assemble Salthouse
Playing Fields Car Park
CLEVEDON SEA FRONT 12 NOON
Watch for marshals directions

Items to bring:- Dog Food, Cat Food, Rabbit
Mix, Bird Seed, Pet Toys and Goodies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PHONE 0275 876682.

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KENN VALLEY CLUB. ALL WELCOME. RING 0275 876682
FOR DETAILS.

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P.S. There are only 18 people still living in Kenn who were here when the magazine was printed in January 1939.

RV NAISH

GIVE A LITTLE

They say "'tis better to give than to receive" and how true. Just today I have heard several reports of giving on both the large and small scale.

At the time of writing it is the week running up to the Children in Need Appeal, and BBC Radio 2 has been broadcasting auctions of various events. Admittedly, those members of the public who pledged their money were getting something in return: but £3 500 to go to Norway to chop a Christmas tree down?; £ 4 000 to lunch with Neil KINNOCK or Edwina CURRIE?; £3 500 (each from 2 people) to produce the Ed Stewart show for a day? These are examples of huge generosity to the appeal.

On television tonight we've heard how

the temperatures today were the lowest for 56 years but many of our local old folk were able to get a hot meal for a very reasonable price at a meeting place in one of our local cities, run by volunteers who give their time to those less fortunate than themselves.

At the lower end of the scale there are those who give time from their own busy lives and money from their own already overstretched resources, to hopefully make life a little more comfortable or enjoyable for others; whether it's fundraising for a national charity or getting people together for a few hours of social activity.

We should all take a moment to think of these 'givers' and 'carers' and learn from their example. Most of all we should be grateful and thankful for their efforts without which we should all be the poorer. Let's hope giving and caring never go out of fashion as I fear courtesy and gratitude already have.

Kate DENMEAD



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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ing, 19th December

We would be grateful if the Altar Guild ladies would decorate their usual windows for this service.

Pulpit window - Mrs J WOODS

North window - Mrs I GOLDSWORTHY

South rear window - Mrs I RUSSELL & Mrs V COX

South window - Mrs I SURRIDGE, Mrs I BELL & Mrs W PAPASOLOMONTOS

Chancel window - Mrs C QUINN

Pulpit - Mrs M McKAY

Font - Mrs J INGS

Porch - Mrs I STOWELL & Mrs J WITHERS

Many thanks to everyone for all your help in cleaning and flower arranging in the Church during 1993, we are very pleased to have so many caring ladies.

Thank you very much to everyone, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Lucy, Iris & Jean

KENN WI

Kenn WI members and their friends thoroughly enjoyed the floral arrangements depicting "Christmas" created by Mrs Mary FIELDEN of Portishead. Her first creation was a garland of greenery, flowers and gold ribbon to greet visitors at the front door. Into the hall, and we watched a lovely basket being filled with a welcoming arrangement. An unusual display of candles and greenery followed. Then we were treated to a frosty scene in keeping with the weather in the country this week. On we went to a pantomime scene depicting the scene in Cinderella. Finally, the piece de resistance was a huge creation of carol singing complete with lantern and an owl watching the happy scene.

Coffee and home made biscuits were

served. The arrangements were raffled and the company made purchases for Christmas from the trade stall. A very enjoyable evening giving many ideas for Christmas arrangements in our homes.

RMD

GARDEN BIRDS

Having spent a day confined to home suffering (Avril will say she suffered as well!) from flu, I spent a relaxing hour looking at the garden birds. I'm no expert but was surprised to be able to identify (to my satisfaction anyway) 16 different species. In the course of this hour I looked at the identification book many times and was astonished by its claim that the Dunnock is one of the 10 commonest birds in Britain as: a) I'd never heard of it, and b) I'd no idea what it looks like.

SO has anyone ever seen a Dunnock?, If so please let me know.

Secondly, I realised it must be very difficult for birds at this time of the year; this is being written on Tuesday evening when it has been below freezing all day. So please put food and fresh water out for the birds during this severe weather and help preserve the variety of wildlife in the village.

Richard GAUNT

WORD SQUARE RESULT

We have had the magnificent total of one solution to the puzzle in last month's magazine. Iris SURRIDGE won the competition and will receive the prize. (Big Ed claims to have started, but forgotten to finish - although she tells me that her entry for "moron" would have been unprintable!)

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Mrs Gladys DENMEAD who lives in Duck Lane has among her treasured possessions a copy of Kern Parish Maga-