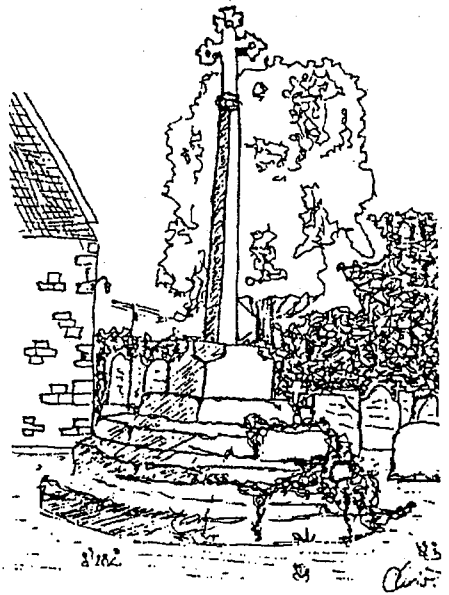
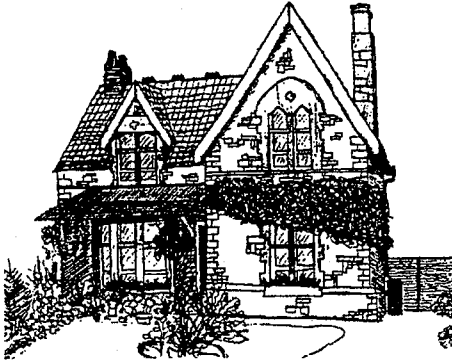


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ALL OUR READERS

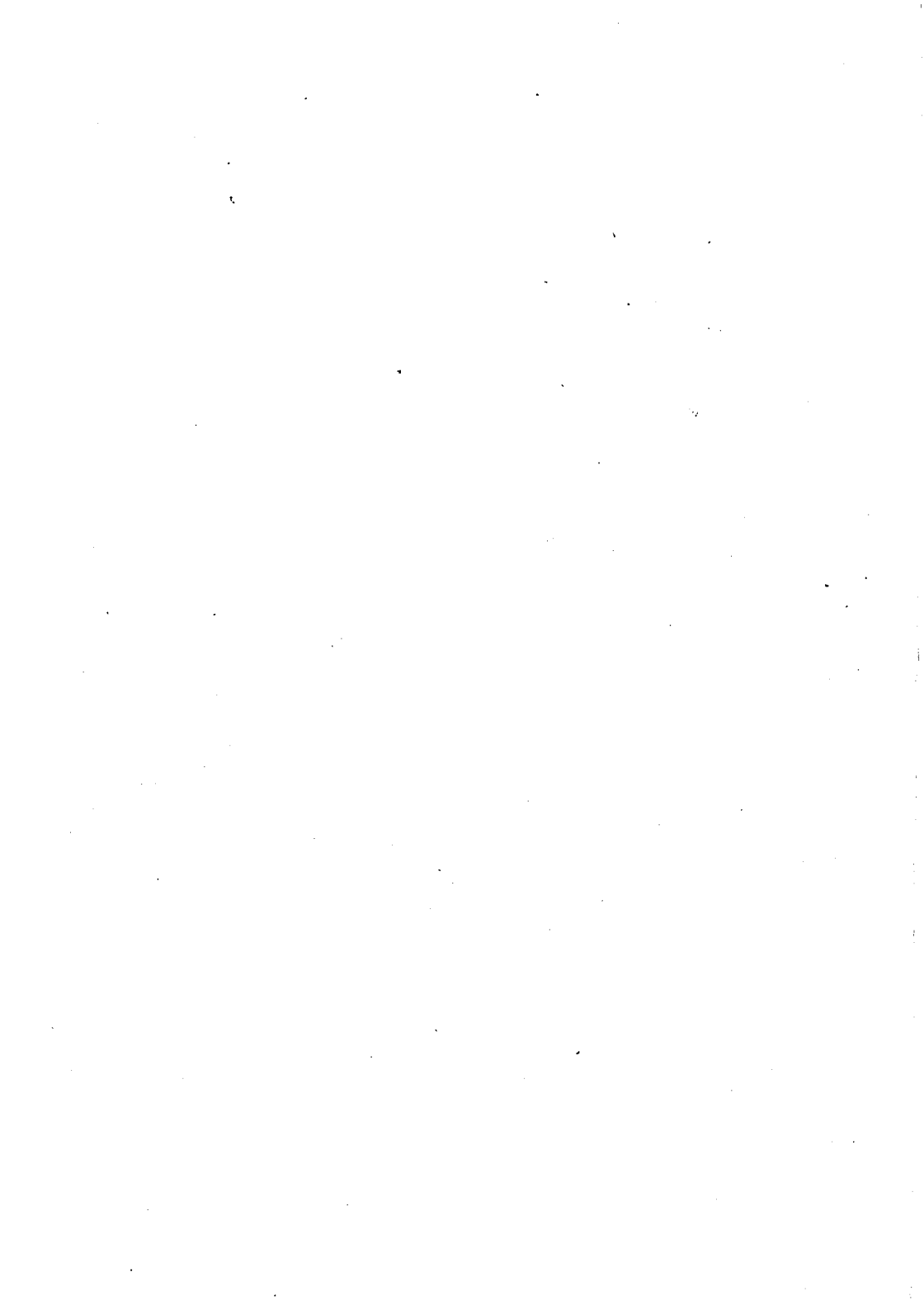


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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Well here we are again, another New Year full of hopes for health, happiness and peace. We sincerely hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that all our children saw their dreams realised on Christmas morning....And for those of you with little ones who think that the older they get, the later you can get up on Christmas Day.....WRONG, Kate's boys are 18 and 14 and they were up at 7am! But who cares?

A question for the New Year. Which farmer's wife was to be seen on the doorstep Christmas morning clad in nothing but a beige bath towel? And how did she give a whole new meaning to the phrase 'Bottoms up'?

Keep writing to us in 1994. We always love to hear from you.

Kate and Sheila

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4th - Gina STOWELL
- 11th - George NOAD
- 14th - Rebecca BRAIN
- 16th - Fred FENWICK
- 17th - Clare DYER
- 18th - Nick CHEEK
- 24th -Richard GAUNT (2nd childhood)
- 28th - May FLOWER

## NAISH'S NOTES

### Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco Party on the 15th of December raised the grand total of £349 - 27p in aid of the hyperbaric unit at the MS Centre in Nailsea.

### Apologies

Apologies to Mrs GOLDSWORTHY who has written about her successful fund raising knitted Christmas Goodies, the winners and the total monies raised. I

have mislaid the envelope for the time being - watch this space.

(Typist's thought - is this a case for smacked bottoms up?)

## Congratulations

Very many congratulations to Penny and John HAZELL on the birth of their new son.

Sheila

## ROOF FUND NUMBERS QUIZ

I hope everyone has spent the festive season completing the numbers quiz in aid of the Kenn Church Restoration Fund. It's been driving me even further round the bend than I am already. Many thanks to the person who set it and had the idea of releasing it for the fund. Please can we have more of the same or similar - a brilliant idea. Of course if I don't finish it (14 to go on 28/12/93) I may not be so enthusiastic ultimately.

PS Does everyone agree that no. 127 may be a spelling mistake? If not I'm willing to trade!!!!

Kate

## EDITORS' GIFTS.

Many thanks to the readers of this magazine who gave towards the gifts the team received at the senior citizens' tea party, in recognition of our literary efforts. We enjoy putting the mag. together each month and it's an added bonus to know we are appreciated so.

Thanks again.

Kate & Sheila

## TYPIST'S THANKS

Like our good editors, the typist also gets a generous gift for the festive season. Thank you all for my excellent bottles of wine; Avril and I enjoyed drinking them and you'll have to take our word that we thought of you whilst imbibing.

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## KENN WI

Mrs BELL's serendipity was severely tested when she came to Kenn WI to give a talk entitled "Serendipity 3". It was an atrocious night with very high winds and driving rain. The talk which was an anthology of extracts from magazines and journals from the turn of the century was very amusing indeed and much enjoyed by everyone.

Our new president, Mrs MANN, certainly had a baptism of fire as the wind howled around the hall which was gaily decorated for Christmas. She welcomed the return of a former member, Mrs Joy MORRIS - it was lovely to see her. Duties for the coming year were allotted and the draw for secret friends was made. 1993 secret friends will be declared at the January meeting. A ballot was held to chose the charity for 1994 and CLIC was chosen.

The Flower Demonstration was a great success. Those people who had been to the Home Economics Rally had had great difficulty in hearing. Members were asked to consider whether they would wish to be our delegate to the Triennial General Meeting at the NEC in Birmingham on 7th and 8th June.

The Christmas post box was doing a roaring trade and members made contributions to ACWW in lieu of postage. The competition for an evening bag was won by Mrs PRUE, gold, with Mrs MANN, silver and Mrs J JEFFERY, green. Subscriptions will be due at the January meeting. They will be £11-60 in 1994.

In January, the talk will be given by Tickenham Garden Centre and the competition will be for a sea shell.

## CHURCH ROOF RESTORATION I

Money is still coming in to the Restoration Fund although there are no big fund raising events going on at the moment. Several anonymous donations

have been received lately for which we are very thankful.

Mrs Gladys DENMEAD of Duck Lane has done extremely well selling Christmas cards and gifts. She has donated the commission, which amounts to £202-24, to Kenn Church Restoration Fund. Many thanks to her.



## CHURCH RESTORATION II

To give Kennites something mind enriching to do over the Christmas period a quiz has been prepared. The questions are available for £1 from the Post Office. The closing date for entries is 29 January. Give your completed forms in at Moorlands, Kenn Street or at the Post Office.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

The draw for the box of chocolates at Kenn Post Office raised £75 for Children in Need.

Thank you for your support.

Barbara MIDDLETON

## ALBANIAN THANKS

We have had the following letter of thanks from the Children in Distress Charity to whom we sent the proceeds of the Kenn Fun Run



# CHILDREN IN DISTRESS

"Aiding the Children of Eastern Europe"

Reg. Charity No. 1001327

Lockfield Avenue  
Enfield  
Middx EN3 7PP  
Tel: 081 443 4363  
Fax: 081 443 3962

Mr S Pascoe  
Willow House,  
Kenn Street,  
KENN,  
Avon  
BS21 6TN

1 December 1993

Receipt No: 322

Dear Mr Pascoe,

Your welcome gift of £1220.00, is allocated as follows:  
Albania £ 1220.00

I would like to thank you for your kind donation which will certainly be put to good use.

The construction work on the Hospice\Hospital in Saranda, Albania is now well under way and I hope to be able to give you progress reports from time to time. Our expected completion date of January 1995 is still looking possible and I do hope that you will continue to pray for us and our work there. In the meantime we are doing all we can to supply urgent medical and material support to the town in general and the children in particular.

It is a great encouragement to us all to know that we are being remembered and prayed for by Christians and Christian Churches from all parts of the country.

If there is any further information about our work you would like to have, please do let me know.

Best wishes,

*Margaret Walmsley*

<sup>p.p.</sup> Rev. Dr. J. Walmsley,  
Director.

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The following poem was given to me by a resident. It was originally found by a nurse going through the belongings of an old woman who had died in Ashludie Hospital, near Dundee.

## THE EIGHTH AGE OF WOMAN

What do you see nurses, what do you see?  
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?  
A crabbit old woman not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes,  
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply,  
When you say in a loud voice - "I do wish you'd try".  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,  
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.  
Who unresisting or not lets you do as you will,  
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.  
Is that what you're thinking, is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes nurse, you're looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,  
As I move at your bidding, as I eat at your will.  
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters, who love one another.  
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,  
Dreaming that soon her lover she'll meet.  
A bride soon at twenty - my heart gives a leap,  
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.  
At twenty five now I have young of my own,  
Who need me to build a secure happy home.  
A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,  
Bound to each other with ties that should last.  
At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,  
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At fifty, once more babies play round my knee,  
Again we know children, my loved one and me.

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Dark days are upon me my husband is dead,  
I look at the future, I shudder with dread,  
For my young are all rearing young of their own,  
And I think of the years, and the love that I've known.

I'm an old woman now, and nature is cruel -  
'Tis her jest to make old age like a fool.  
The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart,  
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.  
But inside this old carcase a young girl still dwells,  
And now and again my battered heart swells.  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,  
And I'm loving and living life over again.  
I think of the years, all too few - gone too fast,  
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.

So open your eyes, nurses, open and see,  
Not a crabbit old woman, Look closer, See ME!!

## TEA AND CHAT WITH THE VICAR

For this month only it will be held on the 13th  
January - not the normal first Thursday in the month.

It will be held at the home of Mr. Jack HANSON,  
Westonwood, Kenn Street.

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## CONTROL YOUR DOGS!

On December 11th the Police were looking for a stolen car in Nailsea Moor early in the morning. What they did find was thirty of Jeff NAISH'S sheep in a ditch, driven there by dogs. They quickly notified Jeff who rushed down there; six had already drowned, six more have died since. At the time of writing these notes on the 15th, two more are still unconscious. All these were in lamb ewes. It was very lucky that they were found early in the morning, an hour later and they would have all drowned or chilled to death as sheep can only stand being soaked in cold water for a short time at this time of the year.

Is it any wonder when farmers shoot dogs caught sheep worrying? It is not the dogs' fault, they have a natural hunting instinct and soon get excited when sheep run away from them. The blame must lie with the owners who don't keep them under control.

Ray NAISH

## THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the village and neighbouring villages for their kindness and support after my recent robbery.

I'm overwhelmed at the amount of plants, flowers and letters of support I've received. Once again, thank you all very much.

We won't let 'people' like him ruin our lives.

Barbara MIDDLETON

## THANKS FROM THE WOODS

Peter WOODS would like to thank everyone for their concern after his recent accident. He is now healing well.

## BRITAIN IN BLOOM

A very splendid certificate has been received to mark Kenn's success in the Britain in Bloom competition in 1993. It will be framed in due course and put up in the village hall. The entry form for 1994 has also been received and the Parish Council has decided to enter again, so if you are poring over seed catalogues during the long winter evenings do chose a packet of brightly coloured annuals to help us to another award.

The Parish Council wishes to extend thanks to all those people who worked so hard during the summer to keep the green, churchyard and verges so neat and tidy. It would be invidious of me to mention names in case someone was forgotten. You all know who you are and the Parish Council is very grateful.

Thank you.

## NOSTALGIA TIME AGAIN

Mrs DENMEAD'S Parish Magazine for 1939 prompted me to look at the minutes of the Parish Council for that time to see what was going on then. Very little really. There was only one meeting in 1939 and the minutes read as follows:

"The parish meeting was held in the school on March 31. There were 4 persons present. Mrs F DYER was elected our representative on the RUDC for the next three years. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting (November 4th 1938) it was desired a record should be made of the outcome of it. A class was held in ARP work on Tuesdays weekly in the Village Hall from November 22 1938 to Feb 7 1939. Mrs Gullick of Portishead was lecturer. The attendance was well maintained. On Thursday February 16 a test was held and officers appointed with Mr. Lee as Air Warden."



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There was not another meeting until 1941. The minutes of that were as follows:

"A well attended meeting was held in the School at 7pm on May 1st. An account was given by the vicar (from the chair) of a fund entrusted to him by Mrs Farmer and collected from several social efforts and many private persons for the First Aid post and Air Raid Wardens' post. The meeting decided that the fund could not be used by any other Civil Defence services that had been formed since its collection. Application was made by Mr Lee to draw from the fund money to fit up and maintain for ARP and First Aid post a cottage in the occupation of Mr. H. Gale in Kenn Street at an annual rent of £6.10 and a sum of 4/- weekly for cleaning. This was allowed. A motion was carried to establish another fund in which all civil defence services might share. The balance belonging to the above fund is £18.9.

There follows a list of Air Raid Precaution men:

First Party: Mrs. Farmer, C. Cox, W. Bessant. L. Lee, F. Avis, Mr. Whitting, Miss Naish, Mrs Lee.

Later: B. Leaman, D. Staples, H. Gale, A.T. Hollyman, Mr. Pike, Mr. Vicary, Mr. Vicary Jnr., Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Moores, G. Moores, Mr. Hallworth."

Three more meetings were held in May and June of that year and there were no more during the war until a meeting was held to arrange the Victory Tea. In deference to the typist I will defer transcribing these until a future issue.

Ann HOLTAM.

## CAROLLING ROUND THE TREE

It was something of a miracle that we found a relatively calm evening in the

stormy week before Christmas to sing carols round our brightly twinkling tree. More of a miracle when you hear the problems in lighting up the tree.

The night before the great fairy switched on the tree it stood bare and denuded of lights. Richard and Robin had to abandon the lighting project in the teeth of a Force 9 gale with rain lashing down which fused the lights laid out on the ground. No wonder we could find no willing fairy!

However, lights we had due to Sam DYER and Marianna MACKAY producing counter balanced ladders whilst Pip the builder ascended the tree. All this was on the morn of carolling day.

In the evening all problems were behind us as Fairy Nough (sportingly played by Big Ed) magicked the lights on. Its a pity we didn't have the benefit of her wonky wand earlier in the week....!

Carollers sang, mince pies were eaten and mulled wine flowed as we had a lovely evening and raised £24 to be sent to the RNLI. Given the recent storms they need all the help they can get.

Many thanks to all who supported the purchase of the tree and joined in the carol singing.

Avril

## TYPISTS THANKS

Last month I asked about Dunnocks. I have had the following two replies. Thank you very much Iris and Trevor.

## GARDEN BIRDS I

Accentors: Prunellidae.

Sparrow like birds distinguished from sparrows by their thin insect eating bills. Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock not unlike a female sparrow; grey head and under-

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parts, well streaked flanks and thin bills. The call note is a high pitched tseep. Inhabits bushy places of all kinds, scrub, heaths, parks and gardens (one of the commonest suburban birds in the West), also both broad-leaved and coniferous woodland, going quite high on mountains.

5? (14.5cm)

Thank you Richard. I spent Sunday evening looking for birds not words! And YES we have seen a Dunnock.

Iris SURRIDGE.

## GARDEN BIRDS II

When Ray passed me a copy of the Xmas issue of Kern News and Views, he invited me to respond to Richard GAUNT's letter, albeit warning me that one answer had already been received.

So here goes Richard.... yes there are plenty of Dunnocks around, and I guess that if your garden attracts 16 species in one hour then a Dunnock will pay a visit from time to time. It was formerly known as the Hedge Sparrow (although it is not a sparrow species) and to birdwatchers it is a member of the "little brown job gews".

I am inclined to think that it may have lost its place in the top ten (population-wise) nowadays, but it is still extremely widespread throughout the country. It is a relatively secretive species and usually feeds quietly near to cover.

Can I conclude by supporting your plea for garden feeding, especially during hard weather. These days villages (and towns) hold more birds than the general countryside in winter.

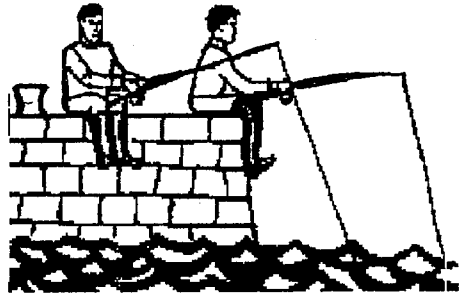
Trevor RIDDLE, 4 Ashleigh Rd. Yatton.

P.S. What were the 16 species you saw.

## TYPIST'S PUZZLE

Those familiar with my sense of humour will know my dislike of answering ques-

tions simply! In answer to Trevor's P.S. I have hidden the names of the 16 species of birds (only birds, Iris) in a word square. Usual small prize to the best answer. In the event of a tie the best poem on the subject of Dunnocks will win.



## THE ANGLER

The following poem was given to the typist by Little Ed; Richard denies any resemblance

Lo, the angler  
He riseth early in the morn,  
Mighty are his preparations  
He goeth forth with much hope in his heart.  
When the day is far spent,  
He returneth smelling of strong drink,  
And the truth is not in him.

## KENN HISTORY GROUP

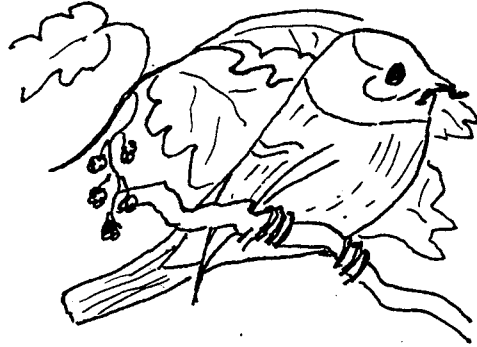
The report of the November meeting came in too late to be included this month.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 10th at 7-30pm.

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Last month I mentioned the 16 species of birds I claim to have seen in our garden. To give you something to do over the New Year sobering up period, I've hidden the names of the 16 species in this word square. As usual there will be a small prize for the winner.

Only the names of birds I could have seen are acceptable.



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