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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Writing this on the 23rd December I feel an affinity with all the great magazine editors whose publications are on the news stands nationwide. Why? Because all their January editions are available today with all their advice about New Year diets following the Christmas binge, sprucing up the home ready for spring and what to do with your old Christmas cake. They have had to look much further ahead than I and yet it seems odd to wish you all a Merry and Peaceful Christmas when I haven't so much as defrosted the turkey (Typist's thought - I presume she means Merry Christmas 1995 as this issue isn't due out until January!!). Which reminds me....

Where was I? Oh yes. It's to be hoped that the people of Kenn and their families did have a merry, happy and peaceful Christmas and that the health, peace and happiness will continue through 1995.

PS Last one to buy an Easter egg on New Year's Eve's a ninny! It has been known, and in Clevedon!

Kate and Sheila

BIRTHDAYS

- 11th George NOAD
- 14th Rebecca BRAIN
- 16th Fred FENWICK
- 17th Clare DYER
- 18th Nick CHEER
- 24th THREE FINGERS
- 28th May FLOWER

NAISH'S NOTES

At the time of writing three of our villagers have had motor accidents: Mr Wilf TILEY has been knocked off his bicycle and ended up in hospital with a fractured skull; Mr John MEEK was knocked off motor bike and was in hospital with leg injuries; and Mrs

Maxine STREET was involved in a car accident on Kenn Moor which left her car a write off and her mum cut and bruised and very shocked. We are glad that all three are on the mend and thankful that their injuries were not worse. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Best wishes to Diane FORD who has been in hospital.

Let's hope that this new year will be a happy, healthy one filled with good fortune.

XMAS DISCO

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the Kenn Xmas Disco on Saturday 17th December. We all had a lovely time and it was a good start to the Christmas festivities. Thanks to John HAZELL for an excellent disco and Ken and Barbara for their ever flowing bar. A grand sum of £350 will be passed on to the ARMS Centre for Multiple Sclerosis in Nailsea.

ARTICLES

We have received a good many articles over the last two months which makes our mag even better. Keep it coming.

KENN QUIZ

I've not received any answers to the Kenn Quiz given in last month's mag. Is it too hard? Come on - someone must have worked them out! Prize Waiting.

EDITORIAL THANKS

Thank you for the gift vouchers received at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Kate and I were delighted.

We all enjoy collating the magazine. Our three-fingered typist was champing at the bit this month and I was all behind (no comments please, Richard)

Many thanks to Simon PASCOE for stepping into the breach last month while Richard languished in some foreign parts - Med Ed)

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DRUM and MONKEY

Ken and Barbara were delighted to see so many villagers after the lighting of the Christmas tree. They would like to extend a warm welcome at anytime and children are also welcome at the top end of the lounge bar.

Sheila

TYPIST'S THANKS

Whilst old three-fingers may complain about many things during the year - including Sheila being all behind, although Miles seems happy enough! - but I have absolutely no complaints about your taste in wines. Thank you one and all for my Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. It will be much appreciated with the turkey.

SNIPPETS

POPPY APPEAL

£38-30p was collected in Kenn Stores in aid of the Poppy Day Appeal.

PRIZEWINNER

Heather JENKINS was the lucky winner of a cash prize in the weekly raffle in aid of Gloucester Cricket Club. And where did she buy her ticket? Kenn Stores of course!

PATIENT

Miss Diane FORD has had a short stay in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Mrs DENMEAD, an indefatigable octagenarian fund raiser has presented a cheque for £181-57 to Kenn Village Hall. This is the result of all her hard work in selling Christmas cards and gifts. We are appreciative of her efforts and thank her most sincerely.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to the CLARK family who have come to live in The Cottage,

Duck Lane. We were pleased to see them at the tree lighting and hope they will enjoy living in Kenn.

KENN QUIZ

Now, with all the hustle and bustle over it is time to sit down and solve the quiz in the December issue of News and Views. A prize awaits the one who gets the most correct answers. Entries to Sheila by 15th January.

FESTIVE DECORATIONS

Thank you to those Kennites who decorated the Village Hall for Christmas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- JAN 11th. Kenn WI @ 7-30pm
- JAN 16th. Parish meeting to discuss ideas to celebrate VE Day on May 8th. 7-30

XMAS TREE

Our sincere thanks to the GAUNT family for providing electricity for our lights.

REFLECTION

At the end of a year and the beginning of a new year, it is a good idea to pause to reflect, give thanks and resolve to do better in the new year.

Thank you to all Kennites who gave of their time, energy and financial support to various activities organised in Kenn throughout the year.

This News and Views you are reading comes to you as a result of the ceaseless work of editing, typing and printing of a devoted group of Kennites, including deputy typist and those who deliver the mag to your door monthly.

At the Senior Citizens' party we were able to say thank you to the editors, Kate and Sheila and present them with gift tokens. Our expert typist received two bottles of his favourite wine and Margaret will receive a fresh flowers christmas arrangement.

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This year our church required a new roof so Kennites immediately organised fund raising events to meet the cost. The work is now completed. Meanwhile ladies of the altar guild, despite the dust, kept the Church cleaned and arranged fresh flowers each week ready for services. The churchyard was regularly mown by our menfolk and one young man gave the village green an extra cut. Flower pots on the village green were planted.

Our village hall is financed by rents and special events and cleaned by volunteers to be always ready for use.

Deserving charities have been well supported and we enjoyed the Cow Pat Day, The Fun Run, The Wine and Cheese Party and various coffee mornings, jumble sales, raffles, discos and parties.

Every day our older members are contacted or visited to see if all is well. Some kind people shampoo housebound residents' hair, do their shopping and generally help them.

The Women's Institute meets monthly to listen and to discuss many diverse subjects. Our Parish Council does its best to look after Kenn's interest. We are blessed with an ever smiling Postmistress. We entered the Best Kept Village competition and the Britain in Bloom competition. We tried but did not win, but we could in 1995 if everyone would try.

RMD

THANK YOU

Mrs Gladys DENMEAD wishes to thank everyone who purchased christmas items from her catalogue. Those included members of Hall Committee, WI, most householders in Duck Lane and others in Kenn, Claverham, Yatton and Clevedon. All customers brought their orders from me and collected them when the parcels arrived. I enjoyed sorting these out very much. It also enables me to buy what I need for myself, very useful having no

transport and I am happy to help some organisation in the village in a small way.

Thank you all very much.

PS Should anyone be looking for special mugs, I have four - initialled and named Rose, David, Jenny and Micheil to sell at cost price, £5-24 each. These were duplicated in mistake. Please tel 876134.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mincepies were served after Mrs. Davies had given a delightful talk at the December meeting of Kenn W.I. entitled Sweetness and Light. Mrs. Davies' subject was bees and honey and she was warmly thanked by Mrs. Harris.

The Christmas post box was much in evidence and members exchanged cards and gifts. A collection in lieu of postage was made for Pennies for Friendship. A team took part in the Quiz organised by Southern Clevedon and although not successful had very much enjoyed it.

The treasurer reported that the Flower Demonstration by Mrs. Bluer, which had enthralled everyone, had made a handsome profit. Subscriptions are due at the January meeting. The fee for 1995 will be £12.

There are several forthcoming events for members to look forward to. A China Day at Portishead, complete with Chinese Lunch, a darts tournament, an intriguing event called a Back to Front Day, an outing to Plymouth in the Know your Cities series are some of the outings to choose from.

At the Spring Group Meeting the competition is for a patchwork cushion 18" x 18" and handstitched, so members might wish to start work now!

The speaker at the January meeting will be the Rev. Martin talking about Devon. The competition will be for a postcard of Devon.

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The meeting ended with the President wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At last the comments of the judges in the Best Kept Village Competition are to hand. Kern had 86% and 17/20 marks for general village appearance.

The remarks were: The judges commended the appearance of the village from the main road, noting that the green was particularly well kept, as were the graveyard and War Memorial. Gardens were also good. The bus shelter, however, was seen as being in need of maintenance. Features that were both litter-free and very well maintained were: burial ground, War Memorial, open areas, Post Office and garage.

The Parish Council is very aware that the bus shelter needs some money spent on it and has included a sum for this purpose in the Precept for 1995/96.

Mr. Goldsworthy gave a report on Neighbourhood Watch. The police hope to start more schemes as part of their crackdown on crime in Operation Bumblebee. It would be very good if there were schemes in the remaining parts of the village i.e. Kern Pier and the Main Road, perhaps one on either side of Kern Street. The Parish Council recognises, though, that it is not easy to start a scheme where houses are rather far apart from each other. Criminals do seem to bypass places where there are Watches and the appropriate signs. Mr. Goldsworthy has discs for placing in windows if replacements are needed.

V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS

It is proposed to hold a public meeting in the Village Hall on 16th January at 7.30 p.m. to discuss whether the village should celebrate the 50th anniversary of V.E. Day on May 8th and what form these celebrations should take. If you have any ideas please come along and

join in the discussions. May Day has been moved from May 1st this year to May 8th and will be combined with the V.E. Day celebration.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

The draw took place on the 16th December at the Drum and Monkey.

The cake was won by Iris GOLDSWORTHY. A knitted Father Christmas was won by Irene STOWELL and a bottle of wine by Barbara, a friend of Maurice FORD's mother. A total of £105 was raised for the Church Roof Fund. Our thanks to all who helped and to Ken at the Drum and Monkey for allowing us the use of his premises.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbours in Kern for their kind thoughts and support when most needed.

Diane is back home, recovering well and swiftly.

The family FORD

CONGRATULATIONS

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the North Somerset Agricultural Society, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that Mr Sam DYER of Kern Court be elected as President of the Society for the coming year. The North Somerset Agricultural Show will be held as usual this year at Ashton Court on Spring Bank Holiday Monday. It would, therefore, be fitting if as many residents of Kern as possible could support our President at all the events run by the Society.

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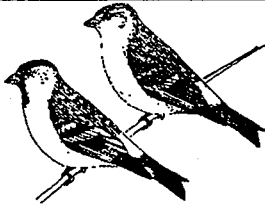
TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

About a year ago, inspired by Trevor RIDDLE's articles on bird watching, I decided to take a pair of binoculars on my regular foreign trips. This article describes the birds seen on a recent visit to three South American countries.

CHILE

On the third day I arose (very biblical) and realised I had a free day before an evening flight. As it was a lovely November summer's day, I decided to go bird watching in the Santiago park.

On the grassy lower slopes the common birds were the Rufous-collared sparrow and the Austral thrush - similar in their habits to our familiar birds from the same family. In the picnic area, and ignoring the ritual mating display of the local humans, a black-chinned siskin hopped about picking up crumbs.



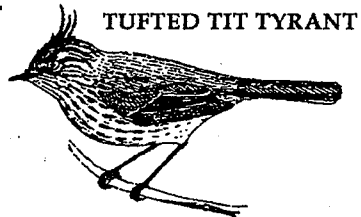
BLACK-CHINNED SISKIN

Climbing up to the viewpoint I had tantalising glimpses of a small wren-sized bird, elusive in the verdant foliage. A picture built up slowly - striped head and chest fading to yellow, and a prominent crest. Finally near the top and exhaustion, one showed itself long enough to be identified as a Tufted tit tyrant, my favourite bird name.

Whilst not up to Trevor's standards, in a four hour walk I identified 10 species, all new to me. At the viewpoint I was so exhausted I needed three quick beers to recover. Lesson one: exhaustion and alcohol do not a good bird watcher make - I

saw very little on the way down.

Incidentally, we don't realise how lucky we are in having such a variety of full colour bird guides; the only Chilean guide has black and white pictures. Still it did improve my knowledge of the Spanish words for parts of birds.



TUFTED TIT TYRANT

BOLIVIA

As the remainder of the trip was to be spent at very high altitude, I planned the two day weekend in La Paz to acclimatise.

Do you remember a Kenn Quiz Nite question on the world's highest capital? I put La Paz and Kate agreed. Well dear readers, we were both wrong. The Bolivian Constitution decrees that the capital of Bolivia is Sucre; La Paz is merely the largest city, seat of government, location of the presidential palace etc. It's an easy mistake to make.

Bolivia is a poor country with a mainly Indian population descended from the Incas. It's poor because of history. It was invaded by the Spanish Conquistadors in the 15th Century. They found a rich silver deposit in the Cerro Rico (rich hill) above Potosi and in 300 years killed more than 15 million Bolivians extracting the silver to be sent back to Spain. If a fraction of this stolen wealth was returned Bolivia would be a rich country.

After independence from Spain in 1825, Bolivia lost lands in wars with Chile, Peru and Brazil; that land included all

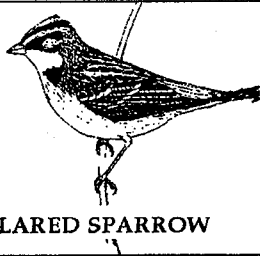
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their seaports and the areas where today some of the world's richest mines produce wealth for Chile and Brazil. If only?

ARGENTINA

After the weekend, I travelled to Argentina to begin the mine visits. The mine is about 4 000metres high - about three times the height of Ben Nevis and the air is thin enough to produce extreme breathlessness and difficulty in sleeping. The two days in La Paz had helped somewhat and by the third day here I even managed a game of table tennis with the mine manager - he won. It was his last day at the mine and after a short break is moving back to England - he has bought a house in Yatton!

Few birds were seen at such high altitudes. The rufous-collared sparrow seems to thrive however along with the



RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW

hooded siskin. On the waste dumps were small flocks of mountain parakeets co-existing with heavy earth-moving equipment.

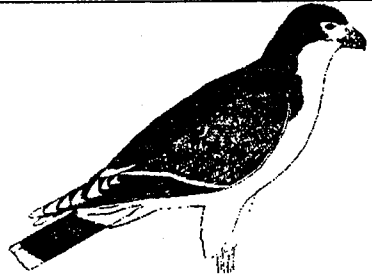
At the border post with Bolivia I saw the strangest bird - our own friendly house sparrow. Apparently it was introduced by English settlers and has survived but, if my trip is anything to go by, is much less successful than its rufous-collared cousin.

BOLIVIA

Back to Boliva but not to the luxury of La Paz. The destination was the mining town of Potosi, once the largest and

richest city in the world - remember the Cerro Rico? Now it has fallen on hard times with only a few small mines hanging on and an impoverished population. Most locals live in adobe (dried mud) houses: one story, two rooms and open holes for windows.

In th next 6 days I visited eight mines varing in altitude from 4 000 to 5 000 metres. Lesson number 2: When at high



WHITE THROATED CARACARA

altitude sleep as low as possible and avoid attempting to sleep at over 4 000m. I chose an abandoned mine camp 25 minutes from Potosi - not luxurious, but at 3 700m a paradise on earth. That small descent allows a good nights sleep!

Over the next nine days I visited 7 mines which left little time for bird watching apart from round the mine camp in the evening. I managed to see two birds of prey, the caracara and white-throated caracara, yellow-rumped siskins and the benteveo. This bird has a song which sounds like ben-te-veo (in Spanish - good to see you).

I failed to identify a number of birds, most annoyingly one my guide called a "Hornero" - which means baker. I could find it in neither the Spanish or English index of the book - perhaps it doesn't exist in Chile.

During the trip I identified 45 species of birds, 44 of them new species for me.

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TEA AND CHAT

The January Tea and Chat will be held on Thursday 5th at the home of Avril GAUNT - The Chalet, Kenn Road, Kenn.

Everyone is welcome from 2-30 to 4pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

December 7th was the date for this year's party in the village hall. Forty seven senior members of the community together with several friends who are associated with Kenn were invited to afternoon tea. After enjoying a splendid repast provided by ladies from the village, the guests were entertained by Kate DENMEAD who read stories about Christmas in days gone by. This was followed by carol singing and the draw for which each guest was given a ticket. There were a large number of prizes.

Those present were very pleased that Mrs Winne GRIGG - who at 87 is thought to be Kenn's most senior citizen - was able to attend. Also Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN who now lives in Clevedon and is coming up to 93 years of age, was able to come along having recovered from a recent fall.

Walter NEATH from Kingston was also well enough to attend, coming out of Weston Hospital for the afternoon. People were delighted to see him and wished him well on his road to recovery.

Before leaving, each guest was given a small christmas present. Everyone enjoys this annual party; for many it is the only time they meet each other during the year. The party is organised by members of the Village Party Committee who get great pleasure out of arranging it.

RVN

CARING AT CHRISTMAS

As always, the people of Kenn donated generously to this charity. For the previous month several boxes were filled

full of food and other useful items at the Post Office. Barbara has also promised the profit from her raffle for the same cause - many thanks.

On the Sunday before Christmas, we took the boxes to the night shelter in the St. Paul's district of Bristol, together with two cheques, one from carol singing round the tree and one from Yeo Valley School (c/o Jan BEDFORD).

I don't think any TV pictures prepare you for the reality of a night shelter. The slightly coy picture is shattered by the cold, damp (wringing wet) bare concrete shed. Fifty beds in various states of dilapidation are lined up with filthy blankets and no pillows, the air stinks of stale alcohol and urine. This is the permanent shelter, next door volunteers are preparing a second shed to receive the large numbers expected over Christmas.

The volunteers are told not to expect gratitude or help. Most of those who gravitate to the shelter are alcoholic, drug dependent or victims of the Care in the Community policy. They have nowhere else to go. Your contribution will help to provide comfort and peace for a few days over the festive season.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

LESSONS and CAROLS

Sunday 18th December was the date of the service of lessons and carols in the church. It was probably the most successful and best attended one ever held here. The Church was packed to the doors with every available seat occupied and was beautifully decorated. All the readers were young people and we are very lucky that we have so many connected with the church here in Kenn.

The choir led the singing with enthusiasm and sang three unusual carols as anthems in spite of several of its members suffering poorly throats.

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The readers were Melanie FARLEY, James GRIFFIN, Rachel BUSH, Sebastian WILCOX, Alexander GAUNT, Ian PASCOE, Matthew GAUNT, Mark PASCOE, James MACKAY, Jessica QUINN, Jerry NAISH and the Revd John CRUSE.

The entrance along Church Path was lit by candles and lanterns giving a lovely effect. Many thanks to the MACKAY family for organising this.

CAROLLING AROUND THE TREE

The annual lighting up and carolling around our tree took place on 16th December, a bright calm Friday evening.

It was marvellous to see so many villagers gathered for this beginning of the Christmas festivities. Mrs DYER switched on our splendid tree then both new and old residents sang favourite carols before continuing at the Drum and Monkey for mince pies and drinks of good cheer. A collection for Caring at Christmas, the shelter for the homeless in Bristol raised £25.

Thank you to everyone for their support

STRANGE SOUND ON MOOR

A strange sound was to be heard on Kenn Moor on Monday 14th November last. The singing lilt of the Irish brogue mingling with the rain met the ears of those gathered to the meet of the Clifton Foot Beagles. However, it was not the local pack congregated at the junction of Kenn and Claverham moors but a guest pack of Irish beagles.

This year is the centenary of the foundation of the Clifton Foot Beagles. The master, his huntsman and the pack were guests of the Irish early this Spring. The November meet was the reciprocation of this invitation and a number of good scents were picked up, resulting in a most enjoyable morning for followers and spectators alike.

With the advent of the motorway into this area the mounted pack was never going to maintain the continuity of the chase and thus it is today just the foot pack that hunts our local land. This most English (and Irish) of pastimes is a pleasure to watch and together with the rich array of history, wildlife and panoramic scenery to be witnessed on Kenn Moor makes us proud of our heritage and countryside.

To culminate the anniversary the committee held their annual supper and dance for the local farmers at Huish Village Hall with their Irish friends as guests of honour. A wonderful night was experienced by many of Kenn's farmers, with a fine buffet, lots of wine, enthusiastic dancing and to round it off the singing of Irish folk songs well into the small hours.

The Clifton Foot Beagles hunted the Kenn area themselves when they met at Kenn Court on the 13th December and we look forward to the children's meet at the kennels, Wemberham Lane, Yatton on the 22nd December.

Whether one agrees with hunting or not, it has and always will be part of life in the country. The local farming community would be lost without the hunt's service for the disposal of fallen stock. Let us hope that the dedicated band of supporters and hunt servants will continue to preserve the countryside that we are privileged to live in, for many years to come.

The NOAD family

DECEMBER BIRD NEWS

Not a lot to report, probably due to the unseasonably mild weather. A flock of 180 wood pigeons was notable early in the month, as was a concentration of 20 mallard. Herons and moorhens seem to be present in good numbers and an overflying female sparrowhawk was a

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pleasing sighting. Later in the month around 30 fieldfare were present, feeding with starlings and a similar number of lapwings.

I have received, and am very grateful for, reports of a sizeable party of long tailed tits and a grey wagtail. Both of these species are insect feeders and will doubtless have appreciated the prevailing mild conditions.

On the 17th I noted two buzzards trying to escape the unwelcome attention of the resident crows.

Please continue to report sightings on Yatton 835208 or via Ray NAISH. Many thanks.

Trevor RIDDLE.

GARDEN BIRD SIGHTING

How common is it for greater spotted woodpeckers to visit a bird table? On the 10th December we noted a greater spotted woodpecker feeding at our bird table along with the tits and greenfinches. He came regularly for about a week, several times a day but has now gone elsewhere.

LITTLE BERTIE'S HEARINGS

The following poem was learnt off by heart by Mrs Cedella TILEY when she was a young girl attending Kern School. It has recently come to light and Mrs TILEY has submitted it for the enjoyment of others.

Sometimes when I'm playing
With some fellows that I know,
My Ma she comes to call me
Cos she wants me I suppose.
And when she calls me in this way,
"Bertie, Bertie, Dear Bertie"
You'd be surprised to notice, How
dreadful deaf I be.

And the fellows that I'm playing with
They keep awfully still
While they tell me just in whispers
"Your Ma's calling Bert"
But my hearing don't get better as far as
I can see
While my Ma stands there a- calling
"Bertie, Bertie, Dear Bertie."

And soon my Ma she gives it up and says
"Well I'll allow it's mighty curious where
that boy has got to anyhow."
Then I just keep on playing, the way I
was before
I know if she was wanting much she'd
call to me some more
But soon my Ma she comes again and
calls
"Bertie, Bertie, Dear Bertie."

But my hearings just as hard as it used to
be

. If a fellow got good judgement
And uses it that way,
He can almost always manage to get
considerable play
But just when I'm playing and probably
I'm it,
There's something different happens, I
have to up and go
For my Pa comes to the doorway and he
interrupts our glee
He just says "Bertram Jones" and that's
enough for me.

You'd be surprised how quickly I can
hear when my Pa says "Bertram Jones"
But never "Bertie Dear"
For though my hearings middling bad to
hear the voice of Ma
It's apt to know improvement when the
callin comes from Pa.

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POEMS PAGE

Mrs McCULLY appears to have had further thoughts about her poem last month. As the target, I thought it was rather good and felt moved to respond. So, side by side our poems.

FURTHER THOUGHTS

Hello out there, its me again
You know - the Kern tub Lady.
In all my haste to state my name
I have behave quite badly.
It seems that I just criticised -
I really am so sorry -
I DO appreciate the time,
The sweat, the toil, the worry
That all of you at "News and Views"
Put in to keep it going.
It makes us Kennites very proud
With all you have been doing.
The gossip, articles, events,
So skillfully blended,
The quizzes, info and the news -
It really is so splendid
To all of you who do all this,
The Eds, both big(ger) and small,
The typist and the printer,
I thank you one and all.
And as you go about this task
That brings us all such cheer,
I'd like to wish all you and yours
A very Happy Year.

(And a very Happy 1995 to everybody
else that I couldn't fit into thyme. Keep
up the good work!

THOUGHTS FROM THREE FINGERS

Dear Mrs McScurrie,
I appreciate your worry
About giving you a fungible name
Although your poem was so funny
And it made me feel sunny,
The typists not always to blame.
Some contributors idiosyncratic
command
Of the grammar correct in this land
Makes typing a difficult game
But in future when typing your name
I will try always to spell it the same
McCULLY, Mc CULLY, McCULLY

TYPIST'S JOKE

I saw this joke in the office and have
modified it for me.

I only type this mag because:
I'm too old for a paper round;
Too young for a pension; and
Too lazy for an affair!!

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**Wishes a prosperous and tolerant 1995 to all our
readers**


Caring
at Christmas

ROSEMEAD FARM
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20th December 1994

Dear Mrs. Gaunt,

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Keen Carol Singers up very much for the cheque of £25 for the work of Caring at Christmas.

As I am sure you are already aware, together with the Julian Trust, we are in the process of converting two warehouses into a permanent Night Shelter. The roof has been completely re-newed and the shower block is ready for Christmas.

After that we shall be concentrating on installing a ventilation system, kitchen and laundry.

With best wishes and many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



Christopher Stevens
Clerk to the Trustees

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20th December 1994

Thank you all very, very much for your absolutely wonderful cheques for Children's Hospice South West raised through The Keen Fun Run and Village Fair earlier this year.

With the earlier cheque, received in October, the grand total raised for the charity was £1905.621 (Nineteen hundred and five and 62/100ths) I am thrilled and (as I think I have said to you before) amazed at the generosity of the villagers, for there cannot be very many of you. Thank you for all your hard work and for choosing us as the charity to support this year.

In the coming six months exciting developments will take place for us. The builders should be off site at Little BRidge House by the end of February and for the following three months a series of Open Days will take place, so that folk from all over the region can come and see what they have helped to create. If any of you would like to visit, please let me know and I shall be delighted to arrange it. During this period too, the staff will be appointed. Then in July the first children and their families will come to stay; already many preliminary referrals have been made.

Without the help of people like you this project would not have been possible.

I cannot think of any more ways to say 'Thank you'. I shall keep you informed of progress and hope to see you at Little BRidge House!

Happy Christmas to you all.

+ much love

