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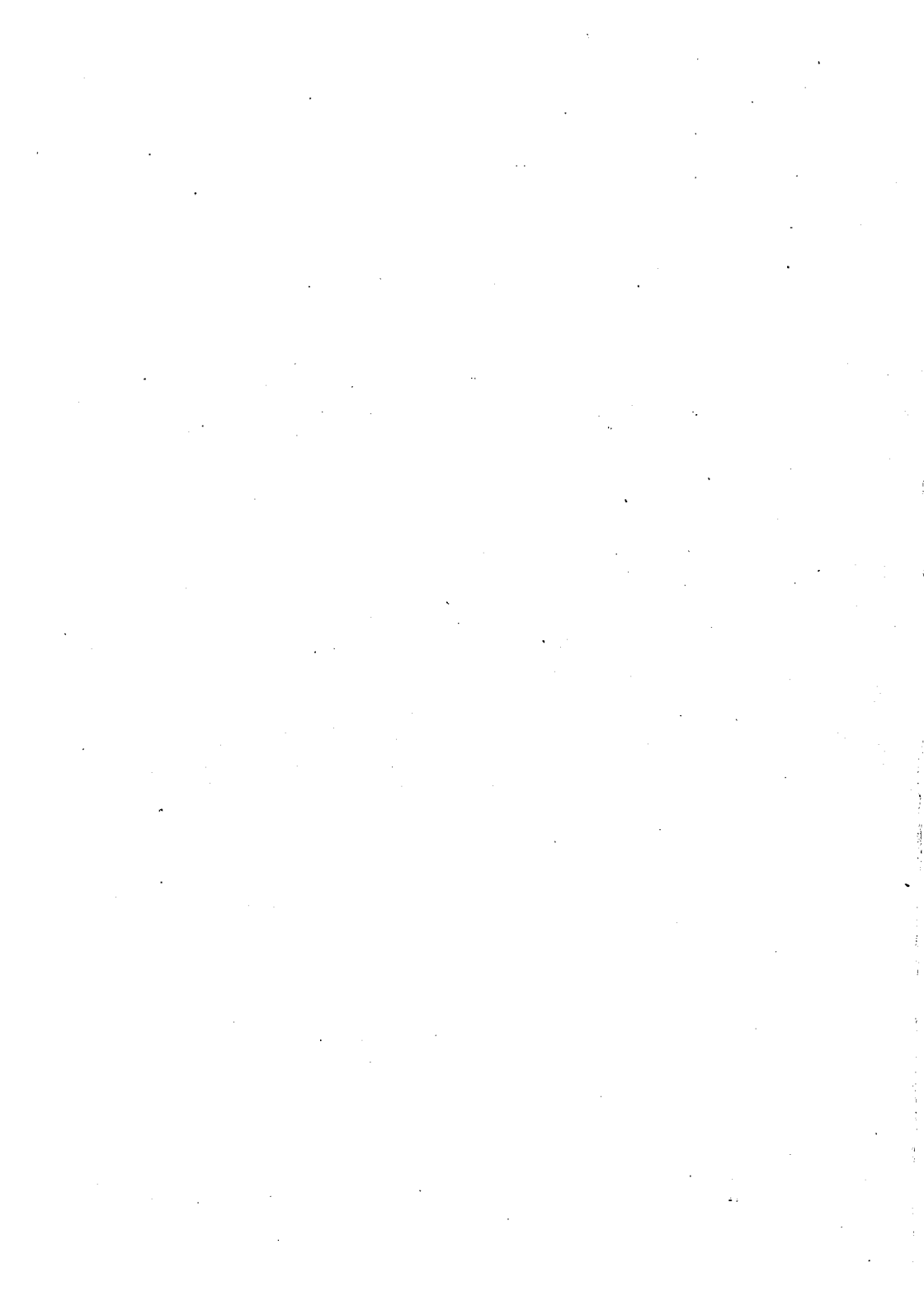
St Mary's Yatton, 1880

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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

Happy New Year to you all, may it be healthy, happy and prosperous.

Please remember to send us your articles for inclusion in the magazine by the 20th of each month. (TYPIST'S PLEA - Editor please note that date. Those articles which did not reach me until the 27th of December will appear next month.

BIRTHDAYS

4th Gfna STOWELL

11th George NOAD

14th Rebecca BRAIN

16th Fred FENWICK

17th Clare DYER

24th Three FINGERS

NAISH'S NOTES

Mrs Julie STOWELL and Mr Dave PUGH are home from hospital - we wish them both well. Dave PUGH would like us to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls etc whilst he was in hospital.

Many thanks for the kind gifts given to Richard and myself at the Senior Citizen's Tea Party. We are always pleased that you all enjoy the magazine. I have purchased a light up, moveable Father Christmas with my money which has stood in my grate all over Christmas - a very cheerful chap.

The Christmas Disco was a roaring success. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Derek WALL at Kenn Valley for their excellent bar, to Mr John HAZELL for the great music and to you all for making it really swing. The proceeds of over £380 will be winging its way to the MS Centre, Nailsea.

Our Christmas tree lights were a wonderful sight all over Christmas. I love seeing them as you drive through the village.

My dad is recovering slowly following his

operation. Thanks for all your good wishes, it has been a worrying time but we're glad it's all over now.

Miles was picking field mushrooms right up until December 2nd! Is this a record?

Don't forget that I'm still collecting postage stamps for Cot Death Research. Thanks for those I've been given already.

TYPIST'S THANKS

This month I have two thank yous. Firstly, to all the readers for the bottles of wine - you obviously know how to appeal to my better side. And such taste in wine too! Thank you all very much. Secondly, to Ray NAISH for trusting me with the 1880 photograph of St. Mary's that adorns the front cover and to John RUF-FLE for scanning in and improving the image.

SNIPPETS

POPPY DAY

Poppies sold at Kenn Post Office raised £60 - 57p.

HALL CLEANING

Sincere thanks to the three volunteers who gave the Village Hall an extra clean.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction organised by the Hall Committee on November 25th in aid of hall funds raised £495. The committee wish to thank those who helped, gave lots to be sold, came and opened their purses to support the event which proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

INVALIDS

Mrs Juliet STOWELL and Mr David PUGH have had operations in Bristol hospitals. We are pleased to know that they are both making good progress and will be able to spend Christmas in Kenn.

Mr WATKINS continues to make progress and hopes to be home for Christmas.

BEREAVEMENT

Mrs WELLS, mother of Mrs GLASSON, passed away at Kenn Pier on November 27th. Her funeral took place in Kenn Church con-

ducted by the Reverend Avril GAUNT on December 11th, another first for Kenn.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs GLASSON and her family in their loss. Our flag was flown at half mast on both days.

KEEP FIT

Keep Fit classes in Kenn Village Hall will resume on Thursday 4th January at 7-30pm. Full particulars from Mrs CURWOOD on 01934 832207.

COLOURS

Congratulations to Duncan MACKAY on being awarded his colours for rugby - well done.

QUIZ

The Quiz date has had to be changed. The Quiz will now be held on **Friday 19th January 1996 at 8pm**. The price remains £5 per table or £14 with the fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks. Names please to Sheila, Tel: 01934 838357.

NORTH SOMERSET CAROL SERVICE

The North Somerset Agricultural Society Carol Service was held in Kenn for the first time. Some hundred members were welcomed by the Rev John CRUSE to the beautifully decorated church. Mrs Mary HOLMES was the organist. During the service Mary and John JAGGARD and Gillian and Roger TRIGGOL sang "In the Bleak Midwinter" and "Epiphany Carol" and soloist Roger TRIGGOL sang "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" from Handel's Messiah, and "O Holy Night".

After the service the congregation moved to Kenn Court for mince pies and coffee. The collection, £180, will be divided between The Friends of Kenn Church and the Multiple Sclerosis unit at Nailsea.

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Some fifty Kennites gathered on the 16th December despite the biting wind to see our Christmas Lights switched on by the Rev Avril GAUNT. For the first time music played by Mindy PINDER, Colin GOLDING-ELLIS and his friend Andrew from Essex accompanied the singing of well-known carols. A collection for

the Children's Society raised £37. After the singing the company were invited to the Gaunt's' home for mulled wine and mince pies. Our sincere thanks to them for allowing us to use their electricity, to the Parish Council who sponsored the wine, to those who provided the mince pies, printed the carol sheets, erected the tree, played the music, and helped to make the evening so very worthwhile.

GIFTS

As is our custom in Kenn, we like to say a warm thank you to those stalwarts who type, edit and print our News and Views each month. At the Senior Citizens' Tea Party, Sheila, our editor, received a money gift as did Kate who help edit the first six months. To Richard, our typist, we gave bottles of wine and to Margaret our indefatigable printer a bouquet of flowers for Christmas. We also say thank you to those who deliver News and Views.

CHRISTMAS IN KENN 1995

This Christmas in Kenn events have been arranged for every age group.

We started with the Silent Auction to be followed by the Senior Citizens' Party kindly arranged by the golden girls, then the WI Christmas meeting, the North Somerset Agricultural Society Carol service, the lights and carols on the village green, the Carol Service in Church, a Coffee Morning at The Limes, the Christmas Disco and finally the Children's Christmas Party. We are indeed blessed to live in Kenn.

DIARY DATES

Thursday January 4th. Keep Fit class at 7-30.

Wednesday January 10th. Kenn WI at 7-30. Mr Robert EDWARDS will speak on "A Country Butcher in the 1890s". Competition will be "A Slogan for British Meat"

Friday January 19th. Quiz at 8pm.

RMD

THANKS

Sam and I wish to say thank you for the beautiful box of chocolates we received at the

Senior Citizens' Tea Party. We are always pleased to help wherever and whenever we can.

RM DYER

THE PARTY

Kenn Village Party Committee entertained around 50 people at a Tea Party on December 5th in the village hall.

After a splendid tea provided by ladies from the village, the guests were entertained by the church choir who sang some less well known carols. This was followed by well known carols so everyone could join in. There was a free draw with numerous prizes. Before leaving each guest was given a small Christmas present making it a very pleasant afternoon and much enjoyed by the members of the Party Committee and their helpers. Some of the guests only meet each other at this annual party and one lady who is a newcomer to the village and attending her first party, commented how nice it was to see people really enjoying themselves in the company of old friends who they obviously don't get the chance to talk to very often.

To sum it up in a time honoured phrase "A good time was had by all".

RVN

THANKS

Dear Sheila,

Please make room in the village mag for my thank you letter to all the kind helpers who arranged the Tea Party for me and my 47 friends. We did enjoy it as always. The keyboard singing was very good. So good to meet old friends again.

Best wishes to you and your mag,

Grannie GRIFFIN

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Jo BATTEN of "The Old Ox House", Kenn Street organised this year's party. It was a great success. About 25 young children had a wonderful afternoon. They were entertained to a

puppet show followed by a tea party arranged by Jo and her helpers.

Later in the afternoon, Santa Claus arrived and he had a present in his bag for each child. Everyone including mums and dads and grandparents had a very pleasant afternoon. Many thanks to Jo and her helpers, and to Santa Claus who did a grand job.

KENN CHRISTINGLE

The Kenn Christingle held on the 3rd December raised £45-10p. Thank you to all who contributed.

ALTAR GUILD - JANUARY

Miss Lucy BAKER and Mrs Mary WILCOX.

TEA AND CHAT

This month Tea and Chat will be held one week later than usual as the vicar will be away during the third week of January. Our hosts on Thursday 25th January will be Margaret and Maurice FORD of The Old School, Kenn Street. As usual all are welcome from 2-30 to 4pm.

WALTER NEATH

Walter NEATH has asked me to record in the mag how much he enjoyed the Senior Citizens' Tea Party on Wednesday 6th December. He says the refreshments were really excellent and it was good to chat with Kenn friends again. Walter says a special thank you to those who looked after him during the afternoon.

He told me that he has settled into "Cleeve Court Nursing Home" and he's putting weight back on and his walking has improved too.

It was good to have his company at the party and we wish him well.

KENN HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Monday January 15th, 7-30pm at "The Granary" when Mr Martin JOHNSON will talk to us on "West Country Churches".

You are very welcome to join us for an interesting evening.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In welcoming members to the December meeting of the Kenn W.I. Mrs. Dyer said that she had two pleasant duties to perform, the first was to present Mrs Megan Harris with a golden rose bush on the occasion of her Golden Wedding Anniversary and the second to welcome Mrs. Hackett as a new member of the W.I. Best wishes were sent to several members who have been unwell and also to Mrs. Julie Stowell who frequently acts as one of our tellers and has just had an operation.

The Flower Demonstration in November had been a very successful occasion and much enjoyed by everyone. A demonstrator has been booked for a similar event in November 1996. Sadly Kenn was pipped at the post in the first round of the skittles tournament. It is hoped, however, to arrange some social skittles evenings in the New Year to keep the team in practice.

The Christmas Post Box did brisk business with members exchanging cards and presents. Contributions in lieu of postage were given towards the Association of the Country Women of the World. The chosen charity for 1996 is Clevedon Hospital.

In January Mr. Robert Edwards will talk on a country butcher in the 1890's. The competition will, topically, be a slogan for British meat.

Members were splendidly entertained by Doreen Williams and her ensemble of singers who sang both popular ballads and Christmas songs. The competition for a Christmas Tree decoration was won by Mrs. Ings, gold, Mrs. Prew, silver and Mrs. Mann, green. The evening ended on a festive note with mince pies and good wishes to everyone for a Very Happy Christmas and New

MRS PHYLLIS WELLS

Mrs WELLS passed away quite suddenly a few weeks ago. She had been living at Riverside, Kenn Pier for several years with her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and David GLASSON.

Mrs WELLS moved to Keen from Cobham when her health began to deteriorate and al-

though often in pain and discomfort, she remained a very cheerful person and a pleasure to know.

During her lifetime, Mrs WELLS had been a member of the WI and had sung in their choirs around her own town and in Guildford Cathedral. She had also been a member of the British Legion.

Since living in Kenn, she enjoyed attending church services, especially when young people were involved and attending the Christmas Party.

Mrs WELLS' husband Charles died some years ago before she came to Kenn. She is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Brenda and David have done a great job in looking after Mrs WELLS during her illness and she had told me how much she appreciated all they had done for her.

The funeral service was held in Kenn Church and was attended by many members of her family and members of Kenn WI. The service was conducted by Revd. Avril GAUNT who had visited Mrs WELLS in her home prior to her death.

Those of us who know Brenda and her family wish to express our sympathy to them at this sad time.

BIRD NEWS

Winter has at last made its mark, and since the onset of cold easterly winds, lots of Lapwings have been evident, heading South. A large flock near Congresbury had as consorts about 50 Golden plover, a species generally associated with hard winters in this area. However, to date, there does not seem to have been any noticeable influx of Fieldfares and Redwings.

Along the sea wall, one visit produced three of our falcon species in Kestrel, Merlin and Peregrine. Our other falcon, the Hobby, is a summer visitor. There seem to be more Merlins than usual this winter with various reports including four at Steart Bay.

Equally impressive were two large flocks of Dunlin wheeling over the sea wall. The maximum count has been a staggering 9 000! There

were good numbers of Redshanks and Curlew, whilst the Wigeon flock was also building up.

Kenn Moor produced four Bewick's swans flying over, just after last month's notes had gone to press.

Blackcaps have paid occasional visits to our garden, and if the cold weather continues it will be interesting to see if we notice more unlikely birds in the village.

PS A brief visit to Kenn Moor on a damp 17th December produced Kingfisher, Grey wagtail, Stonechat, Kestrel, Teal (2), Snipe and at least a few Redwings and Fieldfares.

Trevor RIDDLE

