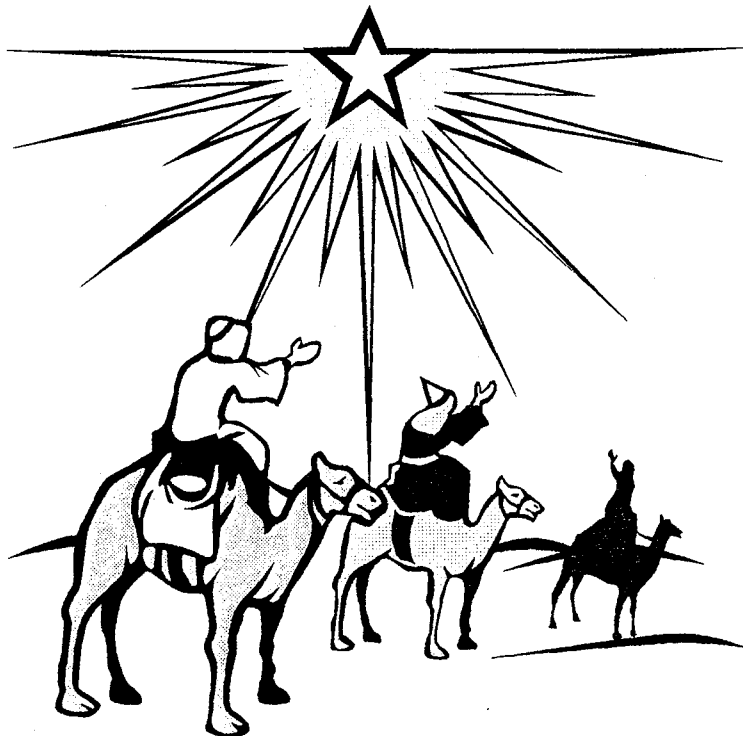


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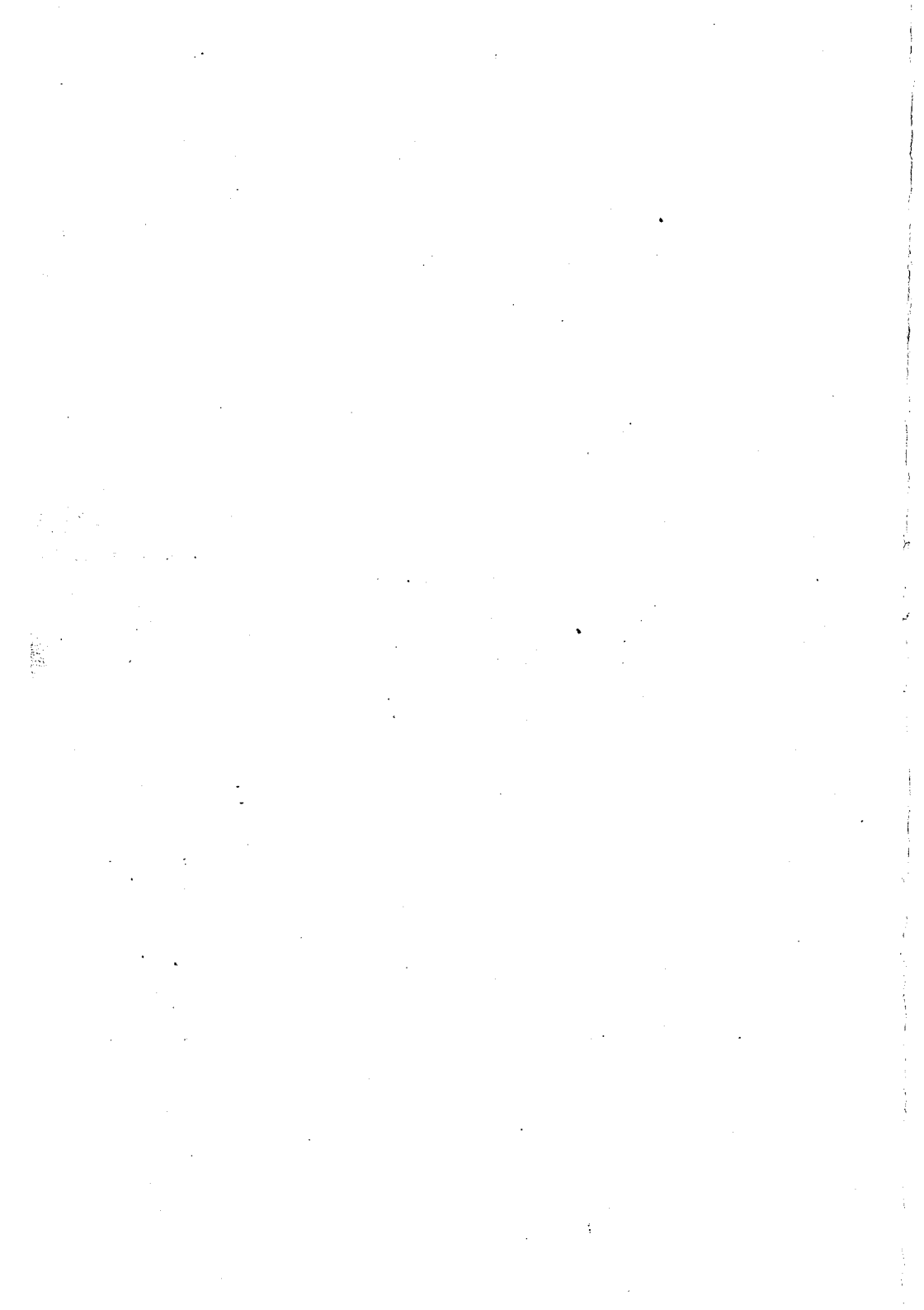
Merry Xmas
& A Happy New Year

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BIRTHDAYS ETC

2nd	Alex Gaunt
4th	Sally Whitehead Roger Jenkins
5th	Gerry Naish Chris Wall (18)
10th	Louise Pugh Tom Clark
23rd	Richard & Avril Gaunt W.A
24th	Shirley Wall

MESSAGE FROM ED

On behalf of the team I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
New Year's resolution - write to Kenn News & Views.

DIARY DATE ALTERATION

The Kenn Children's Christmas party will now be held on Sunday 21st December, 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

This party is not only for Kenn Children, but for the children and grandchildren of Kenn folk - for further information contact Jo Batten on 01275 878782.

KENN VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB

Over the Christmas period we will be holding the following events:

Christmas Eve - 7.00pm - 12.30pm
Christmas Party Night.

Christmas Day - 11.30am - 1.30pm
Lunchtime drinks with all the family (wear your worst Christmas present)

Boxing Day - 12.00 noon - 1.00pm
A day to build up slowly with a drink or two with family and friends prior to an "All Ages Disco Party", early evening until close.

New Years Eve - 7.30pm - 12.30pm
Our biggest party night of the year - for all the family (optional fancy dress).

We are aiming to run a coach from Clevedon and Yatton, picking up at all points on the route.

Tickets for New Year's Eve are free with a small charge for anyone wishing to take advantage of our coach service.

There is no need to book in advance for any of the above events (with the exception of the coach). Simply turn up and have a good time.

So don't worry if you have relatives or friends visiting, simply bring them along with you and join in the fun.

For more information phone Derek or Shirley on (01934) 832086.

CHILDREN IN NEED - PARTY FOR PUDSEY

There will be a fun quiz night to raise money for Children in Need on Wednesday 3rd December at 8.30pm. £1 per person entrance fee.

This will be at Kenn Valley Social Club. Waitress bar service.
Wear a teddy badge, dress as a teddy bear or bring your bear.
Come along and enjoy the fun! Details from Sheila 838357 or Kenn Valley Social Club 832086.

Raffle Prizes Needed.

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KENN VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS DISCO PARTY

Tickets for our annual Christmas Disco are now on sale, price £3 from Sheila, Heather Jenkins or Kenn Shop!

Fancy dress optional! Please try and arrive by 9.30pm at the latest as it makes the evening swinging a lot earlier!

Raffle prizes gratefully received. As usual, money raised will be given to our friends at the M.S Centre, Nailsea.

Be there **Saturday 13th December, 8pm - 12 midnight.**

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful. What a dreadful looking lot we were.

Master George Noad was brought in for a look at us as he'd never been to a Halloween party and his confused face said it all -

Did that man really have a dagger through his neck?

Why was he green???

I hope George isn't having nightmares.

Over £250 was raised to help buy software for Jamie. Well done and thank you.

SNIPPETS

PLOUGHMANS SUPPER

Some sixty Kennites and their friends enjoyed a Ploughmans Supper on November 8th and raised £359 for Hall Funds.

The evening produced a brain stretching competition involving Town names, a turkey weight guessing which was won by Mrs Barbara Middleton and finally those present were invited to buy raffle tickets for some eighteen desirable prizes all of which had been donated. A Ploughmans Supper was much appreciated.

To everyone who supported the evening a warm thank you.

REMEMBRANCE

We flew our flag on Remembrance Day on November 11th to remember all those men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars. Let us always remember they gave their lives for our freedom.

BIRTHDAY

November 14th we flew our flag to celebrate the birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

ROYAL SILVER WEDDING

November 20th we flew our flag to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of our Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. We wish them many more happy years together.

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RICHARD'S RAILWAYS

Kenn Post Office now has a large number of models for Railway enthusiasts including models and accessories by well known makes including Hornby, Backmann, Graham Farish Lima, Dapol and Peco. Richard's display is well worth a visit.

KENN CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN

Bring your torches to see Kenn Christmas Tree lights switched on Friday December 19th at 7pm.

The company will be invited to join in the carol singing followed by mincepies and mulled wine.

A collection for the Children's Society will be taken.

Offers of mincepies please to Marianna at Church Path Cottage.

Ruth Dyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN DECEMBER:

Monday 1st December 7.30 pm - Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd December Christmas Tea Party, 3pm.

Friday 19th December - 7 pm Christmas Tree Lights and Carol Singing on Village Green

Sunday 21st December
Kenn Children's Party, 3.30 - 5.30 pm

Saturday December 13th
Christmas Disco at Kenn Village Hall
8 pm - Midnight

Monday Evenings
(except December 1st)
Keep Fit, 7.45pm. with Jacqui Curwen

Tuesday Evenings Dog Training.

Thursday Evenings
Keep Fit, 8pm with Sue.

9th January, 1998 - Friends of Kenn Church - QUIZ NIGHT at the Village Hall - Fish and Chip Supper - more details next month.

EVA FLORENCE GLASSON

My mother Eva Glasson passed away on Sunday 16th November in the Belmont House Nursing Home in Clevedon, aged 89.

She had been living with us until recently at Riverside Cottage, Kenn Pier since 1980.

Many Kenn people will remember her and husband Henry together with daughter-in-law Brenda running our Post Office/Shop during the 1970's.

Eva enjoyed going to the Christmas parties for Senior Citizen's and meeting the Kenn folk who had been her previous customers.

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KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October meeting of the Kenn W.I members signed a beautifully hand embroidered card which will be sent to the Queen on the occasion of her Golden Wedding Anniversary. The card was made by an ex-member of the Institute who is now prevented by ill health from attending the meetings.

The speaker, Mrs. Shrimanker, demonstrated the art of wearing a sari. She brought some beautiful examples to show us made from delicate and colourful fabrics and two members acted as models. They looked very elegant and said how comfortable the sari is to wear. Mrs Shrimanker answered the very many questions that members had and the evening was much enjoyed by everyone.

The Birthday Party at Walnut Tree Farm had been a complete success and we are now looking forward to the Flower Demonstration in the Village Hall on 26th November. All are welcome.

Reports were given of the EGM in Weston-super-Mare and the Group Meeting hosted by Walton in Gordano.

Two members had also been to a very interesting meeting on animal welfare.

It has been a very busy month.

At the Annual General Meeting which followed Ann Holtham was re-elected President. She thanked the tellers, Mrs Kent and Mrs Griffin.

The December Meeting will be a social evening and we hope to

welcome guests from other Institutes. Friends will also be welcome.

The Christmas postbox will be available and members are asked to make a donation to ACWW in lieu of postage.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

"WHEN I AM AN OLD WOMAN"

I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't suit me
And I shall spend my pension on
brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no
money for butter.

I shall sit down on the pavement when
I am tired
And gobble up samples in shops and
press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public
railings.

And make up for the sobriety of my
youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other peoples
gardens
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow
fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a
go
Or only bread and pickle for a week

And hoard pens and pencils and
beermats and things in boxes.

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But now we must have clothes that
keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the
street

And set a good example for the
children,
We will have friends to dinner and
read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little
now?
So people who know me are not too
shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to
wear purple.

SARAH GRIFFIN RUNS IN THE NEW YORK MARATHON

"Brave efforts on a beastly day"
New York Times.

I set out from my friend's apartment in
Manhattan on foot at 6.00am Sunday,
2nd November clutching my carrier
bag containing snacks and extra
clothes - after 5 months of training I
was about in the New York City
Marathon.

The streets of central New York were
deserted apart from a few yellow cabs
and the ever present police car siren.

The 30,500 runners were shipped out
to Staten Island by the bus load. I
realised after approximately one hour
on the bus that the next time I made
that journey would be on foot!

The start area resembled a refugee
camp with bodies huddled under
canopies, some curled up in sleeping
bags, others wrapped in plastic sheets.

At 10.35am the start cannon sounded
on the Verrazano Bridge, the cheers
went up - we were off! We soon
entered Brooklyn with its 2,300,000
population, and spent 12 miles of the
race there. The atmosphere was quite
incredible. We were spurred on by
reggae bands, gospel choirs, children
holding out their hands to be slapped,
banners waving in the wind, and a
huge cheering crowd of all
nationalities.

The weather forecast had predicted a
70% chance of rain and as I reached
the 13 mile mark, the heavens opened.
As a fellow runner said at this point
"OK, let's wrap this one up".

Leaving Brooklyn we passed through
Williamsburg with the world's largest
Hasidic Jew population, a total
contrast to the earlier scene. The
spectators watched us in stoney-faced
silence and bewilderment - a sea of
bowler hats and long frock coats. After
Queen's we entered Manhattan,
through Spanish Harlem and then into
the Bronx.

I was fascinated by all the different
communities and realised the privilege
of safely entering areas of New York
that few would dare venture into.
However, today the streets of New
York were crime free and united in the
celebration of this wonderful event. As
the course neared its end we pounded
down Fifth Avenue surrounded by the
skyscraper buildings that this city is so
famous for.

My boyfriend and New York living
girlfriend were standing at miles 17
and 24 which gave me a huge boost.

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However, having written my name on the front of my T-shirt I had no shortage of words of encouragement - a dollar for every "Go Sarah" and I'd be a very rich woman!

I crossed the finish line in Central Park 4 hours, 2 minutes and 32 seconds, and 26.2 miles later. The winning runner was a Kenyan who sprinted across the finish in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 12 seconds.

Abraham Weintraub, aged 87 crossed the line in 6 hours, 20 minutes and 5 seconds, and the list goes on.

I will never forget the 2nd November 1997 - the people in wheelchairs, the person on crutches with only one leg, 30,500 people from all corners of the world achieving a personal goal, and not forgetting all those who turned out in the awful weather conditions to spur us on.

The winner of the women's 70 - 79 age group was Angela Twigg, aged 79 from England in 3 hours, 50 minutes - now there's a challenge for you one day Sarah!

I am delighted to say that I have raised £1,700 for "Whizz Kidz" a charity for immobilised children - this money will buy a wheelchair.

If you've ever dreamed of running a marathon - Go For It!!!!

Christmas 1997 - Altar Guild

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

December Rota -

Week 1 - 7th December

- Mrs J. Fenwick
Mrs J. Pascoe

Week 2 - 14th December

- Mrs R. Bell
Mrs G. Griffin

Week 3 - 21st December

- Mrs J. Staples
Mrs H. Jenkins
Mrs M. Stowell

Week 4 - 25th - 28th December

Christmas
- Mrs M. Mackay
Mrs S. Clark

Carol Service Sunday 21st December

Would ladies please decorate the church for that weekend.

Any problems, please get in touch with Jean or Iris.

Many thanks to everyone.

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Christmas Church Services

Sunday 7th December
11 am Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December
6 pm Carols and Readings

Christmas Day
11 am Family Communion

Saturday 27th - St. John the Evangelist
11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December
8 am Holy Communion
6 pm Evensong

Remembrance Sunday

As has been the custom on Remembrance Sunday at Kenn Church for many years there has been an act of remembrance held during the morning service.

The names of the three men from Kenn who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918 were read out and two minutes of silence observed. They were Arthur Gale, Anthony Marchant and William Vickery. Thanksgiving that all the men from Kenn who served in the Second World War 1939-1945 returned home safely was expressed.

Lance Corporal Arthur Gale lost his life in the Middle East in 1917. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Archie Gale of Russ Farm, Kenn (now The Orchards). He like many other young men at that time had put on his age to join the army. He had been reported missing for a very long time before being presumed dead.

His family could never find out the exact circumstances of his death until the war finished, when an army colleague of his came of see Mr and Mrs. Gale. He was Victor (Doller) Coles of Clevedon, he told them that he was with Arthur when he was killed. They were in the Gloster Regiment.

Anthony Marchant had been brought up by Miss Aggie Bailey and her father George, they lived in "Church Path Cottage". Miss Bailey had travelled to Bristol about a 100 years ago, she went to an orphanage and offered Anthony a home which people could do in those days.

He attended Kenn School and was a member of the Church Choir. The late Wally Moore had a photo of the members of Kenn Church Choir taken in the early years of this century. In the front row was a small very fair haired boy, Wally told me that he was Anthony Marchant.

It is thought that Anthony was a soldier in the Somerset Light Infantry and was killed in France, probably only a teenager. There are still a few of us in Kenn who can remember Aggie Bailey and her father George. Unfortunately, I can find nothing about William Vickery - are they any readers of this magazine who can tell me anything about him.

Ray Naish

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Eva Glasson

People from this village who can remember Mrs. Eva Glasson were sorry to hear of her death on Sunday 16th November. For many years Mrs. Glasson with her late husband and family ran Kenn Post Office and Stores. She will be remembered as a very friendly and helpful person.

On their retirement the Glasson family moved to "Riverside" Kenn Pier. Mrs. Glasson had been in poor health for several months and passed away in a Clevedon Nursing home aged 89.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to her son David, daughter-in-law Brenda and their family. David and Brenda had looked after Mrs Glasson wonderfully during the last years of her life.

Ray Naish.

Bird News

I have received reports of a Barn Owl roosting in the Nailsea Wall area and I should be grateful if any sightings could be reported to me please (01934 835208).

Many tits are being attracted to our new sunflower seed dispenser (made from 2 lemonade bottles) with Blue, Great and Coal all visiting regularly.

Greenfinches have been feeding on the spilt seed and all of a sudden winter activity seems to have started.

Please write in or let me know about birds visiting your garden., Are there any Siskins yet ? Do please let me

know if you see a Tree Sparrow in your garden.

On the moors there seem to be plenty of Kestrels - they must have enjoyed a successful breeding season despite the wet midsummer weather.

Trevor Riddle.

Kenn History Group

The Kenn History group were treated to a delightful nostalgic evening given by Mary McEwen-Smith, a retired Tickenham farmer.

Mary, however, originated from Bootle near Liverpool and came to the area as a Land Girl. Her talk of her earlier life was fascinating, but all the more enjoyable by the shared reminiscences of some of the members of the group.

Mary took 10 hours to travel from Bootle to Steamboat Farm near Pilton to learn the skills of a land girl. On her arrival she had chosen to be a dairymaid, but she soon realised that cows were not much fun.

With a 5.30 am start and very poor instruction, milking was no easy task. She did however develop an excellent skill at being at the wrong end of the cow at the wrong time.

After one month of trying to milk these 25 cows she knew this was not for her, but as for sterilizing the milking bit, she was brilliant !

Having completed her training she was a fully qualified dairymaid - officially!

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and was sent to work at Lady Wraxall's farm. Tyntesfield.

In 1942, this farm was one of the most modern where money was no object. Mary, as a townie, did not appreciate this fully until much later.

Mary was collected from Flax Bourton station by a chauffeur driven car, the car was amazing, speaking tube, drop down trays, flowers in a vase.

She arrived at Home Farm, to start her life as a dairymaid. This farm had a milking machine - Great, thought Mary, they don't need to know I can't milk - Technology in those days did not take account of the huge variations of cow size, therefore Mary had to show her skills - or lack of them. After a few days the exasperated farmer Mr. Brimble ordered her to work with the pigs. Mary ran most distressed to the farmers wife crying "He wants me to milk the pigs"

Mary loved the pigs, she also had responsibility for feeding the bull. He was meant to eat mangolds whilst she cleaned the pen. He escaped, trotted off down the road, careering into the egg house, sending eggs everywhere.

Mary learned many farm skills, many forgotten in today's modern farming world. However she never really got to grips with sheep. On her first day working with sheep, Mary was meant to walk up the field and round them up. Instead, full of enthusiasm and energy she sent them running in every direction, taking most of the day to collect them.

Mary met her husband Eric at the Young Farmers' Club, they settled in Tickenham and became cattle farmers!

Mary's talk was imaginative, funny and delivered with such enthusiasm that her final passing comment was tinged with sadness. The land girls and indeed the Bevan boys, were the forgotten people from the war, given no recognition, no medal and just a few coupons for the returned uniform.

It seems sad to me that the government could not give these people the status they richly deserved. All people were affected by the war, few people had a "good war" but that the memory of no recognition and no thanks should still affect land girls and Bevan boys some 50 years later is a terrible and cruel oversight.

The Kenn History Group would very much like to thank Mary McEwen-Smith for a fun and informative evening.

Mandy Boyle

Julia and Chris Cloke
The Old Forge

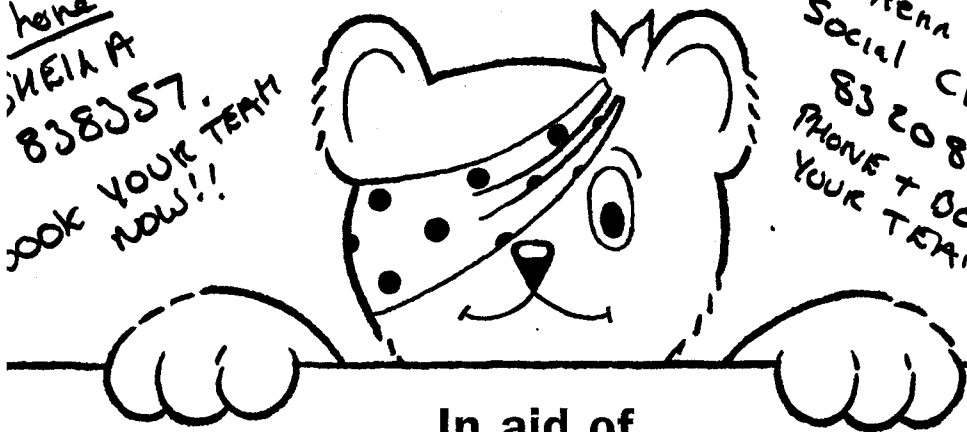
Dear Madam,
Chris and I would like to thank everyone in the village for welcoming us so warmly into the community. As you probably know, I am fighting cancer, and so we cannot, at the moment fully participate in the life of the village. However we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Cloke

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