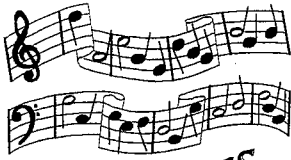
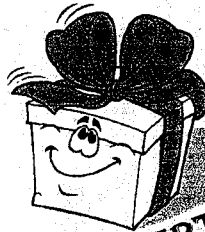


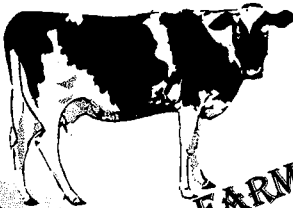
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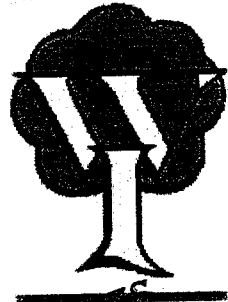
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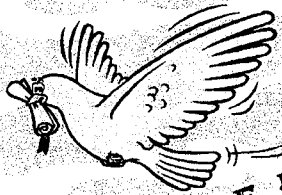
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 1st Tim Taylor (21st)
2nd Katy Stowell
4th Bethany Stowell
11th Alexis Papasolomontos
14th Gladys Denmead (90th)
Richard Dyer
16th Marianna Mackay
17th Jeff Naish
25th James Griffin
27th Jenny Pascoe

Thanks

Belated, but sincere thanks to Simon Pascoe who provides our Front Covers each month.

Advance Notices

Wednesday 20th December,
Children's Christmas Tea Party
at Kenn Village Hall.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th February 7.30 pm
Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Parish
Council Meeting - all welcome

Wednesday 9th February 7.30 pm -
Kenn W.I. meet at Kenn Village Hall -
Speaker Mr David Smale, Norfolk
Lavender.
Competition a Lavender Bag.

Wednesday 23rd February 2.00 pm
at Kenn Village Hall
JUMBLE SALE
Proceeds to Village Christmas Parties
Help and Jumble needed

Friday 25th February 7.30 for 8 pm
at Kenn Village Hall
QUIZ
for Hall Funds.

Message from the Editor

Thank you to the keen reader who pointed out that 'phone numbers are not on the cover. This has now been rectified - so there is no excuse for not contacting us with your snippets and articles.

Well January has come and gone and we're heavily into lambing now. Christmas seems to have been ages ago - the weeks seem to fly by. The flu bug has hit just about everyone now, let's hope that we can look forward to February bug free.

We have sadly been faced with the loss of one of our boys' "mates" who at the age of 20 died of meningitis. This terrible disease struck him down on a Saturday and he died on the Monday. Meningitis in either form is a very frightening illness because it is so quick in taking hold and it can be too late if action is not taken immediately.

We have asked the Meningitis Research Trust for leaflets and should have pocket sized cards to give out shortly with lists of symptoms to look for.

If anyone wants one or wishes to take some to Schools or Youth Clubs let me know.

Awareness is the Key

Sheila

Some people moan that they never get what is due to the - They should be glad they don't!!

No man can be happy without a friend nor be sure of him until he is unhappy.

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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Celebration 2000 at Kenn

William Jeffries' bell, cast in his Bristol foundry in 1815 for St. John's Church, Kenn was put to good use on New Year's Day 2000 for the "Celebration 2000" ringing.

The Open Churches Trust had requested 5 minutes of bellringing from all churches with bells (and a loud fanfare from those without!) to start at 12 noon throughout the British Isles and preferably to be part of a 15 minute service.

Right on time our bell sounded 12 solemn strokes and then a brief pause was followed by a full 5 minutes of joyous and undulating pealing.

This, however, was only the start, as for the next half hour Kenn people and friends from Clevedon, Yatton and Cambridge and 3 - 73 years old, gave of their best to chime this approximately 5 hundredweight (254 Kg.) bell.

This was a very satisfactory exercise in more ways than one -
("I've never done this before",
"I hear it every Sunday",
"isn't it heavy",
"didn't realise it was this hard",
"Ah, now I've got the knack".)

Well done, many thanks and happy memories to:

Sarah & Ellie Udin,
Terry Forbes-Mitchell,
Deborah and Jemima Barnes,
Mike and Joan Stevens,
Gill and Trevor Riddle,
Amanda and Louise Hanley,

Roger, Heather, Phillipa and Andy
Jenkins,
Grace and John Griffin,
Julia Bush,
Dave Pugh,
Ben and Jean Woods,
Jean and Ray Naish,
Mary and David Holmes
Kathleen Castwon.

I do hope none of you have any lasting muscular aches!

Geoff Marchant.

(Many of those who had a ring made a contribution to the church for the privilege)

Ray Naish

Church members at Kenn are very grateful to Geoff Marchant for the interest he takes with our Church Bell.

Several times a year he, with the help of his wife Eleanor goes up into the tower to service the bell and generally have a tidy up and report anything that he thinks the Church Architect should know about.

Geoff is generally at church early on Sundays to ring the bell before the Service.

A record of the names of those who took part in this "2000 Celebration" will be kept in the Church safe for people in perhaps "3000" to look at.

Ray Naish

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Altar Guild Rota for February

Mrs. C. Leaman

(any offers of help, please)

Christmas Services at Kenn Church

The Christmas Services at Kenn started with the Service of Carols and Lessons on 19th December. It was a wonderful service, a large number of people took part including fourteen readers, some of whom read in family groups. The Choir sang three less well known carols along, including the beautiful "Apple Tree Carol".

Unfortunately the weather that evening was very severe, hard frost with dense fog which kept many people away. The congregation was only about two thirds of the number normally attending this very popular service.

On Christmas Eve the very popular Crib Service was a great success with around one hundred people of all ages present. The Nativity Play was acted by a large number of children and young people. There were people in the congregation from all over the country, including Scotland, most were staying with relatives for the Christmas Holiday.

The ladies who organised this great service are to be congratulated on the way it ran so smoothly with only a small amount of rehearsal.

The Christmas Morning Service had a good attendance, around a third of those present were young people

Ray Naish

Congratulations

Engagement

Sue and Dave Pugh of Poppins, Kenn are delighted to announce that their daughter Louise and Damon Hayzen became engaged on the Eve of the Millennium.

Kenn Notes

Snippets

Mrs Denmead

We are looking forward to celebrating Mrs Denmead's ninetieth birthday on February 14th.

In 1947 Mrs Denmead came from Nailsea to live in Pear Tree House, Duck Lane with her husband where they ran a car repair business.

Mrs Denmead has always been a very active member in the community.

She was a founder member of Kenn Women's Institute, a member of Kenn Mothers Union until it closed. She is presently a member of Kingston Seymour Mothers Union and has for many years helped with parties of handicapped and older folk when they came to Kenn to tea.

Over many years Mrs Denmead has always helped with Hall events and regularly sold Christmas Cards giving the profit to local activities including Kenn Village Hall. She raised a substantial amount towards the new china for the Hall.

She now lives in Clevedon with her son Roger and daughter-in-law Jane. We wish her many more happy years.

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Kenn Village Hall Quiz

Kennites and Friends are invited to a Quiz for Hall Funds on Friday 25th February 7.30pm for 8 pm

Quizmaster - Roger Wilcox.

Teams of 4

Bring your own liquid refreshments.

Cost £4.50 each to include Supper.

Ploughman's Suppers of Ham or Cheese from Mike and Lita of the Drum and Monkey who have kindly given "a meal for two" for a raffle prize.

More offers of prizes for the raffle would be appreciated.

Names, indicating which supper preferred to either Irene Stowell at Fairways, Kenn Tel. 872472 or

Marianna Mackay at Church Path Cottage Tel. 340323 who will also be collecting the entry fees.

Pigeons

Pigeons available in large numbers, all colours, free, catch your own.

apply Stonehouse Farm.

Candlemas Day

Candlemas Day 2nd February has always been a very important day for country folk.

Going back into ancient times the weather on Candlemas Day has been

studied closely, leading to many poems, such as:

"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight.
If Candlemas be dull with rain,
Winter is gone and wont come again."

Farmers have always regarded Candlemas Day as the halfway point of the winter, leading to another poem.

"On Candlemas Day a farmer should still have half his straw and half his hay."

The next ten weeks after Candlemas have always been considered to be long and hungry ones by farmers, especially if they are running short of cattle feed. They generally can't wait to get their animals out into the fields onto the fresh spring grass.

Ray Naish

Kenn Women's Institute

President Ann Holtham had a pleasant start to the first meeting of a new century - firstly by welcoming new members Rosemary Ford and June Cooper, then by making several presentations.

The winner of our competition for the most points won over the past year was Eileen Prew, with Jean Ings second and Ruth Dyer third.

Rene Kingcott and Thelma Blake were given garden vouchers for their work in running the Trade Stall throughout the year.

Vouchers were then given to Jean Ings and Gill Hackett for all the work they do for the Institute.

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Then the tables were turned when a surprised Ann Holtham received a voucher in appreciation for the excellent work she does as our President.

The list of Resolutions for the TGM was read out by Irene Stowell. These will be discussed and voted on at a later meeting.

A secret ballot was taken to find out what members wanted regarding our Birthday Party to give the Committee some guidelines in arranging the next one.

A letter has been sent to the Parish Council regarding their intention to have a stone village sign on The Green. Kenn WI provided the last one and intended to do so again. We await their reply with interest.

Secret Friends were revealed and new ones taken for the coming year.

Mrs Anne Carpenter had those of us with ticklish feet curling our toes as she demonstrated her skill at Reflexology on Madeleine Crawley who had agreed to be her subject.

Mrs Carpenter said the origins of the skill are unknown but it is thought ancient Egyptians and Native Americans, among others, used it.

Various points of the feet or hands are pressed and massaged to alleviate pain anywhere in the body. This can often indicate trouble before there are other indications that all is not well.

It is a good stress reliever and can help with long-standing complaints, though of course the older the

complaint and subject, the longer it can take to find relief.

Mrs. Carpenter held a raffle in aid of a baby charity at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, the prize being a free consultation. This was won by Gill Hackett.

The competition for an Interpretation of the Millennium was won by Jean Ings, Madeleine Crawley second and Ruth Dyer third. Next month's speaker will be Mr Smale on Norfolk Lavender and the competition is for a Lavender Bag.

Shirley Livesey.

BIRD NEWS I

Following my comments last month, some Lapwings have been seen, mostly close to the sea wall. However, I have been told of a flock of six thousand (!) at Slimbridge.

A pair of Blackcaps visited our garden mid-month and I am getting similar reports from other people in the area. There are still reasonable numbers of Redwings and Fieldfares but no enormous flocks.

A Bittern was entertaining birdwatchers at Herriotts Bridge, Chew Valley Lake, appearing most evenings at dusk. About 50 people were looking for it when we saw it at four o'clock on New Year's Day.

Grey Herons are often called "Cranes" in Somerset dialect but now the real thing has arrived. A common Crane is on Kings Sedgemoor, feeding on wet fields with a large herd of Mute and Bewicks Swans as I write (22nd)

Trevor Riddle

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Bird News II

Mrs Edith Tripp and her daughter Pearl who live on the river bank at Kenn Pier have spotted a Kingfisher perched on a post quite near their sitting room window.

Jeff Naish saw three Goosanders on the river near "Triangle Farm", Cooks Lane, Clevedon. they are a type of duck very similar to Shelducks or Burrow ducks, has anyone ever seen any of them in this district before.

Swans are congregating in the Kenn Claverham Moor area. They did the same thing in the same place about three years ago. I wonder what attracts them to this particular area. They spend most of their time grazing on the grass in one special field. One day last week I counted twenty swans there.

It is the last week in January, some birds are beginning to sing, this is really early in the year, perhaps it is because we have had such a mild winter so far.

Here at Stonehouse Farm, Robins were the first to get going. The Tawny Owls that have been around since the autumn are still calling at night, several people have heard them lately.

Ray Naish

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Cyril and Mary Willcox of "Yew Tree Farm" found this Magazine while having a tidy up in their attic - on our back page this month is the front page of that Magazine.

Thanks

Win, Gerry and family would like to thank all kind friends who sent cards and letters on the occasion of their sad loss of Betty, also those who sent flowers, gave donations and attended the funeral service at Yatton Church.

Kenn Social Committee

JUMBLE SALE

KENN VILLAGE HALL

2.00 pm Wednesday 23rd February
**Proceeds to Christmas Tea
Parties Fund**

ADMISSION 20p. - MANY STALLS

**FOR COLLECTION OF JUMBLE
PHONE 875073 or 874077
or deliver to Village Hall during
the morning.**

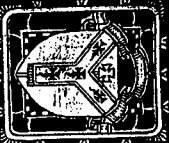
*Come along, lend a hand and meet
your neighbours*

Back cover photo

The picture is of me with one of our new-born lambs, on New Years Eve. Mummy and Daddy will have about 1,000 lambs born from now until the end of March.

I am eight years old and have helped feed the lambs since I could walk. It is a busy time of the year for us. Some days we have 30 lambs born, when it is a round the clock job.

Kayleigh Stowell



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Picar: Rev. W. H. D. THATCHER.

Churchwardens: Messrs. F. Dyer and V. Nash.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Holy Communion: Every Sunday, 8 a.m.

1st Sunday in month, 11.45 a.m.

3rd Sunday in month, Choral H.C., 11.0 a.m.

Morning Service, 11.0 a.m. (except 3rd Sunday in month).

Evening Service, 6.30 a.m.

There is very little to record in our Parish Magazine this month. We shall shortly be arranging the dates of the Choir Outing and Sunday School Outing.

The Fete and Sale of Work is now fixed for Saturday, July 28th. Mr. F. Dyer has kindly given us permission to hold this event in one of his fields. It has been decided to hire a tent, in which there will be room for the stalls and refreshments, so that we shall have some shelter in case of rain. In the evening a Dance will be held in the tent and a band is being engaged for this purpose. Numerous side-shows are being arranged, and we hope that the attractions will be sufficient to bring together a goodly number of people, in which case, given a fine day, the Fete should be a success.

HOLY BAPTISM.

May 13th.—Mrs Mary Dyer, Glenwynn, Naislea Wall.