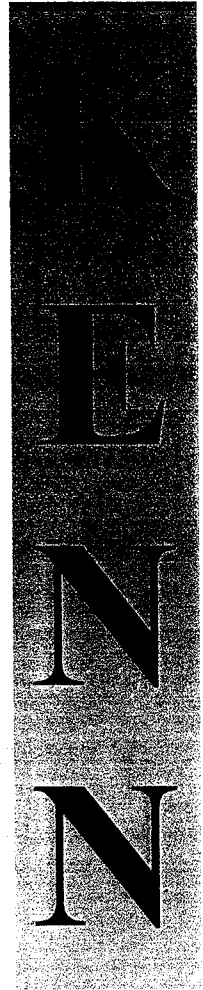


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BIRTHDAYS

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

Typist's Note

Lock Your Doors!

On the 17th January, in broad daylight, two youths were seen walking up our drive. When they spotted us moving around, they immediately turned round and left, walking very fast.

John ran out and challenged them "Can I help you?" The response, without turning round was "No". There may be no connection, but, I understand that a householder in the Kenn Moor area found valuables missing only two days later.

So the moral of this story is – Lock your doors and keep your eyes open.

Message from Ed.

So far, so good! My New Year's resolutions are still in place. I managed, albeit for a short time, to get to the Village Lunch at the Drum and Monkey. So nice to see folk have a drink and a lite bite. Do try and pop along it's great fun – doesn't matter if you are on your own – great fun.

Quote of the Month

*It's nice to be important
But it's more important
To be nice.*

Naish's Notes

Diary Date – Friday 16th March

8 for 8.30 p.m. prompt.

**Comic Relief Quiz Nite
Kenn Valley Social Club**

£1 per person – Teams please!

Just turn up on the night.

If you can give advance notice it will help.

01934 838357 Sheila Naish

For those of you who have not been to one of these Charity Quiz Nights before it's fun, a laugh and you don't have to be Brain of Britain! And of course all the money from the Quiz and Raffle goes to a good cause. If you can't make up a team, just come along, we'll soon find you one

Go on! Give it a go.

Raffle Prizes Please!

See you there.

Parish Council

Our Parish Council meets soon. If anyone has anything they wish discussed do let us know, or just come along. Dates for the meetings are in the Church porch and on the Village Noticeboard by the Post Office.

The next meeting is 7.30 p.m.
February 5th at Kenn Village Hall.

Sheila Naish.

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Bellringing

Geoff Marchant who rings and takes care of the Bell at Kenn Church had a busy time over the New Year.

On New Year's Eve he got a little band of Hand Bell Ringers together who played Christmas Carols before the Service of

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Evensong. That evening he came back to Kenn at midnight from his home in Yatton to "ring the old year out and the new year in". It was a dreadful night blowing a gale and raining in torrents. The following morning he, with Eleanor his wife, were back again to invite people from the village to ring the bell to welcome the New Year at 12 noon.

The following people took part. Vincent Stowell, Bethany Stowell, Julian Gale, Eloise Gale, Troy Gale, Olivia Gale and Ray Naish.

Many thanks to Geoff and Eleanor for the interest and care they take of the Church in Kenn.

Ray Naish.

Altar Guild Rota for February

Clare Leaman and helpers

Thanks

Many thanks to Julian Gale for taking the trouble to Video all the contents of the Church, so that if anything gets stolen we have a picture of it for the Police.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th February 7.30 pm
Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Parish
Council Meeting - all welcome

Tuesday 6th February from 12.30 pm
Lunch at the Drum and Monkey - come along and meet your friends and neighbours. Everyone welcome !!

Wednesday 14th February 7.30 pm -
Kenn W.I. meet at Kenn Village Hall -
Speaker Mrs J. Cryer of
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.
Competition - A photo of a dog.
Non-members always welcome

Wednesday 21st February 2.00 pm
at Kenn Village Hall
- JUMBLE SALE
Proceeds to Village Christmas Parties
Help and Jumble needed

Advance Notices

Friday 16th March
8 for 8.30 p.m. prompt.
Comic Relief Quiz Nite
At Kenn Valley Social Club

Wednesday 19th December
Children's Christmas Tea Party
at Kenn Village Hall.

Kenn Women's Institute

January sees the start of a new year for our Branch and despite a bitterly cold night we all braved the wind from the moor to attend at Kenn Village Hall.

During the business for the evening Ruth Dyer reported that she is still awaiting a letter from the Prime Minister regarding the closure of rural post offices.

Sadly we lost our 2nd Round skittles match by one pin to Congresbury W I but we live to fight another day (next year), well done to our valiant team!

We revealed our Secret Friends for 2000, and took a new friend from the lucky dip for 2001; this scheme ensures that all members receive a birthday card, Christmas card, get well cards, and gifts from an unknown member and it is really pleasurable to learn who has "taken care of you" during the past year.

January is also the month for prize giving and thank-you's: our monthly Competitions winner for the year was Eileen Prew, with Ruth Dyer 2nd, and Jean Ings 3rd, and the following Members received our thanks and gifts - Thelma Blake and Irene Kingcott (for running our trade stall), Gill Hackett (our very efficient Programme Secretary), and Jean Ings and Joy Morris who have 'retired' from the Committee for the time being but who have worked so hard for us for many years.

Ruth Dyer 'auctioned' a teddy bear for the Children's Society and £50 was sent to the charity for 'Arthur' who was won by Faye Sandy and we understand he is now happily in permanent residence on her Bed.

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Kenn also raised £54 for the Children's Society by carol singing and again we offer much thanks to Ruth Dyer for organising this with village members.

We are intending to hold a Table Sale in April where tables will be for hire; anything can be sold providing the vendor takes home all the stock afterwards - more details will follow.

Despite the efforts of the heaters in the Hall it still remained very cold (the first time I have ever been cold at Kenn Hall I would mention) but Joy Morris created psychological warmth by lighting an oil burner and warming essential oils to put us in the mood for her talk on Aromatherapy. Joy was trained as a therapist in Bond Street, London, and although now retired she used to own two salons in Bristol. This holistic form of healing through the use of oils is the oldest known to man and we read of anointing with oils in the Bible, and Jesus as a baby received myrrh from one of the Wise Men. The use of oils developed in the hot countries to moisturise the skin and as a form of preservative. The Chinese have always used oils but it came to our shore in the 17th Century when Nicholas Culpepper 'reinvented' their use in pomanders to eradicate the smells of the street and the people as washing was not a very popular pastime.

The healing qualities of the oils was discovered in Europe in 1930 when a French perfumier badly burned himself on a Bunsen burner and thrust his hand into a vat of lavender oil which had been prepared for use in perfume. He found that the wound healed very quickly, leaving very little scarring, in fact Mrs Morris told us she had been bitten on her face by a dog and she treated the bite with Teatree oil immediately and continuously, it healed quickly and left no scar despite the necessity for three stitches. Oils were also used to help heal burns on the faces of World War II servicemen, and thence it became highly regarded in the beauty industry.

Grading of oils is likened to music with the base notes being oil from the roots (longest lasting but least aromatic), middle notes are from the stems, and high notes from the flowers being the most aromatic

but shortest life span and mostly used in the perfume industry.

Oils can be used for the treatment of physical and psychological problems as they not only heal but they also relax the body and mind by the ability to penetrate the pores of the skin and also by inhalation. An aromatherapist will treat a client with oils and massage but unfortunately there are some conditions which cannot be helped by massage, e.g. varicose veins, pregnancy, circulatory problems, epilepsy. It is therefore essential to only seek treatment from a recognised therapist with a good reputation. However, it has been found that aromatherapy can relieve the discomfort of multiple sclerosis, and oils can be used as aphrodisiacs and relaxants, and of course herbal teas are very popular these days to help with wellbeing.

Mrs Morris was thanked for her very interesting talk.

Our competition that night was the number of words that could be made from 'AROMATHERAPY' and Jenny Croxton won with 342, Madeline Crawley had 245, and Rosemarie Ford was 3rd with 138.

After our customary Raffle and tea and biscuits we filed into the wintry night, hoping that February would prove a warmer month.

In February Mrs Cryer will be talking to us about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and our Competition is a photo of a dog.

Rosemarie Ford
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5 Tone Road, Clevedon.

BIRD NEWS I

The snow and cold weather which arrived after Christmas brought an influx of birds into our area and/or made some of our regular winter birds more visible.

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There were 3 Little Grebes with a few Teal on Blackditch Rhyne, and 4 Grey Wagtails and 6 Stonechats on Kenn Moor were both good counts. Half a dozen Siskins were in the Plantation by Eastern Drove and the cold weather even produced a small flock of Lapwings.

Meanwhile the River Yeo held a Black Necked Grebe, a Goldeneye, a few Goosanders and on the 30th December a family of 4 Bewick's Swans flew over. A Kingfisher was a colourful sight and several Snipe were on Congresbury Moor with the 3 regular Kestrels. The Yatton Station roost sight has never regained the thousands of birds it held 5 years ago, but about 300 Redwings came in on 14th January.

There has been a party of Waxwings in Clevedon; these are truly beautiful birds, so if you have a Cotoneaster or the like in your garden, keep a good look out. There are hundreds of the birds in the north and east of Britain and more may come our way.

Finally on the Somerset Peat Moors 2 Bitterns have been seen and a splendid ashy grey male Hen Harrier, which also arrived with the cold weather.

Trevor Riddle

01934 835208

BIRD NEWS 2

There has been a large number of Swans out in Kenn/Claverham Moors. On the 18th January, I counted 20 in one field and several in another, these are the ones I could see from the road.

At this time of the year they seem to leave the ditches and rivers to live in

the fields. They seem to pick the fields where there is nice green grass and are continually grazing.

A friend of mine who lives at Catcott on the Polden Hills has told me that there are over 100 grazing in one of his fields in Burtle Moor.

Jeff Naish saw a Woodcock in a field near the Motorway at Kingston Seymour and there is a report that another one was shot at Nailsea. Jeff also has seen a Goldcrest several times near Nailsea Wall.

The first Song Thrush I have heard this year was singing from a tree in Kingston Churchyard on 20th January, the same day I saw a Mistle Thrush in Kenn Churchyard.

There has been the largest number of Blackbirds around Stonehouse Farm this winter that I can ever remember.

Ray Naish

Old Photos

People who have been into the new dining room at the "Drum and Monkey" in Kenn will have noticed the large number of old photo's of places and people from the Village.

One that I think is particularly interesting is a snap taken from the top of Kenn Street looking towards Clevedon. It shows the six cottages, long since disappeared, that were in an L shape near "Westonwood" bungalow and towards the car sales yard.

When I was at Kenn School there were 28 people living in these tiny cottages. Those looking towards Kenn Street had gardens in which was situated a

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pump which supplied drinking water for all six. Those looking towards "Kenn Court" had front doors that opened straight onto the road and only the tiniest back yard. What dreadful conditions some people had to live in in those days.

These cottages rejoiced in the name of "Slaughter House Cottages" because following on to them was a disused slaughter house. It belonged to the butcher's shop that was in Alexandra Road, Clevedon.

I have been told that the last slaughterman to work there was Herbert Bessant the grandfather of Douglas and John Bessant. He was assisted by a well known Kenn resident Charlie Hipplesley who, in his younger days, had run the slaughter house at the same time he had been Landlord of the "Rose and Crown" as Kenn pub was called in those days. I can just remember him coming to the farm for a drink of cider most mornings. He had a little round of farms he visited for the same purpose. Charlie also did odd jobs like pumping a tank-full of water into the loft at Kenn Court when he fetched his milk each morning. He also did odd jobs for that great character of yesteryear Charlie Staples of "Orchard House" Kenn who always referred to him as "Hippo".

Charlie Hipplesley lived in one of the cottages mentioned above with his daughter Mabel and his grandchildren Horace and Esme. Sadly Horace died when only 17 of T.B. In the cottage next door lived Albert Prowl and his family, one of the Prowl girls whose name I have forgotten died of the same disease aged about 8 years at around the same time.

Ray Naish.

Congratulations to Joan and Mike Stevens on the safe arrival of Olivia Jade, their second grandchild. Best wishes to proud parents Mark and Melanie Farley and sister Lauren.

Kenn Social Committee JUMBLE SALE KENN VILLAGE HALL

2.00 pm Wednesday 21st February

Proceeds to Christmas Tea Parties Fund

ADMISSION 20p. - MANY STALLS

FOR COLLECTION OF JUMBLE

PHONE 875073

or deliver to Village Hall during the morning.

Come along, lend a hand and meet your neighbours

The Candle Stick Maker

Mrs Ruth Dyer of Kenn Court uncovered some old papers last year, which had probably lain there for some hundred years.

They related to the affairs of Thomas Sprod who lived at Mill Farm in the parish of Kenn during the eighteenth century. He had an interesting life and fortunately I all ready knew a fair amount about him.

The 1840 tithe award records that he was the tenant of Mill Farm and Windmill and twelve acres of land surrounding the farm in Kenn. He also tenanted a dwelling house in Kenn Street of 2 rod and 20 perch (now called The Laurels).

He carried on as a farmer and in 1851 census he was recorded as tallow chandler i.e. a candle maker, using animal fat to make the candles. He died in 1870 aged 66 and was buried in Clevedon on 26th October. From the census returns we also know that he had several children and his wife, Sarah came from Chedzoy in Somerset. He himself was baptised the son of Thomas and Jane Sprod from Nempnett Thrubwell 1st July 1804 aged four.

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By chance, while researching another family, I had found that as a widower Thomas remarried at Banwell church on February 25 1858 to a Sarah Bartlett Hick, a widow of similar age. His new wife left her home at Doubleton House (last large house on the left on the A370 before the Weston M5 motorway interchange) and came to live at Mill Farm with her children.

Later a child of each of their previous marriages themselves married each other. How about that, your stepmother becomes your mother-in-law and your stepfather becomes your father-in-law. At least the children should have known what to expect!

Mrs Dyer's papers related to Thomas Sprod's later years and the distribution of his effects. It turned out that Mr Sam Dyer's grandfather; another Mr Samuel Dyer was executor to Thomas Sprod's will. Among the papers was an original agreement between Thomas Sprod and Mr Brackenridge for Thomas to rent the Dwelling House (Mill Farm) and Gust Mill, (this derelict tower can be seen from the M5) and pieces of land 11 acres, 2r and 39p from Mr Brackenridge in 1839 for £60 per annum. One of the interesting conditions of the let was that he should not use it to sell beer or cider! A Mr Hollyman stood surety for Thomas Sprod. (The Hollymans were farmers of Clevedon at this time and descendants of the Hollyman family still live in Kenn).

In 1867 Thomas Sprod passed his entire business to his son Edward Sprod. He decided to get an independent assessment of the business and as such a detailed inventory exists of all the "Stocks and Utensils in Trade" by item and workshop room for the candle making. The transfer was covered by a loan agreement between him and his son had to pay 5% per year of £350. Thomas died three years later.

After his death the entire contents of his domestic home were auctioned, (As was common in those days). Again a comprehensive inventory exists for each room listed all items sold and the price fetched, 131 household items, for £78 19s 3d and 19 lots of animals and farm implements. Items such as a piano by Stoddart fetched £15 10s 0d, a four-poster bed for £2 0s 0d, and an eight day clock for £2. In the yard an iron plough made 8 shillings (40pence), 6 lambs sold for a pound each and 6 fat heifers sold for prices from £12 up to £14 15s 0d. I am curious to know why

his family did not take the items, his wife lived for a further 20 years, but she was probably already a lady of some means following the loss of her first husband.

In the paper work there is some interesting correspondence with the taxman. After several years of waiting for the returns for the estate the taxman threatened to take the executors to court! No tax was due until the death of his wife and during this time it seems the executors were responsible for the estate matters. In the meantime his wife had the interest from £746 4s 6d to live off. (If interest rates were 5% then this was about £37/annum).

As part of his assets Thomas Sprod had shares in the Clevedon Gas Company. These he had bought during the years 1857 through 1859. These were sold after his death for £246 5s 0d, a not insubstantial amount of his estate. It seem that he was perhaps hedging his bets that this new fangled gas thing might take off and hit his candle business. He was right, I don't think anyone was making candles in Kenn in the 1960's but I do remember the scorch marks on the ceiling of my Grandparents house at the Orchards in Kenn from the gas lamps around the room.

Soldiers injured near Clevedon Picture House 1941

The following letter has been sent to Mr. Alan Blackmore an historian from Clevedon following his research and report on the bombing of Clevedon during 1941.

Cloverlea,
Kenn Street
Kenn

I have just read with great interest the report in the Mercury of 4th January 2001 about the Service of Remembrance for William Wraith who died of injuries received when a bomb was dropped near Clevedon Picture House on 4th January 1941.

The day after William died in Clevedon Cottage Hospital, I was admitted to the hospital due to having scalded my legs at home the previous evening. I was aged 14.

One of my fellow patients was another soldier Basil Sainsbury who was also injured by the

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bomb. He was from the East Yorks. Regiment. His home was Hull, Yorkshire. During our stay in hospital I got to know him quite well. Before being called up he had been a cattle lorry driver.

I can clearly recall the names of the nurses who looked after William Wraith and the other patients including me at that time.

One of them was nurse Molly Dugdale aged 18 who I had been at Highdale School with a few years earlier. Molly had a brother Douglas Dugdale who was also at school with me. Their home was near West End Post Office, Clevedon.

Another nurse was Nurse Garland who was from South Devon who had the accent to prove it. Another was Nurse Smith also several Clevedon ladies whose names I have forgotten came in to the hospital each evening to help out (remember this was wartime). The Matron at that time was Miss Mabel Camp.

I can remember the names of some of the other patients besides Basil Sainsbury who were in the men's ward at that time.

One was Mr. Ward of Marson Road, Clevedon who was recovering from an operation, another was Raymond Tucker who was the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Tucker of Moor Lane, Clevedon who had a back problem, Ray was aged about nine years old.

Another patient was Mr. Horler from Long Ashton who was also recovering from an operation. He and I were under the care of Dr. Charles Vizgar of Albert Road, Clevedon.

It was a very frightening time to be in Hospital because we could hear the bombing of Long Ashton and Bristol all night long. I remember Mr. Horler praying aloud at night that his wife would not be killed by the bombs that were dropping near his home.

Ray Naish

What's on at the Drum

Tuesday 6th February
The Very Popular and
Entertaining Duo
THE PEPPERCORNS

Tuesday 13th February
The Talented
PETE HOLDEN

Tuesday 20th February
Back by Popular Demand
GREG WINTERS

Tuesday 27th February
The Entertaining and Sing-along
Sounds of
ANDY CLARK

Please don't forget - Every
Wednesday is
QUIZ NIGHT
Everyone welcome

Tuesday 6th February
KENN VILLAGE LUNCH
12.30

Two course meal
£5.45

All Welcome

Wednesday 14th February
VALENTINE'S NIGHT
At The Drum,
Set Menu £12.95
Book Early

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REPLIES AND QUERIES TO THE KENN HISTORICAL NOTES.

1. Ray Naish has pointed out that the tiles in the Nave were taken up about 18 years ago because they had all become saturated with a white lime film, so we couldn't count them now to see if they were possibly the tiles referred to in the churchwardens' accounts of 1775. Also, he suggests that the 'gravel' and sand mentioned at that time was used for bedding-in these tiles. The Nave aisle-way is now concrete and covered by carpet.
2. Ray also pointed out the second tombstone inside the church porch as he thought it bore the name of one of the names I mentioned on the first page of the Churchwardens' accounts. It is worth noting that the first tombstone inside the porch is obviously a very ancient one as most of its inscription is entirely worn away. The second one, though, is reasonably easy to decipher and bears the following names:

Hannah, wife of William Wilkins departed this life 1749,
Edmund, son of Edmund and Anne his wife, died 22nd Nov. 1750 Age 9 months,
Edmund (i.e. the father of the above) son of William and Hannah, died Jan. 19th. 1767, age 41.

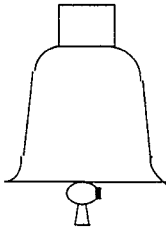
Interestingly, William himself does not appear to be mentioned here so presumably he had a separate tombstone (and was buried in a separate grave?) Of course the fact that his wife's tombstone is now in the church porch does not necessarily mean there are any burials beneath it. It could well have been brought in from a part of the churchyard and used to pave the porch.

William Wilkins was one of the signatures on the October 3rd, 1775 agreement between William Bilbie of ChewStoke, Bellfounder, and the parishioners of Kenn for the old bell to be recast. Well spotted Ray!

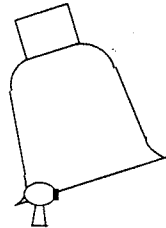
The queries I have received were:

1. From Julian Gale as to whether I had any further notes from the records as he was researching family history – unfortunately until another visit to the Somerset Records office is possible it's a case of 'WYSIWIG' – What You've Seen Is What I Got!
2. Ray, and possibly others, was interested and a little confused, as to why on Remembrance Sunday the bell was **ringing** muffled on one stroke and open on the alternate stroke, and yet during the service at the blessing of the bread and wine it **chimed** all three strokes open. To add to the confusion he then heard me say after the service that I had just been upstairs to take the muffle off! No, it wasn't anything to do with the fact that Michael Callow chimed it during the service and managed to get a different tone out of it than I did before the service, it is simply to do with the words I have made bold above, i.e. the difference between ringing (when the bell swings high) and chiming (when the bell only moves through a very small arc of a circle. Also, we only chime it during the service to (hopefully) ensure we get the correct number of strokes (3). I have added a few diagrams on the next page to try to explain what happens – remember, there is only a muffle pad on one side of the clapper ball:

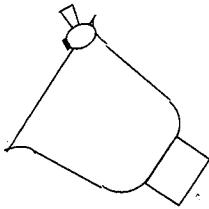
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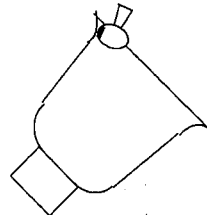
Bell at rest before we pull on the rope.
Rope is on Left Hand Side of bell.
Muffle pad tied onto Right Hand Side
of Clapper Ball.



Bell swing-chimed through very small arc of
circle. Bell hits one side only of Clapper Ball,
i.e. the un-muffled, or "open" side, every time
it sounds. Therefore no muffled stroke.



Bell swinging much higher through
greater arc of circle. Clapper thrown
to far side of bell (swings same direction
as bell and catches it up.)
Clapper strikes "open" on this stroke.



On the return swing the clapper catches up
the bell with the clapper's muffled side, so
the bell rings muffled.

Consequently, on swinging the bell up through, say, more than an eighth of a circle, it will sound alternately "open" (un-muffled), and then muffled.

When swing chiming it through a very small arc of a circle it will strike "open" (un-muffled) every time it sounds.

The promised ringing out of the old year/century/millennium, and the ringing in of the new, did not draw any offer of help and so consequently, although it did go ahead, the 'old' was tolled out without going upstairs to put the muffle on, (I couldn't say I was eager to go up there on such a foul night!) The 'new' was joyously rung in – not that anyone has even mentioned that they heard it, - one person has even admitted that they were fast asleep so didn't expect to hear it!!

The 'Ring-in' session on New Year's day attracted young and old – and very young!! All were given a hand to make their mark of the date, and one of the seven who attended used to ring this bell for service eight or nine years ago, so needed no physical help at all.

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Post script from Sheila,

We reprint here some clips from a computer company of comments made by their non-computer-literate customers. It will make those of you who "know" smile.

Myself – I'm learning but oh! It takes time !!! I usually just yell bl...y stupid thing – it does NOT think logically when mine at work deliberately has a bad day!!

- >
- > This is a genuine e-mail from the main receptionist for Sun
- > Microsystems Corporate, and went out to all corporate employees.
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- > To: All Corporate Employees
- > Subject: Copier!
- > Date: Thursday, July 24, 1997 12:48PM
- >
- > PLEASE PLEASE please please please-I am begging here-keep
- > any and all paper clips away from the copier! We have had two
- > service calls in the last few days removing paper clips, staples
- > and a binder clip from the innards of the copier. PLEASE be
- > really really really really careful around the copier. Especially the
- > document handler, which seems to suck clits like a vacuum cleaner.
- >
- >
- > _____
- > a little extra
- >
- > This is an excerpt from a Wall Street Journal
- > article:
- >
- > 1. Compaq is considering changing the command "Press Any Key" to "Press
- > Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.
- >
- > 2. AST technical support had a caller complaining that her mouse was
- > hard to control with the dust cover on. The cover turned out to be the
- > plastic bag the mouse was packaged in.
- >
- > 3. Another AST customer was asked to send a copy of her defective
- > diskettes. A few days later a letter arrived from the customer along
- > with photocopies of the floppies.
- >
- > 4. A Dell technician advised his customer to put his troubled floppy
- > back in the drive and close the door. The customer asked the tech to
- > hold on and was heard putting the phone down, getting up and crossing
- > the room to close the door to his room.
- >
- > 5. Another Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to
- > fax anything. After 40 minutes of trouble-shooting, the technician
- > discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in
- > front of the monitor screen and hitting the "send" key.
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- > 6. Yet another Dell customer called to complain that his keyboard no
- > longer worked. He had cleaned it by filling up his tub with soap and
- > water and soaking the keyboard for a day, then removing all the keys and
- > washing them individually.
- >
- > 7. Still another Dell technician received a call from a customer who was
- > enraged because his computer had told him he was "bad and an invalid."
- > The tech explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid"
- > responses shouldn't be taken personally.
- >

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Congratulations to Lorraine Staples and Katy Stowell who organised a very successful Charity Gymkhana last summer. A letter of thanks from St. Peter's Hospice has been received.



St. Peter's Hospice

Patron H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent
Christchurch House
86 Silver Street
Nailsea
North Somerset
BS48 2DS

Mr & Mrs M Archer
30 Blakeney Grove
Nailsea
North Somerset

5th December 2000

Dear Mr. & Mrs Archer

I am enclosing a receipt for £1001.50 being the wonderful sum raised as the result of the Charity Gymkhana held in Nailsea.

On behalf of the Hospice, please accept our thanks for the massive effort you must have put in to raise such a sum. Our thanks also to your sponsors for the support they gave.

I am also enclosing a copy of the latest Hospice Newsletter which I trust you will find of interest. You will see the details of the work of the Hospice and the current cost. I am happy to inform you that every penny raised by such events as yours is identified for patient care only.

If you, or any of the persons involved with your day, wishes any further information, even maybe to making a visit to the Hospice, do not hesitate to let me know.

Once again, many thanks.

Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

Mike Wells
Chairman - Nailsea Support Group