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Not enough room yet again this month. It's a busy old village, and I make matters worse by putting pictures in, but they seem to be popular, and we can always catch up another day - perhaps nothing will happen in January...

Good-natured wrangling over the history of the railway and the coal - but it serves as a reminder that unless someone writes it all down properly then it will just vanish. History needs to be kept somewhere - so it's with huge thanks we welcome Marianna as typist in residence to the History Project. She and Robin kindly lent some of their books (which have been scanned into the website) and have started the Project off wonderfully. It's not going to be quite as fast as we'd hoped, but perhaps in the New Year some of you will hunt out ANYTHING that might be of interest to posterity.

Grace and John bravely held back a little tear as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at St John's. It was really kind of them to include us in their happiness.

We all clearly enjoyed the Parish Plan evening. I really, really hope that a regular get-together can be organised, so I wish Stuart all the best with that. I'll volunteer to sweep up if that helps...

I feel like a Brownie who's just won a badge - Trevor says nice things about my birding. What a nice man. Even though he gets his coal trains wrong from time to time.

John's piece about hedges is very apposite. While in Cornwall we spent time with the local RSPB, and the frightening decline in some previously widespread birds was much talked about. Even on the Archers Pip has persuaded David to hedge less often. We may like to see hedges cut to a diamond-hard edge, but it seems the birds prefer them a bit ragged. I'm absolutely sure that we can cope...

Hazel

Kenn's Missing People

In the early years of the 1900s two people from Kenn went missing without trace.

The first was John Locke, who was brought up, with his parents and sisters and brothers at No. 1 Stonehouse Cottages, part of the house that is now derelict in Kenn Street.

When he was a young man, he joined the Army. He came home on leave to discover that his older brother was also on leave. He had just returned from the Boer War and his parents were holding a party in the orchard behind the house to celebrate his safe return.

John called in Kenn Pub "The Rose and Crown" in those days. He had a few drinks and returned home a bit tipsy. This annoyed his father who told him he was a disgrace to the uniform he was wearing. This was a dreadful thing to say to a soldier in those days; he would have been wearing his dress uniform.

The evening wore on; they all went to bed – where they all slept is a mystery. The other half of the cottages was home to the Stone family. These cottages were home to about eleven people so the 1901 Census tells us.

When they woke in the morning John was missing. He had disappeared in the night, without trace, never to be heard of again.

His mother Mrs Locke who was the Village Midwife was so upset about John's disappearance that she kept a lighted candle burning in her house for the rest of her life, in case he might return.

The only little clue that they ever had about John's whereabouts was when the list appeared in the newspapers of the people who had perished when the Titanic was sunk it included the name of J. Locke.

On a personal note, my second cousin Reggie Hale who lived at Rodney Stoke definitely perished when the Titanic was sunk. He had delayed sailing to America to travel on the Titanic because he said she was 'unsinkable'.

Next month the story of Kenn's missing lady...

Ray Naish

Stop press!

Road resurfacing is due to take place during the week commencing December 7th on the approach to the motorway bridge and going east for 1km covering the Kenn Road/Kenn Street junction.

Ann Holtham

Parish Plan Wine and Cheese Evening

It has been a real pleasure to work with the Parish Plan committee. From concept, to ideas, to actions and the Parish Plan itself we worked together to produce an excellent plan. 'It will be finished by Christmas' I remember one of us saying at one of the early meetings. That was last Christmas not this one! Still we got there in the end.

The wine and cheese evening reflected the spirit of the Parish Plan. The community coming together and discussing how to take the interests of the Plan forward. As the evening grew longer and we quaffed large quantities of alcohol our philosophies and debates became more intense and at the same time convivial. With good humour we waxed lyrical about new ideas for the future. To be honest we talked a lot of rubbish but we enjoyed ourselves and each others' company.

By the end of the evening a small group of us was sitting round a table still drinking and talking. There was a reluctance to leave what had been a fabulous evening.

Caroline

A huge thank you from all of us in the village to the Parish Plan team - the plan itself is a thing of beauty; the work you all put in is evident on every page.

The Wine and Cheese evening was a real triumph - the plan team on hand to answer questions and Robin (as ever, the master host) on hand to keep the glasses filled.

And thank you to the wives and husbands of the Plan team - unsung, but not unappreciated!

The Parish Plan Cheese and Wine Evening

was brilliant. I have no idea, really, what I was expecting. Flip-charts, presentation, talk... What we got was community, and chat, and idle gossip, and good ideas, and great company - it was an absolutely delightful evening. We did talk about the Parish Plan amongst ourselves, and signed up to do traffic watching or club organising or whatever, but mostly we just had a lovely time.

Stuart and others talked about doing much the same thing once a month at the village hall - opening the skittle alley, perhaps bring your own bottle, perhaps put on a barrel, just to get people together for that "going down the local" experience that we don't get any more. If we go to the pub we're surrounded by people eating - there's not the same sitting around, drinking, chatting, lounging, playing dominoes, playing darts, old-fashioned just being with people you like opportunity anymore. So shout up if you'd like to just wander down the village hall once a month to have a pint and a yarn with your neighbours. Stuart is keen and lots of others have already said that it's a brilliant idea. Email Stuart at stu.summerell@tiscali.co.uk or me at hazel.limage@kennvillage.co.uk to register your support. It would be great - and in the summer months when bedtime is a bit later the children can have a packet of crisps and make a racket.

If you weren't at the meeting you missed a treat, and it would be wonderful if the Parish Plan Team inadvertently began a tradition of renewed village-ness.

The wine helped. I do admit that.

Hazel

Village Plan

Our Village is indebted to the team that worked on, prepared and produced the Parish Plan.

We should all have our own copy by now, and a most informative and interesting read it is, giving us a comprehensive overview of where and what we are now in 2009, a valuable historical document for the future, also providing many ideas, thoughts and suggestions which could be of use as we move into the future.

When Robert Down, who chaired the Parish Plan committee, spoke at the Cheese and Wine evening on November 13th, he made the point that the intention is that the Parish Plan will be a living project to be developed over the coming years. His team has, however, completed its task, and it's now up to others to get involved in order that good things may come from the committee's efforts.

The committee members are listed inside the last page of the Parish Plan, and what a remarkably professional job they have done for us. How fortunate we are to have such talent within our village. I understand it required many meetings and, no doubt, many hours work.

I trust they were refreshed and fortified during their meetings of planning and debate - they certainly deserved it.

To them all our grateful thanks for the project so excellently completed.

John Griffin for the Parish Council

THE VILLAGE MARKET

The November Market started in gales and freezing rain but nothing could dampen the spirits of all those attending. We had three new sellers and some of our "old faithfuls" took two spaces. All told we had over twenty sellers and added sweets and beauty products to our range. They have all committed to continuing and also we now have a promise of a quality fruit and vegetable stall starting in January.

We have decided to give entrance and refreshment profits to charity this month and will publish the lucky winners next month. The charity bric-a-brac proceeds will again go to The British Legion.

**There will be a special Christmas Market on
DECEMBER 12th
Come and have coffee and a mince pie with us
and do your shopping with us in our
friendly atmosphere.**



Neighbourhood Watch

Message to Neighbourhood Watch Groups

THIS week's annual Children In Need fund-raising marathon provides an opportunity for timely reminders about falling prey to bogus callers.

On Sunday November 15, a man was arrested in Yeovil after going door-to-door with a six-year-old girl claiming to be collecting for Children In Need. He showed people a list of other apparent donors in an attempt to encourage people to donate. One would-be victim noticed the name of an elderly neighbour on the list and, suspecting these details had been falsely entered, alerted police.

The incident highlights the fact that some people will prey on the better-nature of others, depriving those people of their money and also depriving worthy causes of donations intended for their work.

Police urge people to be wary of people knocking on their door cold-calling, simply asking for donations. People choosing to donate to charities can visit charity shops, or sponsor friends or relatives who they KNOW are undertaking some kind of activity or event to raise money; an event which people can actually see happening.

Many charities have their own websites, which will contain details of how to donate. Some charities do run television campaigns asking people to make regular monthly contributions.

Very few genuine worthy causes rely simply on door-to-door collections to raise funds, and people should beware of parting with cash on the doorstep if they have any doubts about the validity of the collector.

People are urged to report any suspicious charity collectors to local police, or their local NHW group.

Public Information

Please be aware that we have received a number of calls regarding the activities of two companies that are currently operating in the area.

The first company is calling door to door offering to enter you into a raffle to win a car. Once your details have been taken you will be contacted a short time later and advised that you have not been successful in winning the car but have won a chance to have your carpets cleaned.

Please be warned that one such elderly man in Nailsea took up this invitation and after a hard sell visit lasting over 4 hours was sold a top of the range vacuum cleaner at a cost of around £2000.

The second company is cold-calling residents via the telephone trying to book appointments for agents to turn up and offer security advice and products with the added bonus of receiving some free products if you agree.

All too often these visits will also end up with the caller using hard sell tactics for products which are either not really required or are very expensive compared to other items on the market.

VOLKSWAGENS Targeted

VW Golf owners are asked to be especially vigilant after a spate of thefts from VW Golfs in the last couple of days in the Clevedon area. Nine vehicles have been entered by forcing the driver's door or by possibly using a key and opening all windows. Items such as Satellite Navigation Units have been stolen and glove boxes have been searched.

The vehicles that appear to have been targeted are Mark 4 VW Golfs (age range from 1998 to 2005).

Inspector Jon Owen says "VW Golf owners in North Somerset are asked to take extra security measures to protect their vehicles and report any suspicious activity, particularly overnight".

If you think that you may have any information that you feel may be relevant about these offences then please do contact the Police on 0845 456 7000.

Please remember to ask that your call is tagged Neighbourhood Watch and quote Ringmaster message number JN809.

Richard Stamp PCSO 01934 638300.
richard.stamp@avonandsomerset.police.uk

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on
0845 456 7000

or you can call anonymously to the independent charity

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.mynhw.co.uk website.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Andrew Stocker, a most engaging and fluent speaker, came to the November meeting of the W.I. and gave us a history of the Theatre Royal in King's Street, Bristol. The theatre is the oldest provincial theatre in the country that is still in use and the building still retains many of its original features although over the years much work has been done to increase the number of seats for patrons. He finished with a light-hearted quiz of photographs of past students of the Theatre School. There were such actors and actresses as Peter O'Toole, Leonard Rossiter, Paul Eddington, Annette Crosbie, Patricia Routledge and a host of others. The school is continuing its work so there will be no shortage of fine actors in the future.

Several members had been to the Group Meeting at Walton - in - Gordano at which the talk had been on ostrich farming. This farm is just north of Bristol near Cribbs Causeway. There is no end to the opportunities for farming diversification! The competition at this meeting was for a fascinator made from feathers. Edna Baber did us proud with a very pretty one made from feathers plucked from her own hens!

There is a Group Carol Service at Christ Church, Nailsea, on Monday December 14th at 7.30 p.m. All members and their guests are very welcome.

At the December meeting Santa will be there with his sack with a present for us all and the post box for Christmas Cards will be available. A donation in lieu of postage for the Associated Country Women of the World is asked for. The ACWW does great work in bringing water to villages that have none and other educational and humanitarian work for women. The speaker at this meeting will be Mrs. Griffiths and the title of her talk is "Granny Trek".

We are always delighted to see visitors so please come along if you would like to join us. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 19th December
10:30am

Punch, Pies and Coffee
at
the Willows, Kenn



£3.50
(£1.50 children under 12)



All Proceeds to
The Air Ambulance
and
The Mission to Seafarers

Margaret's Mutterings

The Parish Plan Wine and Cheese Evening

Those of us who were not involved in the vast amount of work needed to put together our most excellent Parish Plan – a source of great pride to us all – were further delighted by the Wine and Cheese Party which launched said plan.

It was what it said – Wine and Cheese and definitely a good party – perhaps we should do this more often. Those who did not attend missed a most enjoyable event.

The Fundraising Auction of Promises at The Atwell's Tythebarn, Claverham

A great deal of work was done preparing the Tythebarn for the evening of the 20th November – over 260 people were catered for and around 90 lots sold – Thanks to so many people for their efforts – I understand that over £11,000.00 was raised towards the refurbishment of St. Barnabas Church at Claverham.

The event was the idea of Kingston ladies Sue Thomas and Anita Simmons and was supported by many Kennites together with representatives of all the parishes in the Team.

It is planned to hold a Carol Service in the Tythebarn on Tuesday 22nd December.

Rolls-Royce 20/25 OU 3984

In June 1989 my late husband Roger Stowell and I went to visit Tom Mason in Kent. During the Second World War Tom had purchased Rolls-Royces whenever he could and stored them as his 'Pension Fund'.

Roger bought the wreck OU 3984 and it came to Kenn for restoration. Over the years it was completely dismantled and before Roger died in 1997 the body skeleton had been rebuilt and some other work done.



Well, John came on the scene but other vehicles demanded his attention so the 20/25 stayed where it was until around 10 years ago when Richard Welch, a friend in Clevedon, rebuilt the engine.

Colin Marks, who worked for Percy Daniels the Organ Builders, did a lovely job on the interior veneers and Frank Pritchard of Lower Claverham rebuilt the seats and started on the interior and slowly other parts were refurbished.

There seemed to be no rush, until about a year ago when John's son Matthew announced his marriage to Rachel on the 19th December 2009 – yes, this month - and asked which car she would like for her wedding – Rachel replied “the black one in the workshop”, resulting in John spending many, many hours on the job.

Since our last holiday in June, John has concentrated on the rebuild and thanks to many experts, the latest being the team at Bristol Classic and Sportscars Ltd on Kenn Court Business Park, we are very hopeful of the deadline being met.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th December in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are most welcome. There is an opportunity for villagers to speak if they wish and as the proposed National Grid line will be on the Agenda you might like to come and join the debate.

The Christmas Tree will be erected and the lights switched on on Friday 11th December when carols will be sung to a musical accompaniment and mince pies will be consumed. We must all hope for clement weather. Please come along to the Village Green and start the Christmas season with a swing.

Most people will have their copies of the splendid Parish Plan by now. It is a wonderful production. Having seen some of the ones produced by other parishes we can be very proud of it. The aims and aspirations expressed by all the residents will help Parish Councillors in their deliberations.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Sheila Naish, Chairman; Sarah Clark; Cheryl Quinn; Robin Mackay; Hartley Staples; Rob Treble; Ann Holtham, Clerk; Ms J. Smith, and several members of the public.

Apologies were received from John Griffin; Mrs. J Iles and Tony Moulin.

The minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

Best Kept Village Competition. Kenn has been unsuccessful in the competition. More details will be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope.

Warrens Holiday Village. As no Councillors were present Ms Smith said she would ask one of them what progress was being made with the Planning Department over enforcing the 11 month rule.

Parish Plan. The Parish Plan is ready for the printer and will be launched on Friday 13th November with an event in the Village Hall. £1,250 of the grant will be used for the printing.

Firework Displays: Warrens Holiday Village have also had a display. They have been given a telephone number so that the village can be forewarned. Organisers have also been asked to use a quiet variety of firework.

Bristol International Airport. There has not been such a bad problem. The complainant will continue to monitor the flights and appropriate action will be taken.

Finance:

It was agreed that the following account should be paid: Pace Print for producing the Parish Plan £1,250.00 (Cheque 193), Connaught for dog fouling bin £4.60 (Cheque 194)

Telephone Kiosk:

BT is proposing to sell decommissioned telephone kiosks for £1. They would then belong to the parishes. Hartley Staples proposed and Cheryl Quinn seconded that Kenn should purchase its box. Enquiries will be made about the insurance implications.

Grass Cutting:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider an increase in the payment to Ray Chappell when he submits his bill.

Highways:

Paul Smart will be asked to deal with overgrown greenery on the footpath near the Business Park. Also he will be asked when the remedial works to the footpath by the river will be done. There are bad potholes at the junction of Kenn Street and Kenn Road.

Christmas Tree

The lights will be switched on on Friday December 11th as that is the evening when musicians will be available for carol singing. John Ball who was present at the meeting will see to the lights.

Planning:

09/P/1106/F and 09/P/1107/LB The Coach House, Portbury House Farm. This application has been withdrawn with a view to resubmitting another one.

09/P/0778/F Moorlands, Kenn Street. Approved.

09/P/1530/F. Riverside Farm, Kenmoor Road. Hartley Staples declared a possible interest as the applicant is a close family member and left the meeting. There were no objections to the proposal for the erection of a detached dwelling following the demolition of the existing farmhouse and agricultural buildings.

The next meeting will be held on 7th December 2009. The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Kenn Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th December 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that you will be able to attend. The Hall will be open from 7p.m. for the inspection of plans.

Ann Holtham Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting (attached)
3. Declarations of Interest and Suspension of Standing Orders
4. Public Participation on any item on the Agenda
5. Reinstatement of Standing Orders
6. Matters arising
 - Telephone kiosk
 - Parish Plan
 - Warrens Holiday Village
 - Highways
 - Christmas Tree
7. Finance
 - Request for payment: dog fouling bin £5.75; Mr. R. Chappell £370; Mazars £138; Mr. R. Down (Parish Plan) £118.42; Half –year financial statement; Precept for 2010/11
8. National Grid Hinkley Point C Connector
9. Waste Disposal
10. Core Strategy
12. Planning. Progress report
13. Correspondence
14. Any other business
15. Date of next meeting

The Journey of the Holy Family to Bethlehem (via Kenn)

Every year Mary and Joseph (with their trusty donkey) make their way from house to house during December, and always manage to arrive at St John's just in time for Christmas Eve and the Nativity Play. The Crib Angels have put together a list of all the houses in the village with younger children, and Mary and Joseph (with their trusty donkey) will set out to visit all of them on their long journey from the Coach House at the Willows on December 5th, travelling up Kenn Street to Duck Lane and back down Kenn Street to Kenn Road.

In Mary and Joseph's travelling bag is a lantern to remind us all of the star which promised the birth of the baby Jesus, and the list of inns where they hope to be given shelter for the night, so you will know where to direct them the day after they have stayed with you. We know you'll make them very comfortable!



The Crib Angels

Pull-out and Keep Centre Section - Dates

<p>Useful Numbers:</p> <p>Village Hall Booking Secretary: Jean Fenwick 875073 or Irene Stowell 872472</p> <p>St John the Evangelist Priest in charge: Rev Preb John Andrews 01934 830208</p> <p>Churchwardens: Julia Bush 873554 John Ball 874077</p> <p>Church Floodlighting: David Pugh 874278</p>	<p>Village Flag Flying: Marianna or Robin 340323 or Hazel 349535</p> <p>Altar Guild Secretary: Marianna Mackay 340323</p> <p>North Somerset Council: 01934 888 888 out of hours: 01934 622 669</p> <p>News & Views: Hazel Limage 01275 349535 Sheila Naish 01934 838357 Margaret Ball 01275 874077</p>
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<p>The Village Lunch</p> <p>Will be at Angelina's on December 1st from midday.</p>	<p>The Village Market in December</p> <p>Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, December 12th 10:00am till midday.</p>
<p>Coffee Morning at the Drum</p> <p>December 5th from 10am until midday</p>	<p>Christmas Tea Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kenn Village Hall Wednesday 2nd December at 3pm</p>
<p>Kenn Women's Institute</p> <p>Kenn Village Hall, 9th December 7.30pm</p>	

Tel: 01934 830111
<h1 style="margin: 0;">Clevedon Salerooms</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS</p>
Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

<p style="text-align: center;">Victorian and Later Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 10th December 2009 10am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Viewing at Saleroom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 9th December 2009 10am - 7:30pm Morning of sale from 9am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarterly Fine Art Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 11th March 2010 10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Viewing at Saleroom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 9th March 2010 2pm - 5:30pm Wednesday 10th March 2010 10am - 7:30pm Morning of sale from 9am</p>
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **DECEMBER**

1st Sotoris Papasolomontos
Verity Rogers
5th Jerry Naish
7th Henry Court
10th Louise Hayzen (Pugh)
Tom Clark
Penny Leiper (Griffin)
15th Emma Palmer (Smith)
20th Angel Middleton
Vincent Stowell
21st John Griffin
23rd Richard & Avril Gaunt
wedding anniversary
24th John Streat
25th **HAPPY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL**
30th Clive Golding-Ellis
31st **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

The Church Tower was lit during November:

5th For Ray Hunt and Edward Probert
8th Remembrance Sunday
11th Armistice Day
15th Evensong
16th In memory of Sam Dyer on his birthday
21st For Grace and John Griffin's Golden Wedding Anniversary
30th (late) for John and Celia Andrews' Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 29th. *(Their wedding was late, so this is entirely in keeping).*

We flew our flag during November:

22nd For the Golden wedding anniversary of John and Grace Griffin and the Ruby wedding anniversary of John and Celia Andrews.

Attention Moor News Readers

If you haven't paid your 2009 subscriptions yet, could you let your distributor have them before Christmas, THANKS

Likewise, if you are not currently receiving a copy of Moor News, and would like to, please contact either Margaret Ball or your distributor.

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

ALTAR GUILD ROTA

DECEMBER

Week 1 Jean Fenwick, Jenny Pascoe
Week 2 Hazel Limage, Caroline Holden
Week 3 Iris Callow, Heather Jenkins
Week 4 Jo Cheek, Marianna Mackay

A huge thank you to all of the above who help to keep the church gleaming and flowers fresh throughout the year.

Ideally we would like THREE PEOPLE for each month so if anyone would like to help out with the church cleaning and flowers then please contact me. It's a really companionable way to spend an hour - and very, very much appreciated!

Marianna 01275 340323

PS: for our flower arrangers - it has become evident that John Andrews can't cope with lily pollen...

Childrens' Christmas Party

Tuesday 22nd December
Kenn Village Hall
4.30pm-6pm

There may be a disco following on - TBA.
Entertainment by Nutty Noah,
back by popular demand.

Welcome to all ages; children & grandchildren of Kennites plus parents & grandparents!
More details in the December magazine.
Spread the word to new Kennites!
Tel the Hot Line: 878782 for more information

Jo Batten

Crisis at Christmas

Collection of clothing for Crisis at Christmas will be even more vital this year as the recession bites. CLEAN clothing and non perishable food to be left in the Church Porch or Church Path Cottage. Cheques should be made out to **Crisis at Christmas**.

Robin Mackay (340323)

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

1st Sunday 6th SECOND OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion Kenn*

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham*

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11.00am Christingle Service Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Evensong* at Yatton

2nd Sunday 13th THIRD OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton*

9.30am Parish Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Claverham

11.00am Holy Communion Kenn

11.00am Holy Communion Cleeve

3.00pm Christingle Service Yatton

4.00pm Christingle Service Cleeve

6.00pm Evensong Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 20th FOURTH OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion St Barnabas *

8.00am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour

9.30am Holy Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

4.00pm Christingle Service Claverham

6.00pm Carol Service Yatton

6.00pm Carol Service Kenn

7.00pm Carol Service Cleeve

4th Sunday 27th FIRST OF CHRISTMAS

10.00am TEAM Communion Yatton

2.00pm Holy Baptism Kingston Seymour James Michael Gaunt

6.00pm Patronal Evensong Kenn*

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2010 1st Sunday 3rd EPIPHANY

(SECOND OF CHRISTMAS)

8.00am Holy Communion at Claverham*

8.00am Holy Communion Kenn*

9.30am Family Communion Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

11.00am Family Service Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily: 8.30am Morning Prayer Yatton (not Sat. or Holy Days)

Every Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday: 11am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*

3rd Wednesday: 11am Holy Communion Kenn*

4th Wednesday: 11am: Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday: 9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30pm: Holy Communion Yatton

Morning Prayer - 8.30am at Yatton will be held up to & including Wednesday 23 December

Morning Prayer then resumes on Monday 4 January 2010 8.30am at Yatton

*Book of Common Prayer



Christmas services

Monday 14th 1.45 pm Court de Wyke School Christmas Service
Friday 18th 7.30pm Carol Service Kingston Seymour
Tuesday 22th 7.00pm Carol Service Claverham

Sunday 20th

6.00pm Carol Service Yatton
6.00pm Carol Service Kenn
7.00pm Carol Service Cleeve

Thursday 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm Crib Service Kenn
4:00pm Crib Service Yatton
4.00pm Crib Service Cleeve
5.00pm Crib Service Kingston Seymour
10.00pm Christmas Communion Claverham
11.30pm Midnight Communion Yatton
11.30pm Midnight Communion Kingston Seymour
11.30pm Midnight Communion Cleeve

Friday 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton
9.30am Christmas Communion Yatton with address for Children
10.00am Christmas Family Communion Cleeve
11.00am Christmas Family Communion Kingston Seymour
11.00am Christmas Family Communion Kenn

***ST. JOHN'S, KENN celebrates its Patronal Festival
on 27 December with Evensong at 6.00***

John and Grace, with helpers, will decorate the tree in church in time for the carol service on Sunday 20th December. Please can ladies decorate their windows in time for the carol service. Any problems let Marianna know as soon as possible.

At the Cathedral

Starting with the Cathedral Advent Carol service at 5pm on Advent Sunday and until Christmas Eve a series of Carol services or Carol concerts is held in the Cathedral.

On Christmas Eve there is a Crib service for 'children of all ages' at 3.30pm and a Midnight Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop at 11.30pm.

On Christmas Day a series of services celebrate the birth of Christ starting with 8am Holy Communion (said) and followed by Sung Eucharist at 9.45am and Sung Mattins at 11.30am.

Through Advent and Christmastide around 35,000 people will take part in religious services and concerts in the Cathedral.



A special Family Service at Kenn

The November Family Service was a double celebration. John and Grace Griffin were joined by their family and friends to celebrate their Golden Wedding, ending the service by asking the congregation to join them in a glass of champagne. Coincidentally, Cecilia and John Andrews celebrate their Ruby Wedding over the same weekend.

St John's also celebrated Christingle, and Cecilia's talk reflected the ideas developed at Sunday Club earlier in the month. After the service, the large congregation fell to chatting over drinks, coffee and biscuits, eventually leaving at 12.45.

Julia Bush

Kenn Nativity Play 2009

On Saturday 21st November Kenn children met to plan this year's play for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

It was a very successful meeting, with music teacher Jo Manning offering to compose music and lyrics to augment the script. If you want to perform, or help direct the play, contact Caroline on 01275 343133 and/or come to the first practice at 9.30 - 10.30 Sunday December 6th in the New Room.

If everything goes to plan, Tim and Julia Bush will now be living at
'Quercus', Kenn St, Kenn, BS21 6TN
we hope to retain our phone number 01275 873554.

News from the Blays in Ghana

Thanks to the generosity of Kenn folk, I sent £100 to Mr Blay in early Oct. He phoned me briefly to say the money had arrived safely. I asked him to send me details of his family. He, Emmanuel Blay is 66, retired after 40 years working at KNUST Kumasi, the national university, as a lab assistant, stores manager etc. Eldest son Denis has now taken over his job, and is married. Genevieve is a hairdresser. Jerome has just graduated as an architect, sponsored by the military, now doing his National Service. Adeline is a ticket collector at the lorry station in Kumasi. Michael has just finished secondary school, unemployed. Mary is an apprentice teacher. I have seen the family develop for over 25 years.

Julia Bush

PS I told Mr Blay about Tim (& trusty Steve our builder) building the house, at the end of his letter he wrote: 'Congratulations to Tim, with more grease on his elbow. Greetings to Tim'

Mr Blay has always been v generous with his blessings to us and the people of Kenn, even though he knows we have worldly goods beyond his imaginings, he always keeps us in his prayers.

November Coffee Morning

Celia hosted a well-attended coffee-morning at the new room, and all money donated was divvied up for *Oxfam Unwrapped* gifts. A sewing machine (for Tajikstan); 3 pigs (Bolivia); a tap, toilet and sink (India) and 16 ducks (Bangladesh) were all selected. It's good to think that our Christmas can spill over to make it a special time for others who have - let's face it - next to nothing.

Hazel

Singapore Story

This month I was able to compare and contrast the merits of different ends of the spectrum in air travel having flown an intra-Asia budget airline up to Bangkok, followed shortly after by a lovely trip back to Kenn via Heathrow on the new Airbus A380.

Earlier in November, along with five other mums from Singapore, I went shopping in Bangkok. Singapore is incredibly small - 711 square miles - which sounds a lot but it's really not after you have driven around it a couple of times. So, once in a while you have to get away and Bangkok is a relatively inexpensive destination, if you fly budget and stay in a lower-end hotel. We went Jet-Star which was fine - the usual paying for your drinks on the plane and extra charges for basic things like luggage.

We stayed at Shanghai Mansions which is in the Chinese quarter of Bangkok - close to the Royal Palace, which is on the river. It's low budget compared to the international hotels and from the outside looked extremely unpromising - in a very scruffy area. Once you get through the doors it's a complete gem. There are few extras, for example not much in the way of room service, and very little English spoken by the staff, but the highlights have to be the sensational Shanghainese room styles. There are three room styles named after Chinese flowers - all the colours are really bright yellows, pinks, reds, blues and turquoises, with the depth of colour you see in rich Chinese silks with Chinese-style four poster beds. Have a look at the web site - and I can promise if you like Chinoiserie style - this is for you. http://www.shanghaimansion.com/photo_gallery.htm

The highlight of our shopping trip was actually a couple of cocktails at the Sky Bar at the Sirocco Hotel on the 64th floor of the State Tower some 800 ft up in the air. You arrive at the Bar by taking the lift to the 65th floor, then walking down steps outside. It's all cunningly designed to make you feel you are walking towards the edge of a precipice with stunning views. The sensation of walking down towards the views and outside 65 floors up with the breeze - whilst all perfectly safe - does heighten the senses and definitely makes the cocktails taste better. No wonder it is ranked as the best Sky bar in the world - and I have to say it blew us away.

Later in November I had a quick side trip to Kenn to see Kate and Kevin and have fabulous cake at Five the Beach. I was on a work trip to the UK hence the Airbus A380. It was the first time I have flown business class on that aircraft and experienced the brilliant flat bed seats that really do go totally flat. I know I am biased as I live in Singapore - but Singapore Airlines really is the best in the

world. I felt so refreshed after the 13 hour trip from Singapore to Heathrow, I hopped in a car and popped down to Kenn and Portishead for the weekend. Caught up with Kate and planned a few Christmas activities for the kids before heading on to the work meetings.

I am now back in hot sunny Singapore writing this, having got over a minor bit of jet lag. As much as I love Asia, you can't beat a cold Christmas back home - so see you all in a couple of weeks!

Megan



Double Celebration

We asked John (the vicar) if we could have a Thanksgiving in church for our 50 years of marriage. Of course he said Yes, to be included in the Family Service on November 22nd, as our family would be with us for our celebrations. As it was the Christingle service he would include a few words and prayers for us.

We then thought "let's invite friends and neighbours to join us", so we did that and a lovely occasion we had and enjoyed, followed by a glass of wine.

Celia and John are also celebrating their 40th anniversary - they were congratulated and given a token of the village's affection and appreciation for all their hard work.

We would like to thank all those who gave us cards and flowers etc and were able to join us at the service on Sunday - it was greatly appreciated.

Grace and John

This lovely poem was written for us by our grandchildren:

To Granny and Grampy

We've all come to celebrate your 50 years together,
And you will remember this weekend for ever and ever.
You are both so special to us all,
We think your life has been so cool.
You've been to lots of interesting places,
Always packing up your cases.
Your fantastic trip on the Orient Express,
Where you were treated like a prince and princess.
To Dartmouth we all love to go,
For our holiday home we have to thank you both so
WOW - your family is so very proud,
And want to shout

CONGRATULATIONS

Really loud!!

From the church newsletter (no, not ours) (we hope...):

Please remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

And from the Sunday School Scripture Exam:

The first book of the Bible is Guinness, when Adam and Eve were created from an apple.

The Readers' Editor is delighted to welcome Bob Ford to the Kenn News and Views!! This correction follows Trevor's comments last month.

WC&P Light Railway Yeo Wharf

Very little, if any, of the coal brought into the Yeo Wharf was taken to Clevedon Gas Works. The little vessels which brought the coal from South Wales only came in at intervals of many months. Most, if not all, of the coal was used in the rail companies' own locomotives.

Soon after the wharf was completed Col. Stevens tried to secure a contract with Clevedon Gasworks. It seems he was unsuccessful. Three or four truck loads of coal from the Midlands were delivered daily to the Gasworks via Portishead.

Sorry - on this occasion I feel Trevor is only partly right.

Bob Ford

Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway

Following my comments last month, Bob Ford has been quick to dispel the myth about my knowledge base!

Bob points out that coal for Clevedon Gasworks came in via Portishead where it would have been transferred from the GWR. This is specifically mentioned in the standard work on the WCPLR by Christopher Redwood.

I have, however, seen a photograph in another book (by Peter Strange?) of 6 loaded coal wagons being taken to Clevedon from the Yeo Wharf and, according to the caption, for the gasworks.

Redwood's book says that shipments into the Yeo Wharf were infrequent and as Bob points out wouldn't have been sufficient to keep Clevedon Gasworks supplied. Any other information will be gratefully received.

Trevor Riddle

YACWAG Winter Bird Walk

Strawberry Line and Congresbury Moor

Meet 10:00am Yatton Station
down side car park.

Waterproof Footwear Required.
Will be postponed if wet.

All welcome (no dogs).

Details from Trevor Riddle
01934 835208

Last month it was, as eight of you guessed, the lovely Lise.

This month is another tiny tot. But who did she grow into?

Answers to Hazel or Robert, please.

Thanks again to Robert for the many, many photos he provides for the magazine.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN DECEMBER 11TH AT 7.00PM

We are very privileged again to have our own award winning brass band to accompany us, so dress up warmly, bring your torches and your best singing voices to the Village Green for mulled wine and mince pies whilst Andy Hicks leads us into the start of the festive season.

This year in order to raise more money for 'The Children's Society' it has been suggested that you sponsor a carol and dedicate it to someone special, or your neighbours, or just because it is your favourite. It doesn't matter - we would just like to raise a little more money for The Children's Society' so choose your favourite from the following:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Once in Royal David's City
It came upon a midnight clear
Good King Wenceslas
Away in a Manger
While Shepherds Watched their Flocks
As with Gladness men of Old
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night
O Come All Ye Faithful
We wish you a Merry Christmas
Angels from the Realms of Glory
In the Bleak Midwinter
The First Nowell
The Holly and the Ivy
See Amid the Winter's Snow
Infant Holy
Good Christian Men Rejoice
Ding, Dong! Merrily on High
I saw Three Ships Come Sailing In
We Three Kings of Orient Are
Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn



Just put your name on a card, together with your favourite carol and hand it with your donation to John Ball, Caroline Hayden, John Griffin or Robin Mackay so we can all enjoy singing your favourite carols!!



An Open Letter to Local Farmers and their Wives

Would you like to save several thousand pounds per year and help wildlife at the same time?

This is not a catch question, and there will be other, non-financial, benefits as well.

You will all be aware that many birds and small mammals rely on berries to sustain them through the winter.

I'm sure that you all remember the Song Thrush - it relied on Hawthorn and the berries - but when did you last see one? Figures show that they have declined by 70% in the past 30 years. I'm not suggesting that farmers are responsible for this loss, but am asking for your help to provide more food for these birds and also winter visitors such as Fieldfares and Redwings.

Where is a good place to see these birds someone may ask? The answer is on berry-laden hedgerows and adjoining fields!

Next question - where are the berry-laden hedgerows? Answer - they could be all around us.

Now - the really boring bit; there can be no berries on a hawthorn hedge which is cut every year, as flowering and fruiting takes place on two-year old wood!

Hedges where cutting has not occurred for at least two years provide more berries, as well as better shelter and nest sites. There was a 50-fold increase of berries per metre of hedge when cut every three years!

Please Mr Farmer, would you consider leaving at least some hedges to produce fruit each year?

Now the bit for the farmers' wives - can you think of anything that you could spend the money on which would be saved by not cutting the hedges every year?

Name and address withheld for fear of repercussions!!
But any grateful farmer's wife can contact me at
Little Orchard, Duck Lane!!



Liz Haden

On Sunday 15th November, before the evening service, I first of all rang our church bell 'in memoriam' of Elizabeth Haden ('Liz'), a very valued member of our Chalice Handbell Team who died on 30th October. Liz was one of the team who rang at Kenn for last year's Carol Service, and at Kingston Seymour for the July Cream Teas afternoon. Always a source of inspiration and fun, she will be, and already is, very much missed. The Requiem Mass at Wells R.C. Church to celebrate her life and music was "standing room only", when five of our team were present. The "Six Tailors (Tellers) for a woman" were rung at Kenn, followed by one solemn stroke of the bell for each of her 54 years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Geoff Marchant

A YATTON BREADBOX BIRDBOX

Three years ago a good breadbox with slatted, opening half moon cover was left over after a sale of bric-a-brac at St Mary's. With a suitable hole routed out at each end, a central partition installed, and roofing felt cover put on, it made a desirable semi-detached des-res to put up in our brown sycamore tree. We believed that in 2008 no birds took occupation but Jean Kirk, one of our handbell ringers, was sure she had seen blue-tits going towards the far opening, despite the fact that every time we did a "box watch" there was no sign of activity. We therefore didn't check whether it needed cleaning out that year. This year we saw two blue tits (male and female?) AND a male great tit going in and out of the nearest opening to our house and we could therefore keep a good watch with binoculars. When I cleaned out the box last month we were not surprised to find evidence of TWO nests inside this near apartment – unfortunately all the young had flown the nest the week we were away in France and Germany. The great surprise was that there were also two blue-tit nests with 5 or 6 unhatched eggs in both, in the far portion, and there were also a couple of broken shells on the moss between the two nests. We called in Trevor Riddle and he verified and explained our findings and added that, most probably, the unhatched eggs were from 2008 – a poor, wet, season when many birds abandoned their unhatched broods. I had worried that perhaps I had removed the box before a late 2009 hatching had been successful – who knows?

Geoff Marchant



Bird News I

At the end of October, Jackie Huxtable reported a Black Redstart in her garden near Cooks Lane. There was an influx of these rare migrants at the time and doubtless one or two will appear in our area during the winter.

Fieldfares and Redwings have arrived in average numbers. There were 100 Fieldfares and 50 Redwings at Wemberham mid-month. Staying with the thrush species our local Song Thrush began to sing on November 20th - it seems to get earlier in the year every year.

A visit to the Somerset Wildlife Trust reserve at Catcott produced three Glossy Ibis. These rare birds (from Spain) arrived on the Somerset Levels a couple of months ago and seem to be enjoying the mild weather. Also on show was a family of Marsh Harriers, almost certainly the birds that nested at nearby Shapwick Heath. Generally young birds of this (and many other) species would disperse in late summer/early autumn and this is a situation that I have not encountered before. There are reports from nearby Shapwick of food still being provided by the adult birds to the juveniles, and (as far as I know) this is very unusual in late November.

The strong winds from the 22nd brought various seabirds up the channel.

Finally I have just seen "Bird News from Padstow" in the special edition and the fact is that birds are to be enjoyed whether common or rare. Jill and I have spent many happy hours on the Camel Estuary - we have never seen Spoonbills or Cattle Egrets there though - sounds like Hazel is at least a twitcher second-class and moving up the rankings!

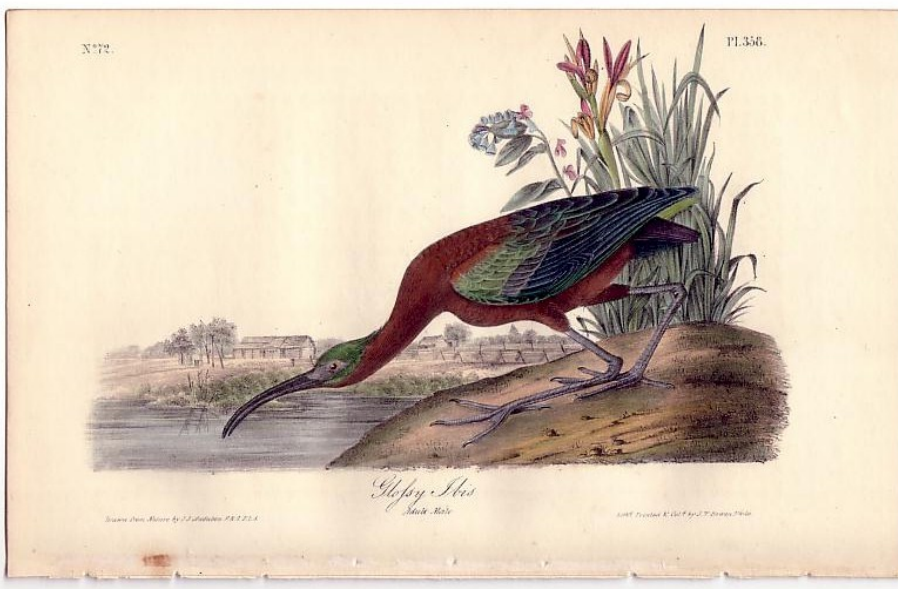
Trevor Riddle

Bird News II

Very little bird news. Miles Naish reports a very large flock of mixed Fieldfares and Redwings in Weston-in-Gordano moor.

The very windy weather had driven flocks of sea birds, including terns inland.

Ray Naish



Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

A real looker - lovelier in colour - but no picture on my iPod for this one...

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This picture is from the first octavo edition of

The Birds of America, 1840-1844
(John James Audubon)

A FLIGHT OF FANCY?

It's all very amusing in retrospect, but it involved an early start for me on Sunday 4th October - and an unplanned journey by John Ball too! (Many thanks, John, and sorry for the confusion!)

I was sure that Yatton Moor's curate Linda Evans had mentioned late on Saturday night at St Mary's harvest supper that she required an eagle for her sermon next day. Allan Denny thought there was one in the choir vestry - I should have queried this and alarm bells should have been set ringing (why should he think there was an eagle lectern in there???) I said "there's one at Kenn I'm sure you could borrow, and it's 8am service there tomorrow - I'll go and get it for you and make sure it's here by 9am; which I did with the help of John Ball who fitted in a quick journey to Yatton as he didn't think it would go into my car. (Did anyone in Yatton spot an eagle speeding eastwards, though facing westwards?!)

Linda showed great appreciation when Ian told her an eagle had arrived for her, courtesy of John and Geoff, not a hint of surprise! In the service she stood her map of Yatton on a chair, leant it against this heavy bird, and proceeded to explain to the children how life could be brought into the village by the addition onto the flat map of extra artwork showing a train, a sun bed, children in the school, and other activities. In the centre, for a happy village life, was Jesus. This wasn't at all what I had expected - I had envisioned an explanation of the gospel writers' symbols - a lion, a bull (or ox), a man's face and an eagle (Revelations chapter 4 verse 7) as once told to our fascinated children at Butcombe church by Rev Derek Hooper.

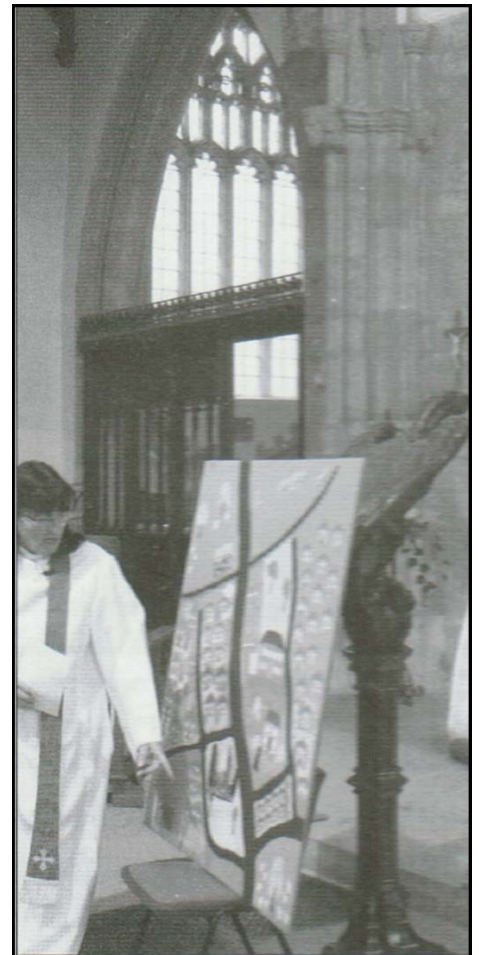
It wasn't until after the service when Robin Battersby was helping to carry the heavy bird back out to my car that the secret came out - Linda had been looking for an EASEL, not an EAGLE! It was an easel she had used at another church previously. Still the eagle lectern did the job better than a light easel, and Ian quipped that John Andrews had wanted to get rid of it for some time - and now he had succeeded! But he hasn't, because it was back at Kenn the next day thanks to help from Bill Pugh and all but a somewhat embarrassed Linda enjoyed the "faux pas" enormously.

PS - Ray Naish tells me that it's the first time the eagle has been out of Kenn church since 1852, when it was given by Rev Acres who initially used to ride his horse over from Sandford to take the services at Kenn.

PPS - Jill Riddle called to me as I hurriedly left Kingston Seymour later that Sunday morning - "Can't stop", I said "Got to go back to Yatton to pick up a bird!" "Ooh!!" was her comment! - goodness knows what was going through her mind!!

PPPS - There's an even better one for next month - it happened to a slightly deaf friend of mine! - all will be revealed!

PPPPS - John Ball, Bill Pugh, and myself would like to say an extra big "Thank you" to Linda for the box of chocolates she gave us for our efforts and assure her that we all enjoyed the joke tremendously. I have asked her to consider giving another talk to the children, this time on the subject I was expecting. I will bring back the eagle for that occasion - AS LONG AS SHE ARRANGES TO BORROW A LION FROM LORD BATH AT LONGLEAT!!!



Geoff Marchant October 6th

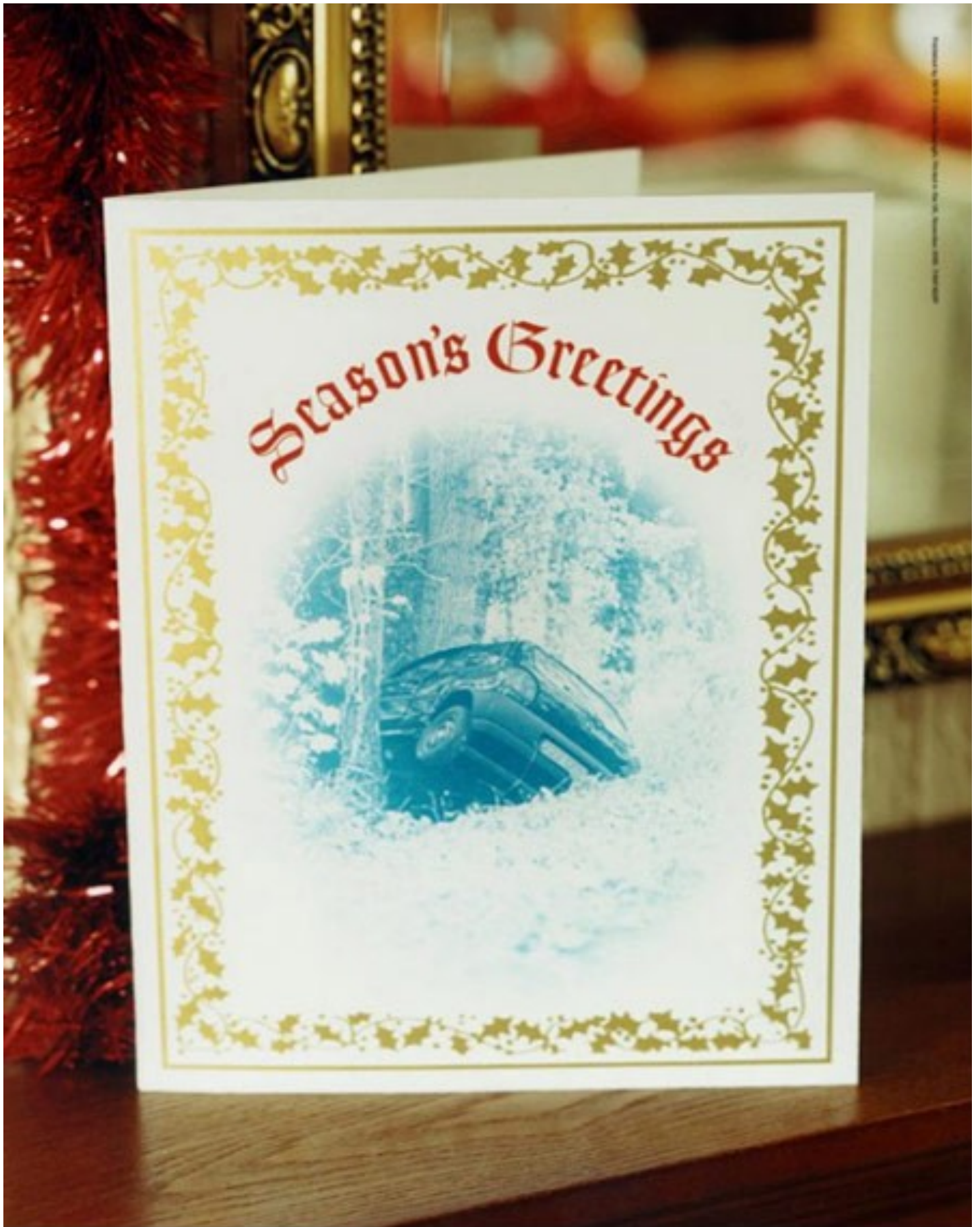
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