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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ETC.

- 1st Sotoris Papisolomontos
Verity Rogers
4th Sally Whitehead
Roger Jenkins
5th Jerry Naish
Chris Wall
10th Louise Pugh
Tom Clark
Penny Leiper (Griffin)
15th Emma Palmer (Smith)
20th Angel Middleton
Vincent Stowell
21st John Griffin
23rd Richard & Avril Gaunt W.A
24th Shirley Wall
John Street
25th HAPPY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL
29th Jean Withers (80)
31st HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Typist's Note

Thanks to all who have contributed throughout the year. Please keep the items coming to ensure that Kenn News and Views continues to be a good read!

Margaret

Thought of the Month

*Christmas to a child is the first
terrible proof that to travel hopefully
is better than to arrive!*

Message from Ed.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Naish's Notes Children in Need Quiz Nite

The Quiz Nite was held in our own Village Hall, on the actual Comic Relief night, with people bringing their own drink and nibbles (some brought a picnic and made everyone feel hungry).

We were supported by 16 teams. The Quiz Master as usual was Derek Wall, who provided us with a really fun Quiz and gave us a brilliant night. Many thanks for all the raffle prizes donated.

Les Baker and Heather Jenkins provided added entertainment with the wearing of false teeth and daft hats, which should encourage all of us to visit the dentist more often. I have never seen such dreadful teeth !!!!

We raised the grand sum of £237.69 for Children in Need. Well done to all! We have been asked to do another Quiz in the New Year and I think this will be a definite event! Watch this space.

Thanks to all who attended, there is no better place for enjoying yourselves than Kenn Village Hall.

Sheila

LAST DATES FOR POSTING FOR CHRISTMAS

- 6TH DECEMBER — OUTSIDE EUROPE
10TH DECEMBER — EASTERN EUROPE
14TH DECEMBER — WESTERN EUROPE
18TH DECEMBER — SECOND CLASS
21ST DECEMBER — FIRST CLASS

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CHRISTMAS TREE and CAROLS on the VILLAGE GREEN Friday 13th December at 7.00 pm

The lights on our Christmas Tree will be switched on by a Kenn Celebrity to be followed by Carol Singing round the tree. (if wet in the Church), and mince pies kindly given by Mike of the Drum.

Young Kennites will collect for the Children's Society.

Kennites and friends come along and join us!

Ruth Dyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Kenn Village Hall

Monday 2nd December
7.30 pm - Kenn Parish Council

Drum and Monkey

12.30 pm. Tuesday 3rd December
Village Lunch - 2 courses £5.65 or
full menu - Everyone welcome.

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 4th December
Christmas Tea Party, 3pm.

Wednesday 11th December
Kenn W.I. Meeting at 7.30 pm.
Beetle Drive
Christmas Post for Members.

Kenn Village Green
7.00 pm. Friday 13th December

Christmas Tree lighting and Carol Singing then mince pies - Everyone welcome.

Kenn Village Hall

Friday 20th December
Kenn Children's Party, 4.00 pm

ADVANCE DIARY NOTES

DRUM AND MONKEY
Tuesday 2nd January 2003
MIKE'S TREAT

12.30 p.m. Christmas Lunch
Roast Turkey and Sweet
Villagers and Friends Invited
Reserve your place with Mike

Monday 20th January 2003
RACE NIGHT AT THE DRUM

Children's Christmas Party

The Kenn Children's Christmas Party will be held from 4.00 pm on Friday 20th December.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd December in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All parishioners are welcome.

The Christmas tree lights will be switched on on Friday 13th December by a Kenn Celebrity. Any proceeds from the collection will go to the Children's Society

Ann Holtham

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WHAT'S ON AT THE DRUM!

Kenn Village Lunch
Tuesday 3rd December
from 12.30 p.m.

Monday 23rd December
The Drum and Monkey Xmas Raffle

Tickets available behind the bar.
Raffle starts 9.00 p.m.
All Welcome
Be here - join in the fun !!!

Christmas Eve
Open all day

Christmas Day
Bar - 11.30 am till 1.00 pm
Christmas Day Lunch fully booked
Lunch served at 1.00 p.m.
Evening Closed

Boxing Day
Open 12 noon till 4.00 p.m.
Evening Closed

New Years Eve
Open 11.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Evening
9.00 p.m. till late
Entrance by Ticket only
£5.00 per ticket

Buffet,
Entertainment,
Prize Raffle

Fancy Dress - optional
"Cowboys and Indians"

New Years Day
Open 12 noon till 4.00 p.m.
Closed Evening

Every Wednesday
Quiz Night
Free Entry - Prizes
Raffle

ADVANCE INVITATION

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Diary Date:

Monday 20th January 2003

RACE NIGHT AT THE DRUM

Tickets £3 from the bar
to include supper

Typist's note - Many thanks to Mike for his generosity throughout the year and especially for providing Raffle Prizes and Mince Pies etc whenever asked. During 2002 around £4000.00 has been collected and donated to Charity by The Drum & Monkey.

Come along to his "Treat" on the 2nd January to say Thank You.

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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Kenn Altar Guild - December Rota

1st - Mrs J. Fenwick/Mrs J. Pascoe
8th - Mrs R. Bell/Mrs G. Griffin
15th - CAROL SERVICE
Mrs M. Ball/Mrs H. Jenkins
22nd - Mrs J. Cheek/Mrs M. Mackay
29th - Mrs J. Naish /Mrs J. Staples

Mrs J. Naish, with helpers, will decorate the tree in Church for the Carol Service.

Please can ladies decorate their windows in time for the Carol Service,

Thank you, Jean 872493

The Installation of the Revd. John Andrews

This service took place at Kingston Seymour church on Friday 22nd November 2002.

As choristers, churchwardens, parish officers and parishioners from all five churches in the team were involved, plus assorted clergy from Portishead Deanery, two Archdeacons, the Rural Dean and Bishop Peter, rehearsal and choreography were vital.

As a result, the vast shivering procession, assembled at the church door, was deemed truly terrifying by the Bishop.

Once inside the church we all warmed up. The service proceeded without a hitch and we were treated to a light hearted, but meaningful sermon from Bishop Peter.

There were plenty of empty seats, probably because many people thought there would be a crowd and difficulty parking. This meant there was plenty to eat afterwards; the quality of which was confidently predicted by the Archdeacon of Wells, Revd. Bob Evens.

The wit and badinage was legendary and it was good to meet folk from Andrew and Celia's last parishes.

Tired, but full and happy, we returned home at about 10 pm.

Julia Bush

Christingle Service at Kenn

As usual, Kenn leads the way in Yatton Moor by holding its Christingle Service in its November Family Service slot.

This year was special, because the service was the first to be taken by the Revd. John Andrews, accompanied by his wife Celia.

On a beautiful sunny morning a goodly crowd gathered in church to hear John explain the meaning of the components of The Christingle, aided by some of the children.

Refreshments (and the sweeties, nuts and fruit from the Christingles) followed a lovely service, which was a great start to John and Celia's ministry with us.

Julia Bush

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St. John the Evangelist, Kenn Church Services for December

Sunday 1st December
First Sunday in Advent
8 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 8th December
Second Sunday in Advent
11 a.m. Sung Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December
Third Sunday in Advent
6 p.m. Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd December
Fourth Sunday in Advent
11 a.m. Sung Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th December
Christmas Eve
3 p.m. Crib Service

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day
11 a.m. Family Communion

Friday 27th December
St. John Apostle + Evangelist
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 29th December
First Sunday of Christmas

6 p.m. Patronal Evensong

For full list of Services in Yatton Moor
see Moor News

Crib Service 3.00 p.m. Christmas Eve 2002

The main rehearsal for this will be held Saturday 21st December 2.00 p.m. at Church for everyone!

Heavenly Host, Shepherds and all!

If you want a speaking part (narrator) please contact –

Julia Bush 01275 873554 or
Heather Noad 01275 874078
A.S.A.P.

SNIPPETS

Kenn Women's Institute

The Annual Christmas Flower Arranging Evening was held in the Village Hall on 20th November when Mrs Reeve, Chairman of Clevedon Floral Society created some very lovely Christmas Floral arrangements suitable for Christmas Festivities. All the arrangements were in the draw and the lucky winners went home very pleased with their prizes.

Invalids – Mrs. Hilda Staples and Jack Hanson

As we go 'to press', they are both in Clevedon Hospital. We hope they will soon feel better. We are so blessed to have such an excellent local hospital.

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Kenn Post Office

The Post Office at Kenn closed recently. It had been operating from the same building for just about 100 years. This is obvious because the Letter Box on the front shows the crown of King Edward the Seventh who only reigned for a few years at the beginning of the nineteen hundreds. In fact this is a very rare post box. There cannot have been many Post Offices built in his short reign.

The Post Office was built by Mrs Lucinda Dyer, who was the widow of George Dyer. They had previously run the Post Office at "Corner Cottage", where Mrs Sally Whitehead now lives. George Dyer died when a young man, he was Sexton of the Church as his father William had been before him. William and his wife had also run the Post Office and Village Shop. It was probably the first shop in Kenn.

I have seen in the Church Records entries stating that Mrs Dyer had been paid money to provide groceries to people from the Village who were in distress. The amount was generally three shillings (fifteen pence) and this money was paid from Church funds.

Mrs Lucinda Dyer and her sons ran the Post Office until about 1930. In 1912 Mrs Lucinda married again to that great character of yesteryear Mr. Charlie Staples. They lived next door at "Orchard House".

The Post Office has been run for the last few years by Mrs Liz Noyes who has decided to retire and close the Post Office. Liz has found it impossible to continue with the shop because of competition from supermarkets and the lack of local support for the Post Office.

I, and I am sure many other people, wish Liz a Happy Retirement from Post Office work and All The Best for the Future and Many Thanks for the help she has given to many people over the years she has been in Kenn

Ray Naish

Local Dialects

There has been a lot of talk lately on Radio Bristol about the various dialects that are spoken in Bristol and the West Country. In Bristol alone there are many different dialect spoken.

People that have been interviewed on the radio have spoken about the great variety of dialect that is still used in the West country from the Forest of Dean right down through Bristol and into Somerset, Devon and Cornwall and Wiltshire.

Several of those interviewed have said that the way West Country people talk is held to ridicule by many people in the Greater London area. Who cares what they think?

I think that it adds to the pleasure of being able to live here. I also think we should petition for "Home Rule for Wessex" after all Wales and Scotland have obtained it. How about electing Lord Bath to be the first ruler.

Ray Naish

KENN VILLAGE HALL

JUMBLE SALE 27TH November

Many thanks to all who supported this event, the sum of £115.00 was raised for Village Hall Funds

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Theo John Stowell

Theo, or Tone as he was generally known has passed away in Weston Hospital after a very short illness. He was 74 years of age.

Tone was born at "New House Farm", Kenn, now "Chaseside". He was the eldest of the four children of Jack and Irene Stowell. He attended Kenn Village School until he was eleven, he then went to Bristol Technical College, which was bombed out in the war and transferred to Clevedon Hall. He helped his father on the farm before and after school. He used to cycle out to their land at Nailsea Wall to milk a few cows by hand before going to school in the morning.

When Tone was fifteen he went to Southampton Naval College and obtained his Master's Ticket at the age of twenty five and then took charge of a ship travelling to Australia and New Zealand, picking up frozen lamb to be taken to America and then re-loading with grain to be brought back to England.

Tone married Wendy Banwell at Yatton Church forty nine years ago. Some years ago he gave up travelling the high seas and took a post as Captain of a sand dredger operating in the Bristol Channel from Avonmouth. He did this to be nearer his family. He and his family lived at Claverham Road, Yatton.

After Tone had retired, he and Wendy moved to Worle to be near their elder daughter. They had three children, Martyn, Melanie and Rebecca and ten grandchildren. He was a wonderful grandparent.

Tone was a great family man and did his best to help them in any way he could. His two hobbies were Ballroom Dancing and Gardening. He and Wendy went dancing several times a week right up to his death.

At his funeral at St. Martin's, Worle the church was packed. He had a wide circle of friends. He was a very popular man.

Tone could be summed up in one word, he was a "Gentleman". His ashes after cremation were scattered at sea as he had requested.

Those of us who knew Tone and Wendy wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Wendy and her large family on their sad, almost sudden, loss. Also to his family who still live in Kenn.

Ray Naish

The following poem – a tribute to Tone, was written by his younger daughter Rebecca, and read at his funeral.

The ship stands patiently waiting;
Waiting for the tide;
To bear her out to action;
Beyond the harbour side

The summons from the oceans wave,
Gives rise to all her charms;
She's a strong and mighty vessel,
Who waits with open arms?

She dances on the fragile waves,
Her masts they boldly blow,
Like flowers in the garden;
How beautiful they grow.

Her cargo transports knowledge
To all corners of the earth;
We see in her a Master's
Sincerity, joy and mirth.

The Master is so skilful
True character in motion;
He circumnavigates his thoughts
With confidence and devotion.

He truly is a gentleman,
A husband, father, friend;
In whom we have such love and trust,
On whom we can depend.

We will always know his presence
He has taught us all so much;
Our memories we will cherish
From his kind and loving touch.

God knows and plans our journey
He waits for us ashore
He gives us strength when loved ones
pass
And grace to love him more.

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Kenn Women's Institute

November has been a very busy month for us. Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 13th November. The Committee for 2001/2 was thanked for their hard work and a new Committee was voted in. Ann Holtham was again elected as our President. This year will be very important as it is our Golden Jubilee! Watch out for future events.

The competition of a pretty plate was won by Barbara Russell with Heather Saxby receiving silver and Margaret Chapel green.

After the business end of the meeting, Rev. Tim Daniels, the Minister at Linden Road Methodist Church, Clevedon, recounted his trip to Uganda in 2001.

The Church decided to raise funds for a church in the Third World for the Millennium, and they collected £10,000 during that year.

They have linked up with the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Kampala whose Leader, Father Fred, came to England and told the Clevedon Methodist congregation of his vision to build up his whole community by establishing a school, a clinic, a skills centre for adult men, and his ultimate dream to build a new church building.

In Kampala few adults live longer than 45 and many, many children are orphaned because their mothers die from AIDS at a much younger age.

The members of Rev. Daniels' Church decided to adopt Father Fred's project and provide financial support, and when he heard of Rev. Daniels' sabbatical last year, Father Fred suggested he went out to Kampala to view the progress. Tim took his 16 year old daughter, Rachel, and a friend accompanied them with his teenage son. They stayed in a guest house in the best part of town at a cost of £4.00 p.p.n. However, they did not receive all the food they should have because the staff stole most of it, the accommodation was very basic, and they never met the owner.

They had to amuse themselves by candlelight at night because there were power cuts most nights - why? Because the National Electricity Company sold the electricity to Tanzania as they got a better revenue and their own people had to go without.

Every house of any substance was in a walled compound guarded by large dogs who barked all night, so there was little sleep had by the visitors. They travelled in Fred's open backed truck and did pastoral work, set up a sponsorship programme for children, ran a holiday club for children, all based at Fred's Church at Kampala.

They were able to visit the Source of the Nile in the one and only boat, and the Equator because it bisects Uganda into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres; there were no tourists or any traffic on the main roads - it was very eerie to those of us listening, let alone to our travellers. The Church is on the shore of Lake Victoria and the countryside is beautiful by day but at night the mosquitos rise out of the swamps some 100 metres away.

Despite television programmes, Tim said one can never be prepared for the poverty: his church sponsors a family of four children and he went to visit the family who are looked after by their Grandmother because their Mother died from AIDS, and their father ran off because he couldn't cope. They live in a very small room with one bed, a stove in the corner, and a hurricane lamp - nowhere to store things, no comfort at all. Rev. Daniels' daughter was very shocked by the conditions. They asked the family if they could take a photograph and were asked to wait; when they reappeared the grandmother was wearing her best dress, she had incredible dignity. Before they were fostered by their grandmother, the children were living in a shanty town right by a rubbish dump in the middle of Kampala.

On the outskirts of Kampala are huge houses belonging to wealthy people, facing these hovels. There was a row of smart shops and restaurants for the monied and ex patriots but the locals had to shop in shanty buildings.

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He met the most wonderful people who were coping with their lot in the face of terrible adversity, illness, and death.

Rev. Tim preached at evening Crusades to thousands of people and his enthusiasm for his work came through his talk; he said the spirituality of the Ugandan people was unbelievably strong. He also visited the school, which his Clevedon congregation had provided with their £10,000.

He is hoping to go out to Uganda again as his Church has collected almost another £20,000 for Kampala.

As your reporter's note - let us hope that the wealthy nations will write off the debt of Third World countries to give them some chance of survival.

Rev. Tim certainly provided us with many thoughts for Christmas.

Unfortunately we are out of the County Federation Skittles competition for this year but we will keep trying; to 'drown our sorrows' we had a thoroughly enjoyable friendly game on the 19th November at The Bell Inn at Congresbury.

On the 20th November we held our Annual Flower Arranging evening entitled "In the Bleak Midwinter". Mrs Ann Reeve, Chairman of Clevedon Flower Arranging Club, created six beautiful arrangements - some in the Victorian style of using dried fruit, fresh flowers and foliage in blocks. A very appreciative audience had a most rewarding evening.

December 11th will bring out our competitive spirit, playing beetle whilst munching mince pies.

ROSEMARIE FORD 01275 542651

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CAKE!

If you have not made your cake yet you might like to try this one. It will be interesting to know how you get on.

1 or 2 Qts. Rum
1 cup butter
1 tsp sugar
2 large eggs
1 cup dried fruit
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
Lemon juice
Brown sugar
Nuts

Before you start sample the rum for quality. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the rum again, it must be just right. To be sure the rum is of the highest quality, pour one level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

With an electric mixer beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of trugar and beat again. Manwhile, make sure that the rum is of the highest quality. Try another cup. Open second quart if necessary. Add two arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit and beat till high. If druit gets stuck on beaters just pry loose with drewsdriver. Sample the rum again, checking for tongsicisticy. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (it really doesn't matter). Sample the rum again. Sift pint of melon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add on babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever colour you can find. Mix well, grease oven and turn cake pan into 350 gredees. Pour the whole mess into cover and cake. Check the rum again, and bo to ged

Ann Holtham

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BIRD NEWS I

**Shapwick Heath – Sunday 17th
November**

Twenty five members and friends met at the Willows on a gloriously sunny and calm morning. Song Thrush and Redwings were visible from the car park and we added Fieldfare as we made our way down the road to the Reserve. We struck off in great anticipation, but it was quiet – very quiet.

Nothing was flying in the calm conditions and the noisy Cettis Warblers stayed hidden as always. It was perfect weather for Bearded Tits, but no luck with them either. I felt sure that the lakes would yield plenty of ducks, but yes, you guessed it, devoid (well almost) of life.

A Heron was quite a triumph and a pair of Stonechats better, but there were several first-timers who deserved more. Eventually – and to my immense relief – a Marsh Harrier gave fantastic views – honour was satisfied. The only Buzzards we saw were perched but we did add Great Crested Grebe and Jay, along with a single Lapwing. Most of the party partook of the booked Sunday Lunch at the Willows, an excellent and convivial repast as usual and so generous in portion that only a small band visited Ham Wall in the afternoon. Here we looked at the Walton Heath project and many favourable comments were heard. We did see some Teal, a “wisp” of Snipe and at last a soaring Buzzard.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Shortage of Bird News II

I can never remember a time when there has been so little bird news to report. The summer visitors have long gone and the winter visitors have not yet arrived. I have only seen one Fieldfare this autumn, the weather must be very mild in the North, making it unnecessary for them to use up valuable energy flying South for food.

Pearl Ferris, who lives on the River Bank at Nailsea Wall has seen a Kingfisher on a post near her sitting room window. Her mother Mrs Tripp gets masses of birds feeding from her bird table. This is a very quiet spot. Still in the Nailsea Wall area, when I delivered the Magazines to Brian and Theresa Walters' house which is further along the Wall, I counted forty wild Mallard resting on the lawn, they obviously get fed and were waiting for their next feed. I expect their garden is free from slugs. Ducks are marvellous at clearing them up.

Ray Naish.

THANKS

Margaret Ford and Jean Naish would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning – held at Cloverlea in November –

The magnificent sum of £212 was raised towards the rebuilding of the Church Room.

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A Scratch in Time

Steve Walker had to go to the Outpatients of his local hospital to get the results of some tests. There were quite satisfactory and he was walking back to his car, quit happy with that knowledge.

As he went, he noticed, some way in front of him, a young couple come out from a wing of the hospital. They were holding hands and in a bit of a hurry, a lunch-time tryst, thought Steve. The young man was obviously a young Doctor for he was still wearing his white coat, and the lass was a pretty nurse (aren't they all?). They got to the chap's car, a snazzy little red sports car, and jumped in.

Unfortunately, their rather hurried exit and reversal out of the compound didn't go without incident, because the red car bumped into another vehicle. It wasn't a severe jolt, but there was contact. The young doctor got out to survey the damage, and Steve then saw him attach something to the other car.

Human curiosity being what it is, it had to be investigated. There was a paint scratch on the injured car and this was partly covered by some sticking plaster to which was stuck a note.

It read:- "I don't think it's going to be serious, take two aspirins tonight, and ring me in the morning"

Signed Dr..... with his telephone number.

Cliff Edwards

The Kenn Hangings 1830

Following Simon Pinder's very interesting articles on The Kenn Hangings over the past months in Kenn News and Views. I would like to write what I know about Mary Wall wife of William Wall, one of the men who was hanged.

I am indebted to the late David Chambers who was archivist for Kenn for doing all this research. I write from memory of what David found out.

Mary was a Clevedon girl before her marriage to William. They lived in Duck Lane in a cottage that was situated where Troy and Julian Gale have just built their new house.

As Simon wrote, they had seven children. Mary was arrested with all the men involved in the case. She was charged with making the matches that set the wheat mows alight. She probably only made them for ordinary household use.

Mary was taken to Ilchester Gaol. She was condemned to death, but later ordered to be 'transported for life'. While in prison she gave birth to another son. We shall never know if she was pregnant at the time of her arrest or if she was raped while awaiting transportation. Two years after her arrest she was taken to Woolwich Reach in London and put aboard a convict ship called "The Highderry". As there was no railway in those days she must have been taken to London by horse and cart with her baby in her arms.

David found out her description from the gaol records. She was four feet eleven in height, of slim build with sharp features and a pointed nose, with brown hair and blue grey eyes.

When "The Highderry" moved out of Woolwich Reach it set sail for Hobart in Tasmania.

To be continued

Ray Naish