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BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY

8th Cliff Edwards
11th George Noad
13th Abigail Smith
14th Rebecca Brain
16th Fred Fenwick
30th Mike Smith

Message from Ed and Typist

Thank you for our gifts, given to us at the Christmas Tea Party - Much appreciated.

Happy New Year to all our readers.
Let's hope that this year is a good one for us all.

*We know this was last year's request,
but it did work so shall we repeat the
actions?*

It's January - and what must we do?

Find the flies!
Look in the loft!
Inspect the outhouse!
Examine the barn!
Suck 'em up in the vacuum!

And the prize for finding them? -
A 'plague-free' summer.

Louise came home and found Henry stalking around the house with a fly swatter.
"Have you killed any yet?" she asked.
"Yep," Henry answered.
"There were two males and a female."
"How could you tell?"
"Well," said Henry, "two of the flies were sitting on a beer can and one was on the telephone."

Thanks to John Griffin for this light hearted comment!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

INVITATION

John and Celia Andrews are holding an
"At Home"
at Cherry Tree House,
Kingston Seymour on
Monday 6th January
10.30 am - 3.30 p.m.
All are welcome to drop in.

St. John's Altar Guild January Rota

Mrs M. Willcox and Mrs. J. Staples

Many thanks to all the ladies who arranged flowers at Kenn Church over the Christmas Festival.

The Church looked really lovely.
Thank you for all your hard work.

Jean Naish

PLOUGH SUNDAY

At the monthly Family Service on January 26th the annual Plough Service will be included. This is a very popular service and it is hoped that there will be the usual large attendance.

Ray Naish

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Service of Lesson and Carols

The Service of Lessons and Carols held on 15th December was a great success. Over 100 people attended, this was the largest congregation to attend a Sunday Service in recent times. This included 25 people in the choir, which was also a record. 11 people read lessons.

Before the service started a team of hand bell ringers, led by Geoff Marchant, played carols this was much appreciated by those present.

The church had been beautifully decorated. Many thanks to all who took part in any way, musicians, readers and decorators for making this a very memorable service.

Ray Naish.

TALENT IN KENN

As if it were ever in doubt, the folk in Kenn have proved themselves to be a very 'talented' lot. At the beginning of October 'Fivers' were offered to the congregation of Kenn Church with the challenge to re-enact the Parable of the Talents and make them into as much money as possible. Over the next months jam bubbled away in preserving pans, cakes cooked, all manner of cunning plans were hatched to 'bring forth the increase' to be presented on Advent Sunday. I had a feeling all would be well but even I was amazed at the results. £85 was invested, with

a gross 'Harvest' of £685, an eight fold increase!!! This meant we are £600 nearer getting the 'Looroom and New room' HURRAH

Your next Challenge (calling children of all ages)

During late January and early February we will be **GIVING AWAY SMARTIES!** Thanks to the generosity of Ms Kathleen Cawston, packets of Smarties will be handed out in church to anyone who will bring the packet back at Easter, full of money. We're not fussy what money, as long as it is bankable, pennies, pounds, tenners - it's all valuable to Kenn Church - get munching!!

PATRONAL EVENSONG AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

For the last three years there has been a fifth Sunday in December and Kenn Church has taken this opportunity to celebrate its Patronal Festival with Team Evensong. 30 people assembled for one of Kenn's favourite services, finishing with sherry, mince pies and a seasonal outing for the vacuum cleaner.

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CRIB SERVICE 2002

Once again, carrying the art of brinkmanship to new and dizzy heights a motley assortment of children, mums, dads and grandparents got themselves together with costumes, scripts, props and a couple of harassed 'production staff' and we were off! The production of the Kenn Crib Service had begun!

The church was warm (thanks Ray), the children amenable and we had a following wind. Before we knew where we were, the play had taken shape and everyone was looking forward to a lively time on Christmas Eve. Thus, it came to pass that once more the timeless story of The Nativity was told, and through all the prompting and signalling (angels on, angels off) the wonder of Christmas was revealed. There were no fights, no-one was sick or cried, not even in the congregation! And a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to watch, and a special "Thank you" to Mary Holmes for coming all the way from Yatton to play for us. Hope to see you all again next year.

Julia and Heather.

CHRISTMAS TREE

It was my honour and pleasure to be asked to be the 'Celebrity' who switched on the Christmas Tree lights this year. It was a lovely evening and not as cold as some that week.

We owe a debt to those people who obtained the tree, put it up

and adorned it with its lights.

We are also grateful to Marianna and Robin for the use of their electricity supply for the lights. Mike from the Drum provided the mince pies and some punch appeared as if by magic. Margaret produced the carol sheets and the children made a collection for the Children's Society. In fact a lot of people were involved in a very successful event.

Thank you all.

Ann Holtham

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

As you all no doubt already know, the Hand Stadium has been granted its Public Entertainments Licence for six months.

If activities there prove to be a nuisance they must be reported otherwise the renewal of the licence will pass 'on the nod'.

Noise nuisance can be reported to the Environmental Protection Section of North Somerset on 01934 888 888 at any time of day or night. Any other kind of nuisance should be reported to the Police. Please also keep a note of any trouble that you have whether you report it no, with

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the date and time, and pass it to the Parish Council (there is a post box in the foyer of the Village Hall) so that a dossier can be compiled and submitted to the appropriate people.

This must be done. It is not enough to put in earplugs and endure. It will be no good us complaining once the Night Club becomes a permanent fact of life.

Last year we were so relieved to be free of the Curse of the Flies. We hope they will never return. The Parish Council would be grateful if all those who are able would have a look in their roof spaces during January to make sure that no hibernating flies have crept back into the village. If you find any Hoover them up and throw the bag in the bin. Thank you.

The next meeting is on 3rd February 2003 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We are always pleased to see anyone who would like to come.

See you there!

Ann Holtham.

WHAT'S ON AT THE DRUM?

Village Luncheon - Drum & Monkey

12.30 p.m. Tuesday 7th January

MIKE'S TREAT

Roast Turkey and Sweet

come and greet the New Year with friends and neighbours if you have not yet put your name down, do so soon!!

Monday 20th January

RACE NIGHT AT THE DRUM

A charity event

Tickets and details from the Bar

Every Wednesday Night is

QUIZ NIGHT

Free Entry - Prizes

Raffle for local charities

KENN NEWS- Snippets

Mr. Gulvin

Mr. Gulvin who lived at Manesty, Duck Lane for many years passed away on December 9th. We flew our flag at half mast in his memory. His funeral was held at Winscombe Church where he had been organist for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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Carols on the Green December 13th

We were blessed with a warm dry night when Kennites and friends gathered on the Green to see our Christmas Tree Lights switched on by a Kenn Celebrity – this year Ann Holtham. Ann is the President of Kenn Women's Institute and has been Clerk for many years to Kenn Parish Council and looks after Mr and Mrs Holtham in their own home. Mr and Mrs Holtham are both nonagenarians and need constant attention.

As is our custom, the tree is provided by the Parish Council. Its erection and fitting of lights was undertaken by John Ball and Rob Treble with help from John Griffin.

After lights up we sang carols around the tree before adjourning to Church Path where we enjoyed mince pies given by Mike and "a little of oh be joyful" thanks to Marianna and Robin Mackay, Margaret Ball and Jo Batten who brought along a portable heater.

Young Kennites collected for the Children's Society raising £100.

A most enjoyable evening and sincere thanks to everyone who supported it.

Kenn 2002

2002 draws to a close when despite all the uncertainties difficulties and talk of war abroad, today we look forward with hope for 2003. Here in Kenn we have been very blest, and it is our privilege to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make this so.

Each week the members of the Altar Guild clean our church. Polish the brass and arrange fresh flowers and to

our two senior citizens who open up ready for early morning services, to our clergy for their support and to our organist a sincere thank you and to those who mow the churchyard.

Our hall is looked after by local helpers, who give it an extra clean from time to time, organise fund raising events so that it is available for Kennites to enjoy. Plans are being laid to bring the kitchen up to modern standards. The Hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas Festivities – thank you.

Alas during the year we saw our shop close, to be followed by the closure of our Post Office due to lack of support.

On a happier note, we remember the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the Hall and Field and in August we had our Hot Tub Day on the Village Green when our flagpole was crowned with a crown made by a Kenn Craftsman – Will we ever forget the sight of 14 happy Kennites sharing a hot tub – what a sight, provoking much laughter. To everyone who helped to arrange these days – thank you

To those who plant the pots on the Green, arrange the Christmas Tree and pick up the rubbish other drop around the village – thank you.

We thank those who raise our flag for happy and sad occasions, and to mine host at our local for his support to village events and the happy monthly lunches, and to those who arrange senior citizens and children's parties.

The Women's Institute meets every month and always has excellent speakers on a wide range of subjects. Non members are always welcome.

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Our Parish Council does its best to look after Kenn's interest.

To those who visit the older Kennites (sometimes every day) thank you

Finally, and most important to those who write each month, print and distribute News and Views, a very warm thank you.

Each and every reader has at least one of the following to give – time or energy or money or prayers – we invite every one to join in in 2003.

Ruth Dyer

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January 10.30 - 3.30

Rev. John and Mrs Celia Andrews
"At Home" – Cherry Tree House,
Kingston Seymour

Tuesday 7th January - 12.30 pm at
The Drum and Monkey, Kenn -
Mike's Annual Treat!

Wednesday 8th January - 7.30 pm
Kenn Women's Institute meet at
Kenn Village Hall

Subject – The Countryside
Speaker – Mr Baker
Competition – A Countryside
Scene

Non-members are always
welcome.

Monday 20th January - Race Night
at The Drum and Monkey

Monday 3rd February 7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting at Kenn
Village Hall

Kenn Women's Institute

We ended the year with a very competitive Beetle Drive, which was hilariously noisy and competitive! As we drew our beetles we munched on mince pies accompanied by the customary cup of tea.

In December I attended a three day watercolour course for beginners at Denman College near Abingdon. I wonder how many readers know about this College owned by the WI; it offers diverse courses from politics, history and crafts to architecture studying local churches on site. The food is excellent as is the accommodation and company. It is worth joining our organisation for this facility alone!

As spring will not be long, on the 8th January Mr Nick Baker, a farmer from Wington, is talking to us about the Countryside at Kenn Village Hall at 7.30p.m. and newcomers will be most welcome.

ROSEMARIE FORD 01275
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Thanks

I would like to thank all the helpers for making the Christmas Party so enjoyable, also Irene for fetching me and taking me home and the ladies for remembering my cheese sandwiches.

Wishing everyone a Happy 2003

Win Cole.

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SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY

The 2002 Christmas Tea Party was held early in December in the Village Hall. There were over 50 guests from the village and friends associated with the village.

There was a splendid tea provided by the ladies on the committee and helpers. This was followed by entertainment and carol singing. Committee members are very grateful to Mary and David Holmes who brought along their keyboard. Mary accompanied David as he sang a couple of songs. She then played to lead the Carol Singing. Many thanks to them for doing this at short notice.

A very pleasant afternoon was had by all, greatly enjoyed by guests and helpers alike. The new Vicar, the Revd. John Andrews came along with his wife Celia. It was a great opportunity for them to meet a large number of parishioners at one time.

This was the fifteenth party that has been arranged by the committee, everyone seems to be better than the last one. Before leaving each guest was given a small Christmas present.

A very special guest was Mrs. Gladys Griffin who had her 100th birthday last July. Mrs. Sally Whitehead was also there, it was her 93rd Birthday. The guests wished her a Happy Birthday in song. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion

Ray Naish

Thanks

The committee and helpers at the Christmas Tea Party would like to thank all the guests who came – thank you for smiling, for chatting and for singing – We feel that this party ‘starts’ Christmas for us.

Thanks also to Father Christmas for taking the time to visit the Children's Party on Friday 20th December – the children had a wonderful afternoon.

WALTER ERNEST GULVIN

5.3.17 – 9.12.02

Walter was born in Strood, Kent 5.3.17, sadly his 22 year old father was killed while serving in the Great War in France in 1918. Walter was then brought up by his mother and grand parents. He had no siblings.

An intelligent and musical child, he studies piano and organ from an early age, playing the organ in the church of “Chatham Dock Yard”, also when still very young playing the organ of Rochester Cathedral.

Walter met his wife Doris when she was a chorister in Strood church, it was there on Boxing Day 1939 that they were married. Walter would have been twenty two.

Walter was called up to serve in World War Two in the R.M.C. and was a Dunkirk survivor, tending the wounded before being taken off the beaches and returned home. His next posting was to North Africa. From there the war took him to Italy, which together with

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its people, he found much to his liking. He was there long enough to learn to write and speak Italian. In later life he would, in conversation, recall playing some very fine organs in well known Italian churches and cathedrals.

Walter was demobbed in 1946, by now he and Doris had a baby daughter Wendy. The family moved to Yeovil in Somerset, where Walter had taken a manager's position in Murdoch's music shop, also he was playing the organ in nearby Merriott parish church. This organ was maintained by Percy Daniel's Organ Works of Clevedon. This was to prove a great turning point in their lives as Percy Daniel was looking for a young man to join his business as office manager. He took to Walter and offered him the job, which was accepted.

Walter and family arrived in Clevedon in either 1948 or 1949, their home was in Copse Road. With his talent and enthusiasm Walter soon proved his worth, so that when Percy Daniel's was made a limited company in 1954, Walter was one of four directors. Within a year Percy Daniel had died and Walter became Managing Director, and remained in control until his retirement in the mid 1980's.

Doris and Walter had moved to their bungalow in Duck Lane, Kenn in 1962 and remained there until Walter died at home on December 9th. Doris has been in very poor health for about twelve years and moved into a nursing home at Winscombe last year. They had suffered a great loss when their only child Wendy had died some twelve years ago.

For most of his time in Clevedon Walter had been a church organist, his last position at Winscombe for many years.

The funeral was held at that church on Friday 20th December. The tribute was given by our team rector Ian Hubbard. Ian was vicar of Winscombe for much of Walter's time there. All those attending agreed that Ian made a fitting, yet humorous, appreciation of Walter's life. Ian reminded us that Walter was really quite a famous man within the organ building business. A man who had been fortunate enough to be able to earn his living, doing what he liked best, making fine music. He was a man with a healthy disregard for the clergy and, on occasions, a wicked sense of humour.

He lived through interesting and challenging times, leaving his mark in the many fine organs he had helped to build. A very private man, yet capable of many small private kindnesses.

Walter leaves his wife Doris, son in law David, two grandchildren and one great grand daughter.

John Griffin

Bird News 1 – November

The very mild (if very wet) weather has resulted in few unusual bird records. Many Scandinavian birds have arrived in North East and Eastern England but have not found it necessary to move further west.

A group of us enjoyed a mini-break to the Isle of Man at the end of October

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(the weekend of the storms!) principally to visit the big Hen Harrier roost there. On our three dusk visits we counted 43 (strong wind) 12 calm) and 58 (gale). It takes a lot of effort for these birds to fly in calm conditions and presumably many just roost near their hunting area.

Still it was a fantastic spectacle – the most I have ever seen at an English roost is six!

On the calm evening there was a very close Merlin, which hurtled past us, to add to the excitement. However, there were other species – a splendid Red Throated Diver (which doesn't have a red throat in winter). Purple Sandpipers (which are grey not purple) and a Black Guillemot (yes, you guessed – not black in winter).

One real rarity was a Snow Bunting, seen on a beach and incredibly tame. No doubt this bird was from well north and probably hadn't encountered humans before. We later met a keen Manx birdwatcher who had never seen one on the island!

Finally there were Choughs – complete with red bills and red legs. From our hired Land Rover they were so close we couldn't use binoculars. All in all it was a great trip. This island has a limited range of species but some real star specialities

Trevor Riddle
01934 835208

Note from Trevor – that which we printed last month should have gone to the RSPB.

Bird News I – December

The cold weather which arrived early in the month does not seem to have caused any mass migration of birds to this area. Perhaps if eastern England becomes frostbound it could still happen.

That said 2 Short Eared Owls have returned to the newly created saltmarsh near Uphill, just south of Weston-super-Mare. A Merlin has also been seen chasing the resident Linnet flock, albeit never with any capture.

A Kingfisher was a nice sight on Blackditch rhyne on a dull midwinter day, but I have seen no Lapwings in the area at all. – they do sometimes get in the Kingston Seymour area near to the motorway and I haven't been to that area.

Also on Kenn Moor, I was pleased to see a number of nest boxes erected by Moor Street Bow – let's hope that they are well used.

I have seen a couple of Water Rails along the Strawberry Line at Yatton and a couple of Jack Snipe on Congresbury Moor – otherwise, no unusual species.

Trevor Riddle

Typist's note - On Saturday 7th December, whilst being driven on the M5, I spotted many Lapwing in the Kingston Seymour area presumably - feeding - later that day a flock of around 200 flew over Kenn.

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Bird News II

At last, large flocks of winter visiting birds have arrived in this area! They include Starlings, Fieldfares and Redwings and Lapwings or Peewits. The cold north-east wind which blew earlier in December has probably driven them south.

Christmas Day was the warmest sunniest 25th December that most people can remember. The temperature was in the teens Centigrade. I walked up to the church to put the heat on just as it was getting light in the morning. The amount of birdsong in and around the churchyard was amazing for that time of year.

On the 27th December, I heard the first Song Thrush singing, it was across the field called "Pound-Close" which is the field behind the church.

Many people are reporting large numbers of birds feeding at their bird tables including many sorts of Finches. Bull Finches are more numerous than they used to be, also there seem to be many more small flocks of Long Tailed Tits around. Sheila Naish has reported a flock of eight feeding at their bird table several times a day.

I drove into Cooks Lane the other day. This is a haven for bird life, the very large hedges down there are ideal cover for all sorts of birds. I was surprised at the large number of wild Pheasants there feeding on what is left of the apple crop.

Carrión Crows that nest in the large fir tree that stands on the lawn behind Stonehouse Farm have been back inspecting last year's nest, presumably looking to see if there are any repairs needed. There are reports of Rooks

doing the same at various rookeries around this area. No doubt the very mild weather has made them think spring is on the way.

Ray Naish

KENN HANGINGS

Continued

MARY WALL

In last month's News and Views I wrote about Mary Wall, wife of William Wall who was hanged at Kenn, in 1830 for being involved in firing corn ricks. Mary was sentenced to death, later sentenced to be transported for life.

Last month I got as far as when Mary, with her baby son, was put aboard the convict ship "The Highderry" in Woolwich Reach, London.

When "The Highderry" moved out of the river Thames it must have made its way down the English Channel on the first stage of its long journey to Hobart in Tasmania. Remember this must have been 'under sail'.

As the ship moved on down through the Bay of Biscay, all along the West Coast of Africa, down through the Roaring Forties Mary's infant son developed pneumonia. He was fortunate to survive.

The late David Chambers found out all these details from the ship's Doctor's Report. This report mentioned that Mary was a model prisoner, causing no trouble at all.

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I remember David writing that people today who live in comparative luxury should spare a thought for poor little Mary Wall, four feet eleven in height, of slim build with sharp features, a pointed nose, brown hair and blue grey eyes with a sick child in her arms. No doubt worried to death about what had happened to the seven children she had had to leave behind, being tossed about the oceans of the world on a convict ship, living on rough food that was issued to convicts, with very rough people as travelling companions and only having committed the crime of making matches that started the fire of the corn ricks.

As I wrote last month, she probably only made the matches for ordinary household use. It has been said that Mary was against her husband selling cider from their house, this was the cause of all the trouble in the beginning, when William was fined twenty pounds for selling cider illegally. This was a huge amount of money at that time.

To be continued next month about when "The Highderry" reached Tasmania

Ray Naish

The Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older (but refuse to grow up,) here's what I've discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

It's not hard to meet expenses..... they're everywhere.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter.. I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm hereafter.

Thank you John Griffin for the above.

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STRANGERS IN THE DARK

Donald Hunter was a widower and he lived alone in his cottage in rural Surrey. In his late fifties, he was retired with the rank of Major from his career in the army. He always dressed smartly, and had that upright bearing befitting an ex-soldier, he was tall, with a slightly tanned appearance and his dark hair was beginning to grey a little. He took regular exercise and kept himself fit.

His army connections were maintained by being a member of a military club and every year in January, a re-union was held for his old Regiment, which he attended. It was a very cold evening when he got to the Club, with a hint of snow in the air. But, the dinner was very good, the surroundings warm, and the company enjoyable. The waitress was very attentive, particularly to him. She wasn't young, but attractive, in a womanly way, so Donald felt flattered by her attention.

After dinner he went into the lounge and sank into one of the large leather and very comfortable arm chairs. The same waitress attended him "Coffee Mr. Hunter?" The coffee was hot and sweet, and he followed that with a brandy. Later the waitress stopped at his chair "Goodnight Mr Hunter", Donald looked up. She was obviously on her way home, but Don was surprised at her appearance, she was dressed in a red coat, red hat and matching shoes. "Well I'm about ready for home myself" said Don, "so would you mind if I walked with you for a

while". She replied that she would be pleased with his company, especially as she had to walk through a park in the darkness. So, he got his coat, and picked up his heavy brass handled walking stick, and they set off.

Outside it was beginning to snow, and the heavy flakes fell silently, swirling to the ground, deadening the sound of their footsteps and creating that eerie silence that pervades when snow is on the ground. They went through the gate and into the park. Halfway through a man emerged from the shadows and began to follow them, then, he started to make lewd and offensive remarks. The woman, surprisingly thought Don, swore at the man, using real barrack-room language, at which, the man became aggressive. A fight ensued and Don used his stick to ward off the man. "Hit him, hit him" screeched the woman her eyes blazing. So Don, caught up in the moment, did so, again and again, until at last, the man went down. Without any sympathy, she just said "leave him there". So they left him, bleeding and moaning.

"I need a drink after that" she said, and guided him into a sleazy pub where she ordered pints of beer. She then swore at the barman, so they had to leave in a hurry. Outside, in the cold night air, she began to try the doors of the many cars parked at the kerbside. Eventually, one opened. "Get in" she ordered, and still caught up in the madness of event, he did so. Taking a bunch of keys from her handbag, she found one to fit and drove off. Her driving was erratic and reckless, speeding pell-mell

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through narrow dark streets. Eventually, a police car, siren wailing, forced them to stop. Then before Don could stop her, she opened her door and ran off into the darkness.

A policeman and a W.P.C. approached the car. The W.P.C. opened the door "Is this your car sir?" she enquired, he hesitated "Well, er, no, " he stammered. "Please get out of the car sir" she said, then took his arm firmly to help him out, shaking it as she did so.

"Mr. Hunter, Mr Hunter, it's getting late, you've been asleep, and we're all going home, wake up" Don looked up, it was the waitress, now quite soberly dressed. "Are you alright" she said "perhaps I should get with you for a little way" "No, no," he protested, "I'll be alright by myself."

Outside, it was cold, but not snowing. He took a taxi and was glad to be safely home. Next morning he got up late, switched on the radio for the news. "Early this morning a man was found brutally murdered in a London Park. Police are asking for....." Don switched off.

He didn't finish his breakfast

Cliff Edwards

A happy New Year to everyone,
and sweet dreams

Cliff Edwards

SYLVIA MERCER

Sylvia Mercer was well known by many Kenn people as Jerry and Vanessa Naish's grandmother. Sadly she passed away recently having lived for many years in Blagdon. With the family's permission we reproduce a poem, which she wrote, called "The Tree" which was read at her funeral.

Tell me tree
It is clear to see
You're a hundred years old or more.
Do you really remember
Each September
When your leaves start to fall on the floor.
My memories are pleasant
I might meet a pheasant
Or a grouse may perch on my branch.
Then there's squirrels and birds
If I put it in words
These creatures, my life do enhance.
Old Ted was a tramp
He erected a ramp
Between my top branch and the ground.
He was happy up there
When the weather was fair
Not so good when it rained I'll be bound.
It happened one night
When the moon was not bright
Old Ted was found on the floor dead.
He'd been deeply asleep
Ended up in a heap
Because he turned over in bed.
I miss my old friend
When alone he would tend
To whisper his troubles to me.
And me with my years
Could cope with his fears
Because I'm much wiser you see.
I'll take on your strife
For the rest of your life
Just stop when you pass and off-load.
When your troubles we share
The clouds are not there
You may happily go on your road.

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THE PARISH OF YATTON MOOR

1st Sunday 5th THE EPIPHANY
(The Second Sunday of Christmas)

08:00 Holy Communion Kenn

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham
09:30 Family Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11:00 Family Service Kingston
Seymour
18:00 Evensong at Yatton

**2nd Sunday 12th THE BAPTISM
OF CHRIST (The First Sunday of
Epiphany)**

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Claverham
11:00 Family Service Cleeve

11:00 Holy Communion Kenn

18:00 Evensong Kingston Seymour
18:30 Holy Communion Cleeve

**3rd Sunday 19th THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

08:00 Holy Communion Claverham
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve
11:00 Holy Communion Kingston
Seymour
14:30 Holy Baptism at Yatton

18:00 Evensong Kenn

18:00 Ecumenical Service for the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Claverham Free Church

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2003

**4th Sunday 26th THE
CONVERSION OF PAUL (The
Third Sunday of Epiphany)**

08:00 Holy Communion Yatton
08:00 Holy Communion Kingston
Seymour
09:30 Parish Communion Yatton
09:30 Holy Communion Cleeve
10:00 Family Service Claverham

11:00 Family Service Kenn
PLOUGH SUNDAY

18:00 Evensong Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily 08:30 Matins at Yatton (except
Holy Days)

Every Wednesday

10:00 Holy Communion Yatton
14:15 Pram Service at Yatton (in
school term time)

1st Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Kingston
Seymour

3rd Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Kenn

4th Wednesday in month

11:00 Holy Communion at Claverham

Every Thursday

09:30 Holy Communion at Cleeve
19:30 Holy Communion at Yatton