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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

Happy New Year to all our readers and contributors. We hope you will forgive the delay in receiving your magazine this month - like everybody else we have been very busy over the festive period.

Our search for a new typist has been successful. Dr. Richard GAUNT has agreed to carry out this task each month and when he is unavailable Mrs. Libby WILCOX will step into the breach - thank you both.

Thanks to those of you who came to the coffee morning, we were able to send flowers to Mrs. Jill COOPER and Mrs. Margaret STOWELL to show our thanks and gratitude for their work over the year.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Belated (very!) birthday wishes to Debbie KNIGHT for the 20th November. Rest assured you are now in my little black book!

January Birthdays

4th.	Gina STOWELL
14th	Rebecca BRAIN
17th	Clare DYER (1 year old)
24th	Richard GAUNT.

NAISH'S NOTES.

Coffee morning for Kenn News and Views.

Many thanks to the faithful few who came and supported our coffee morning held at Kenn Court on the 4th December. We are very grateful to Mrs. DYER for her efforts and for offering us her home for the morning. The grand sum of £53 was raised. This will keep us ticking over for another year.

Tea Party.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself at the Senior Citizens Tea Party (are senior citizens and policemen getting younger each year or is Sheila well preserved?) Thank you to all our cheerful guests, it was nice to see you all. Kenn Social Committee thanks everyone who sent in letters of thanks afterwards.

Crib Service.

Many thanks to all our Sunday School teachers and helpers for another very entertaining Crib Service. It is so nice to watch the children and join in the carols.

SN

A MOMENT OF THOUGHT.

Oh to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small - and only half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am!

CHRISTMAS DISCO.

The Christmas Fancy Dress was, as usual, brilliant fun - with almost everyone dressed for the evening in their Ritz, Glitz and Christmassy bits. The men in their evening dress actually outshone the fairies! (both boys and girls) My thanks to all who came and supported us, especially to John HAZELL for donating his services once again at a very busy time of the year for him.

This disco was one of our most successful, we raised £415-27p for Clevedon Cancer Research. Many thanks to the people who bought raffle tickets even though they couldn't attend and to Julian WILCOX who went round the village with our donated Teddy.

What an end to our year! This will bring our total to over £3350 raised for local charities this year.

SN

CAROLLING AROUND KENN.

On a cold and frosty evening a small band of adults and children set off down Kenn Street singing (or talking - sorry Duncan) carols. At many houses the occupants were so impressed with the standard of singing they made generous contributions to the cause (or was it to bribe us to go away?)

Unfortunately only Kenn Street residents were able to enjoy our visit this year as on the night scheduled for the remaining homes cold and frosty were replaced by wet and very windy. Perhaps not surprisingly there were no takers (except Duncan) for the second carol tour.

Despite only 50% of the visits being made £26 was raised and donated to the Salvation Army Homeless Appeal.

CRIB SERVICE.

The weeks of preparation, rehearsals and headaches which go into Kenn's annual crib service, performed by the Sunday Club proved, yet again, to be a great success. How it all manages to come together never ceases to amaze the producers, but no matter how wound up the children are or how much they appear not to take the slightest notice of what they are supposed to do at rehearsals, when it comes to the day itself everything falls into place and they appear their angelic bests with not a dry eye in the church! Christmas is here again. Many thanks to all those who help especially Mrs. Mary HOLMES who played the organ and Rowena AYRE who wrote much of the script and co-directed. Rowena has courageously offered to take over the directorship of future years and this is one headache the writer will be very glad to hand over.

AJG

OCTOBER DISCO.

Following the October Disco the following letter was received from the University of Bristol:



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4 December, 1990

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Dear Ms Naish

Thank you very much for your very generous donation of £1,010.00 which was passed on to me to pay into the Neonatal Research Fund by Dr Ruth Wigfield. The money will be used to purchase a tape streamer for the computer that we use for entering all the data on babies who have died suddenly and unexpectedly in Avon. The tape streamer will allow us to back up the large amount of information which we collect so that we can keep a permanent record and will avoid the risk of information being lost or inaccessible because of problems with the computer disk. We have been hoping to buy such a tape back up system for some time and your donation will now make this possible since this system costs just over £1000.00.

As you know, the work which we are carrying out is supported entirely by charitable and voluntary donations and contributions such as yours are always especially gratefully received. They do emphasise to us the importance of the work in which we are involved.

Once again many thanks for your very generous donation.

Yours sincerely

AJ Burge

Dr P J Fleming
Consultant Paediatrician

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*Dictated by Dr Fleming
& Signed in his absence*

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Christmas postbox was in operation at the December meeting of Kenn Women's Institute. Members availing themselves of this opportunity to exchange cards and gifts made donations to Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. BUBB was in the chair for her first meeting as president. She will be assisted this year by the Secretary, Mrs. S. LIVESEY, and the Treasurer, Mrs. T. WALTERS. Cot death is the charity that members have chosen to support in 1991. The draw was held for secret friends. Last year's will be declared at the January meeting.

Mrs. WALTERS was the guinea pig in the talk given by Miss STONE on fashion and colour. She demonstrated how to choose the shades that best suit one's skin tones. The competition for a scarf worn in an unusual way had six winners. Golds were awarded to Mrs. SURRIDGE and Mrs. ALDRICK, silvers to Mrs. CRAWLEY and Mrs. BUBB, greens to Mrs. BUBB and Mrs. BULLOCK.

At the January meeting the talk will be on acupuncture and the competition for a willow pattern dish. The meeting closed after refreshments of mince pies and good wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.
RN.

CHEESE AND WINE PARTY.

On the first of December 1990 the result of arrangements made over previous weeks by the Committee of the Kenn Village Hall, came to fruition in the form of a traditional cheese and wine party. The results of their efforts must be very satisfying for all who contributed in any way, giving generously of their gifts of time, skills, goods and ideas. I feel that I am expressing the wishes of all the committee members when I say thank you to all for making the evening such a success.

The idea behind the event was to provide, once again, an opportunity for the people of Kenn to come together in their community centre, to enjoy each other's company, and as a secondary issue, to raise some more money to maintain this centre - the Village Hall. It was sad that a few of our regulars were unable to attend for various reasons and I select just one or two of them, namely Mr. and Mrs. John INGS and Miss Lucy BAKER. We missed you!

An old 'Kennite', no longer resident in Kenn, remarked to me early in the evening - How fortunate Kenn was to have such a delightful, traditional village hall and how well it looked, dressed up for Christmas and how welcoming to be among the welcoming people of Kenn. Do we realize how fortunate we are? Other villages in the locality have lost their hall and therefore their social centre.

The amount raised as a result of the event was £280-08p. During the evening of November 30th and afternoon of 1st December many ladies busied themselves preparing for the event. Mrs. Mariana MACKAY and Mrs. Sarah CLARKE decorated the stage in a beautiful festive theme, ready to receive and stage the prizes for the main draw of the evening - these were also a seasonal array and if some prizewinners had combined their prizes, they could easily have provided an excellent Christmas meal. The prizes included such things as bags of potatoes, trays of eggs, wines, spirits, chocolates, mince pies, crackers and other Christmas items.

The menfolk on the Hall Committee arranged to provide a large, fresh turkey, of which they invited the people present to guess the weight. The winner was Miss Dorothy WEAVER who guessed accurately and therefore won the lovely bird.

If I attempt to list the people who worked so hard over that period to make the event such a success I'm afraid I will miss people out (my memory is appalling). But here are a few: our chairman Mr. Sam DYER and secretary Mrs. Ruth DYER who always work so hard for our village; Mrs. Rene STOWELL, Mrs. Margaret STOWELL, Mrs. Gladys DENMEAD, Mrs. Jean FENWICK, Mrs. Sheila NAISH, Mrs. Kate DENMEAD, Mr. Roger STOWELL, Mr. Ralph BYE, Mr. John GRIFFIN and many others.

I hope the eighty people who attended enjoyed the event as much as I did.
Connie WILSON.

SNIPPETS.

Welcome Home - A warm welcome to Alison FENWICK and Rosemary WILLCOX who returned home for Christmas on the 20th December.

Sick List - Mr. Dennis GOLDSWORTHY has had a short stay in hospital. We are pleased to see he has returned home to convalesce.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. YEATES is in Clevedon Hospital.

Carol Singing - It was a great pleasure to listen to Kenn children and parents singing around the village.

Kenn Village Hall - During the past few months, Mrs. G. DENMEAD, a very loyal supporter of Kenn Village Hall, has been busy selling Christmas cards in aid of Hall funds. The committee received £108-75p for which they are extremely grateful - thank you Mrs. DENMEAD.

Don't Drink and Drive Campaign - On 6th December many motorists and lorry drivers driving through Kenn were stopped and breathalysed.

RMD.

DEAR LITTLE ED AND BIG ED.

- This is the mum who said "What a good idea, pictures for the December mag from the kids - I'll get that done".
 - This is the mum who's kids said "Yes please, we'll do the pictures."
 - This is the mum who doesn't have enough hours in the day.
 - This is the mum who put down the 'mag' and forgot.
 - This is the mum who's lads said (the day after December's issue came out!) "We've got to do our pictures!"
 - This is the mum who does care about the 'mag', who does MEAN to do what you ask and who thinks that your ideas are fab.
 - This is the mum who is saying sorry, I'll try to do better next time!
- Anon.

Note from Big Ed: Thanks 'mum', at least we now know you're out there.

POET'S CORNER.

Where art thou Mother Christmas
I really wish I knew,
Why father should have all the praise
And no one mentions you.

I'll bet you buy the presents
And wrap them large and small,
Then in the end our chimney friend
Pretends he's done it all!

So hail to Mother Christmas
The uncomplaining slave,
And down with Father Christmas
That good-for-nothing knave.

(Roald Dahl's poem written for the 'Wishing Well Appeal')

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY.

The Kenn Village Party Committee entertained about 60 senior residents and friends who have connections with the village, to tea in the village hall early in December.

The committee members take great pleasure in running this annual party. Many of our guests only meet each other at this event, making it a very happy occasion.

After enjoying a splendid tea provided by the lady members of the committee, plus contributions from members of the local community, our guests were entertained with humorous tales from one of our guests, Mr. Peter BENDALL. It was then song time. The committee members sang a song bringing in the names of many of the people present, to the tune of the song 'Widdecombe Fair'. This was great fun and produced much laughter. Carol singing followed.

The lady members of the committee acted as waitresses at tea time. They were dressed in Christmas outfits and were the cause of great amusement.

Before leaving for home, each guest was given a small Christmas present. To use a time-honoured phrase - "A good time was had by all."

The committee are very grateful to Mr. Peter TRIPP who kindly provided transport for those who needed it.

During the afternoon Miss Lucy BAKER who was ill and couldn't attend the party, was presented with a pot plant by members of the committee on her retirement after many years as a member. As long as most people can remember Lucy has acted as secretary and treasurer. We all send our best wishes for the future.

Ray NAISH.

KENN ALTER GUILD.

January rota - Miss Lucy BAKER and Mrs. Mary WILLCOX.
JN and IG.

THE SONG.

We have had several requests for the words of the song performed at the senior citizens party to be printed. We are pleased to oblige.

TO THE TUNE OF WIDDECOMBE FAIR

Roger Stowell, Roger Stowell, lend us your big car.
All along, down along, out along lea,
For we want to go down to Bridgewater Fair,
With Mark Ayre, Wally Moore, Tobe Gale, Rowley Hazell,
Old uncle Don Staples and all,
Old uncle Dom Staples and all.

John Griffin, John Griffin, lend us your big van,
All along, down along, out along lea.
For we all want to go up to Priddy Sheep Fair,
With Winnie Grigg, Vonnie Cox, Win Cole, Gladys Denmead,
Miss Griffey, Sally Whitehead, Mabel Traves, Pam Stuckey,
And old Grannie Griffin and all,
And old Grannie Griffin and all.

Peter Tripp, Peter Tripp, lend us your big bus.
All along, down along, out along lea.
For we all want to go to North Somerset Show,
With Jack Hanson, Mary Lamb, Iris Surridge,
Sam Dyer, Charles Harris, Dennis Goldsworthy, Lucy Baker,
George Ware, Jim Wood, Ernie Gulvin, Jack Morgan, Ted Ford,
George Holtham, Gran Tomkins, Mrs. Glasson, Renee Bell,
Elsie Parsons, Sam Stuckey, Ivy Gillard, George Evans,
David Holmes, Pete Bendall, Kate's mum, Vera Turner, Cliff
Edwards

Tony Jenkins, Cliff Hughes.
And Granfer Ray Naish and all.
And Granfer Ray Naish and all.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS.

Little Orchard,
Duck Lane,

Thank you so very much for all the kind and loving cards and letters you have sent me at this sad time. David loved the village of Kenn and was never happier than when he was delving into its history, except perhaps when he was riding around the lanes on Tacky.

Sincere thanks to you all,
Edna Chambers.

DAVID CHAMBERS.

On Friday 7th December a thanksgiving service was held in our church for the life of David Chambers who passed away on 30th November.

David was born in London in 1917 and educated at Stationers School, North London. As a lad his main interest was scouting and he was in the first "Gang Show" at the London Palladium produced by Rolfe Reader.

Starting his commercial life with Alexander Duckham Oils, on the outbreak of war he joined the Royal Artillery, serving at one time in the ack-ack defence of Coventry. After attending Shrivvenham OTC he was posted as a 2nd. Lieutenant to Bristol, where on Boxing Day 1942 he attended a Christmas concert and met Edna. They were married at Christchurch, Marylebone, London in 1944, just 4 days before David was shipped out to the Far East to serve in that theatre of the war - a grim prospect for a young couple just beginning married life. However, when his ship reached Lagos, West Africa the War Office changed the plan and David, now a captain, served out the war in Africa.

His post-war career brought him and Edna to Bristol and a position in the shipping industry with the Bristol Steam Navigation Company. David rose to a director of Lovells Shipping and Transport Company, retiring in 1979.

David and Edna came to Kenn in 1966 living at Broadlands, Duck Lane until 1969, when travelling to Bristol to work became tiresome so Edna and David moved back to Bristol. But the call of Kenn brought them back in 1972 to a new home built for them in Duck Lane by Fred FENWICK.

David enjoyed his country life, taking up again horse riding which he had learnt in Africa where he had played polo. On one occasion he had a memorable day with the Mendip Hunt, riding to hounds with Richard DYER. David was involved in the life of the St. John Ambulance and was also on the PCC for some years. Doing valuable research and recording his findings (for us all) as our village archivist he had a life-long interest in Heraldry which helped him in his archivist researches.

David was a concerned and caring person whose friendships were built on a firm foundation and lasted for life.

At his service Edna was supported by one of David's boyhood friends, with the lesson being read by another. The four pall-bearers also being friends.

One of the cards on a spray of flowers had the message:

"To remember David, a real Gentleman."

John Griffin.

FROM THE POTTING SHED.

Dear Kate- Just a short note this month I'm afraid - I'm busy brushing my beard for the great night.

If you really want Camellias and have tested your soil and found it unsuitable, why not plant them in pots which can always be disguised by growing other things in front of them. However, if you have not tested the soil it is well worth doing so as the kits cost so little and then you will be sure, because there are a lot of Camellias grown in this area which would indicate there must be some pockets of suitability.

Happy New Year to you all from,
Uncle Freddie and Auntie.

FROM HQ.

Dear Uncle Freddie - An equally short note from me too this month - I'm busy looking for new ideas for left overs! I have to admit I haven't given much further thought to the garden this month - Christmas has taken over as usual. However, as I can see the new bulbs poking through the soggy soil I shall no doubt get renewed enthusiasm in the New Year. Thanks again for all your advice.

Kate.

NATURE NOTES.

In the past few weeks I have seen starlings and sparrows in the garden which appear to be nesting, flying about with straw and feathers etc. and the starlings have been clearing out old nests. Can any one of our wise folk explain it to me please as it seems to be too early for normal nesting.

If Kate is interested I can supply Hollyhock and Foxglove seeds. They are quite easy to grow and much cheaper than Cadbury!
Iris G.

POST CHRISTMAS POSER.

How excited do you get over your board games?

Do you sit on other peoples' knees when you're loosing?

No? Neither do I! But I've been the one who's been sat upon and the over-excited one split her skirt into the bargain!!
I'll leave you to work out who it was!

KD

GRANNY'S DAY OUT IN LONDON.

December 12 - the day I went to London to see the Christmas lights. John put me on the coach in the triangle at 8-50. Nice trip with a hostess to look after us with coffee and sandwiches. I arrived at Harrods at 11-20 where Sarah, my granddaughter, was waiting for me. First she took me into Harrods to see the wonderful Food Hall, what a show of rows of pheasants and turkeys hanging from the ceiling with their feathers on. Next the Fish and Flower Hall. I looked at smoked salmon at E30 a piece and flowers from all over the world. The staff were very smart in white coats and white hats. Next we had a taxi to Lewis' to see the hats. Sarah said "If you can't see one here you never will", so I did find one. Another taxi to Fortnum and Mason's to a table booked for lunch. After being wined and

dined, another taxi to the Aldwych Theatre to the matinee to see Joan Collins in "Private Lives", a seat in the 4th row of the stalls (a Xmas gift to me from Sarah). Wonderful to see Joan Collins in real life, even her bare feet were pretty. No time for tea, taxi to Park Lane to find the return trip. We asked the taxi driver to take me round the West End so I could see all the lovely Xmas lights. The driver said "I saw you coming out of Fortnum and Mason's this morning." I said "Yes I was the one in a HAT and up from Somerset." Fancy that and all those 1000's of taxis driving around.

Arrived home at 9pm. Gerald awaiting me. Home for hot milk and bed. The end of a perfect day.
Granny Griffin.

CONGRATULATIONS.

And well done to Leon Naish who completed his one mile swim! PHEW!
KD.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

To father christmas
thank you for not only
coming in the night
But in the morning

Love Joseph

and Lizzie

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