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The Christmas Lunch was a great success--well I hope you thought it was fun, I certainly did. We just didn't have enough time to finish all the games and activities that had been organised. Not to worry, we can have them another time.

The hall looked very festive with the pretty cloths and a few decorations on the wall. The flowers looked really lovely and we have Myra to thank for those. She brought and arranged them all--the table bowls were particularly attractive. Thank you very much, Myra.

The people in the kitchen did a great job--many thanks to them. The meal was really delicious and the servers managed to get it out piping hot. I'm to blame for the fact that people did not get tea or coffee--it was all set out in the dining room for you to help yourself and I forgot to announce it. Sorry about that, but why didn't someone ASK?

The raffles were won by Brigitte Kaspar (dinner) and Mrs. Flaherty (the Honey bear). Jean was visiting the Club as a friend of Mary James. If you want to win a raffle ask Mary to buy a ticket for you. She wins for her family and friends as well as for herself. The lucky door prize was donated by Pat Wigram and was won by Anton Broers (and grabbed by his wife, Daphne). Thank you very much, Pat.

I am not forgetting the members who attended the party. You were all so co-operative in the games etc. and looked as though you were enjoying yourselves. Thank you all for coming.

The choir sang beautifully as usual, it was a pity we did not have time for the Community Carol-singing--I had one of my favourites lined up in there. Thanks to the choir, Dorothy, Win and the Trio.

Of course, after a party there is always cleaning up to be done. There was a small band of volunteers who did a great job, too, and had everything tidied up and put away in quick time. Thanks to those people---Ron, I hope you didn't hurt your back.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the Christmas Social on the evening of 9th Dec. I was told that Santo was left with all the cleaning up to do when everyone else just left. This is a great pity as Joyce went to a lot of trouble to make the hall look festive and made sure that a good time was had by all. It is very discouraging when one person has a lot to do when 5 or 6 could finish the job in 20 minutes. The cleaner comes in early on Saturdays, so when a mess is left on Saturday evening it COULD stay there for a week! Thank goodness it did not happen.

While I'm having a bit of a grouse I'd like to ask people who drink up the milk that the milk is for tea and coffee only. If you have to drink lots of milk--and I know we should to prevent osteoporosis--please bring some from home. Often milk is in the fridge on Friday afternoon, but when Saturday activity members go looking for some for their coffee there is none. Perhaps I should put in a list of New Year Resolutions for us to try.

The Garage Sale was a reasonable success. We made just over \$600 on a day when there were several Garage Sales and 3 Fetes. We can't win with dates, can we?

The talk by Mike Stock on educational assistance for isolated students had to be cancelled due to lack of interest--a pity, but this is a busy time of year.

A reminder that the Club will be closed from Dec. 22nd until Jan. 3rd.

It has been suggested that if washing up is being done in the Committee Room a plastic bowl should be used.

Another suggestion is that the Club should produce its own Recipe Book - expressions of interest will be sought and entries requested early next year. Also don't forget that the Writers' Group asked for snippets for February. The poems which appear again this month were written by our Members and if anyone would like a copy of the complete Meridian one can be obtained at the office for 20c. It is a bigger than usual Meridian and we need to off-set the cost of paper which is rising all the time.

There is not much more for me to say except to wish a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year to ALL our members. Take care of yourselves during this holiday period and I look forward to seeing you ALL again in 1996.

Lorna.

On Monday afternoon Alma Harris found that the kitchen needed to be tidied. Good soul that she is she got into the job but, unfortunately dropped a tray of glasses. If you use the kitchen please see that it is left tidy.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

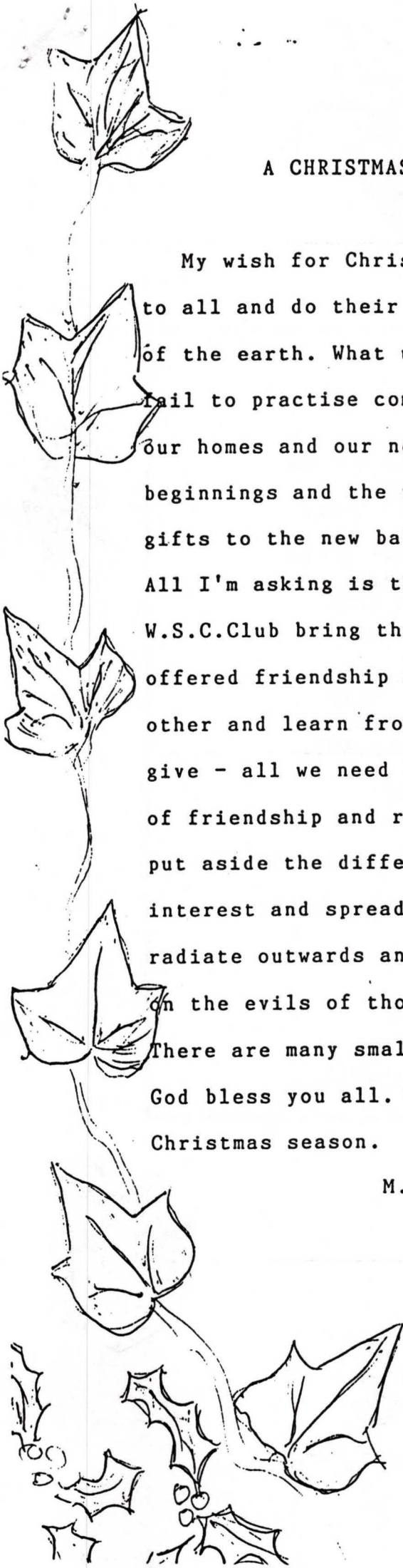
1. I will remember to put in 20c when I have a second cuppa.
2. I will tidy up after MYSELF and not expect someone else to clean up after me.
3. Each group will leave the kitchen tidy with NO cups left on the side of the sink.

If anyone can think of more please add them at the bottom and initial them.

LP.

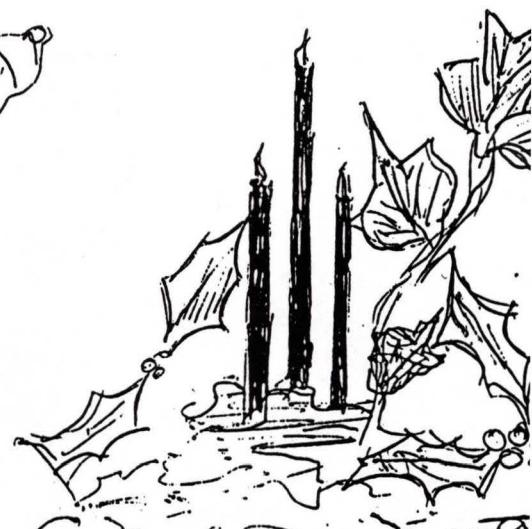


A CHRISTMAS WISH.



My wish for Christmas is that Club members practise goodwill to all and do their utmost to bring Peace to our little corner of the earth. What use is praying for world harmony when we fail to practise compromise and the sharing of goodwill within our homes and our neighbourhoods. Christmas is a time for new beginnings and the wise men of the Magi knew this. They carried gifts to the new babe and were open to the message He brought. All I'm asking is that those who come through the door of the W.S.C.Club bring the gift of themselves and accept the freely offered friendship of those they encounter. Listen to each other and learn from the experience. We all have something to give - all we need is for others to know this. Accept the gift of friendship and return it with interest. Work together to put aside the differences of outlook, culture, race or sporting interest and spread the message of Peace and Goodwill. It will radiate outwards and reach many more people than a discourse on the evils of those across the other side of the world. There are many small evils we can erase - intolerance is one. God bless you all. May you and yours have a happy and healthy Christmas season.

M.Cannons





Merry Christmas to All.

This is a special time to be
With family and friends for you and me.
In lands both far away and near,
A joyful time filled with good cheer.

We celebrate and remember Jesus' birth
Goodwill to all and peace on earth,
Decorations and on a Christmas tree
Pretty lights and presents to see.

A fun time for children, so small
Waiting excitedly for Santa to call.
As you get older, you can still enjoy
Their happiness in finding a new toy.

A Christmas pudding and a cake
Lots of tasty delights to make,
Maybe a ham and a turkey
A bit rich for us oldies, we'll wait and see.

Many memories we have of Christmas past,
As the years now go too fast
May there be many more for you
To celebrate and be happy too.

Written by Marie Howard.
W.S.C. Writers Group. 1995.





CHRISTMAS HAIKU

Peace on earth to all,
is the message Christmas brings.
Treasure it for now.

Santa Claus close by.
Tiny tots are snug in bed.
The wonder is here.

Christmas bells ring out,
mistletoe hangs from the tree.
Moments to delight.

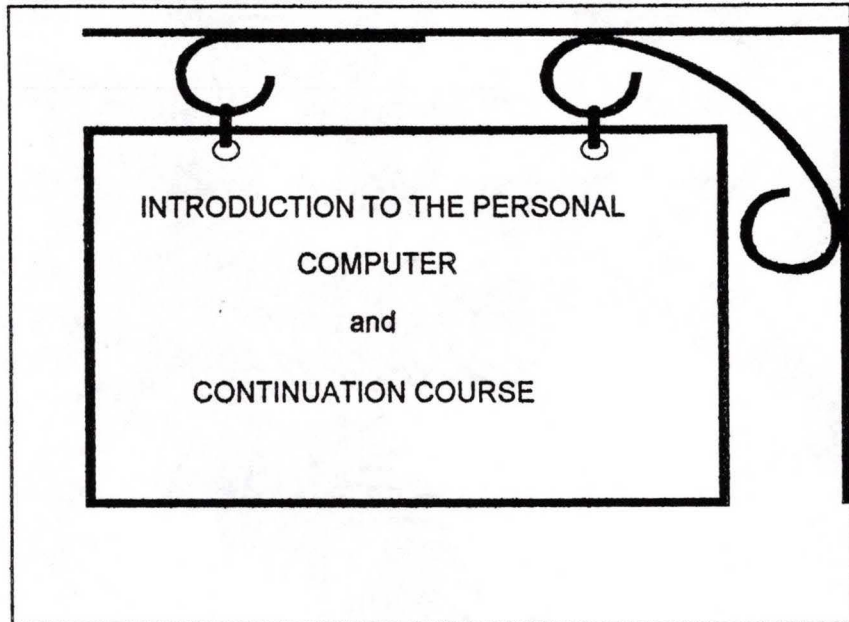
Children's eye dancing.
There's excitement in the air.
It's Christmas magic.

Holy is the night,
before the dawn of Christmas.
Birthday of a king.

Spirit of Christmas
into all our hearts descend,
is my prayer for you.

Kathleen Heath.

December, 1995



The next "Introduction" course will begin in the Committee Room on
Monday 12 February 1996 at 1.30 pm.

By then the school holidays should be over, and participants should be in a position to make a firm commitment to attendance. As before, the theme of the introductory course, which takes about 12 weeks, will be how to enter the world of home computing at minimal expense and at the same time learn how to carry out some useful home tasks such as word processing and home accounting. No previous knowledge is necessary (although some familiarity with a typewriter keyboard is advantageous), and it is not necessary to own a computer, since all exercises are carried out on the Club's machine.

The usual activity fee will apply, and it may be necessary to charge a once-only fee of \$2 to cover photocopying costs. The absolute maximum number of participants is 10, but if more than this number apply consideration will be given to running an additional course. A list calling for names will appear on the Notice Board after Christmas.

In addition to the "Introduction" course, it has been suggested that a CONTINUATION COURSE be held to cater for those who have completed one of the previous "Introduction" courses or are of equivalent standard. The syllabus for this would be negotiable but would probably include more advanced features of DOS (eg. the config.sys file and the creation & use of batch files) and further development of the programmes already studied (eg. embedded commands in MultiMate and writing a simple programme in dBase language). If there is sufficient interest I am prepared to start such a class in the New Year, but will need to know NOW in order to prepare the material. So if you would like such a course please see me or give me a ring on 2812607.

Have a happy Christmas,

Dennis Glanville

THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION NETWORK

Through its Public Officer, the Club now has a presence on the Government's Community Information Network. Access to a wide range of Federal and Local Government information is available on-line to any member. What are alleged to be full instructions for using the facility are posted at our Local Access Point, which is the computer just inside the Woden Library (next to the CD's). However, if you have a problem I suggest you see me before troubling the overworked library staff. At the moment the e-mail part of the facility is available only to the Public Officer. Individual members can apply for access in their own right, but if you do this I would request that you do so purely as a private person - please do not represent yourself as in any way connected with the Woden Senior Citizens Club - mail relating to the Club must pass only through the Public Officer.

The Bowls Group has carried on as usual and has had a very enjoyable and successful year. There is certainly no waning of enthusiasm even if the backs and legs get a bit stiff. We regret to say that 2 members of the group--Barbara Sutcliffe and Audrey Williams--are in hospital at present. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope they will be back in form for the holiday. A Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to all the Bowlers and to all Club Members from the Bowlers.

Table Tennis players have had an excellent year with games now being played on Thursday evenings as well as on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. With the arrival of summer the number playing has increased, even with some absent on holidays. Three full day tournaments were held during the year to test players and some notable improvements in playing ability were exhibited. A Champions Shield now adorns the wall of the Club. On 9th Decembeplayers enjoyed a very good Christmas Dinner at Henry's. Thanks go to Bob and Pat Summersby who have been the driving force and hard workers for these successful events. Players wish all other groups a Happy Christmas and eventful New Year.

Folk Dancing numbers have fallen off lately--mainly because some of our older members have developed medical conditions which preclude dancing. I think, too, some of our younger members have been enslaved by Line Dancing. However, we do still have some loyal enthusiasts and we have been learning new dances that I collected while I was away. Best wishes to all the Folk Dancers and I hope to see you all back again next year.

