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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

It would be nice to report that this glorious summer was sending us all out to the garden, both to work and to enjoy our past labours. However, our June weather thus far has been more like November as we stay indoors and watch the pouring rain. As I write, it promises to be a more summery day so no doubt there will be a hosepipe ban by Monday! Never mind whether you're relaxing in the sun or the rain remember to have your notepad and pen by your side and write to us.

Kate and Shella.

## AUGUST ISSUE.

Little Ed very kindly goes on holiday to sunnier climes on "Deadline Day" and our dear typist is going the following week. This makes it impossible to arrange for next month's issue to be prepared and so there will be no August issue. We'll be back with more exciting things in September

## JUNE ISSUE PRIZE.

Katie GEORGE with 13 words connected with the magazine won the competition based on the word square in last month's issue. Very many congratulations, the prize is on its way.

## BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- 5th - Avril GAUNT
- 11th - Mrs V COX
- 15th - Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN
- 22nd - Miss N GRIFFEY
- 23rd - Wally MOORE - a MAGIFICENT 90 years old.
- 24th - Roger STOWELL
- 24th - Brian WATERS
- 25th - Sue PUGH
- 28th - Juliet STOWELL
- 28th - Jack Michael STOWELL
- 31st - Sharon DYER

## ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

- 30th - Ken and Sharon DYER

## NAISH'S NOTES

June 22nd.

The barbeque and disco which was called

a MIDSUMMER MINGLE very nearly turned into a Midsummer Madness due to the dreadful weather. When this event was planned we imagined a beautiful balmy night, sitting on straw bales, BBQ on the go and later - when cooler and dark - a disco to round off the night! Then came the June weather, rain, wind, rain and more rain leaving us with a soggy field, barn and gateway awash with mud! Were we put off? NEVER! Libby and Julian, Avril, Richard and family, Simon, Karen, Sarah and Tom arrived in the pouring rain and action stations commenced. The barn was decorated with balloons and fairy lights, straw bales and borrowed patio furniture placed around the edges. Roger and Margaret arrived with fire extinguishers just in case, and went away tittering at the mud! Then of course there was the hastily scrubbed out BBQ cooking area. This was in the shed next door complete with cow and calves penned in at one end. (Was it my imagination or did the calves look reproachful at us as we cooked Aunt Daisy?) Miles was both optimistic and pessimistic - "It'll be alright - we'll make a bridge over the mud with panels! We'll clear away the mud" (well done Tom, Jer and Chris). Next breath - "We had 150 sheep in here in the winter and it was pretty full then - where are we going to put 200 people?"

Johnny HAZELL arrived complete with disco, extra lights, spotlights and portaloos! He thinks of everything and set it all up. Then we were ready, I just hoped no-one would come in white high heels.

As they say - "it'll be alright on the night" - and as it happens, it was. Poor Simon and Richard spent several hours in exile in the opposite shed, barbequing the food and looking at the inside of a milking cubicle, a few cattle and themselves - all that could be seen was the smoke through the roof. Rob was the runner between the cow shed and the barn with the cooked fare and heartily wished he'd not worn his best white trainers! Jenny, Avril and Diana complete with mobile kitchen - one table, two straw bales and a heated trolley - were busy serving food. Someone accused them of being tiddy when they were seen

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dancing with serving tongs in their hands! They had a flask of coffee between them! They were just happy.

Many thanks to Christopher DENMEAD who expertly assisted in arranging the car parking in the field. People actually got across the bridge to the barn - some with extra goodies on their shoes and between their toes! Once inside everyone got on with the business of having a good time. Johnny played everyone's requests and had them all up, jiggling away by 9-30pm and kept going until late.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a lovely evening. Thanks to the Drum and Monkey for providing a bar. We held two raffles during the evening, one for Cot Death Research and one for the funds for the Senior Citizens Tea Party, both of which sold out completely.

The grand total of monies raised by the end of the night was £855-11p. Absolutely marvellous. Thanks to everyone.

Sheila and Miles. PS It was suggested that Miles pack in farming and go into the disco business - food for thought eh?

## FEDERAL EUROPE

I am getting concerned about all this talk of a federal Europe! I have decided that I want to stay just British and therefore am considering opting out and becoming a small Principality on our own. I am going to have my own currency and as such am hunting out the old 'proper' money: Half-crowns, florins, shillings, tanners, threepenny bits, half-pennies, pennies and farthings. Watch this space for further developments as EEC talks continue.

Little Ed

## PICNIC

There will be a picnic after the family service on 7th July in the Churchyard. All welcome.

Members of the Sunday Club are singing, acting and dancing during the service - do come and support them.

## TREASURE HUNT

There has been a most disappointing

response to the Car Treasure Hunt with only 4 couples entering to date. The Hunt will start from the Village Green at 2-30pm on Sunday 14 July and will be followed by the traditional BBQ. It has always been a most popular event so please contact Avril soon (875992) to enter.

## SNIPPETS

### CELEBRATIONS

Our flag was flown on 10th June for the birthday of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh and again on 15th June for the Official Birthday of Her Majesty, our Queen.

### WELCOME

Mrs WHITE has moved into 1, Kenn Court Cottage - we hope that she will enjoy living in Kenn.

### CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Mrs Lindsay WOODWARD and her family of Freshfields on the loss of her father.

### FIRST GRAND-DAUGHTER

After four grand-sons Mr and Mrs HARRISON have a little grand-daughter - Charlotte Louise.

### KENN VILLAGE HALL

The job of spring-cleaning the Village Hall has now been completed. Mrs Margaret STOWELL and Mrs Sarah CLARKE cleaned the hall while Mrs Irene STOWELL and Mrs DYER dealt with the kitchen and cloakrooms. Mrs Jean FENWICK, Mrs Sheila NAISH and Mrs Heather JENKINS polished chairs, cleaned the porch and removed brambles around the back of the hall. All the china has been sorted by Mrs Kate DENMEAD, Mrs Sheila NAISH and Mrs Heather JENKINS. The garden was weeded and replanted by Mr and Mrs DYER and the hedge on the roadside and outside the kitchen window has been cut back by Mr Robert WILLCOX. Repairs to chairs have been carried out by Mr JENKINS senior.

To everyone who helped, a warm thank you.

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For Hall bookings 'phone

- Mrs I STOWELL, 872326 or  
<bullet>Mrs R DYER, 872676

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Some 17 posters were entered for the Poster Competition. They were judged by Councillor Greta LEWIS, Vice chair of Woodspring District Council, who awarded prizes to:

### CLASS 1 (4 to 7 years)

1. Amy BYE
2. Richard JAEHME
3. George DARK

### CLASS 11 (8 to 12 years)

1. Helen GEORGE
2. Elizabeth DARK
3. Joseph DYER

### CLASS 111

1. Katie George.

Others who entered all received a Kit-Kat and were Thomas BYE, Phillippa JENKINS, Andrew JENKINS, Anna EDWARDS, Justin NAISH, Charlotte GEORGE, Louise EDWARDS, Claire EDWARDS, Leon NAISH, Sarah DARK and Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS. All the posters are displayed in the Village Hall porch.

## TIDYING UP KENN

Many people have worked extremely hard to make and keep Kenn tidy and free from litter. Gardens in Kenn are a pleasure to behold; as is the Wayside Garage where the forecourt with rock garden is a delight. On to Mrs MIDDLETON at the Post Office to see her hanging baskets, then to our 'local' where Mr and Mrs SUMMERELL have a lovely display of flowers and then ..... well we do try! On to the village green where Mrs BURSTOW has planted up the pots and Mr. WATERS varnished the Women's Institute Kenn sign. We saw Mrs INGS doing her best in the churchyard, the Mums who meet the school bus cleaned the bus shelter and Mr GRIFFIN tidied the church car park. Yes, Kenn people of all

ages have tried hard this year.

## FIRE WARNING

The MACKAY household were very blessed to be at home when their dishwasher caught fire.

## FUTURE EVENTS IN JULY

July 3rd - Kenn WI Jumble Sale, 7pm in the Hall.

July 10th - Kenn WI Meeting. Speaker Mrs Ula RIGG on Voices Around Britain. Begins at 7-30pm and all ladies are welcome at the Hall.

July 17th - WI Charity evening for Cot Death Research. To be held at Walnut Tree.

RMD

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the Annual Public Meeting the question of the proposed gypsy sites in Kenn was again fully discussed. All our District Councillors and our County Councillors were present so they are in no doubt about the feelings in the village. As Mrs HADLEY, our County Councillor, sits on the committee dealing with these matters our views should be well represented. The Parish Council is ready to swing into action again when the next stage in the procedure is reached.

The first judging in the Best Kept Village Competition will have been completed by now. Hopefully Kenn has passed through to the semi finals, so please let's try to keep the village as litter free as possible.

On the matter of horse warning signs, the Parish Council has been trying for some years to do something to make the village roads safer for everyone. Unfortunately to the County Council we are very small fry indeed. However rather in the way of water wearing away a stone the Parish Council keeps on trying. On the face of it, it does appear that horses are more important than children but until the Parish Council can get child warning notices anything that makes drivers more vigilant is better than nothing.

Ann Holtham - Clerk

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## LETTERS

Westonwood, Kenn, Clevedon,

To the choir and my friends at St. John's:

Thank you very much for the happy tea party you gave me in Mrs BELL's lovely garden. It was made more complete when our Rector spared the time to have a cup of tea before having to speed off. AND a Beautiful basket of flowers to end it all! Thank you all so much - I shall remember you all in my prayers.

Natalia GRIFFEY.

## THE BLESSED RAIN

What wonderful rain we have been having these past two weeks. I know people have been grumbling about it but what they don't realise is that the land was terribly dry before it came. I haven't seen any hay made yet, making it a very late season. When the weather does settle down again, the crops will be very heavy. This recent rain will put the land in good order for a long time.

RVN.

## BACK TO THE 1930'S

I had a chat to Toby Gale the other day. He reminded me that he bought a motor-bike and he had a box sidecar built onto it in 1932. This was used to deliver milk around the village. He thinks that it was the first motor-bike in Kenn. While I was talking to him he was saying how things have changed since 1932 when he started farming. He commented on all the horses being kept around the village solely for pleasure. When he started farming he remarked that it took ages to save enough money to buy a horse and earn a living with. He went on to say that the first mare he bought cost £9 at a farm sale in Nailsea.

Ray NAISH.

## ST. PETER'S HOSPICE

A most interesting talk was given to the W.I. recently by Mrs LINDSAY who illustrated the talk with slides, and she agreed that I could use these notes for

the magazine.

The modern Hospice Movement was begun in 1967 by Dr. Felicity SAUNDERS, though the same type of treatment has been practiced by nuns in Ireland since the last century. (Am I right in thinking that this type of work has been done since the Middle Ages? Surely the monasteries and nunneries had infirmaries for the sick and dying which used the same principles? Can anyone tell me, please? SL) The symbol of the Hospice Movement - two hands gently enfolding a figure can be taken to denote the aims of the Movement; five for each hand. The first hand symbolizes care for the patient in the Hospice, in their own home, as day-patients, bereavement and education. The other hand denotes the support groups, volunteers, shops, pastoral care and Christian concern.

St. Peter's in Knowle opened in 1978, with one nurse and a group of volunteers. Now there is a well-designed building with beds for 14 terminally ill cancer patients, a day care centre and a staff of six Home Care Sisters who look after people in their own homes. The Hospice has beautiful gardens, and though there are, inevitably, times of sadness, there is an atmosphere of peace, and they take each day as it comes.

Patients can go to the Hospice for a short stay, perhaps while their drug dosages are sorted out. This is done to give the patient the most benefit and always means giving the patient regular doses, even through the night, and this helps to reduce the fear of pain. Everything is done to help the patient lead a normal, happy life. St. Peter's has its own chef, who will go to great lengths to provide tempting dishes for those with poor appetites, and a drinks trolley supplies whatever the patient would like, from a small sherry before lunch, to a couple of Guinneses before bedtime!

All sorts of services are given by volunteers; beauty treatments, hairdressing, art and woodwork classes, to name a few. There are five shops, which bring in £160,000 a year to help support the Hospice, but as the NHS only gives about 5% a year of the costs, everything is done

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## KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the June meeting of the Kenn Women's Institute Mrs BLAKE was congratulated on winning a prize for the best cow in calf and Felicity SNOOK won a class with her dogs at the North Somerset Show. A new member was welcomed to the meeting.

Mrs DYER reported with mixed feelings on the first triennial general meeting of the Women's Institute at Birmingham. She found the venue very uncongenial and not at all suitable for the less able delegates.

The Jumble Sale will be held on July 3rd at 7pm. The Skittles evening at Kenn Valley Social Club is fixed for 30th July. Names are being taken for a trip to Kew on 18th September and a lecture by Robin Bush on 27th September.

At the July meeting Kenn will welcome members from Clevedon South when the talk will be by Mrs Rigg on voices around Great Britain. The competition will be for an old country saying.

Mrs LINDSAY gave an uplifting talk on the work and caring of St. Peter's Hospice. She was thanked by Mrs BUBB. The competition for a bedside posy was won by Mrs GARMSTON, gold, Mrs BUBB, silver and Mrs CRAWLEY, green.

## PARISH MEETING 1894.

I thought the minutes of the first Parish Council Meeting might be of interest.

### PARISH OF KENN

The first parish meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, the appointed time of the meeting being six o'clock p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 4. 1894.

At a quarter past six o'clock Mr. J.J.W. Stuckey took the chair, and having read the notice convening the meeting said that the first business of the evening was the election of chairman.

Mr. W.H. Withey proposed and Mr. C. Staples seconded the proposition that the Rev. R.T. Still be appointed chairman. This was carried unanimously.

Mr J.J.W. Stuckey having vacated the

chair, that position was taken by the Rev. R.T. Still at twenty minutes past six o'clock after waiting another twenty minutes.

There was only one nomination paper for councillor handed in, that was the nomination paper of Mr. Angus George McGregor of Portbury House, Kenn, signed by Mr. Henry Wall of Manor Farm, Kenn and Mr Charles Staples of Stonehouse Farm, Kenn.

The next matter was the nomination of Way wardens. Mr. Charles Staples was proposed and seconded by Messrs George Dyer and Mr. J.J.W. Stuckey respectively.

The appointment of Overseers and Asst. Overseer was left till the meeting at Lady-Day.

Mr. Henry Wall proposed and Mr. Charles Staple seconded a vote of thanks to Rev. R.T. Still for his services as guardian and to Mr. S. Dyer as waywarden.

Mr. A.H. Hollyman proposed and Mr. G. Dyer seconded that the overseers be empowered to procure a seal if necessary.

On the motion of the Rev. R.T. Still a resolution was unanimously passed that the names of those present be recorded in the minute book They are as follows: Rev. R.T. Still, chairman, J.J.W. Stuckey & W.H. Withey overseers. Mr. H. Wall & C. Staples, churchwardens. Samuel Dyer, Edward Sprod, Angus G. McGregor, Thomas Hardwick, James Neads, John James, Alfred H. Hollyman, James Fry, Henry Staples, Samuel Carey, Samuel Baker, William Tinklin, Albert Denmead, Arthur Bacon, Joseph Orchard, George Dyer, John Richardson B.A., James Fry, Charles Holly.

The Chairman then gave the meeting the opportunity of discussing any parish matters, but nothing of importance was brought forward.

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to raise money. All patients are treated free of charge, as is the support given to their families. Among the events in the future will be performances of Hayden's Creation, to be held in Clifton Cathedral and Christ Church, Clevedon. Tickets will be £5 each.

The Hospice has its own Pastor and one of the rooms is used as a chapel where prayer meetings are held each day. One patient was too ill to attend the Christening of her first grandchild, so the baptism was held at the Hospice. The grandmother died later that night, everything having been done to help her, right to the end.

In the words of Dr Saunders: 'You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully but to LIVE until you die.

FOOTNOTE: What a splendid group! I have read the article twice and have been very moved by it. I am sure we can raise some funds for them and I'll rack my brains.

Little Ed.

### PUSS MOTH



Do you remember me saying last summer that I had been given a very large rather beautiful caterpillar but I could not find out what it was? Well I was advised to put it in a jar with some leaves, cover the top with muslin and leave it in a cool place over winter. This I did, leaving it in the garden shed.

From time to time we looked at it and it was not a pretty sight. We thought that it had died, it was all shrivelled up and messy.

In the spring I took it out of the shed, thought it looked dead and left it outside to show the friend who so kindly gave it to me!

One Sunday morning 2 or 3 weeks ago Dennis went to do something or other and looked in the jar - a most beautiful moth had just emerged! With Julia's help we identified it as a PUSS MOTH after all. They like to feed on Poplars so we took it up to the poplar on the Green where I hope it will live a long and happy life.

The name of this attractive grey to white moth comes from the fluffy hair that covers its body. The wings are covered in fine black zigzag markings. Puss Moths favour damp areas in town and country where Sallow and Willow grow. The moths lay their eggs on the leaves of these trees. The caterpillars hatch in July; as they grow they take on a spectacular appearance. Coloured black and green with red whip-like filaments or flagellae protruding when danger threatens. They can also draw their head back into the thorax showing a scarlet collar and two false eyes.

Common throughout the British Isles.

As you can imagine the sight of this bright green/red fat caterpillar walking across the drive at Cherry Orchard made the staff a little apprehensive - one even had dreams about it!

### FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate, It has been suggested to me that the best thing to do this month - the weather being as it is - is to make friends with Aylesburys and Muscovies! Not a bad idea.

In reality it is a question of trying to tidy up the ruins that the weather has left. Dead heading may encourage a new flush of blooms and cutting back DELPHINIUM blooms down to the ground and tying up things that have been blown about will all help. It is a good idea to give the ROSES another feed after the first flush of bloom to encourage further flowers - perhaps we shall be luckier with the next lot and not have them knocked about by wind and rain.



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I've heard a number of people say that their SWEETPEAS are very poor this year, all I can suggest is a good liquid feed when the rains ease up and hope for some sunshine.

Yours, Uncle Freddie.

## FROM HQ

Dear Uncle Freddie, I am realising now how very satisfying it is to grow all one's own plants for the garden, and also how 'Hit and Miss' it can be. I grew ASTERS from seed but had to destroy the lot since they were affected by CHRYSANTHEUM EEL WORM - shown by black patches and deformed leaves. Thankfully though I have plenty of other things to fill the spaces. We also bought two CLEMATIS - a white, DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH and a purple, ROYALTY. The DUCHESS is clambering madly over the trellis as intended - ROYALTY is dead. It just withered and gave up, a complete mystery.

Do you know the cause of ROSES rotting before they come into full bloom? There are no signs of disease and they have been sprayed regularly but the blooms either wither before opening properly or open part way and then show black petal tips, like scorching. Your opinion would be appreciated.

## A GOOD WEDDING CAKE

4lb of love  
1lb butter of youth  
1lb of good looks  
1lb of sweet temper  
1lb of blindness of faults  
1lb of forgetfulness  
1lb of pounded wit  
1lb of good humour  
2 tblspns of sweet arguement  
1 pint of rippling laughter  
1 wine glass of common sense  
1oz of modesty



## METHOD

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well-furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream, and mix well together with the blindness of faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet arguement, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole together until everything is well mixed, and bake gently for ever.

Found in a church booklet of recipes printed at the turn of the century.

## KENN LITTER RAP

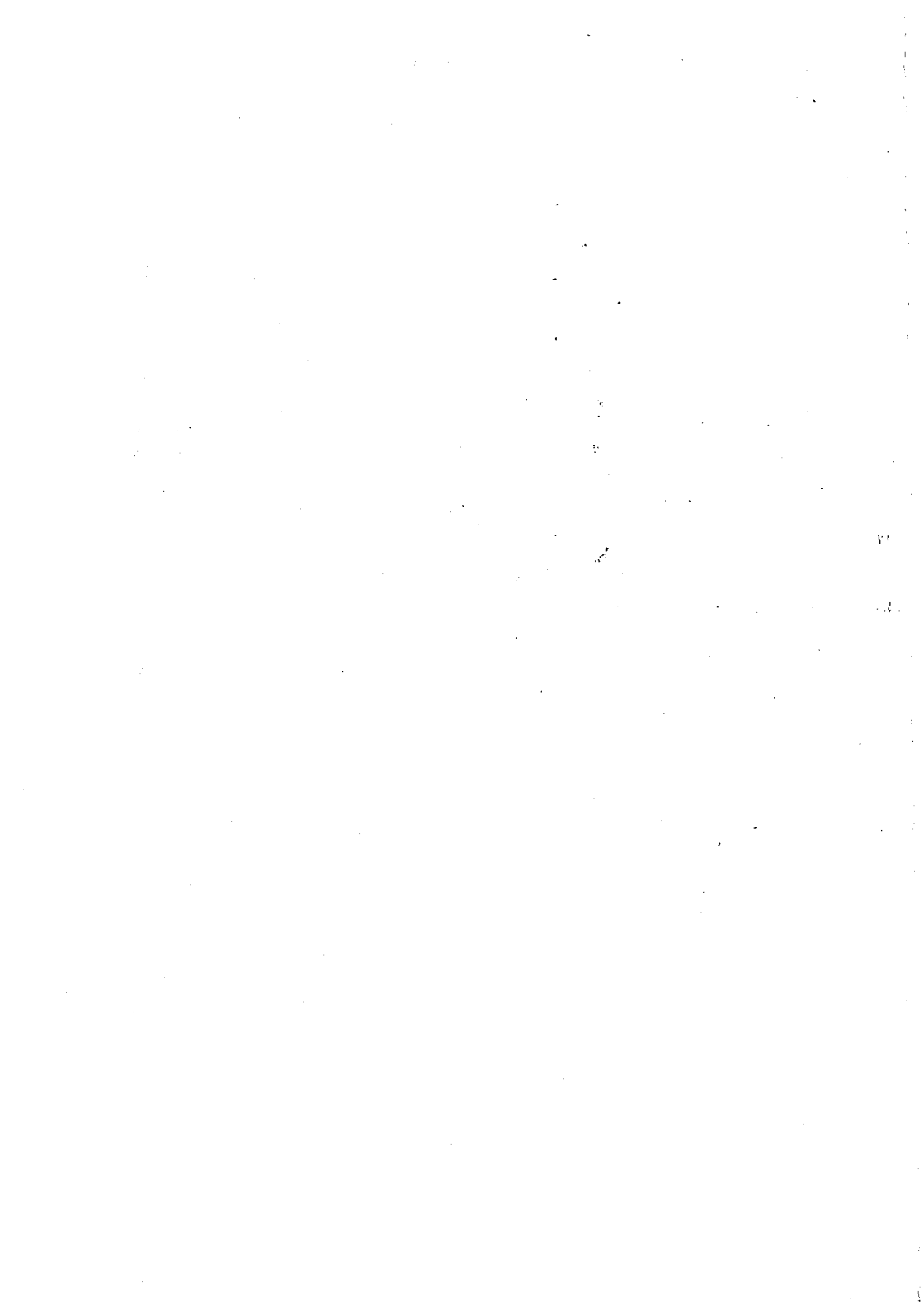
Listen up Dudes!  
Don't drop litter  
Or the folks in Kenn  
Will get real bitter.

Kenn is cool,  
Kenn is neat  
So keep your rubbish  
Off our street.

If you drop paper  
Or you drop cans  
We will not  
Be your fans!

We'll get sad  
Then we'll get mad!  
So get your butt  
Right off our pad!









## St. Sampson's Social Centre for Old People

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### A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.  
It enriches those who receive, without  
making poorer those who give.  
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it  
sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get  
along without it, and none is so poor but  
that he can be made rich by it.  
A smile creates happiness in the home,  
fosters good will in business, and is the  
countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the  
discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is  
nature's best antidote for trouble.  
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed,  
or stolen, for it is something that is of no  
value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile.  
Give them one of yours, as none  
needs a smile so much as he who has  
no more to give.