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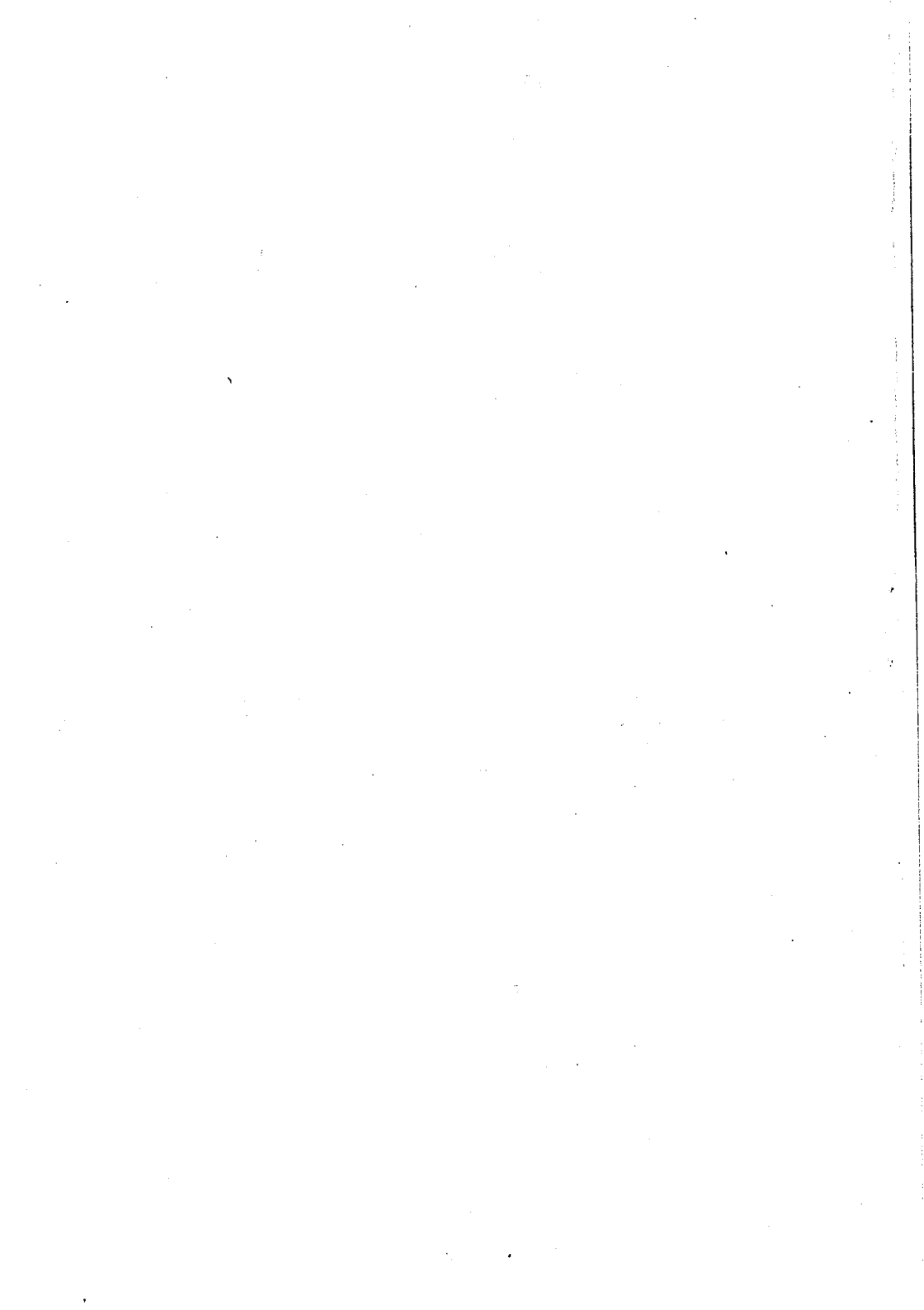
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

Don't you get thoroughly fed up of reading the same old things in this spot every month? Me too!! We know you all enjoy the magazine but it would be even more enjoyable with a few more contributions. You know where to send them.

Kate and Sheila - 879747 & 838357.

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE

***** 20TH JUNE *****

BIRTHDAYS - JUNE

- 3rd - Joshua MIDDLETON (1st Birthday)
- 10th - Christopher DENMEAD (16)
- 11th - Julian WILCOX (16)
- 11th - Naomi BRAIN
- 11th - Wendy PAPASOLOMONTOS
- 15th - Mattie GAUNT
- 13th - Lyn BYE
- 21st - Heather BRAIN
- 21st - Dave PUGH
- 21st - Thomas BYE
- 26th - Roger WILCOX
- 27th - Philippa JENKINS
- 30th - Roger DENMEAD.

REMINDER TO CHILDREN : Father's Day is the 16th.

NAISH'S NOTES.

GOING CUCKOO

We have had many reports of people hearing the cuckoo. We don't know who was the first but thanks for your information. One lady (who shall remain nameless) reports that she wouldn't know if she heard it or not as all birds sound the same to her! (Note: we heard the cuckoo, admittedly in Wellington, on 4th May, Big Ed)

TIDY VILLAGE

The Best Kept Village Competition has come round again so let's all pull together and make our village the tidiest and best again this year.

SMALL CHANGE

If you have any old 5p coins left OXFAM are collecting them. If you cannot get

into Clevedon Kate or myself will collect and take them in for you. (We will - honest!!)

PRETTY PLEASE

If anyone has any spare rockery or border plants David GRAY (up the Jet) would be only too pleased to accept them for the rockery beds he has created at the garage.

DANCING SHEEPTO SHEEP

There will be a Midsummer Mingle at Oakland Farm, Kenn (my house) on Saturday 22nd June from 8pm. In aid of COT DEATH RESEARCH. The evening will begin with a barbeque which we hope many of you will attend. There will be a Bar and during the evening a raffle. After dark - about 10ish there will be a disco for those who wish to dance the night away.

Tickets priced at £2-50 are available from myself, Kate or Kenn Stores. This is an adults only event.

DUCKWARDEN

Mrs Barbara MIDDLETON is now the Official Duck Warden for Kenn. She has been seen holding up the traffic outside Kenn Stores for "Mrs Duck" and her ducklings to cross the road safely. Not content with one crossing "Mrs Duck" and her brood decided to go back again and so Mrs MIDDLETON was once more in the middle of the road holding up the traffic. All Barbara needs now is a lollipop stick, if anyone has one ... Who knows frogs next perhaps? We must all be Quackers!!

GIPSEY SITES

Most people have had acknowledgements to their letters from Avon County Council and we are now waiting for public meetings to be held to voice our objections. We will keep you informed.

Sheila NAISH

SNIPPETS

GREAT GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDPARENT

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs SURRIDGE on the safe arrival of a great-

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granddaughter, Charlotte; and also to Mrs MIDDLETON for the safe arrival of a granddaughter, Emily Zuczka.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

The ashes of Mrs V HINTON who formerly lived at One Elm were interred on May 3rd.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the recent Woodspring Elections for councillors for the Yatton Ward Mrs LEWIS, Mrs CUMMINS and Mr JOPP were elected.

VICE CHAIR

It is extremely pleasing to hear that Mrs Greta LEWIS has been elected to be vice-chair of Woodspring District Council. She has served on the Council for many years during which time she has always been ready and willing to help Kenn folk with any problems. We wish her well in her year of office.

GOLD MEDAL

For the second year running Mr Robert John HANCOCK has won the Gold Medal as Europe's top hair stylist for men. The competition was held in Zurich, Switzerland.

KENN VILLAGE HALL

At the Annual General Meeting of Kenn Village Hall Committee, Miss BAKER resigned from the office of treasurer. For nearly 50 years Miss BAKER has looked after the finances of the Hall with great care, as well as coping with the laundering of tea-cloths and towels, seeing to the rubbish and all bookings for the Hall. She was thanked for the work she had done.

Officers elected for the coming year are :-

Chairman - Mr S DYER

Vice Chair - Mrs M STOWELL

Treasurer - Mrs I STOWELL

Asst. Treasurer - Mrs S CLARKE

Secretary - Mrs R DYER.

A copy of the Hall accounts is always kept

on the Village Hall notice board.

SPRING CLEANING

The spring cleaning of the Village Hall will take place on Monday 10th of June, 6-30pm onwards. Volunteers are invited to help. If anyone is unable to come on that evening but is willing to undertake a specific job, please let the Secretary know.

HALL HIRE CHARGES.

The charges for hiring the Village Hall are :-

- Local Meeting - £8
- Social Function - £25
- Jumble Sale - £20

Wedding or similar - £35

all plus cost of electricity where appropriate.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

The members of the Parish Council are : Mr S DYER - Chairman, Mrs J INGS, Miss L BAKER, Mrs R DYER, MR D GOLDSWORTHY, Mr R NAISH and Mr J GRIFFIN.

Miss HOLTHAM withdrew her nomination to avoid the expense of an election; she has agreed to continue as Clerk to the Council.

RMD

THANK YOU 1

Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn in aid of St. John's Altar Fund. We had a very successful morning and beautiful weather. The total raised was £102.

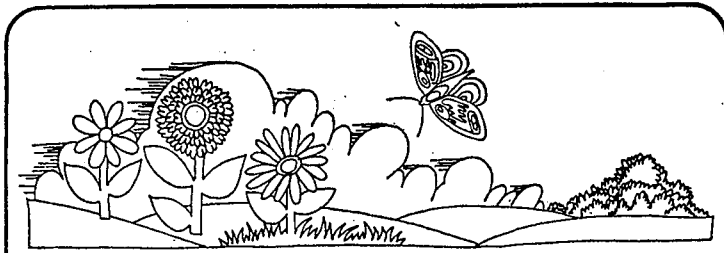
Thank you also to all the ladies who helped out and all who gave so generously.

Jean & Iris

THANK YOU 2

Many thanks to everyone who contributed during CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. At least £170 was raised in Kenn & surrounding homes, a magnificent total. Also I think this year everyone was so

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TIDY VILLAGE POSTER COMPETITION

If you live in Kenn, are between 4 and 16 years old, why not enter. Paper is provided, all posters are displayed, and everyone has a sweet reward.

Papers and forms from :- R DYER, D GOLDSWORTHY, R NAISH, J INGS. Please return posters by 8th June.

friendly, it was hard not to just stop and chat. Finally a big thank you to Clare, Iris, Margaret and Jean our valiant collectors.

Julia BUSH

COLSTON HALL CONCERT

On the 1st of May 1991 I took part in the "SASMAJAZZ" concert at the Colston Hall in Bristol. 18 schools from South Avon took part. There were 800 children in either the choir, drama, brass, strings, woodwind, recorders or dance. Alexis PAPASOLOMONTOS from Yatton Junior School sang in the choir and I played Jonah in the drama called "Jonah Man Jazz". It was a very exciting experience. The boys from Pill Junior School and East Clevedon (my school) used the same dressing room as the Beatles had used when they were in Bristol. The whole performance went off without a hitch except that the whale got stuck coming onto the stage which left me in the middle of the stage waiting to be swallowed for a bit longer than at dress rehearsal. Still everyone enjoyed the evening. Fancy treading the same floor boards as the famous!

Sebby WILCOX

KENN W.I.

A new member, Mrs HARRINGTON, was welcomed to the May meeting of Kenn Women's Institute. Much of the business of the evening was taken up with the Triennial General Meeting at which Mrs DYER will be the delegate. There was much discussion on three of the resolutions: One urged that more publicity be given to the dangers of proprietary medicines containing paracetamol, another asks the Government to abolish deductions from the old age pension after 6 weeks stay in hospital and the third was on child care. The remaining resolutions were on constitutional matters.

Names were taken for the outing to Bibury on 19th June. The skittles evening will now be held on 30th July. There will be a Jumble Sale on July 3rd. Further ahead Robin BUSH will give one of his lectures on 27th September. The competition for the next Group Meeting in October will be for an appealing soft toy in any medium. It is hoped that entries will be donated to a children's hospital.

Rev. HOLT conducted members on an eerie tour of North Somerset with some amazing and amusing tales of happen-

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ings in bygone days. He was thanked by Mrs HAMBROOK. The competition for a short ghost story was won by Mrs BUBB, gold, Miss LIVESY, silver and Mrs SURRIDGE, green.

The talk at the June meeting will be on St. Peter's Hospice and the competition will be for a bedside posy.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 1991

The Kenn Parish Council has again agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for 1991 sponsored by Calor Gas Ltd. and supported by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. The competition is open to all villages within the districts of Kingswood, North-avon, Wansdyke and Woodspring, all such villages being within the County of Avon.

Kenn is entered in the small villages section of the competition, having a population of less than 750.

The general judging of all villages enter-

ing the competition will take place between the 15th June and 1st August next and all villages will be judged on the same schedule. Marks will be awarded according to this schedule and due respect will be paid to:

- The absence of litter and/or unsightly refuse within the village area - including the provision of well-sited and well - designed litter bins. (20 MARKS)
- The condition of flower and vegetable gardens, farmyards and commercial premises within the village area AS SEEN FROM THE ROAD. (15 MARKS)
- The general appearance and maintenance of any Churchyard or Burial Ground. (10 MARKS)
- The maintenance of any War Memorial. (5 MARKS)
- The condition and cleanliness of the Village Hall and its immediate surroundings. (15 MARKS)
- The Condition and cleanliness of bus shelters, telephone kiosks,



RECEIVED WITH THANKS FROM:

NAME **MRS NASH**
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 ADDRESS **OAKLAND FARM**
KENN (NR. CLAYDON) POSTCODE **ST1**

£ 71.00

SPECIAL APPEAL (if any):
GOLF CESSIS
(THE KUFFS)

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post office, shop and public house forecourts, public lavatories and car parks. (10 MARKS)

- The general appearance of verges, hedges, fences, streams etc. ,evidence of communal effort by the inhabitants indicating the general well-being of the village and the pride of the community in its appearance. (10 MARKS)
- The display of posters entered for the competition. (10 MARKS)

The display of posters for the competition could earn us 10 marks. Special attention will be paid to the children's posters. The Parish Council is holding a poster competition open to all children. Details of the wording on the poster and supplies of paper can be had from Mrs J INGS or Mrs R DYER. Two of these posters will be forwarded for a special Calor Gas Award competition on the 30th June, after the first round of judging.

This letter is being included in the Parish Magazine and the support of all who read it will be very much appreciated and valued. It is hoped that everyone will undertake to pick up any litter dropped near their property. In that way, hopefully, the village will be litter free.

We are all very proud of our village and the Parish Council hopes that the tremendous effort made by everyone in previous years will be repeated and that Kenn will this year be successful.

On behalf of the Kenn Parish Council

Ann HOLTHAM

Clerk

YATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL FUN RUN

KENNITES were much in evidence at the School fun run and barbeque on Sunday 19th of May.

Gaunts, Woods and Pascoes were seen running, cooking or just watching. In a departure from the usual fete the School Association took a leaf out of Kenn's book and hosted a fun run as a major fund raiser for the school. With runs for all ages the event proved popular with young and old alike.

The star of the show was an athletic camel which ran a sponsored lap of the circuit. Can Kenn match this amazing animal.

S PASCOE

LETTER FROM OXFAM.

From: 19 Old Church Road, Clevedon.

Dear Mrs NAISH,

Thank you very much to you and the village of Kenn for your generous donations to Africa and the Kurds. Oxfam has many relief programmes in operation in Africa and has supplied tents and other necessary goods to the Kurds in the current crisis. We are most grateful to you all.

Yours sincerely,

MIBBITSON.

GARDENER'S SWAP SHOP.

Many thanks to everyone who offered me flower pots after my plea last month. I may not have called on some of you yet but I will soon. Many have agreed that swapping extra plants is a good idea so next year we'll try to plan what we all grow and then get together. Watch this space.

WELCOME

We have some new residents in Kenn you may not know about, and are less likely to meet. "Mr and Mrs ROBIN" have set up home in the garage owned by Mr Ben MORRIS in Duck Lane. I'm told Ben is delighted with his new lodgers and their family although they are nesting on a piece of equipment he uses regularly. However they are safe where they are until they fly the nest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

This scheme is alive and well and working diligently in Kenn. A great number of you have commented to Barbara about the strange car parked outside her shop for several days, not realising it was mine. (Having just paid a large garage bill I wish it wasn't !!) Your perception is to be

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admired but I can assure you that the car's presence was entirely innocent and that I am no danger to anyone or their property

Kate.

Mind you anyone less like a cat-burglar would be difficult to imagine!! (Big Ed ordered me not to change that last sentence so I haven't. The typist, who remembers a story about a pot and kettle.)

EXAM TIME.

Our 15 and 16 year olds are going through their GCSE's at the moment and are all working very hard. We hope they achieve the results they would like and wish them well.

KD

MORE MEMORIES OF KENN IN THE 1930's.

I was talking to Cyril Willcox recently and he reminded me that his late father Edgar had owned a Morris Cowley motor car which he had purchased in 1928 and

sold again in 1932. This car would be worth a large amount of money today. It had a bull-nose and a dickey seat and, if I remember correctly, there was a water temperature gauge on the bonnet.

Twice during the 1930's, travelling evangelists stationed themselves in Kenn. About 1932 a man called Matthew GIBBONS arrived here from his last stop at Kingston Seymour. He asked my parents if he could park his horse-drawn

caravan in the yard here at Stonehouse Farm. Permission was granted and he stayed a week, holding services every evening at the Congregational Chapel next door. When his time was up the farmer where he was staying was expected to supply a man and horse to take him to his next destination. The man that was working the farm at the time was the late Percy HOLDER who set off one morning with our big, mousey coloured shire mare to take the caravan to a field near the Ring 'o' Bells pub at Nalsea.

About 1938 Matthew GIBBONS arrived in the village again. This time he travelled in a motor living-van. He again stayed at this farm in the field near the Village Hall. He had a companion with him this

time, a man named HOUSTON. They were much better equipped this time and erected a marquee near their caravan with folding chairs. Matthew again held services every evening. Those of you who were children at the time were regular attenders, joining in

with the chorus singing and causing some disruption by unscrewing the butterfly nuts that held the chairs together, allowing them to collapse one after the other. Matthew and his friend gave short sermons with choruses in between. I can still remember some of them like -

Build on the rock, the rock that ever stands,

Build on the rock and not upon the sand,

TREASURE HUNT



Another Kenn Treasure Hunt has been organised. The Hunt will start from the village green at 2.30pm on Sunday 14th July and will be followed by a BBQ. Cost is £3 per car. Enter now by ringing Avril on 875992.

DONT MISS THE FUN

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You're safe for evermore if you build on the rock.

Other frequent visitors were Mr and Mrs Teddy BRITAIN. They were old fashioned gipsies who parked their caravan out on the moors. Teddy was a horse dealer. In the evening time he could be seen sitting in the grass on the roadside while his horses grazed on the verges. Sometimes he had 15 or 20 horses at one time. He was said to be an expert with horses and could tame the wildest. Mrs BRITAIN travelled from door to door selling her wares - clothes pegs that she and her husband had made, and all kinds of household utensils which she carried in a large basket. If one of the customer's family was getting married she would always give them a wedding present. There are people in Kenn who still treasure presents given to them by Mrs BRITAIN. She dressed in an unusual way wearing very voluminous skirts and a large hat adorned with large ostrich feathers.

Ray NAISH.

CHILDREN AND HORSES

After the meeting of Kenn Parish Council on 20th May Councillors once again discussed their concern over the speed of traffic through the village, both on the B3133 and in Kenn Street where we often have children playing. Of secondary importance we also have the problem of horses and riders on our roads.

We were advised that Avon CC have agreed to erect "Beware of the horses on road" signs!! However I am very disappointed to learn that because of LACK OF FUNDS it is unlikely that "Beware of children" signs can be provided!!

Concern has been expressed that there is a real risk of an accident, I suggest, therefore, that we investigate the possibility of making a collection to raise the necessary money ourselves to pay for the signs to be erected at both ends of Kenn Street. Also to consider two signs on the B3133, either "Please drive carefully through our village" or "Thank you for taking care as you drive through our village".

If you support either or both of these ideas please contact me on 872948 or call at the Granary and I will take the matter up with our Parish Council.

John GRIFFIN

Parish Councillor.

EDITORS BLAST

Is this a sign of the times when "Beware of horses" signs come before "Beware of children" signs? Have we got our priorities all wrong?

S&K

GARDENER'S CORNER

Dear Kate, This is a very busy month in the garden. Everything in my garden seemed to stand still because the weather was so chilly but now everything is growing so fast it seems there are not enough hours in the day. Lawns need cutting regularly, but do be careful not to cut too short because the ground is very dry and the roots may burn. If you did not feed the lawn last month it would be a good idea to do it now, after we've had some rain.

If you have any blackspot on the roses do spray. **TUMBLEBLIGHT** will control blackspot, powdery mildew and rust. This should be done every 14 days throughout the growing season. Phlox are growing well now and it is a good idea to trim the top few inches off with shears. This will stop them growing too tall and increase the number of blooms.

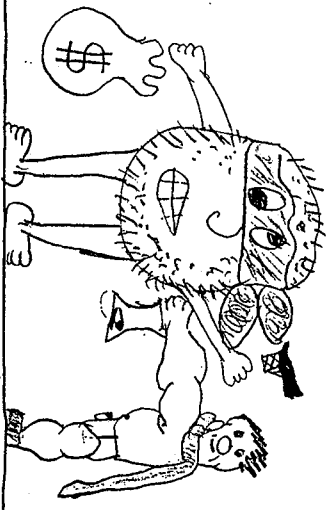
Don't forget borders and tubs need a lot of care now. they must be watered every day and fed every week.

The spring flowering bulbs should now be ready to lift and dry ready to replant in the autumn. In any spare time you can start to take cuttings of Fuschias etc., also mid and late season Chrysanthemums. I should think this should keep you out of mischief for this month - it certainly will me!

Yours, Uncle Freddie.

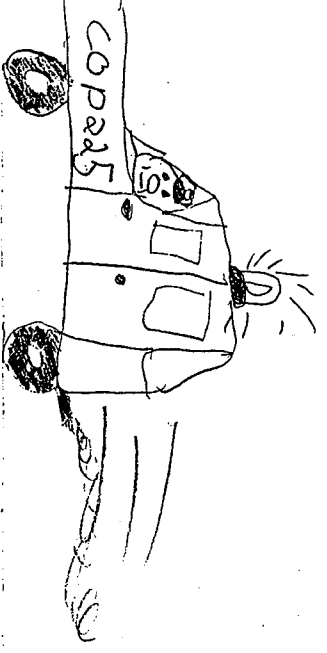
NAPPY MAN

By Alexander Gault.

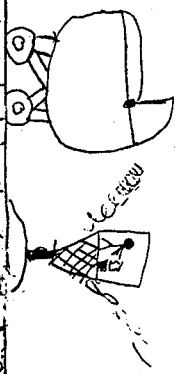


No one saw Nappyman change. Nappyman and geeseberryman out.

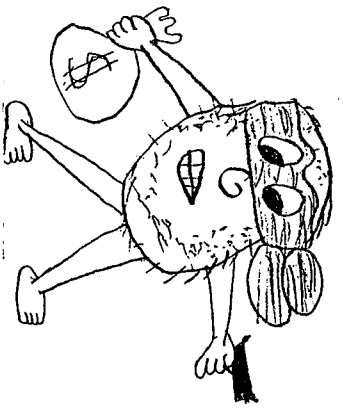
3 The police car came.



2 A kid got back into his pram.



But geeseberryman recovered and put out his gun L.L.I..



to be continued

COMIC RELIEF VERY·FORMAL·CERTIFICATE· TYPE·THINGY

SAYS IN A LOVELY CURLY WRITING TYPE OF WAY

that the undersigned
NASH

is not, repeat, not

A·PLONKER

but in fact
A·TOTAL·STONKER·

whose contribution to
RED NOSE DAY 3
March 15th 1991

was so Megatastic that it Totally and Utterly Blew
Our Minds and Made Us Forget How to Spell the Word

"CONGROTULATIONS"


so instead, we'll just say THANKS from everyone at

COMIC·RELIEF
for raising money which we
promise we'll use for
CHANGING LIVES.

·We·love·you·because·your·lovely·




Lenny Henry


Eustace Spiggott Woof (official made up person)

WORD SQUARE

The square contains a number of words associated with the village magazine. The usual rules apply and there is a small prize to the entrant with the most valid words.

K E N N N E W S A N D V I E W S Q
A P Q R S C E A N K R A E P Q R Q
T H F D Q B A N A N A P P L E R I
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HAVE FUN!!