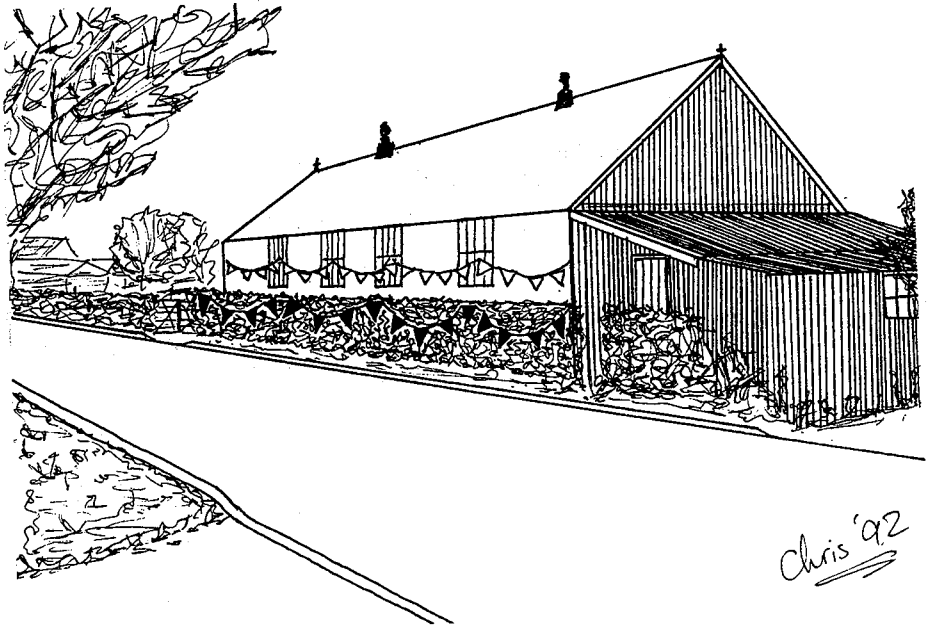


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EDITORIAL 'EDWEAR

Bid Ed is sporting a new hairdo which makes her look years younger! (as if this were possible, Big Ed). Little Ed is not being outdone so she's gone curly. As for looking younger, has anyone got any spare cement? (I didn't say that - Big Ed)!!

DON'T FORGET

The Fun Run has been fixed for SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. More details to follow.

Sheila NAISH

CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

The grand total of £136-08 profit was raised on Wednesday 20th May after a lot of hard work from some of our staunch oldies and young regulars. Donations from friends of draw prizes and cash, a bike and a television all helped to swell the funds. The night was very hot and my grateful thanks to all of you for your support. Expenses were £30 so £168 was actually taken.

We still have a very nice bird cage with fittings and a record player looking for good homes.

P.S. Leftovers went to Jumble Sale/Charity Shop.

Jean INGS

SNIPPETS

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations and every good wish to Sally TAYLOR who celebrated her twenty first birthday on May 28th.

June 6th. We celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's Ruby Jubilee with a lovely tea party for Kenn folk of all ages. Many thanks to all the organisers.

June 10th was the birthday of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

June 13th was the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

Our flag was flown for all these happy occasions.

VILLAGE GREEN

Many thanks to Mrs BURSTOW for planting the pots on the Green.

NEW MOWER

The Green has been given an extra tidy up by Philip WOODS. Thank you Philip.

VILLAGE HALL HEDGE

Thank you to Robert WILLCOX for cutting the hedge outside the Hall.

If EVERYONE would help a little to keep the village tidy we could easily win the Best Kept Village Competition..

VILLAGE HALL TEACLOTHS

A supply of clean teacloths is always kept in plastic bags in the kitchen. We do ask organisers to wash and return teacloths after each event.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We do try to keep readers informed of any events to be held in Kenn.

July 8th - Women's Institute 7-30pm. Speaker Mrs Gwen EVANS, "I'll tell you a story". None members welcome.

August 19th - Jumble Sale 7pm. In aid of Hall funds.

September 6th - Fun Run.

PRIZEWINNERS

At the North Somerset Show the renowned herd of Shorthorn cattle owned by Mr John WITHERS of Moorside Farm won six prizes including first prize for heifer in calf and cow in calf. In the driving classes Mrs Heather NOAD was among the prizewinners.

RM DYER

RUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen acceded to the throne on the death of her father in February 1952 and although on the whole celebrations have been fairly low key, Kennites (who don't

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Village Award.

SWEET WILLIAMS

Or Brian STOWELLS exactly, they really are a picture, all his customers are praising them, hope the judges do.

FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH

As several weighty matters concerning the Church are still being looked into the Open Meeting (for ALL) our friends will be held during next month. Items for agenda to Churchwardens please.

Jean INGS

TYPIST'S THOUGHTS

I'm sorry you don't like the format of the village magazine - the format was chosen with some care to make it as readable as possible when reduced in size for copying while trying to reduce the number of pages xeroxed. If you have a better format in mind perhaps you would show me.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Best Kept Village time is here again. Judging begins on 1st July and continues until mid August. Mrs. LEWIS has agreed to judge the children's posters again, so hopefully there will be a good display in the Hall foyer. Most marks in the competition are awarded for absence of litter so please help by picking up any that you see. We know that it is dropped by passing traffic and that it is not Kenn folk who caused the problem.

The County Council are considering imposing a weight restriction on the High Street in Yatton. This could obviously have repercussions in Kenn. The Parish Council is opposed to any option which sends more traffic through the village and also asks the County to consider employment and the development of employment at Horsecastle before it comes to any decision.

It has been suggested to Councillors that houses in the village should be numbered

to make life easier for doctors, ambulances and deliveries. The Parish Council is reluctant to ask for this to be done until people have had a chance to say whether they would like a number as well as their house name. Could you let a Parish Councillor know your views. To remind you they are Miss L BAKER, Mr and Mrs R DYER, Mr D GOLDSWORTHY, Mr J GRIFFIN, Mrs J INGS and Mr R NAIISH.

KENN W.I.

At the June meeting of Kenn Women's Institute Mrs Caroline FRANCIS gave a very thought provoking talk on the ecology of the Severn Estuary and the possible effects if the Severn Barrage is ever constructed. She was thanked by Mrs HAMBROOK. The competition for a slogan on conservation was won by Mrs BUBB, gold, Miss LIVESEY, silver and Mrs GARMSTON, green.

Visitors to the meeting were welcomed and Mrs HARRIS was thanked for the flower arrangement on the President's table. Mrs BLAKE was congratulated on winning two prizes at the North Somerset Show, and Mrs Withers' herd, so recently threatened by the proposed travellers' site, won six prizes.

Arrangements were made for the coffee evening to raise money for the Flower Festival at Kenn Church on 12-13th September in aid of Macmillan Nurses. A team has been entered for the 1993 skittles tournament and it is hoped to take part in a general knowledge quiz in September.

Members from Banwell have been invited to the July meeting at which Mrs Gwen EVANS will give a talk entitled "I'll tell you a funny story" and the competition is for a funny happening in a hundred words or less.

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think there is as much now as farmers don't drive their cows up and down the roads twice a day for milking like they did then. Having said that, horse manure is avoidable. You don't have to cycle or walk in it as most people can cycle or walk round it, unless they are blind. As for hanging a bag under the tail of horses, I can't believe that anyone really suggests such a stupid idea - or the Super Pooper Scooper. Can anyone imagine the accidents that this would cause: riders getting off their horses, trying to hold on to them while they tried to scoop up the horses d'ouvres, and what would they put it in?

What the British Horse Society Riding and Road Safety Officer would think of this I shall be interested to hear as I have sent a copy of the letter to them and am awaiting their suggestions.

In answer to the other points, of horses being ridden on grass verges and riders being more considerate to other road users - we at New House Farm pride ourselves in being sensible, polite and considerate to the rest of the village and motorists. Most people here have taken and passed road safety exams.

I would like to suggest that the general public purchase "Riding Safely on the Roads" by the British Horse Society. It might help them understand the horse and rider. As most of us drive cars, we understand both sides.

Juliet STOWELL

**VALENCIA, STATION RD
LANGFORD**

Dear Ed,

Having just read the anonymous letter in the current issue of News and Views, although not an official "Kennite", I feel compelled to write.

What is it about horses that attracts such hostility? After all, the owners work hard to pay the rent for their stables, pay the

feed merchant, dredge deeper into their pockets to pay the blacksmith, not to mention the vet as and when, all too frequently, the need arises. Thereby contributing to the economy by providing employment for a whole body of people which assists in the rejuvenation of rural life.

Then again there are the parents who happily sacrifice a whole host of life's luxuries to enable little Mary or Johnnie to have a pony; hoping to instill a sense of responsibility and commitment in the child, along with the love and enjoyment of some hairy beastie.

Most of these people do not have the privilege of living in open countryside and relish the precious hours spent with their horses as the perfect "getting away from it all" pastime. Does this mean they have no right to the countryside; is this the domain of those with no conception of 20th Century living? I think not - Kenn has always extended a warm welcome to the transient population. It is this unique character that keeps the village in touch. It is after all a working village not a showpiece.

If villagers have any grievances regarding riders why not try talking to us? You may be surprised to find that rather than Attila the Hun on horseback, most of us are polite and pleasant and ready to oblige rather than complain.

Patsy NAISH

MYRTLE COTTAGE, DUCK LANE

To the Editors

Is it a wind up? or is the letter complaining about horse manure in Kenn Street meant to be serious? Where does this anonymous person believe they are living, Utopia?

Thirty to thirty five years ago there were at least 5 - 6 herds of cows traversing Kenn Street, and as the late lamented Adge would say "Twice daily" and "You should have seen it then m'dear".

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cars along Kenn Street which is far more detrimental to ourselves and the environment.

In response to car drivers showing consideration to horseriders, may I point out that in the Highway Code and during driving lessons, you are taught to slow down for livestock - including horses - and I for one always thank every considerate motorist.

Diana LAVELLE

MOORLANDS, KENN STREET

Dear Eds

After the May "Kenn News", I awaited the arrival of the June edition feeling a little like Salman Rushdie in a mosque. You see...dare I confess...I am a newcomer with a dog!

However after reading the latest issue from cover to cover a feeling of great relief has swept over me. Thank goodness I don't ride a horse or I would probably have to fall on my sword. Now I can look forward to the next edition with excitement, to see which animal's antisocial habits will be under the spotlight next.

Could it be :-

1) BIRDS? Why hasn't the Parish Council taken steps to reduce the bird population of the village? They have a disgusting habit of perching on telephone wires and fouling anything that passes underneath.

2) CATTLE? Would those with dairy cows please ensure that when they leave their field twice a day for milking, their hooves are thoroughly washed and dried before they are allowed to step onto our tarmac. We don't want our Dunlops getting dirty.

3) SHEEP? Would farmers please introduce measures to reduce the noise nuisance from their lambs, especially late at night and early in the morning. Don't they know that noise pollution is now a recognised offence.

Come on Anon, (if you really exist), I take your point on dog muck, but are you sure you ought to be living in the country? Oh, and what about :

4) CATS! Somebodies cuddly moggy has decided that my newly planted vegetable patch is the perfect latrine. Do you know where YOUR cute kitten goes at night? Eds, can we have a code of conduct for cat owners with a conscience please, to redress the anti-dog bias?

Alternatively, we could all just get on with trying to live and let live.

Yours faithfully,

Ben WOODS

65 HAZELL CLOSE, CLEVEDON

a) If all I had to worry about in this sometimes diabolical world in which we live, was a bit of horse muck, - I would be very happy.

b) If Anon finds he/she is not suited to country life after all and would like to swap and rid himself of this "nuisance" please see me.

c) If Anon or anyone else is discomforted by the appearance of equine deposits in their environment will they please telephone me and I will personally come and remove them and grow the best roses and rhubarb in the county.

Kate

(TYPIST:- What a generous offer from a lovely lady ...crawl)

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What a disappointment to read recent issues of News and Views, which seems to have bowed to the growing tendency in this village to "find fault".

It is a pity that people put so much effort into the negative especially those who go into print anonymously. If you have not got the courage of your convictions to comment under your own name then surely one should stay silent.

I suggest we give the "Eds" and the "Three fingered typist" a well-earned break and to those still hell-bent on furthering this unfortunate trend I can supply copies of the following so they can compile their own magazine in the safety and anonymity of their own homes.

KENN MOANS AND GROANS

Just tick where appropriate:

Note: There is no room for harmony or positive comment

SCALE

Minor Moan

1 2 3 4 5 6

Mega Whinge

7 8 9 10

Horses

Discos

Lawn Mower

Noise

Dogs

Parish Council

Fund Raising

Traffic

Football Stadium

Village Magazine

Destroy after use.

Simon PASCOE

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HORSE TALE

In the Autumn of last year Jackie bought a colt from Ray NAISH. In the Spring a young colt's thoughts turn amorous, time to call the vet.

Oh Dear! "Sorry Jackie, his vital ingredients are missing, will call again in the Autumn". Jackie is sunk in gloom. Jeremy, who works for Miles said "Never mind, I'm in the same position!"

Last week, great excitement in the Stowell livery ... Kanarra the colt has ONE, but what about Jeremy!!!?

Janice FEAR

TAIL PIECE

Despite the fact that everyone who came to the Ruby Jubilee Tea on Saturday 6th June had a very pleasant time, I'm sorry to say that the organisers were disturbed and upset to hear that on Friday 5th June several people were claiming not to know it was taking place next day.

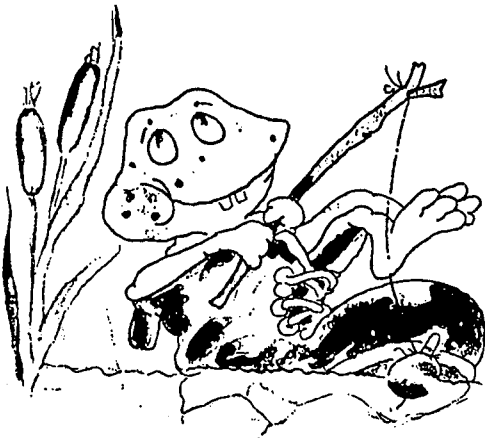
A lengthy article in the May issue of News and Views announced that the event was taking place on 6th June, notices about donations and mugs orders were issued, a large Union Flag poster was in the shop for 2 weeks prior to the event and there was a Diary date reminder in the June magazine. It is amazing to think that after all this, still people were unaware and claiming to be uninformed.

This is only the latest in a string of occurrences that serve to undermine the good intentions of particularly this committee and it must be said that even our enthusiasm is beginning to wane as regards the effort we put in for the benefit of the village.

Whatever the event an awful lot of work and time goes VOLUNTARILY into organising them. Thankfully the majority appreciates this but we do get to hear of minority views and the brickbats received are disheartening.

Kate DENMEAD.

AND FINALLY, DON'T FORGET



TIDY VILLAGE JUDGING

from 1st JULY 1992

Thank you for your support.

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We read in Kenn Village's "News and Views"
Just what sort of mess gives you the blues.
Enclosing a copy of our letter
We feel we can offer you something better.
We'll try to help you find a solution
To the problem of pollution.

RIDERS

All of us here at Kenn Pier Farm
Feel our horses do you no harm.
We only feed the best of grass
Which comes straight from the horse "r's"
In this time of world ecology
You can have your fertiliser green and free!
We'll deliver direct to your garden gate -
Compost; while you stand and wait.

For whilst you may have to hold your noses
Just place the produce round your roses!
And those of you who wish to complain,
It all gets washed down by the rain!
To suggest we follow round in cars
Would sound to most as quite a farce
We could drag along a scoop behind
But the noise we fear, would be quite unkind.



Now most horse owners would agree
We could make them go towards a tree.
But as for carrying round a bucket
Where on earth are we going to chuck it!
Or maybe we could tow a hoover
To pick up all the horses d'oeuvre!
As to keeping of the grass verge
Most riders are happy to do as you urge.

Straight from the horses' mouths and the
merry band of nags at Kenn Pier Farm.

Perhaps when driving your car down the lanes
With your tyres squelching on horses remains
Just think as you breathe in our horses fumes
THEY WILL NOT SEND YOU TO EARLY TOMBS!!!!

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I am no particular horse lover although my daughter owns one. Does your correspondent seriously expect riders to dismount and clean manure up whilst trying to hold a horse? Perhaps the riders should carry a MUCKSack on their backs.

This evening (Wed. 3rd June) 15 horses and riders passed by here between 6pm and 9pm. Seven of these are stabled in Kern. Despite two search parties in BOTH locations no horse manure was found!

I suppose next month it will be suggested that the odd flock of sheep or herd of steers be moved by transporter as opposed to being driven down the street!

Kern is a village and rural. For goodness sake stop moaning and just appreciate where you live. If you want the facility of town or city, why don't you move there?

The company I am employed by is at present carrying out a project at the infamous Broadwater Farm Estate in London. The majority of people living there would, I know, put up with horses, horse manure, cows and dung, plus losing their right arm to have the opportunity to live in a village like ours.

ONE LAST POINT I am glad to note it is a LARGE AMOUNT of manure which is present, so why not do as I used to have to some 35-40 years ago - PICK IT UP from any passing horse. Not to clean the streets but for my parents to use on the garden! But even at 10 years old I think I managed not to get it on my clothes and shoes.

PS thanks for a topical, interesting and at times controversial magazine.

John STAPLES

THE STABLES, DUCK LANE

I was totally amused at the idea of my children riding out on ponies armed with a horse-sized pooper-scooper; a bigger hazard than the odd pile of dung I'm sure you will agree.

What a shame to blight local teenagers and children's harmless hobby of horse riding.

I did a small survey on our ponies. We ride out for five consecutive evenings: the result was no dung in either Duck Lane or Kern Street. Perhaps it was because I had a word in their ears before we left or perhaps it was just Mother Nature. How much dung are we talking about?

Surely the odd pile of dung, getting stuck behind the cows, meeting the odd tractor is a very small price to pay for living in the countryside away from the congestion of the town. After all, we do all have the choice.

Sue EDWARDS

Dear Editors,

In response to last month's letter on horse riders using grass verges and horses fouling Kern Street and Duck Lane, I found the comments on horse riders using a pooper-scooper to remove horse manure from the pavement very disturbing.

I am a regular horse rider along Kern Street and holder of the British Horse Society Riding/Road Safety Certificate and am in full agreement not to use ornamental grass verges, but it would prove extremely dangerous for a rider to dismount to remove droppings from the road. Holding your horse and trying to pick up the droppings with a pooper-scooper would be a very unsafe practice and I'm sure some fatal accidents would occur as a result of uncontrolled loose horses along the street if this was to be seriously considered.

I feel that it is more important that your horse is kept under control along the street to prevent injury to other road users, than to have a few horse droppings which are very good fertilizers for roses etc. and it surely is nothing in comparison to the pollution caused by

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

In 1991 Kenn came third in this competition. The Judges said:

"It was a good performance to get third place among the small villages amid the strong competition that exists at this level. The judges saw evidence of much effort on the part of the community to keep the village in good trim, and you scored high marks in all the sections. Well done.

It would be wonderful if we could do even better this year and the Parish Council hopes that everyone will be as helpful as they always are and keep the village free of litter and looking as nice as it can.

OWLS

After coveting the beautiful owl which visited the W.I. recently I was glad to find a little brown one inspecting the bird's scraps this weekend.

JJ

GONE MISSING

Has anyone seen a lightweight fork and spade loafing around? Last seen waiting outside the back door ready for work.

Jean INGS

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week seems a long time ago but may I say a big thank you to everyone in Kenn for their generosity, £143-10p was raised despite the recession. A great effort.

Special thanks to Iris, Jean, Wendy and Margaret, my gallant collectors.

J BUSH

COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning and bring and buy sale is to be held at Stonehouse Farm, Kenn in aid of St. John's Altar Guild. The date is

Tuesday 14th July from 10-30am onwards.

Everyone welcome.

Jean NAISH

CANCER RESEARCH

Well done Kenn. A grand total of £75.77 was collected in aid of Cancer Research from a house to house collection. Thank you all very much for supporting such a good cause. Also thank you to Mrs I RUSSELL, Mrs Sylvia STAPLES and Mrs Joan STEVENS for all their hard work.

Heather JENKINS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Barbara DYER is selling beautiful hand-finished designer costume jewellery that blends beautifully with real jewellery and appeals to all ages and fashion tastes. Prices are from £4.99p and anyone who is interested in seeing the jewellery or looking at a catalogue should contact her on Clevedon 873026.

THAT SUBJECT

The following are the lengthy replies we have received to 'anons' letter last month. Between them all we feel they answer the questions raised adequately and as such request no further copy on the matter, save Juliet STOWELL's reply from the British Horse Society Riding and Road Safety Officer.

NEWHOUSE FARM, KENN ST.

Dear Kate and Sheila,

I don't know if this is a joke or just a play to get more material for Kenn News and Views. But in case it is meant to be serious I thought I would reply on behalf of our stables to the anonymous letter in last month's News and Views on horse manure in Kenn Street and Duck Lane.

I came to Kenn 32 years ago and I have not noticed any more manure on the roads than there was then; in fact I don't

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need much encouragement) decided a village party was definitely indicated.

June 6th was the date designated Jubilee Day, a committee was set up to organise the proceedings and the fun began.

Kenn Village Hall was the venue chosen and was decorated appropriately in Union Jacks, red, white and blue bunting, balloons and flowers inside and out. The stage was the centre piece and although the decorators kept insisting it looked more French than English the effect was stunning!

The entire village had been notified by two of our more energetic committee touting leaflets through everyones' doors asking for contributions of money and food for the buffet tea. A couple of fund raising events, the inevitable raffle and a bar on the day provided enough money to give commemorative mugs to all resident children under the age of eighteen in the village.

The day dawned damp and dismal, the committee felt the same! Would it rain? Would there be enough food? People had said they had forgotten, worse still said they didn't know!! Did anyone care?

By lunchtime the sun had burst through, the temperature soared and so did spirits, we would enjoy the day. The party began at 3pm, the flag flew on the village green and suitably patriotic music played a welcome as Kennites started to trickle in armed with enough food to feed Yatton as well! By four o'clock the village hall and surrounding ground was packed with a happy throng of villagers young and old. The national anthem was played, the Vicar, John CRUSE, said an opening prayer followed by grace and tea was served.

The Rubilee celebrations were a tremendous success. Everyone there had a really happy time, the worry and hard work were forgotten as folk enjoyed the opportunity of being together having fun and fellowship and further strengthening

community ties. The afternoon was recorded for posterity by a village photograph, the last such photo had been taken in honour of the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Will we be able to repeat the event at her 50th anniversary. I certainly hope so!

P.S. It was omitted from the results of the Fancy Dress Competition on the day, but as well as the prizes they received the winners, namely Philippa JENKINS and Richard JAEHME will be invited to plant the commemorative tree on the village green later in the year. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the other entrants for dressing up.

Avril GAUNT

COFFEE EVENING

There will be a coffee evening on Wednesday 15th July beginning at 7-30pm at The Granary, Duck Lane. The event is in aid of History Group funds and EVERYONE is welcome.

GROUSE/GRIPE AND GARBLES!

When the magazine was set up it was to be light in text and reflect the normal matters which went on in Kenn - now I am sure, that last month's content was not a true picture of Kenn. We can all find something to grouse about (I dislike the format of these pages), but please let's not have a whole copy of them, or the magazine will die the death.

HORSE DROPPINGS

I have never seen any in Duck Lane despite traversing the lane every day at least once - but I do admit to transporting two trailer loads - did I drop it, if so my apologies, but it's in perfect condition for your roses.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

To straighten another matter, we have several times had "new" residents on the Parish Council, Mike STEVENS and Dave PUGH for starters who worked extremely hard when we won our Tidy

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

As you will see in this magazine a great deal of controversy has built up over last months anonymous letter re. horse dung in the village. We do not object to including anonymous letters but at the same time we don't feel it is fair if the two of us have to take the 'flack'. To this end we have decided that whilst anonymous letters will be accepted the authors must be made known to us. Obviously we will not divulge the names but at least then we can pass on information, both brickbats and praise. Also we would like to make clear that the content of any such contributions and the views expressed are not necessarily the views of the editors.

Kate and Sheila.

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST

20th JULY

BIRTHDAYS

- ⇒ 5th - Avril GAUNT
- ⇒ 15th - Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN
- ⇒ 21st - Toby NAISH
- ⇒ 23rd - Wally MOORE
- ⇒ 24th - Roger STOWELL
- ⇒ 24th - Brian WATERS
- ⇒ 25th - Sue PUGH
- ⇒ 28th - Juliet STOWELL
- ⇒ 28th - Jack Michael STOWELL
- ⇒ 31st - Sharon DYER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- ⇒ 30th - Ken and Sharon DYER

NAISH'S NOTES

WELCOME

A belated welcome to Ken and Barbara at the Drum and Monkey. Ken is to be seen to the far left of our village party photograph, but do pop in and meet them. They would love to see more villagers in the pub.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

If John CRUSE is our Vicar and John RUFFLE is our Rector are we correct in saying that John C is "the Vic" and John R the "a wreck" (physically and mentally), and have we driven him to it?

OLD ROMANY QUOTATION

"People who live in the country should expect country things"this leads into our latest controversial subject, horse dung! NEVER as Editors have we had so many letters, phone calls and comments, so quickly! What a shame that this interest has to be put down to a load of _ _ _ (dung). Surely more mind boggling issues must interest us??

COLLECTORS PLEA

My mum is collecting bar codes from all grocery packaging - those funny black lines that make supermarket machines bleep! These are being collected by her local store (100,000 needed) to purchase a motorized wheel-chair for a Clevedon girl. So if you feel like collecting them for her we'd be very grateful. Just cut them off the packets, its surprising how soon they all mount up. I'll collect them or you can leave them at the shop.

TIDY VILLAGE

Let's hope we do well in our tidy village competition entry. Many thanks to Philip WOODS for his splendid efforts in keeping the churchyard and village green so tidy.

VILLAGE RUBILEE PARTY

Thank you to everyone who donated money, food or assistance on the day or whatever to make it such a success.

WIFELY TROUBLE

We are grateful that our three-fingered typist's wife, Avril, is now well on the mend having had a nasty fall from her loft and sporting many black and blue bruises - more Holy water with it in future?