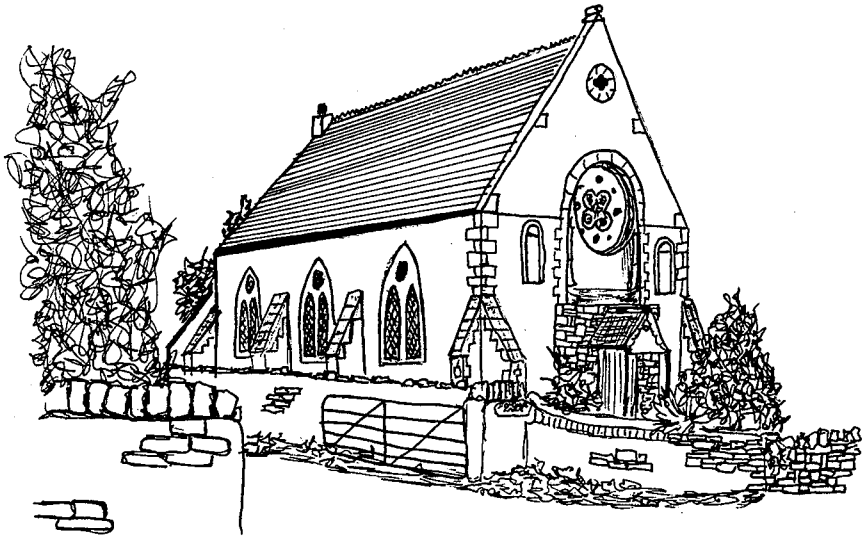


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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

At the time of writing we are without a cover for this month's magazine, this is because of two things - a) Christopher is very busy with his exams and his school play and b) he's run out of photographs. If you would like to see your home featured on the cover please forward a photograph to Christopher as soon as possible or phone him on 879747.

Kate and Sheila

## DEADLINE FOR JULY - 20th JUNE

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- ⇒ 3rd - Joshua MIDDLETON
- ⇒ 10th - Christopher DENMEAD
- ⇒ 11th - Naomi BRAIN
- ⇒ 11th - Julian WILCOX
- ⇒ 11th - Wendy PAPASOLOMON-TOS
- ⇒ 13th - Lyn BYE
- ⇒ 15th - Matthew GAUNT
- ⇒ 21st - Heather BRAIN
- ⇒ 21st - Dave PUGH
- ⇒ 21st - Thomas BYE
- ⇒ 22nd - Yvonne AYRES
- ⇒ 26th - Roger WILCOX
- ⇒ 26th - Lucy BAKER
- ⇒ 27th - Phillippa JENKINS
- ⇒ 30th - Roger DENMEAD.

## NAISH'S NOTES

### CHANGE OF DATE

The Fun Run will now be held on the 6th of September so please alter your diaries.

### THANKS

Very many thanks to all the people who attended the Wine and Coffee Evening held at Oakland Farm, Friday 15th May. The total money raised was £116 and this goes towards the funds for the Ruby Jubilee party. Thanks to all the helpers too.

Don't forget, any offers of food to Avril or Jenny. Orders for mugs to Kate or

myself, price £2-50p. Donations gratefully received. The fund currently stands at £201.

## FASHION SHOW

The Fashion Show is on Thursday 25th June starting at 7-30pm promptly. Goods are available for sale on the evening. Tickets priced at £2 are available from myself, Avril or Kenn Stores. All proceeds to Multiple Sclerosis.

## MIDSUMMER MADNESS II

The Midsummer Madness Disco is to be held at Oakland Farm, Kern from 8pm 'til late. This function is an adult only function (the Youth Club children are having their own disco the following week). There will be a mobile food wagon, a bar, a RAFFLE!! (just for a change). All donations gratefully received. The proceeds from this will go to CLIC and be used towards the CLIC halfway house in Bristol. Tickets £2-50 from Myself or Kenn Stores.

Pray for better weather than last time or bring wellies!

## HYMN BOOKS

St. John's Church, Kenn has received a donation of £100 towards new Hymn Books in loving memory of Mr Ron PREW, father of Cheryl QUINN of Bow Kennels, whose funeral took place in Kenn Church on Thursday 14th May.

## GYPSY SITE

The Gypsy site proposed on Mr Withers' home paddock has been rejected by Avon County Council Travellers' Sub-committee. Thank goodness they eventually saw sense. The people closest to the site who have been very worried by the implications of having this "blot on the landscape" forced upon them can once more settle back to enjoy their homes and gardens in the knowledge that they are safe from this threat.

Well done to everyone who wrote, 'phoned, organised protests, attended

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MACKAY for their help at a tea party for some blind people held at Kenn Court on April 30th.

## FUNERAL

We are sorry to report the passing of Mrs CHAPPELL of the Willows on April 28th. Before coming to live in Kenn Mrs CHAPPELL farmed for many years at Court Farm, Clevedon. The funeral took place at Kenn Church on May 5th. Our flag flew at half mast. To Mr CHAPPELL and Mrs CHAPPELL's family we extend our sympathy.

## MARY HAS A LITTLE LAMB

After five granddaughters and five grandsons Mrs LAMB has a Lamb grandson, Richard, born on April 8th.

## INVALIDS

Mrs HARRIS had a short stay in hospital. Miss BAKER is making good progress after her unfortunate accident.

Mr AYRES is presently in Clevedon Hospital - we understand he will soon be returning to Kenn.

## WELCOME

We look forward to having Mr and Mrs Hartley STAPLES and Joanna living in Kenn again. They have purchased Elm-bank.

## NEW BABY

Justine FLOWER gave birth to a baby son on May 22nd. Our flag was flown.

## ACCIDENT

Mr Clifford BEECHAM of Colehouse was unfortunate to have a cow step on his arm - most painful.

## DIVERSIFICATION ON THE FARM

We all know farmers are constantly being urged to diversify. We understand one farmer's wife has heeded the Government's wishes - her project rabbits!! She was seen collecting dandelions on the village green to feed her stock - we are well aware zero grazing is practised on

certain of their fields at lambing time. Question - is she going into rabbit fur, rabbit meat or pets for the locality? Whatever she decides good luck to her enterprise!!

## KENN VILLAGE HALL

Calling Kenn folk especially those who use the Hall and that is one and all. Remember the travellers' meeting!

The Hall needs Spring cleaning. Offers of help will be most appreciated on Tuesday June 2nd and Wednesday June 3rd. If you cannot come on either day but are willing to be responsible for cloakroom, kitchen etc please let me know.

## PROPOSED SITE FOR TRAVELLERS

We are pleased to learn that the proposed site at Moorside Farm has been rejected by the County Council. Naturally we in Kenn are pleased with the news but let us remember those people who will be forced to have sited near their homes.

## HAIRDRESSING COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to Mr Robert Hancock, the current world champion, who won the artistic competition at Weston-super-Mare as well as the Victor Ludorum. We wish him well in the 1992 world competitions.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ June 2,3rd - Hall Spring cleaning.
- ⇒ June 6th - Village Tea Party for our Queen's Ruby Jubilee.
- ⇒ June 10th - Women's Institute speaker Miss FRANCIS on Wildlife.
- ⇒ June 25th - Fashion Show in aid of Multiple Sclerosis.

ALL the events are in the Village Hall.

## FUNERAL OF MR PREW

The funeral of Mr PREW took place on May 14th. Mr and Mrs PREW moved to Clevedon four months ago to be near their daughter Mrs QUINN and her family of Bow Kennels. We extend our sympathy to Mrs PREW and the QUINN

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## KENN HISTORY GROUP

We met on Monday the 18th. We had planned to walk through the village to check out the older properties with the 1839 Tithe Map. But, as we were few in number and the map is too fragile to carry around, we spent the evening at Derek and Renee BELL'S studying the map and the Record Books (which support the map) which have written details on Kenn owners and occupiers in 1839! A really fascinating evening. Kenn Tithes came to a total of £90 per annum.

Next month we are planning a real treat, which will be held on the evening of the 15th or 29th. We will visit the farm of Mr Alfred GAY at West Harptree for a conducted tour of the unique Victorian farm buildings which COVER one and a half acres!! Yes one single building that big.

Anyone interested in farming and Victorian farm methods will find this of very special interest. The cost is £2 per head and will include coffee etc. Please ring 872948 for more details.

## LETTER TO EDITORS

It was with a certain amount of sadness that we read Mr NASH's letter in last month's News and Views.

Sadness for a number of reasons:

1. Because a 'them and us' situation now seems to exist
2. Because a simple question put to the elected Parish councillors about planning questions should be construed as giving them 'a hard time'
3. Because we should all be working for the same cause but seem not to be

It is true that the question about the planning came from people who have not lived in Kenn all their lives. Maybe the 'newcomers' feel that living in a quiet rural community is something to be cherished and fought for, whereas those

who have been here for longer are becoming complacent.

Three items of major planning concern have come up over the last few years: 1) the equestrian centre, 2) the football club and 3) the traveller's site.

The equestrian centre could fairly be described to be suitable for a rural community. Horses and riders fit in well and it is doubtful if any of the villagers object to the slight disruption of road traffic this causes in and around the centre. It becomes more doubtful if the associated activities, such as rock and jazz festivals belong here. Someone at the meeting put forward the notion that the people running the centre would not be able to make ends meet unless activities other than those for which the centre was created were allowed. This, frankly, is their problem, and we do not accept that for commercial reasons our quiet rural lives should be disrupted.

The football club was the main bone of contention. Reading Mr Nash's letter one might be forgiven for getting the impression that the question put caused unruly behaviour at the meeting. This was far from the case. A simple question about why the Parish Council had raised no objections to the planning application was met with what seemed to be embarrassed evasion. A football club does, perhaps, belong in the countryside if the club served the local community. In this case it serves a neighbouring town and has nothing whatsoever to offer our village, except the possibility of noise, traffic and rowdiness. Obviously we were disappointed that no objections were raised.

Even if the football club is a suitable candidate for being in our community, the permission to let them be here raises the uncomfortable question of precedence. If they can get permission what is to stop other developments from taking place. Perhaps it would be an idea if in future any planning applications that

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she thought might prove useful; to Roger WILCOX who wrote numerous letters; to Roger and Margaret STOWELL for the unlimited use of their photocopier; and to Stuart AUTY who prepared a special report detailing objections to the proposal.

In addition, we are grateful to Maurice BLIGHT who gave us the full backing of the NFU; and to Fred ELLIMAN, the Director of the North Somerset Archeological Research Group, who spent many hours of his spare time searching the field for artifacts, and whose find of Roman coins and pottery was one of the main reasons why this site was rejected.

Trev and Maggie GEORGE

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The meeting of the district co-ordinators of the Neighbourhood Watch Groups was held at Hangstones, Yatton on Wednesday 20th May. Over thirty attended coming from Cleeve, Claverham, Yatton and Kenn. PC Keith HARRIS the area's policeman was in charge.

The responsibility for the area's groups has been passed to WPC Sharon BALL. PC Harris is stationed at an office in Yatton High Street and has been joined by PC Cooper. It is hoped that this office will be manned for callers for a couple of hours a week for any queries. Unfortunately with a force of two that presence will be stretched rather thinly. All cases of suspicious activities should be addressed to Weston-super-Mare 635252 or 999 if urgent.

During this hot weather it should be stressed that all doors and windows should be kept locked even when in the house or garden and doors locked and windows closed when it is unattended even for a few minutes.

One of the main items at the meeting was one of communication. So that groups may be better informed it was decided to try to join several groups under their

co-ordinators with a senior co-ordinator in charge. Information is passed from the police to the senior co-ordinator of the area and he will pass on that information to his group co-ordinators as necessary. In my young days it was called pinnacle tiers of management.

At present we have three groups in Kenn covering Kenn Street and Duck Lane. It should be possible for us to have more groups in Kenn, say Kenn Road from Willow Cottage to Kenn Court estate cottages, Kenn Court to Honeysuckle Cottage and at Kenn Pier. Should any person wish to be co-ordinator in these areas would they like to contact me on 877392 or the Parish Council.

DG

## FIRST CUCKOO

The first cuckoo of the season has been heard in Kenn on the afternoon of May 21st in the centre of the village. Let's hope he will stay the rest of the season.

RV NAISH

Sheila thought that she'd already heard the cuckoo earlier than this but was accused of being cuckoo herself - or overworked!!! (Big Ed)

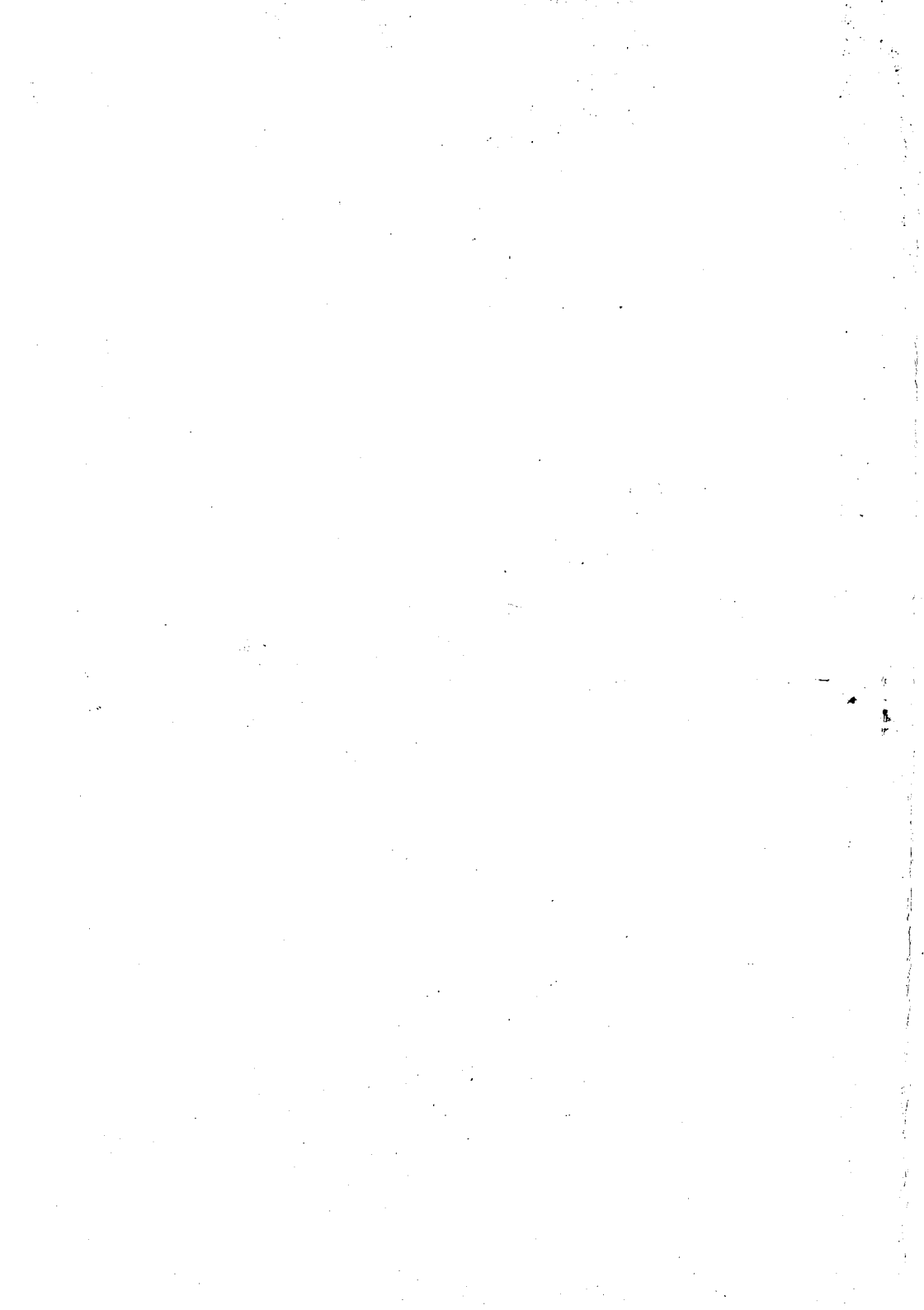
Huh, I'm sulking - Little Ed.

## RARE OCCURENCE

Looking through some old Church records recently I came across the following.

1922. The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in Kenn Church, the reverend Walter PERKS was in the chair. After opening the meeting and thanking those present for their work for the church during the last year he then nominated Mr Frank DYER of Kenn Court as Vicar's Warden for the coming year. Mr Tom DYER of Kenn Pier Farm was then nominated by an unnamed person and seconded by Mr John JAMES as People's Warden for the coming year. Thus two





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brothers were wardens for 1922 which must be very rare.

In those days it was the custom to call Church Wardens Vicar's or People's Wardens; one representing the Vicar the other the people. Thankfully this has now been dropped and both have equal status.

The Reverend Walter PERKS was Vicar here for about 25 years at the beginning of this century. I have been told he was a

very small man with a very large wife. They travelled about the district in a horse drawn coach, their coachman was Mr WAYMAN whose grandson Ivor COX still lives in Kenn.

Ray NAISH.

### ST JOHN'S MOWER

The following letter was received from the Rector.

## The Yatton Moor Team Ministry

**Team Rector:** The Rev. John Ruffle  
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*Tel: 0934 832184*

**Team Vicar:** The Rev. John Cruse  
The Vicarage, 32 Derham Park, Yatton, Bristol BS19 4DZ  
*Tel: 0934 832776*

9th May 1992

Mrs A. Gaunt,  
The Challet,  
Kenn,  
Clevedon

Dear Avril,

Very many thanks for your generous efforts together with other members of the Charity Committee in raising money for the new mower at St. John's. This was a much-needed piece of equipment, and will be an enormous help as we try to maintain the churchyard in its usual beautiful condition. Please pass on thanks of myself and the Parochial Church Council for this

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



John Ruffle



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could be even vaguely described as being of a controversial nature were automatically opposed pending consultation. This seems to be what other villagers do, notably Keevil, where the putting up of five lamp posts was put to a referendum!

The travellers site is now mercifully out of the way, thanks mainly to the efforts in particular of a couple of the so called 'newcomers' to the village who attended every meeting of the Travellers Sub Committee at Avon House. They never relaxed the pressure - they wrote at least 70 letters each, badgered Avon County Council, bombarded the sub committee with telephone calls and letters, wrote to every conceivable nature and conservation association to enlist their help. Reports by a nature society and the findings of an amateur archeologist carried a lot of weight. It was a hard fight - they were sometimes in despair - but they never gave up. ON 8TH MAY THE SITE WAS THROWN OUT. We were informed upon enquiring that it was rejected on ecological and archeological grounds!

Finally the question of 'deafening silence' from the newcomers to the village when it comes to standing for office. Perhaps this is because the newcomers respect the implied prerogative of the people who were born here to govern village life. This reticence does not imply disinterest in the welfare of the village, as the battle to abolish plans for a traveller's site has proved.

Hans and André OLSEN. Wild Orchard, Nailsea Wall.

Trev and Maggie GEORGE. Kenn Pier Cottage.

Diane FORD. Moat Cottage, Nailsea Wall.

Bernie AMAT. Moat Cottage, Nailsea Wall.

### TYPIST'S THOUGHTS

Would it be a good idea if the Parish

Council Reports in future issues of News and Views contained more detail on the Council's deliberations?

### CHILDRENS SOCIETY APRIL FUN APPEAL

Very many thanks to all those who helped with or contributed to this event in any way and especially to Margaret STOWELL and Barbara MIDDLETON for their efforts in advertising the Bring and Buy Sale and to Barbara again for selling the Easter Egg Raffle tickets in her shop. The easter egg eventually found a home in Duck Lane, but not for long I'm told!

There are still a few contributions from the sale of talents awaited and these should be passed on to Wendy PAPASO-LOMONTOS when the tasks are completed. The total raised so far from all the events is £105-80p and a cheque for this amount has been sent to the society. A further £40-00 was collected in the House to House collection.

The society works to help children in any kind of distress, as much as possible by supporting them and their families, but also by providing for those children who for whatever reason are without families of their own.

### GYPSY SITE

You are all no doubt aware by now that the gypsy site at Kenn Moor has been finally rejected. As one of the households who would have been most affected by the proposal, we are grateful for all the support we received.

To all those who wrote letters and attended meetings, we would like to say thank you very much indeed, and a particular thank you to André OLSEN, who attended all the meetings at Avon House with me and worked tirelessly throughout, to Sheila NAISH, who would have been least affected, but spent hours on her telephone and continually fed us with every piece of information which

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family.

Our flag was flown at half mast.

Ruth DYER

## LETTER TO EDITORS

We have received the following anonymous letter.

Following on the remarks in last month's magazine by the parish council, regarding the fouling of Kenn Street and Duck Lane by dogs, I was very pleased to see that you had brought this matter to the attention of our dog owners.

I am enclosing a letter found in a magazine recently on the same matter, (obviously not all of it will need to be printed) which emphasises the health hazards of dog fouling.

I would like to draw your attention to the LARGE amounts of Horse manure we are forced to put up with in Kenn Street and Duck Lane since the opening of the Equestrian Centre and stables in Kenn. Why should we have to put up with the unnecessary fouling of our roads!! Horse manure is easily removed by the horse owner, might I suggest by either a bag attached under the tail of the horse, (as used to happen when there were large numbers of horses in our towns) or by carrying a SUPER POOPER SCOOPER and cleaning up as they go along, instead of leaving it to get on our shoes, clothes, bikes and cars, which then have to be scraped and washed in order to remove the sticky MESS. It does seem a pity that horse owners are not more considerate to other road users, after all motorists are expected to show consideration to horses and riders by slowing down when passing!!!

Here's looking forward to a CLEANER KENN; HELP TO KEEP BRITAIN TIDY by being CLEAN and TIDY ourselves.

## EDITORS NOTE

The article enclosed with the above letter is from the WOMAN magazine. It is

rather long but the following selected paragraphs give the general impression.

'Dog dirt left on pavements and elsewhere isn't only unsightly and a nuisance to passers-by, it's also a health hazard. In extreme cases children can become blind after being infected with toxoplasmosis passed on to them through contact with dog faeces. Accidents can be caused by slipping on it and flies are attracted to the faeces and then move on to goodness knows where to distribute the germs from it. And all of this directly attributable to people allowing their dogs to foul anywhere they please, regardless of other people's comfort or well-being.'

'Dog owners would no doubt be horrified to find a child's dirty nappy left on the ground for them to fall over or step into, so why do they think it's acceptable to leave their pets' mess all over the place.'

'I feel it's time that the Government and local and regional councils started getting tough about this problem. After all, fouling of public places by dogs is an offence, but how many culpable owners have ever actually been traced and prosecuted? Hardly any, of course, which makes the law quite useless at the moment.'

## HORSE RIDERS

Would riders of horses in the village please heed this request from householders in Kenn Street - that they do not allow their horses onto the grass verges outside houses. Apart from the fact that this causes destruction of the grass banks and great inconvenience to the householders who have to tidy them up - hidden drains in these verges are sunk below the surface and no doubt a horse tripping on these would be caused serious injury.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Anon.

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meetings and supported them. Let us hope that Avon County Council and any other consultants will leave Kenn village in peace and out of any future hair-brained, money-wasting schemes.

## CRIMINALS STILL ACTIVE

We have had a further theft in Kenn, a mountain bike stolen from a shed in the middle of the night. Once again apart from the upset of the sheer cheek of the crime, the family concerned were deeply distressed to think that this had happened whilst they were asleep and are still upset. Our good wishes go to them.

PLEASE, be vigilant, be nosey! Report anything suspicious to the police and keep things well locked up.

## COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to Mrs DYER and family for the use of Kenn Court for a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Ruby Jubilee. A profit of £54 was donated to the funds.

## JUMBLE SALE

The Jumble Sale held on Wednesday 20th May in the hall raised £135 in aid of the St. John's Fabric Fund.

Sheila NAISH

## TRAVELLERS' SITE

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who wrote to the County Council to help prevent the permanent travellers' site being situated on Kenn Moor.

Congratulations to Maggie GEORGE who with help from Andre OLSEN wrote (many times) to and gained support from archaeological, ecological and wild life societies as well as MPs, Councillors and farmers. Thanks for all your time and efforts Maggie.

Well done to Lyn BYE who gathered the support of the NFU, farmers and local MPs.

Now let's all get back to our quiet rural life and John WITHERS to his farm.

Libby WILCOX

## KENN W.I.

At the May Meeting of Kenn Women's Institute, Mr Chris SPERRING together with a beautiful barn owl, gave a fascinating talk on the efforts being made to encourage barn owls to return to Avon. He was thanked by Mrs STOWELL. The competition for a depiction of a bird or fish in any medium was won by Mrs LAMB, gold, Mrs SURRIDGE, silver and Mrs GOLDSWORTHY, green.

Mrs CHAMBERS was welcomed as a new member. A card, beautifully painted by Mrs WITHERS, was signed and will be sent to the Queen for her Jubilee. The Jumble Sale raised £111.50 for funds. Sadly the skittles team have been beaten in the latest round of the tournament.

Mrs BUSH is holding a coffee evening on June 17th to raise money for the Flower Festival in the Church, which in its turn will raise money for this year's charity, Macmillan Nurses.

Resolutions for the International General Meeting were discussed and voted upon. There was unanimous support for asking the EC to reject a proposal to patent life forms until further discussions can take place and for urging the Government to ensure that there are adequate facilities for disposing of fallen farm stock. Another resolution allowing another Institute to take voting decisions to the Triennial AGM was approved.

At the June meeting Caroline FRANCIS will talk on the Severn Estuary, and the competition will be for a slogan on conservation.

## SNIPPETS

### PARTY FOR BLIND

Many thanks to Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs WHITEHEAD, Mrs LAMB and Mrs

