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clearly shows 21st May 1984 and bears a 16p stamp.

We wonder were it has been. The address was clear and correct, Lion Cottage, KENN, Bristol, Avon. Is this a record? Can anyone improve on this?

John GRIFFIN

YATTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Yatton Junior Football Club held their Annual Presentation Evening on Saturday, 12th June.

Every team member received a plaque stating the team they had played for. Each team manager then gave out two awards to players in his team; one award was for "Most Sporting Player" and the other was for "Most Improved Player".

Two Kennites picked up awards this season; Alexis PAPASOLOMONTOS of the U15 Rangers was "Most Improved

If only Graham Taylor's players could improve like Alexis and be sporting like Tom!



Player" and Tom WOODS was the sportsman for his team, U14 Athletic. Many other Kennites play for Yatton. They include; Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS, Matty GAUNT, Alex GAUNT, Mark PASCOE and Pete WOODS.

Alexis PAPASOLOMONTOS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

This will be held on

- Saturday 7th August, 11am to 6pm, with a BBQ from 7-30pm onwards and
- Sunday 8th, 1pm to 6pm.

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help.

On both days there will stalls and of course cream teas. For the stall we need donations of produce/books/bottles/tins. Also if anyone could help in the church marshalling, or with the cream teas. We are hoping for sponsorship for flowers in the church and if anyone would like to sponsor an arrangement, perhaps in memory of someone, because you like flowers or to further your business I would be happy to talk to you about the details. As I explained in the previous mag raffle tickets will be available with the flowers as prizes. If you can be of help with any of the above please ring me.

On Saturday evening a glowing BBQ will be provided in Marianna's garden so bring your own food and drink. Come

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Camp '93'

On Friday 11th June We came to
kenn, on District Camp.

On Sunday we went round the
farm with Jo and Elizabeth it
was great.

But Sunday evening came and
it was time to go home.

by
Robert Hoare
Andrew Mc Lachlan
and
Matthew McLachlan



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THE PEDLAR'S CARAVAN

I wish I lived in a caravan,
With a horse to drive, like a pedlar-man.
Where he comes from, nobody knows,
Or where he goes to - but on he goes!

His caravan has windows two
And achimney of tin that the smoke comes through
He has a wife and a baby browri
And they go riding from town to town.

Chairs to mend and delf to sell!
He clashes the basins like a bell:
Tea trays, baskets, ranged in order,
Plates with alphabet round the border.

The roads are brown and the sea is green
But his house is just like a bathing machine.
He comes to a brook, and he can ride,
Rumble and splash to the other side.

With the pedlar-man I'd like to roam,
And write a book when I come home.
All the people would read my book,
Just like the travels of Captain Cook!

William Rands

stopping again; doing a large circuit and coming back again two or three months later.

Ray NAISH,

I was taught this poem when I attended Kern School and am grateful to Mrs Betty HAVERGAL of Yatton for reminding me of it and finding the words. I wonder if any ex-Kenn school pupils still around remember it?

Sadly the horse-drawn pedlar man is no more. He never did much damage and provided a useful service for country people, selling the housewife his hand-made clothes pegs or sharpening her knives and scissors. People got to know them by name and enjoyed talking to them. After staying in a lane or on a wide grass verge for a few days they usually moved about half a mile before

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS ON DUTY IN JULY

Mrs Grace GRIFFIN and Mrs SHEILA NAISH



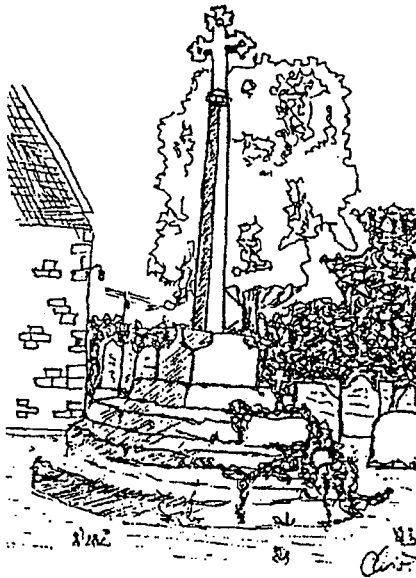
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

As you are all aware, over the past 18 months we have proudly displayed local drawings on the cover of Kenn News and Views. Unfortunately we have arrived at an impasse - no pictures and, more importantly, no artist. Therefore we feel the time has come to launch the **Second Great Kenn News and Views Cover Competition**. The competition is open to everyone and you have until the 20th August to submit your entries. A glance at a previous issue will show you the information that has to be included and I am politely (this was not inserted by old 3 fingers) requested by the three-fingered typist to ask for entries to be no larger than 7" high by 8" wide. Please remember that the majority of readers will see your picture half the size you draw it, so keep details fairly large.

A prize awaits the winning entry.

PS According to Big Ed (creep, creep) you are unlikely to get the prize - she is still waiting for her Christmas Prize!!!!!!!

TYPIST'S NOTE

They never give me enough information - note there is nowhere to send the entries (Big Ed has just thumped me). I suggest you send all entries to Little Ed, possibly via the Post Office, where you will not get thumped.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5th - Avril GAUNT
- 15th - Gladys GRIFFIN
- 21st - Toby NAISH
- 23rd - Wally MOORE
- 24th - Roger STOWELL
- 24th - Brian WATERS
- 25th - Sue PUGH

- 28th - Juliet STOWELL
- 28th - Jack STOWELL
- 31st - Sharon DYER

NAISH'S NOTES

Belated birthday wishes to Mrs GRIGG, our most senior lady resident, who reached the grand old age of 86 on the 5th June.

STORK VISITS

Congratulations to John and Penny HAZELL on the safe arrival of their granddaughter on the 21st June. Well done to Julia and Ricky.

WANTED

Has anyone got any containers or baskets suitable for flower arrangements? Let me know, all will be gratefully received.

FASHION SHOW

The Dorothy Perkins Fashion Show on Friday 18th June raised £243-12p for the Church Roof Restoration Fund. Many thanks to Barbara RUSSELL who organised the event using models from her local branch at Weston-s-Mare and some young friends. Barbara has worked for Dorothy Perkins for 30 years now and modelled some lovely clothes herself. A very enjoyable evening.

APPRECIATION

Many thanks to Barbara at Kenn Stores who amongst other tasks has found time to sell tickets, horses and cow pats for us over the last few weeks. It is all much appreciated.

HIPS AWAY

Juliet STOWELL would like to thank her family, friends and neighbours for their kindness, cards and gifts during her recent stay in hospital.

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Britain in Bloom:

The December competition was won by Leon NAISH and the May by Joanna BRAIN.

A warm thank you to all you Kennites who have given of their time and energy to do that little bit extra to make our village "Best Kept". We appreciated all the efforts: planting the pots on the village green, mowing the green weekly, cutting the Churchyard, strimming around the graves, painting the seat on the green, weeding and tidying the Church car park and surrounds, planting the Hall gardens, cutting the hedge and verge outside the village hall. To those who tend their gardens and have their tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets blooming, and Chris TAYLOR for donating flowers for the Remembrance Garden - a warm thank you.

DIARY NOTES

- Wednesday July 7th at 7pm.
Jumble Sale in aid of Kenn Church Roof Fund.
- Wednesday July 14th 7-30pm.
Kenn WI. The work of the Samaritans.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Avon have approved a weight restriction for vehicles over the weight of 7.5 tonnes on the B3133 between the A370 and its junction with Southern Way, Clevedon, except for loading and unloading. This experimental order should be introduced within the next two to three months.

Best Kept Village Competition time is with us again. We have just received our certificates for coming third in 1992. It is framed in a very handsome red frame and is hanging in the Village Hall, so do look the next time you are there. This year judging starts on 15th June and will

continue through the various rounds until August. The Parish Council have also decided to enter the Britain in Bloom Competition as well. The dates of judging and the rules are very much the same so the same effort will do for both of them. The emphasis in both competitions is on an absence of litter and unsightly refuse so if everyone takes especial care not to drop any litter and to pick up any that they see, all should be well.

The Local Government Commission is due to make its proposals for the future of local government on 14th June. Any comments on the proposals have to be made by the 5th September. Parish Councillors will be attending meetings to find out all they can, and the matter will be fully discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd August after which comments will be made. If you have any views on the future of Avon and Woodspring do come along and join in the discussion.

KENN WI

At the June meeting Mrs MacEWAN SMITH came in all her finery to tell members about her visit to Buckingham Palace to receive the MBE from the Queen. We were thrilled to share her day and she was warmly thanked by Mrs ALDRICK. Mrs MacEWAN SMITH judged the competition for a piece of costume jewellery, which was won by Mrs NAISH, with Mrs MANN taking silver and Mrs DYER green.

Final arrangements were made for the Strawberry Tea which is to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Institute in Kenn. It was hoped that members would take a photograph of themselves 40 years ago, and examples of their craft work for a display. There will be the usual bring and buy stalls.

Mrs MANN and Mrs JACKSON have

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KENN HISTORY GROUP

On the evening of 14th June we visited Sarah and Tom CLARKE at Manor Farm. We were joined by Rowland HAZELL, Sarah's father, who was born and brought up at Manor Farm and which he farmed until his retirement, when he handed over to Sarah and Tom.

Rowley, as he is affectionately known, gave us a guided tour around the older buildings which must be, in structure and fittings, some of the oldest in the area; one of the barns being dated 1751. The cow shed still has its original wooden stalls which proves that when tested for bovine tb no positives were found. If positive cases were found the authorities would have insisted that the fittings be changed to steel and concrete.

Until this century farmers kept very few milking cows except for their own use, there being little demand for milk. It was an expensive commodity; cider and beer were cheaper! Transport for milk was also slow and primitive making the cargo turn sour before delivery to the consumer in larger towns like Bristol. In fact most towns had their own dairy units in the centre and animal feed was brought in from the country. This way the milk went straight from the cow to the homes of the "better-off".

Most farm produced milk was made into butter and cheese but the major business of farms was to produce meat: beef, pork and lamb.

After the outdoor tour we enjoyed coffee and biscuits in the farmhouse, one of Kenn's oldest homes with parts believed to be Elizabethan. We talked of times past of the house and our village community.

A very interesting and enjoyable evening was had by those who came and we are grateful to Rowley, Sarah and Tom for

their time and hospitality.

On Monday 12th July, weather permitting, we meet at The Granary at 7-30pm for a gentle "Moor Walk" conducted by Ray NAISH. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn more about our village history.

COW PAT PARTY

The Cow Pat Party held on June 12th was a huge success and large numbers of people from the village and elsewhere, including members of the Caravan Club who said they had never had so much fun, attending to join in the festivities.

The cow took 90 minutes to perform, the winner of the £100 was Melanie STEVENS from Kenn - a very popular winner as she is getting married in Kenn Church in August.

Some of the winners were:

Guess the name of the cow: Mike PARSONS, the name drawn out of the hat was Clara.

Cow pat cake: Tim TAYLOR.

Wellie throwing: 0-6yrs Thomas NEILL, 6-10yrs Peter WOOD, 10-16yrs Tasos PAPASOLOMONTOS, Adult lady Jackie (from Stevenage) and Adult men Craig THOMAS.

Guess the weight of Jessica's lamb: I SIMPSON (29lbs)

Cow milking: 0-6yrs Zoe CUBLEY, 6-10yrs Andrew JENKINS, Lady Veronica HORM, Men Jeff NAISH.

Golf: Robin MACKAY

Bale stocking: Lady Ursula ALDRIDGE (Swindon), Man Jeremy OSBORNE.

Tug-of-war - a great fun event. The winners were STOWELL's team, the runners-up, Clevedon Rugby Club.

We are extremely grateful to Roger and

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Heather JENKINS who organised the whole thing. Roger says he would not have managed without the help of so many people, both from the village and visitors.

1296 cow pat squares at £1 each were sold all over England and Scotland! The total raised was £1746-56p, a magnificent result.

P.S. The small Kerry black cow used for the Cow Pat competition performed again in the small hours of Wednesday, 16th June, when she produced a very pretty grey and white heifer; mother and baby are doing well.

Ray NAISH

A letter from Roger and Heather thanking everyone for their efforts has been sent to the mag and is copied on the back page.

ROOF RESTORATION FUND

The most successful Cow Pat Party is reported on above. Our thanks go to Heather, Roger and their many helpers for a sterling efforts. Also to Barbara RUSSELL and friends for the Fashion Show and to Sheila and Miles for hosting and arranging the Midsummer Madness Disco.

Future Events planned by the Committee include:

- 3rd July. Horse Race Evening at Kenn Valley Social Club - commencing at 8pm. There is a children's room available so families are welcome. No entrance fee.

Barbara and Jean are selling the horses at Kenn Stores - £2 each.

- 7th and 8th August. Flower Festival in Church. Admission £1. Full details below.

Attractions planned include:

- Gilbert and Sullivan Club concert in church. Provisional date Saturday 11th September. Yvonne AYRES has kindly offered to organize.
- Slide show. Ray NAISH has received so many requests for a repeat of the slide show held in May that he is planning a further showing later in the year.

BAD LUCK

I was sorry to hear of Avril and Justine FLOWERS' bad luck. Justine has just lost her Jack Russell dog who was a great companion, and Avril had had to have her lovely palomino pony put down through illness.

Those in Kenn who know her would like to express our sympathy to Mary HOLMES, our church organist, who has recently lost her only brother.

RVN.

CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRES

If any church members still have a questionnaire at home could they please return it to one of the Churchwardens as soon as possible. Any other villagers who would like to air their views on church life, but have not received a questionnaire, should contact Renee BELL (877949) or Wendy PAPASOLOMONTOS (877923) for a copy. Similarly if you would like someone to visit you to discuss the issues but as yet nobody has visited you, could you please contact one of the above.

JUST ARRIVED!

A postcard has just arrived sent by Granny GRIFFIN from Harrogate, Yorkshire, to her cousin, the now late Gwyneth YEATES.

Amazingly the card has been nine years and one month in the post. The postmark

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been gliding and had much enjoyed themselves. Mrs BESSANT and Mrs MILTON enjoyed their visit to the House of Commons. Miss HOLTHAM gave a report on the Intermediate General Meeting in London.

Mrs DYER showed members the certificate awarded for third place in the Best Kept Village Competition last year. This year Kenn is also entering the Britain in Bloom competition.

A letter to the Home Office asking for some action to help combat rural crime has received a rather ineffectual reply. It is hoped to persuade the Government to offer pensioners the option of collecting their pensions at Post Offices. This is a large part of the business of sub-post offices and could make the vital difference to their survival. Villages with small shops and Post Offices are reminded that if you don't use it you will lose it.

The talk at the July Meeting will be on the work of the Samaritans and the competition will be for a topical proverb.

KENN WI II

Saturday was one of those days when it was impossible to tell what the weather was going to do. However all was well and members of the WI both past and present and anyone else who was able to come enjoyed a Strawberry Tea in the garden of Kenn Court. We are always very grateful to Mr and Mrs DYER for their hospitality in allowing their home to be used for these events.

As well as a splendid tea there were craft displays and pictures of members and WI events from past years as the occasion was to help celebrate 40 years of the WI in Kenn. The bring and buy stall proved popular and the children were enjoying

the swing boat on the lawn. It was a lovely way to commemorate a very important milestone.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Local Government Commission has published its report on the future of local government in the area. There is until

September 5th to register any comments that anyone might have. These will then be considered and at the end of the year the recommendations will be passed to the Secretary of State.

There are two options that the Commissioners would like people to consider. One is that Gloucestershire, Bristol and Somerset should be divided into Unitary Authorities, which would mean that they would undertake all the local government functions. In the Somerset area (within the historic boundary of Somerset) there would be 5 unitary authorities. The other option is that the two tier system should be retained but that the County would be based in Taunton, rather than Bristol as now. The retention of Avon does not seem to be an option.

A type of referendum is being held so that people can express their preferred option. Post paid voting forms are being made available in many public places and we hope to get some for the Post Office. It is important that everyone thinks about this and tries to register a vote because the whole future of local government could depend upon it.

There will be a Parish Council meeting before the votes have to be in, so if you want to join in the discussion and hear more about it come along to the village hall on Monday August 2nd. It may help you to make up your mind how to vote.

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(Little Ed's Note) We're really pleased to see Juliet up and about with her new hip! I'm trying to persuade her to raise money for Church Roof funds by letting people either guess how many stitches, or letting people view her scar - by donation only!!

Whilst Mrs STOWELL was in hospital lady luck smiled on her and she won a Gloucestershire Cricket Club Raffle prizes - where was the lucky ticket sold? Kenn Post Office Stores of course!

DIARY NOTES

- Friday 16th July. Wine, punch and nibbles bring and buy evening. Oakfield Farm - 8pm onwards. In aid of funds for the Flower Festival. All are welcome. Usual raffle and jewellery stall. Donations of anything saleable welcome.
- Horse Race Night. Kern Valley Social Club. 8pm July 3rd. **All welcome.** In aid of Church roof restoration. Come along and join in the fun.

Sheila NAISH

SNIPPETS

CHAMPIONS

The renowned Withersleigh Herd owned by Mr John WITHERS of Moorside Farm produced the Champion Shorthorn to win the Prince of Wales Cup at the North Somerset Show. The herd also produced other prizewinners: 3rd prize cow-in-calf under 3 years, 2nd prize cow-in-milk born before June 1st 1988, 1st prize for 2 females by the same sire, 2nd prize for 3 females by the same sire.

Another winner at the show was Mrs Heather BAKER in the class for Private Driving Best "Turn Out". She also was a prizewinner in Driving Classes at the Royal Bath and West Show.

Congratulations.

CELEBRATIONS

- On May 30th Mrs Rose BAKER celebrated her eightyth birthday.
- June 2nd - the Anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation.
- June 5th - Kirsty and Jonathon NEILL were married.
- June 5th - Rachel MOSS and George CLEMENTS were married.
- June 10th - the birthday of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.
- June 12th - The Official Birthday of Her Majesty, our Queen.

Our flag was flown on all these happy occasions.

RETURN TO SOMERSET CAMPAIGN

The Commissioners who have been appointed by the government to consider boundary changes have decided to recommend the death of the County of Avon, and that Woodspring should become a unitary authority with the name of North West Somerset. The subject is now open for discussion.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE and BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Mrs LEWIS of Yatton kindly judged the childrens' posters, paintings and poems/ essays and awarded the following prizes provided by Kenn Parish Council:

Posters:

- 4-7 years 1st Thomas MEEK
2nd Pippa JENKINS
- 8-12 years 1st Leon NAISH
2nd Andrew JENKINS

- Essay/poem: 1st Joanne BRAIN
2nd Rebecca BRAIN



COW PAT PARTY

Roger and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the village who supported the Cow Pat Party with their time and donations. I think that everyone involved would agree that it was an extremely successful event.

Thanks to all the 'back room effort', to those that baked the cakes, cultivated the plants, provided the produce, cooked meals, manned the stalls, organised the Tug of War and helped prepared the site, we couldn't have done it without you.

To those who managed to cajole people into purchasing cow pat square (1296 in total), incredible effort!

Our thanks must also extend to the BAe Caravan Club for the free use of their facilities and support, which extended to running events, manning the bar and providing commentary on Clara progress and her eagerly awaited movement.

Well done everyone, a superb effort.

Heather & Roger

RACE NIGHT



SATURDAY 3rd JULY 8pm KENN VALLEY SOCIAL
CLUB

A CHANCE TO RACE YOUR VERY OWN HORSE

BECOME AN OWNER FOR ONLY £2

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

COME ALONG AND WATCH YOUR HORSE WIN

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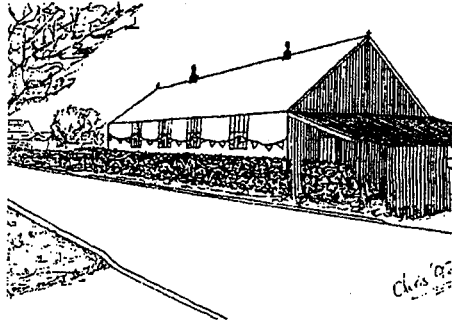
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OR PHONE SHEILA ON 838357

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KENN VILLAGE HALL

The Hall has had a successful year and has been used for varied events. The committee thanks the people who have helped us to keep the Hall clean after use. Help would be appreciated for special clean on August 23rd and 24th (names to Mrs DYER, Tel 872676, or Mrs STOWELL, Tel 872326).

A Jumble Sale will be held on August 4th and a Cheese and Wine on November 20th as fund raisers for the Hall.



RECEIPTS

Balance B/F	2135.83
Rents	630.00
Dog Training Classes	70.00
Youth Club	135.00
Election - May	70.00
Loan Repayment (Jubilee Committee)	100.00
Interest - Savings A/C	283.01

PROCEEDS

Jumble Sale	138.01
Cheese and Wine	272.50
Donations & Sweepings	8.95

TOTAL 3843.29

EXPENSES

Wessex Water	50.37
Bristol Water	44.43
SWEB	537.46
Nu-Swift	149.87
Insurance	400.00
Ground Rent	1.05
Cleaning materials	19.66
Audit	20.00
Repairs to window	5.87
Loan - Jubilee Com.	100.00
Annual Elec. test	70.15
Plates bought	6.00
Balance in hand	2438.42

TOTAL	3843.29
P.O Investment A/c	2053.17
Nat West deposit A/C	204.42
Nat West Current A/C	164.04
Petty cash	16.80
TOTAL	2438.43

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along and enjoy the fun for only 50p.

There will be a children's table at the festival. If any of the village children would like to enter either a flower arrangement or a mini garden bring your entry to the church on Friday evening by 7pm.

PS Bouncey Castle and organ available on Saturday 7th - so come along for a bounce ---- or two!

Cheryl, Bow Cottage Kennels, Tel:876850.

FLOWER FESTIVAL II

Any donations for the cake stall - ready made or ingredients to Jenny Pascoe (878451). Donations of scones for cream teas to Avril (875992) or Marianna.

KENN CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

This will be held on Wednesday July 7th at 7pm. All help/donations welcomed for the usual stalls - raffle and tea and biscuits. Collection arranged - ring 875308.

Please come and bring a friend.

Jean INGS

GORDANO DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

On the Weekend of 12/13th June, Gordano District Scouts Association organised a family camp at Kenn Court Farm. Approximately 50 campers spent the weekend under canvas with at least the same number visiting at various times dur-

ing the weekend, especially the camp fire on Saturday evening and the Scouts Own Service on the Sunday morning.

Various activities were organised including an impromptu 'It's a Knockout' competition on the Saturday afternoon. Alan CROSS, Avon Scouts County Commissioner attended and presented Scouters Colin WARRY and John THOMAS with the Silver Acorn for services to scouting.

Richard DYER was presented with a 'Thanks' plaque and Barbara with flowers as a token of appreciation by 1st Clevedon Scout Group for all the couples help and friendship over the past years.

Family camps, run for Scouters and their families plus friends and supporters of Scouting, were a tradition in Gordano District in years past, but this is the first camp organised for a few years. After the success of this weekend it is hoped that the tradition will be revived and this camp will be the first of many more.

Stuart Hoare

I think that the camp is super, and I like having a tap in the field, it is very usefub.