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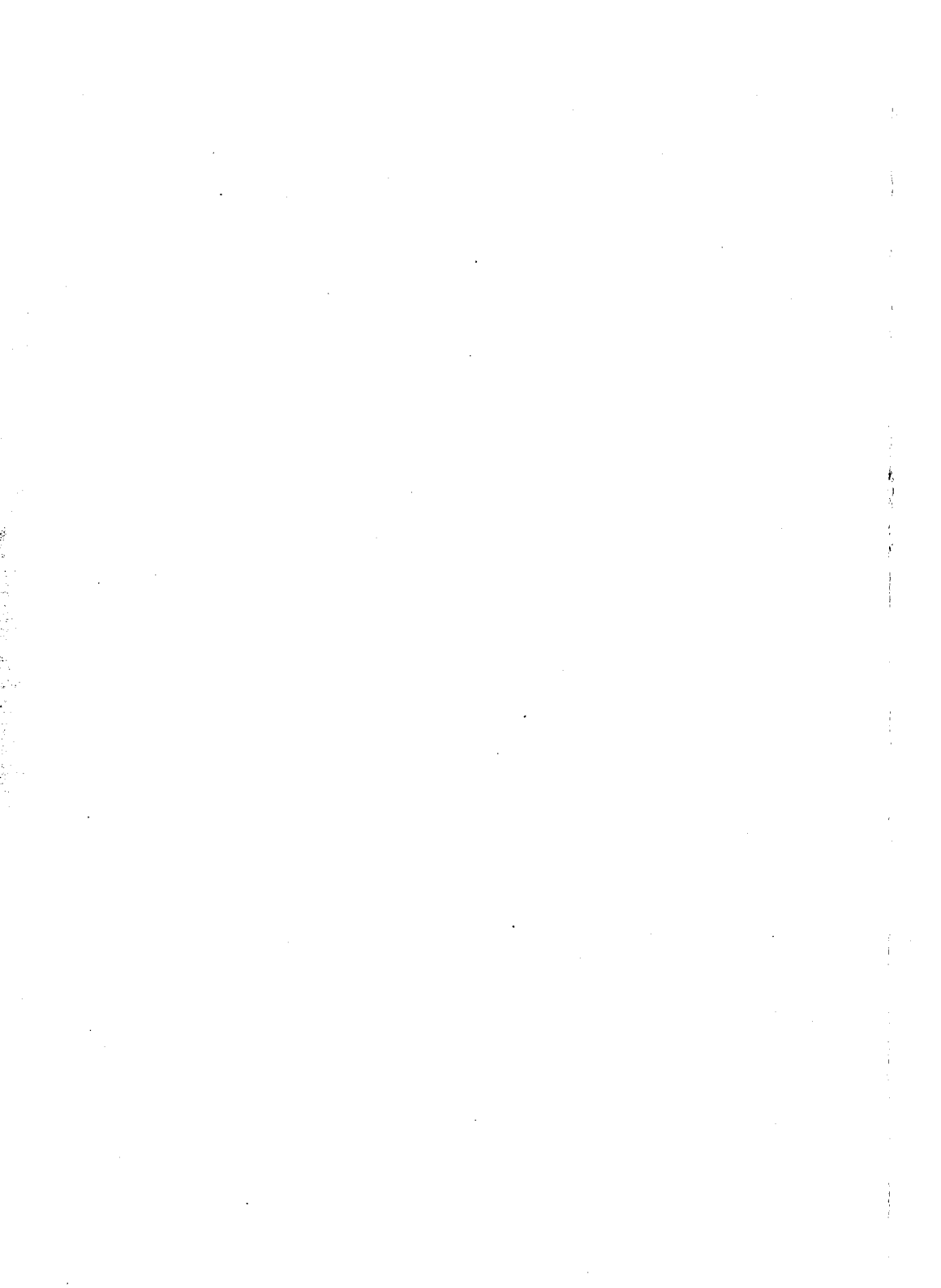
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As a result of some rather nasty burglaries lately it was agreed that letters should be sent to the Chief Constable, Home Secretary, and local M.P. asking that there should be more policemen on the beat.

At the May Meeting Mrs KINGCOTT will give a demonstration of spinning and weaving. The competition will be for an attractive cushion cover.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The daffodils on the village green have looked particularly fine this year. It has been suggested that it would be lovely to have some elsewhere in the parish. If there are any suggestions for places and volunteers for planting please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The bus shelter and seat on the village green are in need of a lick of paint. Materials will be supplied to any volunteers. Thank you.

It has been suggested that Kenn should enter the "Britain in Bloom" competition as well as the "Best Kept Village" competition this year. The two competitions are judged at much the same time and the rules are very similar. There will be more details later.

At least one property in the village has been charged the new Council Tax as if the house was in Yatton. Woodspring have been using old boundary maps. It would be a good idea if property owners on the outskirts of the village check their Council Tax demand to make sure they are in Kenn. If a mistake has been made please contact me, Ann HOLTHAM on

875877, and I will supply you with a map of the correct boundary to support your claim for a rebate.

KENN CHURCH RESTORATION

The second meeting of this committee was held on April 1st at Cox Hay, Kenn.

Unfortunately Mr Jim NOAD, previously elected chairman had asked to be relieved of the position so a new chairman, Mr Maurice FORD, was nominated and agreed to stand.

Several forthcoming events were planned and discussed under matters arising, these being a Slide Show, Disco, Horse Racing Evening, Fashion Show and a Cow Pat Evening! Details and dates to follow.

Mr Simon PASCOE, treasurer, informed the meeting that so far the St. John's, Kenn, Building fund has a balance of £3133.

Yatton Moor Treasurer, Carl GOWING, and Revd. John CRUSE had emphasized the necessity of legally covering what would happen to funds raised in the event of the committee failing to reach its target. Simon will compose a Minute and have it checked by a solicitor before the next meeting. A copy, when accepted, will then go to Yatton Moor PCC and will be noted in Kenn News and Views so that everyone will know the position.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th May at 8pm at Stonehouse Farm.

For future reference a list of committee members is given below:

Maurice FORD - 878805

Renee BELL - 877949

Kate DENMEAD - 879747

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Leslie was a choirboy in the early 1930's. After serving in the army during the war he went to live in Congresbury where he earned his living by keeping rivers and rhynes clear of weeds. This work was all done by hand and was known by the old Somerset name of KEETCHING.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Maureen, and his family.

Dorothy, or Dot as she was always known, married another Kenn lad, Bill BESSANT, and they spent all their married life in Clevedon.

Dot always liked visiting Kenn and since Bill's retirement they came for a drive around the village once or twice a week. She was an extremely cheerful person in spite of being in poor health for many years. Whenever I saw them driving around, Bill often stopped the car to have a chat. Dot often spoke fondly of the time when we were at school in the village, and of the people who lived here at the time. This was also in the early 1930's.

Bill had looked after her wonderfully during her long illness. I am sure that those who knew her would wish to join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Bill and his family.

Ray NAISH

ROYAL DATE

During March I received an invitation from Buckingham Palace to attend Wells Cathedral in representing this Parish when the Queen was there to distribute Royal Maundy on Maundy Thursday, 8th April.

This was a great privilege made even more pleasant because our old friend Walter NEATH from Kingston Seymour was one of the 134 people chosen to receive the Maundy Gifts from the Queen, in recognition of his lifetimes service to the church at Kingston.

It was a service of great pomp and ceremony with the Cathedral choir being assisted by members of the choir of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, St James' Palace.

The Queen was escorted by members of the Yeoman of the Guard, some of whom were carrying the Alms to be distributed on their heads in silver dishes.

This was the first time the Royal Maundy had been distributed at Wells and the first time Her Majesty had visited the city.

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EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Which farmer's wife was seen at 6-30 on a Sunday morning chasing escaped animals up the road, dressed only in a shortie nightie, anorak and oversized trainers?

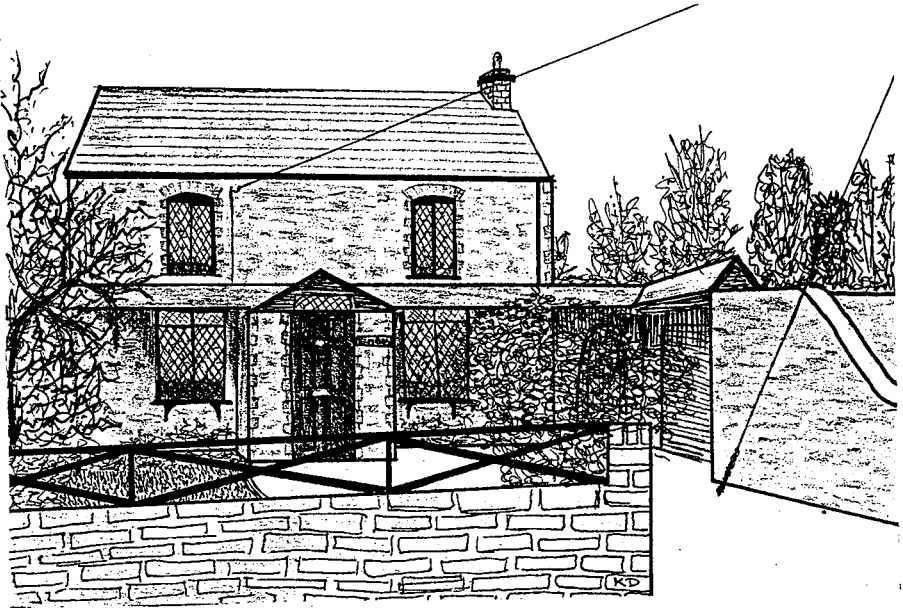
She wishes to thank the chap who stopped his car to help her without laughing hydterically at her - which is more than can be said for her family who were standing at the windows laughing at her predicament. She'll dress first next time.

ED's NOTE

Could this be the same chap I saw purchasing large quantities of hooch later that day; followed by a trip to the chemist and was last seen trying to get into Barrow Gurney?

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YOUTH CLUB

This has been disbanded for the Summer months.

DIARY DATES

May 10th. Slide Show of places of interest in Kenn. 7-30pm at the Church. Admission £1. Transport can be arranged - tel: Ray NAISH, 872493.

June 12th. Cow Pat Party and Social Day. (See further on)

June 18th. Fashion Show by Dorothy Perkins. KVH. Details to follow.

June 26th. Disco, Oakland Farm.

July 3rd. Horse Race Evening at Kenn Valley Club.

Sheila

KENN NOTES

During the past month many happy events have been celebrated by Kenn people.

March 27th. Brian and Heather PRESTON nee COX celebrated their Silver Wedding with a party for friends and relations at Portbury House.

April 1st. We were pleased to welcome Shamus, baby son of Billy and Medina DAVIDSON.

April 4th. Max Lewis, son of Jeffrey and Stella NAISH was christened.

April 11th. We celebrated Easter.

April 15th. We welcomed Alice Marian, baby daughter to Mr and Mrs BOYLE of Duck Lane.

April 21st. The birthday of Her Majesty, our Queen.

Our flag was flown for all these happy events.

April 23rd. St. Georges's Day - we flew the flag of St. George.

A PROFOUND PRAYER

When a farmer in Northumbria locks his church each evening he says two prayers, the first asking God to protect us from burglars and the second to protect us from church bureaucrats. And may we add from all bureaucrats, of whatever ilk. One now reads one may now not cut a cucumber with a knife and offer the halves for sale, and a butcher may not sell pork chops which have a little kidney attached!

STOP PRESS - BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Confirmation has been received that our entry for "Britain in Bloom" has been accepted. Everyone is invited to join in and get Kenn blooming.

KENN W.I. 40 GLORIOUS YEARS

Residents of Kenn are invited to a Strawberry Tea and Garden Party at Kenn Court on Saturday June 19th, 3-5pm. To help catering, tickets are required and may be obtained, free, up to June 1st from:

Mrs DENMEAD, 876134

Mrs LAMB, 871779

Mrs DYER, 872676.

If wet the party will be held in the Village Hall.

GOOD ADVICE

At a meeting recently the speaker advised ladies not to leave their jewellery on their dressing table. Heeded this advice would remove temptation from thieves.

RMD

FLORAL CLASSES

The W.I. Floral Classes under the tuition of Pam BLUER came to an end this month. Approximately 15 ladies from Kenn and Clevedon have enjoyed trying their hand at shapes and colour combina-

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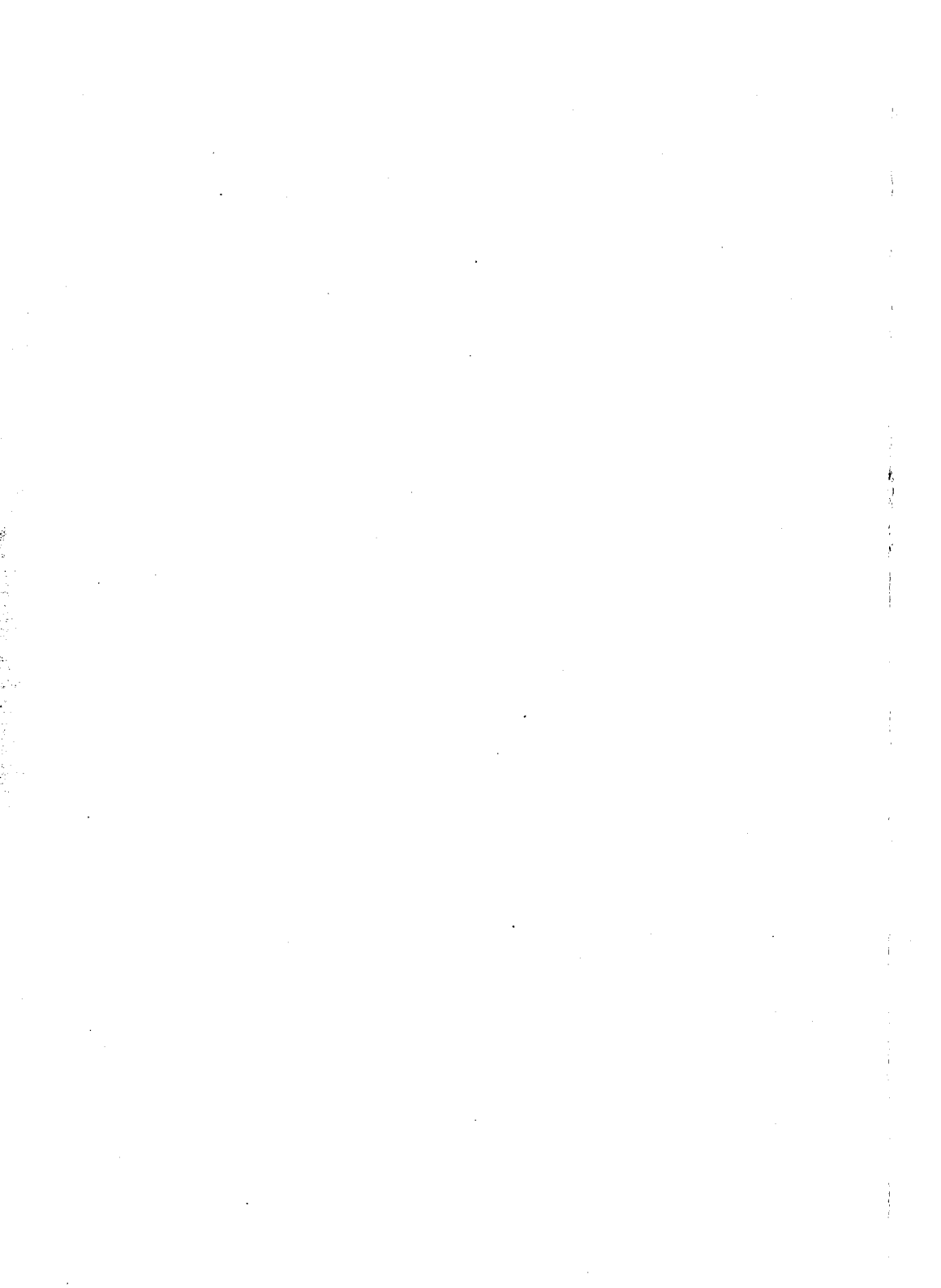
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