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KENN VILLAGE FUN RUN

Sunday 1st September 1996

3pm

BBQ

BAR



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Message from the Editor

At the time of writing I'm about to depart on holiday to Spain, just where the terrorists are planting bombs! (Salou) Not a nice thought-but off we go!! I hope all of you who are off on holiday have a lovely time and we'll wait for your holiday stories. Safe journey to you all.

Sheila.

BIRTHDAYS etc

AUGUST

3rd Clare & Louise EDWARDS

6th Steve BYE

7th Lorraine STAPLES

Ray NAISH

Jack HANSON

10th Stephen BRAIN

14th Mrs TRIPP

15th Jean NAISH

16th Max NAISH

22nd Dave QUINN

23rd Mark PASCOE

24th Sam STAPLES

25th Stella NAISH

26th Peter WOODS

29th Hartley & Jane STAPLES - Anniversary

John & Sylvia STAPLES - Anniversary

31 Matthew & Jill BUTLAND - Anniversary

BBQ & DISCO at Oakland Farm in memory of Dag TAYLOR

Many thanks to everyone who sent raffle prizes and donations for the BBQ. We had a lovely evening, Dave and Cheryl QUINN did a magnificent job with the food. Johnny HAZELL provided the music and Derek and Shirley WALL a very busy bar. Many thanks

to everyone who helped and to you all for turning up. We raised a grand sum of 707.20 which goes towards our Hearing Dog for the Deaf.

Sheila

FUN RUN This years Fun Run is also in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. It takes place on SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER at 3pm. We need your support with goods for the tombola, bottles, bric-a-brac and raffle prizes. We also need offers of help, people to run games and stalls and most of all we need YOU to run and get yourself sponsored.

Forms from Simon, Sheila and the Post Office.

IF I get enough sponsorship I will personally run, after everyone has come back, in fancy dress if necessary, so will Shirley from Kenn Valley Social Club BUT we need to see the colour of your money first - Phone 838357 or Shirley on 832086 at the Club.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sally White (nee Taylor) and Rob on the arrival of a son.

SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday club will not be meeting during August but as always children of all ages will be most welcome to attend the services in the church.

For many years Sunday club has taken advantage of Richard and Avril GAUNT's hospitality in using their home for meetings. We owe them a debt of gratitude and offer them our heartfelt thanks for all the mess and muddle they have to put up with so cheerfully. We wish them all the best in their new home.

Hearing that Sunday club was to be "homeless" Jean and Ray NAISH have kindly offered us a venue at Stonehouse Farm. From Sunday 8th September onwards we shall be meeting there on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Starting time has been brought

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forward to 10.45 so that parents can drop their children off and still get to church. Members of Sunday club will join in the last part of church services as usual and will be in church for the whole of the Family Service on the 1st Sunday in the month. We will meet in church when there is no 11am service.

Wendy PAPASOLOMONTOS

TEA AND CHAT

There will be no Tea and Chat in August. Meetings will start again on Thursday 19th September.

FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH

Summer Fete

On Saturday 22 June a summer fete was held at Kenn Court. The day started off fine and sunny but as 3pm approached it was fast becoming chilly.

After an introduction by Ruth DYER the fete was opened by Avril GAUNT. Avril as many of you will know will be leaving us any day now and I'm sure the village will join in wishing her and her family Godspeed and future happiness. We shall all miss you Avril very much indeed. Elizabeth DYER presented Avril with a fine bouquet and we all had a little giggle when, much to his surprise, Sarah CLARKE presented Sam with a personalised number plate. Avril gave a new flag to the village, but at the moment we hav'nt a flag pole. As for a new one, well that's another story.

By now the wind was not just chilly, more "blooming cold" and the ladies who arrived in light summer dresses had to run home for woollie and jeans. Others took cover in the lee of the house for a welcome cup of tea to go with the cream scones. In spite of the cold the attendance was good with a number of things to do and see. Wrapped up against the wind the ladies at the various stalls were

doing well, especially the raffle tickets. In a side lot were various vintage and classic cars, all looking bright and shiny and of special was the replica of a beautiful Jaguar racer.

The museum too, with its fascinating show of bygones attracted quite a few people and there were stalls for bric-a-brac as well as home produce. An interesting booklet giving a short history of our Church was on sale and for those still wanting a copy further copies will be on sale in the church. Thanks are due to the Wandering Minstrel for his one man show and also to the organisers of the Welly Throwing competition.

Finally a sincere thank you to Ruth and Sam DYER for the use of Kenn Court and to all the many helpers as well as to those who attended on that very cold afternoon - a sum of about 480.00 was raised - so thank you all.

Cliff EDWARDS

Having at last received confirmation from the Inland Revenue acknowledging that the Friends of Kenn Church is a registered charity members can now covenant their annual donations. Provided those who covenant pay tax the Friends can increase the value of donations by claiming the tax back. For anyone interested a covenant form can be found on the back cover of News and Views - Please return to Simon PASCOE Willow House Kenn St.

Friends of Kenn Church

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the July meeting of the Kenn W.I. Mrs DYER welcomed everyone and said how pleased we all were to see Mrs. PREW after her nasty car accident. Mrs. MORRIS was thanked for the lovely table decoration and congratulated on a Very Special Birthday the next day.

Mrs. M. HARRIS gave an account of her trip to Denman, which she had obviously enjoyed

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very much indeed. Mrs. BUBB and Mrs. Harris had raised £185 at an afternoon tea party in the gardens of Brackenwood Road. Mrs. DYER thanked those who had attended the Fete at Kenn Court, £480 was raised. The Institute will give a donation to the new flagpole if necessary.

The Institute does not meet in August, but already there are dates for the autumn. The competition for the Group Meeting to be held in Clevedon in October is for a nursery rhyme character in any medium. Kenn's entry will be judged at the September meeting. It is hoped to raise a team for the County Quiz at Portishead in October. Efforts are also being made to organise some First Aid classes in the Village Hall. These would be open to anyone.

Mrs. KINGSTON from the Springboard Opportunity Group gave a very informative talk illustrated with a video. Springboard is a local charity that works with pre-school children who for one reason or another have learning difficulties and special needs. Mrs. KINGSTON judged the competition for the prettiest cup and saucer. Gold was awarded to Mrs. PREW, silver to Mrs. R. JEFFREY and green to Mrs. DYER.

At the September meeting Mr. Platt will talk on sugar and the competition is for a slogan on sugar.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 5th August in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

MIKE ATKINSON

All those residents of Kenn who remember Mike ATKINSON will I am sure be sorry to hear of his death early in July. He was buried on 12th July.

I GOLDSWORTHY

SNIPPETS

Congratulations - to Ian PASCOE on passing his driving test.

Welcome - to Olivia Una Rose, daughter of Rebecca and Paul BRETT, a sister for Jessica and Jack and granddaughter for Mr and Mrs Fred FENWICK.

Our flag - Kenn has received a new Union Jack from the GAUNT family who are leaving the village to live in Farnham. We wish them well in their new home and thank them for all the help they have given Kenn over many years.

Hall Garden - Thanks to Mrs Jean FENWICK who has planted the Hall Garden.

Invalid - Millie STOWELL has had a short stay in Frenchay Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Fashion show and sale - Carousel of Congressbury will stage a Fashion Show and Sale on Wednesday 14th August at 7.45pm Tickets 3.00 to include a glass of wine. Proceeds for Kenn Christmas Tree and Kenn Village Hall.

Jumble Sale - in aid of village flagpole Wednesday 28th August at 7pm in Kenn Village Hall. Offers of help invited. Goods and produce, toys jumble, bric-a-brac and anything saleable required. Any surplus funds will go to Hall funds.

RMD

St John's altar guild August rota

Mrs I GOLDSWORTHY, Mrs J BEDFORD and Mrs P STUCKEY

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY

Tuesday 13th August 10am - noon In aid of New Village Flagpole.

To be held at Stonehouse Farm Kenn - any offers of help or goods welcomed Ring Jean NAISH 872493.

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SUNDAY CLUB OUTING

On June 30th Kenn Sunday Club and other children from Yatton Moor travelled by coach to Wells to take part in the Sunday Schools Festival in the Cathedral with Bishop Jim welcoming and shaking hands with each group.

This was part of Bishop Ken's celebrations and so the theme of the activity was discovering the Christian attributes of the great man of faith. Young men (choristers) dressed as the Bishop, dramatised these for us - preaching, praying, feeding the poor, writing hymns, meditating while walking the Palace walls and being kind to prisoners. This was all summed up in a short sermon:

K - Knowledge and love of God

E - Example of Bishop Ken

N - Now, for us today

After the picnic lunch, each Sunday Club exchanged a packed shoe-box with another. When Kenn was called there was a great clap and cheer but being at the back we missed it and had to make a plea for another introduction!! The shoe-box we received came from Wick St. Lawrence so we will be writing to thank them for the book mark which is in the Church Bible, a key fob, yet to find a home some obligatory sweets and a letter of best wishes.

It was a most enjoyable day ending with a very lively service led by band and drums - the cathedral packed with happy children singing praises to their God.

Ps - We do not know yet which Sunday School received our shoe-box which Wendy beautifully decorated and packed with goodies.

BIRD NEWS

The recent North Somerset Levels and Moors Open Day at Cadbury Farm Yatton attracted

a good many visitors. Guided walks were arranged with various themes and I wondered if I would find any birds during mid afternoon early in July. However the reed warblers and sedge warblers were still singing and with a couple of lapwings and a passing kestrel everyone seemed well satisfied.

Having yet to see barn owl this year an evening visit to the mid Somerset levels was called for. At ten to ten we were rewarded with a fine view of a barn owl carrying a vole - no doubt to his young family.

The marsh harriers are still in residence but the male seems to be letting his mate do all the hunting - I expect our lady readers will draw a human analogy there!! They seem very secretive this year so I cannot at present confirm breeding success or otherwise but I hope to be able to report positively next month.

August sees the Real start of return migration and there will be various waders along the estuary refuelling on their long journey south.

Trevor RIDDLE

KENN HISTORY GROUP

We could not have wished for a more lovely evening as we gathered at Stonehouse Farm for the second outdoor history walk of the season. Mischievously Ray told us only that we were to go to Nannybucks - it sounded so mysterious.

We drove towards Kingston Seymour and by the bridge turned right into Accommodation Lane. Here we met with friends from Kingston swelling our number to about 35. Accommodation Lane is so called because at the time of putting in the old Clevedon Light Railway quite a lot of land was purchased by the company, sometimes bisecting farmers fields. To allow farmers to get to their fields a lane was built to accommodate them, it is still called Accommodation Lane.

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The area is known as Russ, spelt with double 's' not as some would have it, Rust. The ownership of the land we were walking on has been in the Naish family for over a hundred years and some of the hedges have been left untouched for possibly 200 years. The meadow itself is interesting too because it has never been ploughed and in Spring and early Summer this results in it becoming a blaze of colour with wild flowers, some quite rare. We were about a month too late to see this but there were still some flowers to be seen.

Ancient fields often have ancient names and Ray noted that in the deeds of his two adjoining fields are written Inner Oures and Outer Oures. Hereabouts were some very old Oak Trees and very sturdy they looked in spite of their age, but then Oaks don't deteriorate until coming up for 150 years or more.

Just after the war cows were often milked loose in the fields and Ray showed us an old photograph of himself and two of his sisters milking cows under the very Oak below which we were standing. Nothing had changed at all. At that time too (1949) there was a cattle market in Yatton and often farmers from Ireland were able to bring cattle over, sell them quite cheaply and still make a bit of money.

Moving on we were now at Nannybucks. The origin of the name is not known even to the locals so we'll leave it shrouded in mystery. Here our number was doubled by some lovely cross-bred cattle, mostly with calves who surveyed us with curiosity. The calves were beautiful animals delicately marked and it was a picture to see them running so freely.

Crossing a stream known as Russ Rhyne the level of the field changed abruptly and we had to climb a steep escarpment of some 15ft to a different plane. The higher level was brought about by the building of the M-Way. Many

thousands of tons of rubbish, rocks and general spoilage had to be dumped and many acres of local fields were used for this purpose. Amongst this buried debris there are even some old lorries. During the building too, many local businesses did quite well supplying the work force with their many warts. Now though after the years, the surface of the 'tip' is clothed in many types of grasses and flowers and animals graze happily on it.

On the lower level of the field, by the rhyne, the old Bulbeck Manor can still be seen going towards Lampley. The ground here is very open and has a sameness to it, such that in thick fog it is quite easy to lose a sense of direction and get lost.

By now we were beginning to return to our starting point and noticed how the fields were cross-crossed with gripes. Gripes are man made, wide deep furrows put into assist in the drainage of this low lying land. Their disadvantage is that they make it very difficult to till the ground with modern machinery and that is one reason why the land is so virgin here. In passing, Ray pointed out another interesting tree. It was a very old and wild variety of crab-apple, with fruits no bigger than a gooseberry and very dry to the taste.

Back at the starting point Ray was thanked in the usual way for an interesting and informative evening. On the way home just before the main road we passed Russ Pond which is a protected area because of its rare wild-life. Finally in passing Ray showed us a few of his mares and foals frisking about in the field, many have never been saddled or shod.

In the gathering dusk we returned home suitably tired and ready for a cup of tea and bed.

Cliff EDWARDS

The next History Group walk will take place on August 12th meeting at Stonehouse Farm

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at 7.15 - all are welcome including children.
This will probably take place in the Nailsea
area.

RVN

The Church Path

What a wonderful show of flowers there are
in the gardens along the church path.

Often visitors to the Church comment to me
what a delight it is to walk to the service on
such a pretty path.

This path is a very ancient part of Kenn, other
than the tarmac on the ground there has been
little change for hundreds of years and it is
possible that it has remained the same since
Saxon times. People in Kenn are lucky to
have those living on the path who take such
care and pride of the area.

Years ago there was a pretty path on the
other side of the Churchyard leading from the
Church gate to the garden at Chapel Cottage.
This path was called "The Cassy" a Somerset
pronunciation of the word causeway, it was
built over when the house near the school was
built.

Ray NAISH

REMINISCENCES ON THE DISCO

Dear Margaret, I'm so sorry
But there had to be one more
It's one year on, we had such fun
- You surely know the score

I met your man - my Alice
We introduced each other!
I promise when I tell you now
I will go on no further.
--Except to say it was a ball

The cowshed was a hummin'
Dave and Cheryl did their best
To keep the food a cummin'

The bar was up to standard
The hosts their charming best
John Hazell did the disco -
Gave no one time to rest.

Our Barbara had a good time
Altho' she lives in Clevedon.
The Kennites had a knees up
As did the ones from Yatton.

"How can you leave this?" You may ask.
It's that dog - him next door,
He ate our dog, well, part of him,
And we can take no more!

All in all you must have seen
Our house we wish to sell.
But really, at the end of it ,
We wish you all go well.

We've had a few come round to look,
Ok - its not a palace,
But was really interested
Not Tom, not Dick, no - ALICE!!!
Paula McCULLY
Ps Now who provoked this ditty?
Just who are you to blame?
Is it down to Alice?
No - Angie is her name.

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28/6/96

Please reply to: Ext 3221

Dear Sheila,

I am writing to thank you all so much for your most kind donation to Hutton ward of £150 raised at a Charity Disco in memory of Mr. Robin Taylor.

The mattress arrived last week and is now in constant use by our patients, who are now given comfort at a time when they mostly need it.

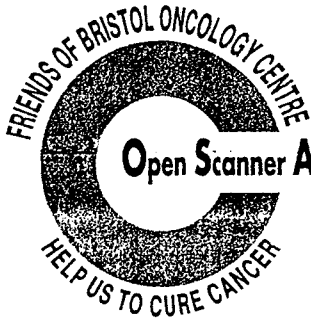
Kind donations such as yours means that we are able to purchase equipment of considerable cost to benefit our patients.

On behalf of everyone on Hutton Ward a big thank you once again

Best Wishes

Kathryn Gardnald

Ward Manager
Hutton Ward



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Friends of Bristol Oncology Centre,
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Mr R Grigg
27 Greenfield Crescent
Nailsea
Bristol

Dear Mr Grigg

30 May, 1996

May I on behalf of the Friends of the Bristol Oncology Centre sincerely thank you for the very kind donation of £207.52 to our charity for the Cancer Open Scanner Appeal in memory of Mrs Winifred Grigg

It is only with such gifts shall we ever achieve our aims and objectives and we are most grateful to you and all who donated in her memory and for the interest you have shown in our cause

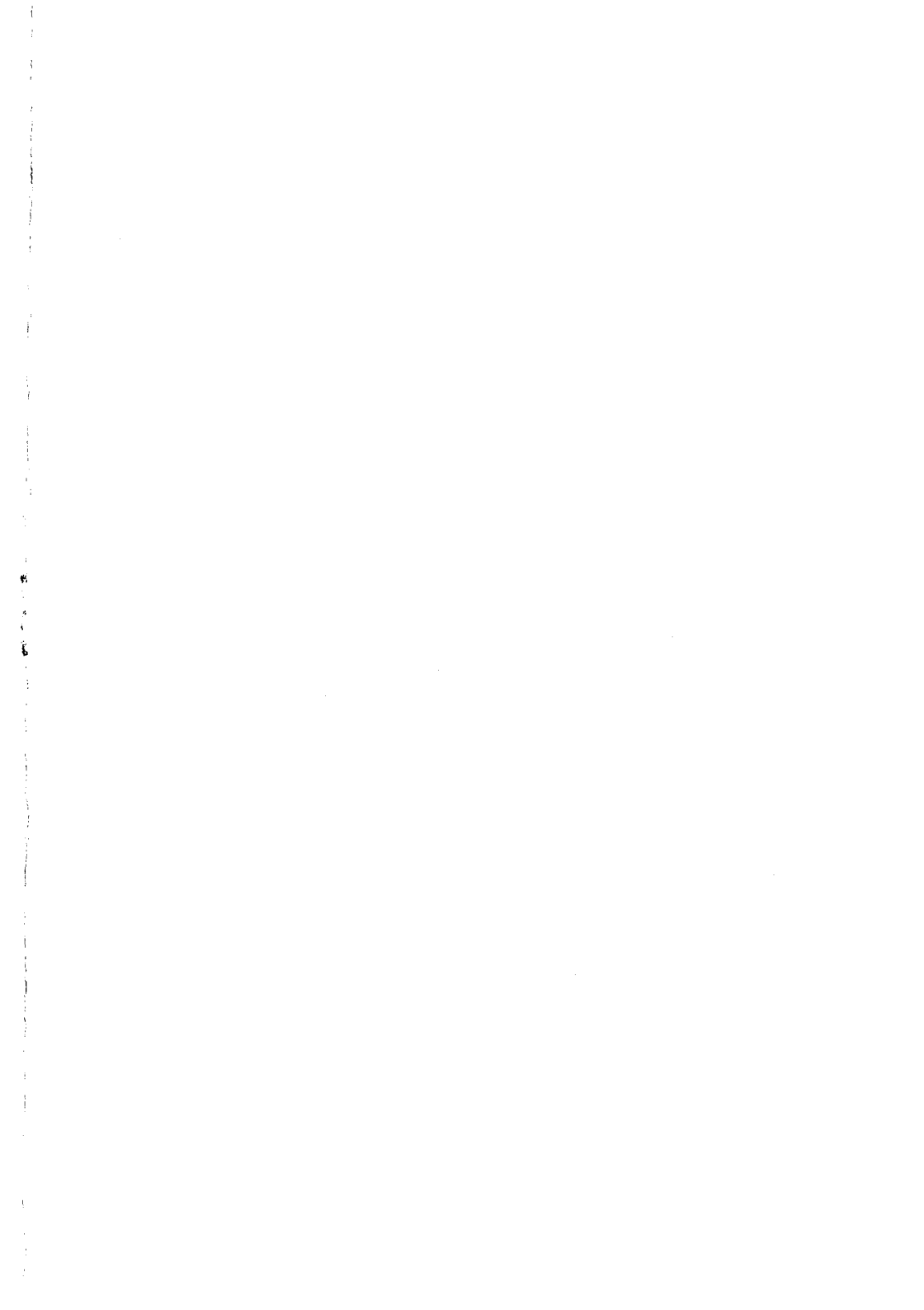
We are very anxious to reach our target of one million pounds so as the patients may benefit from this scanner which will pin point with such accuracy any tumour or affected tissue, this will lead to more effective treatment and so save lives. This is our major objective. We have now to raise just over another quarter of a million by November and hope that the building side to house the scanner will soon commence in readiness for the machine within the next few weeks.

It is quite a sobering thought to think that one in three of us will develop cancer during our life time and so when we were asked to help raise this amount we had no hesitation in taking it on. Bristol experts are planning to research a new way of using the MRI scanners and are beginning with breast cancer and its special technical problems. This will just be the start, the same methods will be extended to treating other cancer sites in the body.

We would like at this time to offer you our sincere sympathy in your sad loss

Yours sincerely


Aves E Kilsby Mrs
Hon Secretary



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THANK-YOUS...

The following have been received:-

Granny GRIFFIN - Thanking her many friends in Kenn for the cards and good wishes for her 94th year.

Maurice FORD - Thanking the residents of Kenn Street in supporting the collection in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund. 50.00 has been sent to the charity.

Friends of Kenn Church - Thanking Mary WILCOX for her donation of 125.00 from the sale of bedding plants.

FRIENDS

of KENN CHURCH

DEED OF COVENANT

To THE FRIENDS OF KENN CHURCH.

I promise to pay you annually for FOUR years from the date shown below or until I die if earlier such a sum as after deduction of income tax at the basic rate amounts to

.....

(Min five pounds)

Signed and delivered by

Date

Full name

Address.....

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Witnessed by :-

Full name

Signature

Address.....

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