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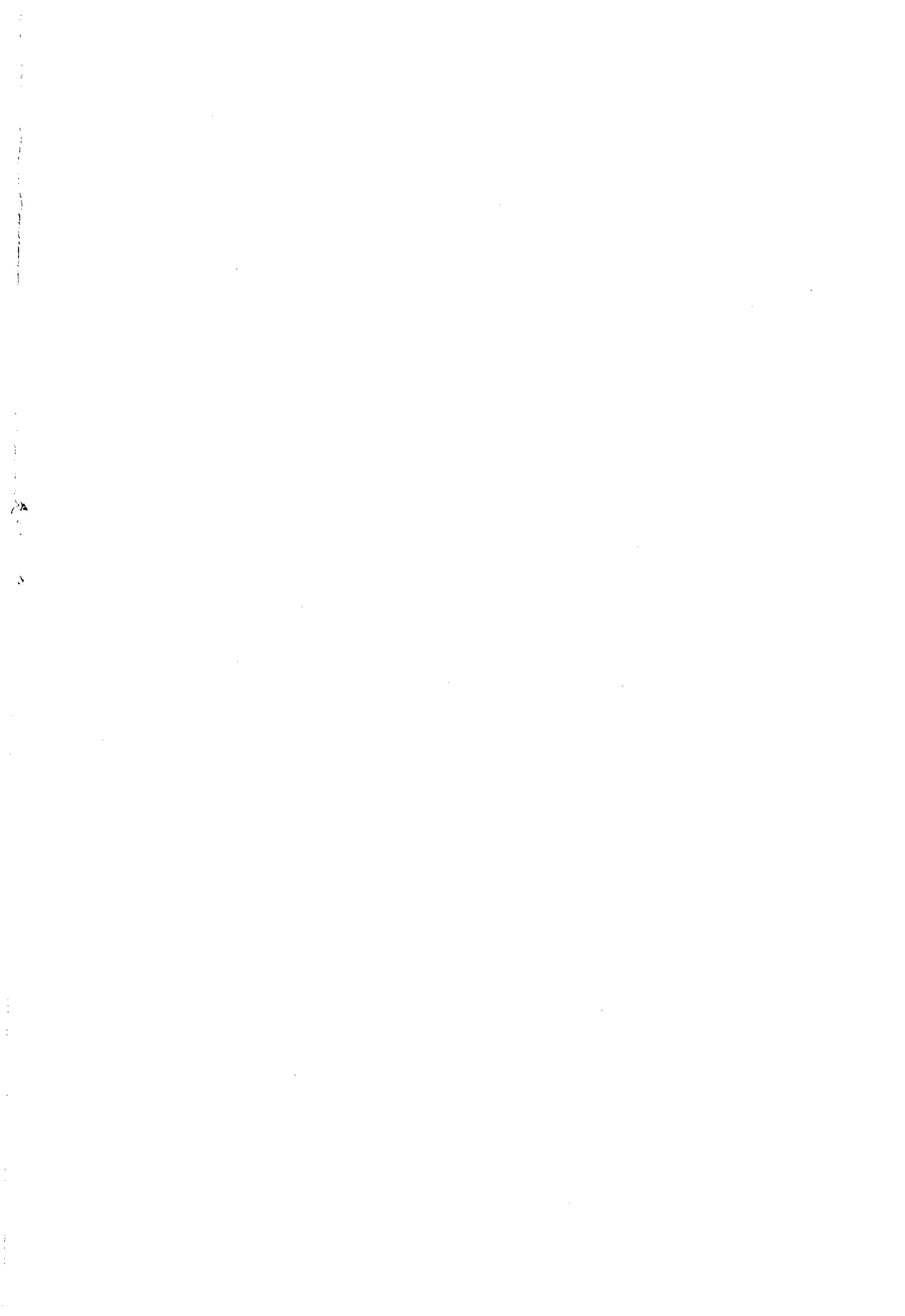
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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

We have had many people congratulating us on Issue 8 of Kenn News & Views and saying how much they enjoyed it. Whilst we would like to accept all the glory, haloes shining, we feel we should point out that Issue 7 had lots of interesting articles written by many different people, certainly nothing to do with the two of us. We were pleased with the response and you were all pleased with the issue, which proves our point that you can all do it if you want to. Let's have more articles of interest from even more of you and make Issue 10 another monster. S.N. & K.D.

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE - THURSDAY 22nd JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

As you all know we like to pass on birthday and anniversary good wishes through these pages - but if someone is left out it's because we were not informed. Prior notice by 'phone is all that's required.

<u>June Birthdays</u>	10th	Christopher Denmead
	11th	Julian Wilcox & Wendy Papasolomontos
	24th	Roger Wilcox
	30th	Roger Denmead
	21st	Dave Pugh celebrates his 50th birthday - Happy Birthday Dave

NAISH'S NOTES

Don't Forget - Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 13th June at Conifers, Duck Lane - home of Mrs. G. Denmead - 10.30 to 12 noon. Proceeds to Kenn News and Views. Raffle - Bring and Buy - all donations and offers of help will be gratefully received.

A date has also been fixed for Afternoon Tea at Walnut Tree Farm - home of Mrs. Trish Harrison. This is to be held on Wednesday, 2nd August. Details to follow.

Morris Dancers - The W.I. has arranged for Morris Men to dance outside the Drum and Monkey on Wednesday, 14th June at 8.00 p.m.

Fire Down Below - The villagers who store their smoke alarm under the stairs have now bought another two to keep them company! Watch this space to see if they actually get put up.

That Spring Feeling - I and many others thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Livesey's account of her close encounter with Ray Naish's bull. Has anyone any similar tale to tell?

Russ Pond - Sadly the swans have not nested on Russ Pond this year. The Electricity Board did their best not to disturb the natural habitat around the pond but obviously the swans decided not to live with the low cables and orange markers.

Barbara and Jim Middleton - have to discontinue their delivery of newspapers to the outlying areas having 'managed' for months. Thanks to them for prolonging the deliveries for as long as they have.

Many Congratulations - to Juliet Stowell on her new slimline figure. She has lost over one stone in weight after sticking to her Slimming World diet. We are all proud of her.

Disco 6th May - The Black and White Fancy Dress Disco held in the Village Hall on May 6th in aid of the Intensive Therapy Unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary was a huge success. All 120 tickets were sold and many, if not most, of the villagers were in fancy dress. Mr. Johnny Hazell kindly ran the disco for us and we owe our thanks to him for donating his services free of charge. Thanks to all who arrived with raffle prizes, we were very grateful. Mrs. L. Summerell kindly ran the bar and donated the main raffle prize - a large cuddly teddy bear. Kelly and Emily Burstow are thanked for touring the village selling raffle tickets for two weeks beforehand; many people were keen to win the teddy. Miss Stella Michael was the lucky winner. Kelly and Emily raised £11 for the funds - well done girls.

Mr. Tim Shepherd from Yatton attended with all his family and Tim drew out the winning raffle tickets. Tim has himself much to thank the ITU for as he was in a serious road accident involving his motor bike and spent ten days in Intensive Care fighting for his

life. He is now fully fit and was delighted to come to the Disco and thank Mrs. Pascoe on behalf of all ITU staff personally.

Everyone who attended had a really good time and by the end of the evening we had raised £326.56 towards ITU Funds.

Due to everyone having such a good time the Disco was late in finishing and the neighbours who were not in attendance had to endure the noise for a lot longer than was needed. May I take this opportunity to thank them for their tolerance and understanding and to those that were distressed by it, may I reiterate my apologies.

Photographs of the event were taken by Mrs. Jean Fenwick and myself and anyone wishing to see them should contact either of these ladies - they are rather good. The standard of fancy dress was brilliant this time and definitely added to the fun. Thanks to all for your support. Sheila Naish

WANTED

A cleaner is required for Kingston Seymour Village Hall. 3 - 5 hours per week at £2.50 per hour. Contact Claire Kinsella 838624 or Sue Lang 834914.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Charity Evening at Kenn Village Hall on Wednesday 19th July. Coffee - stalls - silent auction etc. Everyone welcome.

CAR TREASURE HUNT

A car treasure hunt will be held on 23rd July in aid of the Bristol Royal Infirmary Intensive Care Unit. It will start from the village green at 3.00 p.m. and should take about 2 hours. There will be an additional competition for children in the cars. Tremendous prizes are on offer for both the winners and most entertaining losers.

After the end of the hunt there will be a barbecue in Richard and Avril Gaunt's garden also in aid of funds. This will be for both entrants and anyone else who wants to come.

The entry fee for the rally is a mere £2.50 per car. If you wish to enter please phone either Robin Mackay - 873774, or Richard Gaunt - 875992.

KENN NOTES

David Pearce - We were sorry to hear of the passing of David Pearce on May 3rd. David had been unwell for twelve years during which time he fought his illness with great bravery helped by wonderful attention at the Radiotherapy Unit at Bristol and supported throughout this time with love from his wife Jo-Ann, his parents John and Rachael and his sister Susan, brother-in-law David and their family.

To all of them and his little son we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

We shall remember David for his great sense of fun, his skill as a carpenter and his determination. He fought the good fight until our Good Lord saw he had suffered enough and took him Home. The funeral was on May 8th at St. John's Church, Clevedon. Our flag flew at half mast. R. M. Dyer

Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Village Hall, now some sixty-five years old, continues to be cared for by willing helpers, some being grandchildren of its founders, so that it is always available for the enjoyment of Kenn people. How many readers and those who enjoy parties and events in the Hall at very modest rents ever pause to think what it costs to maintain such a building? A copy of the accounts is always kept on the notice board in the Hall; I wonder if many people when enjoying themselves at a party or working to raise money at events pause to read and digest the figures!!

Just to keep the Hall in operation costs £252, i.e. rates, insurance and service charges. Electricity for the year to March 31st 1989 amounted to £222 and the installation "Frost Watchers" and electrical maintenance cost £418, painting £210 and the purchase of a secondhand polisher for the floor £60.

The Hall Committee during the year raised £625 from jumble sales, dances and cheese and wine parties and income from rents was £461.

At all times the Hall Committee has to conform with certain regulations, i.e. music and dancing licence which indicates music must cease at 11.45 p.m. on Saturday evenings, and

11.59 p.m. on weekdays. We are now advised by the Environmental Department improved washing facilities are required, hence more expenditure.

We hope to arrange a dance in September, a jumble sale on August 16th at 7.00 p.m. and a Grand Christmas Draw, the prizes of which will be drawn at a wine and cheese party on December 2nd. A volunteer has offered to arrange a Halloween party on October 28th, which the Committee has gladly accepted.

To everyone who has helped with cleaning, painting, polishing, washing tea cloths, moving rubbish throughout the year, a warm thank you - to anyone who would like to help, a warm welcome. R. M. Dyer

VOTING - COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4th MAY

A well known lady in Kenn, anxious to honour the memory of those who fought and died so that women should have the vote, decided she must do her duty whatever the hour. She arrived at the Voting Station at the eleventh hour when her problem began; in her haste to meet the deadline her spectacles (as is often the case) had been forgotten. Entering the booth complete with voting paper she made her mark - but was it for the blue, orange, red or green candidate? Anon

JUMBLE SALE SUCCESS

I would like to thank all the people who gave, helped and supported the jumble sale I held in aid of multiple sclerosis. We made £72 which will be put towards a muscle stimulator for the Nailsea branch of A.R.M.S. Also another £85 was made for the same cause by Rebecca, my daughter in America, when she completed a 15 miles sponsored walk. Jean Fenwick

MR. ROBBIE ROBERTSON

I recently read in the Clevedon Mercury that Robbie Robertson of Clevedon had died. Robbie and his late wife Amelia and their friends Ted and Gertie Ford ran a dancing class in Kenn Village Hall during the 1930's for 6d a lesson. Most of the young people in the village at that time (I was about the youngest) learnt to ball room dance with them. Can anyone else remember going to these classes? Robbie at that time worked on the Portishead to Clevedon Light Railway as an electrician. Ray Naish

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CUCKOOS GONE?

Have you heard a cuckoo this year? I am writing these notes on May 16th and I have only heard a cuckoo calling once - just two calls and that was in Claverham Moor. I haven't heard one calling here in the village for several years. Before the motorway cut through the middle of Russ, that was a wonderful area for cuckoos - the first ones in the district were always down there. I read somewhere the other day that the cuckoo population in England was at its highest during the 1940's and 50's. I well remember when they were calling all day long around here. I think the motorway has made it too noisy for them to stay around. The female cuckoo has a different call, she makes a bubbly noise.

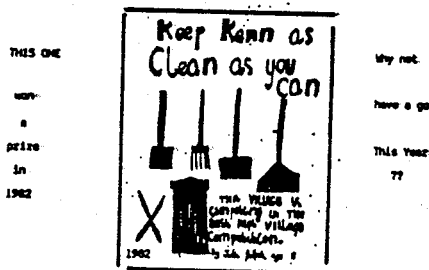
The best 'English Country Garden' I have seen this year belongs to Mrs. Edith Tripp of 'Riverside', Kenn Pier. Although Mrs. Tripp is an octogenarian and is not very mobile, she does a bit of gardening each day. She doesn't plant much but her garden is full of old fashioned flowers that come up year after year. Long may she be able to tend it; it is like stepping into the past having a walk around. Many of the flowers that grow there have probably been there since before the Tripp family moved there around the year 1900. Ray Naish

DEAR RAY

When we lived in Duck Lane, my mother-in-law, Mrs. G. Denmead, always used to listen with Christopher and Timothy for the cuckoo and every year they were rewarded by the cuckoo's call heralding the summer. She used, in those days, to keep a record in her diary of suchlike but I'm unsure as to whether she has this year. Today, 22nd May, Christopher heard one here in Congresbury. Kate

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAW A POSTER
FOR
TIDY VILLAGE COMPETITION



.....
HELP KENN COMPETE IN THE "BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION"
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IF YOU LIVE IN KENN
YOU CAN ENTER
.....

PRIZEWINNERS JUDGED ON MONDAY JUNE 5th 1969

KENN PARISH COUNCIL PRIZES - (2 in each age group)

1. Age 4 years to 7 years
2. Ages over 7 years to 11 years
3. Ages over 11 years to 16 years

IN ADDITION: EXTRA PRIZE FOR BEST INDIVIDUALLY ENTERED POSTER OF £30
IN WOODSPRING DISTRICT - donated by Color

Get your Entry Form and Paper.

Judging of Posters if by Mrs. Greta Lewis. [District Councillor]

All entries receive a sweet reward and will be displayed
for 3 months in the entrance hall of Village Hall, Kenn.

As you can see Kenn Parish Council is running a Childrens Poster Competition as usual - ALL children in Kenn should by NOW have received a set of Rules and paper - if I have missed a young resident, Sorry, please ring me at once.

MUMS AND DADS - Deadline Monday 5th June.

25 families were circulated last year and on a rough count it looks like 30 this year.

Remember the Judges will be looking at ALL of Kenn, so help us to keep Kenn looking tidy and pretty from June onwards.

Good luck

Jean I.

1830 to the year 2000

What have Kenn Hangings to do with Portent of Disaster in year 2000 ??

Extract from "Bristol Mirror" 11/9/1830

[after report of Kenn Hangings 8/9/1830]

"Sirs - we draw attention of inhabitants of Kenn to the benefits that would result from the institution of a school for the Poor in this village whose present demoralised condition requires every means to be adopted for their reformation".

Worthy words - and the School did arrive in 1841- also a School House in which, following the School Teacher of many years ago, there now resides a "Reformer". Her garden was in "Demoralised condition" - due to slug infestation, so she welcomed the arrival of Frogs and Toads who revelled in their return to Kenn. This week saw a family of Newts - also ex-immigrants from Kenn, knocking at her door, they too join the now very "Active" pool with its seething mass of inhabitants.

Readers - Beware, we draw your attention to the serious housing shortage soon to arise, your evening peace will be rent with the calls and grunts carousing etc., - Prepare your nets, gird your loins my calculations predict a **TOAD WATCH** of fantastic proportions for the year 2000. !!!

J.I.

FROM THE POND

I'm delighted to be able to report that the pond is thriving. When the sun shines the top positively bubbles. The "taddies" are huge now and are starting to grow legs.

Lorraine and her brother kindly brought some little frogs a couple of weeks ago. The smallest was really minute and called "little tich". I thought this was really kind of them. I have also been given three newts - and taught the secret of sexing them - I learn something new every day. Thank you all.

Last week we had a visit from all the "littlies" at St. Brandons. This was great fun and we look forward to seeing them again sometime. We have had quite a few children in to see what Dennis calls "The Bogs" and if any more wish to come they are welcome. Just knock on the door for a conducted tour, but I must point out that it is only tiny and far from natural. To be continued... Iris Goldsworthy

MY POND

In my pond I have some newts that come freely in and out of the rocks. In my pond I have some frogs that I often see pop in and out of the gaps between the rocks. And I shall not forget the waterboatmen with their boat-shaped bodies and oar-like arms. There are many more creatures in my pond but I don't always see them - I wonder why?

Sebastian Wilcox

THE JAY

Just a blur of coloured wings,
As a gentle bird swoops through the blue,
Yesterday a jay caught the corner of my eye.

Sebastian Wilcox

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the beginning of the May meeting members stood in respect for the memory of Mrs. Pearce's son, David, who died recently. A collection was made for the Radio-therapy Unit at the B.R.I.

Final arrangements were made for the trip to Worcester in June. As the Denman Bursary has not been taken up this year it has been decided to spend the money on an educational project for all members. Suggestions were asked for. This year's charity evening will be held on July 19th. Among other attractions will be a Silent Auction. There will also be a group Coffee Evening on 24th July at Robinswood.

At the July meeting there will be an entertainment by Morris Dancers. The meeting will begin at 7.15 p.m. and the competition will be for a coloured kerchief.

Our delegate for the A.C.M. in London was welcomed to the meeting and the final two resolutions were discussed. The first one which wishes to increase the awareness of osteoporosis; to improve the education of women of all ages concerning the disease and urges H.M. Government to improve the advice and treatment for those most at risk, was carried unanimously. The second which calls upon the Government to introduce legislation for compulsory DNA testing in areas where violent crime has been committed, occasioned a great deal of discussion and was carried by a majority vote.

Felicity Snook gave a most interesting account of her trip to Australia illustrated by her own videos. She was thanked by Mrs. Bubb. The competition for a recipe using apples was won by Mrs. Fowler, Gold; Mrs. Surridge, Silver; Mrs. Jackson, Green.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Competition time will be upon us soon. We hope that the children are all having a go at the Poster Competition. Litter (or absence of litter) carries the most marks, so please, if you come across any, pick it up and take it home. The Parish Council is aware that most of the litter comes from passing cars and lorries because there is very rarely any litter in Kenn Street, but it would be nice if people would help the 'womblers' who have volunteered to clear the main road and Davis Lane. Ann Holtham

From THE WHITE TOWER, ALDWICK ROAD, BOGNOR REGIS, SUSSEX

I've been asked to write a little bit for the Kenn mag. and as John Griffin started the ball rolling about Moorgate House I can continue. I have read with great interest the new Kenn mag. and enjoy it very much - Lucy kindly sends me a copy with the Church mag. each month. I read it, enjoy it, have a laugh and then send it on to Canada to Aunt Velma and Uncle Jim Stowell. They enjoy them also. Uncle Jim is still very interested in Kenn, Moorgate House and the Stowell family. Yes, he's 98 years old, lives in a nursing home and very well when Richard visited him at Christmas. Has anyone an old photo of Moorgate House I could get a copy from for him please? Miss Pinder kindly sent some snaps which he enjoyed.

Dad, Mother, Hugh (Boy) and Kate Stowell also lived at Moorgate with Granny Stowell (known as Jo Stowell in Canada). They were married at Wraxall on 18th September 1917 and lived at Moorgate before moving to Portbury House on 1st January 1919. I've heard Dad talk about the pigs - they mostly went to Bristol to the butchers, Hodders.

I also remember staying at Moorgate. John and I stayed there with Gran Stowell when Mother was ill. We slept in the front bedroom, road side. I was about 6, John about 4. I had just started school. Kathleen Hale and Iris Stone from Kenn Pier took me. I remember the lovely flowers Granny S. used to grow, pink and red tulips, narcissi and geums. I also remember the loo down the garden.

Aunty Flo Ogbourne used to live where Mr. Donald Staples lives. Aunty Polly Harris lived with her and Uncle Fred. I stayed with them many times. She used to keep a little shop and sell Bluebird toffees, so many for an old penny, done up in a little bag like a kite. She also kept a slate and woe betide anyone who didn't pay up end of week. Some lovely cases of stuffed birds and a squirrel she had in her hall. I loved those birds years ago, wonder what happened to them.

Uncle Fred Stowell, another of the Stowell brothers, wounded in the first world war, caught TB in the Navy, lived with Aunty Flo and she looked after him till he died. I remember visiting him on a Sunday evening with Mum, Dad and John and thinking when we came out, what a long walk home to Portbury House.

Many years later, Mrs. Baker, Lucy and myself used to walk up from The Laurels, always used to be foggy then. We used to wonder about the ghost that was supposed to be in some ground opposite Mill Farm. She must have settled or never been, I haven't heard of her for years.

My husband Tom Hawes and his brother George lived with Mrs. Woolley at Moorgate for a short time. Later Tom rented the garage from Mr. and Mrs. Cox when he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin at Mill Farm. Tom also has memories of THAT ENGINE and over the years I've heard a lot about it. Also the nights he used to cycle up Kenn Street back to Mill Farm with no light. Funny how P.C. Cloxton always knew. He had a habit of telling you about it a few days later. Uncanny - made you think - I wonder whose doorway or gateway he was in. Favourite place was behind the Vicarage hedge by the little latch gate now gone. Happy days. Kathleen Hawes

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate, I suppose you will not be doing much in your garden now. However, just in case, now is a good time to take cuttings of pinks, carnations, etc. Also bulbs should be lifted, dried and stored ready for replanting in the Autumn.

Looking even further ahead, wallflower and sweet william seed can now be sown outdoors in a nursery bed ready for blooming next year after replanting. Outdoor tomatoes can also be put out now. In fact there is so much to do that there is little time to do anything else. Did you know that salt is an excellent weed killer and safe? It is especially good with weeds such as those large flat thistles which are so difficult to lift. Just sprinkle a little salt on the centre and leave. It will die and then can be easily removed.

Have a good holiday and don't forget to arrange for someone to look after your houseplants
Yours, Uncle Freddie

FROM H.O.

Dear Uncle Freddie - Things are rather at a standstill in the 'Concrete Jungle' now. Having completed the first deck of slabs and made borders around, we are now saving up for the next deliveries. We spent a weekend recently transforming the front garden as we were beginning to let our side of the street down. We decided to move the rockery - you guessed it, through the house - to the front border. It's surprising how a rockery can make an instant feature from nothing at all. The weeping cherry has been encircled with begonias and lobelia and should make a lovely show if the slugs don't win the war.

We are off on holiday on Saturday 27th but I have a tried and tested method for my houseplants which doesn't disturb the neighbours. Fill the kitchen sink to half full with cold water and soak a bath towel. Drape half the towel across the draining board and leave the other half in the water. Stand all the houseplants (obviously without saucers) on the draining board. After a week, even a fortnight, my plants usually look better than they do the rest of the year. Yours Kate

BBO AND SKITTLES

A barbecue and family skittles evening is to be held at Kenn Village Hall on Saturday, 1st July from 6 - 11 p.m. £1 per family entrance and game of skittles. Food and games extra. In aid of ITU funds. Lots of fun for everyone. Bring your friends. Raffle. Punch available or bring your own drinks.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Marion Atkinson's Brandy Cake

6 oz butter)	
6 oz caster sugar)	Cake mix
6 oz S.R. flour)	
3 eggs)	

8 oz sugar)	
½ pt water)	Hot mixture for pouring
3 - 4 tables. brandy/or rum)	over cake when cooked.
3 Tables. coffee essence (Camp))	

½ pt. double cream, few chopped walnuts - for decoration

Cream butter and sugar together. Gradually beat in eggs one at a time add 1 tabs. of flour with last addition of egg. Fold in rest of the flour.

Pour mixture into cake tin - large tin (I use a quiche dish, then I can serve the cake direct from the quiche dish, thus saving all the brandy juice). Cook for about 35 mins. depending on oven.

Skewer cake all over - make lots of holes virtually all over the cake.

Pour the hot mixture over the cake while it is still hot.

Hot Mixture

Heat together sugar and water, until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and add the brandy (or rum) and coffee essence.

Leave cake to stand for at least 10 hours so that the mixture thoroughly soaks through the cake.

Just before serving - whip ½ pt double cream until thick, spoon over the cake. Sprinkle with walnuts.



The Lion Heart