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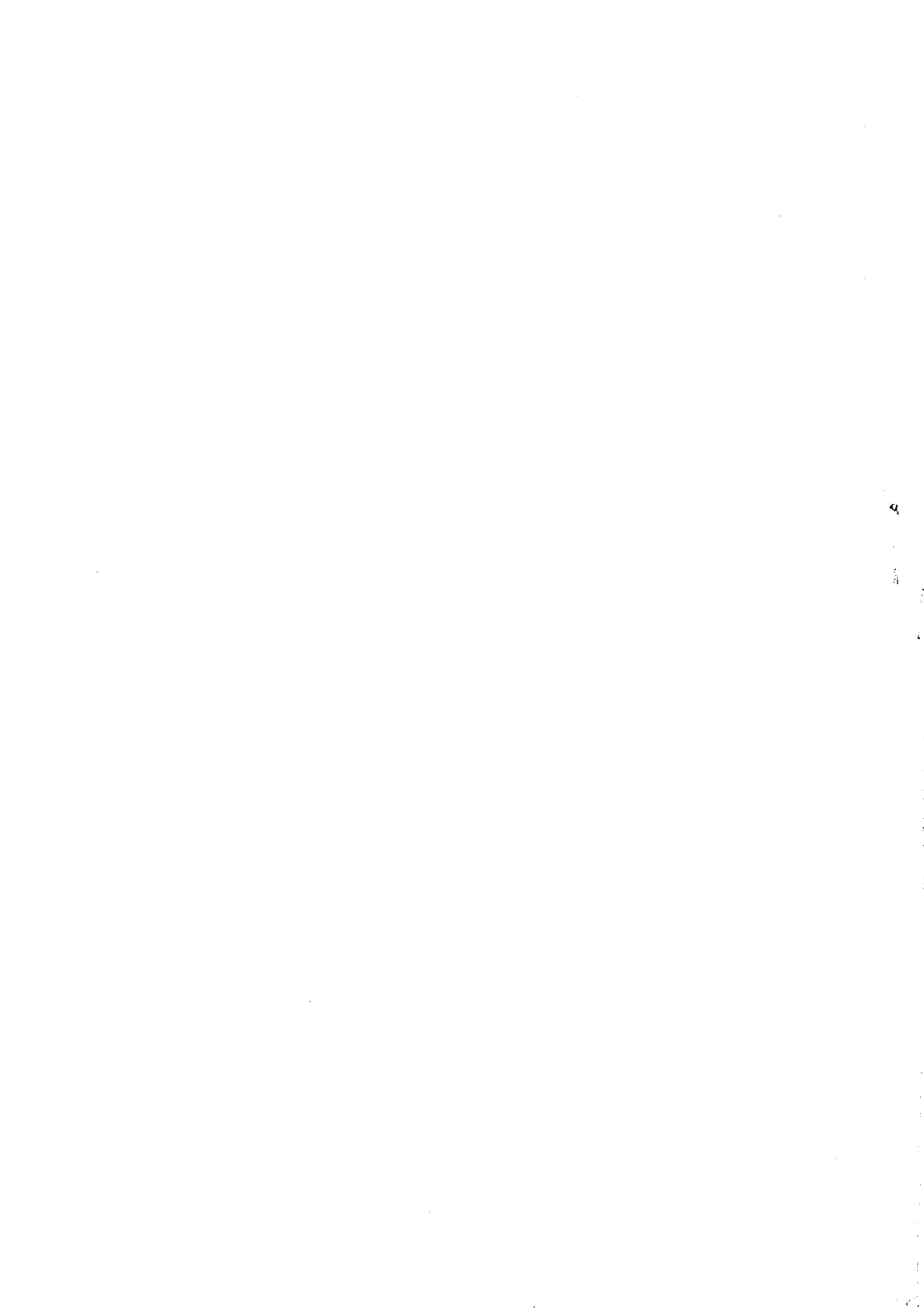
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS.

It's quite possible that after reading Kate's article at the end of this issue you may not want her to be associated with this publication again. However, you will know from past occasions that she speaks as she feels, that this magazine agrees to publish anything that is submitted and as such, may be used as a soapbox. Replies to Kate's letter are encouraged.

KD and SN 834894 and 838357.

***** DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE - 19th July. *****

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Apologies first to Roger WILCOX whose birthday was the 26th June, not the 24th as printed last month.

Also apologies to Lyn BYE and son Thomas whose birthdays were on the 13th and 31st June respectively and were somehow overlooked. Finally Matthew Gaunt's birthday was the 15th June.

July 5th - Avril GAUNT
 9th - Tom BAKER
 11th - Mrs V. COX
 - Mrs Gladys GRIFFIN
 - Miss N. GRIFFEY
 23rd - Wally MOORE
 24th - Roger STOWELL
 - Brian WATERS
 25th - Sue PUGH
 28th - Juliet STOWELL
 - Jack Michael STOWELL.

NAISH'S NOTES.

Congratulations to Nigel and Tina MIDDLETON and family on the EVENTUAL arrival of baby son, Joshua on the 3rd June.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs Betty SUMMERELL who sadly died after a short illness. Betty was Kenn's Post lady for some time and her cheery manner first thing in the morning was a welcome start to the day.

PERSONAL NOTE.

Anyone who knows me well will know that I have been disturbed by our Common Market 'partners' attitude to our beef etc. I'll quote from one of the editorials in the newspapers because they can say it better than I:

"British meat has been doing well in France because it's the best in the world."

"There is no scientific basis for the BSE scare."

"These countries are breaking Common Market rules."

At the same time the French farmers organise (once again) a boycott of our lamb. Why? No-one has heard of mad lamb disease, but the fault is that our meat happens to be cheaper. The French housewife prefers British lamb because it's better quality, so they stop it.

So I say, NO, to Tesco's advert for French free range chickens - buy local. NO, to French cheese - buy super Cheddar. Buy York ham instead of French pate and Australian or English wine instead of French or German. Think next time you bite into an apple and make sure it's a Cox not a Golden Delicious.

We must all wonder if we are one day going to find that there is no British produce on sale and that it is all foreign - and what controls do we have over any foreign producers? None whatsoever. Will we ever learn to stand up for our own producers, farmers and growers as other countries do or are we going to leave it too late?
SN

AUSTRALIAN DISCO.

Many 'adopted' Australians arrived at Kenn Village Hall including Sir Les Patterson's wife who was equally as disgusting in habits as Sir Les! Come back Edna all is forgiven! Plenty of convicts and flying doctors, surfers and Rolf Harris, a Quantas air hostess (where were you Jer? Was that you?), an able-bodied(?) lifeguard and last but not least, Andy from Duck Lane in a bad taste outfit (sorry Mandy), I'll say no more.

We all had a lovely night and many thanks must go to John HAZELL for the disco. We hope Emma FENWICK and Trina WILLOUGHBY will remember the night when they do get 'down under'. Our good luck wishes go to them.

We raised £75 on the Raffle for the Multiple Sclerosis Hyperbaric Unit at Nailsea and the proceeds from the disco - £232.50 - goes to the Village Hall Committee towards new flooring in the kitchen area. Many thanks for everyone's support.

No 1 Sheila. Kenn Charity Fund Raising Committee.

HALF CUT?

We're sorry to hear that, due to calving problems on the farm, a certain farmer's wife had to forgo fancy dress for long trousers. She was in the middle of waxing her legs when hubby rushed in, shouting for her to come quickly, he needed an extra pull. Said lady pulled on her tracksuit bottoms and dashed off. Sometime later when trying to remove the now blue, fluffy wax, she found it wouldn't all come off. So she went to bed, stuck to the bed and hubby's pyjamas (good job he had those on!) and subsequently had to suffer very painful legs the next day. Needless to say there will be no more leg-waxing done on that farm. You'll have to look out for the smoothest farmer's legs now to know who was so unfortunate.

SN

SNIPPETS.

Celebrations.

Our flag flew on the 10th of June to celebrate the birthday of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, and on the 16th of June, The official birthday of Her Majesty The Queen.

Best Kept Village.

Thank you to Mrs BURSTOW who planted the pots on the village green, to Robert WILLCOX for cutting the Village Hall hedge, to the young 'Womblers' seen collecting rubbish around the village green and to everyone who helped to do that little bit extra. We may not win but at least some people did try!



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Self help is our way of action.

12th June 1990

Mrs. S. Naish
Oakland Farm
Kenn Road
Kenn
Nr. Clevedon
Avon.

Dear Sheila,

We were both surprised and delighted that you raised such a large amount - £75.00 - on the raffle at the Australian Disco on the 2nd June.


Our sincere thanks to both you and Jean for passing this money onto us for our funds.

Our thanks also to all those who supported you, either by giving prizes or buying tickets.

It goes without saying that your unending support for our work is so much appreciated by us all at Avon Friends of ARMS.

Hope to see you on Saturday, all being well!

Yours sincerely,
AVON FRIENDS OF ARMS


Jackie Brightwell,
Chairman.

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Received with thanks SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS

From MRS S. NAISH - PROCEEDS FROM
RAFFLE AT AUSTRALIAN DISCO.

Date 5/6/1990

Signature 

SUCCESS AT THE NORTH SOMERSET SHOW.

Mr John WITHERS was awarded prizes for his Dairy Shorthorns which entered various classes:

Cow in calf	1st Prize
Heifer in calf under 3 years	3rd Prize
Cow in milk	1st and 2nd Prizes
2 Dairy Shorthorn females	2nd and 3rd Prizes
3 Dairy Shorthorn females	2nd Prize.

PARTY FOR HANDICAPPED

We were pleased to welcome members of the 'Tea Party Set' from Clevedon and Mrs GRIGG and Mrs WHITEHEAD, to a party at Kenn Court on the 11th of June. My thanks to Mrs WHITEHEAD, Mrs DENMEAD, Mrs PEARCE, Mrs LAMB and Mrs SURRIDGE who came along to help.
RMD.

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The President, Mrs Ruth DYER, welcomed members to Kenn W.I. on the 13th of June and paid tribute to member Mrs Betty SUMMERELL who had died recently; members stood in silence to her memory.

A lively report on the recent Women's Institute AGM at the Albert Hall was given by the delegate, Mrs Adeline MANN. Members were sad to know that this historic 75th AGM - attended by Her Majesty The Queen, herself a member of the Sandringham Institute - is likely to be the last to be held at the Albert Hall.

Details were given of the Cotswold Drive and Pub Supper on the 19th of June and the Charity Evening on the 26th June at Unique Farm, Kenn, in aid of Clevedon Care. Members were asked to support the plant stall at the July meeting.

The speaker, a miniaturist in woodwork, was Mrs R. HUDSON from Doylvou. Inspired by the architecture and Bath stonework in Bath, she produces miniatures of famous houses, perfect replicas both inside as well as outside, but one twenty-fourth or even one forty-eighth of the original size. Bath City Council commissioned her to make replicas of both the Pump Rooms and the Postal Museum, very much works of art. As a wedding present to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their marriage, she made a miniature of Highgrove House which included detailed fireplaces, doors and ceiling decorations in every room. An inspiring talk much enjoyed by members.

The competition for a miniature resulted in the award of four gold stars: Mrs DYER, Mrs WALTERS, Mrs LAMB and Mrs SURRIDGE - Silver to Mrs BUBB and Green to Mrs HAMBROOK.

The speaker for the 11th July will be humourist Mrs Ann FRANCIS on the subject of Jumble Sales and the competition will be for the sweetest smelling flowers.
Betty BUBB

POSTERS FOR BEST KEPT VILLAGE.

Some sixteen posters were entered in the Poster Competition for the Best Kept Village. Mrs Greta Lewis judged the entries and awarded prizes to :-

CLASS 1	1 Jo DYER
	2 Anna EDWARDS
	3 Andrew JENKINS.
CLASS 2	1 Clare EDWARDS
	2 Alexis PAPASOLOMONTOS
	3 Justin NAISH.

CLASS 3

- 1 Rebecca BRAIN
- 2 Kate GEORGE
- 3 Anastosis PAPASOLOMONTOS.

Other entries were received from - Naomi BRAIN, Leon NAISH, Lee STAPLES, Antonis PAPASOLOMONTOS, Joanna BRAIN, Lorraine STAPLES, and Louise EDWARDS who will receive a sweet award. Congratulations to everyone who entered - all entries are displayed at the entrance to the Village Hall.

RMD

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to which the public were invited there was a lively discussion on several topics.

Many of you will have received the Avon Health Directory that has been recently issued. Perhaps it was unfortunate that some copies were delivered on the same day as the Community Charge demands but concern has been expressed at the cost of producing such a directory and whether it can be kept up to date or quickly become useless. Several pertinent questions will be asked of the appropriate authorities and there will be more news later.

It was recognised that apart from the warning signs at each end of the village little could be done about traffic speeding along the main road, but in order to make Kenn Street safer for pedestrians and children and horses the Parish Council will investigate the possibility of 'sleeping policemen' in the Street. This would effectively slow traffic down, particularly that which uses the Street as a short cut.

Following from that there was the question of providing somewhere for children to play. This is probably fraught with a great many legal, insurance and supervisory minefields. However the Parish Council will investigate.

Finally, Best Kept Village time is upon us again. If everyone helps by picking up any litter around their premises it will make a tremendous difference. Let's hope that we are among the winners this year.

Ann HOLTHAM.

AFTERNOON TEA.

On a cloudy but warm day in June, past members of the Kenn Branch of the Mother's Union (now disbanded) and some friends, met in the garden of Conifers, Duck Lane for tea.

We had a bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle to aid the Children's Society. The sum of £37.50 was realized. All who came enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.
Gladys DENMEAD.

W.I. EVENING TOUR.

The W.I. Mystery Tour on Tuesday the 19th June started at the lay-by on Kenn Road and a party of 44, consisting of members, friends and husbands organized by the President, Mrs R. DYER, clambered aboard the coach with the air of happy schoolchildren on a day out. Banter and laughter seemed to be the order of the evening.

As the coach made its way up the M5 towards Gloucester, the meal tickets were handed out and speculation was rife as to the destination.

The route led through the outskirts of Gloucester, on to the A40 and up Birdlip Hill to its summit and then off on the Cotswold Scenic Route. How the scenery changed - especially for the farmers amongst us from the mixed cattle of the Scvern Valley to the arable lands with not a cow to be seen until we got to the hills and deep valleys surrounding Stroud.

Up the hill out of Stroud and on through the the little village of Cherington and out on the Fosse Way at Tetbury. Then to the Wotton-under-Edge road to Kingscote and our desination and food - Hunters Hall.

The menus chosen were duly served and enjoyed by all present. Whilst the service was somewhat chaotic, the quality of the food certainly made up for any deficiencies.

All replete we boarded the coach and made our way homeward. Miss Ann HOLTHAM thanked Mrs DYER for the pleasures of the evening, to which she replied that if she had not had our support she would not have been able to come. The driver was also thanked for his efforts on our behalf and thus ended a happy evening in good company.

DG

BETTY SUMMERELL

Betty SUMMERELL nee Pike has died at the BRI after a short illness. She was aged 59.

Betty was born and brought up at Moorside Farm and had lived almost all her life in the village and considered herself very much a Kenn person. She was never happier than when around the village. She was also a former pupil of Kenn School and there are still several of us around who attended school at the same time as Betty.

For several years she had worked as a postlady and often delivered letters around Kenn and was always cheerful when doing her rounds, rounds, liking to stop and chat to people she knew.

At her funeral at Weston Crematorium there was such a large number of people present that it was standing room only. Many were colleagues from the Post Office, Kenn people and also many members of her family.

I am sure that those who knew Betty would wish to join with me in expressing our sympathy to her family who included three daughters, a son, several grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

Ray NAISH.

ADGE CUTLER

Has anyone in the village got any records made by the late Adge CUTLER about this district? I'm especially interested in the one about the Rose and Crown and people in Kenn. If you have any of these records, would you mind having them taped, as there are many people living here now who have never heard them and would very much like to. Perhaps these records can still be purchased. If anyone knows where, would they please let me know. Thanks.

Ray NAISH

FROM THE POND.

There is nothing very exciting to report from the pond at the moment. We still have the full-grown toads and masses of taddies - they seem to be taking a long time to develop unless there is another brood. We do have some small frogs hopping about but not many.

Incidentally, we were in Cornwall a few weeks ago and went to Lanhydrock - the bluebell woods were magnificent. We've been many times but never have we seen them so beautiful. We spoke to the warden about them and he agreed that this year was an exceptional year for wild flowers.

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THE MARCHING MACKAY 1

Last year I did a sponsored 200 mile walk for the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, a society which helps blind people in the more underdeveloped Commonwealth countries. I raised £316.42, of which £200.36 was raised from Kenn residents. A few days ago I received details of how your money was spent.

It had been divided equally between a hospital bed in Bhopal and an eye camp in Bangladesh. The eye camp was held in the village of Suzanagar in Pabna District, Bangladesh. Surgeons performed 26 operations for the restoration of sight and 2 operations for the prevention of imminent blindness. 255 patients were treated in all for various eye disorders.

THE MARCHING MACKAY 2

This year in company with a friend I'm doing another walk; this time for the World Wildlife Fund. Last year we walked along the coastal path from Minehead to Lands End, staying at Youth Hostels. This time we are camping and walking 200 miles from St. Bees Head near Whitehaven to Robin Hood's Bay near Whitby, across the Lake District, Pennines and the Yorkshire Moors - some of the wildest country in Britain. As we are financing the walk out of our own pockets, and are taking none of the charitable funds, we are trying to make money in all possible ways. So if you need a babysitter, a car washer, someone to run errands or do odd jobs PLEASE PLEASE AND PLEASE AGAIN ask ME. James MACKAY (873774, ring anytime).

FROM THE POTTING SHED

Dear Kate,

If you are trying to economise on the cost of gardening why not try taking cuttings? This is a good time to be starting and I'm sure your friends would be willing to let you loose in their gardens. Certainly, if I have anything you fancy you are very welcome to some snippings.

Do you expect to be in your present house for a few months? If so you could also sow some wallflower seeds and Sweet Williams for next spring. These are both fairly cheap and cheerful and easy to grow.

Meanwhile, if you have any of those plants which are subject to Mildew - Michaelmass daisies, Golden Rod etc now is a good time to spray with fungicide. It is also a good idea to keep picking dead heads to encourage blooming.

Happy snipping - Yours, Uncle Freddie and Auntie.

FROM HQ.

Dear Uncle Freddie,

Although nothing is certain until you sign on the dotted line - we have sold the house and are in the process of buying a house in Clevedon. The latter is very exciting as it comes complete with a larger garden incorporating a vegetable plot and greenhouse. I can't wait to start afresh. One task that will be involved in the move is the uprooting, transportation and replanting of my beloved little Weeping Cherry tree. It was none the worse for its journey when it came to Kenn and so we must hope for the same good fortune this time. I am hoping we do not move before my window boxes here bloom. We decided to throw in a packet of seeds for 6 - 8" plants. We've since lost the packet and are now intrigued to know what the 14" Triffids are that have now appeared. They look for all the world like tomato plants at present!

Thanks for the offer of some 'snippings'. If it's not too late when we move I'll be in touch.
Yours, Kate.

SKITTLES MARATHON.

Well, the big day draws near and I hope you're all looking forward to a super days entertainment.

We've had a smashing response to the pleas in last month's magazine for volunteers to help make the day go with a real swing. Along with the sponsored skittles (we've actually had to turn players away), there'll be a room full of sideshows, games and competitions. Some to test your skill, some simply to enjoy.

We have a willing team of ladies ready to supply tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits throughout the day. We have our regular Barbeque team who will be cooking mouthwatering sausages and burgers in the evening which they will sell at very reasonable prices.

So come along on the day - there'll be something for everyone, old and young - and don't forget - it's all for local charities and causes. Everyone will benefit from your generosity and have fun at the same time.

Sounds good doesn't it? Pity it's all nonsense. Reverse everything you have just read and you'll have the truth. With the exception of the RDQ team we had precisely NO phone calls from ANYBODY on the subject of this event so do you know what we are going to do? NOTHING. The day is cancelled.

There are those among us who actually enjoy organising and taking part in fundraising activities and quite often this is done against all the odds. But on this occasion I'm afraid it has been decided to throw in the towel. Now some may say this is a defeatist attitude - I agree. But ask yourselves whose is the greater loss? Apart from the fact that the local charities and causes we aim to help won't receive the funds raised, the whole village and its friends and relations miss the opportunity to join together in the name of 'community spirit'.

Last year Kenn was awarded high praise in the local media for the amount of money that was raised for the BKI. For a village of less than 300 people it was fantastic and everyone was entitled to feel a certain amount of pride. But they say that pride comes before a fall.

I imagine some will say what a shame that this cancellation has come about - that so and so's children were looking forward to it. Fair enough - but now ask yourselves what YOU did to encourage the event. Answer - Nothing.

Time and time again we hear the plea for 'young blood' to join the committees and inject new ideas and enthusiasm. But when the 'young blood' does so what do they get? Complaints, disinterest and precious little support, if any. Apathy rules OK.

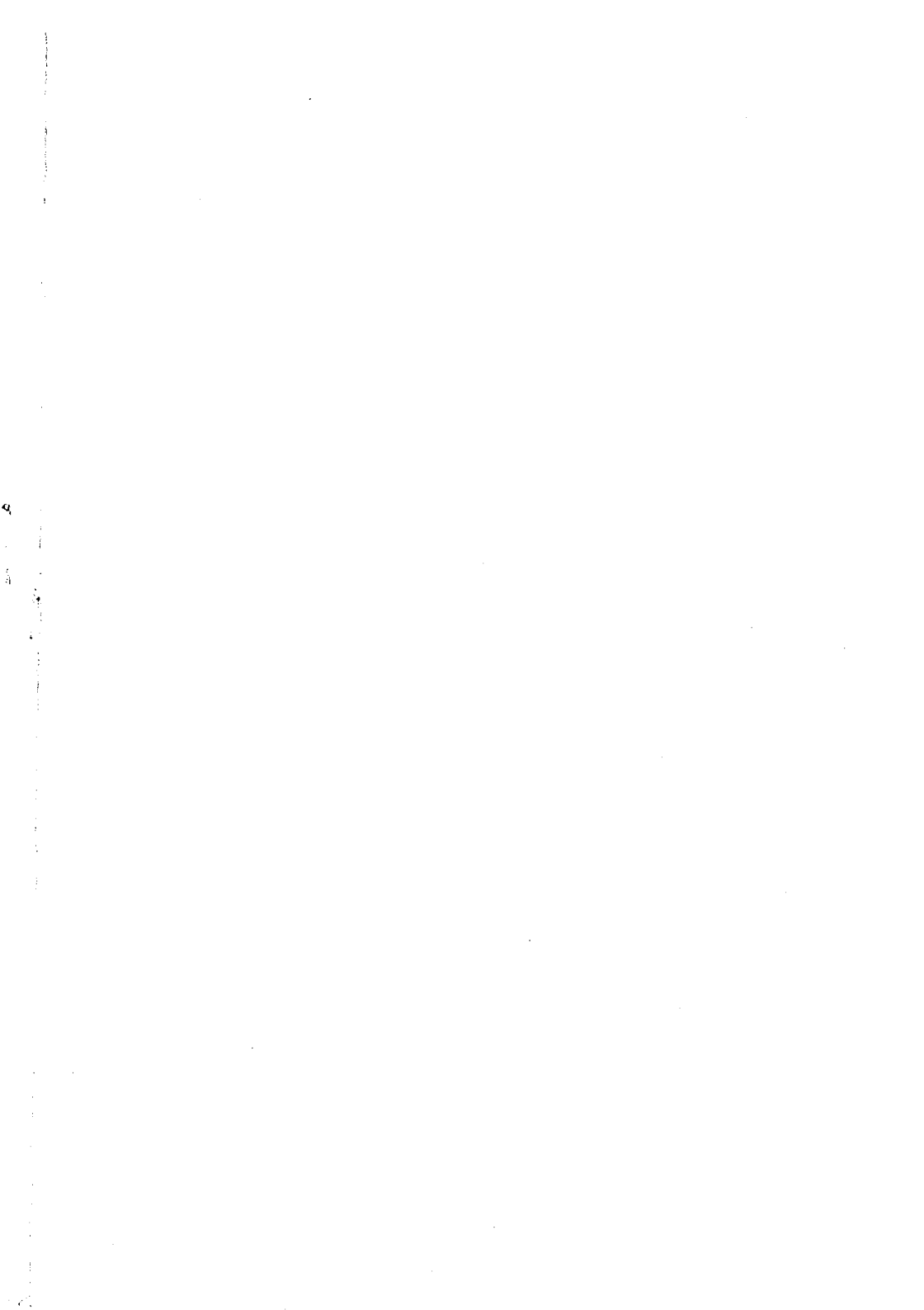
Never has so much been done by so few for so many and never has so little been done by so many for so few. Along with the thwarting of the good intentions of the organisers of the skittles marathon, we also note that two other events have recently been cancelled due to lack of support.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU FOR GOODNESS SAKE??

If you don't use it you'll lose it. Take that whichever way you like.
KD

LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

We are indebted to Richard GAUNT for typing this issue. Thanks.
KD - SN.



THE GREAT KENN CAR TREASURE HUNT

Last year both Robin and Richard had fun
Setting and marking the Kennites car run.
You exceeded our hopes with your humour
and wit.
Another is needed so prepare for it.

The date has been set - its July 29
At 3pm from the green, so be in good time
Send your name to Avril on 875992
At £3 per car its tremendous value.

This fee is modest and so is the poem.
There's even a BBQ at the Gaunt's home
So after the finish you may eat your fill
And drink and be merry - Im sure we will