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It's here at last! After a complimentary thumbs up from the examiner, the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan now goes to a Referendum of the permanent residents of Thurlestone, Bantham, and Buckland, on 28th June 2018.

The Plan itself is a formidable document, running to several hundred pages, and can be read in full on the Parish website. The key items in it are the POLICIES, which are set out at the end of the opening update in this issue by Tony Goddard, Steering Group Chairman, along with details of the voting procedure to be followed for the referendum prepared by Sue Crowther.

A simple majority of the votes cast in the Referendum will determine the outcome.

We hope that those who are eligible to vote in this Referendum will turn out in force from Bantham, Buckland, and Thurlestone to ensure that the result truly reflects the view of our communities.

The Steering Group can now retire from the field with the quiet satisfaction of a job well done. Tony Goddard has presided over its activities with his customary unflappable charm, while Sue Crowther, whose professional expertise has masterminded the plan from start to finish, has put in an unrelenting personal effort over three years, engaging with our communities, to design, develop, construct, and write up the Plan and see it through to a Referendum.

It is now up to the community to decide on 28th June whether it has all been worthwhile.

Founder Dudley Drabble

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YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Now that our Neighbourhood Plan has passed a successful examination, been agreed to by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), in our case South Hams District Council, and the referendum date is set for 28th June, it may be worth explaining exactly how the LPA will use the Neighbourhood Plan to help determine planning applications in the parish.

Section 38(6) of the 2004 Planning and Compensation Act requires that all applications are to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. This is the starting point for determining all applications, though alongside this there are other statutes which govern particular aspects. The important thing to remember is that once the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' (or adopted), it sits alongside the Local Plan (or Development Plan) adopted by South Hams itself and has equal weight with the Local Plan.

Even before a Neighbourhood Plan is actually 'made' it can carry some weight. The national planning guidance states that the weight accorded depends on the stage of preparation of the plan and the amount of weight given is always up to the decision maker. The decision maker in this case is the LPA. Since South Hams has decided that we have had a successful examination and is not opposing any of our policies, including the settlement boundaries round Bantham and Buckland, the Plan currently carries 'significant weight' and is already being used when decisions are made on applications in the parish.

It will not carry 'full weight' until after the referendum – so long as the referendum result is in favour of the plan being used to determine planning applications in the parish. Legally the Plan is not 'made' until the LPA endorses it at a full Council meeting, but the national guidance says that in fact a neighbourhood plan can be given full weight from the moment a successful referendum result is declared.

Thus assuming the plan passes referendum, we shall have a document that the planners will have to consider just as much as they have to consider the Local Development Plan in force for the LPA at the time. At the moment this is the old Core Strategy and its associated Development Plan documents. Soon it will be the new Joint Local Plan being prepared with Plymouth City and West Devon Borough Councils.

When planning officers set about writing a decision report for an application they have a set template. This will include a list of all the development plan policies current at the time and they pick out the relevant ones for the application they are dealing with. For any decisions to be made in the parish it will include a list of our policies. Together these make up the policies which have to be considered according to s.38(6) of the 2004 Act quoted above.

The council officers are using the Local Plan all the time, but will not know the detail of the Thurlestone policies so well. This is why it is so important that when the Parish Council sends a response to an application – which they are invited to do for all applications in the parish – they pick out and emphasise any details in our policies which are particular to the neighbourhood plan and are 'extra' to, or refinements of, the Local Plan policies.

The Neighbourhood Plan will mean that the Parish has taken a really significant step in shaping its own future development. The Examiner was right to be so complimentary.

Judy Pearce
District Councillor

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



After three years' work by many people in the parish, we now have a date for the Referendum on the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan – **Thursday 28th June 2018**.

The Update for the April/May edition of *Village Voice* reported the appointment of the Independent Examiner Mr John Slater who had informed us that he would hope to conclude his examination in early May. True to his word, we received his report on 1st May, which was coincidentally the date of the Steering Group meeting.

It is appropriate that I should report that Mr Slater was most complimentary and congratulated the Steering Group and the Parish Council for producing what he called "*a well-focused and locally distinctive neighbourhood plan,*" which he said "*had been produced in a very timely fashion.*" Well done to all those who contributed towards the preparation of the Plan - some in the front line and many behind the scenes – and particularly to all those who took the time to participate in the various surveys and events that have taken place over the past three years.

I am also pleased to report that South Hams District Council has decided that, subject to the Examiner's proposed specific modifications, our Plan should proceed to Referendum.

As reported in my last Update even without the result of the Referendum, the Plan's policies are already being given weight and now the Plan has successfully gone through examination, it has significant weight. Councillor Judy Pearce has expanded on this particular point elsewhere in this issue.

It will now be for the Parish Council to take up the mantle from the Steering Group. For the future, the Parish Council is obligated to monitor the Plan annually, review it every 5 years, and to update it as and when appropriate over the Plan period (up to 2034).

The following initiatives prompted by the Plan are already underway in the parish:

- **Community Wifi**
- **DAAT night landing site**
- **Protection of Heritage Assets**
- **Community Land Trust**

For the present, however, it is the Referendum that is important and it is hoped that as many people as possible turn out to vote. It is worth noting that Thurlestone Parish is third past the post in South Hams District, alongside Newton and Noss which has its Referendum on the same day as us. The **Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan** was made (adopted) on 7th December 2017; and the **Ugborough Neighbourhood Development Plan** was made on 17th May 2018.

Details follow of the **Voting Procedure** and a **Summary of the Plan Policies** to assist you with your decision. The parish website will also feature a **Q & A page** for anyone who has a question they may wish to raise. For those who do not have access to computers, hard copies of the Plan will be available for reference at the two village shops and in the Buckland Box.

It just remains for me to urge you to please take the time to come out and vote on 28th June.

Tony Goddard (Steering Group Chairman)



What you told us...

"I would like to see little change to the river and the estuary area to maintain the appeal of the area. I would like my children to enjoy what I have enjoyed."

"I have lived here all my life and I love it the way it is now." (aged 14)

"There is a need to balance out the age groups, which at the moment are dominated by retirement and second homes."

"Jobs are the only way to sustainable prosperity"

"The big problem is seasonality, we need to ensure all year round living."

"The natural environment and particularly the coastline should be protected at all costs."

"I would like my children to live and be able to buy in the area."

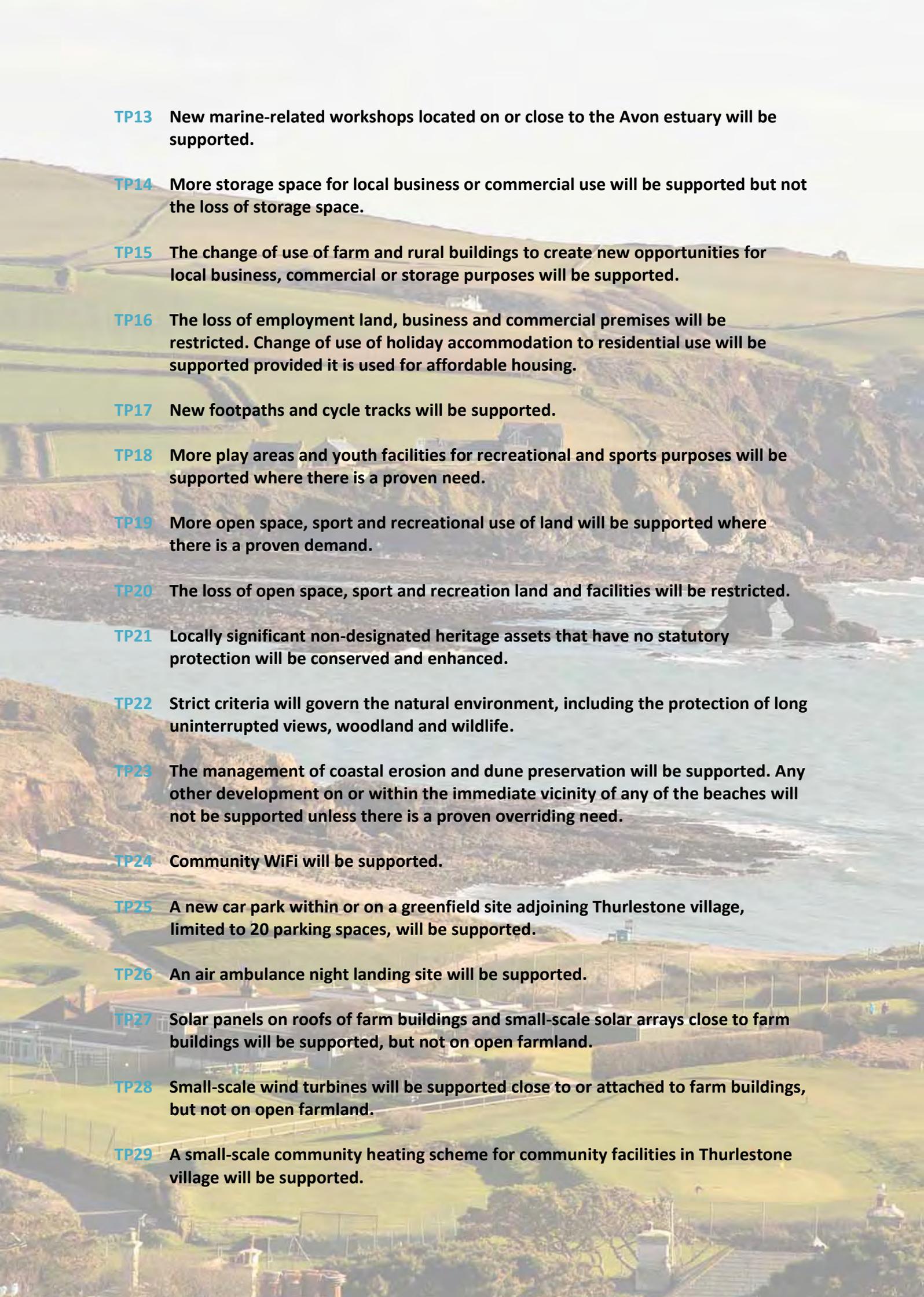
"Housing is too expensive! We have to have a sustainable parish to enable youngsters to live/buy here."

THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A SUMMARY OF THE POLICIES

Please note that all policies are subject to specific criteria that take into account local circumstances, specifically the South Devon AONB, the Heritage Coast and the Undeveloped Coast.

- TP1** All proposals must meet certain general development principles relating to residential amenity, design, infrastructure, dark skies, the natural environment, historic environment, access and parking.
- TP2** Settlement boundaries are designated for Buckland and Bantham, and the Thurlestone settlement boundary has been amended.
- TP3** Affordable housing will be supported as infill within the designated settlement boundaries and on sites that would not normally be used for housing if it meets clearly identified local housing needs.
- TP4** Open market housing will only be supported as infill within the designated settlement boundaries of a size, type and tenure that reflects clearly identified local housing needs and will be subject to a principle residence requirement.
- TP5** The reuse of farm and rural buildings for residential purposes will be supported if no longer required for agricultural or any other economic use and will be subject to a principle residence requirement.
- TP6** All new open market housing (excluding one for one replacement dwellings) will be subject to a principal residence requirement.
- TP7** The size of replacement dwellings and extensions will be restricted.
- TP8** Economic development will be supported, including homeworking and flexible working practices.
- TP9** The expansion of existing shops, cafes and restaurants, B&Bs, hotels and pubs will be supported.
- TP10** New premises suitable for cafes and restaurants, a surf/water sports shop, arts and crafts workshops, and farm shop will be supported.
- TP11** The expansion of existing caravan and campsites where there is a proven demand will be supported but not new caravan, camp and chalet sites.
- TP12** A new business hub with shared facilities for small businesses will be supported.

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- TP13** New marine-related workshops located on or close to the Avon estuary will be supported.
- TP14** More storage space for local business or commercial use will be supported but not the loss of storage space.
- TP15** The change of use of farm and rural buildings to create new opportunities for local business, commercial or storage purposes will be supported.
- TP16** The loss of employment land, business and commercial premises will be restricted. Change of use of holiday accommodation to residential use will be supported provided it is used for affordable housing.
- TP17** New footpaths and cycle tracks will be supported.
- TP18** More play areas and youth facilities for recreational and sports purposes will be supported where there is a proven need.
- TP19** More open space, sport and recreational use of land will be supported where there is a proven demand.
- TP20** The loss of open space, sport and recreation land and facilities will be restricted.
- TP21** Locally significant non-designated heritage assets that have no statutory protection will be conserved and enhanced.
- TP22** Strict criteria will govern the natural environment, including the protection of long uninterrupted views, woodland and wildlife.
- TP23** The management of coastal erosion and dune preservation will be supported. Any other development on or within the immediate vicinity of any of the beaches will not be supported unless there is a proven overriding need.
- TP24** Community WiFi will be supported.
- TP25** A new car park within or on a greenfield site adjoining Thurlestone village, limited to 20 parking spaces, will be supported.
- TP26** An air ambulance night landing site will be supported.
- TP27** Solar panels on roofs of farm buildings and small-scale solar arrays close to farm buildings will be supported, but not on open farmland.
- TP28** Small-scale wind turbines will be supported close to or attached to farm buildings, but not on open farmland.
- TP29** A small-scale community heating scheme for community facilities in Thurlestone village will be supported.

VOTING PROCEDURE

1. The question to be asked at the Referendum will be:

"Do you want South Hams District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Thurlestone to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

You vote by putting a cross (X) in the 'Yes' or 'No' box on the ballot paper.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in the Referendum, then South Hams District Council (SHDC) will use the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan to help it to decide planning applications within Thurlestone Parish. The Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan once made (adopted) will then become part of the Development Plan used by the Local Planning Authority (SHDC).

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' in the Referendum, or there is a tied vote, then planning applications will continue to be decided without reference to the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for the local area.

The Referendum will be conducted by SHDC in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections. The votes will be counted by SHDC staff at Follaton House in Totnes and the result will be announced by the Returning Officer (or their deputy) the following morning.

2. Who can vote?

A person is entitled to vote if at the time of the Referendum, they meet the eligibility criteria to vote in a local election for the area and if they live in the Referendum area. The eligibility criteria are: you are registered to vote in local government elections on 12 June 2018; and you are 18 years of age or over on 28 June 2018. If you are not registered, you won't be able to vote. You can check if you are registered by calling the SHDC Helpline on 01803 861434. If you are not registered to vote, you can go online to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote with your national insurance number **by midnight on 12 June 2018**. If you do not have access to the internet please call our helpline on 01803 861434 during office hours making sure you allow enough time to complete and return an application form by 12 June 2018.

3. How to vote?

In person: On Thursday 28th June 2018 at your local polling station. You will receive a poll card confirming your polling station for this Referendum is Thurlestone Parish Hall and that it is open from 7am to 10pm.

By post: If you have a postal vote already, you will receive a poll card confirming this. If you want to vote by post, you will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer to arrive by **5pm on Wednesday 13 June at SHDC**. Application forms are available by sending an email to sh-postalvoting@swdevon.gov.uk or you can call the SHDC helpline on 01803 861434. You should receive your postal vote approximately 10 days before polling day.

By proxy: If you have a proxy vote already, you will receive a poll card confirming this. This means that somebody that you trust can vote on your behalf. If you don't already have a proxy vote, you will need to complete an application form and send it to SHDC to arrive by **5.00pm on Wednesday 20th June 2018**. You can call the SHDC helpline on 01803 861434 or email SH-proxyvoting@swdevon.gov.uk to request an application form.

4. Do you need transport to the polling station?

If you need assistance getting to the polling station and would otherwise be unable to vote, please contact the following transport coordinators: for Buckland and Bantham - David Martin tel. 560796; Thurlestone Mead - Chris White tel. 560505; and everywhere else - David Houghton tel. 560555.

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

9 April 2018

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE A night landing site had been identified in a field owned by Geoffrey Stidston. An area 50 x 50m will be used, leaving the rest of the field for crops. A single lighting column with two lamps will be served by a local electricity supply or by battery and wind power will be part of the installation. A date will be arranged for local consultation (*later fixed for 4 June, 6.00pm, Yeo Room*) to be followed later by a full presentation to the Parish Council.

PARISH HALL would be interested to establish if some land might become available once the current garage owner stops trading.

HIGHWAYS Large potholes are being marked with yellow paint to alert motorists to the hazard pending their repair. Speed alert signs will cost around £2000 each and Councillor Marshall is doing some investigations. More robust bollards will be put up outside church at a cost of £200.

FOOTPATHS Councillor Hurrell has so far repaired the raised path from Swallows to Heathfield but the lower part of the path and the path at the end of Eddystone road remain to be done.

TREES The problem trees at Valleyside, Buckland to be raised with District Councillor Judy Pearce and enquiries to be made as to whether residents are willing to employ a tree surgeon to do further work, at their own cost.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Awaiting the Examiner's report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Rufus Gilbert said that there is an enormous backlog of road repair work to be done, due to the very bad weather this winter.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Judy Pearce reported. *Waste Management.* A review is being undertaken about an external provider. *Council Tax payment* From 1.4.18 SHDC will no longer accept cash or cheques. *Planning meeting.* The Parish Council have been asked to send a representative to a meeting on 25 April. *Data Protection.* In May they will hold a meeting on the new General Data Protection Regulations which the Parish Clerk will probably attend.

CHAIRMAN *Gritting Machine.* A second-hand machine available at Marlborough for £1700. *Maintenance.* There is a requirement for a person to do two to three hours each month on parish maintenance and this will be discussed later. *Snow clearance* Further letters of thanks have been sent to all the volunteers.

24 April 2018

(1) **CHAIRMAN** reported briefly:

New Parish Clerk. 7 applicants for the post and Helen Nathanson selected.

Parish Councillors were thanked for being a well-versed team.

Parish Volunteers Residents are willing and able to offer expert advice and help of many kinds for which we thank them. Mike Bone and Paul Martin have set up and run the excellent parish website, the latter also doing a variety of maintenance tasks around the parish, and Mike Stickland does a good job as our parish representative on the SW Coastal Path organisation.

Mobile Phone Mast. With the installation of the mast on the Thurlestone Hotel roof the signal is now good in Thurlestone.

Roads. Devon County Council to review road signage and potholes will be marked with yellow paint pending their repair. *(See County Councillor's report later on this page).*

Planning. A sub-committee to be set up to scrutinise planning applications prior to consideration by the full Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plan is now awaiting the Examiners report. We are particularly indebted to Sue Crowther for the enormous amount of work she has put into this project.

Care Home in Thurlestone has closed.

Bantham Garage will cease trading at the end of April. Internet crowd-funding for a farewell gift to Keith and Evelyn has been well supported.

(2) **Sue Crowther** gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. *(See elsewhere in this issue).*

(3) **District Councillor Judy Pearce** gave a short report. *(See elsewhere in this issue).*

14 May 2018

NEW PARISH CLERK Helen Nathanson, was introduced and welcomed.

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE Anna Martin said a meeting will be held on Monday 4 June, at 6pm in the Yeo Room, to discuss the proposed new night-landing site. She has sent letters to all the possibly light-affected houses nearby.

WI-FI AND BROADBAND Chris White said Broadband are agreeing terms with the owners of various properties in Thurlestone and Churchstow which could be used as base stations. Community wi-fi will hopefully be available in Bantham shortly.

ELECTIONS The following were duly proposed, seconded, and elected: Parish Clerk Helen Nathanson, Parish Council Chairman Andrew Rhymes, Vice-Chairman Charles Mitchelmore, Parish Hall representative Bronwen Zaffiro, Tree Warden Charles Mitchelmore, Neighbourhood Plan Group Tony Goddard.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Judy Pearce reported. *Waste Management.* It had been agreed to proceed to the next stage with an external provider. *Public Toilets.* No figures yet on running costs. *Electric car charging points* to be in the Creek car park at Salcombe and in one of the public car parks in Kingsbridge. SHDC will apply for a grant from the European funds allocated to Devon which might reduce costs to around £4000. Thought should be given now to a possible charging point in Thurlestone.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Rufus Gilbert reported. *Bantham Swoosh* is due to be held on Saturday 14 July and there will be road closure with traffic diversions from Aunemouth Cross to Bantham roundabout from 6am to noon. *Road repairs* have overwhelmed DCC with a huge backlog which they now can only do in strict rotation according to the safety issue. The problem is not money but lack of vehicles and manpower. He is extremely unhappy with this turn of events which cannot be changed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN The Examiner's Report was received 1st May, recommending the SHDC proceed to Referendum, and they have now arranged for voting to take place in the Parish Hall on Thursday 28 June, when it is hoped for a high turn out of parishioners.

The full Parish Council minutes are available on the parish website

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Teas will be served in the Parish Hall throughout the afternoon.

Enquiries to Sue Dwyer 01548 560648

We are most grateful to all the householders who have kindly allowed this
access to their gardens.

Postbag

Dear Editor

Our four-legged friends

I am writing this in response to the classical scholar who writes Latin verse for his own dog and the dogs of his friends. I lost my classical scholar ten years ago, but before he went I had taught John the value of having dogs in our family life.

Last August I celebrated my 80th birthday, telling the children I did not want any presents. (At my age you have had all you want, you cannot bring loved ones back but you have all one's memories). Ignoring my request my son Geoff put a large black plastic bag down beside me with the words "Open it up". He is taller than me so I did as I was told!

I opened it to reveal a pink fleece and my heart sank. I glanced round my assembled friends and wondered what on earth he had done. To my great delight on the other side of the pink fleece were pictures of all the dogs that John and I owned throughout our married life, over 47 years, from Kenya days, round the world, and finally to Thurlestone.

We had in all twelve dogs. They had come from a Kenyan dog pound, Battersea Dogs' Home, and Ascot dog rescue centre. The one from here weighed in at just over three pounds, survived a severely broken hip and had to walk on the lead for six weeks.

Eventually we walked the Thames all the way from Lechlade to Richmond, and she was with us until she was seventeen.

Next we visited Plymouth Dogs' Home, then a farm near Totnes, South Milton, and near Strete. Finally I rescued a dog who had stayed by the bedside of her Mum for four days after the latter had collapsed. A friend of hers and I visited her at Derriford Hospital and when I said I would give a home to her dog she was so pleased.

Scruffy, from Ascot rescue centre was the only one to have puppies. John gave the most handsome one to son Geoff and after that we always had two dogs. Now they are all on my bed on the fleece and they all get a 'goodnight' pat.

Pat Crawford

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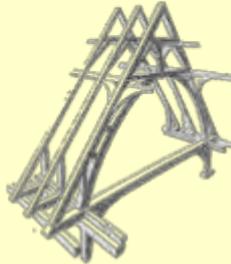
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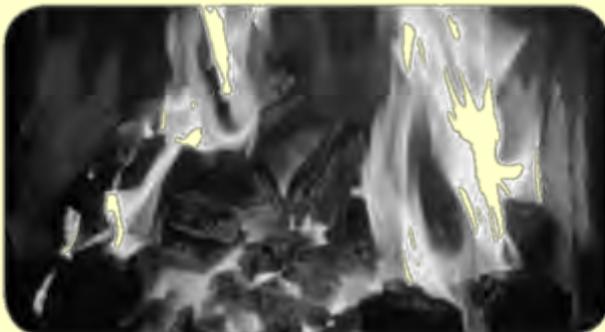
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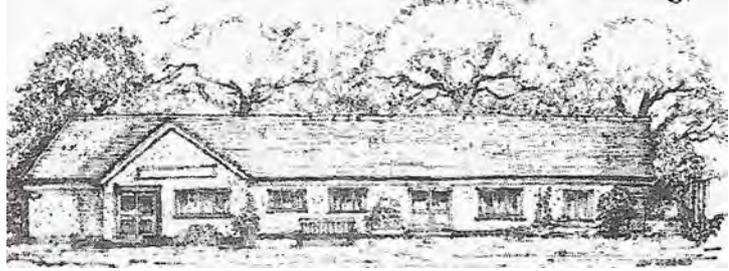
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PARISH HALL NEWS



By Neill Irwin

Another Royal wedding has taken place. What a pity the Parish Hall was previously engaged. It would have been nice to have been able to let the happy couple hold their reception here. Ah well, I suppose Windsor Castle was a fair alternative. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

Talking of major events, we have quite a few planned for this year. The **Open Gardens** event, which was first held two years ago, is planned for Sunday, 15th July. Your committee member, Sue Dwyer, has put a lot of effort into coordinating activities and I am sure we will all have a fascinating afternoon. Back in 2016 it never stopped raining all day but that did not deter us. This year we expect glorious sunshine and look forward to a gentle stroll from garden to garden with a spot of afternoon tea to refresh us. See you there.

On the 23rd June we have the very popular **Midsummer Wine and Cheese** luncheon in the Parish Hall. This has been a regular feature of our programme of events and it has grown in strength from year to year. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the social aspect of living in a beautiful Devon parish. The noise of the chattering crowd, helped by the flow of good wine, is drowned out only by the clattering of plates as vast quantities of cheese and pate disappear. Go on, enjoy yourselves!

And while putting dates in your diary, make sure you have the date of **Thursday 28 June** ringed in red, when the Parish Hall becomes the polling station for the **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** - a key date in our Parish history.

Looking further forward we have the **Annual Autumn Fair** in September. As always, we are grateful to the groups of parishioners who use the Hall on a regular basis for their yearly effort in providing lots of interesting stalls for this Fair.

We have always been very fortunate in the extremely high standard of musicians we have attracted to perform in the Parish Hall. Just think of the recent wonderfully entertaining evening we enjoyed with virtuoso pianist Tim Abel and friends in April. We have another outstanding musician, **Johan de Cock**, coming to entertain us in October. More details of these events will be in the next issue of Village Voice.

This is my last report. My six years as Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee ended at the AGM in April. It has been an interesting six years with lots of activity and lots of fun. I will no doubt miss the adrenaline rush but I feel it is important that a new chairperson with new ideas takes the helm. My heartfelt thanks to all the people who have helped run our Parish Hall over the full term of my chairmanship and my best wishes to the next chairperson.

Neill Irwin

Thurlestone Phonebox.....Ring Ring

Plenty of Royal occasions to display our bunting and crown. I did send William and Kate an e-mail suggesting their son should be called Kit but received no reply and as he was eventually called Louis, after my Grand-daughter Louie, can only suppose I sent it to the wrong address. I write this before Harry and Meghan tie the knot but I'm sure Thurlestone will join in the celebrations and consume its fair share of champagne.

In fact, as you have probably noticed, our Phonebox does have a permanent crown moulded into the metal frame above the door. The Post Office was originally in charge of the national phone network and installed the first phoneboxes. Because they were a government department they were allowed to use the crown as an



emblem. They used the Tudor crown painted red. In 1953 with Queen Elizabeth on the throne it was decided to change it to the Saint Edward's crown and given more prominence painting it gold. Ours is the Tudor crown so we know your Phonebox was installed prior to 1953.

You will shortly be voting in our Neighbourhood Plan Referendum which, if adopted, will protect our Phonebox for posterity. Happy summer, have fun, and don't forget the sun-cream.

Kit Marshall

Buckland Box

The Buckland Box held its Easter event on Easter Saturday when 35 adults and children came along to drink tea, eat Nitca's cakes and chat to their friends. The children, accompanied by their parents had a trail to follow which took them round Peter Hurrell's field and Anna Sullivan's charming allotment, where they found parts of a puzzle, which then required colouring in. Thank you to Carey for producing the puzzle, Nitca for making the cakes, Ben for letting us use the garden of Summer Cottage and Gillie for pouring the tea. Thanks to those who donated to the Buckland Box painting fund. I just need someone who is prepared to do it!

I found a Post Office maintenance man and his van outside the letter box next to the Buckland Box this week. He had come to "solve" the snail problem which results in our letters being eaten. He has made the aperture narrower and shallower and thinks that will help. Apparently the copper tape that they used to use has only a temporary effect. He showed me a bag of about 30 huge snails that he had picked out of the post box. Let's hope that it reduces the problem as some of us are no longer using the post box because of it, and if we do not use it, we might lose it!

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Village News Round-Up

Thurlestone Gardens

On Sunday 15 July, from 1pm to 5pm, Sue Dwyer has organised another set of gardens for us to visit and enjoy. The gardens are: Greenways, Ilbert Road (Juliet Atkin), Yarmer, Ilbert Road (Sue & Declan Dwyer), Kennedy, opposite church (Martin & Cheryl Beck), Lower Kerse (Diana & Stephen Parker-Swift), Old Rectory (Marian & Bryan Rigby) and Old Rectory gardens. Tickets and maps from 12.45pm at the Parish Hall, where afternoon teas will also be available.

Farewell Party

The Events Room at the Village Inn was crowded on the evening of 10 May as parishioners gathered to say a sad, but fond, farewell to Keith Foale and Evelyn Grant after Bantham Garage finally closed its doors. Parish Council chairman, Jack Rhymes, led the tributes to them, thanking them for their sterling work for so long in helping to keep parish wheels turning smoothly. To show appreciation, an online appeal had been well supported for a parting gift to Keith and Evelyn.

From now on Keith will be working for the Churchstow MOT Centre at Unit 4c, South Hams Business Park (01548 856777).

Horticultural Show

The annual Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show will be taking place on Saturday 4 August. It isn't **all** about vegetables and flowers, so if you don't grow anything but you do paint, take photographs, do any sort of handicraft, or enjoy baking, please support the show and have a think about what you can enter.

Schedules will be in the PO at Thurlestone, the Bantham Store and the Village Hall porch at South Milton in June or you can contact Tom Gilkes (560973) or Pat Macdonald (560436) for one.

WW1 at Overbeck's

From 30 June to 30 September, 11am to 4pm, there is an exhibition about the house's role as a Red Cross VAD Hospital during the Great War, and how it would have been for the nurses serving there and the wounded

soldiers. This will be followed on Wednesday 25 July and Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 August, 11 am to 4 pm, by hands-on demonstrations of Edwardian crafts, showing how recuperating soldiers amused and occupied themselves by decorating shells, making cardboard animals and raffia flowers.

Newspaper deliveries

Sandra Edmonds and family, who have been delivering daily newspapers in the parish for 18 years, have to cease deliveries for an unspecified period from 28 May due to unforeseen circumstances. This is very sad for many residents who have grown used to the excellent and unfailing service given, for which we thank them warmly. Village Voice sends the family good wishes for the future and hopes to hear when they will be able to re-start deliveries.

Bantham 'Swoosh'

The Outdoor Swimming Association has arranged their fourth 'swoosh' down the Avon from Aveton Gifford on Saturday 14 July. The road from Aunemouth Cross to Bantham roundabout will be closed to traffic, which will be diverted, from 6am to noon on the day. The swimmers will enter the water from 7.40am, all 800 of them!

Kingsbridge in Bloom

The Kingsbridge in Bloom (KiB) group have just been invited, for the second time, to take part in Britain in Bloom, when they will be pitted against the Best Small Towns in the UK, in the Champion of Champions contest. Judging will take place during July and August, and Village Voice sends them all good wishes for a successful outcome!

Concert Appreciation

Music lover, Pat Townsend, an appreciative member of the audience when Tim and Emma Abel and Connor McAllister performed at the Parish Hall on 21 April, writes to say:

"What a delightful evening of music with such talented young people. We are so lucky that the Parish Hall committee continue to provide us with a variety of lovely musical concerts. Thank you."

MARGARET EDITH MAUDE GROSE 1921-2018

Margaret died on 7 April 2018 and the Grose family have kindly allowed us to write this tribute to her long and well-lived life including some of the details from an address given at her recent memorial service in Thurlestone parish church.

To her family she was mum or ma, nan, nana, granny or great-granny. She was born in Australia and lived there until the age of 17 when the family decided to live in England. Margaret's father was Ernest Clutterbuck, a captain in the Royal Australian Merchant Navy whose ship, in WW1, was blown up in the Irish Sea. As a result he suffered from shell-shock (what would now be termed 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder') and was sent to Ireland to convalesce during which time he met his future wife, Mary. Back in Australia he was advised by his doctors to live in a quiet place, away from stress. He married Mary in Melbourne in 1919 and they lived happily in a property in the hills of the Dandenong Ranges, east of Melbourne, where they enjoyed a rural life. Margaret was born in 1921 and her sister Pat in 1923. Mary Clutterbuck was insistent the girls should not adopt any hint of an Australian "twang" - they had to say "cake" not "coike"!

From the age of 12, Margaret was educated at an exclusive girls' boarding school in Melbourne. By the time she was 17, however, her mother had decided that no suitable partners for the girls were likely to be found in Australia, so it was agreed the family should return to the UK.

Having arrived in England Margaret went to Bishop Blackall School in Exeter, after which she received a secretarial training. Some time later, whilst working in the city architect's department at Exeter County Hall, she met Peter Grose and married him in 1944. His architectural career made their life quite nomadic and in the mid-1950s Peter's father Bert Grose, asked them to return to Thurlestone to join the family hotel business, where Margaret also became involved in house-keeping and flower-arranging. By 1960 their four children (David, Graham, Jonathan, and Jane) had been born, but very sadly Margaret and Peter divorced in 1971.

Son David and his wife Scilla had by now entered the family business, followed a little later by Graham, so Margaret, semi-retired, lived happily in a flat adjoining the hotel, forging new friendships, finding her own direction in life and becoming very much her own person. Her impish sense of humour and infectious laugh would brighten anyone's day. She maintained her garden, loved watching the birds, and doing the 'Telegraph' crosswords. She had a strong Christian faith all her life and was an active church member in Thurlestone, helping out at Wednesday coffee mornings. Devoted to her family, in her old age she was surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sadly in her 90s Margaret started to suffer from vascular dementia and short-term memory loss, and at the age of 93 it became necessary for her to receive full care. Ivydene Nursing Home in Ivybridge became her home in her final days, and here she received wonderful help from caring staff. Even at a great old age she could surprise everyone with little gems of wisdom in the form of life advice, often triggered by a single word. As an example the word "trouble" produced "Never trouble trouble unless trouble troubles you.....it only doubles trouble and troubles others too"!

Margaret Grose's tall, elegant presence in Thurlestone for over 60 years will be long-remembered by all those who knew her.



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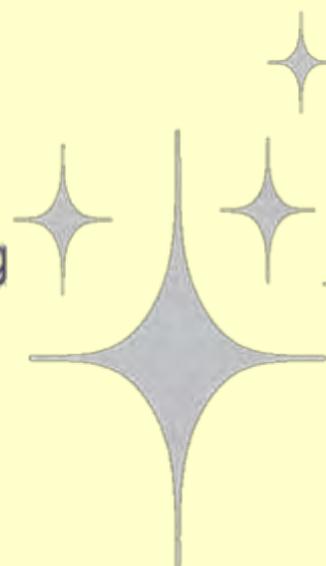
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Not "Ordinary" time at all

We British are accustomed to having amusingly inaccurate names for things. As a student I learned that "May Week" was a fortnight in June. Our Swiss friends laugh in astonishment that in Britain "Public Schools" are actually private schools. So is it a surprise, a joke or what that about now the Church calendar in some listings is leading us into "Ordinary Time"? Why "ordinary"? Does the engine of the Christian faith suddenly go into idling mode?

It is true that we have finished the procession of festivals of Jesus' life, death and resurrection; and most recently the founding of His Church at Pentecost. From now on the focus of readings at services will be on His teaching, and the atmosphere might perhaps be thought reflective rather than celebratory.

How different from the days just after the very first Pentecost! How very un-ordinary was life in the Church: converts by the hundred every week; apostles repeatedly imprisoned and rescued; religiously correct Jews mixing with "unclean" Gentiles; well-off converts selling their estates to fund the new movement and to support the faithful poor.

In comparison, the life of a South Hams church in the 21st century will indeed seem closer to "ordinary". The Church's foundation was nearly 2000 years ago, so the idea of a "new" movement is more than a bit threadbare. But the engine of the Christian faith, the Holy Spirit, is far from idling along. This generation of enquirers and of full members of the Church will have the gospel message in terms which show God's redeeming power at work in today's world using today's language and communications. In our villages the Church has a mission to the whole mix – long-term residents, farmers, golf course ground staff, life guards, school children and their teachers, second home owners, hotel guests, holiday makers, Uncle Tom Cobby and more.

The Church is for gospel proclamation as well as for quiet gospel action: there are now Prayer and Praise services on the third Sunday evening every month, at 5.30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. We look forward to welcoming worshippers to this much less formal gathering; and similarly to the Sea Sunday morning service on Bantham beach on September 2nd. And we have a brand new hymn book to sing from! No "ordinary" time at all.

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JUNE 3RD, 17TH, JULY 1ST, 29TH 11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Fairtrade Stall 1st Sunday)

JUNE 10TH, 24TH, JULY 22ND 11.10am Morning Worship

JUNE 3RD 6.00pm Choral Evensong sung by Chorus Ecclesiae at S.Milton

JULY 8TH 11.10am Matins (BCP)

6.00pm Benefice Evensong (BCP) at Woodleigh

JUNE 17TH, JULY 15TH 5.30pm Prayer and Praise in the Church Meeting Room

JULY 15TH 11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Meadow Wood, Churchstow

Weekdays

THURSDAY JUNE 7TH, JULY 5TH 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said) at Bantham

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said)

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BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

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The Friends of Thurlestone Parish Church and Building Trust

Much preservation work on the Church building has been carried out in recent years. This has been funded by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) with very significant support from the Friends of the Church through the Church Building Trust. This short article re-introduces the Friends and explains their origin, objectives and relationship with the PCC and the Ministry, particularly to new residents of the village who may be unaware of our existence.

Parts of the Church building date from the twelfth century with the main part of the building and the tower from the fifteenth century. It is the architectural as well as the spiritual centre of the village and is a focal point which all visitors remember. It is vital that the building and its surrounds be kept in good repair for this and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

In 1994 there was concern that the Church could be made redundant by the Diocese, with the consequent reduction in funds for the maintenance of the building and the site. Discussions were held with a number of interested parties, including the PCC and the Parish Council, leading to the formation in 1995 of the Thurlestone Parish Church Building Trust. The objective of the Trust was to establish an endowment fund solely for the preservation of the building and its surrounds. The Trust is governed by Trustees, who have sole discretion over its use, and are independent of the Diocese and the PCC, though close liaison is maintained with the latter in matters relating to the building.

The Trust Deed states that the Trustees may use the Trust's income and capital for "... the restoration preservation repair and improvement of the Parish Church..." and "...to reconstruct the Church as a building of historical importance or architectural value in the event of the Church being declared redundant."

The Friends of the Church are non-denominational, raising funds for the Charitable Trust, and everyone, be they residents or visitors, are welcome to join and help us. The Trust through the efforts of the Friends has been able to contribute over £125,000 towards the maintenance of the Church since its formation. Demands for funds in the immediate future are for repairs to the Lychgate (£15,000) and the re-leading of the south facing windows (£20,000).

The current Trustees are Martyn Grose (Chairman), Richard Bunn (Treasurer), Graham Worrall (PCC), Phil Millard, George Hubbard and Patrick Holloway. Gillian Marshall is our Honorary Secretary.

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Finally Spring has sprung. Since my last newsletter we have had a couple of false dawns, but I think the Bank Holiday weather has finally blown the winter blues away.

Open Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you and your friends to join us in an "open coffee morning" on Saturday 16th June 2018 between 10.00 and 12.00, to see our freshly refurbished Clubhouse and the facilities on offer. So please come and enjoy the morning, other refreshment will be available on the day and car parking will be free for those attending.

Club Car Park

As in recent years we will soon be manning the car park on selected days. The Club would like to offer the readers an opportunity to purchase a season long Car Park pass for £25.00. If you would like to take advantage of the convenient way to pay for your summer parking at Thurlestone, please pop into the office and collect a pass. Alternatively you can join the Club as a social member for £71.00 which enables you to park for free and receive generous discounts on both food and drink purchases.

AED - Defibrillator

Just to remind villagers that we have moved the AED - defibrillator from inside the premises to the veranda of the Tennis Pavilion. Therefore it is now available for the public to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Getting Serious About Plastic

Blue Planet 11 has highlighted the need for everyone to consider their plastic footprint. Kingsbridge Chamber of Commerce is backing the initiative "Hello Kingsbridge - Goodbye Plastic". We already incur considerable expense by siting the big bins near the entrances of Leasfoot and Yarmer beaches but we would like to do more,

especially around beach cleaning initiatives where everyone can get involved.

I suspect you have seen these initiatives where boards are positioned with grabbers and plastic bags and you just spend 2 to 5 minutes doing your own beach clean. It is very community spirited and self gratifying. If anyone out there may have seen similar schemes, wishes to get involved with sponsorship of the Boards etc please contact our General Manager on 01548 560405.

Culvert

Many villagers will know that the culvert, which drains the marsh land, is the responsibility of the Club. We take this responsibility seriously, regularly checking the flow and out-source to the sea. On several occasions during the winter, including just recently, we have had to reposition the 3/4 tonne stones that protect the beach outlet. I am pleased to report that the flow of the culvert is running well and we will continue to have a watching brief to ensure this continues.

Our Canine Friends

No one is more a dog lover than I but please can I remind the villagers and other coastal path users that dogs are not allowed on the course and preferably they should be kept under control when walking on the footpath.

Tennis Club

It is disappointing that the Grass Tennis courts were not ready for the recent Bank Holiday. Unfortunately they were too soft to roll, which we do with a road roller which is extremely heavy. It is hoped that the weather will remain dry so that we can roll them next week and start marking them out.

Marking out 10 Grass courts must be a nightmare and time consuming. I wonder where you start? In a corner? At the net? I suspect Pythagoras will come in somewhere! It is ok, Vic and his team will sort it. After all they look after the other 300 acres incredibly well. Membership of the Tennis section is only £125.00 per adult. We have a full

programme of events, with Club Mornings on Tuesdays and Friday – so if you are interested in rekindling your tennis prowess why not pop in and have a chat with Simon our General Manager.

Mixed Golf

Go to any golf Club and you will find that Mixed Golf is incredibly popular and Thurlestone is no different. The Mixed Greensomes play every Thursday in the summer with a supper after, there are mixed matches home and away against various Club's and the Club play a whole weekend of mixed golf against Saunton whose year of inception was also 1897 the same as ours.

Golf Update

I don't think you wish to be inundated with past golfing results however I would like to report on some notable results and achievements in the early part of the season.

Our Men's Palairt side (County Team Competition) played Saunton Artisans at Tavistock last Sunday and won 3 – 2. There is nothing better for a Golf Club than a good run in the Palairt so we wish them well against Dartmouth G&CC in the next round.

Our Parker Trophy Side also won against Staddon Heights in another County wide competition. Their next opponents are either Borrington Park or Wrangaton at Yelverton.

Both the men's and ladies' representative pairs are doing well in the Daily Mail Foursomes which is a nationwide event, played regionally at the beginning. Matt Reed and Ashley Crow represent the men and Liz Sharman and Liz Hay the Ladies.

Finally, I wish you and your family well in the coming months and look forward to speaking with you again in the next addition of Village Voice.

Harry J Cattell

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The weather now seems to have improved a lot and our ladies team matches have been lucky with the weather. The Presidents team captained by Wendy Stewart had their first match away against Bigbury and narrowly

lost by 4-3 matches. The Sheelah Creasy team (handicaps 21-36) captain Sheila George were also in action against Bigbury and lost by 4.5-2.5 matches. All matches were enjoyable with a good tea afterwards .

The Devon league team captained by Sue Curry played Ilfracombe away in April and lost 4-2 matches, points 8-6. Then they played Dartmouth at home and lost by 3.5-2.5 matches, points 10.5-5.5. The third match was home against Royal North Devon was a very good win by 5-1 matches, points 10-3. Well done, I hope their winning streak continues.

The friendly matches have been well supported, with a draw against Churston at home 3-3, a win away at Torquay 3-1, and a loss away against Staddon Heights 6-1. These matches are a great way of playing other courses and enjoying a good meal afterwards.

We must congratulate Liz Hay and Lesley Saffin who played in the first round of the County Vets tournament against Fingle Glen at Tavistock and won on the 19th!

The Jacqui Tillott day in April was a lovely memorable tribute to a special lady who had been a member for 20 years and played until she was 86 years old. The ladies and her son Carl raised £300 for St Luke's Hospice where she was looked after until her death.

The ladies Coffee morning and golf was very successful with 50 ladies from other clubs playing the course and enjoying the stalls afterwards. We raised over £700 for the travel fund as we have quite a number of long journeys for all our teams this year.

We are looking forward to the Away day at Bovey Castle golf club on Monday 9th July and hope to have a number ladies taking part. For our Ladies Away Day I managed to negotiate a good deal with Bovey Castle and 30 ladies are off to enjoy the delights of playing a course which not everyone has necessarily played before.

Heather Spencer

JUNIORS' NEWSLETTER

The junior team started their West Devon League matches with an excellent win over

Bigbury away by 5-0 matches. Junior captain Finn Whelan won 8/7, followed by wins for Ethan Bellamy 4/3, Sammy Ingham 9/7 and a win for the foursomes pair Toby White and Alfie Messias. Unfortunately they lost round one of the Devon County Basil Steer knockout against Exeter juniors.

The Devon Order of Merit competitions are underway with the first one at Saunton and in the Under 14 group Noah Mulligan won and picked up 15 merit points. Lucas Bellamy also did well in the U14. In the Under 16 group Junior vice captain Sammy Ingham picked up 7 points and captain Finn Whelan also did well.

There is a new Access Tour for under 14 juniors, with the first one at Dartmouth golf club on the 13th May, followed by Woodbury on 10th June, where we have Yasmin Nixon, Dom Holt-Wilson and Louis Tollins entered and wish them good luck. Golf Access is a new scoring system for golf before a junior obtains an official club handicap. It is played on a shortened course (forward tees) to ensure beginners have fun on the course.

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The Devon Futures coaching led by Steve White is underway and the first session took place at Elfordleigh golf club with six of our juniors taking part.

The County training program has started at Woodbury Park and many of our juniors are involved in that. We look forward to the first juniors County match which takes place on Sunday 20th May at Holsworthy, where the under 14 and under 16 junior squads take on Cornwall.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to our Assistant Professional Jack Wallace this month as he is leaving to pursue his other online business interests. Jack has been a valuable member of the pro shop team for four years and has played an important part in developing the Juniors Academy as well as helping many members to improve their game. We wish him the very best for his future career.

However we now welcome his replacement; a PGA Professional, Duncan Arnold with over 25 years experience who has introduced hundreds of adults and juniors to the game. Duncan will be assisting in the Pro shop and carrying out coaching and custom fitting for clubs, alongside Steve, Glenn, Lorraine and Joan.

Our next West Devon league matches against Boringdon and Bigbury will be taking place in the next month and we have entered a new Devon county club team event at Torquay on 17th June. We wish them good luck.

Liz Line



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The Australian Connection

By Kit Marshall

The Russian Connection was about my paternal grandfather but now the oceans are crossed by my maternal Great-great Grandfather. Jonathan Binns Were, born in Somerset in 1809 was one of ten children. In his late 20s he had the good fortune to inherit the princely sum of £9,000 today's equivalent of around £900,000 so decided to make a new life for himself in the up and coming colony of Australia.

In 1839 he chartered a ship, the William Metcalfe, a three masted square rigger of only 447 tons and 100ft long. He took with him his wife, two children and brother-in-law, a clerk and of course a maid. He filled, or perhaps over-filled, the ship with a further 35 paying passengers and 199 "Bounty" or emigrants, including a Mr Millar from Kingsbridge, whose passages were financed in the main by Australian settlers who needed labour. Conditions were unbelievably cramped. During the voyage two babies were born, but one adult and eight children died which in those days was considered a successful outcome attributed to the Captain insisting the quarters being kept clean. The crew of 26 sailed the ship. They set off with 20 sheep, 30 pigs, 2 cows, who provided fresh milk, 15 dozen ducks and fowls plus a few geese "which of a morning make no inconsiderable noise on first being roused".

JBW kept a detailed journal of the voyage which lasted 115 days during which time not one of the passengers or crew set foot on Land. This despite their best endeavours in Madeira but were forbidden to land by the Portuguese Health Authorities. To begin with the weather gods were against them "our ship rolled and groaned as though she was one more of the number of her suffering passengers who equally felt the effects of the boisterous waves". When the equator was drawing near the passengers asked that the normal frivolities associated with King Neptune be abandoned in exchange for an issue of punch for the men and negus for the wives and sweet-hearts which resulted in a fair old party of singing and dancing. Crossing the line a telescope was set up with a clandestine hair laid across the lens which caused great excitement amongst the gullible. The elite carried on sipping their claret and spent "an exceedingly agreeable afternoon".

On arrival in Melbourne which was a mere settlement JBW purchased a plot of land on which he erected tents to live in and then set about building the prefabricated house which he had brought from England. He also brought a fair amount of cargo which he traded at huge profit including 40 hogsheads (54 gallons) of Irish Double Stout, guns, pistols, stockmans' leggings, ladies and children's shoes and boxes of candles. When he arrived he complained about the exorbitant prices of everything, but somehow fails to mention high prices when he came to sell his goods! However his main forte was in finance where he co-founded many institutions including the Melbourne stock exchange and JB Were and Sons is still an important broking firm in Melbourne.

He held many important offices including vice-consulates of no less than 10 different countries including coincidentally Peru of which more anon) and was conferred the rank of Knight by both the Kings of Norway and Denmark. He was awarded the British CMG, Commander of St Michael and St George.

JBW had 10 children by his first wife but died in 1881 shortly after his 2nd marriage. My mother, JBW's great grand-daughter, came to England in 1932 having won a scholarship for ballroom dancing, met my father and they married the following year. The rest is history.

Although these words are mine, all the hard work and homework has been done by Gillian who has been digging into family history for at least 20 years, in the early days very much encouraged by Robin Mac.. She has found another highly colourful Australian line which will be told in a future "connection".



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A SAD FAREWELL

To lose not one but two village institutions within a matter of weeks has been a very sad time for Thurlestone and its surrounding neighbourhood. The Residential Home was closed a couple of months ago, shortly to be followed by Blight Engineering where Keith Foale has worked for nearly half a century until he locked the doors for the last time on April 30th.

On leaving Kingsbridge school in 1974 Keith, who was born in South Milton, started work at Oke Brothers, the local Ford and BMC dealer. Gerald Jarvis, who Keith says was the best mechanic around and a good friend of his father's, offered him an apprenticeship, teaching him everything he knew. After a few years Gerald then became foreman. In 1979 and after much persuasion from Maurice Blight he moved to Blight Engineering in Thurlestone. Maurice had bought the garage from Stan Dent who had built it. A few months later it was decided they needed an extra pair of hands and naturally Gerald recommended his bright and hard-working young apprentice. And so started Keith's 44 year career in the same job. How many people can boast that? Earning £4.50 per week was sufficient for him to run a car and to go out and have some fun - it was an offer he couldn't refuse!

Following Gerald's retirement due to ill health, Maurice and Keith managed the garage until Maurice also retired, whereupon Keith took up the reins, ably assisted by Evelyn Grant and Hugh Reynolds, to both of whom he would like to express his sincerest thanks to for all their many hours of help and support - Evelyn being the whizz kid with the books and figures and Hugh who voluntarily spent many hours re-setting clocks and radios, helping Keith to carry out the



diagnostic checks and MOTs, to mention just a few of the many jobs that came up in such a sought-after facility in the village. Evelyn continued working in order for Keith to reach retirement age and come rain or shine she never failed to turn up. "There cannot be many people who would be prepared to work in that office!" muses Keith.

No doubt Keith's wife Wendy was looking forward to seeing a bit more of him with his imminent retirement but you cannot keep a good man down and Rob Franklin from Churstow MOT Centre knows a good'un when he sees one and made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Sorry Wendy, you are going to have to wait a wee while longer to see more of your man!

Keith would very much like to convey his sincerest and heartfelt thanks through the Village Voice to everyone who contributed to his farewell send-off at the Village Inn. It was unexpected, overwhelming and much, much appreciated. He is not sure how long the chocolate tool kit will last though...

And we in turn would like to thank you Keith for all you have to done to keep us on the road, mobile and ticking over - you have given us all a great service - forgive the pun!

Jane Stanley

Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1st July 2018. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgwonthenet@themead.co.uk

A Gardening Quiz

All the answers are found in the garden!

1. Suspended shopping container
2. Sounds like head with snakes head
3. Set a drug
4. Departs
5. Sticky footwear
6. Scary snooker rest
7. We hear an extinct bird
8. To hold picture of the Antarctic
9. Caress little Al
10. Russian naval officer
11. The dog advises good ground cover
12. He's a religious leader to a T
13. Someone who is easily fooled
14. An amphibian's seat
15. Look it has body odour
16. A vehicle with serious corrosion
17. Bill & Ben's friend
18. Arthur sang about a busy one
19. Dig up some food
20. Something to smoke your stockings in
21. Till the soil in Plymouth
22. A tree in your hand
23. A seasonal residence
24. A good time with an American Soldier
25. The lord's wife gets prison time
26. High speed lettuce
27. Dirty, a growing medium
28. A wise man's herb
29. Flying parent with extended limbs
30. The epoch of the taxi
31. We the remains of a cigarette
32. A new tune
33. Undecided? Sit on it
34. He played a Jersey cop
35. Witch transport
36. Can you feel it in your bones?
37. Yearn for a road marker
38. The solution to an equation
39. Survey the opinion of a headless chicken
40. A sort of growl from a dog to a donkey

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

1. Crackers, 2. Cremates, 3. Patella, 4. Backgammon, 5. No-brainer, 6. Porridge, 7. Mixed herbs, 8. Creature of Habit, 9. Big girls blouse, 10. Water, 11. Ebb, 12. The back of beyond, 13. Love, 14. Petrol Station, 15. I haven't a clue, 16. Loco, 17 French Bread, 18. Noon, 19. Adonis, 20. Scrambled Eggs, 21. Antonym, 22. Income tax return, 23. Out for a duck, 24. Eskimo, 25. Auction Hall, 26. Rover's Return, 27. Digit, 28. Twelve, 29. Flower, 30. Kayak, 31. Fetish, 32. Mush, 33. Noddy

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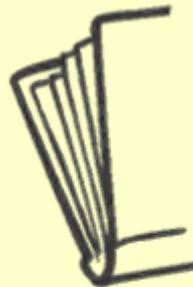
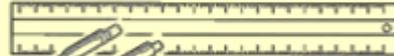
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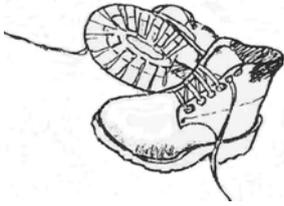
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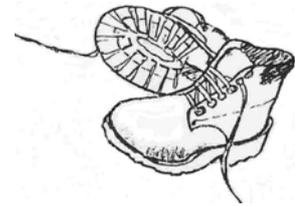
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TRAMP



1 On Friday 23 March just four Trampers and two dogs, Ben and Oscar, set off from Bolberry Down. A chill wind blew as we followed the coast path eastwards. Highland cattle were grazing along the top of the cliff and with the recent wet weather the path had been churned up, making it very muddy underfoot. Further on, the path dropped steeply to Soar Mill Cove and at the bottom the dogs made a dash for the beach and enjoyed a splash in the sea.

Climbing out of the valley and after a steep ascent, we came to the high level ground of The Warren. We sat on some rocks to recover and take in the beautiful views. The sun had now pushed through and the birds were singing. A bit further on and we veered inland towards West Soar and to a field, where we explored an old Admiralty look-out tower dating from Napoleonic times.

Onwards across fields and along grassy tracks to the hamlet of Soar, passing Soar Farm, and on to Rew Cross. Here we left the lane, up some wooden steps and over a stile into the fields of Southdown Farm. This farm, owned by the National Trust, specialises in the growing and marketing of high-quality seed for garden birds. In summer these fields become a gleaming haven for wild birds.

Passing the converted farm buildings, we followed the track down the valley and out to open land with its grazing sheep, bracken and gorse. With sea views opening up, we rejoined the coastal path and traced our steps back to Bolberry Down and the car park. A chilly start had turned into a lovely Spring morning - perfect for a walk! This had been a circular walk of about six miles with an option of coffee/lunch at the new Oceans Restaurant on Bolberry Down.

Jenny Webb

2 Seven trampers turned up on Wednesday, March 28th, and we drove to the National Trust car park near Snapes Point. The forecast had

suggested that we might have some rain, but as we drove towards Salcombe the sky brightened up.

We headed off over the fields towards the estuary, and then walked around Snapes Point and on to Batson. It was quite muddy but was not as bad as we have seen it. At Batson, the walkers were given several choices - to return via fields to the car park, to do a loop which would take us past the Shadycombe road cemetery, or to go and have a coffee in Salcombe. Surprise, surprise - coffee won! We decided to go to the Crab Shed, where we arrived at 11.45. We were told that we could have coffee if we sat outside, and, as the sun was now out, we were happy to do so. The coffee was good, but it was the most expensive I have had in Salcombe!

It drizzled briefly as we left the Crab Shed, and we decided to go off piste, ie, not on the route that we had reccied, but on the raised path from the end of Island Street back to Batson. This is where the mud was at its worst with one walker slipping over - thankfully without injury. We walked back along the lanes from Batson to the car park, having walked through enough mud for that day.

Anna Martin

3 The awful weather and the resultant ground conditions are giving us a bit of a headache at the moment. Eight of us met up for this walk on Monday 9 April and we made a last-minute change of plan due to the ongoing MUD!! So, the coast path between Bolberry and Bolt Tail was chosen as the most manageable stretch. We set off from Hope Cove, taking the lane inland to Bolberry, then turning up the hill and on to the cliffs. Trish suggested an early coffee stop at the new bar/café, which proved most enjoyable. The breeze was a lot fresher on the cliffs and the views were fabulous, as was the company! We took a short loop round Bolt Tail and returned to the village in just over 4 miles in total.

Spring flowers were in abundance which always brings a smile to one's face. And now it looks as if the weather is on the turn and we'll be back to some lovely rambles again soon.

Annie Lukehurst

4 Wednesday April 18th was the first day of an unusually hot spell of weather which lasted 4 days. It was an ideal day for a walk on Dartmoor - blue sky and warm sunshine coupled with Spring flowers made it very special.

We drove up on to the Moor, parking just before reaching Poundsgate, whence we descended fairly steeply to the River Dart. The river was flowing swiftly owing to the amount of rain that had fallen in the previous weeks.

We followed the road alongside the river, passing Spitchwick Lower Lodge, then headed uphill towards Lower Town. This road overlooks the River Webburn which is a tributary of the Dart, and at one point we passed a beautiful duck pond which had a bank literally saturated with primroses - a beautiful sight! Through Lower Town the road climbed steeply uphill to Leusdon, where we stopped for a coffee break, sitting on a bench outside Leusdon Church with a commanding view over the surrounding countryside.

Continuing along the road almost into Ponsworthy, we then followed an old drover's track which took us across some fields towards Bel Tor. We soon found ourselves on the Two Moors Way heading south past Mel Tor and onto Dr Blackall's Drive. This is a wide path originally created around 1880 as a carriage drive by a certain Dr Blackall, who owned Spitchwick Manor nearby, and it has amazing views overlooking the Dart which flows through a steep sided valley here, which it follows for a little over 1 kilometre.

Anyway, we were soon back at our cars and ended our trip with a nice lunch at the Tavistock Inn in Poundsgate. This, incidentally, is one of England's oldest pubs, dating back to about 1413 when New Bridge (at the bottom of the hill towards Ashburton) was built over the Dart, enabling travellers to go all the way from Ashburton to Tavistock.

Alastair Durden

5 A good forecast promised a good walking day and four trampers turned up at Court Park on Tuesday 1 May. As we left the rain started and was heavy until we passed Brixton but then as we approached Down Thomas sunny skies appeared. After parking the cars we walked due west down Manor Bourne Road, everyone freezing due to the very cold westerly but as soon as we took the footpath to the coastal path, we were sheltered from the wind and felt warmer in the sunshine.

We had lovely clear views of Plymouth Sound and Breakwater built in 1812, as well as Forts Picklecombe and Bovisand, Cawsands and Rame Head. After Heybrook Bay we saw the Mewstone. In 1744, a local man found guilty of a minor crime was sentenced to stay on the island for seven years. He had the last laugh since he decided to stay on the island for the rest of his life, not once returning to the mainland. His daughter, known as 'Black Joan', remained on the island. She married and raised three children.

By the early 1800s a new family had moved in. Samuel Wakeham and his wife, Ann set up home on the island when Sam was due to be transported to Australia, instead negotiating to live his years of exile on the Mewstone. They enlarged an existing house, the odd turret-shaped building that remains today, and cleared a garden to grow food and keep some animals. Sam might have stayed on the island for the rest of his days, had he not been caught smuggling. He was lured into a trap by an excise man and had to leave the island. Nobody is recorded to have lived on the island since.

We passed the granite bench Wembury Parish Council erected to my mother and had coffee on the path just before Wembury Beach. Then we took a track to Church Walk Woods and walked through the chalet park to Ford. Thence along a quiet road passed Langdon Court and finally over fields back to Down Thomas.

The forecast had proved correct and this can be recommended as an extremely enjoyable three hour walk.

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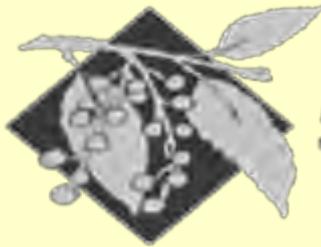


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APRIL IS THE CRUELLEST MONTH...

The poet could have been a Sudoku setter, as only four entries were received this month, and two of those were not wholly correct. So it was a straight fight for the short straw between **Pauline Lonsdale** and **George Delafield**, with Pauline left clutching the short straw and George the bottle of vintage Chateau Sudoku. It will be with you "dreckly", George. Congratulations to both. Entries for this issue's four-part challenge to 25 Mead Lane as usual by 5th July. When the going gets tough ... as the poet has it.

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April

Our April guest speaker, Felicity Goodall, said she visited Burma because in WW2 her father, now 96, had served there in the so-called 'forgotten war'. Her visit spurred her on to write a book, **Exodus Burma**, which chronicled the experiences of some of the several million people who travelled on foot on the arduous journey out of Burma to seek refuge in India, with the Japanese army hard on their heels. Some 20,000 of the walkers died en route.

On her travels she came across a group of very young children labouring as road-menders and this made her determined to return and try to teach Burmese children English in the hope that it might help them to gain future employment. Buddhist monasteries in most villages undertake the rudimentary education of some of the children but around 50% of young Burmese, particularly street children and orphans, do not get any schooling.

After she had written her book Felicity volunteered, and was accepted, to work at a monastery in Rangoon, receiving training in London. Later she worked in more easterly tribal regions of Burma, again teaching children in monastery schools.

We heard that, after Afghanistan, Burma is the largest producer of opium poppies, a cash crop for poor farmers and used in traditional medicine. It also has many keen buyers of the product, who cross the border from China. Felicity uses all the income earned from her talks and writing to help educate these Burmese youngsters, and is returning for a further stint in February next year.

A collection netted £40 for the Associated Countrywomen of the World and reminders were given about the forthcoming county meeting in Torquay, the Sea Coast group meeting on 26 April and the 90th birthday outing to the Garden House and Buckland Abbey.

On 26 April Thurlestone was hostess to Salcombe, South Milton and West Alvington WIs. The meeting was a huge success as guest speaker Val Bugden-Cawsey, not only provided us with a very humorous talk about

some of the pitfalls of advancing years, but also acted as the judge/comper for the most outrageously-dressed member.

Thurlestone's Julie Hanham, dressed as an Abba groupie, came first, with Carolyn Taylor runner-up. The decorations on Carolyn's joke cap, borrowed from her husband, drew some very unladylike comments!

May

The spotlight was on feet in May as Andrew Scowcroft, our guest speaker, explained the effect feet have on the functioning of the rest of our body. "An amazing piece of engineering" was his description of a foot, with its 26 bones. The importance of well-fitting shoes could not be over-emphasised, with the correct shoe used for the activity being undertaken and as an essential part of foot health.

Lisa White reported on the county's spring meeting from which we heard, amongst other things, that Devon now has just under 7000 members and our county's donation to the Denman appeal was £7239.

Plans for the Federation's 100th anniversary in 2020 are well underway with hopes that individual WIs would also hold special events. This month the Federation said farewell to Julie Ayres, who is retiring from office, and "hello" to new Chairman Carmen Luscombe.

A great day out on 3 May, starting by coach from the Parish Hall car-park, to the Garden House and Buckland Abbey was enjoyed by a good number of members (and one spouse) particularly the chance to see Andrew Logan's enormous glittering egg in the Great Barn!

The annual meeting followed, with Jo Parkin being elected President and the following ladies making up the committee: Maureen Baker, Liz Candy, Margaret Catlin, Vivienne Day, Judith Le Grice, Sally Martin, Jo Odams, Carolyn Taylor, Jan Trender, Lisa White and Barbara Williams.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to listen to any of our speakers. A cup of tea and a nice piece of cake are always included.



Eating Out Locally

Vivien Stickland reports on another interesting local hostelry

The Old Schoolhouse at Mothecombe

Summer is on the horizon and we're taking a look at The Old Schoolhouse in Mothecombe, a restaurant where alfresco can be your choice in the walled school yard, or inside in the refurbished schoolroom.

We arrive in time to escape a heavy shower and note Coconut, Curry and Red Lentil Soup for £9.50 at the top of a chalked blackboard which is their menu 'card'. There's a warm invitation in the sound of that dish and, as we pass on to find a seat, we feel at home.

The schoolroom is crowded and buzzing with the chatter of people. Some had sought protection from the rain, but we find room enough to shuffle past a couple on a bench to reach seats by the wall. The couple slide along their bench a little to make room for us. The authentic school bench and table with fold-away steel legs trigger memories of school days.

We had hoped to walk the magnificent beach at Mothecombe where low tide exposes an unusual expanse of beach. You will occasionally find smooth pebbles, shells and odd strands of seaweed on its rippled sand. Around its verges, fallen tree trunks and abandoned timbers decompose in saline water. But today, weather, of the wettest and greyest kind, butted in to make the tea house a popular alternative to the beach walk.

With our tea, we were lucky to have the last slice of Coffee and Walnut cake – that slice of dreamy creamy-looking cake was moist and, mm... the Sticky Gingerbread was just that – sticky!

At a neighbouring table, children of two families ate fish and chips while mum and dad had sandwiches and local Salcombe beers. The choice of sandwich fillings includes Crab as well as Bacon. And there are Chilli prawns with garlic bread. All are very good.

The children test their quiz ability with random topics from the Trivial Pursuit cards provided while their parents enjoy their own friendship. As they leave, the table is littered with the debris of a family lunch and so, part of the treat for them all is that 'walk away' moment. Centre to the table is an enamelled water jug with sandcastle buckets for cutlery. Like theirs, our table has a bunch of trivial pursuit cards along with the cruet and serviettes.

For dining in the evenings (on Fridays and Saturdays) the Old Schoolhouse takes on a different mood. The owners benefit from their South Milton Beach House experience with its shabby-chic look. Like there, seafood is the main item, but good steaks are served too. Portions are generous and a few items on the menu are: Mussels at £9.50 as a starter or, as a main course, £16; Fresh Bream and Vegetables is a main at £18.50. Desserts are £6.50. A favourite side order is Artichokes with Almond Butter and Fine Beans and, like all their side orders, are designed for sharing so you can try more of them. Check the blackboard for the day's specials as the chef changes them frequently and may offer different dishes each time you visit.

As we leave, we see the school bell hanging on a spring by the door. This was, after all, a school house. Blackboards, as well as murals of encyclopaedia nature-study pages on the walls, are now part of the decor. For more information, call 01752 830552.

Vivien Stickland

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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

My faith has almost been revived as the sun is shining and the air temp is a balmy 18°C at Beach Cottage. I have been able to venture forth to the end of the garden without coat or cardigan and not feel cold. Has late spring arrived I wonder? The garden seems to be giving a sigh of relief and the plants have actually started to flourish. There is even a lack of cold NW winds today, 5th May 2018, and the sea is calm and blue. This paints an idyllic picture of the weather that we should be experiencing.

Having watched in horror the dust storms invading Northern India in recent days I began my research for this article. In the **Wrong Kind Of Snow** of 4th May, the first line is "Today in 1955 winds howling across the pancake-flat landscape of the Fens whips up a dust storm reminiscent of Oklahoma in the 1930s. This is a local phenomenon called the "Fen Blow". It occurs after a long period of dry spells, when strong winds suck up the topsoil into a blinding, choking storm. Today's gale, one of the most notorious, gusts up to 65mph(104kph) and lasts 48hrs. Drainage dykes and plough furrows fill with drifts of fine dust. The Fen Blows tend to occur between mid-March and mid-May when fields are ploughed and worked down but no seed has germinated to hold the soil together. Significant blows have happened in March 1969, May 1972, May 1975, and in March 2004.

Effects on people living and working in this area are varied but almost always severe. Caught outside in a storm, breathing and seeing become difficult, and exposed skin is stung by the particles driven at speed against the flesh. But the most devastating effects are those felt by Farmers. Any wind over 25 mph (40 kph) will lift top soil, and up to 2 inches (5cm) of soil, including seeds and fertilizer. Any young crops will be damaged by the sand-blasting effect of wind-driven top soil.

To some extent the farmers over the years are partly to blame, as the landscape has been lowered by erosion of the wind and this increased with the removal of hedges. More recently farmers have taken steps to rectify the situation by rotating crops, growing in narrower strips in the huge fields and planting shelter belts of trees in strategic places. More care is also taken of the soil and its preservation. For once science is aiding the future of farming practices and the well-being of the soil. This example of foresighted care will be mirrored in many areas all over the world. Equally there are still areas where such care of the soil and natural environment is sadly lacking, but that's another story.

It's now 11th May and the weather is still playing tricks, more like April showers today, lovely morning, rain this afternoon and now the sun is shining again. It is still cooler than it should be, but the weeds and the grass don't mind. Thinking about the low temperatures we are having, I looked for information about other spring times that may have been of a similar character.

The **Wrong Kind of Snow** quotes several but the one I found most interesting happened off the coast of the most westerly island of the Shetland group:- Fowla. The Times recorded the stranding of an iceberg on 10th May 1818. "This iceberg is said to extend a full 6 miles in length, and, of course, it is an object of terror to the natives". Not surprising really as the island was a bare 5 square miles in total, and the most remote inhabited island. After two

months, the Times again reported: "The probable origin of the iceberg was in eastern Greenland where 150 square miles of ice had detached itself along with other pieces from neighbouring parts of the North Pole" . 200 years of Global Warming?

This episode was, in fact, not that unusual for this northern outpost of the British Isles. Icebergs regularly drift across the North Atlantic especially in the coldest phases of our meteorological history. In the Little Ice Age 1690-1728, (about which I have written in earlier issues of VV), there were several occasions when Inuit and Sjo-Same hunters appeared in their kayaks along with the ice to surprise the Orkney islanders and others of the group. Legend has it that they were known as the 'seal people' or 'mermaids'. As a result, the folklore of these western islands and the western coast of Scotland regarded these curious beings as half-human, half-seal.

The entry for 10th May in the **WKOS** goes on to talk about record cold snaps in our country. Paul Simons in today's Times (12th May 2018) writes about the same times and its myths and legends. So, in case you don't read his weather notes here is gist of what he wrote. The 1955 cold snap was a record week long, and although such times are not unusual for early May it was severe. In recent times such snaps are rare but in times past they were bad enough to be given names, eg. The Black Thorn Winter, or the 'Festival of the Ice Saints'.

It is this last that Paul comments on in his article today. After last weekend's super weather it seems unlikely that things should change so rapidly and with, as in the past, disastrous consequences. The three Saints associated with this time are St Mamertus -11th May, St Pancras -12th May, and St Servatius on 13th May. Farmers across Europe have long feared these ice saints which have brought frosts when crops and fruit are especially tender and vulnerable to frost. Damage to the fragile vine shoots and buds, which may be growing well by this time, was a disaster to many across the northern areas of the wine-producing areas of Europe. Here in the BI's the apples, plums, cherries and pear fruit buds can be damaged and lead to loss of fruit as the year progresses.

Against this 'cold snap theme' there is also the 'wet, torrential rainy day'. If you had been watching the sports programme on TV at about 2pm on 12th May, you will have seen a replay of the "Waterplash" game of rugby between Leeds and Wakefield in 1968. It was played at Wembley, being the final of the Challenge Cup and took place in very wet conditions, the second half even worse than the first half. Players were sliding across the field actually under water, the ball hardly able to bounce and slipped out of hands with disastrous consequences! It all ended in heartbreak for Wakefield as Don Fox missed the last, which would have been the winning, kick. Eddie Waring, the commentator famously said "He's missed it..... Eee poor lad".

In this country even last year there was a frost in late April and early May which damaged the vines that were already growing well owing to a mild March. All was not lost as there was a heat-wave in June which rescued the situation and the resultant wine was of a very high standard. It is certainly not very warm today 12th May, 9°C at noon and no sunshine to speak of. However I am hopeful of better things to come, and I'm going out to sow some more seeds in the garden and pull up some of the fast-growing weeds - plants that are lovely but growing in the wrong place! Keep safe and happy weather-watching.

Jan Turner

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Saturday 16 **Stanborough Chorus**, Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19 TRAMP, Summer walk to Hope Cove pub
Saturday 23 **Midsummer Cheese & Wine lunch**, Parish Hall, 12.30 pm
Tuesday 26 TRAMP, Dartmouth Jubilee Walk (short)
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July

- Monday 2 TRAMP Plymouth, Mountbatten to PW Yard (long)
Monday 2 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Parish Hall
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Chairman	Andrew Rhymes	560564
Vice-chairman	Charles Mitchelmore	560602
Parish Clerk	Helen Nathanson	tba
Members	Tony Goddard	562282
	Nigel Hurrell	560691
	Kit Marshall	560214
	Jill Munn	560732
	Bronwen Zaffiro	560020
District Councillor	Judy Pearce	561370
	Simon Wright	561033
County Councillor	Rufus Gilbert	856659
Tree Warden	Charles Mitchelmore	560602

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

1. Thurlestone Parish Hall
2. Thurlestone Hotel (Garage)
3. Golf Club (Tennis Pav Wall)
4. Sloop Inn, Bantham (lobby)
5. Bantham Quay
6. Buckland Phone Box

PARISH HALL (See Parish website)	Chairman	Neill Irwin	561661
	Bookings	Anne Russell	531472
	Pay-phone in foyer		562189

PARISH WEBSITE (www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk)	Contacts	Mike Bone 288436	Paul Martin 560070
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PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY (P.O.T.S.)	Chairman	Chris White	560505
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH	Rector	Rev Daniel Hartley	562727
CHURCHWARDENS	Graham Worrall	562016 Liz Webb	560090
CHURCH MEETING ROOM ACTIVITIES	Office	561246	
COFFEE TIME (Every Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 am)	Contact	Rosemary Chipman	562013
FILMS FOR ALL (1 st Tuesday Monthly 2.30 pm)	Contact	Liz Webb	560090
LUNCH CLUB (2 nd & 4 th Fridays 12.45 pm)	Contact	Anne Bowden	560655
SOUP & A ROLL (3 rd Fridays Sep-Easter 12.30-1.30 pm)	Contact	Liz Webb	560090

FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH	Contact	Gillian Marshall	560214
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ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Executive Head	Susan Rowe-Jones	560494
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PEARSON'S PRE-SCHOOL	Manager	Linda Quinn	560816
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AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION	Chairman	Stuart Watts	810373
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BANTHAM SAILING CLUB	Secretary	Jo Smith	560347
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BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB	Clubhouse		560447
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BRIDGE CLUBS 6.30 p.m Wednesdays and Fridays	Contact	Lisa White	560505
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THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB Gen Mgr - Simon Bawden	Clubhouse & all enquiries		560405
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TENNIS SECTION	Chairman	Stewart Barnes	07967-042095
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TAI CHI	Contact	Simon Bowden	07738373051
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PILATES (Advance booking essential)	Contact	Franny Morris	07590506027
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YOGA	Contact	Sarah Scott	07879627939
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TRAMP (Thurlestone Ramblers)	Contact	Mike Stickland	560763
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HORTICULTURAL SHOW (annual)	Contact	Tom Gilkes	560973
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DIRECTORY

W. I.	2.30 pm Parish Hall	Contact	Judith Le Grice	562135
	Second Thursday monthly (except .August)			

TABLE TENNIS	Thursday 7.30 to 8.30 pm	Parish Hall	Robin Macdonald	560436
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NEW ZUMBA CLASS	Tuesday 1.15pm	Parish Hall	Alicia Prowse	07375 704 069
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		Sunday,	8.30 am - 1.00 pm	

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THURLESTONE PHONE BOX	Contact	Kit Marshall	560214
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BUCKLAND PHONE BOX	Contact	Anna Martin	560796
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	Co-ordinator	Charles Mitchelmore	560602
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POLICE	Dave Gibson (Community Support Officer)	08456 - 568637
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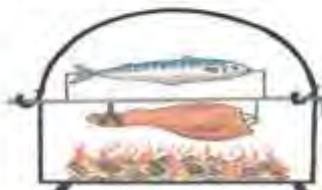


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