

VILLAGE VOICE

THURLESTONE · BANTHAM · BUCKLAND

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A R E W E A
CARING COMMUNITY ???

Would YOU be a member of a group whose concern is for someone who may need a lift to a Hospital or Health Centre - or is lonely and would welcome a visitor - or is house-bound and in need of someone to do a little shopping or change a library book - or sit by a sick bed for an hour or two - or if ill with no one to mind the baby - fetch a kiddie from school.

IF someone is carless and no one thinks to offer a lift to and from a meeting of a Society or Institute - there is really no limit, is there, to the probable needs of others.

But, there has first of all to be a VILLAGE GROUP formed of good and kind hearted people willing to serve the community. Perhaps just 10 to 20 people prepared to give just a small part of their time who could find it both rewarding and satisfying. The spirit of giving and receiving would surely be of lasting benefit to all concerned.

IS SOMEONE WILLING TO COME FORWARD TO ACT AS A LEADER. ?Such a scheme could be set up in a matter of weeks - it all depends on the response - it all depends on YOU !

Do not insist a thing is impossible simply because you yourself cannot accomplish it !

THIS publication is intended to be a 'Digest of Village News - A Forum for Village Views'. It is hoped it can become a permanent 'institution' of village life - always informing and interesting, and while it is being produced under the sponsorship of the Thurlestone Parish Council and is being edited, at least pro tem by the Parish Clerk, it is hoped that if YOU have a view of the present and a vision for the future of our villages you will use 'Village Voice' to express them. According to District Council statistics there are 827 people resident in this parish. There must be a number who are willing and able to contribute articles, letters and items that will be of interest or of concern to readers.

This issue will comprise 360 copies, delivered free to every household - with a few spare copies in the local shops for anyone who somehow gets missed.

ADVERTISING SPACE is on offer to all business establishments - it must prove an invaluable means of getting your name into every parish home, which will include holiday homes when the owners or tenants are in residence. An eighth of a page measuring roughly 2 1/4" x 3 1/2" will cost just £6.00 for five issues - but hurry, advertising space is strictly limited - and the cost is minimal because this is not a profit making project by any means.

The next issue will be September 1st. to cover September/October - all correspondence should be directed to the Parish Clerk (D.W.Drabble) at 10, Backshay Close, South Milton. Telephone No. Thurlestone 533.

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TO A DOG !

It's not the nicest thing to do,
To use our gateway as a loo,
So, please help us if you can,
To keep our gateway spick and span.

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Deadline for all material for the next issue is 16th August 1982.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURLESTONE PARISH

REGISTERS

Mr P.W.J.Hurrell was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr D.J. Yeoman, Vice Chairman for the 1982-83 year.

Mr Yeoman was also re-elected as the Councils Representative to the Parish Hall Committee.

At the time of going to press further news of the progress of the proposed District Council Bye-laws for the Avon Estuary which they had sent to the Home Office was still awaited.

The District Council have advised that they "have again written at great length detailing the Council's requirements and are now seeking enforcement action concerning the replacement of trees which were the subject of Tree Preservation Orders" to the Developers of 'Leaside and Merchants Field'

The District Council have stated that during the past six months no less than nine refuse collectors have received lacerations to hands and legs due to glass protruding from polythene refuse collection bags. This sort of thing must be avoided and the public are asked not to place dangerous objects in polythene bags and to store such things separately from general refuse.

You are asked to return unwanted medicines to chemists for destruction

IN 1538, by order of Henry VIII, every parish was required to maintain a register of baptisms, marriages and burials. This was rather more easily said than done in some remote villages where few people other than the parsons could read and write, and some were reluctant to see their names publicly displayed for fear that they would be subjected to additional taxation. Thurlestone is fortunate in having well maintained records since 1559 which were retained within the parish, latterly in a safe in the church, until last year. Then, in response to an urgent plea from the ecclesiastical authorities, they and other registers were transferred to the Devon Record Office, Exeter, for safe keeping. They may be inspected there for a daily fee of one pound.

WE LEARN from our registers that the commonest names in the early years, 1559-1600, were Cornish, Lidstone, Luckham, Lakeman, Phillips, Pilditch, Shepherd, Squire, Tabb, Whiddon, and Wakeham. All these names have a familiar ring and, if they are not now known in our villages, they are well represented in the South Hams. After 1600 the Moores, Hardys and Hingstons made a considerable impact on the villages. For example, a newcomer John Moore married Thurlestone born Abigail Randall in the Parish Church in 1694 and they had no less than 171 decendants entered in the Parish register, the last in 1939. By following family trees, it is sometimes possible to trace ten to twelve generations extending over more than 300 years. There are Jackmans, Moores and Edgcombes living in the parish now, or until very recently, who can trace their ancestry back at least until the early 1600's. The connections were often through married daughters and the name Jackman does not appear in the registers until 1822, Moore until 1691 and Edgcombe until 1743.

AMONG the names so familiar now in the villages are Steer, which has been steadily represented since 1668, as has Jarvis since 1695. Jeffrey dates back to 1818. The Bevills have lived here since 1843, but from 1656 to 1679 there were Boabills and Bibills and one wonders whether there was any connection. Similarly the Stidstons were mentioned in 1661 to 1737; there was then a gap until 1897 when they started again. When the removal of a family to say, South Milton or Churchstow was enough to cause a break in the registers, the suprising thing is how many families consistently remarried in the parish.

THURLESTONE PARISH
REGISTERS : :
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"BE HAPPY"

THURLESTONE
PARISH HALL

THE registers do much more than supply family trees. By comparing births with marriages and taking 35 as the average life span, estimate of the population may be made. In this way, we find the population rose from about 350 in 1650 to only 400 in 1900, since when it has doubled. The registers reflect trends in lean times. Burial registers indicate disasters such as the 37 deaths in 1729 almost certainly due to smallpox and the 19 French mariners who were shipwrecked in 1816.

THROUGH the kindness of the Rector, I was able to make records of the registers from 1650 to 1950 before they were transferred to Exeter and will be happy to show and discuss them with anybody who wishes to do so.

NEVILLE C. OSWALD
2, The Old Rectory
Thurlestone.

KINGSBRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

Meeting EVERY MONDAY
at 12.45 p.m. at the
KINGS ARMS, Kingsbridge

Secretary:

Mr Julian Tregelles
Tel: Kingsbridge 2541

Wealth is not his who
has it, but his who
enjoys it !

In June 1979 Bernard and Freda Wells with Mrs Irene Norton founded the "Be Happy" Charity Group.

In the three years they have raised no less than £2,720 and have paid out £2,206 and have £200 to be presented to Muscular Dystrophy at the end of June and have nearly enough to buy a bed for South Hams Hospital at a cost of £345, and have already bought an Ear, Nose and Throat Lamp for that Hospital and a bed for Coombe Royal Old People's Home. This money has been raised by having Bingo Evenings and Coffee Mornings, but since the Rectory Barn was burnt down last year they have been putting on two Bingo evenings a month. The next ones are June 16th at Churchstow - June 30th Thurlestone Parish Hall, July 14th and August 11th at Churchstow again and July 28th and August 25th at Thurlestone.

Some of the Charities which have benefited:-

Guide Dogs for the Blind
Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children .
Dame Hannah Rogers School.

National Society for Cancer Relief.
Royal Devon & Exeter Kidney Unit Appeal
British Sailors Society
Kingsbridge Mentally

Handicapped
Stoke Mandaville Hospital
Antony Nolan Bone Marrow Appeal Fund.
etc.

Our Parish Hall has a long history going back to 1934 when the original Parish Hall Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr A.E. Stidston. The original project never bore fruit because of the Second World War, but after the war the Committee was re-formed and the present building became the Parish Hall in 1947. Since that time many improvements have been carried out and the freehold of the Hall and Car Park obtained. Various Committees have been responsible over the years for keeping the Hall in an acceptable condition, all work being funded by local fund raising activities. Over the years this has become a hand to mouth existence with the people who use the Hall saying it costs too much and our Treasurer advising us that we are not making ends meet. To fill this gap we use such activities as our May Fair to help provide money for such necessities as improving the heating system and re-wiring the Hall. We would love to replace our rather hard and elderly chairs, but the cost prevents us from doing this or from carrying out any other improvements.

The answer to the problem of the Parish Hall, your Parish Hall, is for more people, organisations, clubs and activities to make use of the Hall.

A.E. SADLER
Chairman.

A FEW CENSUS FIGURES

Provisional results from the 1981 census show that the population present in England and Wales on Census night (5th/6th April 1981) was 49 million an increase of only 0.5% over the decade since the 1971 census. This compares with a 5 percent growth rate in each of the previous two decades.

Generally, the population of large cities and conurbations fell and the population of the urban fringes and the more rural areas grew overall by about 8 per cent. The South West was up 246,000.

Devon as a whole increased just 6 per cent - from 898,000 to 952,000. In the Plymouth area there was a fall from 201,528 to 197,432. Exeter had only a 1 per cent drop.

Torquay and Paignton went up from 92,693 to 97,898, but the largest increase of any town in Devon was at Ivybridge where there was a 53 per cent rise from 4,027 to 6,160. It seems that the prediction of population growth in the Devon Structure Plan has proved remarkably accurate so far.

As more and more people choose to live in villages and small towns, so the importance of local councils must grow. Growth in itself is neither good nor bad; its impact on a rural community depends on how alert those already there are to ensure that developments are in keeping with the area and that facilities such as roads and drainage can cope.

With acknowledgement to "Local Council Review"

THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON
HORTICULTURAL SHOW : : :

THIS year the Show will be held in the South Milton Village Hall on SATURDAY 21st AUGUST starting at 2.30 p.m.

There are sections for vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, pot plants, cookery, wines, flower arrangements and handicrafts. A novelty class is being introduced for the first time - THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN !

If you would like an advance copy of the Schedule, please contact:

Mrs Pat Macdonald, the Show Secretary on
Thurlestone 436.

THE PEARSON NURSERY SCHOOL.

The School was founded by Mrs Joan Pearson at "Wragmoor" Bantam, who ran it very successfully for 8 years. When she decided to retire in December 1980 she kindly offered the school to the parents of children involved with the school for them to run it themselves. A Management Committee was formed in September 1980 and the first job was to employ a Supervisor. We were extremely lucky to find Mrs Liz. Hampson who is wonderful with the children and runs the school beautifully. She has the assistance of two helpers - Mrs Daphne Langman and Mrs Anne Rowe. The school was moved from Bantam to Thurlestone during February to May 1981 and has just completed its first year at the splendid site in the grounds of the Primary School. The Nursery School is a registered charity and is allowed to take up to 15 children between the ages of three to five per morning. So far, the school is proving to be a most successful venture. Any work that needs to be done is organised by the parents and Mr Battell is extremely kind with offers of help when needed. The Trustees of the school are Mr and Mrs Pearson and the Rev. John Delve. We are planning our first Summer Sports during the morning of WEDNESDAY 7th JULY (or 14th if wet) and this is open to all the children presently attending the school, regardless of which morning they usually attend, and also to future children registered with us.

LINDY ANDERTON

Secretary to the Management Committee.

Editor's Note: This article is being published on an 'Open Forum' basis, which as that title infers, is open for anyone in the parish to put forward a point of view : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :

WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN + +

KINGSBRIDGE & DISTRICT GROUP

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The 2nd United Nations Special Session on Disarmament takes place in New York from the 7th June to 9th July this year. The Kingsbridge Group of the Campaign conducted a petition which many people in our parish signed, in support of this Special Session, and collected over 3,000 signatures in Kingsbridge and district.

Our group is concerned with many aspects of the disarmament issue, from the abolition of nuclear weapons to the transference of military expenditure to end world poverty. We believe that too much of the world's resources in terms of the investment of money, raw materials, time, expertise, brainpower, imagination, initiative, etc. is spent on armaments, which leads to an impoverishment of our lives and contributes to the destitution of millions of people in the poorer parts of the world. It has been calculated that it costs 17 billion dollars to feed the world for a year, which is what is spent on arms in two weeks ! !

We have regular open meetings on the third Friday every month at 7.30 p.m. at Tresillian at Kingsbridge. We have visiting speakers, show films and have discussions on a wide range of topics relating to Peace and Disarmament in which local ministers from different denominations take part. June's Meeting will be addressed by Muriel Whitep-church from Exeter, who will be speaking to us about Traidcraft, an organisation concerned with self-help groups in the Third World.

We are not affiliated to any political party, and our members are from a wide cross section of the community and of varying political persuasions. All our meetings are open to anyone and we welcome new faces, so why not come along.

SUE MCGINN.

If you would like any further information or want to support us in any way please contact Membership Secretary, Sue McGinn on Thurlestone 204.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue !

A.E.SADLER, Chairman writes about

THURLESTONE YOUTH CLUB

This Club was formed by parents of teenage children in the village some years ago, since then the Committee of management has remained virtually unchanged, though few of those parents still have any children young enough to be members of the Club. The Club caters for youngsters of the Parish over the age of 11. It provides an outlet for controlled youthful exhuberance on one evening every week from September to May. Occasionally the Committee attempt to channel this abundant energy into doing something useful for the community.

The Club give an annual party for the retired residents of the villages which is always a highlight of the winter. The Club took four stalls at the recent May Fair in aid of the Parish Hall funds, and also take stalls at the Parish Fete at the Rectory to help the Church funds, and last year they undertook a Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale.

On the sporting side the Club entered a Table Tennis League for the first time, and were able to field a team for matches every week throughout the season, and while they did not come away with any trophies, they acquitted themselves well, and look forward to an improved league position next season.

The 1982-83 Youth Club Season will start on TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER, when we look forward to welcoming present members and any new over 11's in the parish.

 F R I E N D S
 of
 THURLESTONE SCHOOL
 are having
 a FAMILY BAR - B - Q
 and FOLK EVENING
 on FRIDAY 16th JULY 1982
 at All Saints Primary
 School
 Thurlestone
 The SOUTH HAMS
 FOLK DANCERS
 will be there.

RURAL BUS SERVICES
 Operated by TALLY HO!
 Devon County Council
 have replied to the
 Parish Council :
 "With regard to the
 possibility of adult
 passengers travelling
 on the school bus, the
 loadings for the Autumn
 Term will be examined
 when these are avail-
 able, and if there is
 any spare room avail-
 able consideration
 will be given to members
 of the general public
 using this facility.

CHILDREN

 The Editor is
 offering an AWARD
 of £2. to any BOY
 or GIRL attending
 All Saints PRIMARY
 SCHOOL for an ESSAY
 on:
 "What I think of
 Thurlestone Parish"
 or
 "What I would like
 the Parish to be by
 the year 2000 "
 The award of £2 will
 be paid to the boy
 or girl submitting,
 in the opinion of
 the Editor, the best
 Essay on either
 subject - in other
 words two awards of
 £2 each.
 CLOSING DATE is
 AUGUST 10th 1982
 Send or hand it
 in to:
 VILLAGE VOICE
 10, Backshay Close
 South Milton
 Kingsbridge

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 Bantham Quay
 or Telephone Thurlestone
 593.
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OPEN AREA - ISLAND VIEW
 Thurlestone
 In an endeavour to
 fully clarify the
 situation with regard to
 this piece of land, the
 Parish Council have been
 in correspondence with
 Mr D.N.Fletcher, who was
 a partner in "Fletcher
 Homes". Mr Fletcher says:
 "Arrangements were made with
 Kingsbridge R.D.C. in 1973
 whereby Fletcher Homes paid
 a commuted maintenance sum
 to the Council in exchange
 for the Council agreeing to
 maintain the area in
 perpetuity - specifically
 as an open area (and not a
 play or amenity area). At
 the time of local Government
 re-organisation these
 liabilities were taken over
 by the South Hams District
 Council.
 The residents of Island
 View have it noted in their
 various conveyances that
 the area is an open area
 and not a play area or
 amenity area, and generally
 the residents have paid due
 regard to this over the
 last 10 years or so. In
 maintaining the area an an
 open triangle of land it
 forms an attractive out-
 look.

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 FORTHCOMING EVENTS
 to be held during
 September & October
 1982
 make certain - and hand
 in details BEFORE 16th
 August to:
 10, Backshay Close,
 South Milton
 THIS SERVICE IS FREE FOR
 ALL VILLAGE EVENTS
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The SEPTEMBER
 issue of
 VILLAGE VOICE
 will, among
 other items
 commence a
 series by
 "An Observer
 of the Village
 Scene"
 which promises
 to be both
 controversial
 and thought
 provoking !!

BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

THE CLUB has been patrolling the beach each Sunday since the beginning of May and will continue to do so until mid-September. Club Members are also frequently available to assist the Council Lifeguard during the week.

TRAINING is an important aspect of Club life, and members are continuously working to improve both fitness and levels of competence in the water and with resuscitation equipment. Examiners from the Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain visit the beach to examine members in these skills and to ensure that the Club maintains the general standards laid down by the Association for all Affiliated Clubs.

THROUGHOUT the season competitions are held around the country so that each Club may compare its ability and fitness against the others. The National Surf Ski Race is to be held this year at Penybont in Glamorgan along a 27 mile course. The Devon Surf Life Saving Championships will be at Dawlish Warren on the 8th August

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Tel: Clubhouse-Thurlestone 447
Secretary-Thurlestone 767

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TELL YOUR PARISH COUNCILLOR ABOUT IT !

- Mr P.W.J.Hurrell (Chairman)
Thurlestone 496.
- Mr D.J.Yeoman (Vice Chairman)
Thurlestone 607
- Mr E.T.Stidston - Thurlestone 242
- Miss R.S.Stocken - " " 257
- Mr D.W.P.Grose - " " 375
- Mr R. Adams " " 247
- Mr J.Dayment - " " 295

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District Councillor Mr Jack Thomas
(Thurlestone 269)

County Councillor Mr Simon J. Day
(Ivybridge 2576)

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THANK YOU, Mr T.E.E.Battell & the Rev John Delve for the use of your Duplicator making this publication possible.

and the National Championships will be at Perranporth, Cornwall over the August Bank Holiday week-end. The Bantham Club always tries to be represented at these events but our main concern is, of course the safety of our own beach, and our small membership sometimes prevents our attendance.

UNFORTUNATELY our life-saving equipment is expensive and, despite the generous assistance of both Evans Estates and the South Hams District Council, we have to use a large proportion of our time on fund raising. Our main event during the season is our ANNUAL OPEN DAY on SUNDAY 1st. AUGUST. We will be pleased to meet as many of you as possible at the Club-house and we shall, of course, be most grateful for offers of assistance on that day, or indeed, at any time.

CLUB MEMBERS have been involved already in a number of rescues this season and hopefully will be around to prevent any fatalities for the rest of the season.

FRED SHILLABEER. Head Lifeguard.

FOR VISITORS & NEW RESIDENTS

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH:

Rev. J. Delve, The Rectory,
Thurlestone (Tel. 232).

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ALL SAINTS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Headmaster. Mr T.E.E.BATTELL
(Tel. Thurlestone 494)

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THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Secretary. Mr R.Marston, B.E.M.
(Tel: Thurlestone 405)

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CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Mr D.W.Drabble
(Tel. Thurlestone 533)

Pet Corner

by V.JESSEN, B.V.Sc.,
M.R.C.V.S.

AFTER being a small animal veterinary surgeon for 10 years I can see I have now acquired two veterinary idiosyncrasies. The first of these is dog training and the second is maintaining the animal's correct weight, the two are possibly linked.

WHEN people bring a new puppy into me the first thing I try to impress upon them is that all dogs, wild or domestic, are pack animals. The pack needs a leader, that should be the human. This dominance order is easily established in puppies by the way one gives commands. Don't be diffident. Say a command as if you mean it; the message will then come across and force of any kind is seldom indicated. Bear in mind most dogs are excellent actors and so do not be deceived by any histrionics or tantrums.

KEEPING your pet at the correct weight and not permitting it to get fat is within everybody's capability. It behoves you to do this because all the problems we get when we are overweight viz a viz: heart, arthritis, diabetes, the dog will get as well. Most dogs are absolute gourmands, eating until they are sick. Hence the owner must control the quantity given. If titbits are ever offered ensure the dog does not expect or demand them as a right. This is where training comes in.

I HOPE these various points are of interest and enable people to have socially acceptable, healthy pets.

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THURLESTONE & WEST BUCKLAND W.I. meet on the 2nd. Thursday every month (but not in August). In the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. The NEXT MEETING is on 8th July and the Secretary is Mrs M.V.Raymont, Court Park, Thurlestone.

The BANTHAM SAILING CLUB have races on the River Avon most week-ends and NEW MEMBERS are always welcome. Contact Secretary Marilyn Cater at 'Yorick' West Buckland (Tel: Thurlestone 593)

If there are any elderly residents who would even like to discuss the benefit of the MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE they should contact Parish Councillor Miss Rosemary Stocken at 'Mariners' Ilbert Road. (Tel. Thurlestone 257.

The Thurlestone Parish EMERGENCY OFFICER is Parish Councillor Mr D.J.YEOMAN - he can be contacted at 8, Parkfield, Thurlestone. Tel: 607.

The next Meeting of the THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL will be held in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY 6th JULY 1982 - and there will be an 'OPEN SESSION' with parishioners. You will be very welcome.

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