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Dear Reader,

I believe I am justified in saying our Magazine/Newsletter was well and truly launched with issue No.2 and, from all I hear, it has been very well received.

The introduction of this publication is intended to keep you informed on all parish matters together with articles and stories which have a local content, although articles on wider issues will no doubt appear from time to time.

I hope that contributions of these articles and stories, and letters, poems and general comment will continue to grow. Local views and opinions on any subject which has relevance to our community will be found space, as will articles on Golf, Football, tennis, swimming, fishing, water skiing, yachting, surfing and surf life saving, squash, darts - 'Village Voice' is here to serve you all !

Although, as indicated in issue No.2. the magazine is sponsored by your Parish Council - don't let that put you off contributing to its pages, for it is essentially 'freelance' and will publish 'without fear or favour'. In fact the next step forward is to establish a small broadly based 'Editorial team' - so if you have a genuine interest in amateur journalism, some time to spare, evenings or some daytime do get in touch with the Editor. Age limit 16 to 80 say!

I really do want to thank all who have contributed to the successful launching, particularly Miss Rosemary Stocken, Dr. Neville C. Oswald, Mr Kendall McDonald and I must not forget the Editor who does most of the hard graft associated with producing 400 copies of a 20 page publication.

Yours sincerely,

P.W.J. Hurrell
P.W.J. Hurrell

CHAIRMAN - Thurlestone Parish Council.

The views and opinions expressed in 'Village Voice' are those of the contributors and must not be accepted as necessarily being the views and opinions of any member of Thurlestone Parish Council.

Thurlestone Parish Hall

SINCE I last contributed to the 'Village Voice' on the subject of the Thurlestone Parish Hall the financial situation has not improved, if anything it has become worse. The reason is simple, the Parish Hall is not being used sufficiently to cover the fixed outgoings. Admittedly, this period has been over the summer when everyone's eyes are turned on to our beautiful countryside.

May I once again encourage everyone in the Parish who wishes to hold an event to consider using our Parish Hall as a venue.

Looking further ahead, the Parish Hall was built as a temporary structure in 1947 and now has an estimated life of approximately 10 years. Thus we must plan to replace the building in ten years time. At to-day's values, a conservative estimate for the re-building of the Hall is £60,000. However, if the present system of grants continues we may be able to obtain some £40,000 of this total from grants leaving us £20,000 to be raised locally over a 10 year period. The Committee are busy formulating some ideas on fund raising with the aim of raising at least £2,000 per year. One way that you can support us is by joining those generous folk who have already made a gift in the form of a covenant to the Parish Hall Trust. Thurlestone Parish Hall is registered as a charity and as such is able to claim from HM Inspector of Taxes a rebate on tax paid on the covenant. Thus effectively increasing the value of your gift to the fund without further cost to yourself.

If you are willing to support us in this way, PLEASE COMPLETE THE attached coupon and send it to our President, Admiral Bickford or, telephone him for further information on THURLESTONE 595.

Mrs Pedrick, our Parish Hall Warden, has been very busy during the summer months re-decorating the toilets in the Hall and generally making the whole building spick and span in readiness for the winter. Now, after all her hard work we are very sorry to find that we are going to lose her as our Warden. Mrs Pedrick is leaving Thurlestone to join her husband who is now in business in Cornwall. May I take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Pedrick for all the care and interest she has shown in the Parish Hall. As a result of Mrs Pedrick's resignation we are now urgently looking for someone to replace her. If anyone reading this magazine is willing to take on this post please contact Mrs D. Jackson, our Secretary on Thurlestone 481, or any other member of the Parish Hall Committee.

A.E.SADLER

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To: ADMIRAL A.E.BICKFORD
26 COURT PARK, THURLESTONE.

I am interested in helping the Thurlestone Parish Hall in the form of a covenant to the Parish Hall Trust.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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The pen is mightier than the sword, they say,
In power both to wound or benefit
That cause to which its use is brought; to slay
Or stimulate the minds of man; it
Can kill or cure; destroy or so create
New trains of thought, which lead to 'better things',
Enhancing life in ways both small and great,
And so we welcome "Village Voice"; it brings
Into our homes a new awareness keen
Of local issues needing our concern;
Prompts us to scan afresh the village scene
Community improvement thus to learn.
Small stones cause ripples which reach distant banks;
For enterprise, good councillors - our thanks.

T.E.E.B.

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THURLESTONE HOTEL COUNTRY CLUB

I expect that many of you are aware that the Thurlestone Hotel has started a Country Club. It is intended primarily for local residents who wish to avail themselves of the best selection of sporting amenities offered by any Club in Devon. The response has been overwhelming and for those who are not already members, any applications are being placed on a waiting list as membership is fully subscribed.

For many years now the sporting amenities offered by the Thurlestone Hotel have been available to all for payment of a small fee. In recent years these amenities have become very heavily used and the procedures for controlling their use inadequate. It must always be remembered that the existence of this remarkable collection of leisure activities has been made possible because guests staying at the hotel have demanded and paid for their availability over a period of many years. A way had to be found, therefore, of controlling the use of these facilities which was equitable for local residents and hotel guests. It was the overwhelming demand by

hotel guests which led to the decision to build the indoor swimming pool complex. The construction of this facility has become the catalyst which made the formation of the Thurlestone Hotel Country Club a reality. Some would say long overdue.

It is hoped that the Club will develop a strong sporting and social base. Members will soon receive a News Letter in which the activities of club members will be highlighted and some special offers will be made available to members. The future progress of the club will also be discussed in the News Letter so that members may have an opportunity to comment and contribute.

Finally, if you haven't applied to join but feel that swimming, tennis, golf, saunas, spa baths, squash and gymnasiums are for you please do so. Although your name will be put on the waiting list, it will help to know what kind of demand still exists to be satisfied. To those of you who are members, I hope you'll continue to enjoy yourselves.

Tadpole.

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PARISH NEWS

by our SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ALL PARISHES in the South Hams will be receiving details shortly of the plans for the future of their communities as proposed by the South Hams District Council and promoted by their Planning Department. It is understood this will be not merely a 'consultative document' but Parish Councils will be asked or expected to convene Parish Meetings at which the proposals will be discussed. When such meetings are announced, some time in early 1983 it is understood, it is to be hoped that there is a really good turn-out of parishioners, for like the writer, you may not be all that keen on what I would call an 'outside body' planning the future of our villages. We must be very sure such plans cover what we want and what we need and that it will not be consultation on a conclusion.

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Devon County Council will persist in wanting to raise the rent paid by the parish for the licence to use the School playing field outside school hours. The present rent is £40 p.a. the County want £60 p.a. - a 50% increase. They say it is to cover the increased cost of maintenance - but the Parish Council insist that the small useage outside school hours does not cause any increase in maintenance - which has to be carried out as a normal practice for normal school use.

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No one is old enough to know better!

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The Parish Council are very concerned indeed that they learned quite casually that the Devon County Council have arranged with the Countryside Commission to hold a meeting with the Thurlestone Golf Club for a discussion with regard to the erosion of the Coastal Footpath and re-establishing the path, in November, and the Council have not even been invited (so far) to have any representation - even in the capacity of observer! This Coastal Footpath is considered to be one of the greatest outdoor assets left - the path following the contour of the coast must be re-instated, for as part of the South Coast Path it is part of a national network. The present inland diversion because of the erosion can only be accepted as temporary. Let us hope that goodwill will prevail at any meeting. It is rather astounding that the Parish Council who have been pressing for a solution for a long time are being overlooked?

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Mr David Grose will be representing the Parish Council at a Meeting of Parish Representatives to be held by the District Council at their offices in Totnes in November - when he will raise the matter of 'Beach cleaning - including those privately owned'

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THE NEXT ISSUE
WILL COVER THE
PERIOD OF
JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY 1983

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REVISION OF SERVICES

After operation on Friday 24th September the following journeys will be withdrawn:-

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|------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1730 | Kingsbridge to Loddiswell | } <u>except</u> on Wednesdays. |
| 1740 | Loddiswell to Kingsbridge | |
| 1750 | Kingsbridge to Thurlestone | |
| 1806 | Thurlestone to Kingsbridge | |

Commencing on Monday 27th September 1982 the following journeys on school days will also convey members of the public:-

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|------|---|
| 1515 | Kingsbridge to Thurlestone and South Milton |
| 1600 | Kingsbridge to Loddiswell and Woodleigh |

Details of the revised timings are given below together with all journeys operated on these particular services:-

KINGSBRIDGE - INNER HOPE

via Thurlestone

Service
600

Operated by Tally Ho! Coaches Ltd., Industrial Estate, Kingsbridge. Tel. Kingsbridge 3081

| Mondays to Fridays during school terms | | Wednesdays & Fridays | | Mondays to Fridays during school terms | | Wednesdays & Fridays | |
|--|------|----------------------|------|--|------|----------------------|------|
| KINGSBRIDGE (Bus Stn.) | 0755 | 0905 | 1210 | INNER HOPE (Sun Bay) | 0815 | 0925 | 1255 |
| West Alvington (Butts) | 0757 | 0907 | 1213 | Outer Hope (New Road Junc) | 0817 | 0927 | 1257 |
| Huxton Cross | | | 1219 | Galampton (P.O.) | 0820 | 0930 | 1300 |
| Thurlestone (School) | | | 1224 | Malborough (Square) | 0825 | 0935 | 1305 |
| Thurlestone (Church) | | | 1226 | Milton Lane End | 0827 | 0939 | 1307 |
| Thurlestone (Golf Club) | | | 1228 | South Milton (P.O.) | | 0944 | |
| South Milton Sands | | | 1230 | South Milton Sands | | 0949 | |
| South Milton (P.O.) | | | 1235 | Thurlestone (Golf Club) | | 0951 | |
| Milton Lane End | 0803 | 0913 | 1240 | Thurlestone (Church) | | 0953 | |
| Malborough (Square) | 0805 | 0915 | 1244 | Thurlestone (School) | | 0955 | |
| Galampton (P.O.) | 0810 | 0920 | 1249 | Huxton Cross | | 1001 | |
| Outer Hope (New Road Junc.) | 0813 | 0923 | 1252 | West Alvington (Butts) | 0833 | 1006 | 1313 |
| INNER HOPE (Sun Bay) | 0815 | 0925 | 1254 | KINGSBRIDGE (Bus Stn.) | 0836 | 1009 | 1316 |

KINGSBRIDGE - THURLESTONE (Circular)

Operated by Tally Ho! Coaches Ltd., Industrial Estate, Kingsbridge. Tel. Kingsbridge 3081
Including journeys between Kingsbridge, Thurlestone and South Milton on Service 600.

Service
601

Mondays to Fridays

| | 601 | 601 | 600 | 600 | 6 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | SV | O | WF | WF | |
| KINGSBRIDGE (Bus Stn.) | 0747 | 0805 | | 1210 | 1515 |
| West Alvington (Butts) | 0750 | | | 1213 | 1518 |
| Huxton Cross | 0755 | | | 1218 | |
| Thurlestone (School) | 0801 | | | 1224 | |
| Milton Lane End | | 0820 | 0939 | | |
| South Milton (P.O.) | | 0823 | 0944 | | |
| South Milton Sands | | 0830 | 0949 | | |
| Thurlestone (Golf Club) | | 0832 | 0951 | | |
| THURLESTONE (Church) | 0803 | 0834 | 0953 | 1226 | |
| Thurlestone (Golf Club) | 0805 | | | 1228 | 1537 |
| South Milton Sands | 0807 | | | 1230 | |
| South Milton (P.O.) | 0812 | | | 1235 | 1545 |
| Milton Lane End | 0817 | | | 1240 | |
| Thurlestone (School) | | 0835 | 0955 | | |
| Huxton Cross | | 0845 | 1001 | | |
| West Alvington (Butts) | 0822 | 0850 | 1006 | | |
| KINGSBRIDGE (Bus Stn.) | 0825 | 0853 | 1009 | | 1600 |

CODE:

- O — Mondays to Fridays during School Terms only.
- SV — Mondays to Fridays during School Vacations only.
- WF — Wednesdays and Fridays only.
- — Through journey to or from Malborough and Inner Hope. (Service 600)

Commencing 27th September 1982.

KINGSBRIDGE — CALIFORNIA CROSS

via Loddiswell

Service
603

Operated by Tally Ho! Coaches Ltd., Industrial Estate, Kingsbridge. Tel. Kingsbridge 3081.

| Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | | Wednesdays | | Fridays | | Mondays to Fridays during School Terms | |
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| Woolston | | 0825 1127 | 0825 1127 | | | Gara Bridge | |
| CALIFORNIA CROSS | | 0830 1132 | 0830 1132 | | | | |
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| CALIFORNIA CROSS | | 0830 1135 | 0830 1135 | | 0800† | | |
| Woolston | | 0835 1140 | 0835 1140 | | | | |
| Loddiswell (Turk's Head) | 0840 | 0840 1145 1430 1740 | 0840 1145 1430 1740 | 0840 1125 | 0830 | | |
| Sorley | 0847 | 0847 1152 1437 1747 | 0847 1152 1437 1747 | 0847 1132 | 0837 | | |
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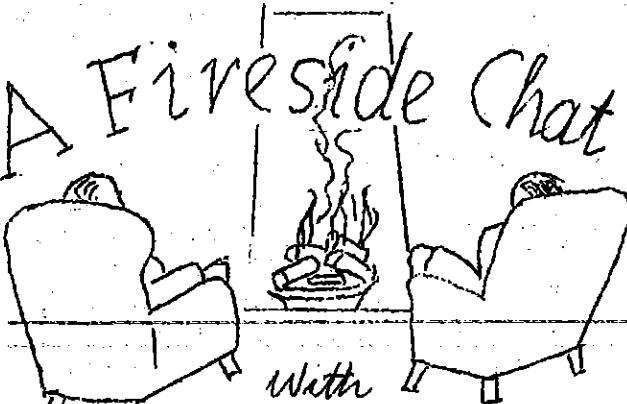
†—From Modbury, dep. 0750, and operates via Gara Bridge, Hendham and Woodleigh.

SV—School Vacations only.



DEVON

A Fireside Chat



With
Eric Treneman Stidston

I was born in the village of Thurlestone in June 1905, the younger child of Albert Edward and Minnie Stidston. During the intervening years I have seen many changes, good and not so good.

My father came to Thurlestone from Kingston in 1887 as a tenant of Squire Brunskill, and eventually purchased Court Park which he farmed until his death in 1938. I followed in his footsteps and now the third generation is taking over.

In my early days there were only three houses and two bungalows below where the War Memorial now stands. The Shooting Lodge (now Furzy Close Hotel), Kennedy, The Village Inn, Homefield, the Rectory - now the 'Old Rectory' were all there, but ~~gone is the pond opposite the Church,~~ where the horses stopped to drink, and the village blacksmith's workshop.

The Village Shop was then owned by a Mrs Pound, where twopence bought a tin of sherbet and a penny a bag of sweets.

I attended the Church School at the entrance to the village, and there were no other houses beyond that. The teacher's at that time were a Mrs Connoley and a Miss Toms who lived in a house next to the village shop. When I grew old enough I had to lead the horses drawing waggons at harvest time, and I well remember picking up golf balls as I walked behind the self-binder pulled by three horses in the field between the present tennis courts and the golf course. The golf course was grazed by several hundred sheep until it was decided that clearing up after them was impractical. The corn ricks were usually made in Calvesway, now an extension of the

Church graveyard. In due course the threshing machine and steam engine - named Lord Kitchener - would arrive and threshing proceeded for a week or more. My part, as a boy was to keep back the 'douse', derived from dust and husk! Not an enviable job, though occasionally the engine driver would take pity on me and lend a hand. At mid-day all helpers sat around the straw ricks, and from a large iron pan portions of boiled beef, carrots and potatoes were served, not forgetting a keg of cider apiece! There were three men on the straw rick, two or three on the corn rick, two on the threshing machine and one fetching water to keep the steam engine running. I have watched my father, watch in hand, timing a bag a minute! Finally the sacks of corn were laid in tiers seven or eight high and covered with a layer of straw. The highlight at the end of this operation would be the harvest supper in the farmhouse kitchen - roast goose, leg of pork and vegetables, followed by apple pie and cream. Cider was plentiful, and a sing-song would soon be in full swing. Vic Michelmore (Geoff Michelmore's father) rendering "Kitty with the buckles on her shoes".

In due course I left the Church School to board at Kingsbridge Grammar School, finishing my education at Bloxham in Oxfordshire, and returned to work on the farm. Always keen on sport, and a member of teams at school, I played football for Thurlestone and cricket for Kingsbridge Cricket Club. Dances were held annually in the barn for the benefit of the clubs.

When I reached the age of twenty-seven I asked my father for a wage - his reply was "whatever next - you are a lucky man to be taught"! So I continued until I married in 1938.

1939 was an eventful year, our eldest child was born, I bought the first tractor in the area, an International, which I still own! War with Germany was declared, conscription and rationing followed, changing village life for ever. Land Girls from the Women's Land Army replaced men on the farm, we were allocated three evacuees from London and I joined the Home Guard.

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A Fireside Chat with Eric Treneman Stidston

The raids on Plymouth, acquisition of Thurlestone Hotel for officer training and an area of the South Hams for all the U.S. forces in preparation for the Normandy landings. The sight of the barrage balloons along the coastline on D day, followed by tip and run raids on our towns and villages, brought the reality of war ever nearer.

In the meantime production on the farm had to be increased with less labour and more restrictions. When the war finally ended Land Girls were replaced by prisoners of war - I employed two and still have a Christmas card from one of them.

So many memories, faces, places, characters and craftsmen, but in this issue space will only allow an outline of my life in the village, enriched by those who have shared it with me.

(Farmer Eric Treneman Stidston was a member of the Kingsbridge Rural District Council up to the formation of the present South Hams District Council, and after the death of his father he was elected a member of Thurlestone Parish Council - and has given over 40 years of unpaid service to the community)

NOW THAT WINTER

is about to descend upon us and you are interested in DARTS you will enjoy an evening watching (perhaps joining) the SLOOP INN DARTS CLUB in action at Bantham. Have a word with the Club Captain - JOHN DAYMENT of Lower Aunemouth, Bantham -

Telephone: Thurlestone 295.

DID YOU KNOW that the Parish has a Tug-of-war Club registered with the A.A.A. ?

THE AUNE VALLEY TUG-OF-WAR CLUB

Secretary: Victor Adams,
West Buckland Farm

Telephone: Thurlestone 247)

If you ever fancied you had a talent for writing - why not try it out with a short story or article for

VILLAGE VOICE

VILLAGE VOICE may be considered very fortunate to receive regular contributions of stories from Kendall McDonald, and the Editor was astonished when the other day someone asked

Who is Kendall McDonald?

He was formerly Managing Editor of the 'London Evening News', and is now a full time freelance journalist.

He has written over 20 books, mostly about the underwater explorations of wrecks around the coasts of Britain. He was Chairman of the British Sub-Aqua Club from 1975-78 and is still a keen diver in Devon waters. He has recently written 'The Diver Guide to South Devon', the first underwater guide book to the area.

He has written two books about his cottage in Thurlestone and his Devon family. The first "Just-a-Cottage" was published by Pelham in 1974. The second, which included much more of the history of Thurlestone and the surrounding area is called "More than Just-a-Cottage" and was published last year (1981) by the Ashgrove Press.

His latest book "The Wreck Walker's Guide", also by Ashgrove Press, contains several walks to famous wreck sites in the South Hams.

Married to Penny, a Nursing Sister, he has a son and daughter

ON THE DOLE!

Five thousand years ago Moses said
"Park your camel,
pick up your shovel and mount your
ass and
I will lead you to the promised
land".

Five thousand years later Roosevelt
said "Lay down your shovel,
sit on your ass and smoke your
camel, this IS the promised land"
Today, Thatcher will take your
shovel, sell your camel,
kick your ass and tell you there is
no promised land !

What reason

can there be for rate increases in 1983 ? Falling inflation, revenue from council house sales, revenue from new building, lower staffing and the cut in services should see a reduction ? ? ?

Along the Coastal ~~XXX~~ Path

WHAT could be pleasanter on a fine summer's day than to walk along the coastal path from Ley's Foot to Bantam and to linger, maybe to doze, at a favourite spot. All the world seems to go by - children, the not so young, bird watchers, the occasional golfer with a tendency to hook, senior citizens exercising their dogs and those admirable people with thick shoes and enormous rucksacks. A young couple might be seen on the seat by the green corrugated iron hut above Broadsands, contemplating the view hand in hand. To their left lies Yarmer and separating the two beaches is a spit of land upon which Loomy Castle stood, according to Ordnance Survey maps. No longer having a good head for heights I have not searched the ruins, nor for that matter, am I convinced that anybody would want to build a castle down there; a little hut with a light to guide passing ships maybe, but not a castle. Before them a yacht or fishing boat would serve as a reminder of an illustrious naval past and behind them are golfers for ever trying to stretch their capabilities or halt their decline, whilst thoughtlessly hacking their divots where sheep had grazed for a thousand years. Indeed, we know how many sheep there were, or were supposed to be, two hundred years ago when the land belonged to the Earl of Devon. He ordered a survey in 1777 which stated "5 of my Lords Tenants... have the right to turn 70 sheep and Mr Langman the right to turn two sheep" on the ham. That, it seems to me, makes 352 sheep in all, but leaves several questions unanswered. When were they counted and by whom? What adjustments were made during the lambing season? What about Mr Langman? Did he have only two sheep or had he fallen foul of the bailiff? We will probably never know.

THERE were times when our young couple might have hesitated to venture too far alone.

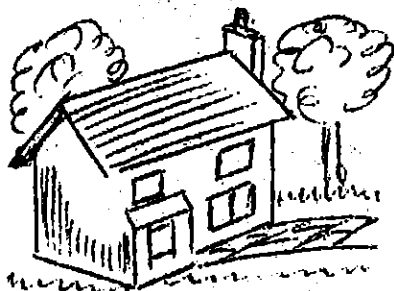
For centuries, footpads and smugglers were never far away. When William the Conqueror sent his men down to do a survey for the Domesday Book, they found no more than a couple of dozen people in the whole parish and they were in a poor state because their homes had been looted and destroyed shortly before by, of all people, marauding Irishmen. Had they been sitting above Broadsands on May 23rd, 1147 they would hardly have believed their eyes when they saw 164 ships rounding Bolt Tail. They comprised the Second Crusade sailing from Dartmouth to wrest the Holy Land from the Turkish infidels. Alas they became bogged down in a battle in Portugal and few of the ships reached the Mediterranean. In 1190 the grander Third Crusade sailed past with Richard the Lionheart in charge. He had over a hundred ships each carrying, on average, 80 men and 40 horses; the stench below decks must have been quite something. His spectacular campaign in Palestine failed to dislodge Saladin from Jerusalem, but he secured the free passage of Christian pilgrims into the Holy City.

Our couple would have had to wait a long time before seeing a comparable marine display. When the Spanish Armada came up the Channel in 1588, Drake was in no hurry to attack it. Not knowing where it would try to land he kept near the shore and picked off odd ships as they presented. Hence our fleet could probably be seen quite clearly, but the Armada may well have been out of sight. A hospital ship the San Pedro el Major was disabled and was seen to be heading for Hope Cove. Just about all the mobile inhabitants of Thurlestone went over hot foot and helped themselves to as much plunder as they could before the ship sank.

Next time I sit on the bench by the green hut I will not be looking for a Crusade or an Armada. I will be content with a tranquil sea, a setting sun and a kestrel hovering somewhere near.

Neville C. Oswald
The Old Rectory,
Thurlestone.

Parish Council Information



A House in the garden?

FROM time to time the Parish Council are faced with an application for the erection of an additional dwelling in the garden of an existing house, and as a consequence asked the South Hams District Council Planning Department for guidelines on the factors which would be of concern and thus enable the Parish Council to make its own recommendations with such guidelines in mind.

The starting point is whether or not the application is, or is not, within the development area of the village and if it is, then there should be a presumption in favour of development, all other things being equal. More detailed guidance on dealing with such applications was given by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in its Development Control Policy - Note No 2 - Development in Residential Areas. Paragraph 7 of this Note gives advice in dealing with applications for development of backland as follows:

" Houses with long back gardens are a familiar feature of many suburban areas. Sometimes the gardens are more than the householders now want and can be usefully developed if the conditions are right. There must be a proper means of access either from a road at the side or rear, or by forming an access through a gap between existing houses. 'Tandem' development, consisting of one house immediately behind the other and sharing the same access, is generally unsatisfactory because of the difficulties of access to the house at the back and the disturbance and lack of privacy suffered by the house in front. There must also be adequate space between the buildings - both old and new - to allow enough light and avoid spoiling the amenity of adjoining houses. The better the design and layout of the new house, the more acceptable it is likely to be; and the best results can often be achieved when a number of plots can be laid out and developed together.

The creation of tandem development is one of the most common objections to the sub-division of garden curtilages in residential areas (such as exist in Thurlestone), but where a proper means of access can be achieved by virtue of roads both front and rear of the site, an application cannot be considered as tandem development.

It is then necessary to consider whether the sub-division provides for firstly, a satisfactory site for the proposed dwelling house, its access, parking and turning facilities and sufficient private amenity space for the occupiers of the proposed dwelling and secondly, that the residential amenities of the existing property are safeguarded by providing for a sufficient distance between the properties or by other safeguards such as existing or proposed physical barriers or screening or by the design of the new property. If distance alone is being relied on then as a rough guide - 80 feet between properties is a minimum distance.

It is also necessary to consider whether the proposed sub-division would give rise to an increase in the density of development in the area which would change its character or spaciousness to an unacceptable extent. Very rarely does one new dwelling give rise to this, but of course this then provides a precedent for similar development on adjoining sites which may cumulatively have this effect.

Applications are rarely straightforward and each application has to be treated on its merits having regard to these various factors.

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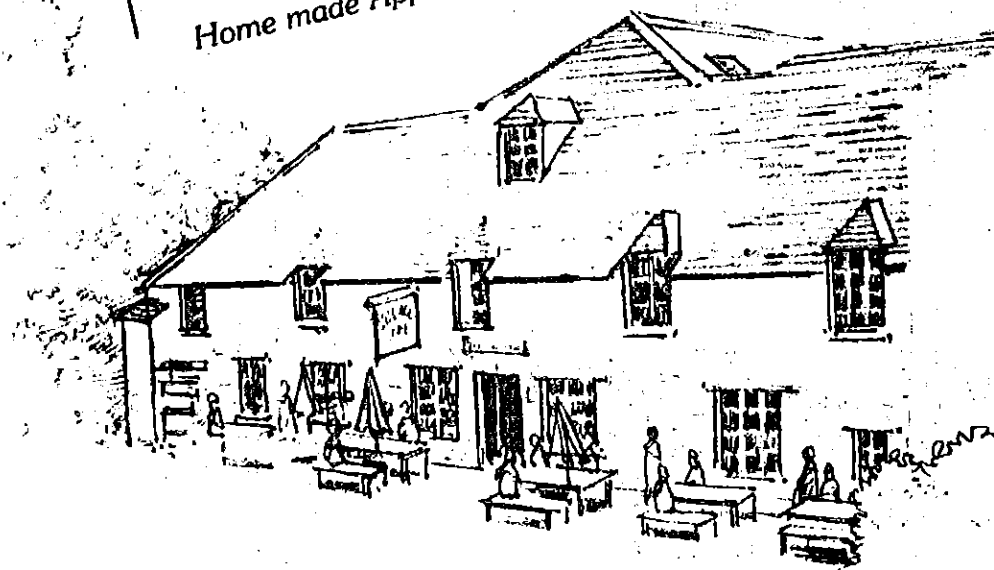
Never argue with your doctor - he has inside information !

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You can't beat
the old Village Inn
for tasty bar meals!

Village Inn Selection

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Home made soup, bread & butter | 55p |
| Smoked Salmon paté & toast | 95p |
| Farmhouse paté & toast | 95p |
| Hot Smoked Mackerel | 75p |
| Ham or Cheese baps | 75p |
| Ploughmans | £1.00 |
| Salads | from £1.50 |
| Cottage Pie | £1.20 |
| Chicken Curry | £1.20 |
| Locally made Pasty | 50p |
| — and — | |
| Home made Apple pie | 75p |



Thurlestone Village Inn
Telephone Thurlestone 452

Multilateralists do it together Unilateralists do it alone !

I was privileged to attend the meeting at Brighton on the 6th October when Mr Winston Churchill launched the Campaign for Defence and Multilateral Dis-armament (CDMD). Mr Churchill reminded us that the world we live in is more dangerous than at any time in our history. The ambitions and disregard for others which have been the cause of war throughout history have not changed but the power of total self-destruction has been added. Therefore, the maintenance of peace and freedom is our most urgent priority.

CDMD has been formed to clarify the issues and to counter the misinformation and even falsehoods being put out by the Soviet Union and some who advocate unilateral disarmament which would leave us defenceless against an ever increasing Soviet threat. We know that in the short term the only way is to maintain and improve our national defences, both nuclear and conventional. The lesson of the 1930's proved that weakness in defence invites catastrophe. The ultimate aim is complete multilateral disarmament but this is only possible if all sides agree to participate and all parties disarm at the same rate and to the same pattern leaving no party in a position of superiority for even an hour. Human nature and greed would take advantage and precipitate us into a war. All animals do this so why should humans be different; this would also be the position if we disarmed unilaterally.

Britain would become and defenceless against the Russian Bear or any other would-be aggressor. Had unilateral disarmament been the policy of this Government last April, we would not have been able to save the Falkland Islands from the aggression of a power hungry dictator. Britain, in her role of protector of her far flung people, would certainly have failed those very proud British citizens.

For these reasons CDMD stresses the importance of the twin policies of strong defences and multilateral disarmament. In this lies our hope for the future, weakening ourselves as advocated by the unilateralists would not prove our salvation but would play into the hands of those who wish to deprive us forever of our hard won and deeply loved freedom such as we now enjoy. As the Marine Padre at the Thanksgiving Service in Port Stanley said 'Think on....' I urge you to do just this and not fall into the trap of allowing Britain to become weakened by participating in any scheme other than of strong defences, both nuclear and conventional coupled with the long term aim of multilateral disarmament. Always remember MULTILATERALISTS DO IT TOGETHER - UNILATERALISTS DO IT ALONE !

Jean E. Sadler.

MONEY flows like WATER !!

The part time Chairman of the South West Water Authority has been reported in receipt of a salary for the year ending March 31st. 1982 of some £19,160 and eight others were stated to be in the salary bracket of £20,000 to £25,000 a year, with a ninth achieving between £25,000 and £30,000.

We still get the same kind of water through very much the same kind of distribution system in this part of the County - but the charge for it

has escalated like those reported salaries to which even a 6% rise would add £1,200 a year to anyone in the £20,000 bracket. Surely the time has come for a reduction in charges now the bogey 'inflation' is under control, interest rates are well down too.

The same goes for sewerage charges - and can you really believe that the proposed £3,000,000 for a new office block is anything but the 'starting price' ?

M.E.B.

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Was Little Liz really Mrs BIG ? asks KENDALL McDONALD

I TOLD you all about my grandfather "Lor Lumme" Hill, but I don't think I told you how worried I am about my grandmother.

Mind you I'm not as worried about her as I was when she was alive and I was a little boy. Do you know she had a forearm tennis stroke with her carpet beater which would even have stopped McEnroe arguing with the linesmen !

I put it all down to her red hair. Most red-heads are said to be fiery tempered and believe me she was no exception. Not that she was very large. In fact she was the complete opposite of her hugh ex-policeman husband. But being so little made her a very fast mover and I soon learned you could'nt out-run her when she was on your trail for some childish offence. My sisters and I used to hide in the middle of a big fuchsia hedge when she was really on the rampage 'cos we knew she would'nt come in there because it would make dirty marks on the spotless long white pinny she always wore.

Thinking about it I'm sure she must have had lots of those long white pinnies because that's how I really remember her - all crackling pinny and swishing carpet beater. You could say it was an image that she literally impressed upon me !

But perhaps that's not entirely true. Perhaps I remember her best for her prodigious buying sprees when the 'oilman' called with his oil cans for the lamps and a great bread-basket on his arm full of samples of all the things he wanted to sell. The van was left out on the main street and when my grandma made one of her big buys from his samples he would go backwards and forwards between cottage and van

for simply ages.

He seemed to sell everything - orangey yellow dusters, feather-mops, lamp wicks and glasses, matches, scrubbing brushes, metal polish, tinned foods, all were displayed in his basket. You think of Victoriana, he could have filled a museum with it !

He only tolerated my grandmother's waspish tongue because of her big buys. You see, she seemed to have some idea that she could be cut off at any moment by some freak of the weather for months and months at a time.

So she bought goods by the gross. A gross of matches was a small thing, a gross of tins of pilchards in some evil-tasting tomato sauce (I can't even eat todays improved version because of that!) was more her sort of order. Yes, a great little buyer was Elizabeth Hill and the corridors of her cottage were lined with packages as evidence of her prowess.

I was frightened of my grandmother. Well so would you have been if you'd collected an overarm smash followed by a quick lob lower down from that carpet beater. Could have won Wimbledon she could ! She frightened me, but I never suspected her of being anything but a totally up-right member of the Thurlestone community.

But now, do you know, I do believe that grandmamma had a guilty secret. Quite what it was I'm not sure yet. Perhaps you can help me to unveil it. Let me tell you what happened.....

Was Little Liz really Mrs BIG?

ONE DAY, when my wife Penny was repairing the lining of grandmother's sewing box, she found sewn in behind it, three newspaper cuttings, all neatly pinned together. They had not got there by accident. I reproduce them here for you and ask you to unravel the strange tale they tell us, there are certain facts about the events of those days in 1880 you should know....

For example: On October 27th. 1880 a howling gale came out of the South West and lashed the coast of South Devon. Nowhere was it felt more than where it blew directly on shore - at Thurlestone, Bantham and Bigbury. Hugh waves crashed on the shore and spray soared so high that it not only went right over Burgh Island, but touched the top of Bolt Tail..

Out at sea on that terrible evening the 13-man crew of the 598 ton sailing barque Lady Young struggled desperately to keep her from going ashore. But the wind was so strong that it used her three bare masts as "sails" to push her into the land. She just missed Burgh Island and the rocks and finally embedded herself on shore on Bantham Ham.

Once there no one could get near her for the surf and just before midnight all 13 crew were rescued by the coast-guards with their rocket apparatus and breeches bouy. There the Lady Young remained firmly stuck and breaking up under the pounding of the enormous waves. The day after the wreck, the ship's steward was so keen to recover his belongings that he returned to the ship by breeches bouy. He didn't make the return journey. He fell from the bouy and was killed.

The wreck caused enormous interest in Thurlestone, Buckland and Bantham and places much further away. My grandmother would have been interested, of course, but why did she hide and keep this cutting from a local paper of the time....

HOPE.

CURIOUS AUDACITY.—On Sunday last a most peculiar attempt at smuggling took place here. The schooner, *Mary*, of Salcombe, from the West Indies, laden with rum and sugar, brought up in the bay in the morning, the captain, R. Allen, having a wife living at Hope. On being seen, a young man named Stephen Chapman, with a coolness which argues that he has a brilliant future before him which will enable him to surmount such obstacles as revenue and taxes, went to the coast guard officer and asked him to allow him and some others to board the schooner and bring some things on shore—presumably contraband goods—which permission was of course refused. Shortly afterwards the officer left Hope for the scene of the wreck of the *Lady Young*, but before leaving gave strict orders to his men to search any boat that landed at Hope during the day. In due course a boat pulled off to the schooner, having on board four men, named S. Chapman (before named), Thomas Jarvis, Nicholas Blank, and James Thornton, junr. The boat on returning was searched, when a large jar containing about five quarts of rum was seized. This, as well as the boat, was taken to the watch-house. The affair has been reported to Capt. Whish, commanding officer at Salcombe. It will be a great hardship to the owner of the boat if it is confiscated, as it belongs to a man named Cleverly, who had nothing to do with the affair, but the four men can hardly complain of the failure of their endeavour having so peculiarly given due notice to the coastguard. Fortune in this case has not favored the brave.

RAINFALL, IN 1880.

Gauge, 60 feet above sea level, 1 foot above ground.

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GEORGE FOX, Observer,
Fore Street Hall, Kingsbridge.

Carefully pinned to that cutting was this one....

SHIPWRECKED MARINERS' SOCIETY.—The crew of the *Lady Young*, who were recently wrecked at Bantham, were sent to their homes by Mr. W. R. Beer, the local representative. The duty of rescuing those who are so unfortunately cast on our shores and of relieving their distresses is so well looked after by the Society that no doubt subscriptions will be increased towards this deserving institution.

THE BARQUE "LADY YOUNG."—Mr. William Parkhouse, on Wednesday, held a sale of the hull and effects of this vessel. There was a very large attendance. The hull was first put up and fetched £145, Mr. Arthur, of Ermington, being the purchaser. Her cables, anchors, metal, materials, &c., were afterwards put up in lots, for which there were spirited biddings. The total amount of the sale amounted to nearly £600.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION

..And pinned to that cutting was this one

HOPE

THE LATE SMUGGLING VENTURE.—We understand that Cleverly, whose boat was borrowed in the late expedition, has, on a memorial having being forwarded had his boat returned to him. We are informed moreover, that the coastguard officer—Mr. Mc. Gillycuddy—insisted on the man signing a receipt, stating that the boat had been used for smuggling. Although there is no doubt of that fact, it is not in the province of a servant of the crown to persuade a man to give such a receipt, and we very much doubt if the coastguard officer has not gone beyond his instructions in the matter, in insisting on an acknowledgement of a fact beyond dispute, but still not known to Cleverly except by report.

read on...

Continuation 3 : : :

WAS LITTLE LIZ * * * *

really MRS BIG ? ? ? ?

WELL now you have all the facts and I'm sure you can see how worrying it all is. Tell me, quite frankly, what do you make of it ?

What do you think that blackguard McGillycuddy was up to over the receipt ? What was the purpose of poor Stephen Chapman's doomed smuggling expedition ? Do you think he was trying to distract attention from another gang looting the wreck of the Lady Young ?

Why was my grandmother moved to hide those cuttings ? Were her big buys a cover for smuggled goods ? Good heavens, do you think my grandmother was a smuggler ? Could little Elizabeth have been Mrs Big, the Queen of the Thurlestone Smugglers ?

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The next issue of 'VILLAGE VOICE' will cover the period JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1983 - and will be issued at the end of December this year.

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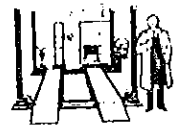
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THREE MEN AND A DOG?

NOT QUITE ! There are actually four of us without the dog and the title itself is very misleading. We are in fact a registered charity, totally independent of the County Council and committed to retaining and improving the quality of life in rural Devon.

"Very commendable" I hear you say "but how do you do that ?!" First, we have a very close-knit team with a combined working experience stretching back well over 25 years. John Usmar deals with advice to Devon Parish Councils - their powers, constitutional queries etc; Dennis Read - an ex-policeman from Crewkerne now pounds the beat on behalf of village halls - giving wise counsel on grants, fundraising etc. Peter Whiteley can help with sports and recreation problems and may even be able to lend a hand with mini-grants of up to a £100 for fencing off a field, repointing the clubhouse etc. He can also advise and sniff out money for larger projects too I Then there is James Derounian who, in spite of the handicap of his name is to be seen roaring around the county in his blue mini trying to save post offices, telephone boxes, bus services and where these have folded up he tries to encourage substitutes from within the village - a community shop, or a car-sharing scheme perhaps.

When it comes to Thurlestone the

Community Council has not been idle - do you remember the Parish Appraisal? That was compiled with our help - what questions to ask, how to analyse the results, etc. and we gave your Parish Council a grant towards the printing costs of the final report !

Dudley Drabble, your illustrious Editor, learned some of his trade at one of our print workshops in Staverton and this page which you grasp in your hands was run-off with a duplicator partly paid for by the Community Council !

We also produce a quarterly newsletter 'Village Green', which concentrates on aspects of village life in Devon - not the sort that you see in 'Devon Life' but as it really is as written by and for Devon villagers! We are now offering village organisations the opportunity of becoming village Green reps. If you can find people who want to subscribe at £2 for 4 issues, then you keep 50p of that for local funds and the rest is returned to us. We will send you sample copies of the magazine and after someone subscribes, we then mail them direct. Are you interested in this easy form of fund-raising or in anything else that the Community Council can offer? If you are, we would be delighted to help; Contact us on Exeter 77977 extension 2533.

JAMES DEROUNIAN -

Rural Officer.
Community Council of Devon
County Hall, Topsham Road
Exeter EX2 4QD

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You will sometimes see the suggestion to plant Caper Spurge, a plant that moles are said to detest and so easily seeds itself and you'll then have one heck of a job to keep it in check. Rather like solving one problem by creating another.

D.

Moles

Moles are easy to deal with if you go about it the right way. The tunnels are not for escaping - but for trapping their food. A mole has to consume at least its own weight in worms and other earthy creatures every day, and relies entirely upon acute sense of scent and hearing to lead him to any prey that fall into his tunnel trap. Remove his food and he will go away. You should not have worms on your lawn anyway, so use a worm killer - or drive him to distraction by putting an overpowering smell into his runs.

A man is never too tired to tell how hard he has worked !

AND MANY, MANY MORE

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS

The Village Hall, Thurlestone is the venue for the DEVON EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS in the Winter Training Programme. Trainees from the Parishes of Kingsbridge, Malborough, South Huish, South Milton, THURLESTONE and West Alvington are taking part. The sessions actually commenced on 13th October and carry on 3rd. November, 24th November, 1st. December, 8th December and 12th January 1983. and will include Revision of Radiac Instruments. The Instructor will be Sqn.Ldr. A.E.Sadler, who may be contacted on Thurlestone 410.

CB enthusiasts are also being rallied to the County's Colours. Hopefully these 'radio operators' will join DEV and attend a series of lectures acquainting them with their duties in peacetime or wartime emergencies. They could prove invaluable where hamlets and villages become isolated in winter snowstorms.

Contact Bob Pope on Exeter 77977
Extension 2319 for further details.

NO RIGHT TURN!

Village Voice has been advised by one of our friendly Community Policemen that a few people are still using the road coming out by the Church House Inn, Churchstow when travelling to Kingsbridge or Totnes, etc. There IS NO RIGHT TURN - so not only do you commit a road traffic offence - but should you be involved in an accident YOU are bound to be the guilty party - so do go down to that round-about - it is very much safer and could be a great deal cheaper!

Any Offers?

The Editor would like to hear from anyone who would do sketches of local scenes for reproduction on the cover, and also possibly a cartoon.

No fee I'm afraid - but 'out-of-pocket costs would be defrayed.

It could be fun - it could give pleasure to many. Call me on Thurlestone 533!

Friends of Thurlestone School

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER 1982

JUMBLE SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Raffle - - Stalls
10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 8th. DECEMBER 1982

PRIZE BINGO & DRAW

8 p.m. at the THURLESTONE HOTEL

For further information on these Events please contact the Hon. Sec. Mrs Kilpatrick on Kingsbridge 3106

PEARSON NURSERY SCHOOL

The Supervisor, Liz Hampson, writes:

Our ten new children have settled in well. We have been involved with a Harvest project which culminated with Mrs Langman bringing the superb Harvest Festival loaf from Churchstow.

We had a most welcome visit from our local Community Police Constable, and we are now starting all our Christmas preparations.

CHILDREN'S HARVEST SERVICE at 6 p.m.
All Saints Church, Thurlestone
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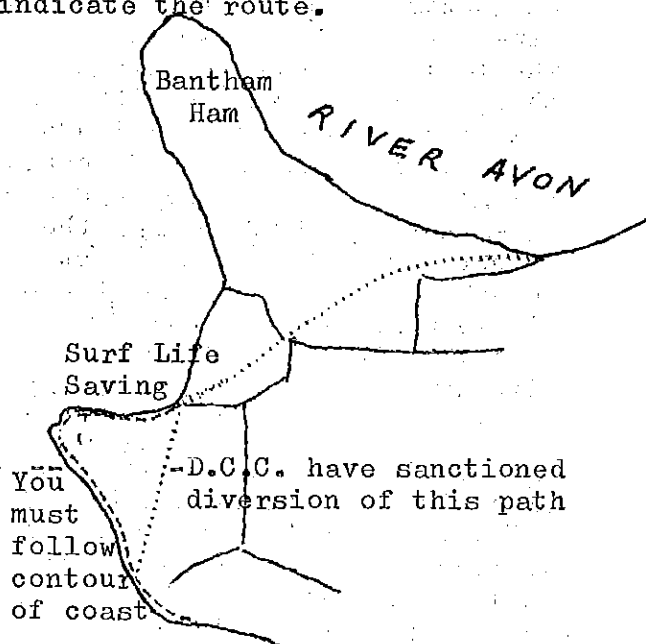
Perhaps it has not been made well enough known that the Devon County Council (as the Highway & Footpath Authority) authorised diversion of that part of the Coastal Footpath (designated Footpath No.3) where you enter the field by the Surf Life Saving Hut at Bantham. YOU SHOULD NOT WALK ACROSS THE FIELD - but bear RIGHT and follow the contour of the coast.

The logic behind this diversion is to prevent damage to the grassland and, as has happened this year, prevent the loss of hay crop. Over an acre was spoiled by walkers tramping all over the place.

Local walkers can be of great help by refraining at all times from using the route straight across the field and thus establishing a track and thus encourage others to 'follow my leader' as it were.

Now the Devon County Council Footpath Warden has put up signs to guide you on the correct route. Further signs are in course of preparation.

This Coastal Path is precisely that - so do PLEASE follow the contour of the coast excepting where erosion makes it inadvisable and in such instances temporary diversion signs indicate the route.



DO PLEASE SEND IN A NOTE OF YOUR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1983 EVENTS IN GOOD TIME - BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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RESEARCH INTO FARM DANGERS

WHICH industry has the highest officially recorded rate of illness and accidents? Is it coal-mining? Is it asbestos? Is it deep-sea fishing? All have high rates, but none so high as farming! That is why the Institute of Agricultural medicine has been launched to promote preventative medicine in farming. The Institute has set out to raise £2 million from the food, chemical and farm machinery industries and from landowners. It wants to endow two university chairs in agricultural medicine and rehabilitation.

GP's in rural areas have a problem in learning about toxic effects of new chemicals. Cases have been seen where the side effects of chemical sprays have been wrongly ascribed to influenza or some other common virus. The Institute intends to act as a data clearing house, keeping doctors abreast with new developments and also believes there should be specialist training centres for farmers and farmworkers who are disabled at work. (Village Green)

ACHIEVEMENT : : :

Congratulations!
SOUTH MILTON!

SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL entered the "VILLAGE VENTURE" competition organised by the Community Council of Devon, whose aim is to encourage and support voluntary projects started by local groups.

Improvements to the South Milton Village Hall were started in 1981, and to raise money for building materials dances were held, parishioners being asked to cook food for the Buffet, and then they could be reimbursed if desired. Cream teas were also held, one in Hingstons Barn, at which the Dartington Morris Dancers entertained those present.

The plans for the Hall improvements were designed by an Architect living in the village for no charge, and after the plans had been passed by the South Hams District Council, the work was mainly carried out by retired people who had a lifetime of skills in building, painting, electrical and plumbing trades. The project cost only around £1,800 instead of a possible £8,000!

Judges from County Hall visited the Village Hall in September and awarded the project FIRST PRIZE, also an engraved plaque and a cheque for £75., the comment being:

"The judges were unanimous that this is an excellent completed project at low cost, with the SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE VILLAGE".

D.J.

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Tree Week -

REMEMBER, remember the month of November - the best time in Britain's climate to plant a tree. The Tree Council is organising a NATIONAL TREE WEEK from 20th to 28th. November in case you forget. Thousands of young native trees will be distributed throughout the country and youth

A Flower for CHRISTMAS

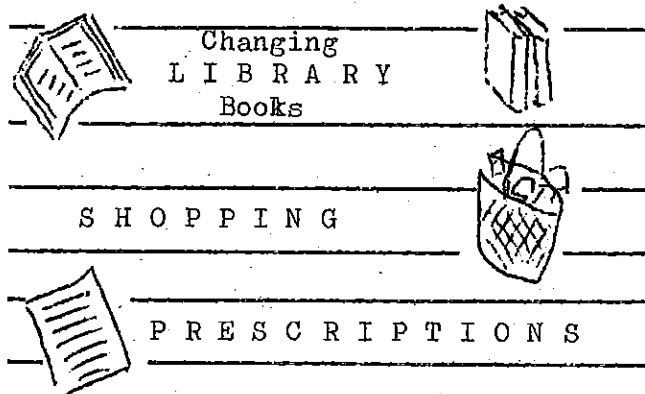
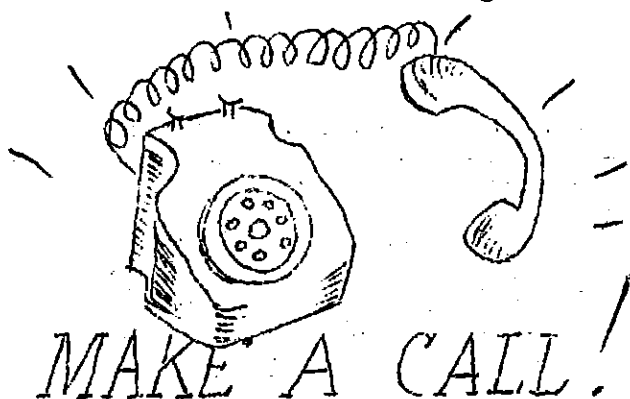
MANY years ago the Vicar of South Milton, the Rev. William H. Wilkinson, bought some seeds in a penny packet and was surprised when one of them started to grow into a tree with white flowers from Christmas to Easter. Having seen nothing like it before, he sent a twig to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew where it was identified as *Genista prolifera*, a species of broom that flourished in the Canary Islands but was too tender to grow here. Years later it graced several gardens in Thurlestone. We know all this from Frank Coope's book on Thurlestone.

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Genista is now common with its profusion of pea shaped, usually yellow flowers which come out in the spring or early summer. Many varieties are known but a search through half-a-dozen learned books on plants and shrubs reveals no mention of *Genista prolifera*, nor of white *genista* nor of one that flowers at Christmas. Are there any growing here now? Do or did Thurlestone and South Milton share something unique with, of all places, the Canary Islands or is there a simpler explanation? Perhaps a knowledgeable gardener in one of the parishes has the answer. Meanwhile, we can at least look to see whether these little white flowers are with us this year to greet Christ's birthday.

N.C.O.

organisations to plant and care for. Britain's tree population is mostly geriatric, says the Tree Council - our landscape took shape in the 18th and 19th centuries and trees planted then are now coming into their latter days. So the accent is on encouraging the young people of today to be aware of their responsibility to the landscape of the future. Tree bansk have been started in every part of Devon.



A HEARTENING response to the article in the last issue seeking volunteers willing to give their time in active support for a Parish Community Care Project has assured Mrs Davenport of a satisfactory number of good samaritans on whom she may call when needed.

More names are needed to add to the list, particularly anyone with training in occupational therapy, child care, home visiting and so on, and there are no volunteers from Bantham yet !

If you have a seemingly insurmountable problem or crisis one of our local volunteers will help - with a warm and willing heart as 'a friend and neighbour'. No one should feel friendless or helpless. Changing a library book, getting a prescription, helping out with the shopping, emergency visit to the Health Centre, collecting a child from school in sudden sickness - and so on. This Community Care project is in no way connected with any of the Social Services and all the 'helpers' are willing volunteers.

IF YOU FEEL ONE OF THESE HELPERS CAN EASE YOUR WAY OVER A CRISIS Do Telephone or contact Mrs Davenport at 'The Thatches' Thurlestone or just MAKE A CALL to Thurlestone 297.

Thurlestone Community Care
WILL help if it can !

Probus Club

OUR September Meeting at the Thurlestone Hotel was addressed by Mr Paul Hewson, a partner in the Plymouth stockbroking firm of Westlake and Co, who gave a very interesting talk on the Stock Exchange in general.

The weather was kind this year and we were able to enjoy our annual October golf meeting followed by an excellent lunch in the Club House. About twenty members took part in a Stableford, and John Barnes, Ray Fairbairn and Pip Wilson all scored 33 points, Reg. Mahoney 32 points, Stafford Douglas 31 points, and there was a consolation prize for 17 points.

Will members please note the Secretary will be away for the November 12th. meeting, so if they cannot attend please ring Thurlestone 368 in good time.

R.D.White

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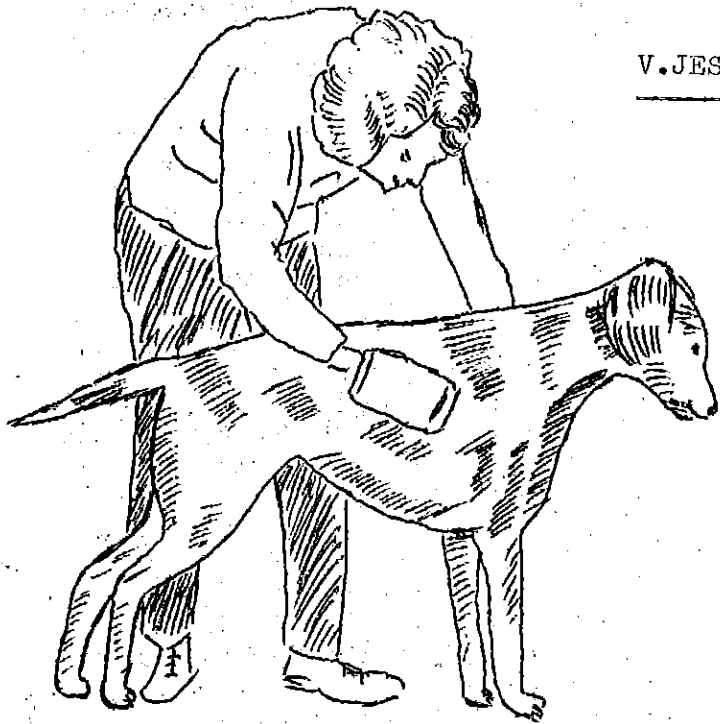
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V.JESSEN, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. Writes :-

With the recent wet weather it seems timely to discuss the care of pets' coats. Most owners soon accept their animals only approximate the show ideal but everybody wants them to be agreeable to sight, smell and touch. Hence animals from an early age should be used to grooming and bathing. The frequency of this will depend on the animals habits and the type of coat it has.

A healthy coat must start from a healthy diet, or more specifically, a balanced diet. The different diets available for pets are legion and none are

more right or wrong than the next. The animals' condition will be the final decider. If, however, the coat looks somewhat lustreless then the addition of Corn Oil or Sunflower Oil is often beneficial. Grooming is very beneficial in removing dead hair and scurf and is essential in long-haired cats which would otherwise consume vast amounts of it, and thereby possibly cause other problems.

Short coated dogs seldom need a bath. A brisk brush will remove dust and a wipe with a chamois leather wrung out in hot water will remove grease. It is the long coated dogs with long ears who need the most attention, especially after meal time. Ingenious devices made from nylon tights can be used to protect muzzles and ears but please do not leave these lying around. They appear highly palatable but cause serious conditions in the bowels if consumed. The long coated dogs and cats need daily combing to prevent the build up of knots and tangles, beneath which, wet eczemas can develop.

Just as front ends may be soiled with food, back ends may become soiled with faeces or urine and so do not forget to top and tail them during grooming.

The almost persistent moulting found in some breeds, particularly Labradors, is probably a reflection of the good life. That is, the life indoors with central heating. I suspect a canine riot though if these dogs were made to live outside in the sort of conditions they were originally bred for.

Illustration with acknowledgement to the 'Sherley's Dog Book' 33rd. Edition

THE NEXT MEETING - -

of THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL has been arranged for TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 1982 - in the PARISH HALL - Thurlestone.

All parishioners are invited to attend and take part in the OPEN SESSION held during every Council Meeting, when any matter of concern or interest to the parish can be raised and discussed.

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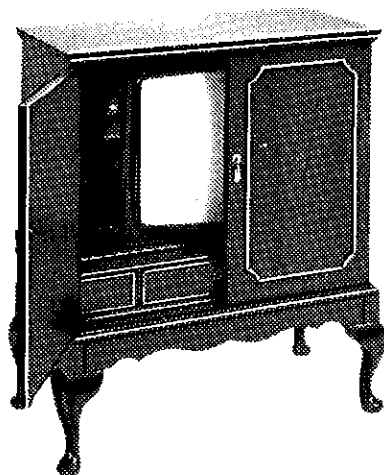


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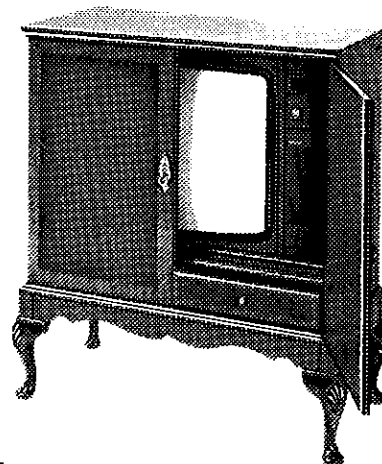
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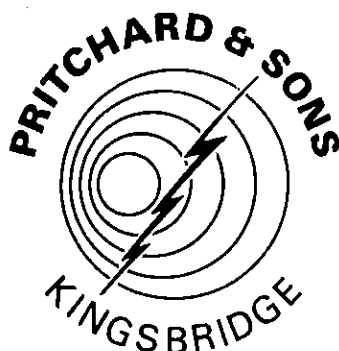
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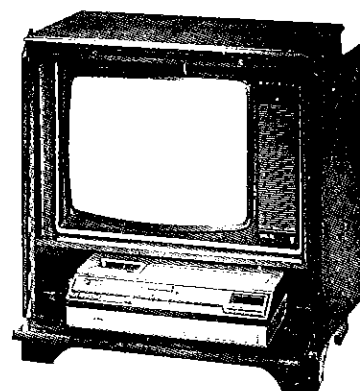
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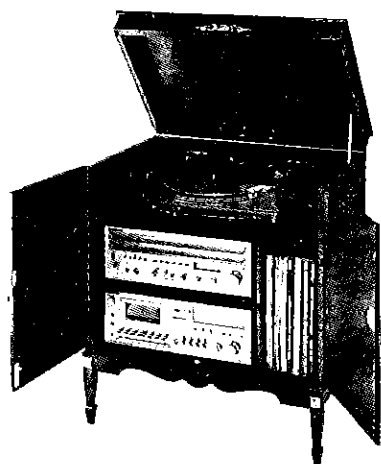
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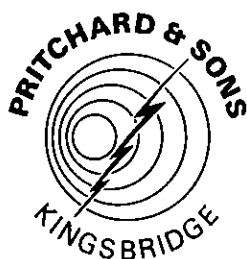
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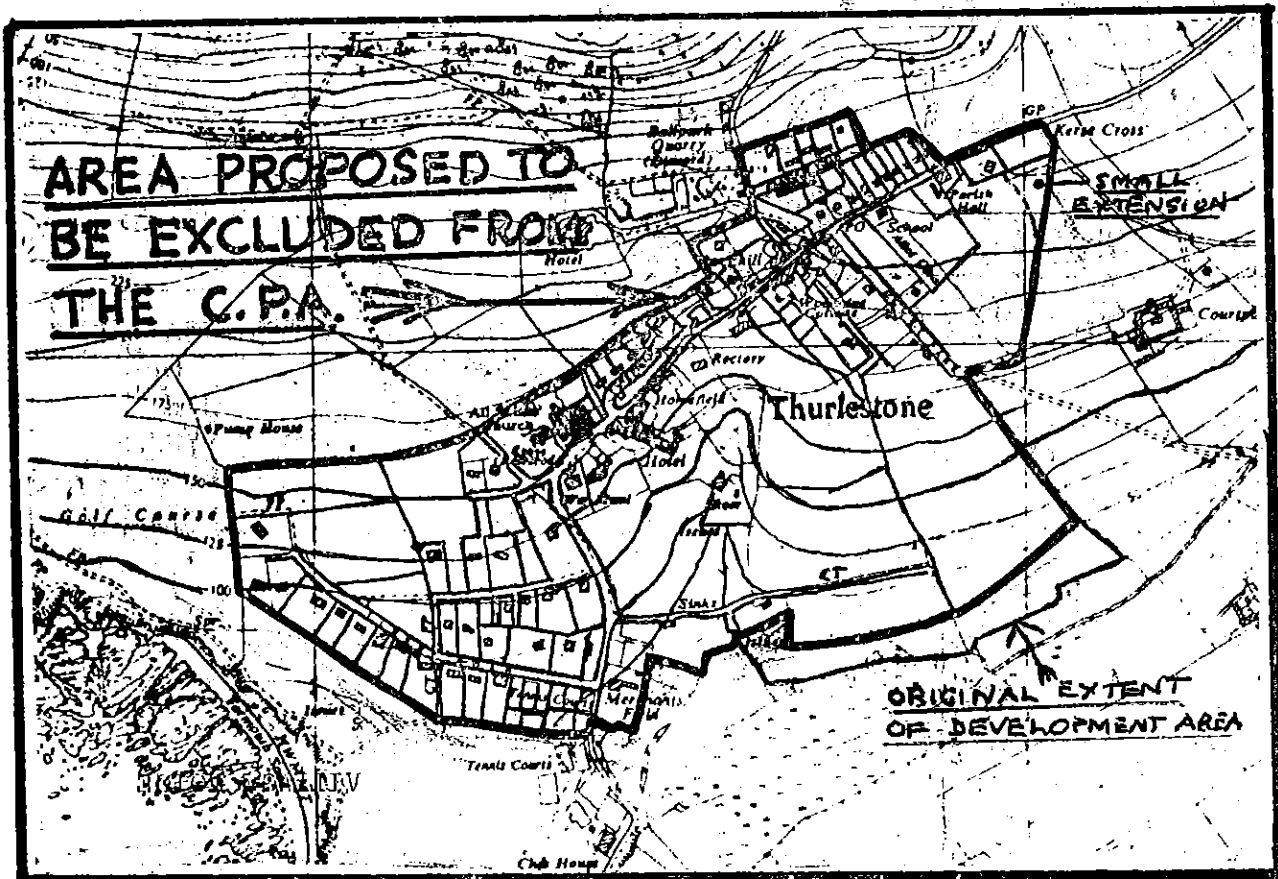
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Landscape Policy Areas..

THE DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL have produced a 'Consultative Document' 'LANDSCAPE POLICY AREAS LOCAL PLAN.

The strategy of the County Structure Plan is applied in various policies including those relating to Coastal Preservation Areas (CO10), Areas of Landscape Value (CO8 and CO9) and Nature Conservation Zones (CO15). The purpose of the plan is to define in detail the areas to which these policies apply. The plan supercedes all earlier plans showing Areas of Great Landscape Value or Coastal Preservation Areas.

The period of consultation is short, but so far as Thurlestone Parish is concerned there would not appear to be any major changes to which the Parish Council would object. However, you may study the full proposals at either the offices of the South Hams District Council or the County Council.

An area of land in the valley below the Mead Estate development has now been proposed to be included in the Coastal Preservation Area, otherwise the area shown in the above sketch plan within the heavy lines is, apart from minor detail, the

identical with that indicated on the (now cancelled) original Outline Development Plan.

The South Hams District Council Director of Planning has written to say they have advised the Devon County Council .."that they have great objection to the timing and duration of the consultation period for both District and Local Councils which, in their opinion, should be held during 1983 after the District Plans for the South Hams have been finalised for public participation in order to allow full and adequate consultation to take place".

This Parish Council consider this a sensible approach to the matter and are sure parishioners would like to look forward to full consultation on BOTH PLANS - which, in the opinion of Parish Councillors should be timed to take place after the District and Parish Elections which are due to take place in May 1983.

FURTHER DETAILS may be available at the time of the November Parish Council Meeting. Watch the Notice Boards for the date - provisionally the 16th.

D.W.D.

OBSERVER of the Village ** SCENE . . .

POSTMAN'S KNOCK

by "Villager"

Far be it from me to 'knock' the postmen - I have always found them courteous and their service first class! I wonder, however, how many there are who, like me, live in a house which the Post Office classify as 'new' and which, under their 'rules' entitles me to only one postal delivery each day - even if the house next door may be classified as 'old' and in receipt of two deliveries each day?

I appreciate postmen don't make the rules - they have to abide by them, but surely if full postal rates have been paid then a full postal service should not under any circumstances be withheld from anyone.

Officially, of course, you may apply to have the 'second delivery' - but you'll have to have luck or influence to get it, I believe!

Surely, if it is a matter of manpower there is a simple answer. Reduce the dole queue.

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THANK YOU - GENTLEMEN!

I understand that despite the efforts of the Parish Council, no one could be found this year to keep the Memorial Green grass cut. Fortunately Parish Councillor Mr. David Grose helped out with the Thurlestone Hotel gardeners and the Hotel mower - and they have done a first class job. Obviously the Hotel gardeners have plenty to do without this. Surely there is someone in the parish who could do with a little spare cash and be of service to the community at the same time. Come on, someone, have a word with one of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk. I am sure terms could be 'negotiated'!

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THURLESTONE SEWER PIPELINE

ANOTHER MESSY TALE : :

Once more a manhole was uncovered - literally blew its top in fact - in farmer Geoffery Stidston's cornfield.

Yet one more example of an overloaded pipeline doing what comes naturally when the volume of its contents overcomes its capacity.

Still the 'powers that be' have said more than once that the pipeline is adequate even for all the development of around a total of 80 more dwellings. Trouble is these 'experts' don't have to live with the consequences of their decisions.

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DID YOU SEE IT ? ? ?

We've all heard of flying saucers and most of us know what U.F.O. stands for, and when you walk over the Golf Course footpaths you are always aware of flying golfballs - but flying tractors - pilotless too. Whatever next!

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KINGSBRIDGE THEATRE

The South Hams' Own Entertainments Centre

by HARRY HEARSON

There are still people in the South Hams who have not experienced the pleasure of an evening at Kingsbridge Theatre. It is very definitely their loss as well as ours - "ours" being the South Hams Theatre & Arts Trust, who leased the near-derelect interior of Kingsbridge Town Hall and transformed it into the only modern theatre the South Hams ever possessed.

If you are one of these people, your first visit to the Theatre will be a pleasant surprise: comfortable modern seats that give every theatregoer a clear view of the stage (which is more than can be said for Plymouth's £x-million new Theatre Royal!); a sophisticated system of stage lighting; and shows of a quality close to any to be found in the South West.

In the last year or so the Trust has presented entertainers with household names such as Antony Hopkins, David Kossoff, Richard Baker, Julian Lloyd-Webber, Richard Stilgoe, Jake Thackray and Brenda Wootton, not to mention our plays, musical comedies, concerts and pianoforte recitals by internationally famous pianist Imogen Cooper, Merlane Fleet and Benjamin Frith (with Wolfgang Manz booked for a concert next February). And, of course, our popular weekly cinema shows on Wednesdays and Thursdays, many of which feature Academy Award films.

At the present time, the Trust is considering the expensive business of reconstruction work back-stage in order to provide modern dressing-rooms and facilities and so bring conditions for local performing societies and visiting artistes up to the standard we have already provided for our audiences. One way of raising money towards this is our new continuous-running Lottery, "Trust Ernie", which we are launching this month and details of which will be found in our advertisement in this issue. The more people who become subscribers to this, the bigger the prizes we shall be able to offer from month to month.

Equally obviously, the more people who come to our Theatre, the more money we have to spend on structural improvements and popular performers. We do not ask you to come to the Theatre to support a worthy cause - most people know we are that - but because if you don't you will be depriving yourselves of a great deal of pleasure.

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Wednesday & Thursday. 10th and 11th
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laughing matter until Judy Benjamin
joined it !!

Wednesday & Thursday 17th and 18th.
at 8 pm. FILM: THE SHINING (Cert X)
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The Club is only at the beginning of
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So far the only activity is the start
of the Table Tennis season and the
Club has two teams in Division Two of
the South Hams Table Tennis League.

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Philip Burns
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Thurlestone O Simon Head (Captain)
Arthur Yeoman
David Eva

Reserve: Michael Yeoman.

J.J.

The Editor would welcome contributions
to the pages of 'Village Voice' from
members of the Youth Club. This
magazine is not intended just for the
older generation - but, it is up to
you to take the opportunity offered
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articles or stories. Surely there is
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DEC. 15th. THURLESTONE XMAS BINGO
(Muscular Dystrophy)

A Coffee Morning in the Rectory Barn
on Aug. 17th raised £72.16 for St. John
Ambulance.

There will be a presentation in early
November when the Group will hand over
a cheque for £345.50 to pay for a bed
at South Hams Hospital.

The Group have nearly reached their
target of £300 for Garden Furniture
for Coombe Royal - just about £20
short at the moment - but the furniture
was delivered in July so that the
residents had a little benefit from it
during the 'summer'.

A BIG thank you to Mr Piner for letting
them have the furniture before paying
for it ! ; and to Gordon Jeffrey who
delivered it all free of charge - and
another thank you for all who support
the Group in their very worthy causes.

F.W.

It is not always Plain Sailing for the Bantham Surf Life Saving Club!

With summer long gone the Clubs' activities are mainly confined to the weekly Monday evening trek to Totnes Swimming Pool where we have exclusive use for an hour of training, with one lane of the pool roped off for the use of parents, and younger children, taking turns to transport. This is a very enjoyable evening when members do some hard training, and it also is a chance for new members to come along to prepare themselves for the coming season.

Several incidents during the summer has kept the patrolling members on their toes, for not only do we deal with incidents in the sea but on busy days it is suprising how many children wander away from their parents and for a while it is panic stations. An agitated parent comes along to the Clubhouse or patrolling member at the waters edge, saying that young Johnny or Julie must have drowned because they cannot be found anywhere, or some kind person brings along a crying child who has lost his or her parents. Usually an announcement over our public address system soon re-unites parents and child. Occasionally we have a case where either parent or child cannot be found, we then radio to the lifeguards at Bigbury and Challaborough, and a full scale search is put into operation. This involves the rescue boat and skis to search around the rocks and coves in case the missing person has been cut off by the tide. It is on these occasions we find that young Johnny or Julie has somehow managed to cross the dangerous River Avon because the frantic parents have been located across the water. Despite all these incidents we are pleased to report no drownings in Bigbury Bay this summer!

Our members also deal with first aid cases, ranging from numerous weaver fish stings, wasp stings and minor cuts, to major injuries such as broken bones, severe cuts and heart attacks which require hospital treatment.

The Thurlestone Hotel Shield, for which the Surf Life Saving Competition between the three local clubs,

Challaborough, Bigbury and Bantham competed for, was eventually won by Challaborough after a contest on each of the three beaches. The final score was Challaborough 132 points, Bantham 124 points, Bigbury 34 points.

Members competed at the National Surf Life Saving Championships held at Perranporth, and although getting into the final of two events, we came away without any medals.

On September 26th four members, two senior and two junior, travelled to London to take part in the annual ski race organised by the Serpentine Lifeguard Club. The race is over a distance of 16 miles on the River Thames, paddling their skis under such bridges as Hammersmith, Putney, Barnes and Chiswick. The race started and finished at London Corinthian Sailing Club. The day ended with a dinner-dance at Lords Cricket ground. 124 competitors took part in the event, John Cope of Kingsbridge came away with a medal for finishing second in the Cobra Rescue Ski class while Mick Jennings and Bob Freshwater finished ninth on a double ski.

Several junior members have gained awards during the summer, Michael Hurrell, James McCarthy and Jason Haywood being awarded Surf Competence badges. This involves a swim of 400 to 500 metres, depending on surf conditions, a good knowledge of tides, wave formation, rip currents, marker flags and signals, and making the best use of prevailing conditions during a rescue. All members have to do the swim before being allowed to take club craft out to sea. This is for their own safety.

During the winter months members attend meetings to organise the future, fund raising activities take place and there is maintenance to be done on equipment and clubhouse. Thank you to the kind people of the parish who gave so generously to our 'Petrol for the Rescue Boat' appeal. Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be at the Sloop Inn, Bantham - 7.30 pm on FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1982.

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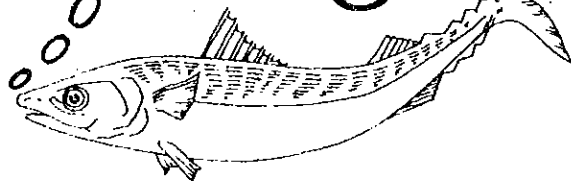
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