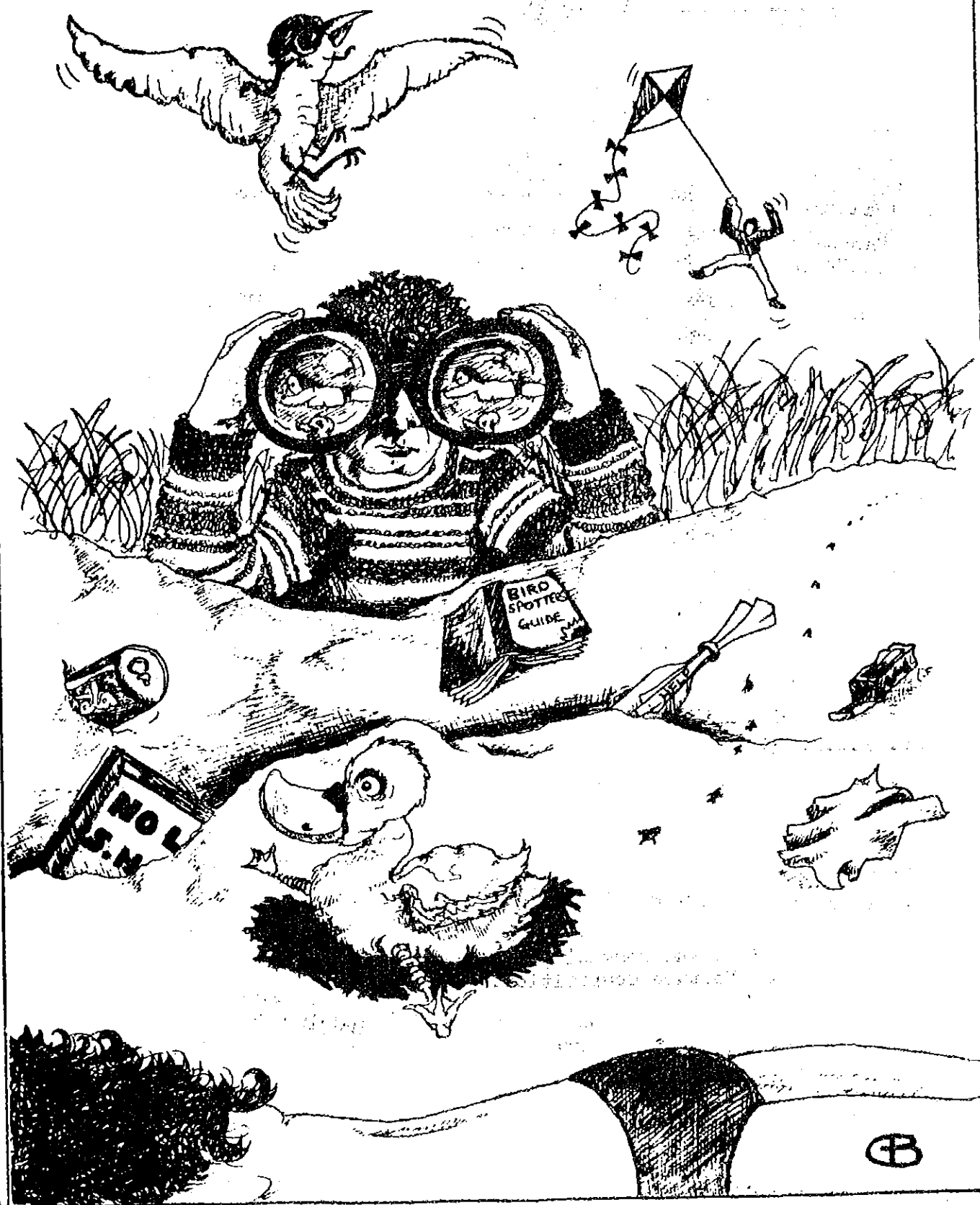


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Thurlestone Parish Council and the first issue appeared in
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Since that small beginning the present publication has
developed through the growing number of people contributing
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Contributions of articles, stories, drawings and crosswords and all other items of interest are welcomed. They are an essential need in the continued production of a Parish Magazine. However, it should be accepted by readers that the views and opinions expressed in the pages of Village Voice should not be construed as being the views and opinions of any Member of Thurlestone Parish Council.

FROM THE EDITOR

I must confess to being delighted that the production of additional copies of 'Village Voice' during the holiday season has seen a 'sell out' ! Please don't be offended in my saying, if by any chance the magazine does not really interest you it would be most helpful if you would tell Peter Bromfield - because at present we can sell every spare copy there is. The absolute limit of 'production' is 500 copies with a readership probably exceeding 2,000. and I know copies are being sent far and wide by friends and relatives to friends and relatives !!

As the Editor, I am probably the first to appreciate it is only by the contributions to it's content there is any magazine to publish - so may I say, once again, new contributors are always very welcome. Don't hold back, send in that article, story, poem or drawing. If you already enjoy the magazine you will be helping to ensure it continues to be refreshing, informative and interesting. Different contributors put a different slant to everything that is written. Don't hold back.

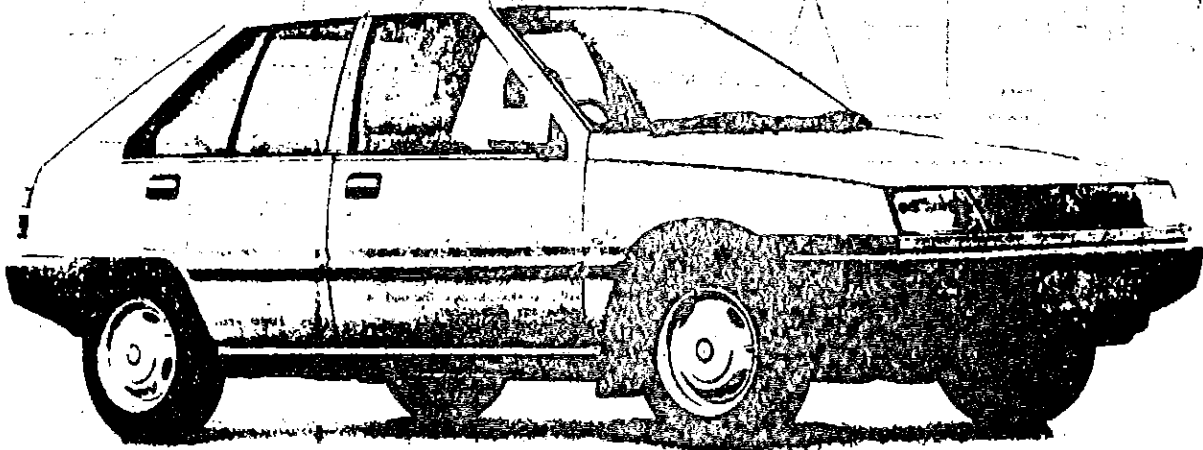
Village Voice was introduced as a 'Digest of Village News' and a 'Forum for village views'. Whatever your point of view or political persuasion you can 'slate' the Editor or the Parish Council - and probably get away with it !

Seriously though, the magazine can only remain lively and interesting so long as there are people to contribute lively and interesting subjects - or, of course, you may think differently !

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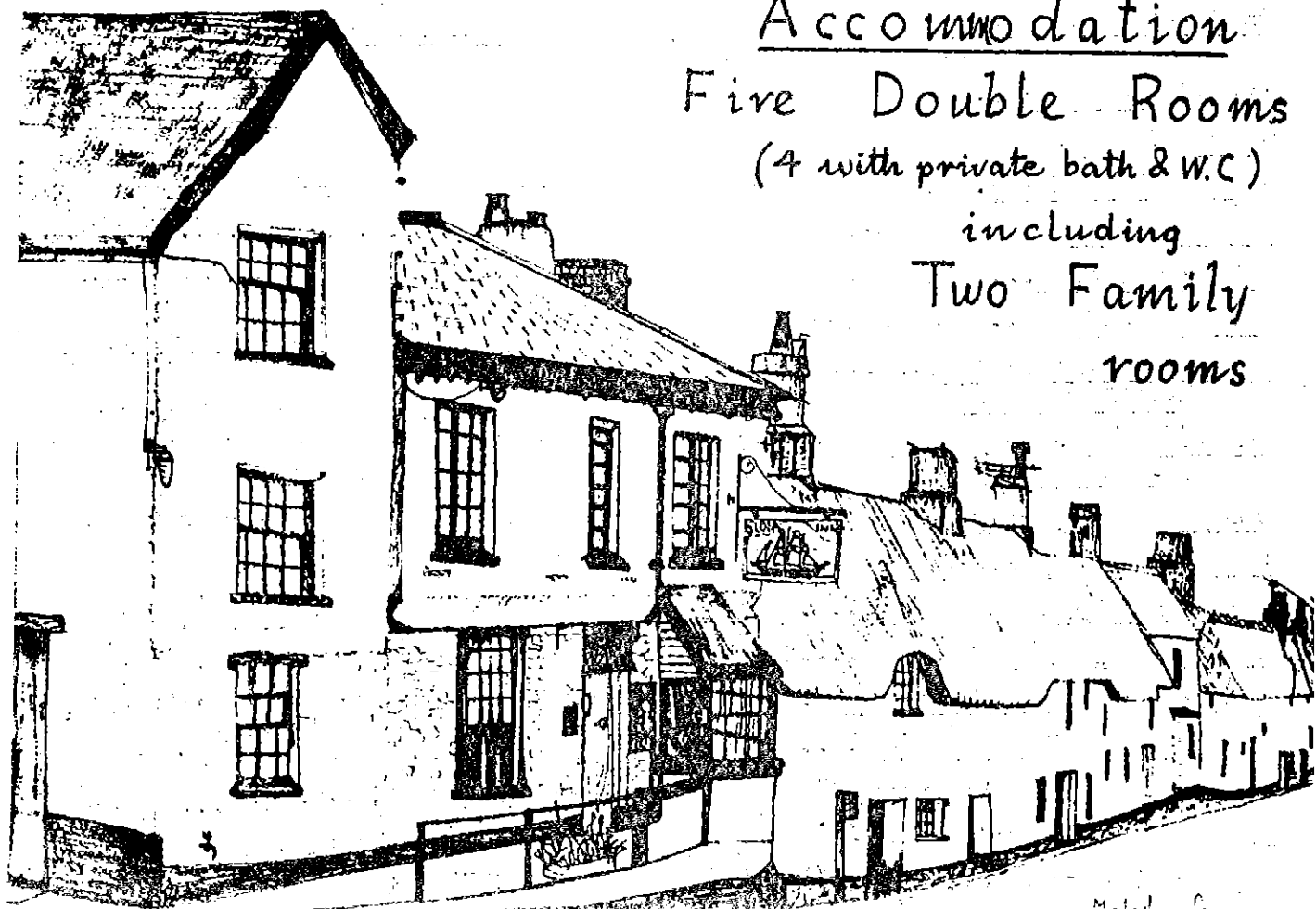
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Apologies for any
 inconvenience. The page was
 pre-printed for this issue
 but will be amended for the
 Nov/Dec issue.

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WALTER DEE WRITES - -

I can recall attending a
 Parish Meeting at Thurlestone
 when the Chief Social
 Services Officer from Totnes
 spoke - in 1980 - following
 the publication of the
 Village Appraisal. He said
 "...once a community has a
 predominance of the elderly
 you will find they do not
 want change."

I would ask if this situation
 has not already arisen in
 Thurlestone, for the Parish
 Council have been told by
 the District Council that
 the proposals for some low
 cost homes and a playing
 field are proving contentious.

Surely more than enough farm
 land has already been sold
 off for luxury housing -
 and more is held 'in hand'.
 Can it be that no one wants
 to see little dears running
 about all over the place
 disturbing the peace with
 their shrill cries. Are we
 to see children being such
 a sought after 'commodity'!
 that our Village School will
 no longer be considered
 viable. If it be the will
 of the people that they desire
 to become a 'Costa Geriatrica'
 then deny to the younger
 generation the land for low
 cost homes. I could only
 despair of a community which
 has no desire to foster its
 younger generation.

Yours sincerely, Walter Dee.

Quite briefly - a few of the resolutions considered at the

National Conference of Local Councillors

PARISH, TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES WERE REPRESENTED BY SOME 850 COUNCILLORS & CLERKS IN PLYMOUTH FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Resolution No.1. FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

A number of speakers were very concerned about the moral issue involved in depriving consumers of choice.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED BY A LARGE MAJORITY

Resolution No.2. STANDING CHARGE OF NATIONALISED INDUSTRIES.

That this Conference urges the Association to make representations to the appropriate bodies seeking the abolition of gas and electricity standing charges.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED OVERWHELMINGLY.

Resolution No.4. RE-RATING OF AGRICULTURE.

That this Conference, mindful of the long-term poverty of rural parishes can only be alleviated by a proper contribution from commercial interests, supports the ending of agricultural de-rating, and requests support from the Association for a change in the law.

Moving the Resolution, Mr. Ben Gartside (Sprotborough P.C., Yorkshire) explained that the circumstances of farmers today were very different from those in 1929 when exemption of agriculture from rates had been granted in order to relieve the distress caused by the recession on the farming community. With markets today guaranteed through the EEC, exemption was an anachronism overdue for removal. The private prosperity of farmers contrasted with public penury in the countryside.....His resolution sought to return to local authorities the resources they should have to provide services in rural areas. Speakers against the resolution felt that much of the countryside as we know it would disappear if farmers had to pay rates, and that the cost of food would rise. Tony Major (Devon A.L.C.) argued that agriculture was not an extractive industry, removing things from the land in perpetuity, but rather offered the country an increasing asset.

THE RESOLUTION FOR RE-RATING OF AGRICULTURE WAS PASSED BY A LARGE MAJORITY

Resolution No. AERIAL CROP SPRAYING

That the N.A.L.C. should do what it can to persuade the Government to introduce more effective control of aerial crop spraying in the interests of health and safety.

RESOLUTION CARRIED OVERWHELMINGLY

Resolution No.22. PLANNING APPEALS

That this Conference wishes the Government to give consideration to granting a right of appeal on planning permissions, as in the case of refusals, and that no permission can be acted upon for six weeks after the granting of the permission to allow time for an appeal to be made, and that if an appeal is made the permission cannot be acted upon until the appeal is determined.

RESOLUTION CARRIED BY ONLY FOUR VOTES AFTER A RECOUNT.

Other Resolutions included "...holiday routes should be provided with well sign-posted public facilities at regular intervals...Carried Overwhelmingly - and the control and use of air weapons to persons only in possession of an appropriate licence. - carried unanimously."

Being a Parish Clerk

can be quite an involved business at times. Recently the appeal by the clerk of Selsey Parish Council, supported by the National Assoc. of Local Councils, against a conviction by the magistrates' court under s.228 of the Local Government Act 1972 for failing to supply copies of minutes of a parish meeting has been completely successful.

A resident had launched a private prosecution because the clerk had told him that he would not give him a copy of the minutes although he could inspect them and take extracts. The magistrates convicted the clerk for his refusal. The Crown Court judge (Russell-Walker v. Gimblett) Chichester Crown Court, 30th March 1984, ruled that under the Act there was no doubt that the council was not obliged to supply copies. Accordingly the conviction was quashed and the resident ordered to pay the full costs, to be assessed by the Court's office.

The National Association assisted with the appeal because of the effect on all member councils if a conviction based on a mis-reading of the effect of the Act of 1972 had been allowed to stand.

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From time to time a clerk is asked by bodies from outside the locality to give information about the area or its residents. These requests usually come from bodies which have a good reason for wanting the information and have no other easy way of getting it.

Where the request is for information about people who are identified or will be identifiable no information would ever be given without the permission of the person concerned, but where the request is for general public information about the area and there is no reason to think there will be any disadvantage to the area, details may be given with the consent of council members.

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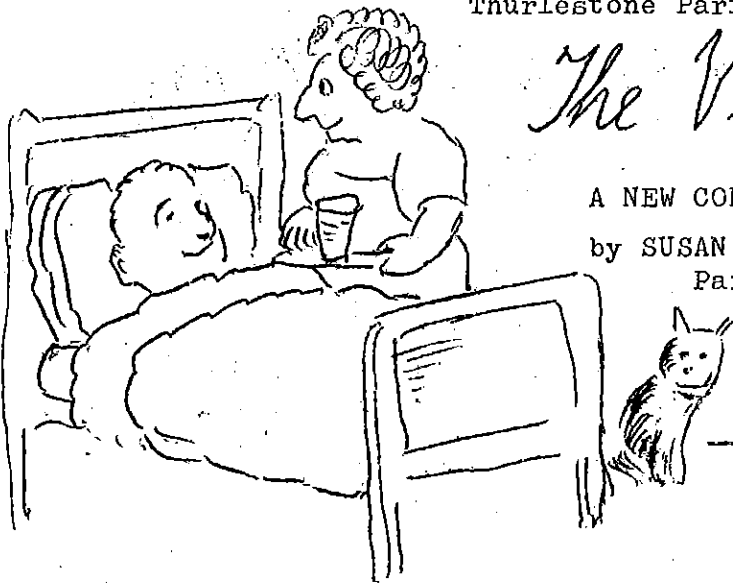
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The Village Warden

A NEW CONCEPT IN THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY

by SUSAN BENSTEAD, Clerk to Haslingfield Parish Council, Cambridgeshire.

(With acknowledgements to
The Local Council Review)



February 1983 marked the start of a unique project for the care of the elderly in the village of Haslingfield, a predominantly dormitory community of some 1,400 inhabitants situated six miles south west of Cambridge.

A paid warden was appointed to visit the elderly and infirm and so enable them to stay happily in their own homes for longer than would otherwise have been the case. This scheme has the potential to convert any house in the village into sheltered accommodation.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has a fine record in the provision of sheltered housing. However, in 1980, when the increasing number of elderly and frail residents was causing concern to families and neighbours, the limited funding available offered little prospect of a sheltered housing unit in Haslingfield. As a result, some of the elderly most at risk were reluctant to ask for wardened accommodation since this would inevitably have involved a move away from their home village and their friends.

The scheme really began when Haslingfield Parish Council considered a suggestion that a warden, living near the centre of the village, could provide the support necessary for elderly inhabitants to continue living in their own homes. Such a scheme could apply equally to persons living in private and council-owned property and would be financially attractive. The development of sophisticated radio and telephone-based alarm systems, e.g. by the National Research and Development Corporation in conjunction with the Clinical Research Centre of the Medical Research Council, also promised greater flexibility of communication than that afforded by the

wired alarms used in conventional sheltered housing.

Circulation of proposals on these lines to the local medical and social welfare organisations and national organisations with concern for the elderly produced support in principle from all quarters. Help the Aged, in particular, offered advice and finance for trying out this new approach to a national problem. A steering committee of local residents and councillors examined many aspects of the scheme, including the accommodation for the warden and the specifications of alarm systems. The timely offer by South Cambridgeshire District Council of the lease of a strategically-sited council house overcame a major obstacle. A special parish meeting produced enthusiastic support and voted for a charge of 1.2p on the parish rate (raising £2,639 per annum) together with a contribution of 50p per week from those residents wishing to join the scheme. This has since been modified to include a lower subscription of 25p. per week for associate members who only use the warden service during illness or family holidays.

Part of the grant from Help the Aged was used for improvements to the warden's house, including redecoration and installation of storage heating, and for rental prior to the warden's appointment. With guidance from the district council and Help the Aged a part time warden was appointed. Much of the success of the scheme in the ensuing 10 months has been due to the enthusiastic way she

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Continuing.....

The Village Warden

has met the challenge of performing a largely unspecified task. The cost of this service is £1.50 per week for each member. This compares with £100 per week for residential care.

Membership has slowly risen from an initial 14 to the present figure of 29, and with the multiplicity of tasks and errands that the warden is called upon to perform. Many of these totally defy 'job description' and it is significant that the warden herself describes her most important function as that of a regular visitor who provides a 'listening ear'. Membership of the scheme is purely voluntary and any member may discontinue his or her subscription. So far none has done so.

The warden is at present making up to 12 house visits a day, she is at home from 9 to 10 a.m. to enable medical and social services to make contact and so that families of members may be sure of reaching her by telephone. Day-to-day administration is carried out by myself as parish clerk, backed by a management committee composed of past members of the parish council (who were responsible for the development of the project from its early stages to the launch in 1983) and current councillors with responsibility for allocation of the parish rate. An important element of the organisation is the team of approximately 20 volunteers who are able to deputise for the warden on off-duty days and during holidays and illness. A deputy warden may be employed at a later date to reduce the dependence on volunteers.

The Haslingfield venture suggests that a wide range of village communities could initiate and support such a scheme at modest cost. The proportion of elderly in the community would vary, but villages with populations of between 1,000 and 3,000 should find no difficulty with this scheme.

SUSAN BENSTEAD.

Villager has been reading -



I have wondered just what is the general rule for parish and other councillors when they have an 'interest' in a matter on which discussion and even decisions may be made? Well, I have been able to borrow a book called 'Law & Practice of Parish Administration' written by a noted Barrister-at-Law.:-

"A member who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract or other matter must declare his interest at the meeting where the contract or matter is to be discussed and must - as a general rule - take no further part in the proceedings. A general notice of such an interest to the clerk is a sufficient disclosure. The member may, by standing order, be excluded from the meeting and it is often as much in his interest as in that of the public that this should be done."

Obviously I can't add to that. I cannot think anyone of integrity would question the wisdom of the ruling.

I was rather taken with an expression of Parish Council Chairman Mr Peter Hurrell at a recent meeting when certain matters dealing with the District Council 'Kings-bridge Plan' were discussed. "I stand," he said, "on what I think is good for the parish not what may be good for an individual."

I can't add to that, either.

Water - or lack of it this summer. Do we blame the influx of tourists. Yes! one can hardly feel they benefit our water supply. Tourism may be termed the 'lifeblood' of the area - but so is water! The District Council need to look at the proliferation of housing they are promoting throughout the South Hams, and begin to let that subject bear some relationship to finite supplies of water and, in Thurlestone, a very doubtful sewerage system, as well.

Sewerage system, one might well ask. A simple pipeline put down in the 1930's which just pops it, untreated, into the sea - bar the times it overflows and pollutes the stream or pushes up manhole covers. And for that, good folk, you fork out around £40,000 a year in sewerage Rate!

I see the District Council have reneged over the Avon Estuary Byelaw. After years of useless vacillation they have now decided you must wait another two years for a 'review'. I wish the Editor would permit me to state my candid opinion of 'that lot up at Folly House'!

More reading. That book I borrowed (see first paragraph) states, under 'Defamation' - "Fair comment on a matter of public interest is not actionable. The acts and proceedings of a Parish council are matters of public interest and a parish council (or other authority) as such cannot maintain an action for defamation if it is criticised".

I sigh with relief.

I also found interesting a reference to "Minutes of the proceedings of a Parish Council"

"They are intended to be a formal record of official acts and decisions, not reports, still less verbatim reports, of the speeches made by councillors. Minutes should, therefore, be as short as is consistent with clarity and accuracy, and the arguments used in the discussion need only be recorded if the decision cannot clearly be expressed in any other way."

If I were a parish clerk they'd have pretty short minutes. I really don't know how they find people to do the job. I suppose it comes down to 'there's one born every minute.'"

HELP! This may well be the last time you hear from me!

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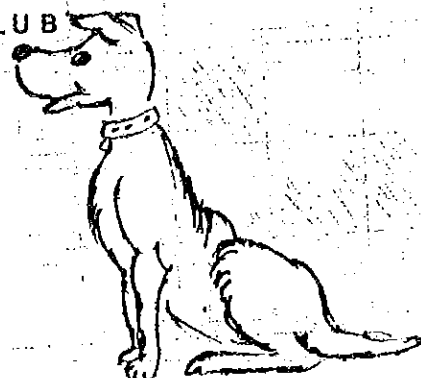
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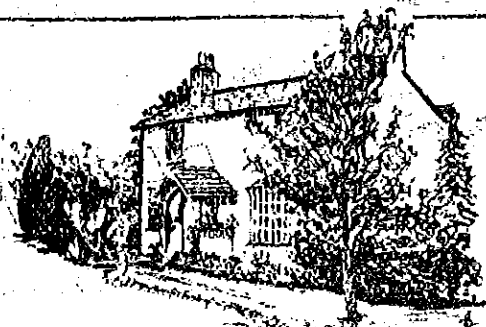
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19. Of that ... (3). 20. Modern young men (4).
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32. The Queen is this when opening Parliament (5)
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35. A navy bird (4). 36. Not off (2). 37. Anger (3)
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1. Softly, softly (10).
2. Gutter (4).
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4. Irritable in an unusual way (5).
5. Roman Gods (5)
6. Take the rest off the mountain (4)
7. Do it as neatly as you can (3)
9. Partly fishy but wholly sharp (5).
10. Sometimes good above and sometimes below (3)
16. In the past if a boy gave a bit he might get the whole (7)
18. Ram (3).
19. You can get some to flower in most seasons (4)
21. Rich tincture (2).
23. Child of Uranus (5).
24. The cup that cheers (3).
26. Geometrical measurement (6)
27. A moulding (4)
29. Space (4)
30. Spanish red wine (4)
32. Don't go off them (5).
35. Old Women's Corps (4)
38. It's upside down (3).
40. Roman coin (2)
42. It's all about. (2).

I hope you enjoy doing 'Village Voice' Crosswords. Those who 'compose' them go to a lot of trouble - and a great deal of care is needed - and used - in transcribing them onto stencils for reproducing in the magazine.

BATHING WATERS AND BEACHES

ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

EXTRACTS FROM TENTH REPORT

Chairman: Sir Richard Southwood: BATHING WATERS AND BEACHES:

"We have encountered widespread concern about pollution of the coastline, particularly of beaches and bathing waters. In particular our attention has been drawn to the concern of those district councils which have a coastal tourist trade. There are issues not only of possible risks to health, mainly from micro-organisms in human sewage, but also of despoliation of the coastal landscape with consequent loss of amenity....public awareness of the issues has increased, encouraged by the activities of bodies such as the Coastal Anti-Pollution League and the Keep Britain Tidy Group.

The principal cause for concern, with regard to human health, is over the discharge to coastal waters of untreated or partially treated, sewage. This can result in the presence of infectious micro-organisms in material washed up on to beaches, in bathing waters, and concentrated in some marine organisms, particularly bivalve shellfish which are subsequently eaten by man. However, the presence of such micro-organisms does not necessarily imply danger of a disease being contracted. Domestic sewage contains a very large number of micro-organisms. Many of these are natural constituents of the human gut and normally harmless, others, including certain bacteria and viruses, may be pathogenic. These pathogenic micro-organisms can reach sewage only when they are first present in the population, and the United Kingdom population is generally free of the more severe gastro-intestinal pathogens, such as the typhoid bacillus.

It is generally considered that exposure to a large number of micro-organisms is necessary for infection. When sewage is discharged into the sea dilution is usually rapid and extensive, and most types of micro-organisms are gradually killed by sunlight penetrating the water and by the salt in the seawater. Nevertheless, unless the sewage is at least comminuted before discharge, solid particles containing large numbers of micro-organisms may appear on beaches or in bathing waters.

Until now the generally held view, as expressed to us by several government departments, has been that sewage contamination of beaches and bathing waters may create a health hazard only when conditions are so foul as to be aesthetically quite unacceptable. This view is based on the 1959 Report of a committee of the Public Health Laboratory Service. This committee investigated medical and bacteriological aspects of the sewage contamination of bathing beaches on the coasts of England and Wales and, in particular, undertook an epidemiological study of bathing in contaminated water and the incidence of certain serious diseases of viral (poliomyelitis) and bacterial (typhoid and paratyphoid fevers) origin. No association with bathing was found for poliomyelitis but a few cases of typhoid and paratyphoid fevers could have been due to infection during bathing in grossly contaminated waters. In more recent years there has been one case of paratyphoid fever for which there is circumstantial evidence of sea bathing as a source of infection. It should be noted, however, that the incidence of typhoid and paratyphoid fevers is now very low in the United Kingdom and all notified cases are followed up carefully. It therefore follows that the risk of the causative bacteria being present in sewage is small.

While, therefore, the risk of contracting a serious disease from bathing in the sea off the United Kingdom appears to be extremely small, we are less confident that the same can be said of milder diseases of the digestive system, such as those known as traveller's diarrhoea. There are, however,

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BATHING WATERS AND BEACHES

major problems in undertaking research in this field. It is extremely difficult to isolate from seawater many of the micro-organisms, particularly viruses, which cause such diseases and to obtain reliable epidemiological data on associations between bathing and minor diseases. Outside the United Kingdom claims have been made of a relationship between the incidence of mild digestive illness in swimmers and the bacterial quality of the bathing water. The results of another study suggested that children swimming off beaches had a greater risk of contracting viral illness of the digestive system than did children who swam only in chlorinated pools. Although these claims are not entirely convincing, the Department of Health and Social Security does not rule out the possibility that sewage contamination of bathing waters and beaches could be associated with an increased risk of travellers' diarrhoea and similar complaints. We

believe that this is a prudent attitude to take in the light of current knowledge and that it is now necessary to modify the reliance hitherto placed on a report published almost a quarter of a century ago which in any case concentrated on a few serious diseases. We note, too, that besides infecting the digestive system some faecal organisms may cause infections of the eyes (conjunctivitis) or of cuts and abrasions: children, because of their playing habits, may be particularly liable to contact with infectious material.

While we accept that the risk of infection by serious disease is small, the visible presence of faecal and other offensive materials carried by a sewerage system can mean a serious loss of amenity and is therefore an unacceptable form of pollution. It is useful to recall that a study on oil pollution and tourism in western Europe in the early 1970's identified sewage as a greater cause of concern to holidaymakers than oil pollution.

The Jeger Working Party on Sewage Disposal recommended in 1970 that crude sewage should be discharged only after screening and comminution and through diffusers on long outfalls. The process of screening and comminution of solids not only prevents the appearance of offensive materials on beaches and in bathing waters but promotes dilution and disinfection of harmful micro-organisms. With well designed sewage outfalls we believe that discharge of sewage to the sea is not only acceptable but, in many cases, environmentally preferable to alternative methods of disposal. We therefore recommend that after discussion with the water authority the Government should set a date by which the recommendation of the Working Party on Sewage Disposal relating to discharges of crude sewage is to be implemented in full.

(With due acknowledgement to the COASTAL ANTI-POLLUTION LEAGUE)

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Footsteps in the Night

A GHOST STORY by IAN C. YOUNG

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The day had been tiring, and the meal most satisfactory, so although it was still early in the evening and the Hotel lounge still held a buzzing throng of people, I decided I would get to bed.

The stairs and the first floor corridor were fully carpeted, but when I entered my bedroom I was pleased to see that the wide, highly polished floorboards were uncovered, except for a few carefully placed rugs. The walls with linenfold panels, and the heavily carved bed were totally in character, while the massive oak cupboard in the corner must, in its time, have held an Elizabethan's outfit. My only complaint, if it could be justified as a complaint, was the rather dim lighting. Even so, it was in keeping with the room and its furnishings.

As I was busy with my unpacking and preparing for bed, I was conscious of a rustling noise followed immediately by the distinct sound of footsteps crossing the uncovered floor behind me. I turned quickly, but there was nothing, and no further sounds, so I continued with my unpacking. However, just as I climbed into bed I had the same sensation that someone was crossing the room, and I heard again the sound of high heels on the bare wooden floor.

All thoughts of sleep were, of course, driven from my mind, and I settled back on the pillows to watch and listen, in an effort to solve the mystery, and perhaps even fulfil a boyhood ambition and 'see a ghost'.

In due time my patience was rewarded. Once again the soft slurred sound followed by the distinct note of high heels on the wooden floor, but on this occasion, watching and listening intently, I saw the floorboards move in sequence as the steps crossed the room, and stopped at the wall. This indeed, seemed to me further proof that the sounds I had heard before were not entirely imaginary, and my previously sceptical interest hardened into a determination to watch, all night if necessary.

Within a few minutes the sequence of sounds and movements was repeated, but now, fully alert, I was able to co-ordinate and follow the sequence with care, and arrived at the following theory. The spirit, ectoplasma, or whatever, came from the large cupboard without opening the door, crossed the room, and passed out of the room through the wall panels, again without the apparent use of a door. All very mysterious, but as there was no chill in the air or cold draughts accompanying the spirit's passage through the room I concluded I was being disturbed by a good, rather than an evil spirit.

Although I remained awake until daylight no further developments took place, except that the original sequence was repeated three times more, and once in the reverse direction, that is, from the wall to the cupboard. Nothing further could prove or disprove my theory, that the room was being visited by a benevolent spirit. I sank gradually into a troubled sleep.

As I sat at breakfast the next morning, and toyed with a plate of cereal, the proprietor, a Mr. Brown, came across and wished me a smiling "Good morning". My reply, to say the least, was not very cordial, but my attitude improved when he indicated that he would like to stay and talk. When he had settled in his chair, he looked at me and with a smile said, "Have you seen our Ghost?"

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FOOTSTEPS IN THE NIGHT : : :

"No, not seen," I replied, "but I have watched him, or her, walk back and forth across my room during the night. I observed a slight movement of the floorboards. Perhaps you have an explanation. I can't think of one?"

Mr. Brown smiled. "The explanation is simple," he said, "and completely rational. If you like I'll tell you." I nodded my agreement and he began...

"Your bedroom used to extend right across the front of the hotel, and the other rooms all opened into a passage at the back. Last year, in order to meet the fire regulations we put in an additional staircase, cut off part of your room and made a new passage with a fire exit. However, we didn't alter the floor and the floor boards in the passage are the end of the floorboards in your room. So, when someone comes up the stairs and walks along the new passage the old boards in your room have been found to creak and move creating the impression that someone wearing high heels is crossing the room, but because the passage is thickly carpeted you don't actually hear normal footsteps."

"So," I said, "I have been lying awake half the night just watching loose floorboards?"

"Maybe," said Mr. Brown, "I gave you my explanation, but on the other hand you have to remember this is a very old building, and your room was once occupied by Elizabeth the First, and she is believed to have done a lot of walking at night."

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It is interesting to note what the approaches to Kingsbridge were like in the early part of the second quarter of the 19th. century. A person coming from Plymouth would very likely be glad to get out of the wagon and walk down Norton Hill, then much steeper than now, the lower part having also been considerably improved by carrying the road over the line of the railway (that was!). Where is now the old vicarage and lawn was then a field with apple trees around it, and about that time this field was often occupied by crowds of people, a great part of whom occupied raised seats witnessing a wrestling match. Coming from Loddiswell the first habitation in view was a house known as Cat's Castle, for long untenanted, and after some years formed the material for a huge 5th November bonfire. Bridge Street at the bottom of the town was an open sewer or brook, through which the tide flowed regularly. There was a raised footpath that led along the side of the street, but when the tide was up carts and even horsemen were forced to go around by Duke Street.

The eighteenth century had nearly come to its termination before any regular mail was either delivered at or despatched from Kingsbridge, the nearest post-town being Totnes. Letters were forwarded from Totnes three times weekly, the postmaster of that town charging one penny for each letter delivered, but no extra charge was levied on the out-going mail. Great inconvenience resulted from this arrangement, and repeated representations were made to the Postmaster General on the matter by influential persons, but objections were always raised as to the loss to the Post Office by any alterations, and it was not until August 22nd. 1798, that a regular mail was established. Then one mail arrived each day, coming via Ivybridge and Modbury, and even then the district was left without any mail on Tuesdays down to March 1805, when the new postal arrangements came into full operation. One mail delivered in the morning, and one despatched in the afternoon, were the only postal facilities enjoyed for a great number of years.

Kingsbridge Town Hall was built in 1850 by a joint-stock company, at a cost of about £1,500 and would seat 500 persons. The clock in front of the Town Hall was presented by the late Mr. Thomas Peek, and was erected in 1875. A reading room, police station, and other institutions were comprised within the building, and the County Court was held every alternate month, with the Petty Sessions being held on the first Monday in every month.

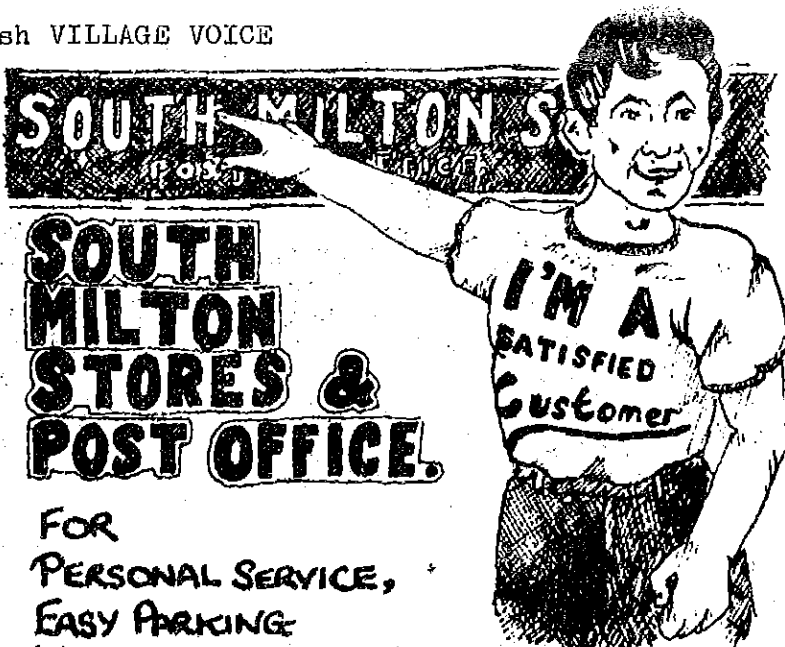
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O ye fresh wild flowers, O ye
birds that sing
In new-blooming bowers for my
welcoming;
Oft I see and hear you in the
distant town
Oft my life lies near you here
in Devon down.
Anon.

VOICES IN THE NIGHT

I REMEMBER nothing better than the time when in the south country I was first able to look out night after night over woods and fields, with nothing but one small country town half-way between my window and the sea a few miles away; to hear the fox's bark, the hoot of owls, and the song of nightingales answering one another away down the valley. A vixen's scream is surely the most unearthly of night noises, just as the purr of the nightjar and the stick-and-comb chatter of the landrail are the most homely and soothing; though even the vixen's scream is not much less startling than, heard within a few yards, the screech of the white owl. But the sounds of the night is the hoot of the brown owl. That long-drawn, deep music of the night, the voice and vigour of life unseen, comes from the heart of the wood.

These sounds of night belong to an open window. But to know other sounds, to learn what can be the noise, or the silence of darkness, you must walk by night alone. It has fallen to my lot to spend many hours at all times of the night alone, in English woods and fields, and I have heard many sounds and have seen sights I should never have known so well in any other way. The grunts and squeals of badgers at their earth only a few yards away up the hill; rats cracking hazelnuts in the trees above my head; an otter taking the water of a stream in a place where no otter was ever found by hounds. Songs of birds; I have heard the cuckoo often, and the wood-pigeon once, and snatches of other song, lark's and chaffinch's and robin's, - sometimes it seemed as if the bird sang without thought, sometimes as if it was suddenly angered or alarmed. Mallard on the wing,



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curlew, whimbrel; the whee-yoh of widgeon, the screwy calls of coot, the lapping noises of duck feeding on ooze, though these, too, may be sounds of the day as well.

Yet they are sounds to be heard more clearly and more separately by night; and as for sights, only he who has walked many hours in the dark knows that there are few nights in the summer when he will not see the horizon leap with lightning, and that winter lightning is not much less common. And that the cold glory of moonlight over wood and field is only part of the night; the deepness of night is over a man when the moon is down, and he waits under the dome of stars to hear and to see; to listen for the owl and the fox; to watch Vega swing behind the naked oak, and Orion with his jewelled sword journeying high above the southern hills.

ERIC PARKER.

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The Church dedicated to St Edmund

Towards the close of the fourteenth century the rector (as he was then styled) of Churchstow granted liberty "to the abbot and convent of Buckfast to build a church in honour of the blessed Edmund, King and Martyr, in their demesne in the vill which is called Kingsbrig." The inhabitants were nevertheless to acknowledge their dependence on Churchstow by annual offerings at the Feast of the Assumption:

"Know all men present and to come, that I, M. de Littlecumb, rector of the church of Churchstow, have granted the abbot and convent of Buckfast to build a church in honour of the blessed Edmund the king and martyr, in their demesne in the vill which is called Kingsbrig, so that they grant all the profits of the said vill belonging to the church for the maintenance of a chaplain who may celebrate divine service in the aforesaid church for ever. And that all the inhabitants of the said vill may hear divine service in the said church, and enjoy all ecclesiastical rights there, so that they visit their mother church, namely Chirchstowe, at least once a year (to wit), on the Assumption of the blessed virgin Mary, or within eight days after, with offerings, because the aforesaid vill lies within the limits of the parish, but the church of Chirchstowe hath never been accustomed to receive anything of that place, namely Kingsbrig, and therefore, as it is entirely without prejudice to the mother church, and a great work of mercy, I freely grant that divine service for all the faithful in Christ, living and dead, shall, by Christ's permission, be celebrated in that place for ever. That this my aforesaid grant may remain firm, I have put my seal to this present writing in testimony and confirmation thereof."

A chapel was accordingly erected, and dedicated to St. Edmund, King and Martyr. This served its purpose for the time, but burials had still to be performed at Churchstow; and as Kingsbridge grew, this burden became too heavy to be borne, so that on August 26th 1414, after another petition and remonstrance Bishop Stafford, with

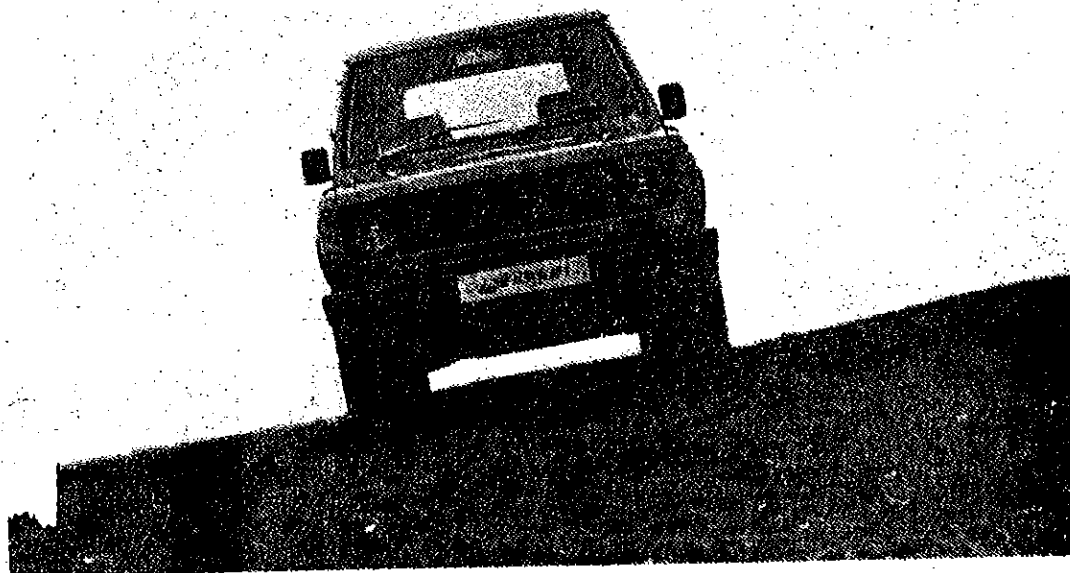
the consent of the Dean and Chapter, the Abbot of Buckfast, and Roger Bachelor, the Rector of Churchstow issued his ordinacio for carrying into effect the petition, and he consecrated the Chapel of St. Edmund a parish church, and on the following day blessed its cemetery, subject to certain tribute to Churchstow.

The Church of Kingsbridge is very probably more ancient than is usually supposed. At all events one certainly existed on the site of the present church in the early part of the 13th century, and probably long before it would seem from one of the ancient documents preserved. An examination of witnesses at Exeter, taken in Bishop Stapleton's time in 1309 indicated..."The evidence of numerous witnesses was taken, among whom was William of the Coombe, who swore before the Court at Exeter that there had been a chapel in Kingsbridge possessing a chantry with the rights of using all divine offices and services except the right of sepulture, and that these rights had existed in his own time and also that he had heard they existed in the time of his father, Richard de la Coombe, and of his grandfather, Peter de la Coombe, and he had also heard from William de Rake and John Politerre, centenarians, statements to the same effect, and further, that the matter was of common knowledge and report through the district. William of Syreford (Sherford) and Augustine of Syreford were also examined, and stated that they recollected these rights being exercised for sixty years or more, and Robert de la Prata gave evidence to the same effect."

MANY PEOPLE

do not always realise that Thurlestone Sands and Thurlestone Rock are in the Parish of South Milton as, of course, the old Links Hotel - now known as the Links Court flats complex are also. The eastern end of the sands with Rock House Hotel, etc. are actually in the South Huish Parish. So really 'Thurlestone Sands' should really be termed 'South Milton Sands'. Leasfoot Beach, just below the Golf Clubhouse is the true Thurlestone beach!

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Straw Burning

The South Hams District Council made Byelaws on Straw and Stubble Burning which came into force on 2nd. August 1984. The main points are:

No person shall on agricultural land commence to burn any straw or stubble remaining on such land after the harvesting of any cereal crop which has been grown thereon or cause or permit to commence burning of such straw or stubble at any time -

(a) during the period beginning one hour before sunset and ending at sunrise; or

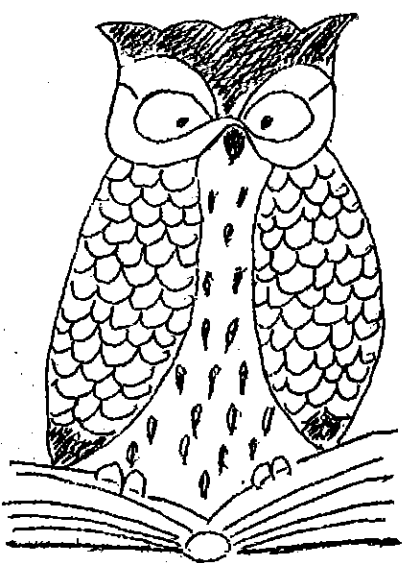
(b) on any Saturday Sunday or Bank Holiday.

No person shall commence to burn or cause or permit to commence the burning of such straw or stubble unless the area in which it is intended to burn such straw or stubble is more than 150 metres from any other area where such straw or stubble is being burned.

No person shall commence to burn or cause or permit to commence the burning of any area of such straw or stubble unless that area does not exceed 10 hectares and -

- (a) without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) below is bounded on all sides by a firebreak constructed by removing so far as is reasonably practicable all such straw from a strip of land not less than 5 metres in width and either cultivating or ploughing that strip of land and -
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c) below where any part of that area is within 15 metres of any of the following objects that is to say any hedgerow trees or telegraph pole a firebreak is constructed by removing so far as is reasonably practicable and to a distance of not less than 25 metres from that object all such straw from a strip of land not less than 15 metres in width between that area and that object and either cultivating that strip or ploughing not less than 5 metres in width of that strip and -
- (c) where any part of that area is within 25 metres of any of the objects specified in paragraph (2) below a firebreak is constructed by removing so far as is reasonably practicable all such straw from a strip of land not less than 25 metres in width between that area and that object and either cultivating or ploughing not less than 5 metres in width of that strip:
- (a) any residential building. (b) any structure having a thatched roof.
- (c) any building structure fixed plant or machinery the greater part of which is constructed of combustible material or glass or both. (d) any scheduled monument the greater part of which is constructed of combustible material or glass or both. (e) any stack of hay or straw. (f) any accumulation of combustible material other than straw removed in the construction of a firebreak. (g) any standing cereal oil seed or pulse crop and (h) any woodland or nature reserve.

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No person shall burn such straw or stubble unless during the whole time the material is burning the operation is under the supervision of at least two responsible persons present at the burning of that area, of whom one is in charge of the operation and is experienced in the burning of straw & stubble

No person shall without reasonable excuse burn such straw & stubble unless during the whole of the time the material is burning the following means of fighting fire are available at the burning of that area, that is to say -

(a) not less than 500 litres of water in one or more mobile containers together with a means of dispensing the water for fire-fighting purposes

(b) not less than five implements suitable for use for firebeating purposes.

The occupier of the land on which straw or stubble has been burned shall not without reasonable excuse permit any ash or carbonised residues not incorporated into the soil of the land to remain for a period of more than 36 hours after the commencement of the burning on which straw or stubble has been burned.

DEFENCE. In proceedings against any person for an offence under byelaw - it shall be a defence for that person to prove that he had taken all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence

PENALTY Any person contravening any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,000.

NOTE. These are the main points given to readers as general information. A copy of the Byelaws may be seen on application to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Happy 10th Birthday Stn. Milton Playgroup

AFTER the closure of South Milton School, ten mother's decided to form a playgroup. At the first meeting of the Group the following 'mum's' were elected to the Committee:

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| Mrs I. Yeabsley | Chairman |
| Mrs A. Blythe | Secretary |
| Mrs J. Davies | Treasurer |
| Mrs V. Connington, | Mrs C. Bell, |
| Mrs C. Parkin, | Mrs S. Hurrell, |
| Mrs R. Rogers and | Mrs M. Berryman. |

The Supervisor was Mrs I. Yeabsley.

The Playgroup was to be held every Tuesday and the fee 20p. per child.

The very first session was held on Tuesday September 17th. 1974, with twelve children present:

Jeremy Bell, Martin Berryman, Robert Davies, Nicholas Holloway, William and Jason Johns, Julian Lee, Nigel and Rachel Parkin, Kevin Rogers and Trevor Yeabsley.

The Committee held a Coffee Morning in August 1974 to raise money for equipment, raising £28.50, and by October the balance in the bank had reached £62.31.

The Playgroup was really formed to serve the children of South Milton, but it's popularity has grown to such an extent that it now serves children from a number of surrounding villages.

The present day Playgroup operates on two mornings a week and is run by Mrs Lyn Gunning and Mrs Pam Bennett, with help from Mrs Molly McClaney and Mrs Lindy Anderton, the fee now being 40p. per session.

To celebrate the 10th. Birthday of the Playgroup we are having a

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CUCUMBER PICKLE

2lbs. cucumber. 5 large onions.
1 green pepper. 2oz. salt.

Syrup: 1 pint cider vinegar
1lb. soft brown sugar
½ teaspoon (level)
ground tumeric.
¼ level teaspoon ground
cloves
½ level teaspoon celery
seeds
1 dessertspoon mustard
seeds.

Method: Wash cucumber - do not peel - chop vegetables and put in bowl with salt. Leave 3 hours. Rinse thoroughly under cold water and drain. Put in large pan, add vinegar, bring to boil and simmer till cooked - about 20 minutes. Add spices and sugar and stir over low heat to dissolve sugar. Bring to boil, draw pan off heat and put into mixing bowl until cold. Put into jars.

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SWEET CHUTNEY

2lbs. sugar. 2½lbs. thickly sliced apples. 1lb. chopped onions.
¾lb. sultanas. 2oz. salt. Eighth oz. cayenne. 1 pint vinegar.
½oz. ground ginger. ¼oz. garlic.

Method: Simmer vinegar and apple. Add sugar and all ingredients. Boil a few minutes. Turn into basin and cover. Stir two or three times daily for one week. Put into jars.

"ANON"

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SOUTH MILTON YOUTH CLUB

The FIRST SESSION for this season will be held on

FRIDAY 7th. SEPTEMBER in the SOUTH MILTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Annual subscription 50p. Nightly sub. 20p. Visitors sub. 25p

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VIEWPOINT

From my observations and conversations people are alarmed and disturbed that, in this day and age, any authority can be content to ignore untreated sewage being permitted to ooze all over the rocks at Leasfoot. Because there was a blockage on the outlet pipe some of the trap covers were removed which permitted this to occur. Previously it had oozed out of the overflow tank into the stream in front of the Golf Clubhouse, adding to the aroma for prospective diners !

You may accept that your Parish Council is just as alarmed and disturbed, but a parish council is a creature of Acts of Parliament, and its legal powers are those given by Acts of Parliament. This can mean that a parish council has no legal power to take direct action about something in which, in the interests of its villagers, it has the strongest possible concern.

Parish Councillors have, of course, to be aware their council's powers are prescribed by law and there are many things in which a parish council is rightly involved in which it can only try to persuade the other authorities to act.

It is, of course, nothing short of scandalous that any government backed authority can force a community to pay out a sum in the region of £35,000 a year, and give little or nothing in return. The South West Water Authority have been advised time and again that the present Thurlestone sewer pipeline is inadequate. In accordance with 'Formula 'A' ', they say, it is not only adequate but adequate also for all housing development in the 'pipeline' - some 100 more dwellings. Well, perhaps the best thing that can prove who is right - the 'experts' - or the Parish Council, are the increasing spate of problems a 9" outflow pipe is having to cope with the present properties it is called upon to serve.

Are you concerned too ? Then write to the Environmental Health Officer at South Hams District Council offices, Totnes and to the Water Authority at Exeter. Write to Len Hill himself ! Only if enough residents make known what they think will the parish kick up enough 'stink' to match the one the village has to suffer.

And, then we come to water. It is said to be costing something like £3 million just to cope with the deficiency of supply, yet they were too short of money to deal with the 25% to 30% of leakages which is running so much of our water to waste. Another £3 million or so has been found for empire building a new block of offices - to increase efficiency, they say. What a joke of the year that is. £6 million pounds - could have seen dams like the Avon - and no doubt others, raised a few feet without harm to man or beast. After all they've had since 1976 - nearly 8 years and have obviously done very little that matters. £6 million is hardly peanuts, is it? But you'll be asked to pay an increased rate, I'm sure, to cover all this incompetence - plus I would think an increase in the outrageous 'standing charge' which enables these authorities to pretend the rate in the £ is less than it actually is. No reasonable person objects to qualified efficient people being paid the rate for the job. In America some of the car chiefs collect over £1 million a year each. The value of a man is surely the return he can give for the pay he receives - but £6,000,000 is a high price to pay for water rationing and oozing sewage. I haven't, of course, remarked upon any health hazard.

Walter Dee

The Editor would like to establish 'Viewpoint'. If you would like to express your opinion on the above or any other subject - housing - playing field - water skiing - car parking - please send it in to 10, Backshay Close, South Milton.

VILLAGE VOICE

ALL THE WINNERS continued from the facing page:

Class 62. P. MacDONALD. Class 63.: E.WORTHY. Class 64. M.ORR. Class 65: L.JEFFERY. Class 66: B.JACKSON. Class 67. P. MacDONALD. Class 68: M.ORR. Class 69: F. BULLIED.

CHILDRENS: J. HOWEY & M.HOWEY (tie) in Class 70 - Flower Picture

Class 71. Arrangement of wild flowers: N.ADAMS. Class 72: Miniature Garden- N. ADAMS. Class 73. Carvings: N.BRICE. Class 74. Collage: K.ADAMS.

Class 75: Sewing: K.ADAMS.

HOME ECONOMICS: Class 76. Chutney: S.MUNDAY. Class 77. Mustard Pickle:

J.M.BICKFORD. Class 78. Strawberry jam: G.COOMBES. Class 79. Raspberry Jam:

J. MILCOY. Class 80. Other Jam: M. EWINGS. Class 81. Jelly: S.MUNDAY.

Class 82. Sponge flan. J.MILCOY. Class 83. Picnic lunch box: S.MUNDAY.

Class 84. Lemon Meringue pie. J.MILCOY. Class 86. Four scones: D. GILES.

Class 87. Gingerbread: S.MUNDAY.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS. Pedestal: Y.JEFFERY. Miniature: Y.JEFFERY.

Buffet table: E.B.SNOWDON. Foilage: D.JULIAN. Basket: D.JULIAN. Seascape: D.JULIAN.

HANDICRAFTS: Knitting: E.B.SNOWDON. Crochet: D.JACKSON. Canvaswork. J.WALKER.

Other embroidery: M.MANLEY. 98. Painting: Joint: R.KEMP & J.PINO.

Sewn garment: J.MILCOY. Stuffed Toy: L.DRABBLE.

The Classes on the adjoining page were: ANATEUR FRUIT & VEG. 1. White kidney potatoes. 2. Coloured kidney potatoes. 3. White round potatoes. 4. coloured round potatoes. 5. peas. 6. Runner beans. 7. French beans. 8 Onions (seed) 9. Onions (set) 10. Non-hybrid shallots. 11. Hybrid Shallots. 12. Stump carrots. 13. Long or inter. Carrots. 14. Turnips. 15. Beetroot. 16. Lettuces. 17. Cucumbers. 18. Tomatoes. 19. Parsley. 20. Marrows. 21. Cabbages. 22. Leeks 23. Rhubarb. 24. Soft fruit. 25. Herbs. 26. Veg. not on Schedule. 27. Longest Runner bean. 28. Collection vegetables. OPEN FRUIT & VEG. Classes 29 to 56a as classes 1 to 28 above. Classes 56b to 65 were for cut flowers and pot plants.

Many thanks to Mrs Pat MacDonald for this Report.

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ALL THE WINNERS

THURLESTONE AND SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW REPORT

Despite the difficult gardening weather experienced this year, residents of Thurlestone and South Milton put on another super display at their annual Horticultural Show, held this year in South Milton. Not only was the standard high, but numbers of entries were almost 100 up on 1983! Fears that there would be very few entries this year because of the drought were soon dispelled with the additional entries in the Home Economics section which had all classes well supported. (Sympathies were with the judge who had to taste, amongst other things, no fewer than 19 gingerbreads and 50 pots of preserves!)

The theme for the flower arrangements was 'Heritage Year', and this provided plenty of scope for imaginative and charming arrangements, ranging from the 4-inch miniature to the 5 foot pedestal.

Cups were presented by the President, Dr. Neville C. Oswald, including a new one donated by Mrs Doris Jackson for the best item of sewing. The Chairman, Mr. Ben Horn, thanked all the committee for their hard efforts leading up to the Show, and to all the entrants, without whom the Show would not be possible, as well as the many kind friends who helped on the day with stewarding, teas and so on. The winners were:

AWARD OF CUPS

Highest number of points - South Milton Resident.....J.B.HORN
 Highest number of points - Thurlestone Resident.....M.ORR
 The Marshall Cup (one rose bloom).....E. WORTHY
 Doris Jackson Trophy (Machine or hand sewn garment).....J.MILCOY
 Highest number of points - Amateur Fruit & Veg.....L.JEFFERY
 Highest number of points - Open Fruit & Veg.....M. ORR
 Highest number of points - Cut Flowers & Pot Plants section....M.ORR
 Highest number of points - Children 5 to 8 years....N. ADAMS
 Highest number of points - Children 9 to 11 years....N. BRICE
 Highest number of points - Home Economics....S.MUNDAY
 Highest number of points - Flower Arrangements....D.JULIAN
 Highest number of Points - Handicrafts....E.B.SNOWDON

DIPLOMA OF MERIT AWARDS: SECTION 'A' - Fruit & Veg: L. JEFFERY
 SECTION 'B' - Open Fruit & Veg. L. JEFFERY
 SECTION 'C' - Cut Flowers: P.MacDONALD. SECTION 'D' - Children: KATE ADAMS
 SECTION 'E' - Home Economics: S.MUNDAY. SECTION 'F' - Flower Arrangements
 SECTION 'G' - Handicrafts: M.I.MANLEY.. D.JULIAN

CLASS WINNERS: Class 1. L.JEFFERY. Class 2. R.J.DAYMENT.
 Class 3. R.J.DAYMENT. Class 4. R.J.DAYMENT. Class 5. R.J.DAYMENT.
 Class 6. E.A.P.MILCOY. Class 7. O.M.COWARD. Class 8. L.JEFFERY.
 Class 9. W.COOMBES. Class 10. D.N.COWARD. Class 11. & 12. L. JEFFERY
 Class 13. T. CHURCH. Class 14. --. Class 15. P.BLIGHT. Class 16. T. CHURCH.
 Class 17. --. Class 18. E.M.APPLEGATE. Class 19. L. JEFFERY.
 Class 20. J. TURNER. Class 21. --. Class 22. L. JEFFERY. Class 23. and
 Class 25, 26, 27, & 28: all L. JEFFERY. Class 29. R.C.ROGERS.
 Class 30. J.B.HORN. Class 31 & 32: H.R.ADAMS. Class 33. M.ORR. Class 34:
 J.B.HORN. Class 35: M.ORR. Class 36: L.JEFFERY. Class 37: M.ORR.
 Class 38: J.B.HORN. Class 39: L.JEFFERY. Class 40: J.B.HORN. Class 41. M.ORR
 Class 42. --. Class 43. W.P.GOODFELLOW. Class 44. J.B.HORN. Class 45:
 R.C.ROGERS. Class 46. B. JACKSON. Class 47: B.W.MARSHALL. Class 48.B.JACKSON
 Class 49. A.G.JEFFERY. Class 50: M.ORR. Class 51. B.W.MARSHALL.
 Class 52: H.R.ADAMS. Class 53. J.B.HORN. Class 54. H.R.ADAMS. Class 55
 P. MacDONALD. Class 56a. M.ORR. Class 56b. P. MacDONALD. Class 57.L.JEFFERY
 Class 58. M.BRICE. Class 59 & 60: M.ORR. Class 61. A.GROSE.

AVON ESTUARY BYELAW COMPROMISE

Following really strong protest from Thurlestone Parish Council, and from other Organisations and District Councillor Jack Thomas, a meeting was held by the South Hams District Council of all the interested parties. It seems that a solution of controlling water-skiing or high speed pleasure boating in the period May to September will now result in a Byelaw being drawn up, in which, during that period water-skiing will be restricted to a 1000 metre stretch of the Avon Estuary between Lime Kiln and Rockface at Doctor's Wood. During that period only two ski boats will be permitted to operate at any one time, and they must be recognisably marked. Skiing will only be permitted by obtaining special permission through the Water Safety Officer. We must await to see a draft of the actual byelaw proposals before offering any further comment, but it would appear that a compromise solution is at hand. Not to everyone's liking you may be sure - but at least the District Council are now going to investigate the possibilities of finding another, might it be said more suitable, area for this exciting but dangerous past-time. Dangerous that is to other users of the Estuary.

Editor's Note: When I lived at North Efford on the Estuary - until 1967 - I took my boat up and down to Bantham regularly - fishing or purely for pleasure. I never once saw any water skiing from 1959 to 1967, so I would hardly think there had been 'regular water skiing for 25 years'. However, I believe the late Mr Maitland Tribe, founder member of the Bantham Life Saving Club was known to practice a little water-skiing in a small very moderately powered boat. I would be most interested to publish a really authentic history of the use of the Avon Estuary for high speed pleasure boating of any kind. Village Voice does not 'take sides' in this matter of 'to water-ski or not to water-ski' - but some authenticated facts would, I am sure, make interesting reading.

A FEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE SCHOOL

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Mrs K. Tanner

Curator of Cookworthy Museum

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COUNCIL - TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

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during the Meeting

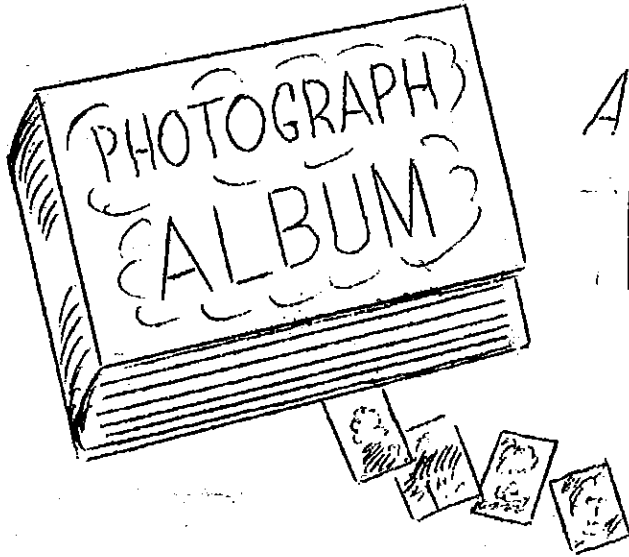
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A Delightful trip DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH KENDALL McDONALD

"The old people who remembered the smuggling days, and who firmly believed in witchcraft, have, during the twenty and more years I have been here, been nearly all gathered to their fathers. Visitors and residents, imported from far and wide, are creating a new atmosphere. The next rector who comes here will find a different world from that in which we so recently found ourselves. The old state of things can never exist again, and therefore it ought to be recorded."

So wrote the Reverend Frank Egerton Coope, who was Rector of Thurlestone from 1897 to 1922, in his foreword to his excellent booklet "Thurlestone Church and Parish." He was right of course - unless it is all written down it will be lost forever. So I hope this time you will join me in a saunter down other peoples' memory lanes....

First, a slice of my memory of a meeting with Miss Margery Frances Earle Ilbert, who died in March this year. Our meeting last year came at my request. You see I had a pile of photographs which had come from "Just-a-Cottage" after my Uncle Charlie died, and I hadn't a clue about the faces in those pictures. I do hope you've written the names on all your photographs to help those who follow after! There is nothing worse than having a lot of photos which might be of long-lost members of your family, and not being able to tell one from another.

Some of my pictures had obviously belonged to my grandfather, William Kendall Hill, better known as "Lor Lumme" from his constant repetition of this telling phrase when surprised or interested in a special piece of news, and I suspected were given to him by those who rented a room from him in "Woodbine" during the holiday season. Two - and only two

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Continuing with Kendall McDonald DOWN MEMORY LANE....

- had a name on the back. "Ilbert" was just there in faint pencil on one. And the other said, in ink, "To Beaty with Jummy's love."

As this last was clearly my Auntie Beatrice who had been firmly married to Uncle Charlie Hill, I sensed a village scandal... until on closer examination the picture appeared to be of a young man of about six summers!

Miss Ilbert, when telephoned, was enthusiastic. "Bring 'em all," she said, "and we'll sort them out."

So Penny and I drove over that very Good Friday to Bowringsleigh, and down the long drive to the house, which seemed oddly familiar until I realised that I had entered into the setting they had used for the tv adaptation of R.F.Delderfield's 'A Horseman Riding By'. I pulled the car up on the gravel and just sat there. I was not admiring the view, but two huge deerhounds had galloped from the house and now stood on each side of the car. I can tell you it is not often you look out of a car window and find yourself looking straight into a dog's chest!

These huge hounds were followed by a small white terrier, and then Miss Ilbert in her gumboots. She seemed to find our slight hesitation to get out of the car because of the dogs quite inexplicable. When we finally plucked up courage, she led the way through what can only be described as a castle door - one of those pointed archway and studded things - into a hall which had a trail of cloths laid in a path across it. This, said Miss Ilbert, was for one of the deerhound bitches which would not deign to walk on the bare flagstones.

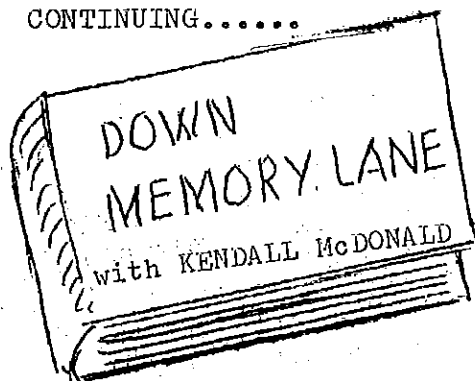
Bowringsleigh is, of course, not just the star of a tv series, but a fortified manor house of the 15th century. Some parts of the original mansion remain, particularly in the lower part of the tower. Some of it was rebuilt in the 16th century, and then in the 1800's someone else with a strong liking for gothic had another go.

As we followed the deerhound with the fear of chilblains we stepped back in time. I am not exaggerating. You see we stepped through a doorway in a magnificent carved wooden screen which seemed about three feet thick into view of the sort of log fire that you only see in Hollywood costume epics. It was difficult however to take your eye off that screen. It is studded with great "jewels" of polished ebony and its decoration reached right up to the high ceiling. This superb example of the carver's skill dates back to somewhere around 1620. Miss Ilbert couldn't be more precise - "It's not before James the First," she said, "they didn't have ebony then."

As one of the huge dogs decided to share my chair, Miss Ilbert told me to throw her off if she became a nuisance. This was all very well, but no sooner had Miss Ilbert left the room in search of some sherry, than the deerhound on

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my chair - I think it was the one who didn't get cold feet - without further ado pushed me off onto the floor.

I pretended I didn't want to sit down anyway and seized the opportunity once back on my feet to study the room. It was obviously being used by Miss Ilbert as her sitting room and I noticed two new copies of "A Horseman Riding By" under a pile of odds and ends. On top of the wooden screen were some old regimental drums, so old that they could only have swung before some red coat of long ago. There too was a helmet which went even further back in time - chainmail protected head and neck and there was a bar of shaped iron to cover nose and mouth. Even from floor level I could see signs of rust.

The fire burned in a raised iron-bar basket inside a fireplace whose exterior was another vast wooden carving right up to fine, if scorched, plaster ceiling. A nearby firescreen had painted panels, one of which was clearly dated 1548, but dominating the whole room were two huge oil paintings which hung from ceiling right down to the floor.

They were the kind of huge works that you only see in the National Portrait Gallery - men in brocaded, befrogged coats, posed carefully against suitable backgrounds - and were obviously ancient Ilberts. Perhaps the woman in one of the portraits was Bridget, fourth daughter of the seventh Sir William Courtenay, who in the 1700's married William Ilbert of Bowringsleigh. Bridget was a god-daughter of Queen Anne, who once sent her a handkerchief full of bon-bons from the dining table.

This handkerchief was, I'm told, carefully preserved by the Ilberts, but on this day I didn't know of its existence, nor did I have time to ask Miss Ilbert about the portraits, for she was back with a massive decanter of sherry and eager to start burrowing through the pictures I had brought her.

One she pounced on immediately - the one with "Ilbert" on the back. The lady with her hair hanging down in ringlets was, she had no doubt, Rose Ilbert, wife of the Reverend Peregrine Arther Ilbert, who was Rector of Thurlestone from 1839 to 1894.

Another picture she identified as a villager of years ago but, possibly tactfully, did not remember his name as she added, "they were washed up from the Spanish Armada, you know!" I burned with curiosity, but no amount of prompting could get the name from her.

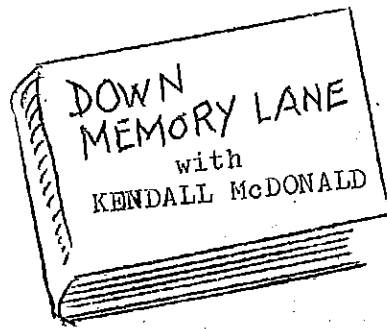
At this moment we were joined by another picture-identifier. This is Mrs. Margaret Fawcett of Yealmpton, a grand-daughter of the Reverend Peregrine. She cleared up the "Beaty with Jimmy's Love" caption. "Jimmy" is Owen Moneypenny Ilbert and the picture was given to Beaty before she married when she worked as a parlourmaid at Rockhill.

Rockhill, on the Bantham turn, was originally a barn and was converted into a fine house by the Reverend Peregrine, who put his wedding carriage wheels, set with stained glass, into the house as windows. Mrs Fawcett is a great identifier. One she had no difficulty with at all - it is of herself in her wedding gown! This brought back memories to her, not just of her marriage to Captain Walter Fawcett (later Brigadier), but of her youth in Thurlestone.

"We all thought Charlie Hill was very dashing, such a handsome man", she recalled. "We stayed with his father, Mr. Hill, when we were looking for a house at the time. Rockhill was too cold for us as my father was ill and had to be in the warmth. So while we looked we stayed with the Hills at Woodbine

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CONCLUDING.....



delicious!"

"We had a sitting room and two bedrooms. I just don't know where the Hills managed to find room to live! The rest of my family were always going to bridge and dances and as I was only 10 I used to get left behind. But Mr. Hill - he was a former policeman did you know...oh, of course you did... used to talk to me for ages and he'd sit me on his lap and give me part of his supper bloater. He was very fond of bloater was Mr. Hill. I can still remember those forkfuls of bloater - they were delicious!"

That sort of memory took Mrs. Fawcett and Miss Ilbert to recalling characters in the Ilbert dynasty. I got hopelessly lost amid Courtenays, Arthurs, Marions, Owens, Willoughby, Donald, Helen, Lewis, and was finally knocked right out of any form of understanding just before we left them to it when Miss Ilbert firmly announced: "I am not really an Ilbert, but an Earle." But then added in the next breath - "But then we probably have more Ilbert blood in our veins than the others...cousins marrying you know." Miss Ilbert, of course, never married and her only brother was killed in an accident in Africa in 1933. I shall remember her as a lady, and a nice one, and I think that ought to be recorded too.

Other nice people have written to me in recent weeks with their memories of Thurlestone's past. Miss Patricia M. Pratt of Salcombe's Fore Street Post Office has happy memories of my uncle when he was a postman, Mrs. Mary Bryan-Brown, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, writes to say that she first stayed at the Thurlestone Hotel when she was three and she is 80 now! Is that a record? She says: "In those early days we sat round a large table with Mr. Grose at the head, carving the joint, and I'm almost certain that my small sister and I slept in the little bedroom at the top of those small steps leading up from the road at the front of the "Village Inn".

And Mrs Doris Cooper, who was born in Salcombe in 1908, recalls a German nursemaid who was very friendly with a coastguard's son and used to get him to show her smugglers' caves along the coastline roundabout. When Mrs. Cooper's mother found maps in the girl's room marked "Good place for landing here" and "Cave here", she told her husband who reported "Fraulein" to the police, who, in turn, promptly arrested her. So the Germans must have been plotting war even then in 1912 or so, guesses Mrs. Cooper.

Who said nothing ever happens in Thurlestone?

Do you remember.....

ELECTRIC CHARGES STOP NITROGEN LEACHING

GRASSLAND scientists are looking at ways to cut the heavy nitrogen losses from pastures by applying materials which 'hang onto' ammonia.

Called zeolites, the materials carry negative electric charges. In the soil these bind positively charged ammonia molecules and prevent it being lost as a gas.

Experiments at the Grassland Research Institute showed that zeolites can halve nitrogen losses from urine patches through which most of the waste occurs.

The materials are products of the mining industry. The scientists are hoping that a once-for-all application to the soil surfaces will cut costly nitrogen waste. Researcher Dr. John Ryden said that most nitrogen was lost from grassland through livestock. Of the nitrogen eaten in grass or silage, 80% is excreted chiefly as urine. This nitrogen is quickly converted to ammonia and lost. The scientists estimate that on a grazed ryegrass sward only 7% of nitrogen is recovered by the animal. Similar losses occur when nitrogen is returned as slurry which has only a 20-30% of its nitrogen content.

It was about 1772

the wreck of the Chantiloupe occurred, a vessel returning from the West Indies, on the rocks of Thurlestone Sands. Those were the days when wrecking was practised in all its worst excess, and tortured with the fear of being murdered a wealthy lady of the name of Burke put on her richest dresses, and awaited the final shock with her necklaces about her bosom, and her hands covered with jewellery. It is supposed she was related to the famous Edmund Burke, for as soon as the wreck of the vessel was known in London, he came down and stayed in the neighbourhood. Most probably he never heard what her fate was. By a strange coincidence, with the exception of one man, she was the only person thrown ashore alive, but so far from being protected by her magnificence, it attracted to her all the wreckers who fought with one another as they tore the jewels from her neck, and cut off her swollen fingers to secure the rings upon them. Her body was buried in the sand, but was dug up by a dog, when blood was discovered upon the ears and mutilated hands of the poor woman. A lady in the neighbourhood sent and had the body decently interred.

The murderers could not be traced, but tradition says, that "all the men in it came to a bad end."

W.D.

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HE COULD BE RIGHT!

During the first programme in the B.B.C. 'cheerful' series 'Can you avoid Cancer' - let us award full marks to Sir Richard Doll, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Oxford University who said "They say today everything's causing cancer. You're a lucky man if you get out of this world alive." !

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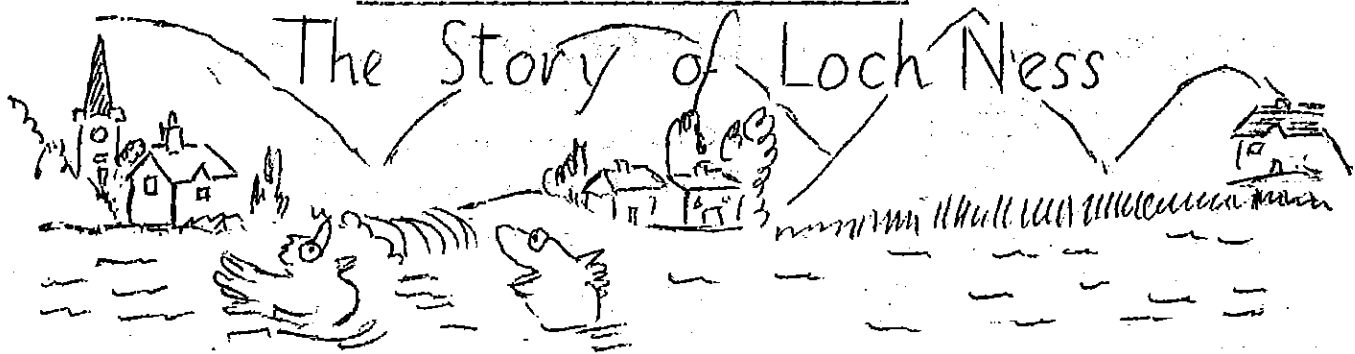
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EVERYONE knows the legend of the Loch Ness Monster, but very few know the story of how Loch Ness was created, and I feel it is something worth recording.

Many, many years ago there was a lovely fertile valley sheltered by high mountains from the cold winds. A small, close knit community, occupied the white-washed cottages scattered along the valley floor, below the lines of the carefully tended fields. Life was peaceful and happy, the only disturbance being the occasional winter storm.

One winter's night a particularly severe storm was rattling the cottage windows, keeping the villagers close to their firesides for warmth and comfort. A sudden knock disturbed one household, and on opening the door the housewife saw a shabby and storm battered old woman standing on the doorstep. With true Highland hospitality the unexpected visitor was invited in, given a seat beside the fire, and offered a share of the family's evening meal. As time passed and the storm gave no sign of letting up, the family sleeping arrangements were re-organised, and the visitor was invited to stay the night.

By morning the storm had passed and the valley was bathed in pale winter sunshine. As she prepared to leave the old woman turned to her hostess and said: "I am grateful for your hospitality, and to repay you I will grant anything you may ask for. The woman of the house replied, "We in this house require nothing for ourselves, but the village well is far away, and it is difficult for the old people to carry buckets of water so far. If we could only have a well nearer to the village everyone would be happier." "Your wish will be granted, my dear, and tomorrow morning there will be a well fed by a spring of clear water in the centre of your village. It will never run dry, but only one bucket of water can be drawn at a time, and the covering stone must always be replaced after each bucketful is drawn. If the stone is not replaced the well will overflow and nothing can ever be done to stop it." Having said these words the old woman set off down the road and disappeared from sight.

When the villagers awoke next morning they found a well with a spring of clear water bubbling in the village square exactly as the old woman had promised. One or two queried the need to keep the well covered, but when it was found the covering stone was light and easily handled, everyone agreed to obey the instructions of the strange visitor.

Many years passed and life in the village retained its peaceful rhythm, and the continual replacement of the stone over the well top had become a communal habit. However, one day a young mother came to the well having, as she thought, left her baby son safely sleeping. Just as she was withdrawing her bucketful of water she heard screams of terror coming from her cottage. Without a thought of the possible consequences she dropped everything and ran to her cottage. Within seconds the uncovered well started to overflow and run down the village street. Someone saw the flood and raised the alarm, but no matter what was tried, the cover stone proved impossible to replace and a steadily increasing stream continued to flow.

Very quickly the valley floor was covered and the villagers had to collect their possessions and their livestock, and move up the hillside, where they watched with sorrow the rising waters engulf their lovely valley.

And that, my friends, is how Loch Ness was formed.

Be Careful...

YOU CAN STORE UP LEGAL TROUBLE

Most people who use fields and waste land to store goods or dump rubbish are probably unaware that if anything "escapes" from the land they may face a legal action if damage is caused.

This important facet of our law was laid down over a century ago when the owners of a reservoir were sued because of water which flowed through disused mine shafts and damaged adjoining land. In a famous judgment, Mr Justice Blackburn spelt out what is known to all lawyers as "the rule in Rylands v Fletcher".

"The person who for his own purpose brings on his land and keeps there anything likely to do mischief if it escapes, must keep it in at his peril, and...is prima facie answerable for all damage which is the natural consequence of its escape", Mr Justice Blackburn held.

Thus the owner of a rubbish tip which slipped into another's land would be liable under the rule for any harm done. The Court of Appeal has ruled that personal injuries, as well as damage to property, are covered by this particular rule of law. In a series of cases, the rule has been held to apply to a variety of things, among them fire, gas, electricity, fumes, rusty wire and poisonous leaves and berries. It is also a defence to prove that the accumulation was made with the consent of the complaining person. The tenant of a flat impliedly consents to a properly constructed water supply on other floors and cannot invoke this particular rule if his property is damaged by water from other floors. If the storage was authorised by Act of Parliament that is also a defence, but both these defences only apply where there is no negligence.

What liability falls upon a person for fires? An Act over two hundred years old - The Fires Prevention (Metropolis) Act 1774 - which, despite its title, is not confined to London, bars any action against a person in whose building or on whose land a fire accidentally begins. Of course there are exceptions to the protection given by the Act. If the fire was caused by negligence of the occupier the Act does not apply. A person who lights a fire intentionally, providing the fire is lit properly, will not be liable for accidental damage, if he was not negligent. But if he stores materials which are likely to catch fire and they do ignite and cause damage, he will be liable under the rule in Rylands v Fletcher.

The occupier of a house which has defective electrical wiring will not be responsible if, because of the defect, a fire breaks out which damages his neighbour's property, unless he was negligent and knew or should have known that the wiring was defective. And it is always worth remembering to have chimneys swept regularly, for many local authorities have bye-laws to penalise those people whose chimneys catch fire because they are unswept.

End.

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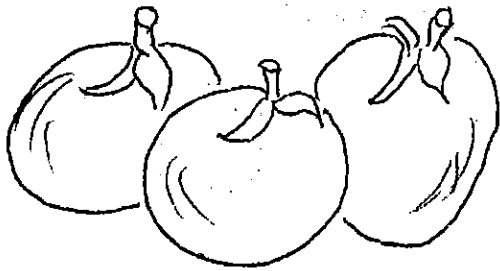
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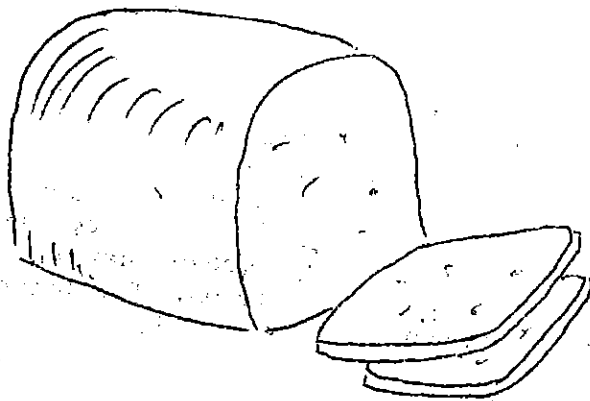
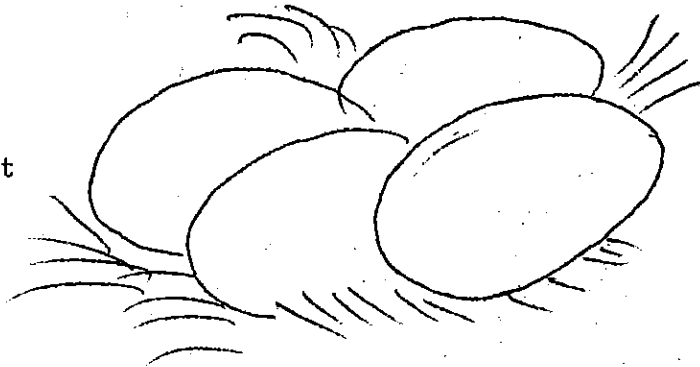
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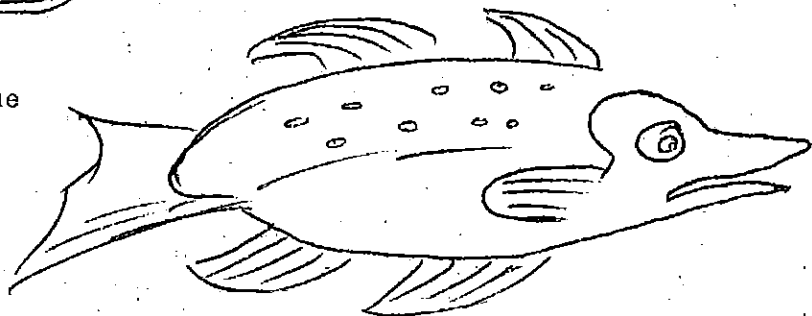
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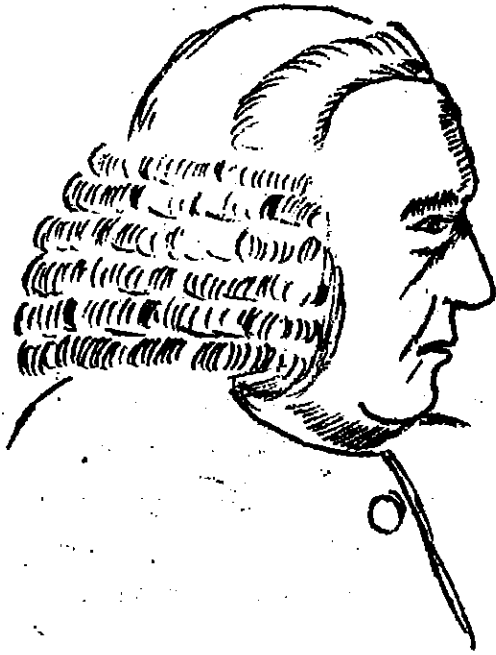
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WILLIAM COOKWORTHY

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William Cookworthy is Kingsbridge's favourite and most famous son. He was born there in 1705, the eldest of seven children of a weaver who was also a devout Quaker, and was educated at the old Grammer School (now the Cookworthy Museum at the top of Fore Street by the Ambulance Station). Unhappily, his father died when the boy was 13, leaving the family destitute. William was bright and caught the eye of a wholesale chemist from London, also a Quaker, who offered him an apprenticeship. He collected his few belongings and walked the 200 miles to London, to save the coach fare.

William stayed in London for six years, becoming a skilled pharmaceutical and mineralogical chemist. In addition, he read the English classics and became competent in Greek, Latin and French. He so impressed his instructors that in 1726, when he was only 21, he was taken into partnership and sent down to Plymouth to set up as a wholesale chemist, to supply the needs of the doctors and chemists' shops in the growing population, especially in Devonport. The store flourished and in 1735 he could afford to marry a Quaker girl from Taunton who regrettably died ten years later, leaving him with five daughters.

Over the years William developed an interest in porcelain which had been made to a secret formula in China for more than 1,000 years, and was being imported at great expense, and which the Germans were starting to make at Meissen. Then, in 1746 he identified Kaolin (a fine white clay) and petuntse (white pulverised granite) in the soil in various parts of Cornwall and Devon. Already skilled in high temperature chemistry and the assay of ores, he experimented with them for the next 20 years and eventually succeeded in making the first "hard paste" porcelain in Britain, comparable with Meissen.

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WILLIAM COOKWORTHY

Other firms, such as Chelsea and Derby, were starting to make "soft paste" china, that is,

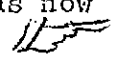
first the ingredients were fired and then the glazing was added before a second firing. William succeeded in glazing his chosen ingredients and, by using very high temperatures, produced true porcelain at a single firing.

In 1768, after 20 long years, William took out a patent and started commercial production in Coxside. He had a fair output of several designs, including figures, which were attractive although rather brittle, but he was an indifferent businessman and his health was beginning to fail. After two years the factory closed and transferred to Bristol, William having been unable to make a penny out of the business. His successors could not obtain an extension of the patent and the Bristol factory lasted only 11 years, folding in 1781.

William was a kindly man, devoted to his family and the Society of Friends (Quakers). He lived in an imposing house in Notte Street for many years where he entertained most of the distinguished men of art and science who visited Plymouth from time to time - and Plymouth was then by no means an intellectual backwater. Joshua Reynolds brought Dr. Johnson to see him, Captain Cook and his officers from the Endeavour were there on the eve of their departure. George III himself came along. Smeaton, who built the lighthouse, was a personal friend as was Kingsbridge born Dr. John Wolcot (Peter Pindar, the satirist). Indeed, William was a friendly and sympathetic character with an interesting story to tell. He was popular in the town and a good mixer. He died in 1780.

After the failure of the Bristol factory, China clay was sent in large quantities to the potters of Staffordshire where, mixed with bone, it was made into their celebrated bone china. From then onwards, English China clay developed to become, as it is now, the most important industry in the South-west and to contribute substantially to the export market. The clay is now used, among other things, in papermaking, pottery, paint, cosmetics, insecticides and even in medicine for indigestion.

About 20 years ago, English China Clay decided to commemorate William by acquiring his old grammar school and making it into a museum. This they did most successfully, giving Kingsbridge not only a very pleasant place to visit but also providing a sort of intellectual base which had been lacking. Displayed in it are the various stages of manufacture from clay right through to porcelain as well as a cider press, old farming implements, a fully equipped rural kitchen, Victorian dresses, a doll's house, photographs and many items of local interest, all supervised by a qualified curator. ECC has now



CONCLUDING : : : :

WILLIAM COOKWORTH

handed over the museum to its trustees who will make every effort to maintain and improve it, but they are faced with a short-fall in finance. In round figures annual takings for admissions and rents and all the various publicity shows members and friends put on are about £12,000 and outgoings about £15,000. Somehow, the gap must be closed and I hope, writing as a member of the Executive committee, that villagers who have not done so already will go and have a look at the place and, if they possibly can, contribute to this admirable local charity.

Neville C. Oswald.

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Thank you -

The Coffee Morning held on Tuesday July 10th. at the Rectory Barn, in aid of Cheshire Homes raised, with donations, exactly £100.

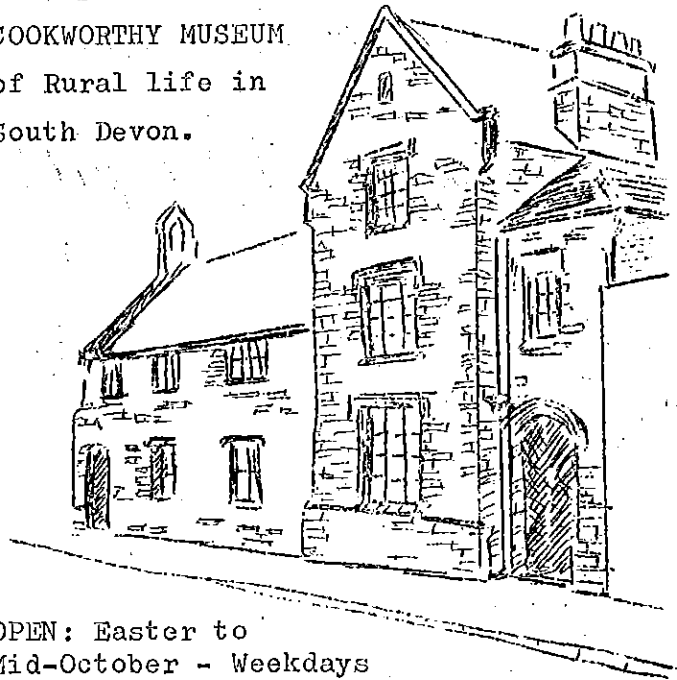
I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Joyce Petrie, Mr and Mrs Bill Philips, Mrs Barbara Noden, Mrs Ann Grose, Mrs Doris Tyler and Mrs Elaine Treleavan for their tremendous help. Also all the kind people who made the delicious cakes and for gifts for the raffle and the Bring and Buy stall.

Without all your kindness and support I could not have achieved such a successful and most enjoyable morning - all in aid of a Very Good Cause.

CONSTANCE HUGHES.

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Honey and the honeycomb, roses and violets, are yet in the Earth. The Sun and Moon yet reign in Heaven, and the lesser lights keep up their pretty twinklings. Meats and drinks, sweet sights and sweet smells, a country walk, spring and autumn, follies and repentance, quarrels and reconcilements, have all a sweetness by turns.

CHARLES LAMB

A Few thoughts on Sleep . . .

"Blessings," exclaimed Sancho, "on him that first invented sleep! It wraps a man all round like a cloak." It is a delicious moment certainly - that of being well nestled in bed, and feeling that you shall drop off gently to sleep. The good is to come, not past: the limbs have been just tired enough to render the remaining in one posture delightful: the labour of the day is done. A gentle failure of the perceptions comes creeping over one: the spirit of consciousness disengages itself more and more, with slow and hushing degrees like a mother detaching her hand from that of her sleeping child; the mind seems to have a balmy lid closing over it, like the eye; 'tis closing; - 'tis more closing; - 'tis closed. The mysterious spirit has gone to take its airy rounds...

In the course of the day few people think of sleeping, except after dinner; and then it is often rather a hovering and nodding on the borders of sleep than sleep itself...

The most complete and healthy sleep that can be taken in the day is in summertime, out in a field. There is, perhaps, no solitary sensation so exquisite as that of slumbering on the grass or hay, shaded from the hot sun by a tree, with the consciousness of a fresh but light air running through the wide atmosphere, and the sky stretching far overhead upon all sides. Earth and heaven, and a placid humanity seem to have the creation to themselves. There is nothing between the slumberer and the naked and glad innocence of nature.

Next to this, but at a long interval, the most relishing snatch of slumber out of bed is the one which a tired person takes before he retired for the night, while lingering in his sitting-room. The consciousness of being very sleepy, and of having the power to go to bed immediately, gives great zest to the unwillingness to move. Sometimes he sits nodding in his chair; but the sudden and leaden jerks of his head, to which a state of great sleepiness renders him liable, are generally too painful for so luxurious a moment; and he gets into a more legitimate posture, sitting sideways with his head on the chair-back, or throwing his legs up at once on another chair, and half reclining. It is curious, however, to find how long an inconvenient posture will be borne for the sake of this foretaste of repose. The worst of it is, that on going to bed the charm sometimes vanishes; perhaps from the colder temperature; for a fireside is a great opiate.

Speaking of the painful positions into which a sleepy loungeer will get himself, it is amusing to think of the more fantastic attitudes that so often take place in bed. If we could add anything to the numberless things that have been said about sleep by the poets, it would be upon this point. Sleep never shows himself a greater leveller. A man in his waking moments may look as proud and self possessed as he pleases. He may walk proudly; he may shave himself with an air of infinite superiority; in a word, he may show himself grand and absurd upon the most trifling occasions. But sleep plays the petrifying magician. He arrests the proudest lord as well as the humblest clown in the most ridiculous postures: so that if you could draw a grandee from his bed without waking him, no limb-twisting fool in a pantomime should create wilder laughter. The toy with the string between its legs is hardly a posture-master more extravagant. Imagine a despot lifted up to the gaze of his valets, with his eyes shut, his mouth open, his left hand under his right ear, his other twisted and hanging helplessly before him like an idiot's, one knee lifted up, and the other stretched out, or both knees huddled up together; what a scarecrow to lodge majestic power in !...

Sleep is most graceful in an infant; soundest, in one who has been tired in the open air; completest, to the seaman after a hard voyage; most welcome, to the mind haunted with one idea; most touching to look at, in the parent that has wept; lightest, in the playful child; proudest, in the bride adored.

LEIGH HUNT.

The Three Kings • Puzzle •

1. Now when the Star appeared in the sky, there came three Kings riding abreast, bearing gifts from their lands, Syria, Arabia and Persia.
2. He that rode in the centre said to Melchior - "Behold the star moves towards Bethlehem."
3. Then did Balthazer enquire of his companions what gifts they bore.
4. And one said, "I bring frank-incense, a token of divinity."
5. And the oldest of the Kings said to the king on his right side "Our companion carries Myrrh to anoint the Babe with."
6. Then did the middle-aged of the three say to the king from Arabia, "It is fitting that the Babe be anointed."
7. Now he that brought gold said to the king on his left, "Tell me, oh Prince of Persia, why you, being a king lent your hand as a servant to help Casper mount his camel?"
8. The King from Persia replied, "Because one companion is older than I, and should not even king's show respect?"
9. Now in the evening he who was carrying Myrrh said to the King on his right, "Behold the Star draws near."

Which King came from which country?
Which gift did each carry.?

How did the King's rank in age?
Which King rode on the left, which in the centre and which on the right?

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See the bottom of the next page for correct answers.

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...SO I LOOKED AGAIN !

And, indeed, there was a Chinese standing at an ironing board in his street stall close to the Kowloon terminal of the Star Ferry and yes, he was ironing the front page of 'The Times'.

With a neat step over the long lead that snaked through an open window, oblivious to the hum and jumble that is a frenetic Chinese street, he opened the paper at page three. As if smoothing out the creases of a gossamer dress, he started ironing again. And so he went right through the paper, folded it twice, newsagent style, and, he popped it into a rack hanging from his stall, where it joined 'Tokyo Shimbun', 'Le Monde' and the 'Wall Street Journal'.

Now YOU may walk past such sights, but I can't. They are the warp and woof of my living and, as you have to eat and drink, I have to know why someone is ironing newspapers in the street.

The answer is pure Hong Kong. Each day the hawker, and he is one of only 50,000 there - acquires all the foreign papers that are discarded on the scores of airliners that fly into Kai Tak Airport. Mirroring the Crown Colony's zest for business, he's found a market for them among the foreigners who stroll through the streets.

(Acknowledgement to Dan Hillman
writing in British Airways
Executive World - March 1984)

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ONE MILLION GALLONS OF WATER.....

Unsuspecting shoppers are buying at least a million gallons of added water from the supermarket freezers!

Mr David Walker, the deputy trading standards officer for Shropshire County Council told a Conference of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration that supermarket chains were marketing some goods on the basis of "Never mind the quality - just look at the price."

He claimed this was leading to a gradual lowering of standards through housewives buying undeclared water in the mistaken belief it was fish !

Mr. Walker estimated that there were 537,000 gallons of undeclared added water in the annual sale of fish fingers in Britain, and another 470,000 gallons in the form of undeclared glaze on frozen fish fillets and other fish products. He calculated that if the water was replaced by fish flesh it would cost between £10 and £11 million a year.

He also claimed that the average fish content of fish fingers, which are partly composed of breadcrumbs, had been cut from 68% in 1961 to 56% now, reduced progressively at a rate largely unnoticed by consumers. He said frozen scampi, prawn and crab products had all suffered in quality to make the end product cheaper.

New technology, went on Mr. Walker, enabled processors to change the taste, texture, colour, and appearance of one species of fish to resemble that of another by using a variety of ingredients designed to simulate fish flesh.

Describing the activities of some prawn importers who put an excessive coating of ice glaze on their products as 'bordering on the fraudulent', Mr Walker said "This product has given a whole new meaning to the term "double glazing".

(Acknowledgement to the Daily
Telegraph - June 1984)

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SORRY !

My daily paper says: "We apologise to our readers for the many typographical imperfections which are due to an industrial dispute." Well, there is no industrial dispute at 'Village Voice' - but do acceptwe make typographical errors also !

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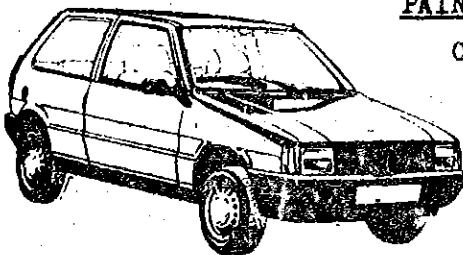
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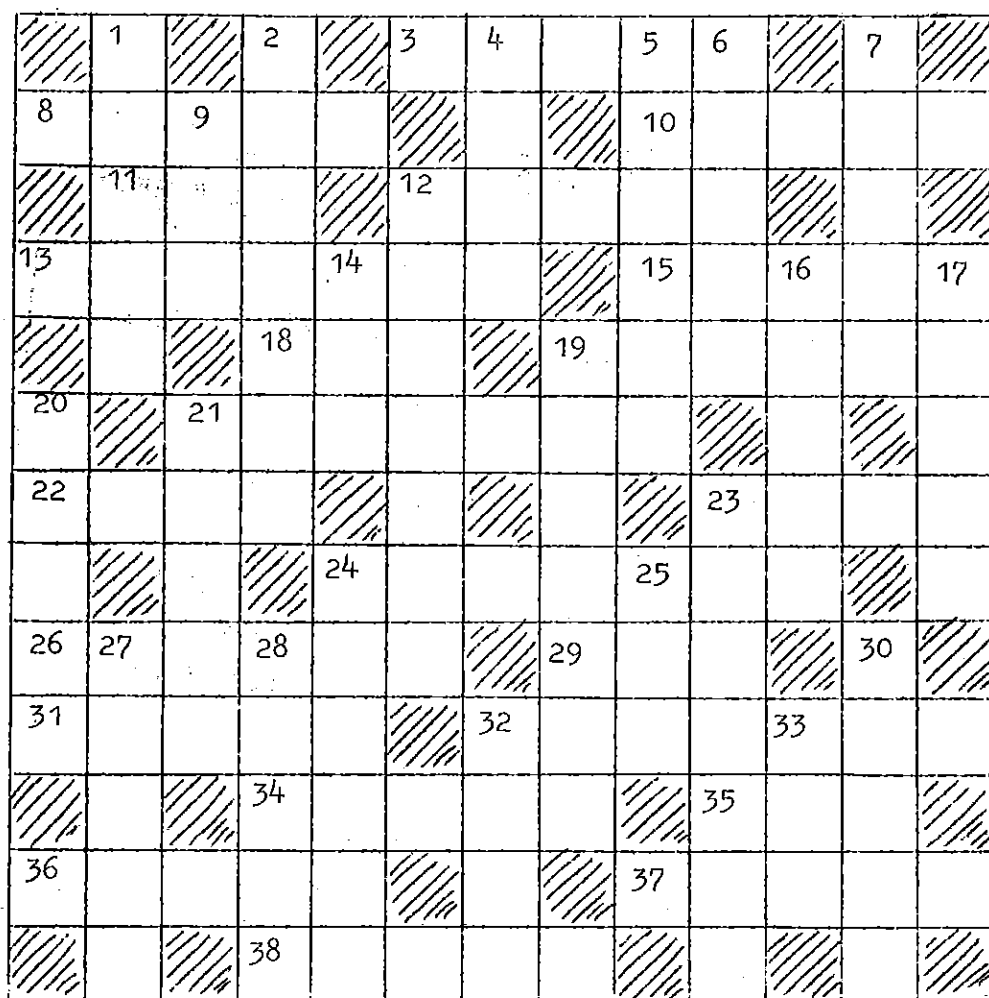
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EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS.
- 3. Not ahead (5)
 - 8. Trite (5)
 - 10. Elector (5)
 - 11. Site (3)
 - 12. Shears (5)
 - 13. Coastal outline (7)
 - 15. Not at all (5)
 - 18. Finale (3)
 - 19. Inhabit(5)
 - 21. Cleaned out (7)
 - 22. Hearing aids (4)
 - 23. Divide(4)
 - 24. Lone act(7)
 - 26. Females (5)
 - 29. Toper(3)
 - 31. Rope fibre (5)
 - 32. Breastbone (7)
 - 34. Slate (anag) (5)
 - 35. Away(3).
 - 36. Deduct (5)
 - 37. Entomb (5)
 - 38. Poor(5)
- DOWN:
- 1. Fowl(5)
 - 2. Affairs(7)
 - 4. Dread(4)
 - 5. Levelled(6)
 - 7. Cut(5)
 - 9. Convent woman(3)
 - 12. Wallows (7)
 - 14. Single (3)
 - 16. Indispensable (5)
 - 17. Reposes(5)
 - 19. Sisters (anag) (7)
 - 20. Set of bells (5)
 - 21. Attire(5)
 - 23. Habituees(7)
 - 24. Tell(6)
 - 25. Part of foot(3)
 - 27. Revealed(5)
 - 28. Material(5)
 - 30. Musical instruments (5)
 - 32. Remit(4)
 - 33. Fruit (3)

FOR THE CRYPTIC PUZZLE CLUES look across page:-

The answers to both Easy and Cryptic clues will be found on another page.

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ACROSS:

3. The learner in the team lost his balance (5).
8. Does this animal act as a pilot? (5). 10. Life supports in maritime disasters.
11. The reverse of equality (3) 12. Mural Decoration (5)
13. They give verdicts right amid enemies (7).
15. A teatotaler occupies the top storey (5). 18. The cask is overturned (3)
19. Publicity before this place will stick (5) 21. The postman delivers here (6)
22. They are often the result of a good stroke (4)
23. Do these college lecturers play football? (4)
24. A traveller often is one, occupies one and passes over many (7)
26. These may be pleasant or unpleasant (6). 29. A Baltic Port omits one (3)
31. A good punch possibly on the ear for this country (5)
32. Be crafty about the bird - forcibly (7) 34. Does he own a Scottish herd? (5)
35. Consume a confused drink (3). 36. Achieving part of a ding-dong (5)
37. She would be debased if she lost heart (5) 38. Parts for the car sound weary (5)

DOWN:

1. This sharpener is a bit of a catastrophe (5).
2. The swimmer, we hear, prefers these to the shallows (7).
4. Financial help from Nola (4). 5. It sounds like 500 Communists (6).
6. The astronauts took a long view of it (5). 7. Road ventilation (5).
9. A spectacular anchor (3). 12. Sailors expect storms when they see them (7)
14. Is it really glorious? (3). 16. X and an alternative for the singer (5)
17. Look with leisure and then stop (5). 19. Claims rights after a disturbed strain (7)
20. A noisy chance sounds like a gambol (5).
21. Rage when the fisherman was no longer a learner (5)
23. Results from University success (7)
24. Cockneys are known for this type of speech (6).
25. This confused mass of type can be eaten (3).
27. The Doctor drove to the top in it (5). 28. The French insect acquired knowledge (5)
30. Not entirely black in church (5).
32. Certain its a possible ruse (4)
33. A chattering filly? (3)

Do you enjoy these Crosswords? Do please say

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE 'EASY' AND 'CRYPTIC' CLUES OF CROSSWORD No.10

EASY PUZZLE: ACROSS: 3. After. 8. Banal. 10. Voter. 11. Put. 12. Pares
13. Contour. 15. Never. 18. End. 19. Reside. 21. Dredged. 22. Ears. 23. Part
24. Rectal. 26. Lassess. 29. Sol. 31. Sisal. 32. Sternum. 34. Tales. 35. Out
36. Debt. 37. Inter. 38. Needy.

DOWN: 1. Capon. 2. Matters. 4. Fear. 5. Evened. 6. Roses. 7. Hewed. 9. Nun
12. Puddles. 14. One. 16. Vital. 17. Rests. 19. Resists. 20. Pearls. 21. Dress
23. Patrons. 24. Relate. 25. Toe. 27. Alred. 28. Satin. 30. Lutes. 32. Send. 33. Nut

CRYPTIC - ACROSS: 30. Al(1)ter. 32. Sure. 33. Nag.
21. Ang(1)er. 23. Degrees. 24. Slangy. 25. Pie. 27. MO-tor. 29. Le-lant.
12. Petrels. 14. Mud. 16. Ten-or. 17. C-ease. 19. Asserts. 20. F-risk.
DOWN: 1. Strop. 2. Depends. 4. Loan. 5. D-reads. 6. Earth. 7. St-air. 9. Ear.
37. Me-g-an. 38. Tyres.
29. Rig. 30. KO-rea. 32. S-term-ly. 34. Angus. 35. Eat(Tea). 36. Doing.
18. Nut. 19. Ad-here. 21. Address. 22. Runs. 23. Dons. 24. Sleeper. 26. Smells
3. S-L-ide. 8. Steer. 10. Rafts. 11. Rap. 12. Paper. 13. Fo-R-men. 15. A-TT-ic

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A small charge will be made to cover the cost of Hall and heat only.

Alice in Wonderland at the Parish Hall

There may not be Fairies at the bottom of our gardens, but for three nights in July "Wonderland" was located on the stage of the Parish Hall at Thurlestone, where appreciative audiences were led by Alice and the White Rabbit along the path to wonderland and introduced a collection of friendly Birds and Beasts, the like of which have never appeared on a Richard Attenborough tv programme. They let us be guests at an extraordinary Tea Party, and play croquet with some animated Playing Cards, while all the time we were all being bullied by argumentative 'Royals'. A memorable and happy evening, indeed.

On the official programme there were 46 names, but I will retain a vivid memory of 46 Bright Stars, some big, some small, but without exception, each shining brightly and valiantly playing their part, secure in the knowledge they were contributing their very best to give a marvellous time to us all.

Those of us present on any of the three evenings gained something. The older children, who have now left to go to more senior schools, have learnt that true success is only possible after hard work. The younger children have a goal to aim at when they, in their turn, become the leaders in the school, and we sophisticated adults with our (perhaps) cynical outlook have, influenced by happy children, once again begun to believe it is possible that there really are Fairies at the bottom of the Garden!

IAN C. YOUNG

Of the July/August issue no less than 82 copies were sold by the Thurlestone Village Stores and South Milton Village Stores and the 'Sloop' to visitors. Apart from 'locals' - that's how many more folk could have come to your event!

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South Hams Theatre & Arts Trust

Monthly Programme of Events at

KINGSBRIDGE THEATRE & CINEMA



Wednesday & Thursday, September 5th & 6th, at 8p.m.

Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri, Belinda Bauer

"FLASHDANCE" (Certificate 15)

The movie with the music, the beat, the energy — what a feeling!



Wednesday & Thursday, September 12th & 13th, at 8p.m.

Michael Caine & Richard Gere

"THE HONORARY CONSUL" (Certificate 18)

Based on the novel by Graham Greene. First they betrayed him, then they gambled with his life.



Friday, September 14th, at 7.30p.m.

The Friends of Cookworthy Museum present

A SONG AND PIANO RECITAL

featuring Alwyn Staddon (concert pianist), David Rowe (baritone), Diane Tobin (contralto), and Susan Graham Smith (accompanist).

Tickets £1.50 at The Music Centre, Fore Street, Kingsbridge or at the Cookworthy Museum.



Saturday, September 15th, at 8.15p.m.

The Trust's First Summer Family Entertainment

"CARSON'S CRACKER"

starring Frank (It's the way I tell 'em) Carson and supporting cast in a rollicking entertainment of laughs and music.

Seats £3.00 at The Music Centre, Fore Street, Kingsbridge or at the Theatre Box Office on evening of September 15th.



Wednesday & Thursday, September 19th & 20th, at 8p.m.

Frederick Andrei & Roland Bertin

"DIVA" (Certificate 15)

Comedy, Romance, opera . . . and murder!



Wednesday & Thursday, September 26th & 27th, at 8p.m.

William Hurt & Lee Marvin

"GORKY PARK" (Certificate 15)

It all began with three faceless bodies in the snow . . .



Friday, September 28th, at 8p.m.

Talented actor and pianist Lewis Lev presents

"THE LIFE OF CHOPIN"

A fascinating one-man evocation of the life and loves of the famous composer.

Seats £2 at The Music Centre, Fore Street, Kingsbridge or at the Theatre Box Office on the evening of September 28th.



A BREAK FROM YOUR SHOPPING CHORES

Come and have coffee and refreshments in the Theatre's Gallery Club any time from 10.30a.m. to 1p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays — and on the evenings of our stage productions.



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If there is water rationing

...and you, because of age or infirmity have any problem please get in touch with the Thurlestone Parish EMERGENCY OFFICER, Parish Councillor Mr Derrick J. Yeoman at 8, Parkfield, Thurlestone (Tel. 560607).
If it is possible to arrange help for you ..he will.

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On Sunday August 12th 1984--

Members of the SOUTH MILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ran a Stall at South Milton Sands in aid of St. Luke's Hospice - their chosen Charity of the Year. It was a great success. Members made pasties, sandwiches, rolls, salads, scones, cakes - and sold fruit, tomatoes, soft drinks, ice cream, and managed to serve cups of coffee and tea for visitors going down on the beach. In the afternoon, with food running low, members returned to their homes to do more baking, and the outcome was to send a cheque for nearly £200 to the Hospice. One visitor remarked "...it was such a good idea and would we be there every Sunday" !

Everyone enjoyed helping on the stalls, and having a day down at the Beach in the sunshine.

Special thanks to the owners of the ground for all their help - to their neighbours who allowed cars to be parked in their drive, and for those who put up with the inconvenience of the stalls blocking the entrance to their houses.

D.J.

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THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

It should have been mentioned in the full Report on another page....

There was a working display by the Kingsbridge Model Steam Engine Club which was again the focus of much interest to residents and holiday-makers alike.

To sum up, it was another happy day, so those of you who missed it this year, put a note in your diary for the first Saturday in August 1985 !

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ADVERTISERS & EVENT ORGANISERS PLEASE NOTE. Both the above events were given good coverage in the July/August issue of 'Village Voice'. Both were highly successful - the Horticultural Show notching up almost 100 more entries than last year. Perhaps it goes to show you should'nt miss out on seeing your Event given space in the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER issue due out at the end of October. Latest date for Event publicity 15th October - for Advertisements - 30th September. LOCAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE FREE !
God heavens, what am I saying ! FREE !!

South Milton Church Fete

We would like to express a big "Thank You"
To all who attended our Fete;
All who gave prizes and objects
(And those who sat at the gate).
The weather could not have been hotter,
Too hot for some of the food !
Ice cream and drinks flowed freely,
Hopefully doing some good.

We were honoured to have Mr. Peters
Who so graciously came, with his wife,
To open the Fete at 2.30 -
Bargain hunting then became rife,
The stalls had been overflowing,
Groaning and starting to sag,
But purchasers jostled for bargains
Eventually filling their bags.

Sideshowes and Raffles abounded;
The hoopla a new one to try;
All doing their part in the total -
And helping to raise profits high.
A lovely warm, happy atmosphere
Invaded the gardens this year.
Everyone seemed to enjoy it
So our thanks are very sincere.

To those who provided the venue
Without which nothing could start,
We express our gratitude freely -
For the way they all play their part.
Lastly, the hundreds of helpers ...
It seemed hundreds at the time !
Without whom nothing ever got finished
And all were exceedingly kind.

In the way things got cleared up after
Leaving nothing to show of the day
Spent in happy fund raising
In a typical village-like way.
"Thank you" to all who donated
Be it great or be it quite small.
Everything was much appreciated
And helped to complete the haul.

The Treasurer seemed very happy
With the way the money flowed in,
So a two-fold day of enjoyment
Has resulted in a final full tin.
Once more, over a thousand !
The target always seems broken
"Thank You" is never adequate -
But never more truly spoken !

E.B.Snowdon, Hon. Secy,
All Saints Church, Sth. Milton.



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You were promised the answer
to the THREE KING'S PUZZLE
'on the next page'. Sorry, it
just didn't work out that way
- here it is at last....

RIGHT. Balthazer of Arabia, oldest
carrying gold.

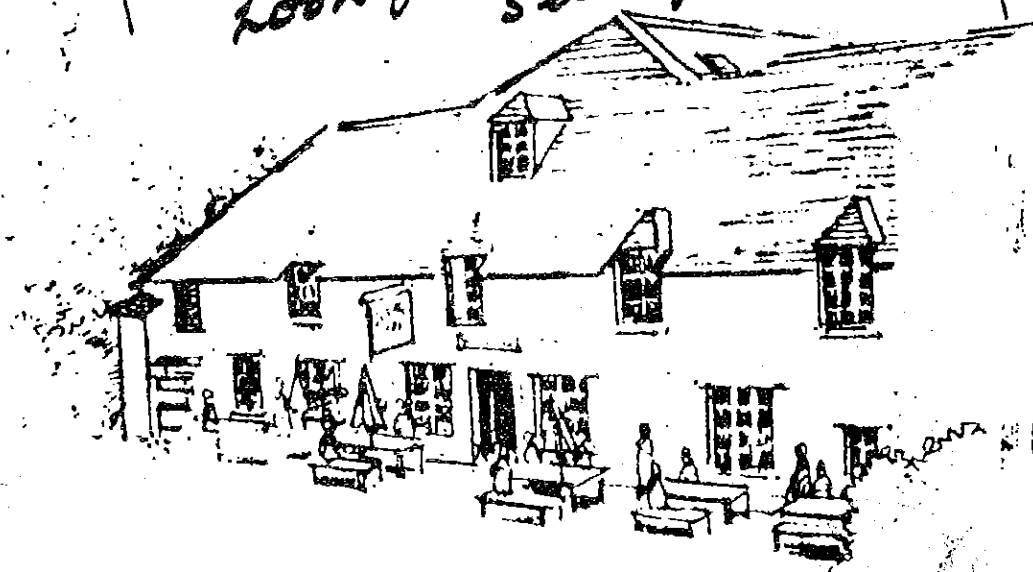
CENTRE. Melchior of Persia, the
youngest King, carrying
Myrrh

LEFT. Casper of Syria, Middle aged,
carrying frankincense.

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