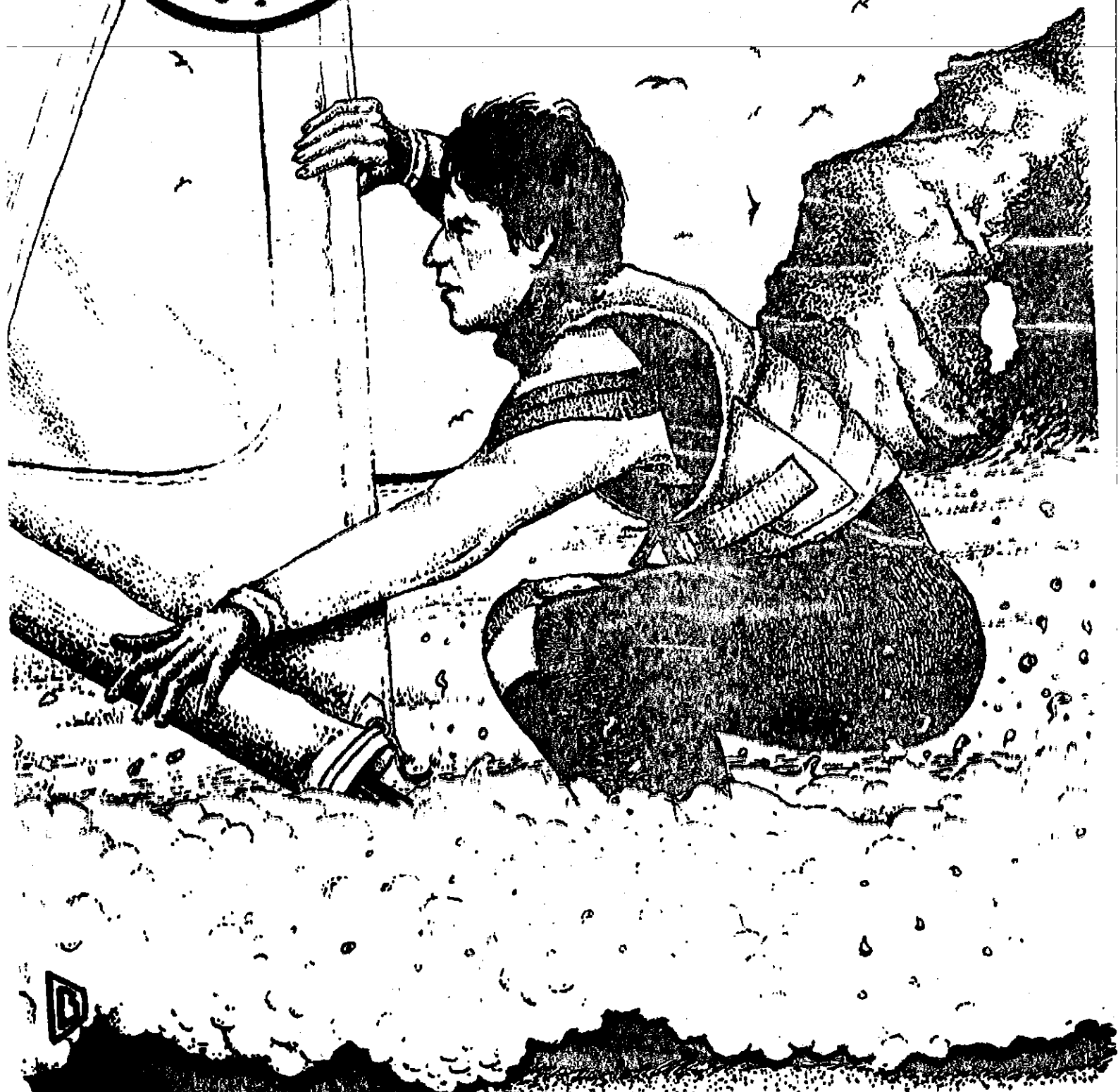
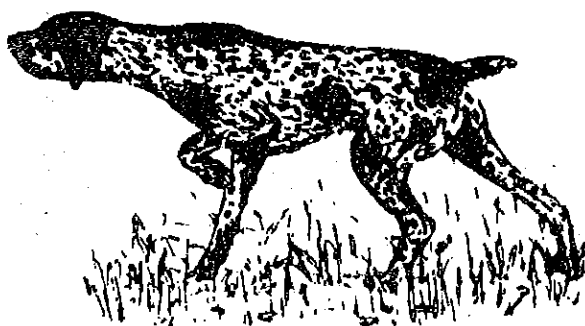


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A dog has been my constant companion since I was eight years old, I feel half-dressed without one! As a professional naturalist, I spend long days deep in the heart of the countryside and my German pointer Tick, who is nearly always with me, 'points' scores of birds and animals that I could never have seen without her.

This is only possible because she is absolutely 'steady' to all forms of wildlife. She potters about, a few yards in front of me, searching with her sensitive nose and ears for clues which the sharpest eyes could not detect; but she never blots her copybook by chasing or harming any of the creatures she discovers.

By nature, dogs are predators. It is their instinct, not only to find their quarry, but to kill it as well. Only careful training will inhibit this instinct and channel it into useful directions. A lifetime's experience has taught me that it is far easier to prevent bad faults developing than it is to cure them when they have been acquired.

I allow my puppies to come for short walks, in the garden or when I am feeding the poultry, from the age of seven or eight weeks old. At that stage, I can still run faster than they can if a wrong thought enters their heads! I carry a pocketful of whole maize or other corn. By watching intently, it is possible to predict precisely when the puppy is going to fall for the temptation to chase something.

At the instant he starts, I deluge him with a handful of corn which rattles round his ears and, at the same time, I rap out the word "No" --- which is the most important word he ever learns. The corn does not hurt him but it distracts his attention so he forgets what it was he had in mind.

By the time they are twelve weeks old (and after their second vaccination), all my puppies are safe and steady with stock without any necessity to strike a blow or speak a word in anger. After that, I shall be proud to be seen in their company because the responsibilities of owning dogs are a small price to pay for the joy they give.

*Phil Drabble*

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## BANTHAM VILLAGE HALL

QUESTIONS have been asked of the Parish Council in relation to the proceeds of sale of the premises known as the Bantham Hall in the Village of Bantham, and an allegation has been made that the land and premises were acquired through Public Subscription in the late 1920's and early 1930's, and that a sale took place by public auction in 1962 when a purchase price of £2,400 was realised for the Hall, and later a piece of land adjoining realised £350.

In the circumstances the Parish Council considered it must try to clear up this matter, and wrote to the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance to whom the proceeds of sale had been entrusted questioning if those monies should not, if raised by Public Subscription in the first place, have been held by the Custodian of Charity Lands for the possible future benefit of Bantham Village.

The Parish Council have been told by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd., that according to their file the property was always Church property from the date when it was conveyed by a Mr. Charles Edward Evans to the Exeter Diocesan Trust in December 1919. The transfer was of a piece of land together with the buildings upon or to be erected upon the said land, and it may well be that at that time the Hall had not yet been built.

The purpose for which the building was to be used are stated in the conveyance and include the performance of Divine Service in accordance with the rites and doctrines of the Church of England, the holding of a Sunday School for the instruction of children according to the principles of the Church of England, the holding of classes for candidates for Confirmation or the holding of classes for the study of or giving lectures upon the history and doctrines of the Church of England, the holding of Mothers meetings or the annual or other meetings of any societies connected with the Church of England. The use as a drill hall or meeting room for a Church lads' Brigade or as a club for men or boys or for concerts, theatricals, dances or other social gatherings of the parishioners, the holding of bazaars or sales of work for raising funds for the promoting the work of the Church of England and the parish or elsewhere, or finally any purposes the Managers may deem to be conducive to the spiritual, moral, intellectual or physical wellbeing of the inhabitants of the parish, provided always that the trust premises shall not nor shall any part thereof be used for the holding of political meetings or for the delivery of addresses, lectures or speeches advocating doctrines inconsistent with the doctrines of the Church of England.

So, there the matter must lay unless those who raise the question of the Hall being erected by Public Subscription can support any claim they may feel the Village of Bantham can have and can offer positive information and evidence that the Hall was built out of such funds so raised - when it might be possible if thought desirable, to make a deeper investigation, but it seems quite conclusive that any building erected was on Church land, and anything built thereon would become the property of the land owner.

W.D.

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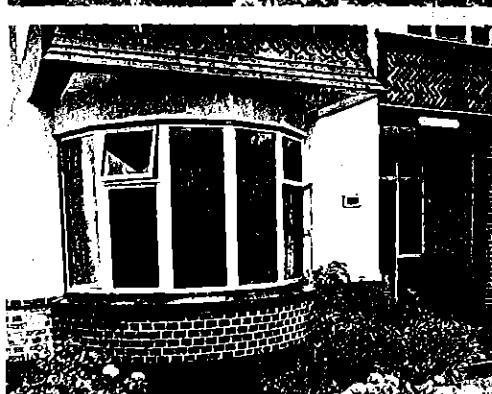
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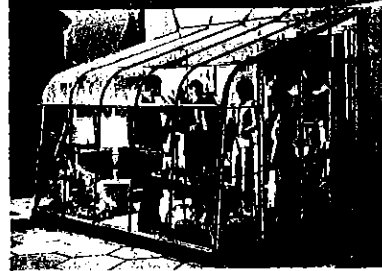
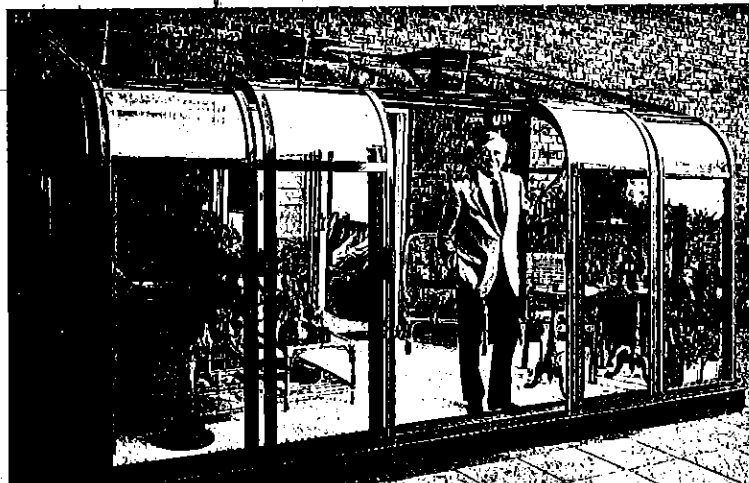
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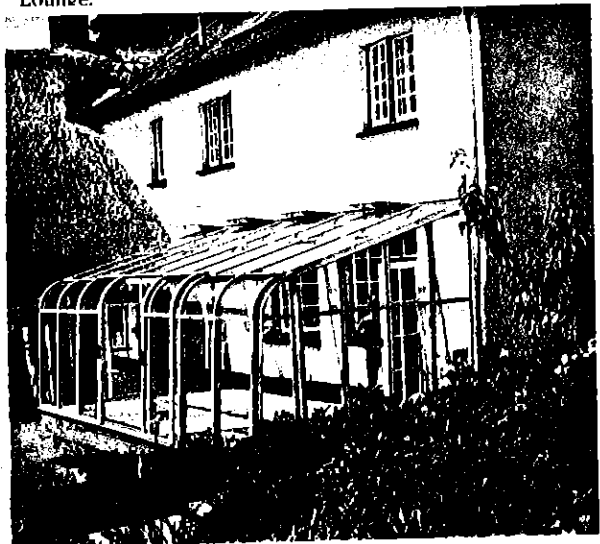
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How straight it flew, how  
long it flew,  
It clear'd the rutty track  
And soaring, disappeared  
from view  
Beyond the bunker's back --  
A glorious, sailing,  
bounding drive  
That made me glad I was  
alive.

And down the fairway, far  
along  
It glowed a lonely white;  
I played an iron sure and  
strong  
And clipp'd it out of sight,  
And spite of grassy banks  
between  
I knew I'd find it on the  
green.

And so I did. It lay content  
Two paces from the pin;  
A steady putt and then it  
went  
Oh, most securely in.  
The very turf rejoiced to  
see  
That quite unprecedented  
three.

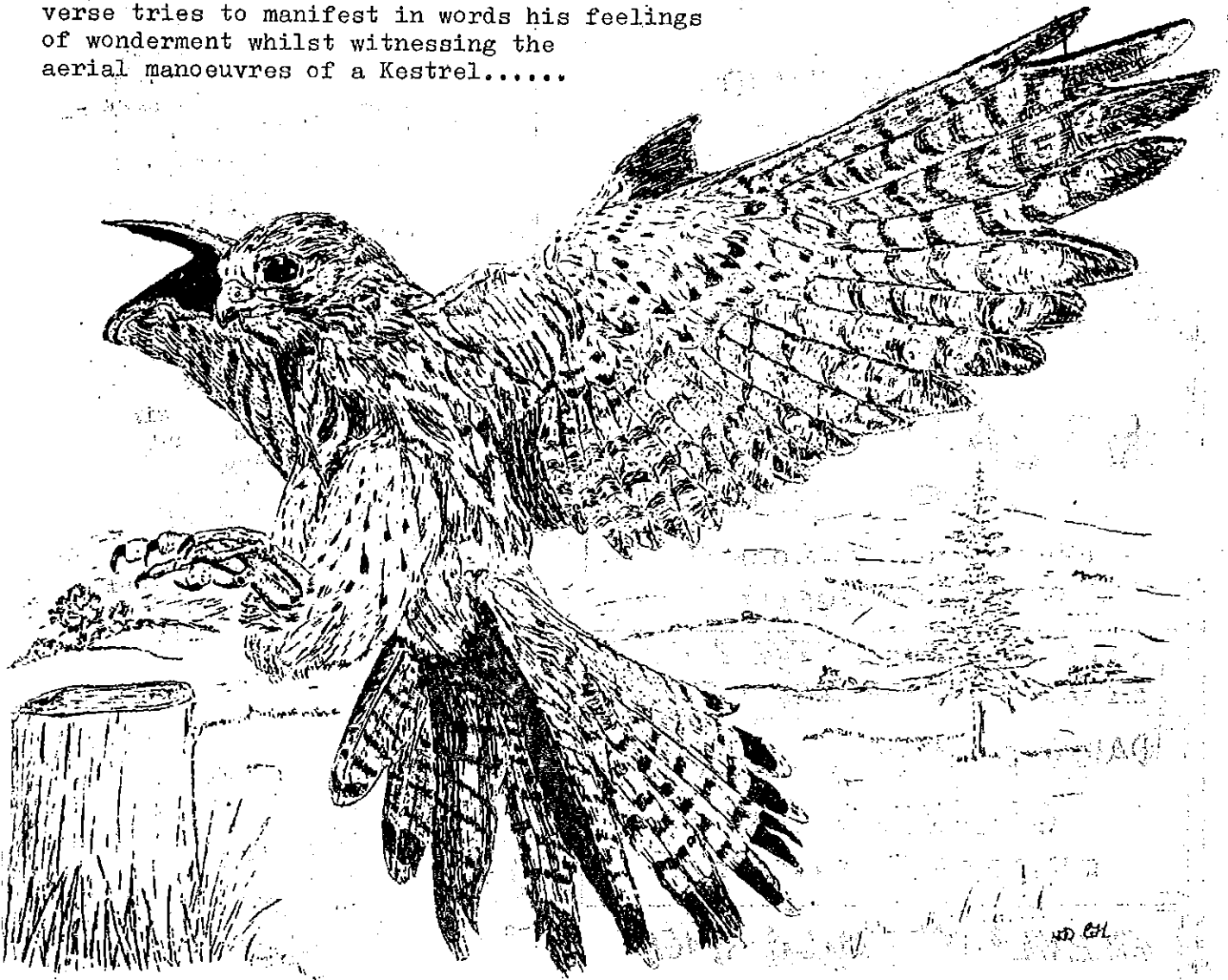
Ah! seaweed smells from  
sandy caves  
And thyme and mist in  
whiffs,  
In-coming tide, Atlantic  
waves  
Slapping the sunny cliffs,  
Lark song and sea sounds  
in the air  
And splendour, splendour  
everywhere  
JOHN BETJEMAN (1954)

# The Raptors by Chris Hawkins

Number Two in a series

I caught this morning's minion, kingdom of daylights  
dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding,  
Of the rolling level underneath his steady air, & striding  
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing  
In his ecstasy ! then off, off forth on swing, as a skate's  
heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend ! the hurl & gliding  
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding  
Stirred for a bird, the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!

That poem, 'The Windover' was written by the Victorian poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, who, in his verse tries to manifest in words his feelings of wonderment whilst witnessing the aerial manoeuvres of a Kestrel.....



To Hopkins this must have been almost a divine experience as the subtitle to his poem was 'To Christ Our Lord'. This inspirational sighting was made in the countryside at the time of Queen Victoria, yet the Kestrel was the author of another heart lifting experience in 20th century urban London. The experience was mine. Unfortunately I am not blessed with Hopkin's literary talent.

I have, on occasions, to visit the inner City areas of London, and being country bred I find such trips exceedingly oppressive. On the day in question the urban environment seemed particularly nauseating. Conditions were probably no more loud or malodorous than usual, but having had a decidedly fruitless journey my natural enmity to the surroundings was perhaps somewhat sharper as I trudged in the general direction of my car and as I passed a piece of waste ground there, no more than 10 feet away, perched atop an old fence was a Kestrel.

The bird appeared unperturbed by my presence and continued scanning the ground from its rusted watchtower. To the Kestrel, if it noticed me at all, I was probably no more

than a passing irritation, but 'My heart in hiding. Stirred for a bird'. For the few seconds that I stood motionless, watching, the noise and smell of the City seemed to subside and I could well have been standing alongside Hopkins in the Victorian countryside as he penned his verse. I went on my way considerably lighter in spirit and with a greater realisation of how indefatigable nature can be in the face of human degradation of the environment.

'Windhover' was the Kestrel's common name in Victorian times, and it was taken from the bird's habit of riding motionless on the wind. It is this pose that most often catches the eye of the casual observer. The hover is achieved by the bird beating its wings through a shallow arc with its body tilted upwards and tail spread out to give extra lift. When potential prey is spotted the Kestrel glides gently down until just above its victim, then folds back its wings and drops like a stone, using its talons to administer the coup de grace.

The male bird has a black spotted chestnut back with a blue-grey head and tail, whilst the female is less colourful, with a darker barred back and tail. This bird of prey demonstrates its adaptability by the variety of nesting sites it adopts - being equally at home in a hole in a tree, or the ledge of high rise building.

Illustration and story: CHRIS HAWKINS

Chris is the son of South Milton resident Mrs Pearl Hawkins - who also kindly contributes to Village Voice with her Octavious Owl stories.

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The Parish Emergency Plan lists the resources of a community which can be called upon to help at times like those above. For example, where there are generators, emergency cooking equipment and solid fuel cookers? Who have CB radios? Are there any wells or other sources of fresh water, and mobile bowzers? What four wheel drive vehicles and heavy equipment for clearing or towing are there? Where are the people with special medical skills, those with electrical and mechanical knowhow, or who have special knowledge of helping the aged? Who has spare bedspace for those stranded? What other volunteers and resources are there? What households at risk are there which would need help?

The Emergency Services and other bodies all have special roles to play in peacetime emergencies, but when these happen in isolated areas much may depend on the effectiveness of the Community itself to react. Exercises to test plans to deal with an airliner crash and a major oil spill have already taken place this year. The oil exercise was the largest of its kind to have taken place in England in recent years. The Devon Emergency Volunteers are supported by the County Council, District Town & Parish Councils. The Thurstlestone Parish Emergency Officer is Mr. D.J.Yeoman (560607)

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# How one Parish solved a Housing Problem - Should Thurlestone "Have-a-go"?

A Village on the edge of Exmoor, we found ourselves with a decreasing young population. With the increasing popularity of the Area as a tourist attraction, many of our cottages had become holiday accommodation or second homes, anything that became available was inevitably sold at a price far beyond the pockets of local people, or let throughout the summer season on weekly or fortnightly terms. The small number of council properties in the Village were fully occupied, with no prospect of any further Council building. Young people wishing to set up home were moving away, not through lack of employment, but lack of suitable housing accommodation. This also applied to retiring or redundant farm-workers, unable to obtain any sort of housing to rent locally.

We (we being the Parish Council) found there were a number of young people desperate for housing, and a few middle aged persons who had lost their jobs for one reason or another and had been living in tied cottages, where, if there is no longer a job, there is no longer a house either. One young couple had spent the whole of their four years married life living with in-laws - unable to start a family or establish any sort of independence.

Having established the need for RENTED housing, and compiled a list of prospective occupiers, we were fortunate enough to persuade a local Brewery who owned a field behind the Village Hall to consider allocating part of this for sale to a Housing Association - or similar - for building rented and low cost housing for the benefit of the village. We had previously checked with the local planning departments that planning permission would be likely to be granted on this site.

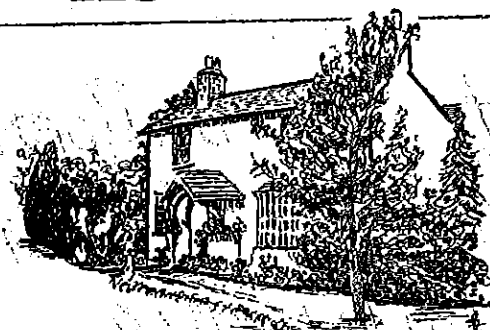
It seems to me that it is essential at the beginning to sort out a site where planning will almost certainly be available. If this is difficult one must lobby the County or Local Structure Plan Panel, stressing the local need for this housing and requesting extension of the laid down Village boundary if necessary.

A small Housing Association was then contacted and though they did their best to formulate a scheme, and despite my persistence, met with considerable opposition from the Housing Corporation - the Body responsible for funding the Housing Associations. There was at that time a great deal of opposition to Rural Development Schemes - the need was felt to be only in the towns, added to which, Rural Developments were usually smaller and more expensive as roads and services have to be included in the cost.. Now, Rural schemes are looked on more favourably - but I believe ours was one of the first in the country.

One must enlist the support of all available local bodies - the Housing Officer, District Council, the County Community Council, the M.P. for the area, and in our case the Exmoor National Park Authority, and anyone else who could usefully lend support. The original Housing Association gave up, but one must not be deterred at the first hurdle or even the second, third or fourth. In all, various schemes were turned down four times before finally winning through. One must keep doggedly on, finding ways round the various difficulties as they arise.

Having finally convinced the Housing Corporation of the need in our village, we contacted a recommended larger Housing Association (personally I think it is better to try a Housing Association known and recommended by the Housing Corporation) who got up a scheme for 10 houses, 6 to rent and 4 on a part-purchase scheme. This was again turned down on the

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basis of cost - much of this being taken up by roads and laying on of services, water, sewerage, electricity, etc. Finally, one must not take no for an answer, the cost was cut to an acceptable level by pushing the units slightly closer together. Eventually, by the end of March last year our 10 houses were built and ready for occupation.

Although the Housing Association had the final choice of tenants and part-purchasers, they were keen to work closely with the Parish Council. We provided the list of prospective tenants and occupiers and also made suggestions throughout the construction - such as we wanted chimneys for at least one fire, as sometimes in bad weather we lose electricity, also porches to afford some protection, for we are 850ft. above sea level.

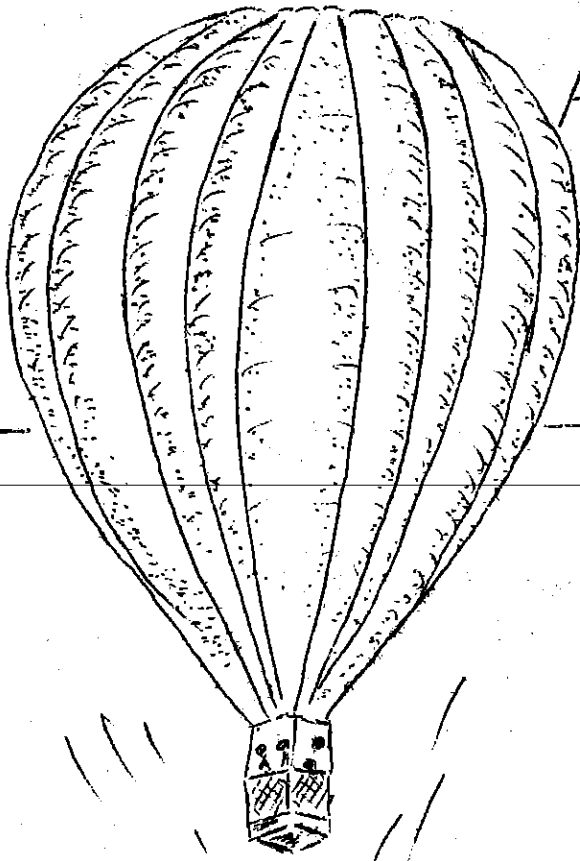
I will never forget one late afternoon last April, when an excited young couple burst into my kitchen with tears in their eyes, to tell me that they had been allocated the first house - they just happened to be the couple who had lived four years with in-laws!

It made the whole effort - the hard work and frustrations, over about six years, seem very worthwhile.

Needless to say, we all had a glass of Sherry !

The houses were soon all fully occupied, mainly by young people, and there is now at least one baby on the way.

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## Aloft in a Balloon in the Napa Valley California

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6.00 a.m. and the phone rings - a call from the Yountville Adventures Aloft Depot, Napa Valley, California to inform us that the balloons will be flying today and will we be there by 7 -15 a.m.

I am delighted by the news as previously the weather has not been suitable - too windy - and this is my last chance as I leave tomorrow for Toronto.

It is a beautiful sunny morning with a very light breeze which gently moves wisps of mist amongst the hills.

Prompt to the minute we arrive at the depot where numerous people have gathered - but where are the balloons? Nothing in sight - wait though - what is this - two trucks with trailers are arriving and pull up on the tarmac. In each truck is the familiar sight of a large balloon basket - one square and the other rectangular, and on each trailer a very large tightly packed black waterproof bag or sack.

The two crews pull up and quickly unload. The baskets are carried and placed in position on the large asphalted area in front of the buildings - then the black bags are carried, placed in front of the baskets and opened.

First a long length of strong black material is laid out and then the very colourful balloon itself is withdrawn and carefully unwound onto the protective material on the ground, finally the ropes at the bottom of the balloon are attached to the basket and it is now ready to be inflated. This is done with hot air being blown in from cylinders and it takes quite a long time, but is very fascinating to watch as the balloon very slowly commences to inflate and slowly rise from the ground



and many pictures are taken of all the various stages, even some from just inside the balloon - then - with a sudden surge the whole balloon rises into the air and looks ready for flight - a beautiful, colourful sight.

Cylinders of gas are already stowed around the inside of the baskets, the remaining space left for the crew and passengers. I experience some difficulty climbing into the basket as there is only one foot-hold about half way up and I'm still uncertain as to what I revealed when, with help, I climbed aboard.

To my surprise there were nine people, 6 passengers, 2 crew members and a trainee on board - quite a crowd, whilst the other balloon being quite a bit smaller was now up and away with only 4 people in the basket.

The lift off was so gentle it was difficult to realise that we had left the ground, but now we too were up and away - our launching (or releasing) crew getting smaller and smaller as the gentle breeze and hot air carried us aloft.

It was so quiet and peaceful floating over fields and vineyards as we rose to a height of about 1500 ft. with the cars on the highway looking like toy models, and with only our shadow on the ground to really prove we were moving.

The scenery was beautiful with the hills all around the valley dotted with mist and only our shadow disturbing the rabbits and other wild life in the fields and vineyards.

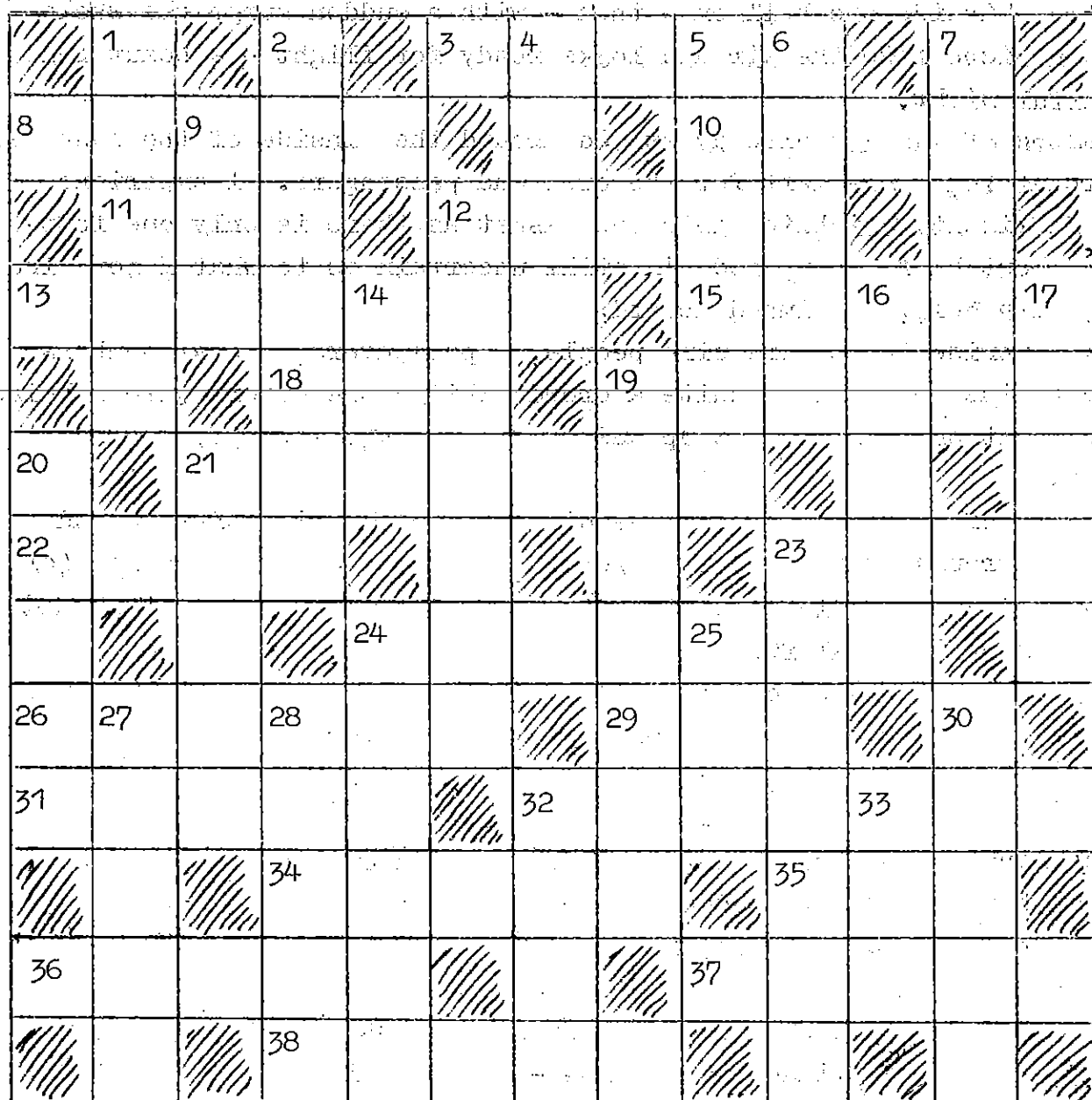
An hour later and having travelled about 10 miles, it was time to descend, we having kept our height with the occasional bursts of hot air from the gas cylinders - and now - where to land?

This had been puzzling me. In a vineyard or field? But no, our pilot had it all worked out and by various bursts of hot air gently manoeuvred our balloon over an asphalted area where sometime in the future houses would be built.

Ropes, to which small sand bags were attached, were thrown out to the crew which had followed our flight by road in the trucks, and they slowly pulled the balloon over a high fence and so to touch down, which was so gentle that it was hard to realise we were actually on terra firma once more. With lots of experience behind them the crew quickly allowed the balloon to deflate - rolled it up and packed it into its bag - manhandled the basket into the truck, helped the passengers into a mini-bus and we were soon en route back to the depot. On our arrival champagne was then dispensed to celebrate our flight (and maybe our safe arrival back!) and certificates of proof given to each passenger, and so ended for me a most enjoyable and unique experience which I would like to do all over again, and would, if given the opportunity !

DORIS JACKSON  
Thurlestone.

# THE VILLAGE VOICE CROSSWORD



Compiled specially for V.V. by ARTHUR EDWARDS

## THE EASY PUZZLE

**ACROSS** 3. Adhesive (5) 8. Change (5) 10. Let (5) 11. Atmosphere (3)  
12. Not 'Shush' (5) 13. Tidal mouth (7) 15. Kind (5) 19. Repose (3)  
19. Chair of State (6) 21. Please (7) 22. Assail (4) 23. Poet (4)  
24. Flogged (7) 26. Originate (6) 29. Vigour (3) 31. Sample (5)  
32. Reverts (7) 34. Had (5) 35. Offspring (3) 36. Sharp ridge (5)  
37. Lesser (5) 38. Tides (anag) (5).

**DOWN** 1. Rank (5) 2. Read (7) 4. Cleverly (4) 5. Educated (6)  
6. Tree (5) 7. Boatswain (5) 9. Bird (3) 12. Actor (7)  
14. Sicken (3) 16. Wanderer (5) 17. Ailing (5) 19. Prospered (7)  
20. Region (5) 21. Submerges (5) 23. Stupified (7) 24. Simmered (6)  
25. Hole (3) 27. Grates (5) 28. Reconcile (5) 30. Take possession (5)  
32. Balance (4) 33. Propel (3)

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FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE A GREATER CHALLENGE - THE CRYPTIC PUZZLE :-

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After much hard work and the kindness of many people, a good time was had by all. The only thing to mar the whole event was that the Hired Disco would not work. Only a loud crackle could be heard, and after trying for some time to repair it, they had to give in and pack it away. Luckily though, we were able to use a stereo system belonging to one of our members, and after some delay whilst it was set up we eventually got some music, although we felt that we could not charge an entry fee after starting so late. Everyone was very patient and luckily there was "liquid refreshment" to keep them occupied!

The Club would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Day a success. The many people who gave us produce & prizes. All the people who set everything up and who worked hard on the Stalls, and everyone who came along & helped us to raise some much needed funds. Thank you all very much.

VIC. ADAMS

### THURLESTONE SEWERAGE

The following letter has been received by the Chairman from SOUTH WEST WATER:

Dear Mr Hurrell,

Your petition and covering letter were presented to the Board by Simon Day at its last meeting, together with a letter from Anthony Steen on the same topic.

As I have explained in numerous letters to a number of residents and to Mr Steen, who raises the subject whenever we meet, the problems of Thurlestone are repeated at many of the settlements around the very long coastline of this peninsula - all needing major capital schemes. With resources limited by a number of factors, a priority list for capital work is inevitable and currently the Thurlestone area scheme has insufficient priority to find a place in the five year programme. The criteria for this priority list is accepted, albeit reluctantly, by every District Council in the South West and it is therefore important that its integrity is maintained and any change made as a result of increased points value.

I am having the current Thurlestone area scheme examined by my engineers to test if it is possible by breaking it down into smaller units to increase its priority. I would not, however, wish to give the impression that a change is imminent.

We have asked our agents, the South Hams District Council, to give attention to the maintenance of the system in order to keep nuisance at a minimum, but I would be less than honest if I did not say that an early permanent solution depends very much on an increased capital programme, which having already been increased by Government this, is unlikely.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

L.HILL  
Chairman

Editors Note: No further comment can be made until the Parish Council have properly discussed this letter at their meeting on August 27th.

### PRELIMINARY NOTE:

TUG-OF-WAR CLUB HARVEST SUPPER has been provisionally arranged for 9th. November at the SLOOP INN

EARLY in OCTOBER please for notices of November and December Events

R E T I R E M E N T   O F   T H E   R E C T O R

Following the preliminary announcement of the retirement of the Rev. John Delve, the Church Wardens of Thurlestone and South Milton are now able to give more detailed information of both his retirement and future plans for the joint parishes.

The Rev. John Delve will conduct his final services in Thurlestone and South Milton on Sunday November 3rd. These will be preceded at Thurlestone by a Farewell Party and Presentation for both the Rector and Mrs. Delve on Friday November 1st. in the Village School. It is hoped that all who can attend will do so and children will be most welcome. Tickets, price £1.50 (children half price) will be available from Church Wardens or area representatives as listed below.

A Parish Priest to succeed the Rector has not yet been appointed, and if this is still the case at the time of retirement, a period of interregnum will follow. Every effort will be made to continue regular services and the supportive pastoral care in the villages.

In the event of an interregnum period, the Church Wardens will take charge of the parishes on Monday November 4th. To assist them in their duties, contacts or representatives will serve different areas and Parishioners are urged to call upon their representative whenever assistance is needed. Contacts will try to keep in close touch with their areas but it is not always possible to be in the right place at the right time.

Here is a list of names, addresses & telephone numbers:

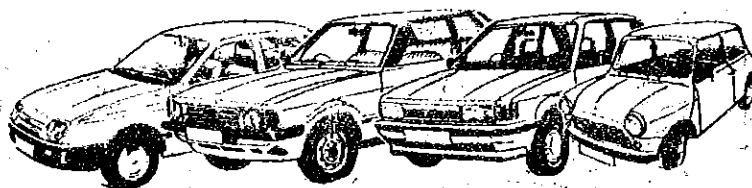
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Kerse, Lamb's Close -	Mr. D.Tyas, 1 Landpath, Thurlestone	-	560656
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Mead Lane -	- Mr. G.S.Wilkinson, 19 Mead Lane	"	- 560512
Remainder of Mead, Meadfoot,			
Meadcombe, etc. -	Mr. H.T.Petrie, 6 Meadfoot	"	- 560773
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to Furzy Close. -	Mrs Brewster, Sunnyridge	"	- 560345
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Parkfield -	Mrs. P.Townsend, 4 Parkfield	"	-
Buckland West -	Mrs. Blight, Broadacre, W.Buckland	"	- 560287
Buckland East. -	Mrs. S.T.Cole, Barn House, E.Buckland	-	560532
Bantham. -	Dr. and Mrs Lindahl, Aune Cliff	-	560401

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES in both Parishes will be held on the following dates:

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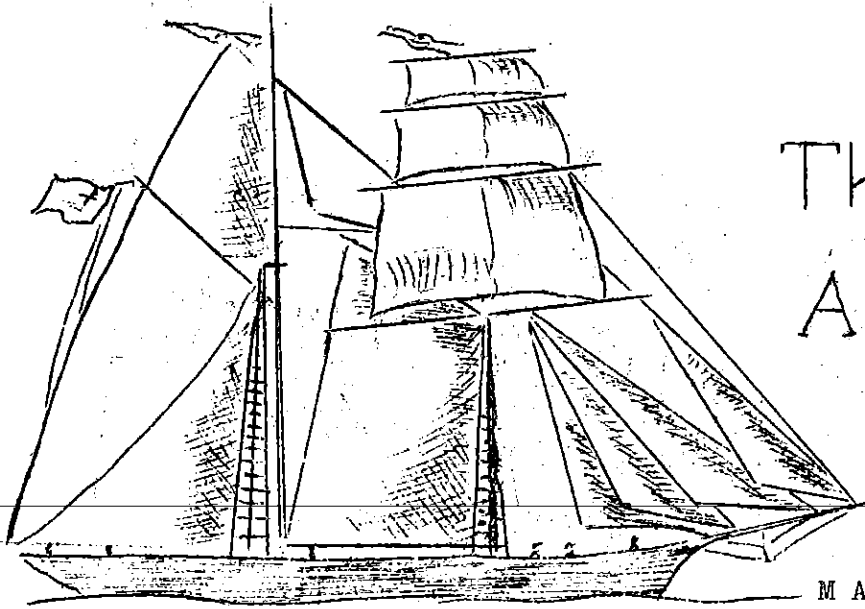
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**ACROSS:** 3. 32 piece contest (5). 8. Rare or medium (5).  
10. Uncultivated (5). 11. Right ahead (3). 12. He has possession (5).  
13. Child's bedtime favourite? (7). 15. Some resorts have them (5).  
18. Only half a letter (3). 19. You might commence with a demolition?  
21. A periodic phenomenon (7). 22. It's work with us (4). (6)  
23. Bingo eleven (3). 24. He gets older (7). 26. Foreign gold coin  
- not eastern (6). 29. A Devonian cuppa (3).  
31. The arboriculturalist's acquaintances? (5). 32. A fabric  
embroidery (7). 34. A past entertainer (5). 35. A reception (3).  
36. Southern sounds (5). 37. Senseless in a compass point (5).  
38. Common London (5). **DOWN** 1. Is it really required for making  
bricks? (5). 2. Manipulates with a helper by name (7). 4. When in another  
form (4). 5. South Hams paradise (6). 6. Street selling an intoxicant (5).  
7. It had to be steamed but did no work (5). 9. A Universal eternity (3).  
12. Scottish Cake (7). 14. The hawk's abode when moulting (3).  
16. A variety of means (5). 17. A common faculty (5). 19. To stare  
wildly and gets in a spin (7). 20. Does the Company chase? (5). 21. Not  
having attained sisterhood? (5). 23. Land around a possible ley -  
perhaps British (7). 24. A faithful denomination (5). 25. Bridge it (3).  
27. Cross, I calculate (5). 28. Only a few years in a lifetime (5).  
30. A south tapering item for tea (3). 32. Golfers call it a hazard (4).  
33. Did she take two thousand from madam? (3).



# The "Brizo"

## A South Hams Fruter

by

MALCOLM DARCH

If one visits the scenic South Devon coastal town of Salcombe today, it is difficult to visualise it's past importance, as a ship building and ship owning port.

In the middle of the 19th century, Salcombe built sailing vessels were known the world over, especially connected with the citrus fruit trades, from the West Indies, Mediterranean, and the Azores.

Sailing vessels built to carry these perishable cargoes had to be constructed to the highest standards, and needed to be very seaworthy and fast, in order that the cargoes arrived in good condition. Ports of discharge in the U.K. being London, Liverpool, Bristol and Southampton.

The bulk of the vessels operated in the Fruit Trade were from Devon and Cornwall's ports. Salcombe Fruit Schooners were renowned for their fine lines and rakish appearance, coupled with fast passage making. They acquired a nickname as "Salcombe Fruters."

The five shipyards in the Estuary built the majority of vessels operating from Salcombe, and also produced vessels for other ports specialising in the fruit trade.

The launching of a fine lined sailing vessel on March 14th 1877, into her natural element, marked the end of an era for the shipbuilding yard of James Vivian. She was named "Brizo", and had been under construction for two years. At 253 tons gross, she wasn't the biggest vessel built at the port, but certainly one of the most handsome.

James Vivian, who had been producing ships for the fruit trade for many years, including legendary names such as "Queen of the West," "Caroline," etc., was not present on the day of launching for the 'Brizo'. He died the previous year, and once the new vessel had been completed the yard was sold.

The fact that every new ship coming off the ways represented a further development of her predecessors made the 'Brizo' rather special, as James

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Vivian's ultimate development in timber design and development. She was rigged as a three masted barquentine, a very handy rig popular in the 1870's, where speed was of the essence. The barquentine rig was a mixture of square rigged and fore and aft sails, the foremast being square rigged all the way up.

With a rig of this nature it was possible to have a suit of sails which could cope with the numerous wind zones the vessel had to cross to trade with the America's, and the South Atlantic.

The 'Brizo' and her type, carried an incredible press of sail, topsails, quadrilateral staysails, stunsails, troyal's, etc - all in the quest for speed. It was not sufficient having these qualities unless her master was prepared to sail her hard.

The 'Brizo' was taken from the stocks by just such a man. John Pepperell was born within ten miles of Salcombe, and was a master of many years fruit carrying experience under sail, with some of the most well known schooner's, - "Queen of the West", "Doring" and "Island Queen". It was master's like John Pepperell who gave 'Salcombe Fruiterers' their fame at a time when their big sisters, the tea clippers, were racing home from the Far East.

George Dornom, another local master, took the schooner "Elinor" out to St. Michael's in the Azores, for citrus fruit, and back to London, a distance of 3,000 miles, in seventeen days. Several vessels were still sheltering from the adverse weather in the channel, that had been passed when outward bound !

The 'Brizo' was owned by the Balkwill family of Kingsbridge and South Huish. They owned the largest fleet of vessels operating from Salcombe in the 19th. century, and had prospered in previous years from involvement with the fruit trades. From about the 1850's, the company invested in larger vessels, some built at Salcombe, and a few from Sunderland and Falmouth, in order to cover the general deep water trade world wide.

The fruit trade from the Azores dwindled for sailing vessels from the 1870's. Steamships began to get a hold in the trade when facilities for bunkering and loading were made available..

For Balkwill & Co., to lay down a new ship for the fruit trade in 1875, they must have felt that she could be employed competitively. By placing a master in charge of her who they knew would drive her hard, as he had their other vessels, the family could do no more in order to ensure the new ship was a fast passage maker.

It would appear that she was built to specialize in the pineapple trade with the Bahamas and the West Indies. She regularly loaded the famed "Sugar Loaf" variety of pineapple at Eleuthera in the Bahamas, for discharge at Fresh Wharf, London. The fruit was taken aboard when green, and brought back with the vessel's hatch cover's off, to allow the air to circulate freely

CONCLUDING: The 'Brizo' - A South Hams Fruiter - by Malcolm Darcy

amongst the pineapples which were carried in special racks below decks. It was always said that if you passed to leeward of a pineapple carrier at sea, there was no mistaking the sweet odour of her cargo. This practice of sailing a vessel without her hatch covers battened was a dangerous business, especially as a large press of sail would be carried.

John Pepperell was renowned for hanging on to his sails before giving the order to batten down the hatches when it came on to blow, but it was what fast passage making was all about.

The 'Brizo' had a nine year life, finally being wrecked in the Bahama's where she had spent most of her life. She got ashore on Samphire Bay reef, near Nassau, in 1886, without loss of life, whilst on passage from New York in ballast, to Eleuthera to load fruit for London.

Most corners of the North and South Atlantic were visited during her nine years. Her master went into steam, but still in the fruit trade. Whilst on the Brizo he had an extra crew member, his dog 'Jim', who travelled with him everywhere.

The later ships he was master of were owned by Liverpool companies, apart from his last, the "Golden Horn", whose home port was West Hartlepool. He was lost with his ship, three members of the crew, and his dog, on January 23rd. 1892, east of Veracruz, Mexico.

The 'Brizo' wasn't to be forgotten, however, as the name was given to his grand-daughter, born in March 1891, as a Christian name.

Her daughter (John Pepperell's Great Grand-daughter) is alive today and living on the Isle of Wight, her Christian name also being Brizo.

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This short narrative will be part of a book at present being researched by myself, having worked upon the subject for the last few years. The idea is to produce a book covering the fruit trade under sail, a trade which the South West was heavily involved in.

I am still very much in the era of collecting information and recording artefacts from that period and would be delighted to hear from anyone who may have either. Any letter sent to me via the Editor of Village Voice will be forwarded to me.

MALCOLM DARCH

SPECIAL NOTE: The drawing heading this article is of the fruit Schooner 'Renown' built in Salcombe, and based on a photograph kindly lent by Mr. J.A.L. Fairweather. Editor

## EVENING SCENTS

No evening scents, I think, have the fascination of the delicate fragrance of the evening primroses. Like the flowers themselves their scent as night draws in becomes full of mystery and holds our imagination captive. And the scent of limes, what an exquisite scent this is - as exquisite as the music of the trees. To me the loveliest music in the world is the music of the evening breeze in the lime trees on a July evening. The sound of the wind amongst beeches is a glorious sound, deep, rich and full. It is magnificent, but it is the song of this earth. The music of limes is a far-away melody reaching to the stars, a music which sweeps our thoughts to those stupendous flowers set by Almighty God in the gardens of space.

ELEANOUR ROHDE  
The Scented Garden



# The Avon Estuary

is the only Estuary in the South Hams which has no designated Conservation Zone - and the Parish Council have asked the Nature Conservancy Council why this should be. The Conservancy Council have said they will make a further survey to see if an area of the Estuary will qualify for such a designation. The Parish Council are most appreciative of the 7 page detailed report on bird life on the estuary during the period 1966 - 1984, by Mr Rodney Bone of Aveton Gifford. A copy of his report has gone to the Conservancy Council. Designation will not affect normal useage of the Estuary should it come to pass.

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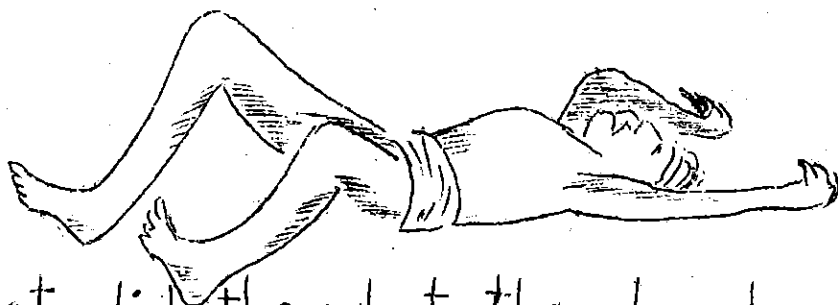
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What did they do to the drunken sailor?

## CRAWLEY'S CRIME

(and terrible punishment)

by KENDALL McDONALD

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They flogged Patrick Crawley throughout the Fleet for what he did, in drink, one day in the South Hams.

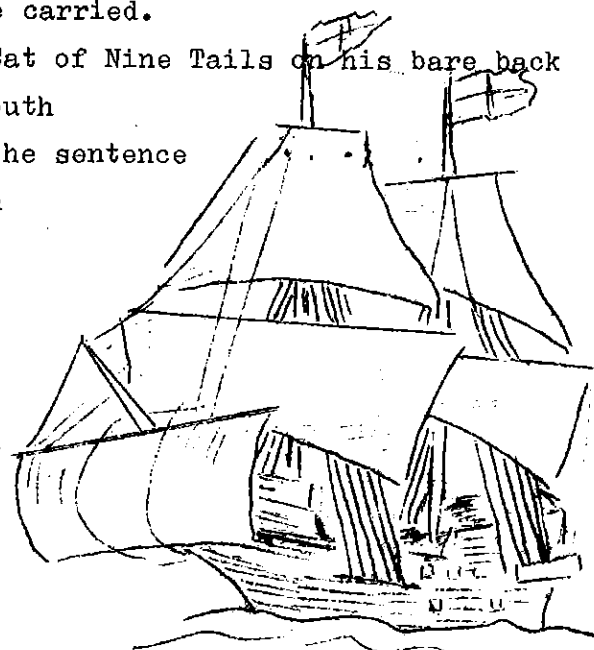
Ten ships of the line were in Portsmouth Harbour when a yellow flag fluttered from the topmasthead of His Majesty's ship Princess Royal and a solitary gun was fired to let everyone know that punishment was about to be carried out.

The red coats of the Marines could be seen from all over the anchorage as they climbed down into the punishment boat and with them the drummer with his drum muffled in a piece of black cloth. They Crawley was brought down. And with him came the bosun's mate of the flagship. As bright as the Marines jackets was the red baize of the bag he carried.

"One hundred lashes with the Cat of Nine Tails on his bare back alongside such Ships as were in Portsmouth Harbour at the Time." That had been the sentence on Crawley at the Court Martial held in the great cabin of His Majesty's ship Princess Royal, three months before on June 7, 1784.

And reading the report of that court martial penned with a quill all those years ago - and now to be found, with the ink still black, in the Public Record Office at Kew - there can be no doubt that

Patrick Crawley, Ordinary Seaman, cursed the day he was wrecked on "the Praule".



It is highly unlikely, however, that Patrick Crawley was conscious enough to curse by the time the punishment had been half carried out. Ten ships of the line in the harbour meant that the punishment was divided by the number of ships and that number of lashes would be given at each ship. Ten strokes at the flagship with the cat of nine tails taken from the red baize bag, and then with the drum sounding the slow and steady beat of the "Rogue's March", the boat with Crawley lashed to a wooden triangle, was rowed to the next ship where the next ten lashes were given by a bosun's mate from that ship, and so it went on with only the surgeon able to stop it - and if he did it would only be postponed until Crawley was well enough to take the rest.

The Admiralty was really not interested in the punishment to poor Patrick, nor in the fact that "going through the Fleet" would end with Crawley crippled or possibly dead. What they were interested in was the deterrent effect of such punishment on all those crews of the ships taking part - in Crawley's case some 8,000 men watched the punishment from those ten ships.

So what dreadful thing had Patrick Crawley done? Here is the tale of Crawley's crime as it unfolded before the Court Martial.

Six Captains were his judges. Some were Knights of the Realm. All were experienced seamen, men of the world. Many knew the area where Crawley's crime took place very well. All had brought their ships into Plymouth at one time or another. President of the Court was Captain Jonathan Faulknor, who, though only 38, had been in the Navy since he was 15.

The story of the events which were to turn the quiet village of East Prawle into a home for drunken sailors had begun for Patrick Crawley a year before when in the summer of 1783, he had sailed aboard the 24-gun frigate, H.M.S. Crocodile for Bengal and Madras. Whether he was a victim of the Press Gang or whether he volunteered we do not know, but we do know that the little ship - 114 feet long with a crew of 170 - got there and started back for England again arriving in Bombay on December 26, 1783. After rounding Africa, she reached St. Helena on March 24, 1784, set off again on the 25th and at the beginning of May was crossing the Bay of Biscay.

At 10.15 in the morning of May 8th, Captain John Williamson of the Crocodile sighted the Scillies and noted in his log that St. Agnes's Lighthouse bore "North by East about 3 Leagues in Hazy Weather with the wind at West South West..." Now with the wind behind them and England, Home and Beauty not far away the Crocodile reached her top speed of 14 knots and romped up the Channel, heading for Portsmouth.

Captain Williamson was a bit worried about this speed especially when the Crocodile started to run into fog banks. And despite the fact that he had every confidence in the ship's Master, Charles Roberts, who had safely taken the Crocodile to India and back including navigating them through the feared Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and the African mainland

Concluding:

CRAWLEY'S CRIME

by K e n d a l l M c D O N A L D

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twice, Captain Williamson ordered less sail, suggested a course more to the South, posted more lookouts. He felt safe enough then as their compasses had often put them 20 miles to the South of their dead reckoning position and so steering a compass course would automatically keep them to the South and out of trouble.

It therefore came as a vast shock to all on board when, at about half-past two in the morning of May 9, 1784, the Crocodile ran straight on to the West side of Prawle Point (or "the Praule" as it was then called). They tried, how they tried, to get her off, but they had run right in to the shore and she was badly holed. But it was flat calm and when she finally toppled over on to her side, every man aboard got safely ashore.

It is difficult to imagine the effect the arrival of 170 sailors must have had on the nearest village to the scene of the wreck, East Prawle. Sailors without belongings except for the few clothes they wore. Sailors, who had been aboard that small ship for months on end. Sailors, ashore, and free from the violent discipline which ruled their shipboard lives.

Well, not entirely free, because Captain Williamson may have lost his ship, but he wasn't going to let all of her go without a fight. He commandeered a barn for the men to sleep in, and providing this shelter was regarded as an act of great charity. But it also kept his men together and just to make sure that all of them knew the penalties which had ruled their lives aboard were just as effective ashore, he mustered the whole ship's company and read them the "Riot Act", or more accurately, the Articles of War. He warned them also that the penalty for anyone who "ran" or deserted would be death. He warned them against disobedience or Orders and of drunkenness. And he put them to work each low water recovering what they could from the wreck.

Drunkenness - without money and in East Prawle? Almost impossible? You might think that, but somehow those sailors got enough to drink to make it impossible to get some of them into the salvage boats

and out to work on the Wreck. Charles Roberts, the ship's Master, was the first to run into this kind of trouble.

Seeing William Smith, the Boatswain's Mate, dodging away from a work detail, Roberts went after him and grabbed him by the arm. William Smith responded violently smiting the Master such a blow that it knocked him unconscious to the ground. After one glance at the Master's sprawled figure - and knowing what he had done, drink or no drink, Smith took to his heels. There would be no mercy for any man who struck his superior officer. And it seems that Smith was lucky, for at the Court Martial it was said that he "has not since been met with".

Patrick Crawley was not to be so fortunate. There was a house in East Prawle, where one or two of the senior members of the crew found lodgings - no barn for them. It was also a house, "not a publick house", said Mr. William Cockran, the Master's Mate, who lodged there, "but a house where they sold liquor." And it was hard luck on Patrick Crawley that he came looking for liquor at just the wrong time. Drunk as only a sailor could be, he reeled into the house shouting for "grog". Just arrived in the house was Mr. John Burn, the Petty Officer of the Crocodile. He had come to dine at noon with his old friend and shipmate, Mr. William Cockran. Burn, who was described by Cockran as a man "of warm temper", didn't like this drunken oaf bawling for grog just when he was settling down to his dinner and in no uncertain language he ordered Crawley out.

And when Crawley persisted in shouting for drink, Burn took him by the arm and pushed him roughly towards the door. Crawley pushed back. A scuffle developed and Crawley aimed a blow at Burn which would have hit him right in the face if he had not warded it off with his arm.

It was enough. And it was why, despite his hatless apology the

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## CRAWLEY'S CRIME

the very next day to Burn saying that though he had no recollection of it "his mates had told him he had used Mr. Burn ill." and he was truly and deeply sorry, Patrick Crawley found himself one June morning before that stern-faced row of officers of his court martial.

He was charged with "Drunkness, Disobedience of Orders, and striking his Superior Officer!" It was a charge that carried the death penalty at worst and 500 lashes with the cat at least. But it was clear that Captain Jonathan Faulknor was not convinced that it was all Crawley's fault. He asked several witnesses if Crawley had shown signs of insanity during their long voyage. And it is some measure of the time that it was clear to the court that anyone who could do such a thing would have to be insane. But none of the witnesses could recall any such insanity in Crawley's conduct, and when it came to his turn he said simply that he was sorry and that he had not known what he was doing because of the drink.

The Court's verdict was that the charge against Seaman Crawley was "part proven" - which was one way of saying that John Burn's warm temper was at least part to blame too. So instead of the 300 to 500 lashes that would have been the crimes' punishment in full, they sentenced Crawley to a mere one hundred lashes with the dreaded cat of nine tails.

Whether Crawley lived or died from his punishment, it is not recorded. One thing is certain though - he never came back to East Prawle. Not that anyone there probably knew or cared what they did to the Drunken Sailor.

(Recently skin divers have found a few iron cannon and some bronze pins from the keel of HMS *Procodile* in the shallow waters off "the Praule". There is little else to find - three days after the wreck a great storm smashed the ship to pieces.)

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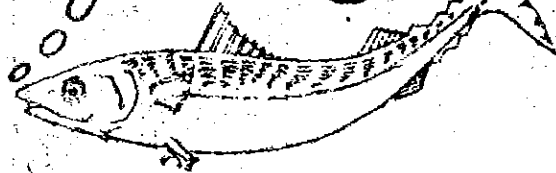
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(An extract from some family records of Miss Anne Jenkins)

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Tribunals - although they are semi-judicial bodies - are more suitable than ordinary courts to deal with administrative rather than legal matters, because the questions they determine often call for specialised knowledge of a particular subject, or may involve matters of Government Policy.

There are other valid reasons why, for example, a tribunal should decide whether a person is entitled to sickness or unemployment benefit or a landlord's proposed increase of rent is fair or not, rather than an ordinary court of law.

As a rule a tribunal consists of a legally qualified chairman, usually a solicitor, and two other people who hear all the evidence and then give a decision based on the arguments they have heard.

Another form of tribunal is the judicial one set up under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921 under the chairmanship of a High Court Judge. These tribunals are sparingly used and usually sit to delve into such highly important matters as state security and disasters of the magnitude of Aberfan. These tribunals have the power to take evidence on oath, force witnesses to attend and cite for contempt those who refuse to answer questions. They also have the power to grant Legal Aid to people involved.

Rules for tribunals are laid down in the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 which ensure that Government Ministers must consult with Council of Tribunals before making or approving procedural rules for tribunals under its supervision.

And, perhaps more important from the public's point of view, a person concerned with a case before a tribunal must be given the reasons for a decision if he asks for it.

In all but a very few exceptions, the High Court exercises what may justly be called judicial supervision over tribunals and inquiries.

A person who can prove there has been an abuse of power by a tribunal can ask the High Court to order the matter to be reheard. Similarly, the High Court has the power to order a tribunal to hear a case if the court thinks it right to do so.

Although a solicitor can represent his client before a tribunal, Legal Aid is unavailable in almost all tribunals. This is regretted by The Law Society - the solicitors' professional body - which hopes that eventually money will be made available to enable Legal Aid to be granted in all tribunals.

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# The changing face of Employment

(With acknowledgement to Lloyds Bank Economic Bulletin No.77 for these extracts)

Unemployment has continued to rise because the working population is still increasing more rapidly than employment opportunities. The working population has been rising steadily over the last decade or more, as has the civilian labour force. The size of the labour force is determined by the numbers in the population and the proportions in different age and sex groups that are economically active. Because of rapidly declining male activity rates the labour force was lower in 1983 than in 1981, despite the rise in female activity rates. Over the last ten years the increase in the civilian labour force has been entirely due to a rise in the number of women, who comprised 41% of the labour force in 1983, compared with 37% in 1971. Female activity rates have risen in all age groups up to 54, while male activity rates have fallen in all age groups except 16-19 year olds.

The total number of employees in employment fell consistently from 1979 to a low of just over 20 million in early 1983. It has since risen slightly but is still lower than at any time since the mid 1950's. The number of self-employed people on the other hand has been rising steadily since 1979, to two and a half million in 1984. The self-employed now account for 10½% of the employed labour force, compared with just under 8% in 1979. The rise in self-employed has occurred in the service industries, especially in the financial sector, and in the construction industry. The largest single sector in which the self-employed are active is distribution, hotels and catering, which accounts for one fifth of total self-employment. The only sector showing any significant increase in employees since 1979 is financial services, although other services and distribution, hotels and catering are up compared with 1971. The estimates of employment are reliant on survey data, and recent revisions show fewer employees in employment and more self-employed than previously.

Unemployment has risen from the end of 1979 to the present time, but the rate of growth slowed from mid-1983. The official data for the unemployed measure only those claiming benefit and are thus sometimes referred to as the claimant count. The 1983 Labour Force Survey identified some 820,000 people seeking work but not claiming benefit. At the same time an equally large number were claiming benefit but had not looked for work, for example because of their health or because they thought no jobs were available. The two magnitudes cannot be regarded as simply offsetting each other, since less than one-third of the latter group were retired, suffering from long term sickness or did not want or need employment.

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the trump of spring,  
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June's morning kiss,  
Though bees pass over,  
unremembering,  
And no bird seek here bowers  
that were his.

In this brown husk a dale  
of hawthorn dreams;  
A cedar in this narrow cell  
is thrust  
That will drink deeply of a  
century's streams;  
These lilies shall make  
summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and  
simple house of death,  
Sealed in their shells, a  
million roses leap;  
Here I can blow a garden  
with my breath,  
And in my hand a forest  
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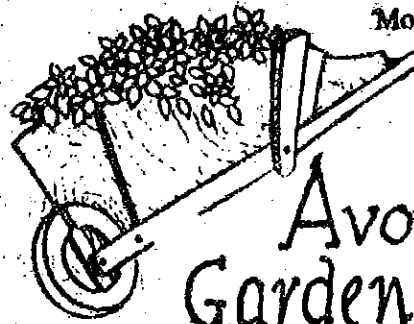
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# The Beginning of the YMCA

by NEVILLE C. OSWALD

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OVER the centuries, Devonians have developed the habit of pushing off and trying something different. Take the Hitchcocks, for example. They were farmers round about Barnstaple for generations. Then, in the early 1800s, one of them took his three sisters to London, including my great grandmother Jane, and started a draper's shop in Regent Street; he prospered, especially when he was joined by his son. Meanwhile, after a strict religious upbringing, all three girls married missionaries, Jane sailing off in a small schooner to Samoa where her husband translated much of the New Testament into the vernacular.

Young Hitchcock soon proved himself to be an astute businessman and, finding the premises in Regent Street too small, acquired a large shop and warehouse adjacent to the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, which he developed into a retail and wholesale drapery. The staff, many of them young men and women in their teens, worked long hours for little pay and were housed in small dormitories on the premises. They had few opportunities for recreation, except that the boys patronised the pub opposite.

Hitchcock always favoured applicants from the West Country, especially Devon, and had no hesitation in engaging George Williams in 1841. The lad was then aged 20; he was born in Dulverton, educated at Gloyne's grammar school in Tiverton and had served as an apprentice draper in Bridgwater. He was an even more dedicated churchman than Hitchcock, being an ardent congregationalist and an opponent of alcohol, tobacco and gambling.

In little more than a decade, George had become the ablest man in the firm, had married Hitchcock's daughter Helen and was made a partner, the firm henceforth being known as Hitchcock and Williams. Both partners became wealthy men, with George taking over the business in due course.

George brought to London his simple if rather austere Christianity and was soon giving lectures and addressing open-air meetings. With the concurrence of Hitchcock, he persuaded many of his fellow employees to allow him to conduct short prayers in their dormitories for their "mutual improvement".



In 1844, only three years after joining the firm, he called twelve of them to a meeting in his dormitory and formally founded the Young Mens' Christian Association, with the intention of extending the Association to other drapery houses in the city.

Using his office as a base, George hired a room in a nearby hotel for weekly meetings but, finding it inadequate, moved to Exeter Hall whence publications of lectures given there soon had a circulation of more than 35,000 copies a year. Exeter Hall remained the headquarters until it was demolished in 1907 and was replaced by the large block of buildings that was erected in George's memory in Tottenham Court Road and was opened in 1912.

By 1900, the Association was recognised world-wide. In Britain there were 600 branches, in America 2,000 and another 2,000 in Germany, having 850,000 members between them. There were even branches in China, Japan and Korea. This massive development was not achieved without some misgivings here and there. Indeed, the Association's somewhat narrow views on recreation and amusements hampered progress in the early years but, with George's directness of purpose and the enthusiastic support of the Earl of Shaftesbury, all the difficulties were gradually overcome.

My mother knew George's son Howard Williams well; they were cousins, of course, and had similar philanthropic interests. She regularly went to the YWCA, formed a few years after the YMCA, and served on several committees for many years. I remember her describing with pride a visit she made to Jerusalem where, looking across the road from her bedroom window in the King David Hotel, she saw just about the biggest modern building in the place. It was, and still is, the YMCA and contains an exact replica of the room she knew so well from which George ran the Association in the early days, even down to a picture over the chimneypiece of Queen Victoria presenting a bible to an African chieftain. The Queen must have thought a bit of George because she knighted him in 1894, exactly fifty years after he founded the YMCA.

George died in Torquay in 1905 and was buried in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Neville C. Oswald.

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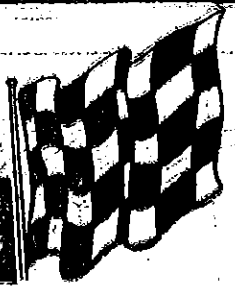
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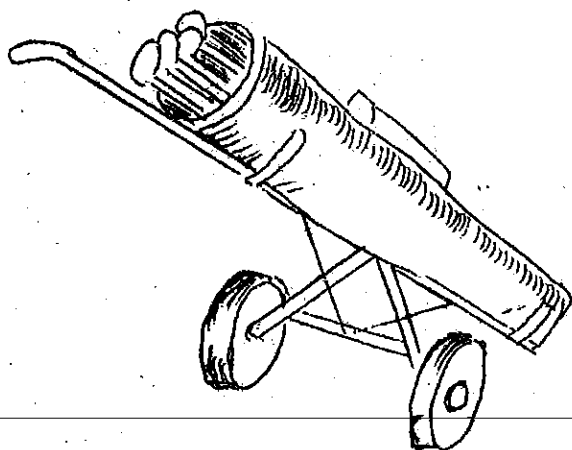
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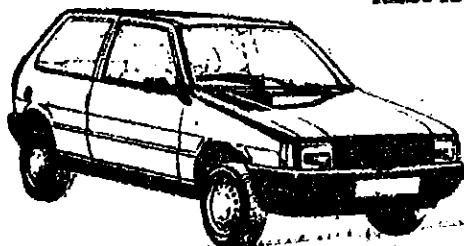
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# VILLAGE NEWS

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## THURLESTONE SEWERAGE

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The BBC camera man and the South Hams Gazette were to report the event.

The urgent need for a means of treating the sewage before it enters the sea, and the various excuses for not doing anything are too well known to need repeating here.

If anything comes of the meeting Village Voice will issue a special full colour edition !!

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Miss Rosemary Stocken reports that in answer to a request in an earlier edition of 'Village Voice' for someone to help in the organisation of the Parish Meals on Wheels Service, Mrs Davenport did not hesitate to contact her and offer to give whatever assistance she could from her home.

This remarkable lady suffered a severe stroke a few years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair but still so willing to be of service to others. Surely every community could do with a few more with the same spirit.

Miss Stocken would still like to hear from anyone willing to give help delivering Meals on Wheels in the parish on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday - odd dates or on a regular basis just once a month. Phone her on 560257.

## THURLESTONE BRIDGE CLUB

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Barn on Friday 4th October at 7 p.m.

Anyone wishing to join, or anyone wishing to know more about Club activities will be welcome at 7 pm.

A partner is guaranteed if you are unable to find one.

Although Duplicate Bridge is played the actual game is very little different from Rubber Bridge, but if you haven't played Duplicate Bridge before, members will be glad to help you. Once you have become accustomed you will want to continue.

If enough people express interest an evening of explanation can be arranged. Further information from the general factotum..

W. Phillips

Tel: 560763.

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## DISTURBANCES & VANDALISM

Happily the villages do not suffer too badly in this direction, but there was some rowdiness, obscene language and vandalism reported on a date in July. If you have a complaint there is really only one authority who can help - the police. Dial 999 - and ensure that the guilty party is brought to book. It is all too easy to lay the blame on the wrong folk!

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## I THINK IT WAS BARBARA WOODHOUSE..

who declared 'there are no bad dogs - only bad dog owners' not sure I entirely agree - but there is no doubt the number of complaints about dogs despoiling beaches and leisure areas - particularly at Bantham - and local authorities are being encouraged by this kind of behaviour to have a bye-law prohibiting dogs from beaches, etc. - and there is a growing number of people who consider such a bye-law cannot happen too soon. Queen's Regulations, which apply to the military services are founded on the bad behaviour of the few - which, of course, naturally also affects the majority who know how to behave. Take heed, please!

# Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show

Another feast of colour dazzled the eyes as the Seventh Annual Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show opened its doors - at Thurlestone this year. Ranks of perfect garden and home produce were again put on display to delight - and cause the mouth to water !

In the rear room the numbers of entries in the Flower Arrangements section had increased to such an extent that the whole area was taken over by them. The imagination of the arranger was called upon to interpret such titles as: 'In The Shade' - 'Three's Company' - 'A Devon Garden' - 'Dahlia Delight' - 'Crystal Claar' and 'As I Like It'. They all rose magnificently to the occasion, presenting a tranquil and gently scented atmosphere which transformed the venue from its usual function of football team changing room to an oasis of beauty!

The children's section was well supported and more than usually imaginative this year. A change of schedule brought in canework, cooking and embroidery, and the standard so impressed the judges that they had a difficult job in finally awarding the prizes.

The results of what must have been very many hours of patient handwork decorated the stage area beautifully, and caused gasps of admiration for the skill displayed.

Mr. Tom Smith, his brother Vic and colleagues from the Kingsbridge Steam Model Club, who have supported the Show for the 7 years it has been held, again brought their beautiful little scale working models which captivated an appreciative audience of onlookers.

Total entries were up overall in number on previous years and as well as the usual stalwart entrants it was good to see new names on the winners list.

The Chairman, Mr Ben Horn, expressed his thanks to everyone who had helped in any way to the success of the Show...the people who came just to view, the donors of raffle prizes, the buyers of tickets, the people who had gone to the trouble of entering items for show, but his biggest thanks were reserved for "the backroom brigade" - the Committee without whose very hard work the Show could not be put on.

The Cups were presented to prize-winners by Mr. John Lawrence, President

All the details on the next page.....

(Thank you to Mrs Pat MacDonald for these notes and the detailed prize list)

## GRANT AID FOR RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL & CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

1985-86

Applications are invited for Grant Aid from organisations with recreational, social and cultural objectives within the Local Authority's area.

Organisations should be aware that finance for this purpose is limited, and applications will be considered on their relative merits

Applications must be made on the Council's official application forms which are obtainable, with a summary of conditions, from the Director of Finance and Secretary to the Council, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes. Forms must be returned not later than 13th September 1985.

# ALL THE PRIZE WINNERS

## CUP WINNERS

AMATEUR FRUIT & VEG	C. JOHNS
OPEN FRUIT & VEG	M. ORR
CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS	M. ORR
CHILDRENS CUP AGE 5 - 8	C. BRICE
CHILDRENS CUP AGE 9 - 15	N. BRICE
HOME ECONOMICS	J. MILCOY
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS	Y. JEFFERY
HANDICRAFTS	E.A.SNOWDON
THURLESTONE RESIDENT	
WITH MOST POINTS	M. ORR
SOUTH MILTON RESIDENT	
WITH MOST POINTS	C. JOHNS
MARSHALL TROPHY FOR ONE	
ROSE BLOOM	M. ORR
DORIS JACKSON TROPHY	
FOR SEWING	E.M.APPLEGATE
YEO CUP FOR BEST VEG.	
EXHIBIT OVERALL	M. ORR
DERRICK YEOMAN CUP FOR	
BEST CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT	M. WHITE

## DIPLOMAS OF MERIT AWARDS

AMATEUR FRUIT & VEG.	L. JEFFERY
OPEN FRUIT & VEG.	M. ORR
CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS	M. ORR
CHILDREN	M. WHITE
HOME ECONOMICS	L. DRABBLE
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS	J. GOATLY
HANDICRAFTS	D. JACKSON

## FRUIT & VEG - AMATEURS

CLASS	
1	White Potatoes(kidney) C. JOHNS
2	" (coloured) J. DAYMENT
3	" "(round) J. DAYMENT
4	Coloured" (round) J. DAYMENT
5	Peas L.JEFFERY
6	Runner Beans E. MILCOY
7	French Beans D.COWARD
8	Onions from seed L. JEFFERY
9	Onions from sets C. JOHNS
10	Shallots, not hybrids C. JOHNS
11	Shallots, hybrids L. JEFFERY
12	3 stump carrots L. JEFFERY
13	3 carrots long or interm. L. JEFFERY
14	Turnips D. COWARD
15	Beetroots D. COWARD
16	Lettuces D. COWARD
17	Cucumbers -----
18	Tomatoes D.COWARD
19	Parsley A. AMESS
20	Veg. marrows -----
21	Cabbages -----
22	Leeks C. JOHNS
23	Rhubarb L. JEFFERY
24	Soft Fruit M.MURRAY-WEST
25	Collection herbs L. JEFFERY
26	Veg. not on schedule P. BAILEY
27	Longest runner bean E. MILCOY
28	Collection vogs. -----

## PRIZE-WINNERS

## FRUIT & VEG. OPEN

CLASS	
29	white potatoes(kidney) C.JOHNS
30	Coloured " " R.C.ROGERS
31	White potatoes(round) C.JOHNS
32	Coloured " " J.B.HORN
33	Peas M. ORR
34	Runner beans M. ORR
35	French beans D.COWARD
36	Onions from seed M. ORR
37	Onions from sets J.B.HORN
38	Shallots not hybrids -----
39	Shallots, hybrids M. ORR
40	Carrots, stump J.B.HORN
41	Carrots, long or interm. M. ORR
42	Turnips D.COWARD
43	Beetroot T.CNURCH
44	Lettuces D.COWARD
45	Cucumbers M. ORR
46	Tomatoes M. ORR
47	Parsley P.MACDONALD
48	Veg. Marrows F.JACKSON
49	Cabbages M. ORR
50	Leeks C.JOHNS
51	Rhubarb J.B.HORN
52	Soft fruit F. JACKSON
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## CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS

Class 57. Dec. dahlias  
Class 58. Cactus dahlias

A. JENKINS  
G. GOODFELLOW

P.T.O.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW - PRIZE WINNERS

CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS - continued:

CLASS

59	Asters	-----
60	Sweetpeas	M. ORR
61	Gladioli	M. ORR
62	Pansies	E.B.SNOWDON
63	Bowl h.t. roses	M. ORR
64	One rose bloom	M. ORR
65	Floribunda rose	M. ORR
66	Flowering pot plant	P. BAILEY
67	Foliage pot plant	M. ORR
68	Annuals	L.A.GROSE
69	Shrubs	M. ORR
70	Perennials	E. WORTHY

CHILDREN 5 to 8 years

71	Flower arrangement	E.AMESS and C.BRICE (joint)
72	Plate garden	K. TRELEAVEN
73	Embroidery	P. ANDERTON
74	Cakes	S.GEORGE & S. THRIFT (joint)

CHILDREN 9 to 15 years

75	Model	M. WHITE
76	Sewing	E. THRIFT
77	Canework	N. BRICE
78	Salad	N. BRICE

HOME ECONOMICS

79	Chutney	D. TYLER
80	Salad cream	P. MACDONALD
81	Strawberry jam	L. DRABBLE
82	Raspberry jam	J. WALKER
83	Any variety jam	L. DRABBLE
84	Jelly	L.A.GROSE
85	Sponge flan	J.MILCOY
86	Picnic lunch	J.MILCOY
87	Lemon meringue pie	J.MILCOY
88	Banana bread	G. HAMILTON
89	Scones	J. MILCOY
90	Ginger cake	J. MILCOY

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

91	A Devon Garden	L.A.GROSE
92	Dahlia Delight	Y.JEFFERY
93	Crystal Clear	Y.JEFFERY
94a	Three's Company	J.GOATLY
94b	In The Shade	Y.JEFFERY
95	As I Like It	J.GOATLY

HANDICRAFTS

96	Knitting	M.MOORE
97	Crochet	E.A.SNOWDON
98	Canvaswork	E.A.SNOWDON
99	Embroidery	D.JACKSON
100	Patchwork	M.J.SMITH
101	Painting	R.W.BRUFF

# PROBUS

At our July meeting Mr. A.D. Elliott, whose Company is responsible for maintaining "Big Ben" gave a talk on its past history. The clock, which has a dial 23 ft. in diameter, initially required two men working for 5 hours to wind it up and they had to do this after climbing 269 steps up the tower. Now, thanks to automation, the job is completed by one man in 45 minutes.

Mr Elliott mentioned many points about the clock and the casting and weight of the largest of the four bells - Big Ben -. It was interesting to learn of the relatively few times the clock has broken down; more than 75% of the faults were found to be caused by human error and not by mechanical failure. An amazing record for such a large clock installed as long ago as 1860. It was a most enlightening talk thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Members are reminded that the draw for the October golf competition will be made at the meeting on September 13. The speaker will be Mr. G.Sherring on "Hiroshima" - many will have heard him on the recent Television programme.

A.H.Dudley Tyas  
Kingsbridge 560656

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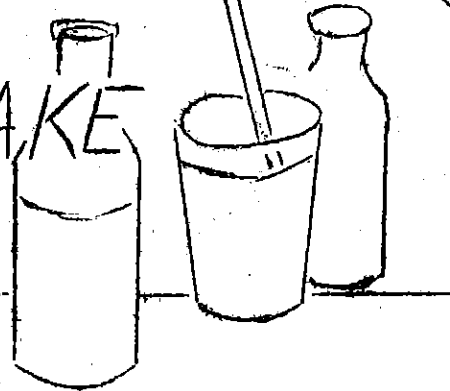
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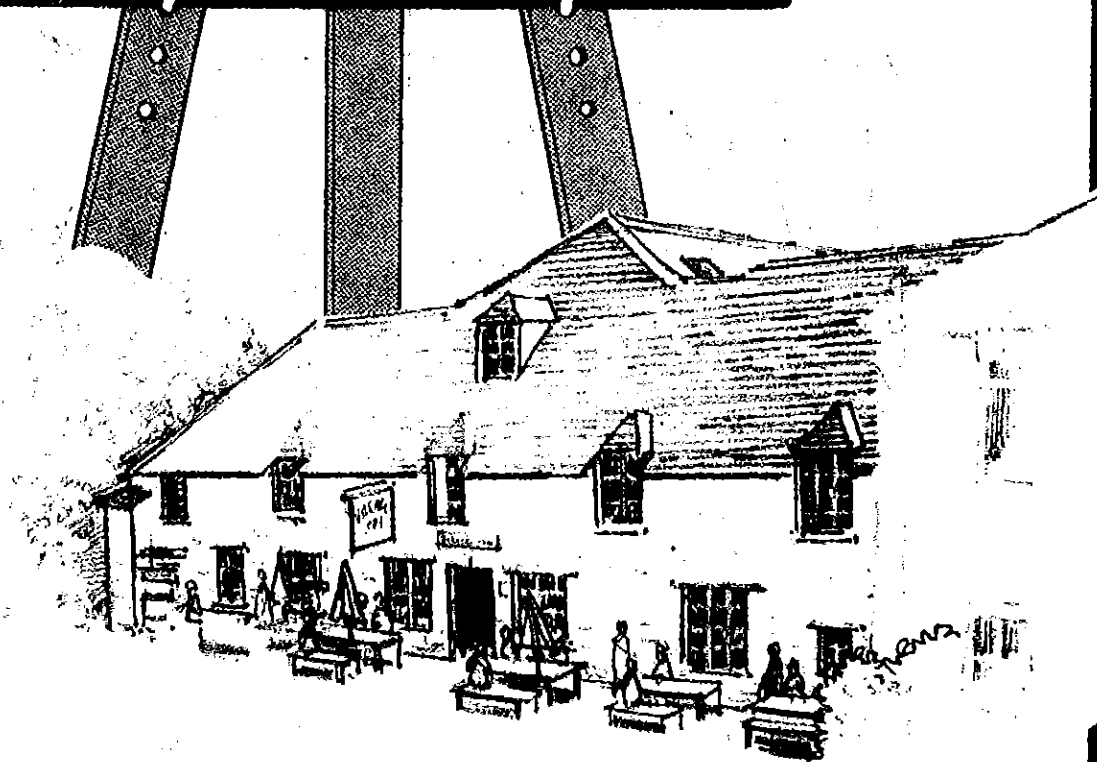
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