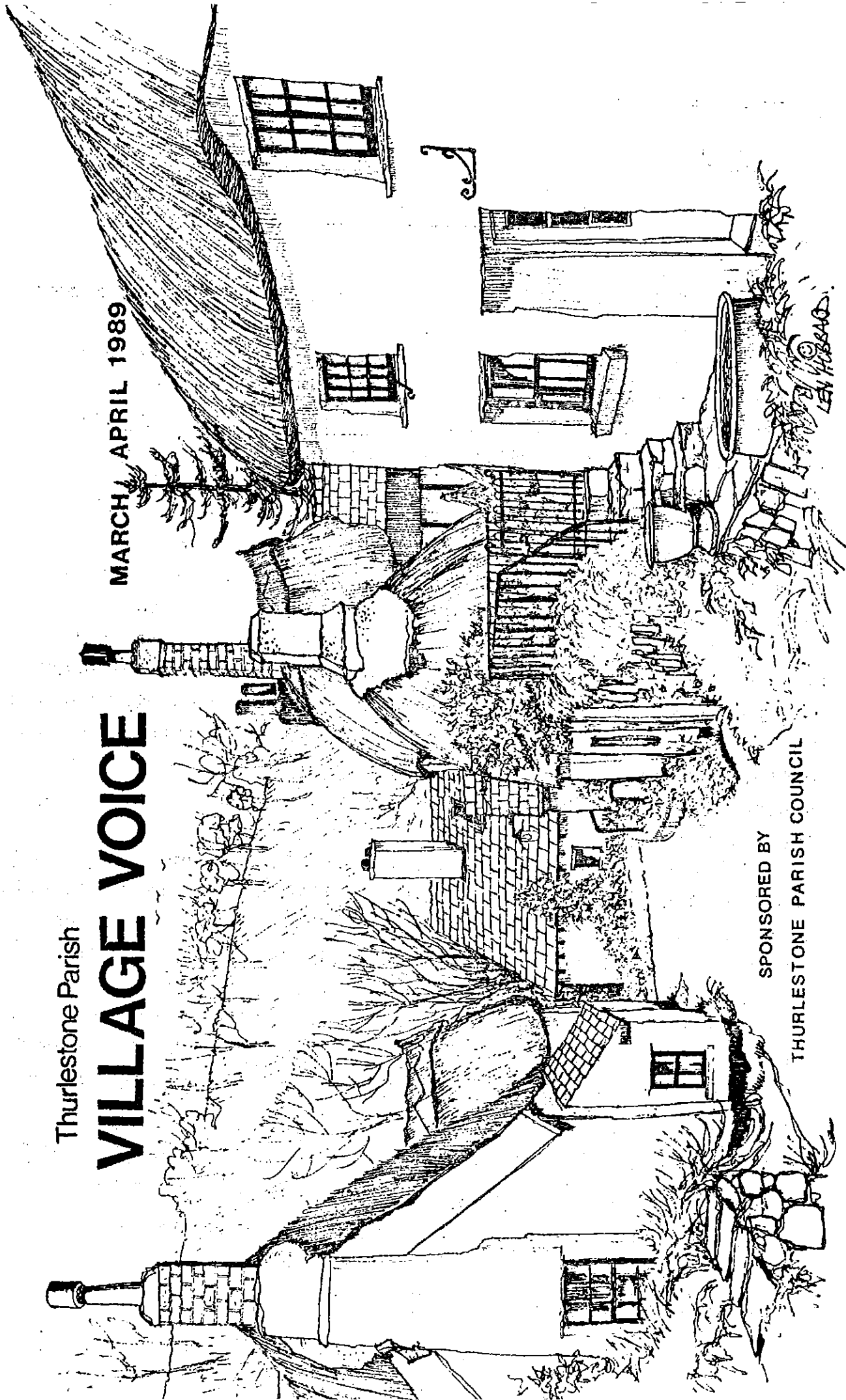


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FROM THE RECTOR:

THE THURLESTONE PARISH CHURCH ORGAN.

WE ARE TOLD that despite the best endeavours of the Government, inflation is once again rising.

Just how much inflation there has been this century will become apparent in the matter of the ORGAN at All Saints Thurlestone. When it was installed in 1908 it cost £250. The Churchwarden was recently told that a suitable replacement could be provided for £80,000, which I reckon to be an inflation rate for organs in 80 years of almost 32,000% or 400% per annum (simple).

Happily we do NOT have to replace the Organ, but it is long overdue for its "12,000 mile service" - i.e the overhaul organs require every 12 to 15 years, and that has not been carried out, I'm told, for the past 30 years or so. Now it must be done, and whilst the Organ is stripped down, opportunity is being taken to enhance its tonal quality by the addition of one "stop" of the trumpet variety.

This work will cost around, and probably in excess of £8,000 and provides a very good illustration of the old proverb "a stitch in time saves nine", for the proper care of the organ now will avoid us saddling a later generation with the need to replace.

This is a big and expensive undertaking and we must look to all parishioners who value the Church with its organ and music being available for Weddings and Funerals and the Grand Occasions, as well as the regular worshippers, to give generous support.

PLEASE SEND GIFTS TO THE HON. TREASURER OF THURLESTONE P.C.C.  
AT 19, MEAD LANE (Cheques - "Thurlestone P.C.C.(Organ)")

I hope in the next issue of Village Voice to give a little more detail of the Organ and the necessary work.

Thank you for your anticipated help.

PETER S. STEPHENS. Rector.



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What a lot of excitement our Parish Council has stirred up! Even Prince Charles is involved! Since our last issue in which we drew attention to the Parish Council's campaign to change the law so that the people should have the right of appeal against planning approval as developers do against a planning refusal..well, honestly you'd think, shades of Currie, that we'd said all the eggs in Totnes were rotten with salmonella!

Never have so many planners emerged from their offices to tell us all how wrong we are. More than wrong - "extremely dangerous, undemocratic and irresponsible" as one planner labelled the idea as you will see from the letters reproduced in this issue with permission of Mr.Steen and the Parish Council.

Wethinks the planners doth protest too much. So much so that it is clear that the Parish Council have got hold of a very good idea indeed. They must press on regardless for they are not alone. Not only are many other Parish Councils taking up the cry for change, but every villager is right behind them.

Mrs.Thatcher promised to give power back to the people. This right of appeal obviously needs her personal attention.

OP PRESS..PRESS STOP..STOP PRESS..PRESS STOP...STOP PRESS...PRESS STOP..

Councillor R.D.Cooper, Chairman of the Planning Committee of South Hams District Council, has asked to attend a parish council meeting so the Chairman of Thurlestone Parish Council has invited him to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and he has accepted.

DON'T FORGET - THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is in Thurlestone Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 21 at 7.30 p.m.

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MAKE A NOTE!

Here a some dates "for the better avoidance of clashes" (as the Rector puts it!):

THE THURLESTONE CHURCH SUMMER FETE is on JUNE 10.

The SOUTH MILTON CHURCH SUMMER FETE is on JULY 29.

THE THURLESTONE CHURCH AUTUMN/WINTER BAZAAR is on November 4.

THE SOUTH MILTON CHURCH AUTUMN/WINTER BAZAAR is on November 18.

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AND A LATE LETTER TO THE EDITORS:

"DOG WALKERS"

Dog walkers are condemned for fouling our pavements and beaches. Can we not redeem ourselves by carrying on our daily walks a plastic bag into which we drop any litter we see? The entire bag can be tossed into our dustbin on our return.

A little effort would be required, but what a difference would be made to the hedgerows and footpaths. They'd be a delight to the eye rather than being spoilt by plastic and packets and tins.

VANWY CONNINGTON.

Letter from Cllr R.D.Cooper to Anthony Steen MB

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A Steen MP  
House of Commons  
London SW1a 0AA

10 January 1989

My Dear Anthony

I refer to the letters from Thurlestone Parish Council to you dated the 22 December, copies of which have come into my possession. I would not wish to comment any further on the specific planning applications behind this furore, but take considerable exception to the wider issue concerning Parish Councils being given planning powers.

As you know, under current legislation, Planning Authorities are only required to notify Parish Councils of the receipt of planning applications. We do much more in sending them plans, making officer time available and always regard Parish representations as important elements in the decision making process. This has obviously backfired on us as Parish Councils are increasingly becoming more strident in their perception of their role in the planning process. For Thurlestone Parish Council, or indeed any Parish Council, to suggest that an applicant should have to go to appeal because a Parish Council objects to an approval, is in my opinion not only patent nonsense, but extremely dangerous, undemocratic and irresponsible.

Mr Carpenter and I have written to you many times on the above subject and you know that we feel Parish views are important but, as has been explained to you before, Parish views are made having regard to local opinion and often have no regard to material planning considerations. Parliament has continuously emphasised the legal necessity for all applications to be determined having regard to such considerations, not local likes and dislikes.

Therefore, only Planning Authorities, and the Secretary of State through his wide ranging responsibilities, can be charged with making decisions on the basis of material considerations. Parishes are not so charged and indeed do not have the expertise to view applications in this light and, I would suggest, are often too close to the personalities and events relating directly or indirectly to a particular proposal.

I must, therefore, urge you not to associate yourself with this extremely ill thought out initiative; if it succeeded developers would be at the mercy of local bias, we would treble the number of appeals, and at the end of the day if such an appeal was found to be frivolous who would bear the costs? Would Parish Councils like to have costs awarded against them? It is no good anybody arguing that the law should be amended that costs could not be awarded against Parish Councils; they certainly should not in such circumstances, be awarded against Planning Authorities. Applicants/appellants must have the ability to seek costs if appeals are held to be frivolous otherwise there is no discipline against unwarranted refusals.

I hope you appreciate the strength of feeling I and my colleagues in the District Council, and local Government generally feel towards this nonsense being propounded.

Yours very sincerely

(Signed) Digger.

Cllr R D Cooper - Chairman of the Planning Committee.

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman of the Council  
P.W.J.HURREL

12th February 1989

Woodlands, West Buckland,  
Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3AN.

Anthony D. Steen Esq., M.P.,  
The House of Commons,  
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Dear Mr Steen,

The Members of my Council were astounded to see a few days ago, a copy of the letter which apparently Councillor R.D.Cooper wrote to you on 10th January, commenting upon our letter to you dated 22nd December last. We feel obliged to tell you in some detail why we consider the bigoted statements by the Chairman of the District Planning Committee insult the integrity and ability of every Parish Councillor in the country. However, his letter does demonstrate the desperate need for major planning issues to be the subject of wider and more impartial consideration than they sometimes receive in the South Hams. In fact the letter goes far towards proving the merit of the very proposal which it attempts to denigrate.

Parish Councillors have the most comprehensive knowledge of local needs and problems without political influence or bias, and need to be given the right of appeal to enable them to provide an effective and impartial democratic forum to act as watchdogs on planning matters of special concern to a community. Being informed of planning applications and even discussing them with a Planning Officer become of little consequence when the Parish representations receive no more than lip service when the final decisions are made. Councillor Cooper indicates quite blatantly that parish views are unimportant, not being 'material considerations' influencing a verdict on planning matters. Will he reiterate that view at election time?

It is arrant nonsense for the views of Parish Councils on parochial planning projects to be dismissed in cavalier fashion when they constitute such an important part in the local government process, if one is to be convinced that a Parish Council is anything more than a camouflage device to demonstrate 'local government' down to the grass roots. Only someone infatuated with dictatorial power over the community would describe a second public forum holding a right of appeal, as being 'extremely dangerous, undemocratic and irresponsible.' If Parish Councils in the South Hams have become more strident on planning affairs, is it because our Planning Authority increasingly ignores local opinions, whilst permitting - even encouraging - more and more encroachments into conservation of the environment?

It cannot be correct that H.M.Government requires planning applications to be determined without regard to local likes and dislikes, or that 'material planning considerations' do not include factors on which all electors in a Parish can have a responsible opinion. What are such 'material planning considerations' that only District Councillors have the expertise to consider? Do they not include protection of the environment and amenities, conservation of the natural beauties, fostering the welfare of residents, and ensuring that the attributes and ecology of the Parish are preserved and improved - not destroyed!

The Planning Committee Chairman contends that if Parish Councils had a right of appeal, developers would be at the mercy of local bias. My Council believes that such right would simply help to redress the balance currently weighted too heavily against small communities. Planning Authorities are excessively biased in favour of developers: developments enhance the prestige of the Planners, increase the rateable income of a District, and enable Planning Committee Members to exercise real power over the community.

Letter concluded overpage-----

Moreover, the official planning directives from the Government (which we suggested should also be amended) now instruct Planners normally to view applications favourably, instead of resisting them as hitherto. That recent change may be unavoidable, but the trend must be carefully controlled on issues of controversial merit or in conflict with the environment. There must be a mechanism to ensure that approvals reflect the views and aspirations of the local communities which may not be specifically considered by District Councils.

Councillor Cooper infers quite wrongly that my Council is seeking 'planning powers' with authority to make planning decisions. As you know, we merely ask for Parish Councils to be given some effective influence by having a right of appeal against a planning consent granted by a Planning Authority despite considerable valid opposition from the residents of the area concerned. The final decision would then be made, not by the Parish or even the District Council, but by the Secretary of State or his Inspector after a public enquiry, quite impartially of biased influences from the said two Councils, and always in full recognition of both local and regional needs and aversions.

Before Parish Councils decided to exercise any right of appeal, it should be remembered that its Members would have learned the expert advice of the District's Planning Officials and seen the relevant documentation publicly available for site and Committee meetings of the Authority, so the Parish Councillors would be as fully aware of the wider and technical aspects of the case, as were the District Councillors when granting the consent against which the appeal is to be made. But in addition, the Parish representatives would be personally familiar with the site and have a more detailed appreciation of any special local factors as well as the views of most of the local community.

As regard appeal costs, the need to avoid risking exposure to the contingent costs of an appeal unsuccessfully opposed, is often cited to condone a planning decision contrary to the best interests of the community. No Councillor, Parish or District, should be unduly influenced in that way; the community needs proper planning decisions and should be capable of financing them. Parish Councils with limited resources should still play their part, and if a major case warrants a financial risk, then the Councillors would have been able to assess from their constituents the extent of the support available and the possibility of meeting any such liability from an increased rate or specific fund raising activities. Frivolous appeals would however be deterred, as would ones which did not justify the contingent risk.

The principal result of Parish Councils having a right of appeal would be the more comprehensive consideration then having to be given by the Planning Authority to the local views, and to the factors which impinged upon the best interests of a particular community. That in itself should go far to eliminate the defects in current planning procedures as far as local communities are concerned, without causing a significant increase in the number of appeals. It should be rare indeed for a Parish Council to decide to exercise a right of appeal, but its Members would no longer be condemned to bleating interminably in the wilderness.

I am sorry to write to you at such length, but my fellow Councillors and I are so incensed by Councillor Cooper's ridiculous assertions that we feel obliged to refute them categorically without awaiting our next Council Meeting on the 28th February. Perhaps by then you will have been able to let us have your further advice on other action we might take to improve the influence of Parish Councils over development of the localities for which they are supposed, within a democracy, to have some modicum of responsibility and authority.

Yours sincerely,  
(signed) P.W.J. HURRELL, Chairman of the Council.

COPY OF LETTER

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

14th February 1989

To: The Chairman,  
All Town & Parish Councils in the South Hams

Chairman of the Council  
P.W.J.HURRELL  
Woodlands, West Buckland,  
Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 3AN.  
Tel: Kingsbridge 560496

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames,

PLANNING PROCEDURES

The South Hams District Council's Planning Committee is in the process of granting planning approval to yet another substantial development in Thurlestone which my Council and our Parishioners strongly oppose for reasons summarised below. In consequence, on 22nd December last we wrote to our Member of Parliament, Mr. Anthony Steen, requesting his participation in obtaining amendment to current planning legislation whereby all Town and Parish Councils throughout the country become entitled to appeal against a planning consent granted by a Local Planning Authority despite responsible valid local opposition.

My Council learned very recently that whilst Mr. Steen was considering that request, he received a letter dated 10th January from the Chairman of the District Planning Committee of which a photocopy is enclosed. I also enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Steen, dated 12th February, refuting Councillor Cooper's statements.

I know there have been many instances in the past, in several areas of the South Hams as well as Thurlestone, and indeed throughout the country, when a District Planning Authority has permitted a major development despite the strongest objections by the Town or Parish concerned. Accordingly my Council, (and I believe Mr. Steen) would welcome hearing whether your Council supports our suggestion that all local Councils should have a right of appeal. The right might be similar to that held by an applicant who is refused planning permission. It might be helpful if you also advised the Devon Association of Parish Councils of your views.

In case you are interested to know the background to Thurlestone's current 'furore', the case concerns three blocks of flats containing 17 three-bedroomed apartments (51 bedrooms and around 87 bedspaces) being erected in place of an existing permission for 16 apartments (12 of one bedroom and 4 of two bedrooms - i.e. 20 bedrooms with some 40 bedspaces). That consent was granted only on appeal in 1981 against strong opposition including the refused consent of the SHDC; and the final ruling of the Inspector laid down a number of special conditions, many of which are now to be ignored. The site is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and within inches of the Coastal Preservation Area, being only about 250 yards from the beach. My Council contends that such unreasonable expansion of a planning permission granted only on appeal, constitutes excessive over-development of the site in a manner detrimental to the environment and which may well create a precedent jeopardising the future of this and other A O N B's in the South Hams

I look forward to learning that you support our request to Mr. Steen.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P.W.J.Hurrell  
Chairman of the Council

Copies also to: Mr. Anthony Steen, M.P., Councillors J.T.Pennington, S.J.Day, R.D.Cooper and J.V.Thomas, and Mr. M.S.Carpenter.



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WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN...

# MAKING WHOOPEE ?

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Armada celebrations, wouldn't it be nice if the villages could all get together again just for fun? One suggestion is that we should have an Edwardian weekend complete with fancy-dress parish picnic. Is that a go-er? Or have you got a better idea for a fun weekend in July?

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## THE BLIZZARD OF '89?

"February brought fine genial, spring-like weather, so dry and warm that it caused a state of drought in parts of Cornwall and Devon...Bright new butterflies fluttered about and spring flowers bloomed, though in this strange season the New Year had already seen primroses at Tovey and roses had been gathered at Christmas.

"By the end of the month the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that 'agriculturalists have seldom had a finer February for spring sowings and seldom have they got so much grain into the ground by March 2nd as they have this year'. In the same issue the gardening column remarked 'the continual fine and dry weather enables us to proceed with out-door work of all descriptions'. People in their nineties could not recall such a beautiful February and there were hopes of an early and abundant harvest."

That is an extract from Clive Carter's book "The Blizzard of '91" published by David and Charles in 1971, detailing the horrendous blizzard of 1891, which came out of the blue on March 9, killing over 200 people, sinking 63 ships, trapping trains and coaches for more than a week, and causing chaos over the whole country. Thurstlestone had 20 foot high drifts, and was cut off for days from Buckland and Bantham and Kingsbridge.

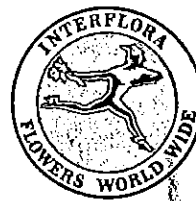
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All very calm in a lovely valley.

### PRESENT

THE GARDEN SHOP has flourished over the years ( although being burnt to the ground in 1980) and is proud of the quality of floristry and plants sold and delivered through out our area. A well stocked Gardening shop and staff very willing and able to help with all gardening and floristry requirments.

AVON MILL NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTRE still situated in the lovely Avon Valley and although we have expanded with new greenhouses, our part of the valley remains safe with us. The NURSERY continues to produce quality plants but now under more stable and reliable conditions. We specialise, particularly in the Spring, with Bedding Plants, Fuchsias and Geraniums both for bedding out and for hanging baskets and we have been very pleased with the expanding range of plants for patios and baskets. The GARDEN CENTRE has a new Shrub display area due to be completed early in March and a childrens play area to help both parents and staff enjoy their visit. Easy car parking means you can collect your purchases of peat and fertilizers which are at VERY COMPETATIVE prices with willing hands to help you load up.

### THE FUTURE

The COFFEE SHOP we hope will be opening at Easter in the Mill and plans to create more interest with walks and display areas by the river which encourage the birds - butterflies - and bees will make a visit to AVON MILL NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTRE an enjoyable excursion.





# Drabblemania

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The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings....our forefathers did without sugar until the thirteenth century, without coal fires until the fourteenth, without buttered bread until the sixteenth, tea and soap until the seventeenth, without gas, matches or electricity until the nineteenth, and without radio and television until the twentieth - to mention just a few items. Whatever you have got to complain about - there are still a few people who think of the past as 'the good old days' !!

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We live in a time - or should it be at a time - when there is a great deal of talk and support for the 'endangered species' of our planet. Do you think we might include in that category the 'Independent' District or County Councillor - someone who doesn't have to tow 'the party line'. For example, I am told that all chairman of committee's on the District Council are 'Party members - which can only mean, one supposes, they are there to uphold 'the party line'. Can this really be true? Can this honestly be called 'democracy in action'? Does it ensure 'party' interests come before community interests? I'm just asking.

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To himself every man is immortal; he may know that he is going to die, but he can never know that he is dead !

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Reader, would'st thou know what true peace and quiet mean; would'st thou find a refuge from the noises and clamours of the multitude; would'st thou possess the depth of thine own spirit in stillness, without being shut out from the consolatory faces of thy species; would'st thou be alone yet accompanied; solitary, yet not desolate; singular, yet not without some to keep thee in countenance.....nothing plotting, naught caballing, unmischievous synod! convocation without intrigue! parliament without debate!.....you may go away with a sermon not made with hands.....where the fiercest and savagest of all wild cfeatures - the tongue - that unruly member, has strangely lain tied up and captive You have bathed with stillness.. ....what a balm and a solace it is to go and seat yourself for a quiet half hour upon some undisputed corner of a bench.....come with me to a Quakers' Meeting.

CHARLES LAMB (1775-1834) "A Quakers' Meeting"

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Mr Malik Abdulnabi, a driving instructor from Manama, Bahrain, was fined the equivalent of £200 for trying to set one of his pupils on fire. "I am devoted to driving," he said, "Madam Youssa Mahrooz was an appalling student. After 40 lessons she still did not know her right from her left."

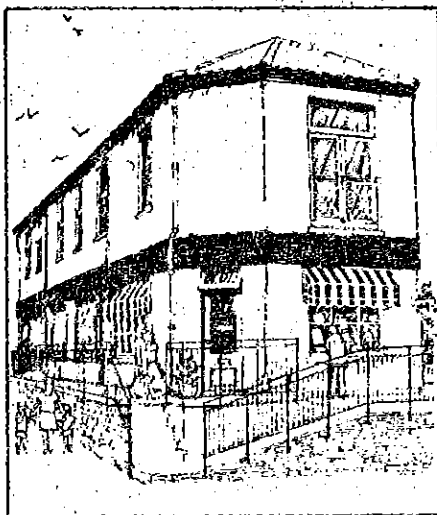
All I can say to that is to note what happens sometimes at the new Kingsbridge 'roundabout'. There are some drivers who don't even know they have got a right and a left let alone which is which ! Agreed?

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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT ?

The mother of a 20 year-old student killed by a drunken driver, said: "One of the saddest things about being bereaved like this is that people say to you: "Have you any family?" and you have to say "No." You can't say to someone you've just met: "Well, yes, we did have a daughter - but she was killed by a drunken driver."

Derek Rutherford of the Institute of Alcohol Studies writes in his book "A Lot of Bottle":

"Is it not a sobering fact that alcoholic drink kills 40,000 people each year, including at least 1,000 children and young people. It is responsible for one in five patients in hospital beds, two out of three attempted suicides, half the cases of battered wives, half the murders, and two out of five fires in the country. The British spend £17 Billion a year on drink and the Government takes £7 Billion a year in revenue. The drinks industry spends at least £200 million on advertising, whilst the Government spends 0.4 per-cent of that figure on alcohol education."

"Britain now has the highest level of alcohol consumption since before the First World War and alcohol related problems have increased most notably among the young. The cost of drink related crime is estimated to cost £39 million and drink related road accidents £250 million a year."

"Nancy Astor, who became the first woman to take a seat in the House of Commons once said: 'One reason why I don't drink, is that I want to know when I am having a good time.'"

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Around 1886 a man called David McConnell went knocking on doors in the USA to sell anthologies of Shakespeare - and accidentally launched a cosmetic industry. His sales gimmick was a giveaway bottle of perfume. But McConnell found that potential customers preferred his perfume to the bard. So he began making cosmetics and shrewdly used housewives as a sales force. Fifty-three years later he changed the name of his California Perfume Company to Avon - after the home-town river of the famous playwright!

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I was interested to read that a teaspoon of tea leaves contains more of the stimulant drug caffeine than a teaspoon of coffee grains. But it has a less marked effect on the body because it is more diluted in use. As a result a cup of tea contains only about 60 percent as much caffeine as a cup of coffee.

Caffeine, which is also found in cocoa and in cola drinks, can in large doses cause anxiety, irritability, restlessness and heart palpitations.

And I thought it was only alcoholic drinks that did all that to one!

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It seems that homemade Wills sometimes create more unintentional legal muddles that can cost thousands of pounds to unravel in extreme cases, and putting things right can even eat up an entire estate.

The estate of Samuel Whitworth, who died over 100 years ago, was only recently sorted out, poor chap, at a cost of over £26,000. The Whitworth family tree had to be traced back to the 1790s, to find the 640 family members with a claim to the money under the terms of his DIY Will !

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A reader inquiring about a property advertised for sale, received a letter from the vendor: "Thank you for your inquiry. My grandmother has lived in this house since 1950, and obviously will need modifying to a 1980s standard"

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of course!

If ever there was to be a competition for the residents of Thurlestone to find those with the longest connection with the village, then the Yeomans would win hands down. You can't argue with that - their family goes back to David Yeoman of Thurlestone, who married Alicia Sirgard on September 28, 1561.

Source of this and much more fascinating information about the Thurlestone of long ago comes in a book which started out as just a family tree and somehow grew and grew. It is called "Commoners of the Realm" and is privately printed by the author, William Jeremy Yeoman of Torquay.

It is a big thick book. Not surprising when you read in Mr. Yeoman's preface that he wasn't content with simply listing the births deaths and marriages of the Yeomans of the South Hams, but started to delve deeper into the life and times of the family through the ages. And dig deep he certainly did.

In his efforts to discover the origin of the name of Yeoman, he was not content to take the Oxford Dictionary definition: "A person qualified, by possessing free land of forty shillings annual value, to serve on juries, vote for the knight of the shire etc. Alternatively he was a small landowner or a farmer of the middle classes. In military terms, he was a member of the volunteer cavalry force raised from the farmers - the Yeomanry." Mr. Yeoman dug on: "Thomas Westcote in his book 'A View of Devonshire (published about 1630) states that the word is of Saxon origin and was formerly 'gemen' meaning 'a commoner of the realm'. This is important because it effectively means that a Yeoman was, in Middle English terms, a Free Man. He would still have to pay certain dues to his fief lord and/or to the church, but it separates him from the bonded serf". And so Mr. Yeoman got the title of his book - "Commoners of the Realm".

From Thurlestone those commoners spread out, particularly to Modbury, Malborough, and West Alvington. In his book, Mr. Yeoman puts back the flesh on their bones by telling of the kind of society in which they lived. So David Yeoman of Thurlestone, who married in 1561 was, he says, born into an England that was still recovering from the Wars of the Roses and, for many other reasons a dramatic drop in the population. In 1300 there were about six million people in the country, but by 1500 this had dropped to a mere two million.

"The South Hams of Devon," writes Mr. Yeoman, "are singled out in many documents as being one of the three most heavily populated

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## COMMONERS OF THE REALM continues:

rural areas in the whole country, with some 26-30 adults per square mile. For those who had survived and had tenure of some sort on land or dwelling, the future must have seemed really quite rosy. Land rents were more or less stable and fixed by manorial custom, and initially at least the cost of living and wages kept pace with each other...."

But then came inflation. This was the result of bad harvests and King Henry VIII's indulgences, such as the debasement of the coinage and the wars with France. The cost of food shot up. At the start of the 1500's wheat was 5s 4d a quarter. By 1550 it was up to 20s a quarter. In 1596 following four disastrous harvests it soared to 50s a quarter. Wages didn't keep up, but the Yeomans of Thurlestone seem to have done reasonably well. Certainly a Robert Yeoman in "Thurlston" is noted in a tax return as having goods valued for tax purposes at £10 and a widow Alson Yeoman as having goods worth £7 and John Yeoman only £2. Don't weep for poor Hohn - he was doing all right. For we know exactly where he lived in the village on June 16, 1536 in the reign of Henry VIII. And that was in the last cottage before Church House, now the property of Mrs Doris Parnell and now known as No.2 The Nook.

We know that because the documents of the original deeds for Church House still exist today and it tells us that the Rector Richard Worth of Thurlestone gave a piece of "glebe land or sanctuary land of his rectory of Thorleston containing in length 66 feet and in breadth 24 feet lying there between the tenement in which John Yeoman now lives on the east and his(rector's) land on south and west and the highway on the north, to hold to them and their heirs for ever, for the purpose of building a house for the convenience of all the parishioners.." The cost of this land was small. Those to whom it was given had to place on the altar in the church on the feast of All Saints a pair of gauntlets and to pray for the souls of those who gave it.

Mr. Yeoman reprints the original<sup>deed</sup> in his book, which is packed with not only Yeomans, but life in the area in times gone by. From time to time, with his permission, Village Voice hopes to bring you some of the secrets he unearthed!

## CONGRATULATIONS..CONGRATULATIONS..CONGRATULATIONS..CONGRATULATIONS

...ON THE AWARD OF THE MBE TO MILLMAN OF THE MEAD!

Village Voice is delighted to pass on the congratulations of one and all to Thurlestone dentist Keith Millman, who was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List. Cornish-born, Mr. Millman was trained at Guys Hospital, London, and moved to Kingsbridge in 1960 with his wife Patricia to set up his practice in Fore Street. Some 25 years ago he moved to his present surgery in Ropewalk.

Mr. Millman, who is 56, has held many high posts in the British Dental Association and is currently vice-chairman of the Devon Family Practitioner Committee, chairman of the Plymouth working group of the Family Practitioner Committee and chairman of the liaison group between the local Community Health Council and the Family Practitioner Committee. A keen photographer, Mr. Millman lives on the Mead and has two sons, both doctors, and a daughter who is a superintendent nurse.

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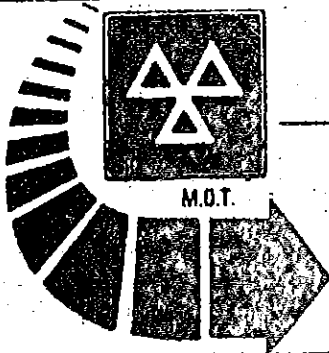
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WHEN William the Conqueror sent down a couple of men to look over our place in connection with the Domesday survey in 1086, there were only about twenty people living in the parish and they were in a state of disrepair, having just been raided by a band of Irishmen of all people, who had burnt most of their homesteads. What kind of money did they have? They had silver Saxon pennies, some of which may have been minted in Totnes; no other coins existed in England between about AD760 and 1300 and some of them were in a pretty tatty state. Being made of silver, people chipped bits off the edges and then made counterfeit money by mixing the chippings with cheaper metals; this went on until about 1700 when the edges were milled.

SILVER pennies or pence, together with silver half-pennies and farthings from about 1280, were alright for small transactions, but became rather bulky and numerous in large amounts. The Normans tried to get over the difficulty by introducing the Roman system with one pound in weight of silver becoming one pound; that worked out at 240 pence and so as a sort of half-way house shillings came in worth 12 pence. These units continued to be used until the recent introduction of decimal coinage.

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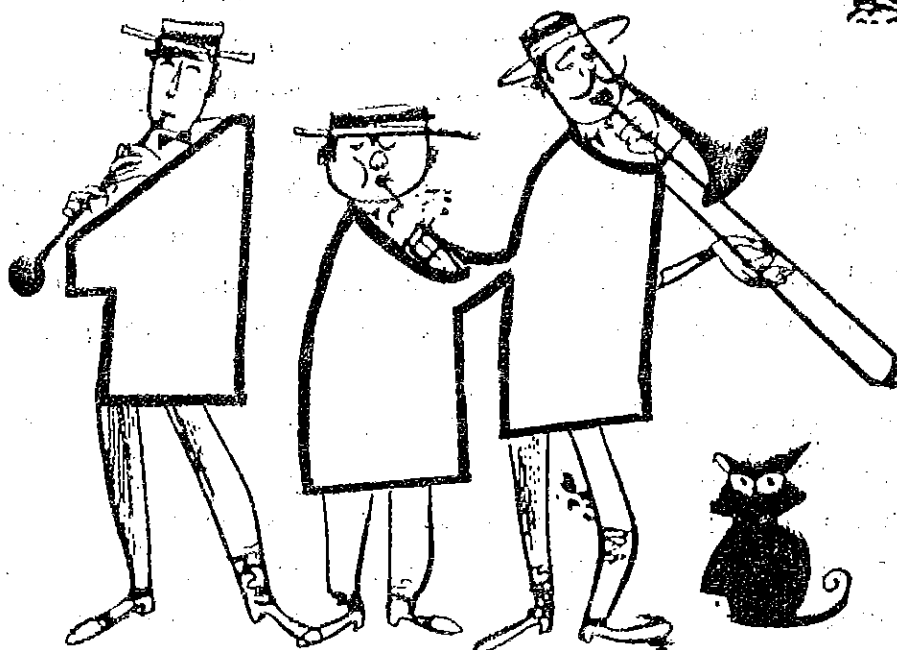
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## Continuing 'MONEY'

THERE must have been some silver coins circulating in Thurlestone throughout the medieval period, roughly 1066 to 1500, if for no other reason than to pay taxes to William the Conqueror's man Judhael and his successors in their newly built castle in Totnes, but ordinary peasants are unlikely to have had more than a few pence each at any one time. Bartering was then the usual means of exchange. The cottagers spun wool, made cloth and pottery and had animal hides for leather, each of which had its value and could be exchanged for corn, cider, fruit, pork and other local products. This lack of circulating money in any quantity was crucial in that it deprived most of the people of Thurlestone of any real freedom of choice which, coupled with their utter dependence on their masters, reduced them to a state of near slavery.

AFTER 1500, when incidentally the gold pound or sovereign appeared, farm workers and others were paid wages, every penny of which was needed for essential purchases. The better off, that is the yeoman and farmers, had money they could put aside. They distrusted any form of banking, preferring to keep it at home where they could look at it and count it from time to time; they hoarded it in mattresses, secret drawers, up the chimney or in the upholstery of chairs.

UNTIL the 1600s, the only banks in England were London goldsmiths who stored money in their safes along with their jewellery and pawnbroking business. By 1670 they issued receipts in the form of promises to pay the bearer which, when they came from reliable jewellers, could be used as a substitute for money. These and similar receipts from tradesmen and banks continued to be circulated until the 1920s when the Bank of England, founded in 1694, finally became responsible for all paper money.

THESE innovations took a long time to penetrate country districts; by 1750 there were less than a dozen banks outside London. Then, local banks rose from the ranks of local merchants who, by issuing notes that were readily accepted by the business community, made vital contributions to the Industrial and Agricultural Revolution. Some of them prospered remarkably; for instance Sampson Lloyd, founder of Lloyd's bank, was a member of a firm of ironmasters in Birmingham.

WITH money, especially paper money, becoming more plentiful, the people of Thurlestone had to decide how best to make use of it. Over the centuries, farmers and drovers had taken cattle, sheep and produce to the Kingsbridge market. They would be unlikely to carry much money with them as they were paid when they sold their goods. They then had purchases to make and accounts to settle which might leave them with too much or too little money at the end of the day. There must have been merchants with safes who would be prepared to lend or take care of small amounts.

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### Concluding 'MONEY'

Certainly, we know that there were two banks in Kingsbridge in 1850 namely the Devon and Cornwall Bank with George Fox as manager and the Kingsbridge Joint Stock Bank managed by Messrs Hurrell and Lidstone. In due course they and other private banks were absorbed by the big four. Lloyds was first on the scene, in the late 1800s, and more or less took over banking in Kingsbridge. Barclays acquired and moved into Miss Fellow's hat shop in the 1920s and was followed by the Midland and then, in the 1960s by the amalgamated Nat West.

How much all this banking activity meant to the young men of the district fifty years ago is difficult to judge. Mr. Eric Stidston tells me he did not have much time for them; indeed, he reached the age of 27 before his father started to give him pocket money, Mr Jack Tanner, whose family has run a Draper's shop in Kingsbridge for the best part of 200 years, says that when he had a couple of pounds he wished to put on one side he went to Brittons the drapers at the bottom of Fore Street (recently opened as an insurance agency) where Major Britton would send it off to the Devon and Exeter Savings Bank. Jack was fascinated by a rather formidable looking glazed door just opposite Britton's bearing the words Devon, Wilts and Dorset Bank, but he could not bring himself to look inside.

WHERE does all this lead, we may ask. Is money really necessary? After all, we pay our taxes, rents and rates with cheques. Banks settle their differences with cheques. Bank managers are no long so interested in making the acquaintance of their customers. Credit cards are becoming popular. Perhaps the last bastion for monetary exchange will be those very housewives who like to have a little petty cash to pay for their food and vegetables in Kingsbridge. Once they can be persuaded otherwise, there is every prospect of our becoming a cashless society.

Neville C. Oswald

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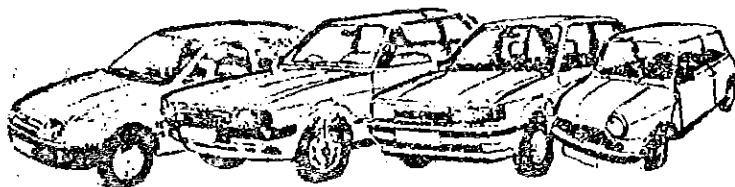
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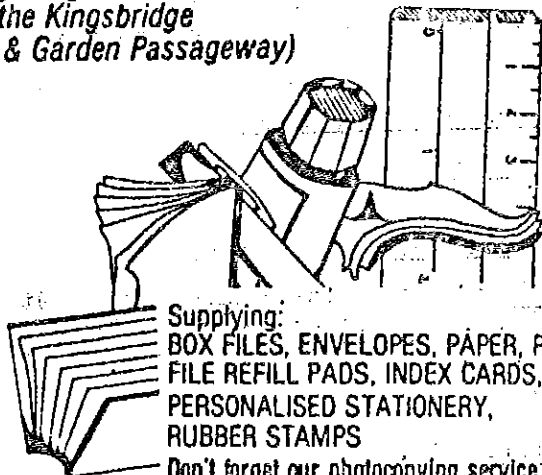
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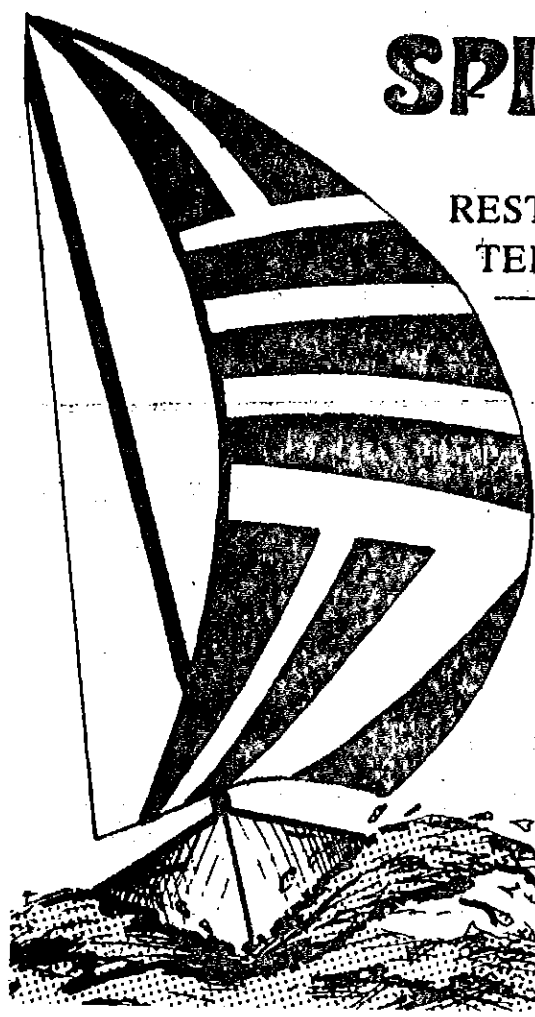
Ah! Yes, I Remember it well. . . . .

Your article on Malmesbury brought back so many memories for me. During the War, Mother, my two sisters, Roma and Dawn and myself, lived and worked in Malmesbury. We girls worked at the E.K.Cole factory situated in an old farmhouse on the road to Little Somerford. We were working mostly on the RADAR system and often had to carry on through the night when there was a rush order. In those days we made all our own fun, and had impromptu concerts, quizzes, etc., during our lunch hour in the Canteen.

We had such excitement when the BBC arrived to prepare a programme called "Workers Playtime", and I was thrilled to be part of the show which went on the air "live" as they say. Well I remember too, hearing the planes overhead from Hullavington and Lyneham aerodromes.

My mother was born and lived in Malmesbury, as were her parents and grandparents. Incidentally, Mother's maiden name was Dorothy Daisy May Type, and although I have done no research on it, I have never come across that surname! Her parents, for many years were the soloists in the Messiah, performed in the Abbey, as were one or two of my Aunts. (I climbed the roof of that beautiful building many many times.) My grandfather used to have an American organ in his bedroom that he used to play most every day. It was lovely to hear.

Years ago, there was a silk factory in Malmesbury. I still have a snapshot taken of me at about 4 years old, taken in Bird Cage Walk alongside the Abbey. I was dressed in a frock made of Malmesbury silk by my Mother. I wonder what happened to that industry? There is much I could recall - but I will just say 'Thanks for the Memory'.  
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						3	5	6	13	17					
1. Nick holed No 6 in one, but not on Friday	HARRY														
	JACK														
2. Ladies' day is Wednesday	LAURA														
	NICK														
3. Harry Fyle didn't hole No 13 in one or play on Thursday.	SANDY														
	MONDAY														
4. He who holed in one No. 17, did it on a Friday	TUESDAY														
	WEDNESDAY														
	THURSDAY														
5. Laura holed in one No 3, before No 13 was holed in one, but not by Jack.	FRIDAY														
	3														
	5														
	6														
6. Loosnam's tee shot finished in the hole on No. 5, but not on Tuesday.	HOLE														
	13														
	17														

7. Sandy was neither Player or Waldo, and Waldo didn't sink No 6 in one.

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I feel sure a great many of you will have read and studied the contents of the large glossy booklet issued by Devon County Council 'Devon in 2001'. Much of it tends, I think, to be a reiteration of the original Structure Plan and can, in the main, be treated as yet a further up-dating of that document. How many more are we going to need? Think of the man-hours and expense!

'Devon in 2001' puts forward 'estimates' of the future population of Devon and where to house the forecast increase. Looking to the future they now think that during the period 1986 to 2001 the population of Devon as a whole will increase from 979,000 to 1,085,000 - an estimated growth of 106,000 people. As the booklet states this will bring new demands for housing and jobs, will mean greater car ownership and pressure on the environment and, of course, new housing calls for school places, enhanced social services, technical education and training and community facilities - hospital beds, doctors, nurses, dentists, chiropodists, shopping facilities, and a matter of very considerable concern, water supply, sewerage and waste disposal.

How far can the experts who produce all these Plans be relied upon? We know well enough in this parish that for many years 'experts' of the Water Authority and the South Hams District Council, constantly assured us that our sewerage system was 'totally adequate for all development in hand and projected', until, at long last, tests were carried out under an EEC Directive when the Leas Foot beach sewerage outfall area consistently failed all those tests and was proved to be the most sewage polluted of all South Hams beaches, thus at last vindicating the simple 'amateurs' of our Parish Council who had for many years complained of the totally inadequate system of sewage disposal which was constantly further over-loaded by every new dwelling granted planning consent.

The only conclusion to be drawn from that drawn-out episode is - never trust the 'experts'. They merely put forward what is expedient - to them.

In '2001' you read: "It is easy to overlook the fact that the appearance of the Devon Countryside is predominantly man-made, the result of thousands of years of efforts." If what our local 'planners' and their committee have advocated and approved in this village should they not now begin to consider what the place is going to look like in another thousand years. For what they have already done there are various answers - none of them polite!

You will note '2001' says: "A careful balance is required between the need to assist the rural economy and the importance of protecting the landscape." Can you square such a statement with the consent to erect four blocks of flats in a prescribed area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, adjacent to the Coastal Protection Area and overlooking the Heritage Coast a few hundred metres distant. I wonder what they might say to that in another hundred years - let alone a thousand!

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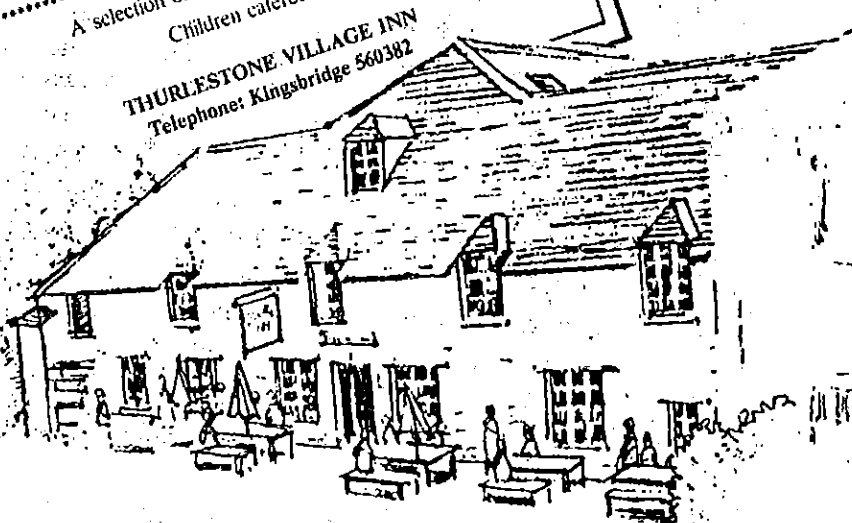
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"The fact that Devon is an area of great natural beauty and also a centre of tourism means there are certain types of development that are not suitable. Such large sites must, therefore, be protected from inappropriate or piecemeal development."

Where are all these additional people going to be housed and to what extent are rural communities going to be affected? This is a very vital factor. The Structure Plan gave an estimate of 400 new houses in the 'Kingsbridge Area' - '2001' adds a further 200 - making a potential of 600 additional homes. The Structure Plan estimate for the 'Plymouth Area' was 5,600 - '2001' now adds a further 3,400. Perhaps one is left wondering what the next Structure Plan 'up-date' will come up with.

Your response to 'Devon in 2001' had to be with the County Engineer by the 31st. January 1989 but one has to remember that planning development proposals in the South Hams are a matter for the South Hams District Council. One must do more than hope that if development of a kind not considered acceptable to our parish is proposed by the 'Planners' - or any other parish for that matter - the elected representatives of the communities - our District Councillors and our County Councillors - will not permit the people they appointed to ride rough-shod over the parish communities. It would not be unreasonable, this being County Council Election year, to ensure that whomsoever you vote for is fully aware of your response to '2001'.

The booklet tells us "the people of Devon own more cars than in many parts of the country." This is, of course, the reason why our public transport is so thin on the ground, and I would guess - for all these 'Plans' over the past couple of years or so lead me to feel a guess is as good as an estimate - that if all this additional population invades all the already extensively visited sectors of our area favoured by tourists, there will surely be a lot less tourism than at present - if only from the increased frustration of getting down here and finding nowhere to park when they do!

'Devon in 2001' tells us: "There can be few people living in Devon who would not agree our most precious asset is the quality of our natural environment." It continues "In Devon there already exists a wide range of environmental policies relating to its landscape. . . . not simply to protect and conserve its heritage, but to contribute to the enjoyment of residents and visitors." I would only say that if you consider what has been done in Thurlstone village has protected and conserved the landscape I suggest you take a walk on Bolberry Down and look across at Thurlstone. What you see looks like a glorified, but very orderly, caravan site. Sorry, but it does - and I know numerous people who think so, too.

It does seem to me that if the elected councillors do not prevail against the people they appoint and employ, parishes must be given something better than a vocal or written protest. Developers have the right to appeal against the decision of the planners - parishes must be given the same right - and if their own Government will not put the necessary amendment to Planning Regulations through Parliament - then by joint effort they must go to the requisite department of the European Common Market against this quite appalling injustice of their being utterly helpless against the present all-powerful decision makers at District level. At present, once the planners decide - that's it. One has to wonder sometimes, why they even bother with a Planning Committee who so often seem to be as irrelevant as the recommendations of a Parish Council.

These are entirely the views of 'Villager'

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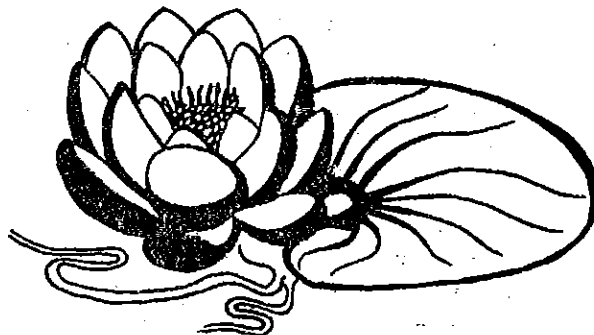
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# Thurlestone & West Buckland Women's Institute 1928 - 1988

...by VAL BROWN

## PART 2

### The 50's

The following is an extract from a letter dated 23rd January 1950 from the Parish Council:

Following requests that a Branch of the Devon County Library be started in the Parish Hall, my Council have tried without success to find a suitable person to act as Librarian, and I am instructed to ask if there is anyone in the Women's Institute who would be willing to undertake this work .....

Mrs Playden and her helpers took on this task, every Wednesday evening between 6 and 7 (pm)

1951 Evening Meetings were held as an experiment

They were poorly attended

Mrs Dempsey Prowse took on the Parish Hall garden which had already been started and Mr Hillyer kindly gave a quantity of bulbs. Both Mrs R.W. and Mrs Dempsey Prowse were commended for their hard work as VCOs and County elected Mrs Dempsey Prowse as their representative at the A C W W Conference in Denmark.

1953 To commemorate the Coronation in May, the W I presented 2 seats with suitably inscribed plaques to the village and a donation was made to the Lord Mayor of London's Flood and Tempest Relief Fund. To celebrate the Coronation the W I sponsored 'Merrie England' in which nearly all the village took part. By popular demand it played for an extra night. The Producer was Mr William Grose, music was provided by Mr George Kingston. Mrs Phyllis Kingston was in charge of the Dancing.

1955 In April the following letter was sent to Mr A R Cash, Group Secretary & Chief Administrator of the Hospital Management Committee, The Plymouth, South Devon and East Cornwall General Hospital Group at Plymouth.

Dear Sir

The members of the Women's Institutes of the South Hams feel very strongly that an OUTPATIENTS DEPARTMENT at the South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge is much overdue, and badly needed, as there is no proper accommodation for OUTPATIENTS at the present time.

As the General Hospital Group must well know, patients have to wait in a narrow corridor with their backs to a large cupboard from which nurses have frequently to collect linen. Also, there is no proper consulting room for the visiting doctor, and he has to see his patients in the anaesthetics room, or in a Private Ward if one happens to be unoccupied, or even in the General Wards themselves.

The Women's Institute naturally, cannot speak from the Consultant's point of view, but for the patients concerned - 1,124 consultative cases and 1,749 casualty attendances were admitted during 1955 - the existing situation is most unsatisfactory.

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In view of the recent Government announcement regarding new expenditure on Hospitals, and considering that Women's Institute members were largely concerned in the collection of the £8,000 originally intended for an X-RAY Department they feel the South Hams Hospital has been a very poor return for their efforts, and strongly urge your Committee to consider the provision of an adequate OUTPATIENTS DEPARTMENT as soon as possible.

And it was signed by the Presidents of Women's Institutes in the Sea Coast Start and Avon Groups. Members started work on the W I tablecloth presented by Mrs Anderton and designed by her daughter Audrey. A Polish family was adopted and letters were sent enclosing wool with, at Christmas, a parcel.

The following letter dated 10th December 1955 was received from the Parish Council:

At a Meeting of the above Parish Council I was instructed to ask you if you would convey to the members of the Thurlestone Women's Institute the sincere thanks of the Council for the part they played in raising the money to repair the Old Pump House. It is hoped that repairs will be started in the near future.

The following letter dated 20th March 1956 was received from the Parish Council:

At a Parish Meeting I was instructed to express the sincere thanks of the Meeting to the members of the Thurlestone Women's Institute for their generosity in REPAIRING the Old Pump House.

The following is an extract from a letter received from the Parish Hall Committee dated 23rd April 1956:

At a recent meeting of the above Committee a most generous offer was made on behalf of the Women's Institute by Mrs R.W.Prowse. She stated that the cost of altering the stage doors into sliding doors will be met. I also understand that the proceeds of a Jumble Sale on 28th April will buy cups and saucers and that the remainder is being given to the Parish Hall Funds.

On behalf of all the Parish Hall Committee I would like to thank the Women's Institute very much indeed for this most generous offer and also for all the help they have given in the past.

In the 50's Mrs Dempsey Prowse was elected on to the National Consultative Council, she was also elected Vice Chairman of the Devon Executive Committee subsequently becoming Chairman.

#### The 60's

A decade of continuing W I activities. Drama, Concerts, Entertainments, Festivals

winning quite a few

W I Competitions, Group Competitions, Exhibitions. Attending Spring and Autumn Council Meetings.

Annual General Meetings at the Albert Hall

International Days, locally and at Exeter. Bursaries used on Courses at Denman College, Speakers, many and varied,

Notably Mrs Dempsey Prowse on the 'A C W W Conference in Australia'

Outings. Classes in Cookery and Handicrafts. Fund Raising - Oxfam, Freedom from Hunger among many. Supporting a Refugee Family. Garden Fetes. Coffee Mornings.

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THURLESTONE & WEST BUCKLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - 1928-1988 continued:

Sew Chats

W I still supporting the Parish Hall. Money was raised by members for curtains for the stage. Picture Mrs Nan Rumph and Mrs Elsie Brewster on the stage with their sewing machines, and Mr Sid Rumph literally hanging the curtains as they came off the production line. Mrs Doris Tyler's husband made the stage steps. Members helped to run the newly opened 'OVER 60's CLUB' in Kingsbridge by serving tea and biscuits.

A new way of Raising Funds became popular:  
BINGO

A Meeting in 1960 started at 3 pm as members were glued to their television sets watching Princess Margaret's Wedding.

1961 The Mobile Library started to come to the village and Miss Thexton laundered the W I tablecloth.

1964 Devon County W I Golden Jubilee and Field Names were collected as this was a Jubilee Project. A Village Scrap Book was compiled which is now kept in Thurlestone Parish Church. The W I movement supported the Resolution 'that the Cervical Cancer Smear Test should be available to all women.'

The 70's

Throughout the 70's there was correspondence from and parcels to a Tibetan Refugee, and members continued to help regularly at the 'Over 60's Club.' The 70's also heralded the start of Barbecues and Sponsorships for Raising Funds.

1970

A Sponsored Walk ?

Members agreed that we accept Mrs Delves' kind offer of a Coffee Morning in place of the Sponsored Walk. However, Sponsored 'Knit Ins' raised considerable funds for Charity.

Best Kept Village Competition

Each year produces discussion on this subject.

Yet again it got nowhere - so the subject was dropped.

1971 A Bingo Evening raised £33 25p. Beach Cleaning Parties were organised and Yoga Classes set up.

1972 The W I entertained a party of 50 Dutch visitors.

1973 A Village Party and a Beetle Drive were given by W I members and Ploughman's Lunches were tried as a means of raising funds. Waste paper and Silver paper were collected.

1975 The W I movement urged the Government to 'Set up Clinics for the Screening of Breast Cancer.'

1978 Our Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The 80's and our Diamond Jubilee

The Institute is still flourishing: our membership is over 60 and growing. We are proud to have our own VCO: Mrs Pat Macdonald who laundered our tablecloth for us. We are still looking after the Parish Hall and the curtains were bought last year as our Jubilee effort.

Money is still being raised to help the hungry and the needy. In the 80's Hospices have come into being and are willingly supported by Fund Raising Efforts. Many members visit the elderly in local residential homes and are on committees as various as the NSPCC, Oxfam, Guide Dogs for the Blind,

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Cookworthy Museum, Kingsbridge Swimming Pool Appeal, Kingsbridge Show, Parish Hall.

We are still involved and care about matters parochial, local, national and international.

We still do make jam as they did 60 years ago and still have pride in winning a W I gold or silver award in an exhibition. We still do have classes on cooking, but now we learn how to use food processors, freezers, microwave ovens. We still have our handicraft classes but now we learn how to use knitting machines and the latest design of sewing machine side by side with the old crafts. In the early years they made articles for stalls and were pleased to raise £10 for Charity for their efforts. We still do the same but this year we hope to raise at least £500 for the MacMillan Nurses from the patchwork quilt members have been working on for months.

We have changed from the early days, when members were young with young families, but we take this opportunity to thank all those who through the 60 years have kept our W I young in spirit and enthusiasm, and hope when the 100th anniversary is celebrated the then members will look back in the record book and say 'they were a good bunch of ladies in the 80's'.

(Val Brown)

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#### THURLESTONE BOTTLE BANK

You will have seen by now the BOTTLE BANK which was launched on the 14th December 1988. Mr M.C.Hally of the South Hams District Council Technical Services says: " I was approached by the Thurlestone Hotel who were concerned that they were throwing away a considerable quantity of glass. Mr David Grose agreed to provide a site adjacent to the hotel garage and make the bottle bank available to the whole community.

The bottle bank will be taken to Plymouth for emptying along with other banks in the west of Devon and the glass is then taken in bulk to the recycling plant. Every tonne of glass recycled saves 30 gallons of fuel oil as well as raw materials.

Because Thurlestone is quite a long way from Plymouth we need as much glass as possible to make the bank economic. Clear & brown glass will be especially needed. Remove any plastic or metal caps and wash out any jars that have had honey, tomato ketchup or anything else sticky inside. The only glass we can't take is opaque white like a Malibu bottle

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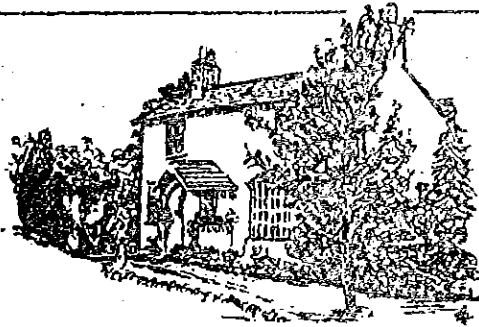
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# Eden Revisited

In Genesis, In Chapter three,  
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Had made a genuine mistake,  
And pointed out the tree of Life,  
Not Knowledge, to young Adam's wife?  
I think that we can all rejoice  
The tree of Knowledge was it's choice.  
That wise old snake said, "Hurry  
Madam -  
Go and give a bit to Adam."  
Our hero didn't turn a hair,  
Remarking, "What a lovely pair!"  
"No, No," Eve cried, "You sexy brute,  
These are the serpent's naughty fruit!"  
With God's instructions quite forgot,  
They both sat down & scoffed the lot -  
Not caring in their Birthday suits,  
Whether they ate forbidden fruits.  
Poor serpent had no good excuse  
And bore the brunt of God's abuse -  
Henceforth from Eden he was banned  
To wriggle prostrate, through the land.  
The Tree of Knowledge (Thank the Lord!)  
Thus saved mankind from being bored  
With life eternal, permanent  
Sitting in God's firmament.

JOHN EVE

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A STUDY carried out by the Freight Transport Association reveals that regular users of London's orbital M25 Motorway can expect to spend 90 hours a year stuck in traffic jams.

Can you imagine if the additional 69,000 houses to be built in Devon by the year 2001 just what the roads around here will be like between now and then?

One can imagine a similar assessment of the time it will take to get to Plymouth!

# Do You Know a CARER

The word has gained a new prominence since the Carers' National Association was formed in May by the merger of the National Council for Carers and their Elderly Dependents and the Association of Carers. What is a Carer? The Carers' own definition is 'anyone whose life is in some way restricted because of the need to take responsibility for the care of a person who is mentally ill, mentally handicapped, physically disabled, or whose health is impaired by sickness or old age.'

We are talking about a personal commitment which can impose great limitations on a carers' quality of life to ensure the continuous care of a dependent person in their own home on a 24-hour-day basis. The carer may have a 168-hour week on duty or on call. If they are lucky they may have up to 4-6 hours in that time to call their own - 'time to be me' as one carer put it.

Is there a carer near you? Tell them about the CARERS National Association. Perhaps they belong to a local carers' group? It is likely to be a group based on the needs of their dependent - for people whose dependents have, for example, Multiple Sclerosis, or Alzheimer's Disease. We are very fortunate in having a number of such groups springing up, and the work they do is invaluable. But CARERS, as a national organisation, is able to speak with one voice for all carers, whatever their age or their specific concerns about their caring role.

There are encouraging signs of care in the community, especially in villages. Devon branches of CARERS would like to encourage these initiatives. If there is not yet any such scheme in your neighbourhood, could this be the 1989 project for your village. CARERS can often advise on how to begin. Exeter branch contact - telephone : 0392 54534.

MARJORIE MINCHINTON writing in the December 1988 issue of the Community Council of Devon VILLAGE GREEN

OVERHEARD: She could win a name-dropping competition against the editor of Who's Who!

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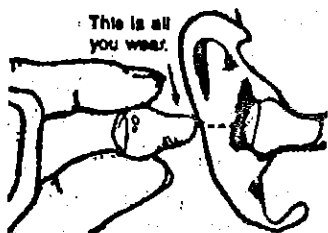
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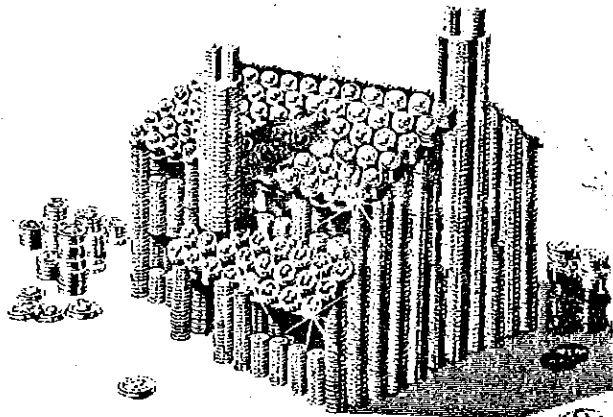
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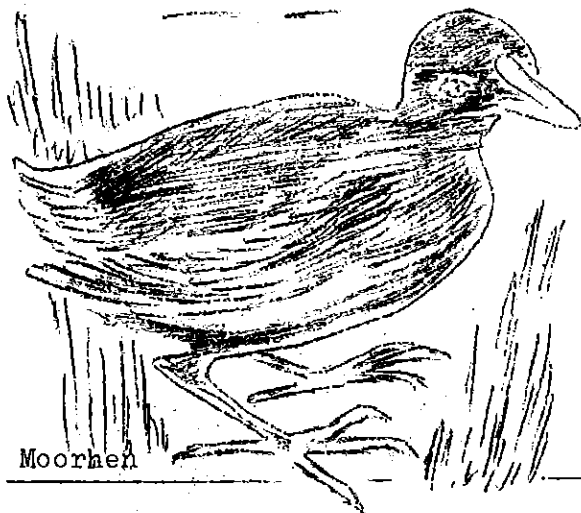
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# The Harry Huggins Column

Some birds have been singing since autumn; Tawny Owls have wailed at night; by day Robins have warbled their soft, silvery-sad winter song, and Songthrushes have been shouting "Pretty Dick, Pretty Dick" - if it says it twice it's a Songthrush !

But soon after Peter the Milk thumps this on your doorstep the sound will swell to a crescendo (I avoid the word "chorus" because the birds will be singing against one another, not in unison): more residents will be tuning up and spring migrants, many of them warblers, will be coming in. Maybe once again we will hear a Grasshopper Warbler in the bushes by the golf club, and one morning Chiff Chaffs which were not there the day before will be chiff chaffing in the little spinneys.

Most of the incomers do not remain with us, but carry on up country. However they often seem to have a little chirp as soon as they come ashore. Perhaps like a good many people they like the sound of their own voices. Not every species sings and why any should is not easy to understand, because it can put a bird in some danger: a little fellow on a song perch runs a **big** risk of being snatched up by a bird of prey. For this reason some sing inside the cover of trees or bushes; others mimic something else, like a toad or frog.

You cannot help feeling that the most evocative song of all, the loud bubbling call of the Curlew which echoes over the moorland breeding places is sung simply because the bird enjoys doing it, or maybe it knows the Curlew girls like it.

However most birds which sing do so for two compelling reasons.

In the first place, a male has to secure and hold territory sufficient to provide a food supply for the brood he hopes to father. Almost without exception only males sing (the experts say female Robins do, to hold a winter territory; being unable to tell a female Robin from a male one I cannot confirm this from my own experience) He does not have to defend his

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HARRY HUGGINS -continued:

patch against other species - each sort of bird exploits a slightly different aspect of a place and therefore different species can co-exist, but he does not want the competition of another family of his own kind, so he sings to warn other males to keep away. If necessary he will follow words with violence - Robins will, at the drop of a hat, or rather the puff of a breast - but usually song is adequate warning.

It is very naughty to do it, but if you tape record a Nightingale singing and then play it back to him, he will almost land on your hat in his rage. You cannot try it, we have no Nightingales.

This territorial instinct has come to the aid of a friend who for many years has nurtured Pied Flycatchers in a wood near Okehampton. They nest in holes in trees, but now that tatty old woodland is out of fashion there are not enough **natural** holes to go round. So he makes and nails up nest boxes. To start with, he spaced them all out nicely and by the time the little black and white Flycatchers arrived from Africa the resident Blue Tits had occupied each and every box. So he took to putting his boxes in little clusters, quite close together. One in each group would get a Blue Tit, and maybe another a Great Tit, but they would treat the whole area as their territories and permit no other birds of their own species to take up residence, so when the Flycatchers came there were still boxes available with vacant possession. Mind, there are still Dormice, which find a nice nesting box a very convenient place in which to doze away the day. But if he finds one when doing his rounds of the boxes he puts it in his pocket and transfers it without delay to a nearby Dormouse box. Having secured a territory the male has then to find a female: attracted by his song she will join him, they will court and a nest will be built; she will lay eggs and incubate them - usually he continues singing until the eggs hatch, after which he is required for feeding duties - and they will raise a brood.

All very touching, but of course it is not always as simple as that and there are goings on recounted in the scientific journals which even The Sun would think twice about before printing.

But you just cannot generalise about birds. The cock Bullfinch, who is one of Nature's most splendid, with his pink breast, black head and grey back with white rump, has virtually no song at all. Ah!, I thought, he is so eyecatching he does not need to sing. But then I thought of a Goldfinch which is just as colourful and sings a very pretty song.

You are fairly safe though on saying that colonial nesters do not sing - Rocks and Gulls spring to mind; they can and do make a real racket at their nesting places, but they are not competing there for food because

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HARRY HUGGINS - continued -3-

they forage elsewhere. Indeed, far from seeking to keep their kin away from the food they find, gulls set up a clamour as soon as they come upon a supply in order to summon the others to the feast. But they certainly do not need to sing to warn off the small space they need for a nest - a beak is enough for that.

However Carrion Crows, which nest singly, do not sing either, although their counterparts in Australia and New Zealand, the Bell Magpies, which look exactly like our crows, but are patchy black and white, sing with a melodious bell-like yodelling. It is all very puzzling.

So much for the rudiments of why birds sing. how they do it is not really relevant, except to an anatomist, but as useless information is often the most interesting, maybe I can say a word about it. We speak, and sing with a larynx in our throat. But a bird has no larynx. Instead it has a syrinx, not dissimilar to a larynx, in the tube to its lung, situated just above the lung. But as it has two lungs, and therefore two tubes, it follows that the bird has two syrinxes, each of which can make sounds independently of the other. A bird can therefore sing a duet with itself - you can detect the two melody lines in a Robin's song. We all know people who can continue talking while breathing in: just think what they could do with two syrinxes!. How do you get to learn which bird sings which song?

As always in birding, a friend who knows a bit more than you is a great help. We learned mostly the hard way, by hearing a song and looking to see what made it. Blackbird, Songthrush, Chiff Chaff (singing his name) and Willow Warbler (a whimsical little song, in a minor key, tumbling down the scale): those are easy. In the case of the last two their song is the only sure way to tell them apart, and just do not believe anyone who says he always knows which is which without hearing them.

The books are very little help. The writers used to try to portray bird song by putting words to it (I read somewhere that all symphonies have rude words to enable the players in the orchestra to remember them - I have always wondered what Ashkenazy is mouthing when he plays a concerto!) In the Handbook of British Birds, written over fifty years ago and still quite unsurpassed in many ways, one song is noted down as "Weeso - sissi weeso - sissi weeso - sissi weeso". If that represents to you the song of a Dunnock, or Hedge Sparrow, the little brown thing with a greyish head which will be singing in just about every one of our gardens soon, then you are more preceptive than I am.

The new series, Birds of the Western Palearctic, which is supposed at great length and cost to be superceding the Handbook, uses sonograms. To produce a sonogram, the field worker records the song of the bird on tape. With the aid of some marvellous modern device, made doubtless in Japan, the laboratory then prints the tape on to paper. Obviously each squeak and chirp appears separately, going up or down, like notes of music do, and as each sound usually consists of a number of elements it is likely to be shown as a number of lines one above the other. They tell me a sonogram gives a very good impression of a bird's song. But it does not do any more for me that "weeso - sissi weeso" does. !

A good many years ago we bought the set of gramophone records brought out to accompany the Peterson Field Guide, fourteen of them, giving the sounds of nearly every bird in Europe. I use the word "sounds" advisedly, because in addition to songs there are alarm calls and flight calls and various other chirps and burps - it is reckoned that the Great Tit makes over eighty different noises. Admittedly for some birds these records are not of much help, but for most they are very useful. The content of the records is now available on cassette, and there are other cassettes, less comprehensive but cheaper than the £100 or thereabouts which the full Peterson set costs.

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# Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show

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The Horticultural Show Committee would like it to be known that, contrary to popular belief, there is no such organisation as the 'Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Society' ! The Annual Horticultural Show (held in Thurlestone one year and South Milton the next) is run by a small committee of people from both parishes. This committee's only function is to organise a SHOW annually, and a Show fund-raising effort during the year.

Take heed, therefore, you gardeners, cooks, flower arrangers and crafts-persons who have not been exhibiting at the Show because ... "you don't belong to the Society..." - our Show is open to EVERYONE resident in the two parishes.

With this in mind, please let us know if there is any class you would like to see in the village show this year, and we will do our best to oblige. Ring Pat Macdonald, 560436. The date for the Show is Saturday August 5th 1989, 2.30 p.m. at Thurlestone Parish Hall, so put it in your new diary now !

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POST BOX

The Editor  
Village Voice.

I was most interested to read about the tremendous work done in the early years of the W.I. Particularly the splendid efforts in war time.

What surprised me was to read that £7.2.6. was raised towards the X-ray Unit at the Cottage Hospital.

44 years later money is still being raised for this very worthwhile and necessary piece of equipment. Is this still part of the same scheme ? - or has money been raised previously and, if so, on what has it been spent ?

(Name and address given)

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HARRY HUGGINS - Article concluded: from previous page

The cassettes are better, in that you can take them and a small player into the field or on holiday, where you can hardly cart a record player and its speakers. However you do it, getting to know bird songs and calls is well worth while for it adds to your enjoyment and helps you find many a species which otherwise you would not have located.

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LIVER is both nutritious and inexpensive, but for many people it conjures up visions of school meals, when pieces of what looked and tasted like old shoe leather was served up !

With this in mind I was always trying to find new ways of cooking liver. This is one of them -

### LIVER WITH ORANGE

Serves 4

1 tablesp. Cooking oil  
a knob of butter  
1 large Onion, peeled and finely chopped  
1 garlic clove crushed with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teasp. Salt  
1 lb Lambs liver, sliced.  
Flour for coating. Ground Black Pepper.  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint Chicken Stock.  
2 teasp. dark brown soft sugar.

To Finish: 2 Oranges, peeled, pips removed and sliced into rings.

Heat the Oil & Butter in a large frying pan. Add the onion and garlic and fry gently for five minutes or until golden. Coat the liver in flour seasoned with the pepper to taste and add to the pan. Brown gently on all sides, then gradually stir in the stock. Add the sugar and bring just to the boil stirring constantly.

Lower the heat and simmer gently for 10 - 15 minutes or until the juices from the liver run faintly pink when it is pricked with a fork. Add the orange rings a few minutes before serving. Heat them through and adjust the sauce for seasoning.

Transfer to a hot serving dish, arranging the oranges on the top and sprinkle with chopped chives or parsley. Serve immediately.

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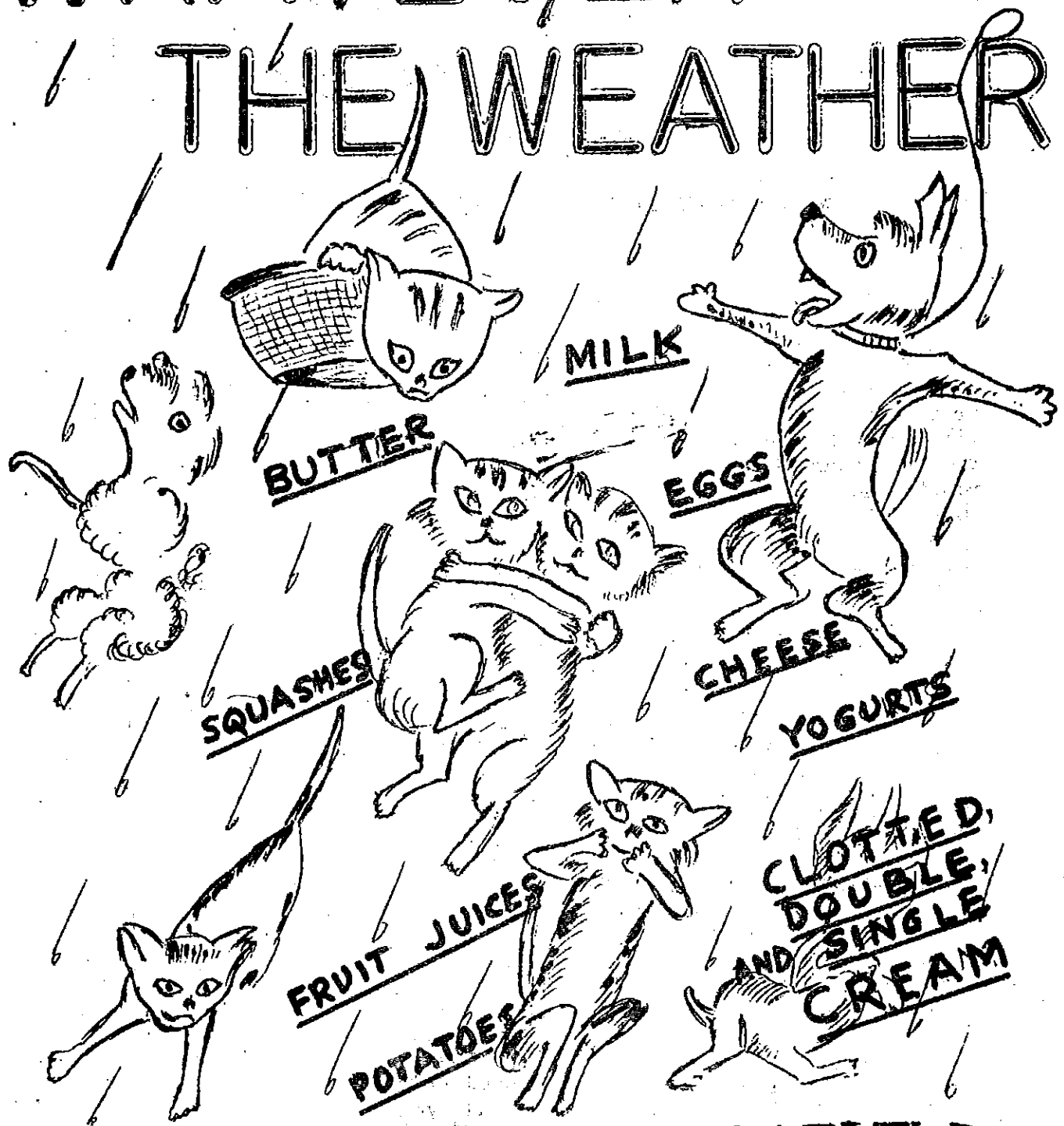
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# The Two Glasses

There were two glasses filled to the brim,  
On a rich man's table, rim to rim.  
One was ruddy and red as blood,  
And one was clear as the crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to his paler brother:  
"Let us tell tales of the past to each other;  
I can tell of banquet, and revel, and mirth,  
Where I was king, for I ruled in might;  
For the proudest and grandest souls on earth  
Fell under my touch, as though struck with blight,  
From the heads of kings I have torn the crown;  
From the heights of fame I have hurled men down.  
I have blasted many an honoured name;  
I have taken virtue and given shame;  
I have tempted the youth with a sip, a taste,  
That has made his future a barren waste.  
For greater than any king am I,  
Or than any army beneath the sky.  
I have made the arm of the driver fail,  
And sent the train from the iron rail.  
I have made good ships go down at sea,  
And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me.  
Fame, strength, wealth, genius before me fall,  
And my might and power are over all.  
Ho, ho! pale brother," said the wine,  
"Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the water-glass: "I cannot boast  
Of a king dethroned, or a murdered host,  
but I can tell of hearts that were sad  
By my crystal drops made bright and glad:  
Of thirsts I have quenched, and brows I have laved;  
Of hands I have cooled, and souls I have saved.  
I have leaped through the valley, dashed down the mountain,  
Slept in the sunshine, and dripped from the fountain.  
I have burst my cloud-fetters and dropped from the sky,  
And everywhere gladdened the prospect and eye;  
I have eased the hot forehead of fever and pain;  
I have made the parched meadows grow fertile with grain.  
I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill,  
That ground out the flour and turned at my will.  
I can tell of manhood debased by you,  
That I have uplifted and crowned anew;  
I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid;  
I gladden the heart of man and maid;  
I set the wine-chained captive free,  
And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other,  
The glass of wine and its paler brother,  
As they sat together, filled to the brim,  
On a rich man's table, rim to rim.

This 'Parlour Poem' was written by ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, who was born in America in 1850. Perhaps some of her morals might well be useful in 1989 !!



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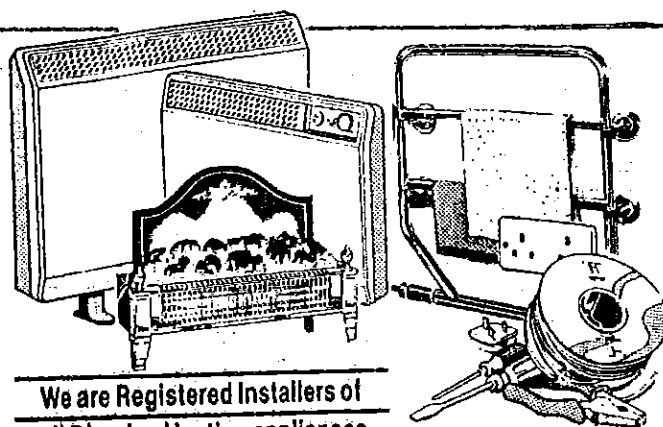
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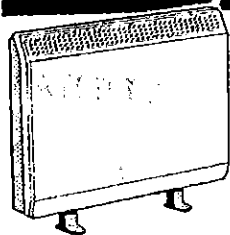
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do we just assume 'Someone Else' will volunteer ?

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Now there has to be somebody who takes responsibility for organising, for making sure each 'helper' is available, money collected, new 'customers' included on the list, and so on. For over the past five years Miss Rosemary Stocken has accepted this responsibility but now wishes to 'stand down'. Knowing Rosemary there would be no question of her 'handing in her cards' until 'Someone Else' comes forward to take over, for over the years Rosemary has done a great deal of 'caring' in this community. Would you be willing to give a little of your time and effort and take over from her? Your reward could be the smile of grateful thanks you could expect from these dear good people, and, let's face it, who knows when such a service might one day be a godsend to ones-self.

If you would care to contact Rosemary Stocken please phone any evening - 560257.

Incidentally, each driver delivering meals is asked to give up his/her time only once per month. If there were more volunteer drivers it would be possible, says Rosemary, to supply meals 5 days a week instead of only 3 - and if there is anyone who feels they could cook Meals on Wheels any Wednesday during school holiday periods it would take the pressure off the existing 'home cooks'. This attracts remuneration ! Please, don't assume 'Someone Else' will volunteer. If you want to know all about it - 560257 is the number (any evening).

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An elderly lady went into a bookshop, and pointing to a well known Swedish one volume encyclopaedia called "When, Where and How", whispered to the assistant: "Is that one of those pornographic books"?

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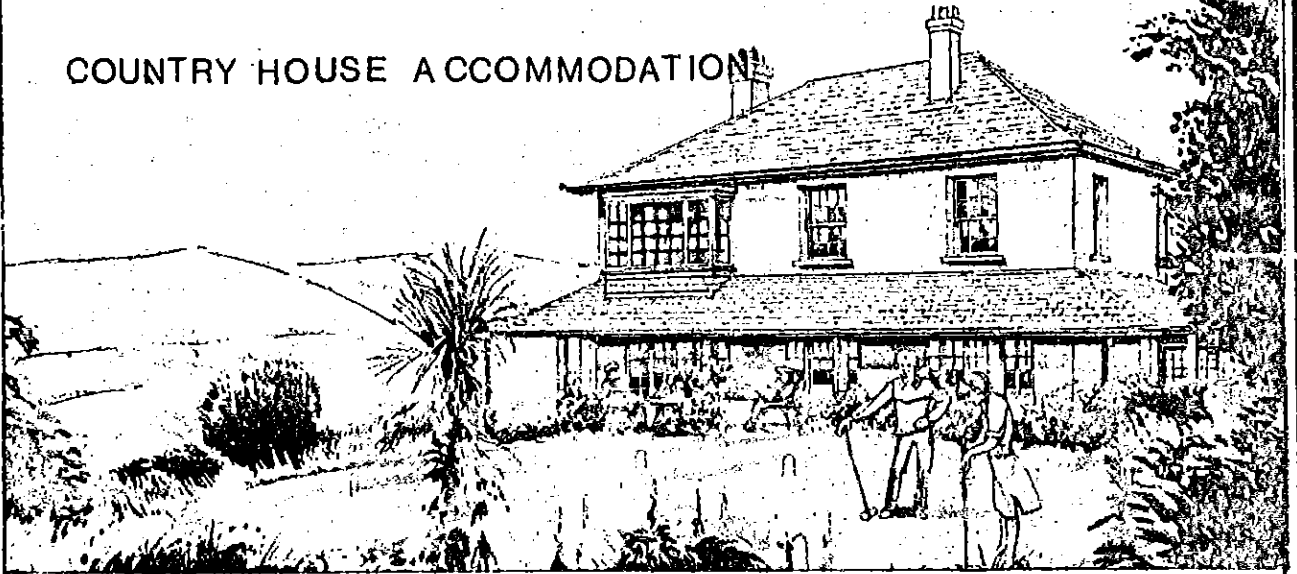
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that particular jigsaw all over again, that doesn't  
mean that someone else wouldn't like to try it.  
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### THURLESTONE PROBUS CLUB.

ON FEBRUARY 2 we held our annual Ladies' Evening at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove. Indications from members suggest that the ladies felt the evening a great success and suggested that next year's dinner be held at the same venue.

On February 10 we had our AGM at the Thurlestone Hotel and some 30 members attended. Geoff Wilkinson was voted in as Chairman with Bruce Mackay as Vice-Chairman. Tony Bexant was appointed Treasurer. With Ron Nabarro joining the General Committee, other appointments remained unchanged.

Our next meeting will be on March 10 at the Thurlestone Hotel. The speaker will be Captain Robinson, the Executive Officer at Britannia Naval College.

D.M.Yeoman. Hon.Secretary (560300)

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### CHRISTMAS CARDS.:

If anyone still has any Christmas cards they think are too good to throw away, then Veronica White of 7, Crosslands (560236) would like to have them for the Cheshire Homes. Make a note of her address for next Christmas!

And while on that subject, the Cheshire Homes would like the ordinary stamps off your letters too. Please cut them off with about a quarter-inch clear all round, and give them to Mrs.White too.

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### THURLESTONE PARISH HALL.

The AGM this year will be held on May 15 commencing at 7.30. That's the time for all those who pass comments during the year to come and have a say in how they feel the Parish Hall can best serve the Community.

Bookings are improving with receptions and parties increasing well, but when you come to the Hall please, ladies, please do NOT WEAR STILETTO's. They are causing untold damage to the floor, which only recently cost £800 to restore. In future organisers of events will lose their deposits if this request is ignored and damage caused at their particular functions.

Don't forget the AGM on May 15. Let the Committee hear your comments - they will be listened to and acted upon.

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