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Some things never change. Water privatisation is now largely forgotten - except by those fortunate enough to follow Village Voice's tip to buy the shares - and though you can't believe it now, the poll tax will soon cease to be a top talking point as other scandals crowd it out of our brains' floppy discs of memory.

But some things never change. Take the rivalry between the two villages of Thurlestone and South Milton. That is never forgotten. Today it's all quite friendly, or so we think. Nowadays we lend them our Rector on a semi-permanent basis and they lend us their church while our organ is being pulled apart and replaced with a keyboard near the door. Why we even let them have our horticultural show every second year as you'll see if you look across at the page opposite.

Therefore it was with some surprise that we discovered that all was not perfect in this garden of Eden for it seems that some South Miltonians are quite serious in their attempts to hijack Thurlestone Rock and Sands. They have, of course, been encouraged in this by the foolishness of the National Trust in calling their bit of the beach South Milton Sands, thus flying in the face of all written evidence including the Domesday Book. They even continue to do so despite having to send out maps of their domain clearly marked Thurlestone Sands, as you will see as you turn further into this issue and see their letters in our "Postbag" section.

None of this would really matter all that much if it were not misleading some South Miltonians into even more extreme actions. Did you know that they have been trying to get all local road signs changed to put South Milton Sands on the map? Fortunately, so far as we can see, they have failed. What ever next?

Let no one underestimate the depth of local feeling on this issue. Hands off our Rock, cry we! "Brave every shock like South Milton Rock"? No, no that can't be right...

COMMUNITY CHARGES IN THURLESTONE

PERSONAL COMMUNITY CHARGE

The Personal Community Charge payable by most Thurlestone Parishioners will be £332.58 for the year 1990/91, made up as follows :-

<u>Attributable to</u>	<u>£ per annum</u>	<u>equivalent £ per week</u>
Devon County Council	289.81	5.57
National Safety-net Pool	6.82	.13
South Hams District Council	31.30	.60
Thurlestone Parish Council	4.65	.09
TOTAL PERSONAL CHARGE	£332.58	£6.39

Investigation of the most complex regulations with the District Council's Treasurer and his Assistant Director, as well as by correspondence with Mr. Anthony Steen, MP., and in turn with the Department of Environment Minister, indicates that a number of Parishioners will be eligible for relief in some way or other, notably :-

a). TOTALLY EXEMPT.

Certain categories of persons are totally exempt, such as :
 Young persons over 18 who are still at school,
 Patients in residential care homes,
 and Mentally handicapped persons.

b). PARTIAL RELIEF.

Persons with very low incomes may be entitled to obtain reductions of up to 80% of the Charge, depending upon personal circumstances, provided the accumulated savings (excluding the value of their home) of the one or two chargepayers does not exceed £8,000 in total. Applications for this relief should be made to the S.H.D.C's Treasurer's Department at Follaton House, Totnes, TQ9 5NE. (Telephone 0803-864499 extension 163).

c). TRANSITIONAL RELIEF.

There have been some public statements that at least during the first three years of the new Community Charge system, ratepayers need pay no more than £3 per week (£156 a year) extra to their former rate liability. It has been less publicised that such transitional relief will apply only to ratepayers residing in properties having very low rateable values, namely BELOW £40 for a single occupier, and £145 for two or more persons. This relief will be phased out over three years, and eligibility involves calculation of a complicated formula governed by two basic factors set by the Government, i.e.,
 an Assumed Rate Poundage for 1989/90 of £234.88
 and an Assumed Personal Community Charge of £248.90 for 1990/91.

Example for two persons whose residence has a rateable value of £105.

Domestic rateable value £105 x £2.3488 as above	=	£246.62
ADD £3 per week for the couple (3 x 52.)	=	156.00
Assumed Rate Bill	=	<u>£402.62</u>
Assumed Community Charge of 2 x £248.90	=	<u>£497.80</u>
Therefore, Initial Relief will be £497.80 - £402.62	=	<u>£ 95.18</u>
Hence, the normal community charge for the two persons in Thurlestone of 2 x £332.58	=	£665.16
will be reduced by transitional relief of	=	<u>95.18</u>
So the revised charge for 1990/91 will total		<u>£569.98</u>

As mentioned above, the formula means that a single ratepayer living alone will only be eligible for the transitional relief if the domestic rateable value of the home is less than £40.

When applicable, transitional relief should be calculated automatically by the District Council, apportioned over all community chargepayers in the dwelling and shown as a deduction on their bills. Application for the relief should not be necessary.

d). RELIEF FOR ELDERLY and DISABLED PERSONS NOT FORMERLY RATEPAYERS.

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Persons who are : (i) of pensionable age,
or (ii) disabled and receiving incapacity benefit,
or (iii) registered blind
may be liable only to a personal community charge of £156 each in the year 1990/91 provided they were not ratepayers previously and live with two other chargepayers. For example, an elderly lady living with her married son, will probably be liable to pay a community charge of only £156 in the year 1990/91.

As the District Treasurer has no means of identifying such persons, anyone who thinks they meet any of the above criteria should contact his Department at Pollaton House, Totnes, TQ9 5NE (Telephone 0803-864499 extension 195).

SECOND HOMES and HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Double the standard community charge will normally be payable in respect of any second home or holiday accommodation outside one's home. In Thurlestone for 1990/91 that will be £665.16 (2 x £332.58).

If short-stay, self-catering facilities are made available to others for LESS than 140 days, then the double standard charge remains applicable; otherwise the accommodation becomes subject to a business rating, (see below).

If Bed and Breakfast accommodation within one's home is made available for LESS than 100 days during 1990/91, then only the personal community charge remains payable; otherwise a business rating assessment becomes applicable.

BUSINESS PREMISES

Business properties will be charged at the rate of 34.8 p in the £ for 1990/91, based on a revaluation carried out by the District Valuer's Department of the Inland Revenue. His office in Plymouth (Telephone 0752-266641) can advise on the revised value of a business property.

General Notes

The above notes are believed to be accurate, but cannot be guaranteed. Any person wishing to ascertain with certainty their personal community charge liability should contact the District Treasurer's Department (Tel 0803-864499 extension 173).

Thurlestone chargepayers will be aware that the amounts levied by both the District and Parish Councils are lower than those estimated for them by the Government, but the Devon County charge considerably exceeds the central Government forecast.

The Parish Council fixed its charge to produce exactly the same amount of finance (£3,224) as the rate of £0.02p. in the £ levied in 1989/90. Nearly one half of that amount goes to a fund being accumulated to aid the eventual acquisition and creation of a Parish recreation area and playing field, as long desired by Parishioners and included in the Local Plan. The existence of such Fund is an essential pre-requisite for eligibility to obtain from the District and Sports Councils and others, the financial assistance which that project will entail.

The main reasons why the personal chargepayers in Thurlestone will be contributing far more than hitherto towards the costs of the Parish, are because the charges payable in respect of businesses and holiday homes will not even be partially attributable to finance the costs of the Parish Council, irrespective of the significant extent to which the Parish Council has to be concerned with the businesses and holiday homes in the Parish. Accordingly the Council is making representations to Mr. Steen and others for this inequitable situation to be remedied.

13th March, 1990.

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VILLAGER

Spotlights the new marina..misses the swinging Vicar..dishes out some facts..and worries about BT.

YOU'VE ALL HEARD of the Bantham Suspension Bridge, you've all heard of the Thurlestone By-Pass, you've all heard of the Kerse Fly-over, now it is my bounden duty to tell you of the Leas Foot Marina.

It is important for us to consider this as marine experts in the village say it cannot be long - judging by the erosion of the cliffs on the seaward side of the golf course - before the sea bursts through in front of the yacht club, sorry golf club, and provides Thurlestone with the only thing it has been lacking - a nice little port for the yellow wellies.

It will not, of course, be a deep-water port, but the likely depth in the valley floor will float quite large yachts and most small boats very nicely. The present road to South Milton will provide two nice launching ramps after the water comes in.

So it seems that all we are short of is a Harbourmaster and a name for our marina, which will bring a new source of income into the village and provide the golf club with bar takings of a kind which will more than compensate them for the cost of laying out a few new holes to replace those overwhelmed by the sea.

But what shall we call it, what shall we call this important development which will turn houses on the Mead into seaside villas?

Talk in the village is coming down heavily in favour of "Port Stidston" though there are some backers of "Mead Marina" and "Links Lake". A small group of determined golfers favour "Tee-Tee Marina" and one complete outsider insists on "Thurlestone Gulf Club".

However, we must make haste. A decision about the name is urgently required as Saatchi and Saatchi, who have been retained to handle the nationwide advertising campaign, want to finalise the design of T-shirts, sweaters and other memorabilia, such as car stickers and mugs as soon as possible.

Don't let's underestimate what this is going to do for Thurlestone. This will really put us on the map. Picture the summer evening scene with all those yachts tied up neatly in front of the golf club, sorry the Thurlestone Yacht and Golf

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Club as non-members stroll along the quay consumed with envy as they watch the yachties and their elegantly gowned women dining al fresco on board their magnificent sailing machines. Why it will be just like dear old Sant Trop, won't it?

Isn't that an exciting prospect? So exciting in fact that to speed things along Village Voice will pay £5 to any charity you like for the right to publish the best Thurlestone Yacht and Golf Club logo sent to us before the next edition. No members of Village Voice staff or their families may enter. The Editors' decision is final.

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VILLAGER IS not a great one for the social scene. Which is not surprising really for one who lives in a village which is largely in bed before nine. But he does recall dancing one night away in Salcombe not all that long ago. The music which kept him on the dance floor came from a group called "Arabesque". However, it would be wrong really to describe "Arabesque" as a group consisting as it did of just a man at a keyboard and a girl singer. But they really were good. So good that the Marine Hotel in Salcombe used them all the time as their resident "band".

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Doubtless many folk in the South Hams will/the sweet swinging strains of "Arabesque" with fondness. My friend Bill way over in Hope Cove did. So highly did he regard them that he wanted them to play and sing in the evening at a reception after his daughter's wedding this September.

So he rang the Marine Hotel, who informed him with genuine regret in their voice that "Arabesque" was no more. They had broken up because the man had "gone to be a Vicar". The girl, they believed, sings on but weren't sure where.

Now, with recent organ problems at Thurlestone much in mind, I wonder if anyone can tell me more of this strange tale. Does the new Vicar accompany himself on the organ? I wonder where - now that's a Church which will really swing!

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HERE'S ANOTHER competition for you. How many tits can you get at any one time on a single-feeder bird-table? Dudley and Lilian Drabble say they have counted ten on theirs in the garden of their South Milton home. Can anyone beat that?

The record-breaking Drabble bird-table came into being as a result of the garden voucher presented to Dudley by the Parish Council for his "valiant efforts over the years in conceiving, editing and producing our Village Voice magazine". So said the Council in their presentation to him, and added: "The Parish Council thanks you and hopes that despite your official retirement from the Editorship, we shall long be able to enjoy 'Drabblemania' in future editions".

And so, of course, you will. What do you think Dudley is writing as he sits by the window keeping an eye on that splendid new bird-table...you'll find 'Drabblemania' a little further on in this edition...

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VILLAGER CONCLUDES:

REMEMBER Village Voice raised the issue of satellite tv dishes. (We've spotted two in the village already...have you seen any more?) Well now the Parish Council have had a letter of explanation of planning controls over these dishes from Mr.M.S.Carpenter, Director of Planning and Housing of the District Council.

From this letter it seems it doesn't matter whether your home is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a Conservation Area, a National Park, or any undesignated area, you can't put up a dish if the size of it is more than 90 centimetres, which is 35.4330 inches, in any direction. Nor can there be more than one on any dwellinghouse. Nor can the highest part of it be higher than the highest part of the roof. And you would need planning permission if you live in a listed building or in a building containing flats. So now we know.

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I AM WORRIED about British Telecom. I really am. On the latest dialling leaflet sent to me I read: "Please display this leaflet near your telephone or associate it with your Phone Book" Don't they know that now they are privatised they should forget all those bumbly Government words and simply tell us to put it with our phone book?

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I REMEMBER - we continue our series of the memories of
village veterans with ROGER JACKMAN, who
tells how he met a maid called Mabel.

I DO NOT REMEMBER my baptism in Thurlestone parish church in 1909, but I am told that when my name was entered in the register it joined those of my family that had been entered without a break for generations. The first Jackman to be registered was John, who was married in July 1820 to Dorothy Hurrell, a Thurlestone girl whose family can be traced back to the 1600's. John and Dorothy have been followed by generations of Jackmans in the register, right down to yours truly.

The village school in my time was a bit free and easy. We did not learn very much and if, for example, a farmer wanted me to help him for a couple of days in term time, I went and no questions were asked. We never travelled far on holidays, but enjoyed the odd bicycle trip to the cinema in Kingsbridge. Then there was rabbiting that took up a lot of our spare time or we went to the rifle range and billiard room over at Buckland.

When I left school I worked for Mrs. Gold at Kennedys, opposite the Church, as gardener and general handyman and was taught gardening by old Mr. Bill Burgoyne, usually known as "Diddler" because that is the way he finished most of his sentences.

One year the Golds let the house for six months to the Mackenzies, who came down from Norfolk with a cook and a housemaid called Mabel. I regularly went to the village inn to buy gin and cigarettes for the cook, while keeping an eye on the housemaid. Mabel and I soon married and went to live in one of the row of fishermen's cottages below the Sloop at Bantham. I cannot remember after all these years whether I carried her over the threshold, but I do remember that it was all pretty primitive until we sorted it out. We stayed there for 15 years and then moved back to Thurlestone.

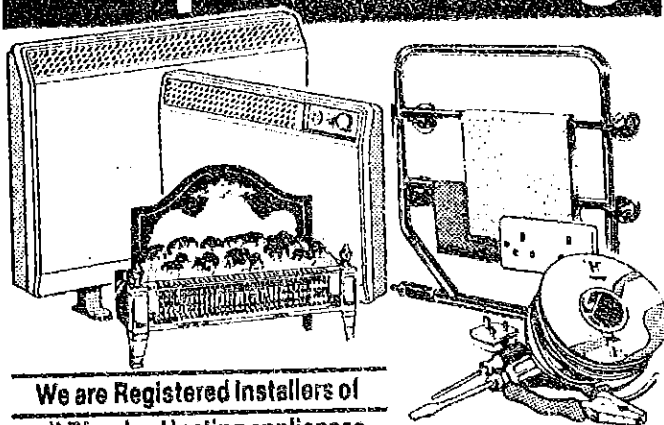
During my four years at Kennedys, my weekly pay rose from ten shillings to twelve shillings and sixpence so when the completed Thurlestone Hotel opened in 1928 and I was offered the princely wage of 32 shillings and sixpence a week as gardener, I went and have remained there ever since.

At first there were five other gardeners, mainly elderly, and we had to keep the hotel supplied with fruit and vegetables. In fields alongside what is now Eddystone Road we had three to four acres of potatoes as well as other vegetables. There was an apple orchard behind the garage and lettuces grew on a plot now occupied by part of the Mead development. The garden in front of the hotel had to be kept smart and to supply flowers for the hotel.

At first too we had few mechanical aids and always looked forward to harvest time when a steam engine called Lord Kitchener arrived to thresh the corn. It spent a day or two at each farm and everybody who went along to help could be sure of a good meal, usually stew from a large pot, and unlimited cider. Over the years the fruit and vegetable gardens have contracted or disappeared and a 9-hole golf course has been laid out. Yet there are still flowers to grace the hotel entrance in the summer months. I have had a good life and could not have asked for more considerate employers during all the time I have worked at the hotel.

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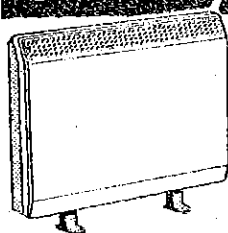
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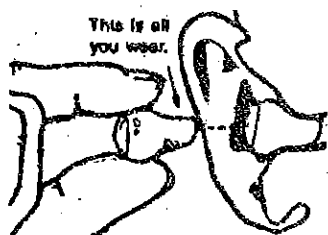
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The Rector Writes

DEAR PARISHIONER,

Well, at last the new organ has arrived at Thurlestone with a few vicissitudes in the process.

Our grateful thanks are due to the installers of the new instrument and also for their emergency removal of the old pipe organ, over which we were very badly let down, by the one who had undertaken its removal and renovation for some other user.

In the event, the old instrument had to be scrapped (although of course much of its pipework survives to sound another day). When, on Monday 19th February, I saw the old organ being virtually torn apart my heart almost failed me. On closer inspection, however, I soon discovered much of the interior to be riddled with woodworm. Some of it would have totally disintegrated in just a few years hence, having wrought untold damage on much of the other church woodwork. Sad as it was to see such craftsmanship go, it went only just in time!

So as to keep the visual impact of change minimised, whilst opening up the Lady Chapel we have managed to keep and put to good use much of the old organ casework with its lovely and challenging inscription:

"Amor non clamour ascendit in aures Deo"

Which may be loosely translated:

"Love, not noise, ascends into the hearing of God"

We hope the very pleasing sounds of the new organ will also be heard and accepted too.

We still have a good way to go with the organ finances. The final invoice has not yet been received, but the estimated total is now £11,500. We have already paid a £2,000 deposit and have £7,000 in the Organ Fund after that payment. Therefore we still need to raise the balance of £2,500. Thank you to all who have already contributed. Any further help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

All Saints Fellowship - for both sexes and both parishes. This has come within a whisker of being discontinued, but at a very well attended and very interesting afternoon given by Miss Erica Knighton on her life as a ballerina, I took the opportunity of "sounding out" those present, and we were assured that

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scnowhere between 12 - 20 would be prepared to attend regularly, and so we will try to continue.

It will be appreciated that to get a competent speaker and have only a half dozen present is disheartening for the organisers and discourteous to the speaker. Please ensure that we are able to keep the Fellowship flourishing by being present. Our meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of the month, September to May in the Rectory Barn at 2.30 p.m.
I hope you have all come through the recent great storms without too much damage to your property and more important without personal injury.

One of the things which encourages me to look forward to retirement - quite a long way off - is the expectancy of no longer being responsible for ancient buildings, a burden I've borne, with lay officers of course, over thirty years. Happily both churches came off relatively unscathed - slates missing but no other damage so far as we can tell at present.

In the Bible the figures under which the almighty POWER of God is described are fire, water and wind. I wonder why!

Sincerely,

PETER S. STEPHENS.

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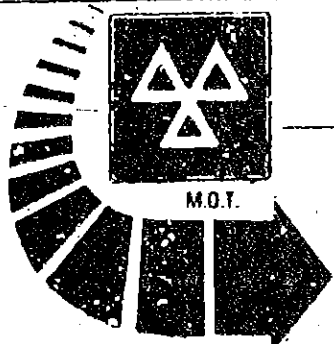
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RIGHT, JACK

the Western Morning News recently announced that Jack Russell fox terriers had finally been officially recognised as a breed by the Kennel Club

So here NEVILLE OSWALD tells the story of these tough little dogs....

JACK RUSSELL WAS A PARSON in North Devon where he held livings at Swimbridge, Landkey and Torham. His long life spanned Victoria's reign and, after his wife died, he spent his last years at Black Torrington.

He rode to hounds for 55 years and was one of the 20 or so parsons who had their own pack. He was gregarious by nature and, in those carefree days, relished his tipple. In time, he became the best known and most widely respected clergyman in Devon. Hunting on most weekdays, he may not have allowed enough time for his routine parochial duties, but he attracted full congregations wherever he went and enjoyed the support of his boss, the formidable Bishop Phillpotts of Exeter.

From time to time he bought likely looking terriers which he thought would help his hounds. He would not tolerate dogs with smooth coats which might derive from a bull terrier and thus be liable to kill foxes which, with so many people hunting, were in distinctly short supply; his own hounds hunted hares.

Nor would he purchase any dogs with short legs, because they could not keep up with the hounds. Indeed, most of his dogs resembled modern wire-haired terriers. He never bred a strain nor did he try to gain recognition of his rather assorted collection, although he was a founder member of the Kennel Club.

He thought of them as a likeable cross-breed which revelled in burrowing down foxholes and were very good at keeping down the rats, which infested corn in his barns. The present Jack Russells are descendants of these tough, hard-working little dogs.

The Kennel Club recommend that anyone wishing to buy one should get the name of a registered breeder from the Club, as too many puppies are being sold as Jack Russells when they are nothing of the sort.

The genuine article, according to Ruth Wilford, secretary of the Parson Jack Russell fox terrier club, should stand 14 inches at the withers, weigh 14 lbs, have badger-head markings, and a spot at the base of the tail. And as Parson Jack himself decreed should have legs as straight as arrows.

So those readers who know where the withers are and what markings there are on a badger's head should have no difficulty in recognising the real thing.

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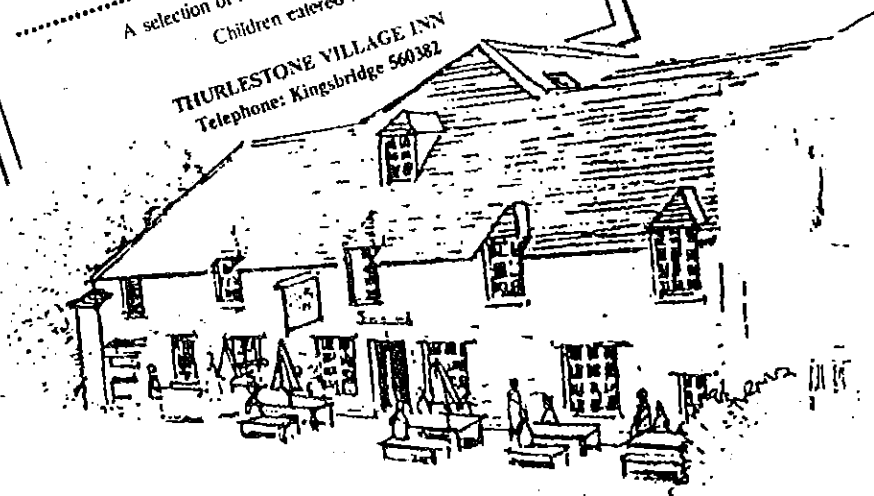
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Latest on the Thurlestone Farm front: An amended plan now with the South Hams District Council shows a bigger entrance to the site than in the original plan. This means that the garages have gone from the front and the part of the barn left will be a village shop. On the new plan one of the five 4-bedroomed houses has also gone.

Latest on the starter homes front: An alternative access route is being discussed.

Latest on the sewage front: Results of the study of Bigbury Bay, sea currents, tidal drift, and so on will be explained by Mr.C.A. Brokenshire, South West Water's Marine Manager and his Project Engineer Mr.Steve Woollard at the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 8. If you ever fancy swimming in the sea again, be there, All, they say, will be made clear...

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Ferocious cannibals captured a poor missionary. He gave them their first taste of religion !

Anon

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The House of Commons starts its proceedings with a prayer. The Chaplain looks at the assembled members with their varied intelligence and prays for the country.

Lord Denning 1989

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Just after dawn on November 14, 1963, a fisherman off the coast of Iceland noticed strange clouds of smoke rising from the sea. Before long, billows of steam, smoke and debris were rising 12,000 feet into the air. Investigation the next day revealed a small island where there had been none before. A submarine volcano had broken through the surface of the sea.

Eruptions continued in the months that followed. By the time they ended, the island covered an area of one square mile and rose more than 500 feet above sea level. Local people named the island Surtsey, after Sutr, the god of fire in Norse mythology.

Thousands of other islands have been formed much as Surtsey was. All of the Hawaiian Islands are the exposed tips of submarine volcanoes, as are the Galapagos, the Azores, the Canary Islands, and many more. But Surtsey remains unique, for it was the first volcanic island whose actual birth was witnessed by humans and recorded on film.

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The Revd. Leonard Birch, who was rector of Hanbury (Hereford & Worcester) 1963-73, recalls that a man called Lord was buried there . His gravestone read: 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended.'

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My Grandmother would often use this little verse:

I must not throw upon the ground a crust I
cannot eat,
For many a hungry little one would find it
quite a treat.

Wilful waste brings woeful want, and I may
live to say:

"How I wish I had that crust which once
I threw away"!

Perhaps in this day and age we could
say: "If nothing is done to control
the wilful waste of our finite
resources our wilful waste must
inevitably lead to woeful want by
the next generation"!

A lady writes me: "After finally finding a parking space, I stood by the
'pay and display' meter searching in vain for the right change. I had
been groping for some little time through my large, disorganised handbag
when a young man walked over. Evidently he had been watching me. "Here",
he said, handing me a coin, "I can't stand it any longer."!

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Whilst no right minded person could possibly deny anyone to choose to
retire here, one must ask "How long do we go on denying the less
affluent younger generation the right to live in, and bring up their
children in a village community." A matter of the right housing, of course!

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Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658) addressing parliament 20th April 1663:

"You have been too long here for any good you have been doing. Depart,
I say, and let us have done with you. In the name of God, go !"

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Is not one of the greatest of menaces to our village environment the
Planners and their Committee - and the developers and their architects?

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It was October 1 when the last of our Swallows departed. They were the
last hatch from a very successful season when two pairs reared three
broods each. As so often seems to happen, the youngsters finished their
flying and navigational training just as a big high pressure system built
up from the south, giving them ideal conditions to fly down the Mediterr-
-anean and on to South Africa to spend the winter. Whilst it seems we
know exactly where Swallow's winter, we have no exact knowledge of where
in Africa our House Martins sun themselves during our short dark days.
Information on migration has been gained by putting rings on the legs of
Swallow nestlings (only by expert authorised persons). This can be done
easily in the open cup of a Swallow's nest, it is utterly impossible
through the tiny entrance hole of a House Martin's home !

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With acknowledgement to Bob Holmes
writing in the Western Morning News.
P.T.O.

WHEN J.C.London - architect and authority on rural buildings, published his 'Encyclopedia of Gardening' in 1822, he listed all the amenities which a good landowner should include in the design of cottages for labourers on his farmstead, advising them to incorporate "a nitch in the wall of the south-east front of the house, to hold two or more beehives . . ."

These niches in walls, or "bee boles" as they are known, were used to shelter the old-fashioned type of straw bee-hives (skeps) from the wind and rain and, although no longer used, they can still be seen in the garden and orchard walls of some old cottages and farmsteads. They are almost exclusive to Britain and more than 800 have been recorded in these islands. In the past, honey was an important commercial crop in many parts of England; in the Middle Ages it was used extensively for making mead, and up to the 19th century many country houses, large and small, continued to keep bees on a much larger scale than is the case today. During this time bee boles came to be widely used. Their dimensions varied quite considerably from place to place, the recess being between 9 and 30 inches deep, and some larger ones had shelves enabling more than one hive to be kept in them. Most are quite simple affairs, but others are very decorative - there are two in the Biddestone area of Wiltshire, for example, which are shaped like little houses with gabled roofs. On large, wealthy estates whole rows of bee boles were often built rather than just a single one.

Not all recesses in walls were made to shelter beehives: in Ireland, for instance, they were used extensively as dog kennels, duck houses or simply as storage places for large pots or tools. In England similar holes in walls around orchards were used for siting braziers to keep the fruit trees warm. It is likely that nowadays some owners of old cottages use these enigmatic-looking holes for storing garden tools and so on, unaware of their original purpose. Some of the larger ones with arched roofs and shelves make attractive sheltered garden seats !

Paul Adams

I told her I had always lived alone - and I probsbly always would,
And all I wanted was my freedom - and she told me she understoof.
But I let her do some laundry - and she slipped a few meals in between.
The next thing I remember she was all moved in - and I was buying her
a washing machine !

As soon as I stepped out of my mother's womb on to dry land, I realized that I had made a mistake - that I should'nt have come, but the trouble with children is that they are not returnable.

Quentin Crisp, 1968.

The modern conservative is engaged in one of man's oldest exercises in moral philosophy, that is the search for a superior moral justification for selfishness.

John Kenneth Galbraith.

OLD BOAT SONG

My days are done and now I lie
beached upon the shore.
My paint is blistered in the sun,
And ebb tides rot my floor.
No more my anchor weighs at dawn
To catch a turning tide !

I chart my memories in the stars,
and log their course with pride!
No master's hand controls my wheel!
No cargo fills my hold!
But, stranger, sigh no sighs for me:
There's peace in growing old.

WHAT'S ON IN THURLESTONE?

Here, guest columnist JACK WOODS reveals all about the

THURLESTONE PARISH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

MANY PASSING the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings may have wondered what activity is causing the bouts of hilarity punctuated with cries of anguish and frustration. No it is not, as some imagine, a Parish Council Meeting. It is, in fact, a Short Mat Bowls evening at which a very representative group from all three villages, as well as from outside the Parish boundaries, get together to enjoy themselves.

What is Short Mat Bowls and why is it so addictive that a number of our members try not to miss an evening? Others aren't quite so enthusiastic, but most evenings attract between eight and 16 players, thus ensuring that we all get in a useful amount of games to prepare us for matches against other South Hams villages.

Very briefly the game is a scaled-down version of the indoor matches you see on TV. Our mat is 42 feet long (the maximum the Hall permits without either demolishing the stage or the Gent's Boo) and 6 feet wide. We use standard size woods and jack. The rules are similar to the "big" game, that is that the one nearest to the jack wins and if you knock the jack off the mat, then, apart from facing the wrath of the assembled company, the game has to be restarted.

To ensure a certain amount of fairness and to discourage the losing side from blasting everything else off the mat, with the last ball (sorry wood) a small piece of timber approximately 15 inches long with an apparent magnetic attraction for the woods is placed in the centre of the mat and this must not be hit at any cost.

We are very pleased to welcome new members of any age, provided they can stand and walk unaided, have a sense of humour, and are able to accept that with all four woods counting your opponent can bowl a wobbler that hops, skips and almost jumps down the mat only to stop resting against the jack. This happens quite frequently, particularly to some of our "better players" if their stories are to be believed.

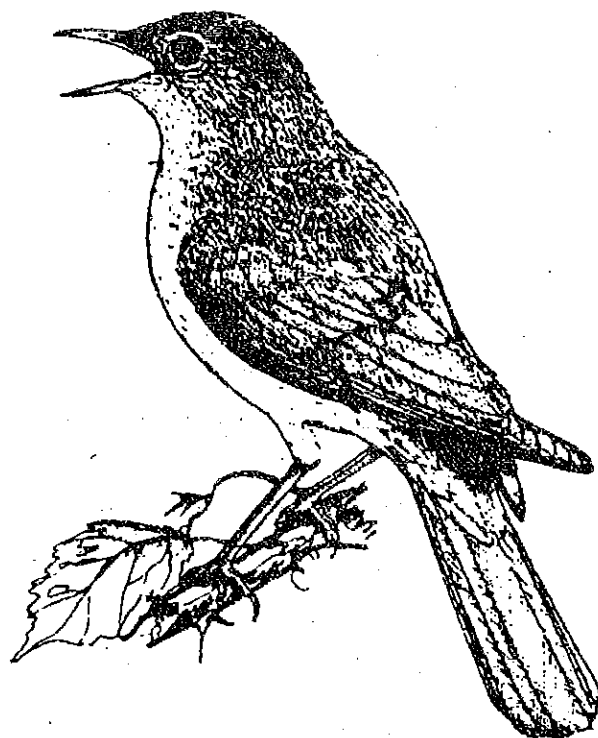
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HARRY HUGGINS

sets out to research Roadford
and ends up in the Harris Arms



WE HAVE BEEN TO SEE the new Roadford reservoir. SWWA tells us that when in use it will help other reservoirs provide us with a secure supply of water, which I take to mean no more yelping about standpipes; I am told they said that when the Avon dam was built, and a nagging little voice says "If you believe it you will believe anything!"

For birdwatchers Roadford is going to be good because it is a lowland lake. They only put the plug in last autumn and already the people who do the monthly count for the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust are finding up to 1,000 ducks.

The reservoirs we could visit hitherto, the ones on Dartmoor, such as Burrator, Fernworthy and Vennford are attractive to look at in their treelined settings. But they are rotten for finding waterfowl and waders: the water is too poor - too clean - to support the plants, insects and things they need for food.

The woods around are fine. At Burrator we see our first Redwings and Fieldfares of the autumn, if it is cold enough to drive these northern thrushes south. At Fernworthy you will see Siskins, little green coloured finches, and Crossbills, which are bigger finches the tips of whose bills overlap. Even above the Avon dam you can sometimes find something interesting - we saw Red Grouse there once. But for geese and ducks and waders these moorland lakes are hardly worth visiting.

If the water authority wants to please me, it can plant more deciduous trees to mask its conifers, like the Forestry Commission does in places.

If deciduous trees will grow! We are told they used to, it is said the whole moor was covered with oaks before the Bronze Age Brits climbed up to it. That was about 1900 BC according to the historians; they add that for most of the 1400 years for which these Brits were there, before deteriorating climate drove them off, conditions were warmer and more benign than subsequently, or now. Obviously the greenhouse effect! One wonders what the dismal jimmies blamed: smelting all that bronze perhaps.

These Brits started to wreck the moor and the process had gone on: we are left with an overgrazed derelict industrial landscape. One feels it is a pity Lady Sayer and her crew did not start making

their fuss 4,000 years ago. I suppose it would be possible to get the trees and the heather to grow again, but that would mean excluding people and every grazing animal. The late Mr. Ceaucescu would have done it, he thought nothing of turning people out of whole areas in which he was interested, but I cannot see modern Brits putting up with it.

A lowland reservoir like Roadford is in richer soil than Dartmoor can provide, there is adequate growth to support what the jargon calls the foodchain, and for the birder it is far more interesting.

When we lived in South Essex we were not very far from Abberton, a few miles south of Colchester. In the late 1940's my interest in birds ran mostly to shooting them and we visited Abberton reservoir not to birdwatch but to fish in it. I am not sure when it was constructed, in the 30's maybe, but there must have been a pike or two in a pond which was engulfed and by the 40's it teemed with them. Somehow my father got a permit for us, which was me, to fish and by casting diligently all day with a spoon spinner and fixed spool reel, I could catch half a dozen fish, which contributed mightily to a tightly rationed diet, bony though small pike might be. My father's contribution was to gaff the fish when hooked, or net them if small.

He had the habit of contributing also in some other way, not always helpful, by getting himself into trouble and on most days he perpetrated some crisis. For example, there was the occasion when he contrived, while picknicking in the car, to pour half a pint of beer down inside his breeches, the waistline of which was rather large. He sprang out of the car and the beer ran down, what was not soaked up by his woolly pants being trapped at his knees by the lacing of his breeches. We had a long way to drive home but that was his problem.

Abberton consists of a large lake shaped like a squashed frying pan. The pan is about three miles long; there is a handle which is an arm of water a couple of miles long and about a quarter of a mile wide. This is crossed by two roads raised above water level on causeways which have smooth concrete aprons sloping down quite steeply to the lake bed. You stood on the apron to cast out and do your fishing.

On one occasion my father had, for some reason, got his wellies muddy and stepped into the water on one foot to kick with the other. Inevitably the concrete underwater being very slippery he lost his footing, sat down, and slid slowly in until he reached equilibrium with the waterline being somewhere between his waist and his armpits. Pleasant, on a frosty January day! There he stopped and remained, he could not get out and any movement slid him further in.

He was one of those people who did not just enjoy bad health, but revelled in it. Several times a week he told us how ill he felt and from the time they were married my mother lived in daily expectation of widowhood. (Needless to say he survived her by a good many years).

On this occasion she had wandered off up the road with the dog; looking back she saw him sitting there and thought he had had the heart failure which he had so often promised us. She said to herself that this was it, now she was to become a widow, she must be calm about it; and she started to walk slowly back to learn the worst. As she got nearer she heard him swearing - for a good five minutes all different, and mostly at me. I was too paralysed with laughing to do anything about fishing him out. Eventually we did extract him, with the landing net I think, although it might have been by hooking the gaff in his braces, and as he declined to change at the side of the road into the dry garments we had taken for just such a



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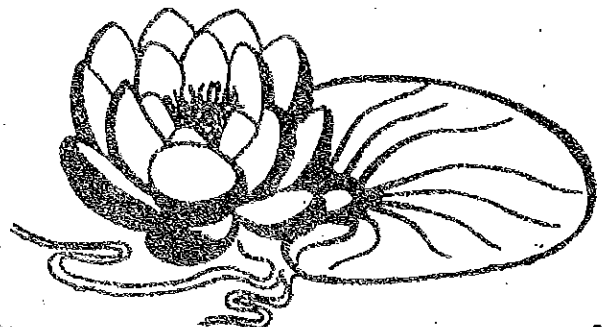
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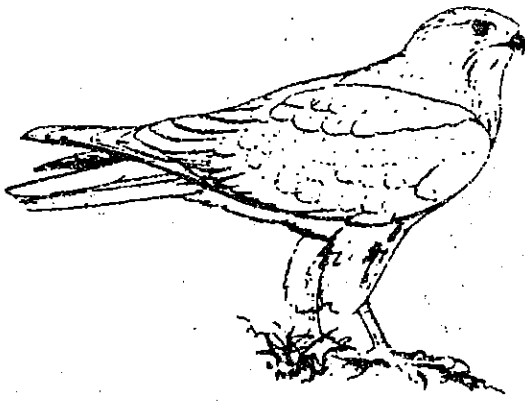
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contingency, once more a day out was aborted.

Later, my masters, in their wisdom, sent June and me to North Essex, where we became fervent birders, and used to visit Abberton almost weekly during winter. Not summer, every weekend was spent sailing, from Friday evening to Sunday night - to avoid the day trippers of Clacton-on-Sea and those people who were apt to wander round to the house at weekends just to discuss some little matter like they wanted to

borrow £200,000 to buy something and the auction was on the following Tuesday. If we were away on the boat it just did not happen.

But most weekends we did our reservoir run - in the winter that is. First to Ardleigh, a newer lake just north of Colchester, good, but not as good as Abberton. Thence to the latter. There is a service road all round the pan part, but you had to be one of the favoured few to get a permit to go on that and we were not favoured. We did not need to be, the two roads which crossed the handle were quite sufficient for us. We just sat in the car and watched - birding at its best!

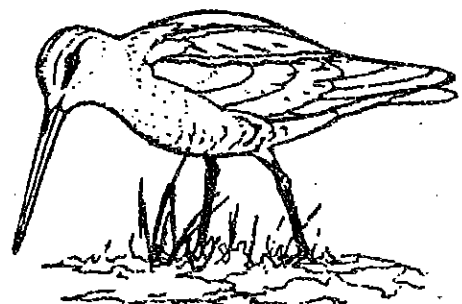
In due season there were Black Terns, white in winter but wholly black in breeding plumage. No longer do they nest in Britain, draining the wild wetlands finished that, but we saw them on passage. Sometimes there was a White Winged Black Tern, a very rare vagrant from Eastern Europe. There were Ruffs, Curlew Sandpipers (like Dunlins, with more curved bills). Once there was a Dowitcher, an American wader, like a cross between a Snipe and a Greenshank. Masses of ducks came - Goosanders, which are the big ones with toothed bills, Snews, the smaller ditto, the list is endless. Abberton is the best birding water in Britain, the equivalent in the league table of Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool.

The joy of the place was that the birds were so tame. No one shot. People used to come at weekends with bags of bread to feed the ducks, like they do the gulls at Kingsbridge. The Mallards teemed of course, and what was good enough for them was good enough for the rare ones too. Once there were Bewick's Swans, the ones you go to Slimbridge to see; not even the late Sir Peter Scott ever got to see them on their breeding grounds in arctic Russia. I started filming them when they were across the lake, thinking these wild things would never come nearer. But they did, they swam to the side of the road where everyone was parked, stamped up the apron and stuck their head through the wire fence for bread!

Coachloads of birders on outings would appear, fight to get out of their coaches, and run up and down shouting about the wild geese they could see, swimming about or standing on the causeways - rare Bean Geese, Greylags, Barnacle Geese, and once an Egyptian Goose, a strange thing which you have to go to Trago Mills at Newton Abbot to see!

I have gone on a bit about Abberton for that is how Roadford will be. It will never be quite as good, because much of it will be deep whereas Abberton, in flattish Essex country, is shallow. But it will do us birders very nicely thank you.

We reckon that from Thurlestone it takes about an hour and a



CONCLUDING HARRY HUGGINS:

half to get there, at the speed at which we trundle along. The gentleman whose directions we followed wrote go to Tavistock and take the Chillaton road. I do not know if you have ever taken the Chillaton road out of Tavistock. We had not before, nor did we find it then, although June saw it as we came home, in the middle of the town and as steep as the side of a house. So we went on the Launceston road and turned right a little way beyond Lanerton; that road took us to Chillaton and somehow we found our way to Portgate, on the A30. You cross that, dacing with the traffic coming both ways, and after half a mile of a little road you find yourself on a fairly broad construction road which leaving Broadwoodwidge on the left takes you to the dan and car park, with loos, closed of course. We can send a satellite to the outermost planets, but it is beyond anyone's wit to design a loo which is frost and vandal proof.

In fact the simplest way to go, we realised, is straight up the A386 from Tavistock, cut across to Bridestowe, and west along the A30 until you find the right hand turning at Portgate. It is small but the Harris Arms on the left-hand side opposite helps you find it. This is a rather battered-looking establishment with "16th Century Inn" painted on it.

In the past I have been taken to task for recommending various dens of iniquity where one can be led astray by the demon drink. But birding can be a cold and hungry business, and it would not do for any reader to risk starvation and hypothermia. For this reason therefore the Sloop is advocated for the Giant Cod and the Ebb Tide for its oggies.

So when we conducted our researches in the direction of Roadford, as it was felt necessary to recommend somewhere to replenish the inner reader, and as it would never do to recommend anywhere without having sampled it, we went into the Harris Arms. I do not know what it is like in summer when traffic is nose to tail down the A30, but in winter it was cosy and full of jolly country people. We had Sunday lunch, roast pork, all we could eat, no room for a sweet, £3.25. And I can recommend the beer!

THURLESTONE PROBUS CLUB.

Our AGM was held at the Thurlestone on February 9 with 37 members attending. Geoff Wilkinson, our Chairman for the past year stood down and Bruce Mackay was appointed in his place. Harry Huggins expressed the feeling of all present when he thanked Geoff for a very successful year of office culminating in the well-attended and thoroughly enjoyable ladies evening at the Cottage Hotel. Chris Clark was appointed Vice-Chairman and both Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected for a further year. Al Parker was invited to join Ron Nabarro on the Committee in place of Peter Cousins, who had completed two very successful years on the "Speaker Finding" Committee, his efforts being acknowledged by the Chairman.

At our April meeting Keith Oates will discuss "Separate Tax Claims/Allowances for Spouses". In May Mr. P.S.L. Housego, a solicitor, will discuss "Home Income Schemes" and in June Frank Clarkson's talk will centre on "Military Customs".

D.M. Yeoman. 560300.

Kate's Kitchen



SAYS KATE: I have two sweet-tooths in the family. They gave this cake top marks for both appearance and taste, so I knew it would be all right to pass on to you!

LEMON DELIGHT CAKE.

8 ozs Self Raising Flour
5 ozs Butter or Margarine (butter gives a nicer flavour)
5 ozs Caster Sugar
3 Eggs
2 ozs Finely Chopped Mixed Peel
Rind and Juice of 1 Large Lemon (finely grated)
2 Rounded Tablesp. Icing Sugar.

Line and grease a 7" cake tin. Cream the butter and sugar till light and fluffy, add two of the eggs well beaten and beat well, then fold in half the flour. Add the one egg and the other flour together with the mixed peel and grated lemon rind. Put into tin and bake for 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours at 160C or 325F until well risen and firm to the touch.

Leave to cool on a wire rack. Put into a saucepan the juice of the lemon and icing sugar. Stir to dissolve. Heat slowly until sugar is melted, then bring to the boil and boil for one minute - DO NOT STIR whilst this is boiling. Place cake on a plate, after first removing the paper, pierce all over with a skewer or knitting needle, then very gently pour over the lemon syrup. Leave to go cold and set.

This cake improves with keeping a few days, but try and convince your family of that - I couldn't. And I've got the empty cake tin to prove it!

P.S. If you have a Magi-Mix or other food processor, all the cake ingredients can be mixed together, but add one teasp. baking powder.

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KENNETH WEEDY TAKES A FURTHER LOOK AT THE WORLD OF PAPER
AND, IN THIS SECOND PART OF HIS SERIES, SPOTLIGHTS THE
PROBLEMS OF MAKING NEW PAPER FROM OLD.

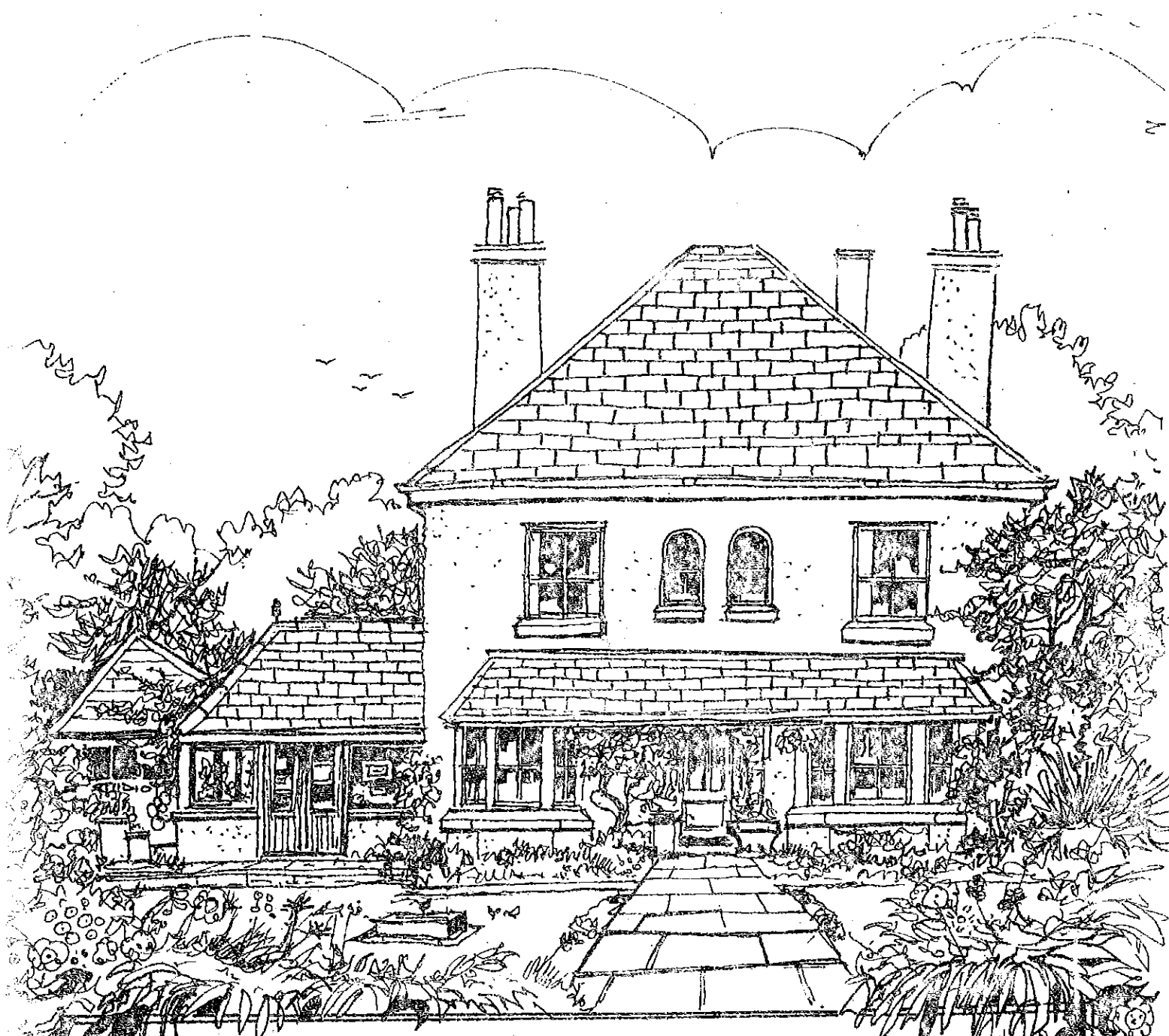
The main inhibition on the greater use of recovered fibre is the nature of the papermaking process itself. Cellulose fibres obtained from any vegetable source, from trees to thistles, are like tiny, translucent, hairs, sealed at the ends. To make a sheet of paper it is necessary to get these untold millions of tiny slippery tubes to bond together. To do this they are subjected to a mechanical treatment which may be described as "Beating" or "Refining", the function of which is to split and fray the ends of the hair-like tubules, so that they will entangle and mesh with their similarly treated neighbours.

In miniature it is the equivalent of the interlocking of one's open fingers on the end of one's tubular arms. All well and good, but unfortunately every time the fibres are subjected to this treatment they get weaker and shorter, so that, on a minute scale, what started out like spaghetti is eventually reduced to the cohesiveness of a plate of rather milky porridge.

Another drawback is the change in the nature of wastepaper itself. Years ago it was more or less what its name implied and in those days of industrial hardship women could be found who would spend 12 hours a day sorting out deleterious matter for a pittance. But today, even if sorters could be found at less than prohibitive rates of pay, there are literally dozens of contaminants which are indistinguishable or invisible. Plastics laminated on to paper; plastic based printing inks which will not dissolve or break up in the paper-making process; resins like those used in the manufacture of tea bags that will not disintegrate even if they are boiled.

With resin based printing inks, which are insoluble, the individual letters tend to come through the disintegration processes intact. We made substantial tonnages of envelope paper for HM Stationery Office and, at times, trouble with print letters showing up in the finished paper was so bad that we ^{were} accused of supplying Income Tax envelopes pre-addressed! Wrapping paper containing a percentage of waste fibre, even at a lower selling price, constantly gave rise to complaints that bags were bursting or parcels were disintegrating in transit. No matter how "green" you may be, it is hard to keep one's cool when a bag full of newly-purchased vegetables splits and scatters its contents all over the crowded shop floor!

The main trouble is that the most abundantly available source of domestic wastepaper is Newsprint, which is largely composed of what is known as "Mechanical" woodpulp. This is pulp which is produced by using hydraulic rans to force peeled softwood logs against large grindstones rotating at high-speed under a deluge of water. Unlike the chemical production methods, under which the non-cellulose fractions of the wood are removed, Mechanical Pulp contains all the components of the raw wood, including sap, gums and resins, the oxidation of which, when brought into contact with air and sunlight, causes the discolouration of newsprint and other cheap papers from white to buff in a very short time. In addition the grindstone treatment produces a mass of fibres in which some retain their original length and strength while others are reduced to a very fine flour. This amalgam results in a paper sheet with very low resistance to both bursting and tearing, which consequently has very little to contribute when it is processed as the wastepaper component in the manufacture of other grades of paper.



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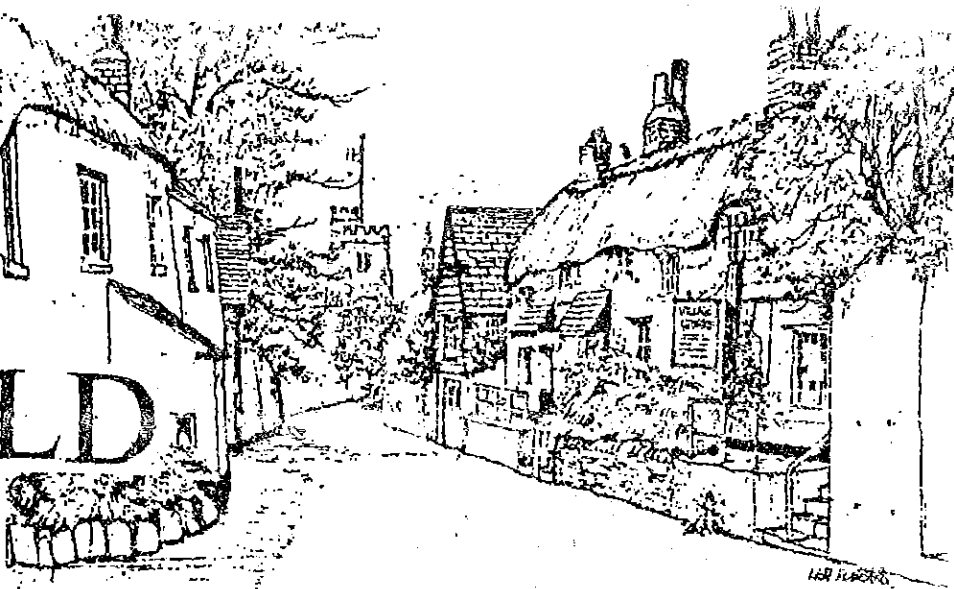
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ON THE HISTORY OF THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

THE STORY of the parish hall dates from March 2, 1934 when a meeting was called in the village school to inaugurate the Thurlestone Parish Hall Committee.

The elected members included many whose surnames have featured for generations in the parish registers and which are still well known in the neighbourhood. The full list comprised "Mr.A.E.Stidston (Chairman), Mr.R.W.Prowse (Hon.Sec.) and Mr.E.M.C.Grose (Hon. Treasurer), and in attendance as members were Mrs.E.M.C.Grose, Mrs. Lancy, Mrs.Sherriff and Mrs.G.Prowse with Messrs W.Morgan, W.Hill, W.Duffy, A.Moore, F.R.Yeo, J.T.Snowden and F.Ingram. At this meeting were elected and adopted by consent Capt.Chick, Mr.Charles Bevell and Miss Shirley." They were charged with finding a suitable site for the hall and with exploring possible ways of raising money for it.

The Chairman offered a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre site behind and to the east of Bantam Garage which would accommodate the hall and 30 cars, but it was rather inaccessible and he proposed instead a plot of similar size across the road from the garage. The committee unanimously accepted this gift, but the District Council pointed out problems of access and Mr.Stidston withdrew his offer.

Mr.F.R.Yeo of the Old Rectory, then offered the land now occupied by the hall and car park which, after his death in 1937, was conveyed by his widow to the Trustees of the Hall by Deed of Gift in October, 1938, the site to be used for charitable purposes. By then, over £1,000 had been raised by voluntary contributions, but the outbreak of war in 1939 suspended building operations indefinitely.

In 1946, with the war ended, the National Council for Social Services was asked for aid and, after three years of protracted correspondence involving the Devon County Council and various charities, it agreed to finance the building of the Hall which duly opened in July, 1949, and was leased to the Committee for an annual rent of £13. By then the parish hall committee had raised over £2,000 and this was spent on "embellishments to the utility condition of the premises provided",

The Hall soon became a popular meeting place; indeed, a fortnight after it was opened a dance attracted the sale of no less than 256 tickets, (only 120 are allowed now). An entertainments committee was formed which arranged dances, whist drives, children's parties and other social occasions, besides being responsible for raising

NEVILLE OSWALD CONTINUES:

money at jumble sales and other promotions. Sports meetings in the summer included egg-and-spoon, sack and wheelbarrow races and a fete in the Old Rectory garden could usually be counted on to raise £200.

The Hall has always had to face costs for improvements and running repairs. The first major expense involved the old-time dancers of all people, who found the concrete floor to be rather hard on their feet. A wooden floor was laid but that was not entirely satisfactory because excessive condensation on the wood made dancing virtually impossible. The Committee wrote to the National Council of Social Services asking whether it had similar trouble in its other parish halls. The Council said it had and advised the laying of oak blocks on the existing floor. This was done in 1950 and so the floor had remained; it was re-sanded with advantage in 1989.

During the 1950's the Committee repeatedly asked the National Council for Social Services whether it would be prepared to sell the Hall, but to little effect. Indeed the rent was raised in 1957 to £105 a year, to the dismay of the Committee which by then had spent much on improvements, including heating and sanitary facilities. Eventually, in 1963, the Council relented and sold the Hall to the Trustees of the Parish Hall for £425, with the undertaking that it would be held in perpetual trust for the benefit of the parish of Thurlestone.

In 1963 Mr. Grose resigned from the Committee after serving continuously for 28 years. The Grose, together with the Yeos and Penwells, are names that keep cropping up in connection with the well-being of the hall, but many families in the village have contributed to its upkeep over the years in one way or another.

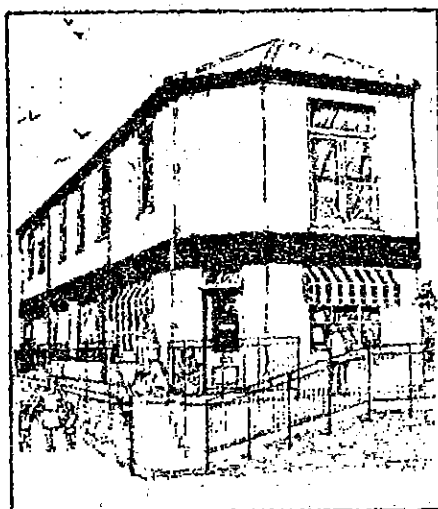
Towards the end of the 1960's the Hall went through one of its less flourishing periods. An increasing annual deficit was offset to some extent by leasing and then selling part of the land to Mr. David Frost, to accommodate his expanding electrical business.

During the 1970's the Hall was underused, although it was financially secure. It was a time when the native villagers were not as young as they were and many of their children had gone to work elsewhere and new arrivals had not yet had time to appreciate its value. Fortunately it came into its own again in the 1980's. In 1982 there was an appeal in Village Voice for financial aid towards a Building Fund to build a new hall and plans were drawn up, but due to lack of interest and support it never materialised.

The Hall has recently been greatly improved by having its ceiling lowered, the electrical system overhauled and fresh heaters installed. The kitchen has been improved and now has hot water for washing up.

The people who have regular weekly or monthly meetings there are the Bowls and Bridge Clubs, Keep Fit, the Junior Art and Drama Classes, and the Women's Institute. Every other year the Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show is held in the Hall. The Hall is let for parties, discos, receptions, band practice, charitable functions and polling at Election times. The Parish Hall Committee always welcomes new customers, not least because the costs increase each year. Latest expense is a bill for £1,393 for urgent repairs to the roof of the extension built to provide changing facilities for the Thurlestone Football Club in 1976. Fortunately, there are a dozen or so residents who come to the rescue year after year, and doubtless will be summoning us to a variety of functions for raising money in the coming months to meet the present crisis.

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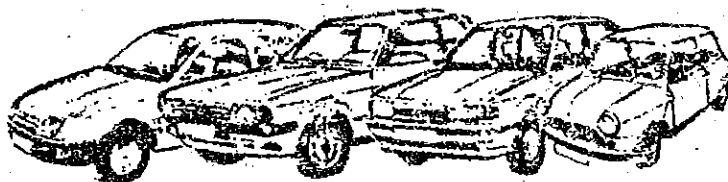
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Crash, Trait, Ebb, Ask, Jasper, Bridge, Trumps, Elders, Stop, Flue.

POSTBAG

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Regular readers of the Voice will remember that during last summer Mr. P. R. Knowles of Milton Mill, South Milton, wrote to the National Trust asking for their policy regarding Thurlestone Sands. Now the Trust have replied and given permission for their letters to be reproduced in Village Voice. So here they are)

DEAR Mr. KNOWLES,

SOUTH MILTON SANDS

Thank you for your letter of 23rd July and for the enclosed articles taken from 'Village Voice' concerning the use of the beach by windsurfers, etc.

As you are probably aware the National Trust does not own the majority of the beach, but merely the part in front of the car park. However we have put in a great deal of thought into the potential problems that windsurfers could cause and have attended many meetings over the last few years. As a result a channel marked by buoys, and a special 'sailing' area away from the beach, was created by the local Harbour Authority on behalf of the South Hams District Council.

In theory therefore a sailboard user should only come into contact with a person swimming or paddling at the point of entry into the channel from the beach.

The windsurfing school is entirely mobile and the use of boards is confined to an area well away from the main beach. A large number of the public also bring their own boards to the beach and we feel that the presence of the operator of the windsurfing school helps to ensure that the private boards are confined to their allocated area.

Turning now to the car park, I can safely say that there is no intention to enlarge this in the foreseeable future. It has remained the same size for many years and whilst we do not actively encourage people to come to it, there is nothing we can do, or should do, to discourage members of the public from using it.

There has also been a kiosk on the site for a long time and we recently upgraded this in order to make it more presentable. It is heavily used and we do not feel that it detracts from the beauty of this particular area.

I hope the above comments satisfy your enquiries but if you need any further detail I am more than happy to provide this, either by way of a letter or over the telephone, or alternatively I could ask my Assistant Land Agent to drop in to see you when he is next in the area.

Yours sincerely,

P. W. BROOMHEAD.

Regional Director.

More letters overleaf.

To which letter from Mr. Broomhead, Mr. Knowles replied like this:

"Thank you for your detailed letter of 3rd August.

While I quite understand the Trust's reluctance to discourage members of the public from using Thurlestone Sands it is a fact that traffic increases each year on the roads leading to the beach, much to the discomfort of local residents. If there has been no increase in the number of parking places available it seems that many motorists, at the height of summer, are travelling hopefully but finding no space when they arrive at the Thurlestone Sands car park. A similar situation exists at Bantham; it is dealt with by putting up a sign on the approach road telling motorists that the car park is full. It would not be so easy to do this at Thurlestone Sands, because there is more than one approach road, but it would not be impossible.

The danger to bathers from windsurfers is a real one despite the use of buoys to mark a channel. Enforcement of the rules is, in my opinion, almost impossible and an accident must surely occur eventually.

The Editors of Village Voice are keen to print your letter in a coming issue. May I assume that you would have no objection to this?

Yours sincerely,

P.R.KNOWLES.

To which Mr. Broomhead replied:

SOUTH MILTON SANDS.

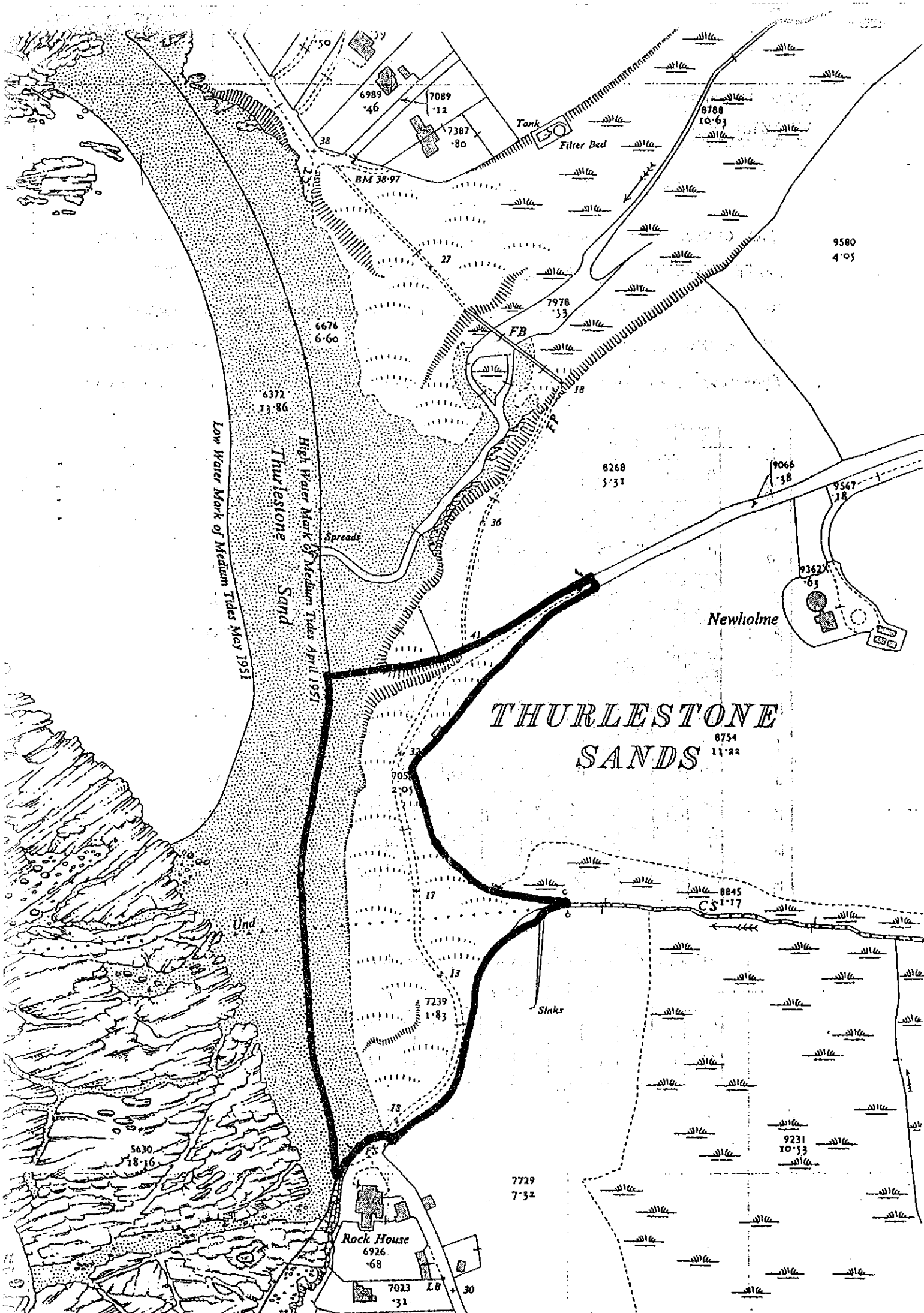
Thank you for your further letter and I am happy for the Editors of Village Voice to print my letter.

Whilst writing I would like to re-emphasise the fact that the Trust only owns a small proportion of the actual beach, as you can see from the enclosed plan (reproduced on opposite page, V.V.Eds), and I really do feel that if windsurfers were banned from the National Trust section of the beach then all they would do is to walk a few yards further on and operate from the large area of the beach which is outside our control. As things stand at present we are, with the help of the Harbour Authority, able to police the windsurfers to a certain extent and as I have already explained we feel that her presence helps to ensure that the owners of private boards confine their activities to the allocated area. I hope this further explanation is of help to you.

Yours sincerely,

P.W.BROOMHEAD

Regional Director.



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High Water Mark of Medium Tides April 1951

Thurlestone Sand

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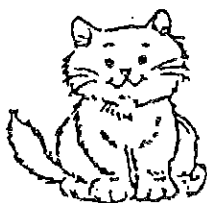
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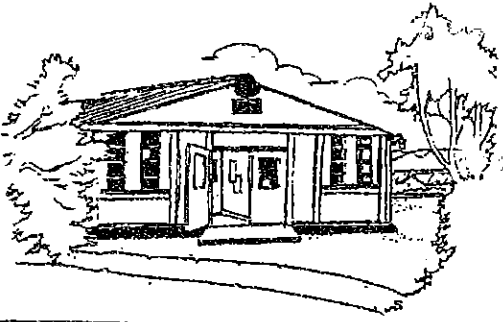
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Sat 28th April	Coffee morning, aid of asthmatics, Rectory Barn 10.30 am.
Wed 2nd May	Dartmoor walk, Thurlestone Ramblers.
Sat 5th May	NSPCC Jumble Sale, Parish Hall, 10.30 am.
Tues 8th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30 pm.
Sat 12th May	St. Luke's Hospice coffee morning Rectory Barn 10 am.
Wed 16th May	Thurlestone Ramblers walk. Frogmore.
Wed 16th May	Parish Hall AGM 7.30 pm.
Wed 6th June	Moors walk, Thurlestone Ramblers.
Sat 9th June	Thurlestone Church Fete
Tues 12th June	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 20th June	Thurlestone Ramblers walk, Noss Mayo
Sat 30th June	Summer Fair Thurlestone School 2.30 pm.
Wed 4th July	Moors walk, Thurlestone Ramblers
Wed 18th July	Thurlestone Ramblers walk Tuckenhay
Tues 24th July	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat 11th Aug	Thurlestone Arts and Crafts Exhibition in
Sun 12th Aug	the Parish Hall. Both days.
Tues 28th Aug	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 19th Sept	Thurlestone Ramblers walk Batson
Sat 29th Sept	Annual Fair Thurlestone Parish Hall, 2.30 pm.
Tues 2nd Oct	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30 pm.
Wed 17th Oct	Thurlestone Ramblers walk. Loddiswell.
Tues 6th Nov	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30 pm.
Sat 10th Nov	Autumn Bazaar Thurlestone School, 2.00 pm
Sat 10th Nov	Christmas Bazaar NSPCC, Parish Hall
Wed 21st Nov	Thurlestone Ramblers walk. East Allington.
Tues 11th Dec	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 12th Dec	Thurlestone Ramblers Xmas pub lunch and walk. Normandy
Mon 17th Dec	"Rising Generation" Parish Hall.

Help us to keep this list up to date. Give your dates to Mrs. Joan Mackenzie, 7, Old Rectory Gardens (in writing) by May 1st for the next edition. Mrs. Mackenzie is collecting and compiling the list of dates for Village Voice.

WILL ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO VILLAGE VOICE PLEASE
NOTE THAT ALL COPY FOR THE NEXT ISSUE SHOULD
BE IN THE EDITORS' HANDS BY MAY 1st.



THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

IT'S TALENT TIME!

THIS YEAR IS A CRISIS YEAR for the Management Committee of the Hall as the East end of the hall has to be re-roofed. Like so many houses roundabout, the Hall suffered in the unusually bad weather conditions of January and February and now the flat roof has become an urgent safety task.

The cost will be £1,393. Grants have been sought, the outcome of which is not yet known, but we have to find a matching amount to any grant which may be received. So extra events have to be planned to raise the money.

For a start, Mr. Gerry Tompkins has kindly agreed to act as guest auctioneer at a "Goods, Talents and Gifts Auction", combined with a cheese and wine evening on Saturday, 21st April. Please note this is an amended date to the one given in the last issue of Village Voice.

Inserted in this issue you will find an example list of items which might be offered, along with your entry form. Catalogues will be available after the closing date for the entry of items. Bids can be left if you can't attend. Items will be on view in the Hall between 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, 21st April.

Even if you are not offering an item, please do come along and join in the bidding - buy a talent to help keep your village meeting place running.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

The Parish Hall AGM will be on Wednesday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m. and the Management Committee look forward to meeting - and listening to - the residents.

A CELEBRATION.

An Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held on Saturday/Sunday, 11th and 12th of August. The exhibition will be of work carried out by members of the Parish and will be on view to our holiday visitors in order to show the talents which we have in this area. By request there will be no restrictions as to the date of completion of your work. Entry forms will be in the next issue of Village Voice.

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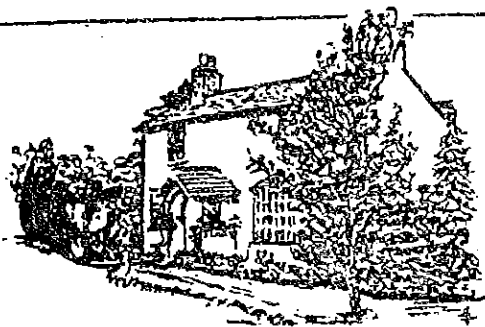
The Management Committee and I look forward to seeing you at the Parish Hall on SATURDAY, 21st APRIL at 6.30 p.m. for an entertaining evening which will give valuable support to the Hall at the same time.

JOAN F. MACKENZIE, Chairman.

AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Aune Conservation Association will be held on Tuesday, 17th April at 8 p.m. in the Aveton Gifford Memorial Hall. All members welcome.

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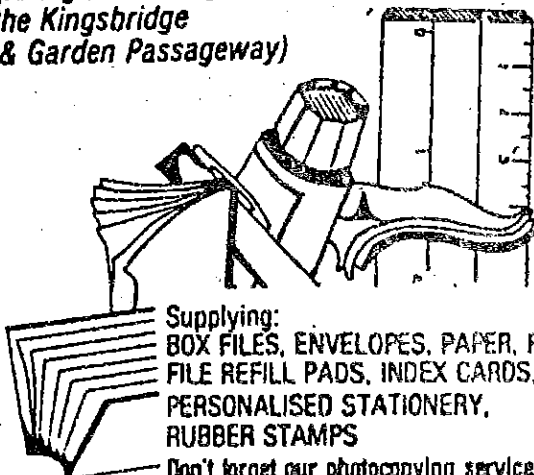
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