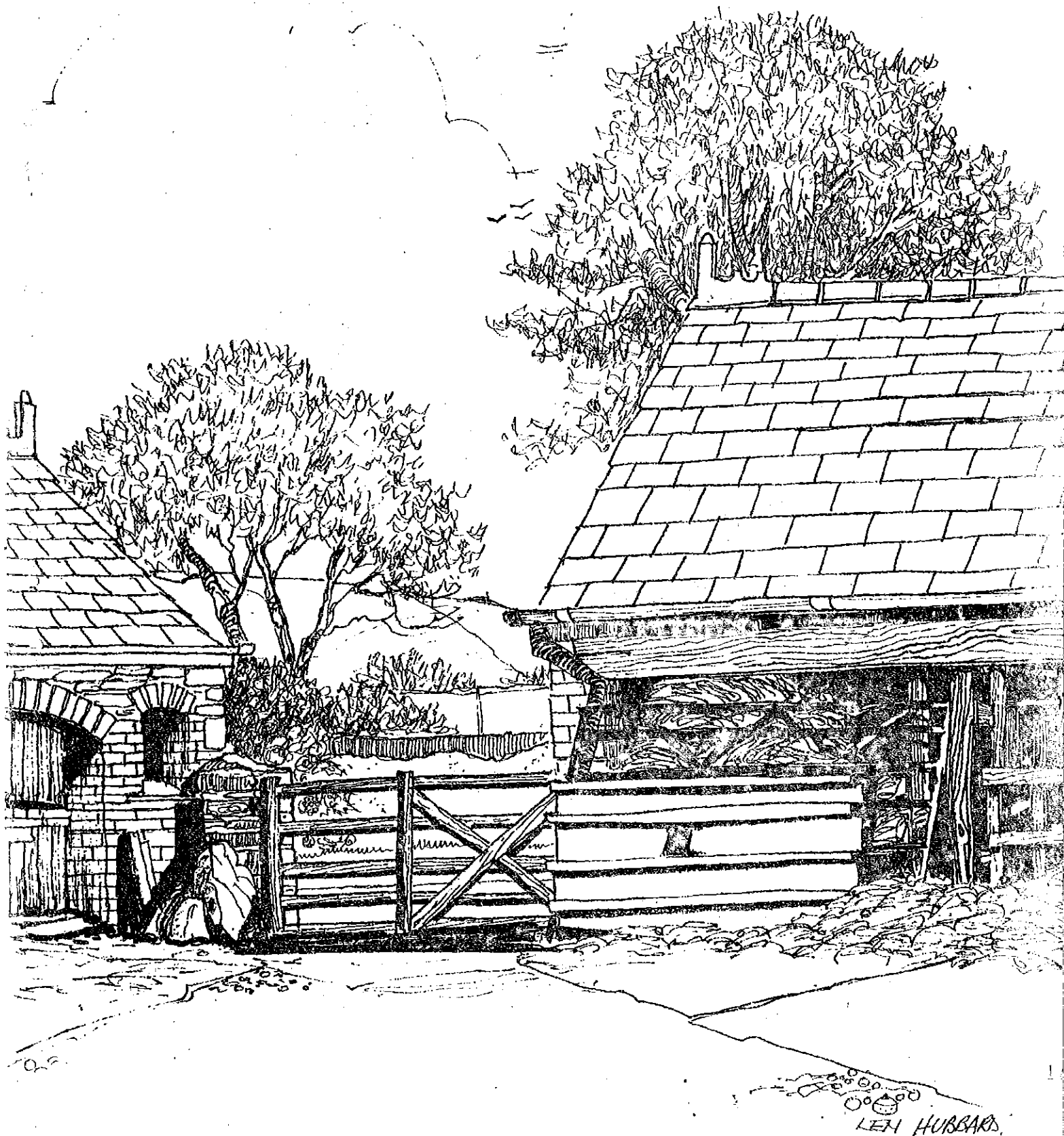


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Twenty teams took part in the event and it seemed to be enjoyed in equal measure by teams, spectators and the hoble band of ladies who supplied refreshments to a school literally bulging with people representing all aspects of activity in the two parishes and four villages.

The School, more than any other single establishment, provides the one link, the one binding factor in the community. In terms of community relations, the event succeeded our most optimistic expectations and, as an apposite reminder of the fact that this was an attempt to bring people together, was won by the Friends of the School Team, which comprised members from Thurlestone and South Milton.

Thurlestone and South Milton.
We hope to be able to cram people in on many more occasions. For many of those present on Thursday did not merely attend a function but were able to glimpse something of what is happening in the heart of their communities every day. Just as children are a part of village life, so the village is part of school life. In September we will welcome Mrs. Jackie Jackson as our new member of staff and we hope and believe that she too will become part of the wider: educational and social process that a school in the community should epitomise.

A. F. WILLIAMS, Headmaster.

Editor's footnote: Praise-God Barebone (1596-1679) was a fanatical member of the Parliament convened by Cromwell in 1653 and which became known as the Barebone Parliament as a result.

A SPECIAL PLATE OF BONE CHINA has been produced to mark the 50th anniversary of the Royal Marines Military School and the reunion of those who served in Thurlestone from 1941 to 1946. The seven-inch plate bears the crest of the Royal Marines in full colour and the wording includes a quote from the Royal Marines' memorial plaque in the Church. Most of these plates are being bought by former Marines attending the reunion, but anyone else who would like one can order them from Joyce Stephens at the Rectory. Price is £9 + VAT = £10.50.

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LIKE THE SWALLOWS, the visitors are back with us. And, like the swallows, they do whizz up and down the village street. Well, not always whizz. Sometimes they sit in Thurlestone's or Bantham's equivalent on a minor scale of a traffic jam.

Of course, by no stretch of the imagination can it be "worse than Piccadilly Circus" as one elderly resident described it, revealing at the same time how long it was since she had been to Town. But traffic is a real pain in the parish and one to which our new Council is once again addressing itself.

Parking is one problem and the Council have now asked for double yellow lines from the War Memorial up to the Rectory on the Hotel side of the road and an extension of the double yellows already in place at the Parkfield corners on the other.

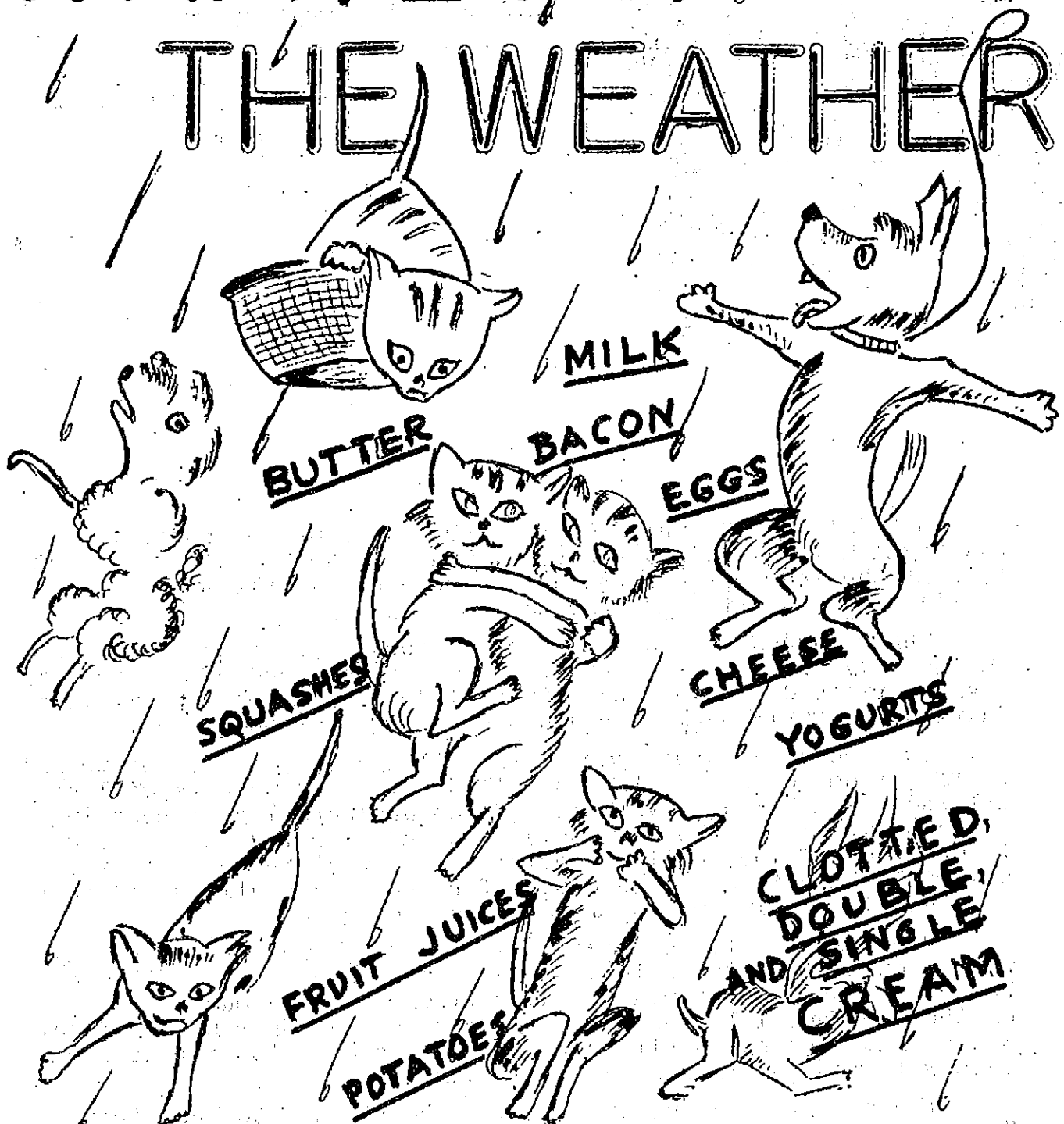
Speeding is yet another worry - and it is not confined to the boy-racers and those who sport go-faster stripes. So there is talk of introducing "traffic calming measures" (as the policeman of today likes to call them).

These "calming" methods include 20 m.p.h. speed limits, artificial curves in roads like chicanes, rumble and coloured road surfaces, and only as a last resort "sleeping policemen" (which the policeman of today regards as a derogatory name for lumps in the road).

They all sound horrific if you visualise them applied to Thurlestone, Bantham and Buckland... "You can't miss our house, it's just on the left as you come out of the chicane."

Surely it won't come to that?

WHATEVER THE WEATHER

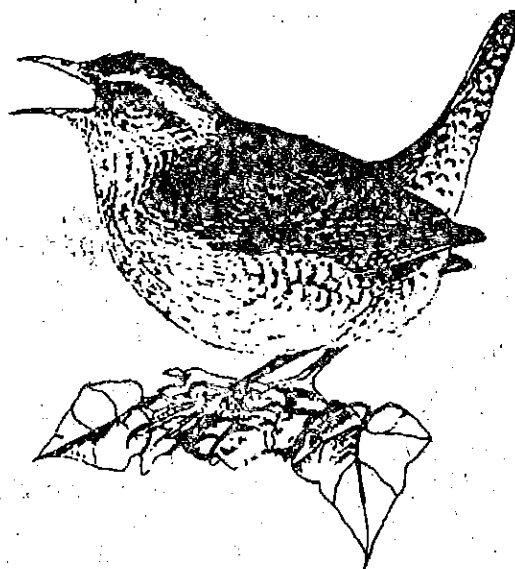


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HARRY HUGGINS



IT MUST HAVE BEEN nearly twenty years ago, on a birding holiday in Yugoslavia, that we met this very pleasant Scottish lady. She was no longer very young, but was slender and elegant, and like so many Scots spoke beautifully. We were the more astonished therefore when she remarked one day that birdwatchers were divided into leggers and bottomers.

She and her husband were leggers, she said; they walked long distances for their birds - maybe in Scotland you have to. But she thought the bottomers, the ones who sat and waited for birds to come to them, saw as much if not more.

Only she did not use the word "bottom". Four-letter words are commonplace now in the media, but they were not then and to hear her use what we call an Anglo-Saxon word surprised us. Maybe of course it is not Anglo-Saxon, but is a common Scottish term; perhaps going even further back it is Pictish, the latter people having been displaced, or absorbed by the Scots invading from Ireland, I am given to understand. Certainly a Thurlestone friend from North of the Border uses it not infrequently.

We thought of her recently. We were travelling to Padstow. Our route took us via St. Austell: not quite as crazy as it sounds because as well as looking at birds, we watch gardens and this diversion was to visit a favourite, Trewithen, a few miles this side of Truro. For a comfort stop for the dog and for us to down a cup of coffee we went to Par Beach; you turn left in St. Blazey and wind back and forth through little roads to find yourself close to the shore near the china clay works at Par.

There is a wide expanse of beach, some dunes with beach huts, an unprepossessing caravan park (tell me one that is prepossessing at the end of winter) and a reedy lake. That is what interests us.

We parked so that we could have a good view of the water - there can be early Swallows and Martins, though not this year when the spring migration has been a non-event, and sometimes there are rare ducks.

Standing on a post in the water, maybe twenty-five yards from us, was a Common Gull, you could see it was, from its greeny-yellow bill and legs.

But after far too long an interval we got suspicious: it had a dark grey mark around its beak, a little way inboard from the tip. Well, Common Gull has that, but not usually as dark. And the plumage of its back and folded wings was pale pearly grey. Common Gull is

HARRY HUGGINS CONTINUES:

grey flannel colour. I climbed out of the car to take a photograph.

With female sagacity my wife remembered the DIY enthusiast's maxim: "When all else fails, read the instructions!". So she looked in the book, and then through the telescope. This bird's eye was yellow with a red ring round it and tiny dark pupil. Common Gull has an all dark eye, so this must be something else.

While we had sat on our rumps, our first-ever Ring-billed Gull had plonked itself down in front of us. It is a species of the lakes and rivers of inland North America, migrating southwards as far as Mexico in winter. A very few straggle across the Atlantic; it was only within the last few years that the pundits who admit new species to the British list would accept the identification of those which had been seen.

We had heard tell of one at Hayle and had planned to drive thither from Padstow had the weather proved too bad for local walking (it didn't, we walked the old railway track from Padstow to Wadebridge - with some difficulty, have you ever met five hundred hired bicycles all ridden by people who have never ridden before and all coming at you on a track five feet wide?) But the bird at Par proved the truth of the Scottish lady's saying.

There was another couple birding by the lake, like us, a bit over the hill. They were overjoyed, they had just found a Wheatear. We sniffed a bit, you know, common old thing like a Wheatear. Had we known then how few we were going to see this spring we might have thought differently.

We told them about the Ring-billed Gull which was our first and one of the rarest birds we have seen for some years. They said they were not interested in gulls!

A not unusual attitude. You can understand why - gulls do not present a challenge. They are big and apt to arrive in flocks of several hundreds, all alike. Well, nearly all alike.

But it is because they are big and easy to see that some of us enjoy them. There is nothing wrong with a colourful warbler which sits up on a tree and sings. But I detest scratching around bushes trying to find some grotty little thing which everyone can see except me - give me a nice big gull every time!

None is more interesting than the Herring Gulls which have taken to living on our roofs. The species is handsome, successful and intelligent.

You cannot attribute intelligence to all birds. I had a friend once whose way of earning, or not earning, a living was rearing chickens. I forget how many there were at the a time, it ran into thirty or forty thousands. They laid eggs which were sent to the hatcheries; after a life of rather crowded luxury they all got the chop and their remains were served up at banquets of the rather more indifferent kind. My friend contended that there was only one thing more stupid than a chicken and that was two chickens.

Poor fellow. Each flock lasted about eighteen months. Then there was none, so that the houses could be sterilised; after that the new pullets came, to be reared for a year's giddy egg-laying. But often they laid too few, or too few of what they did lay were fertile. So he diversified, into pigs, at which the Danes undercut him, and wine, at which the French ditto. It all put one in mind of the farmer who won a million pounds on the football pools - when they asked him if he was going to retire he said no, he would just keep on farming until it was all gone!

A Herring Gull though is far from stupid - you have only to watch one paddling its feet on the lawn to make worms come out, or

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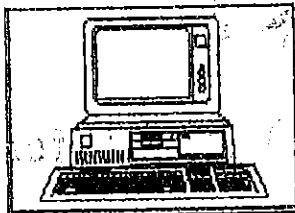
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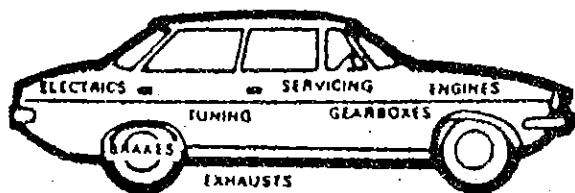


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dropping a mussel to break its shell, or tapping on your window to ask for a hand-out. It knows very well that to nest close to the warmth of your chimney pot and to come down to the garden for its meals is a lot better than being on some windy cliff and hunting for food along the tide lines: it has found the avian equivalent of living at the Sloop.

So whilst modern man with his agro-chemicals has killed off things like Corncrakes and Partridges he has benefitted gulls. Especially with his rubbish dumps. Much of what goes into dustbins, and so to the dumps, is edible, at least to a gull, and enterprising species like Herring Gulls have prospered enormously.

But as well as interesting casual watchers like us, Herring Gulls are a boffin's dream. When they leave the nest the juveniles are dark brown and take several years to graduate to adult plumage. So first interesting thing: to assess what age an immature might be, and even to distinguish it from immatures of the other large gulls, Great and Lesser Black Backed. Please do not ask me for positive identifications!

Then Herring Gulls divide themselves into several different races. These birds are found across the whole of the northern hemisphere and differ a bit from place to place - Darwin's finches again. Logical this - you would hardly expect birds breeding inland in Mongolia to have much chance of inter-breeding with those on the Atlantic islands.

So some have pink legs and some yellow; some pale grey plumage and some quite dark. We get excited on the rare occasion when we see a bird with yellow legs - it must have drifted up from the Mediterranean, or maybe even from Tenerife. These differences delight the pundits: they have been arguing for years as to whether the races are all Herring Gulls, or whether some are separate species. Recently they decided to say that all the ones with yellow legs were not Herring Gulls but another species which with startling originality they called Yellow Legged Gulls. One test of a valid species is that it will live alongside another without inter-breeding with it - for example you can keep cows and horses together with as far as I know very little risk that they will mate with one another. Not so with these gulls.

Herring and Yellow Legged interbreed quite happily, and they interbreed also with the other big gulls, especially Lesser Black Backed and Glaucous, the latter being the far northern equivalent of the Great Black Backed Gull.

This cross-breeding does not seem to happen around these parts. Glaucous Gulls are very rare winter visitors: We have no record of seeing one here in Thurlestone. You might find one or two if you went to Plymouth and searched through thousands of gulls in the Plym estuary, plus the fish market and the many sewer outfalls. But come the spring all will have scarppered back to Iceland and places north, so there is no chance of their intermingling with our Herring Gulls.

Lesser Black-backs can be quite common at times, particularly in late winter when on passage. They are Herring Gull size, but slimmer and daintier; in fact not many years ago some of the experts were wont to insist that Herring and Lesser Black-backed were all one species. The race we get is usually dark slate grey on back and upper wings, and its legs are mustard yellow. You cannot confuse it with the Great Black-backed, which is much bigger, has true black black upper wings and back and pinkish legs.

HARRY HUGGINS CONCLUDED:

I am sorry to rabbit on about this business of leg colour, but often it is vital for identification - Willow Warbler from Chiffchaff for example, if not singing, and Meadow Pipit from Rock Pipit. My wife has a favoured tactic. When someone describes to her some featureless little brown bird and asks her to identify it (all birders suffer this, but I suppose it is worse if you are a doctor and have people start describing the state of their guts), she enquires immediately the colour of its legs, which few people think to remember. Then she can ask how she can be expected to name something if not told its leg colour. It is a ploy which never fails.

A very few pairs of Lesser Black-backed Gulls nest around here - the nearest I know of are on Bolt Tail, in the most easterly cove on the south side: if you want to look at them you need strong nerves and someone to hang on to your feet.

Mostly they nest in large numbers farther north, often sharing the colonies with Herring Gulls. It is there I think that the hybridisation happens. The excitement of breeding in a big colony is intense and you must join in: if you don't seem able to find a mate of your own kind, well, something closely related will do!

We search every flock of gulls we see for rarities. Among the smaller Black-headed Gulls (they are with us in winter, but go elsewhere in summer to breed) we hope for a Mediterranean Gull, strayed from the South of France, maybe even from as far away as the Black Sea.

In with the Herring Gulls, if we are very lucky we find a Glaucous or an Arctic Gull - the so-called white winged gulls, because they have no black at the tips of their wings. The few, the very few we find are usually immature. They come down from the north in winter, are pale coffee coloured if they hatched in the previous spring, or almost pure white if they came into the world in the spring before. It is a clever, and brave, man who says he can tell Glaucous from Iceland.

More frequently we come across things with dark grey backs and upper wings and pink legs. We have never worked out what they are, and no one has told us. They might be hybrids, they might be a race of Herring Gull from far away. Maybe one day we will find out.

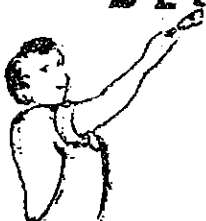
So please do not despise gulls, especially Herring Gulls. They are fascinating!

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Our new District Councillor is Tony Watson of Coombe Lodge, West Alvington (852127). He was born in Surry, educated in London, and is 47 years old. He moved to West Alvington with his wife in 1975. Joined Shell Tankers in 1961 as a deck apprentice and ended up a master. "Came ashore" in 1986 to manage Winters Boatyard at Lincombe, Salcombe. Stood as an Independent for Thurlestone Ward saying that he believed "the needs of the people are more important than party politics in local government".

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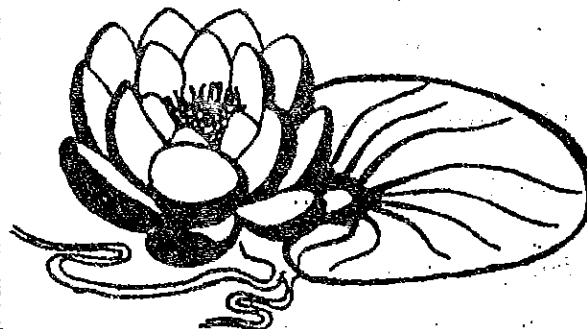
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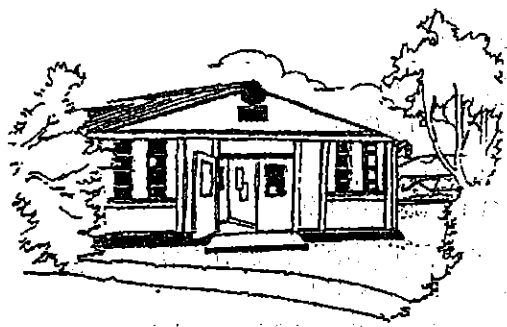
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We have just received a letter from Mr. J. R. Plant, Chief
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Parish Hall in April will be interested in the following extract
from it:

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must have taken, especially in quite a small community like
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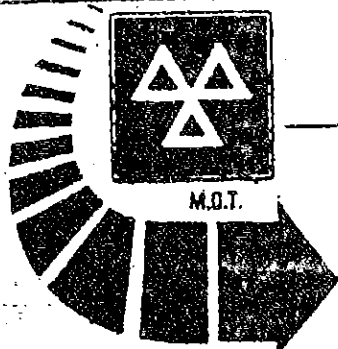
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Non-conformist chapels usually have one bell; Roman Catholic churches were forbidden to have any for 300 years. Overseas, Australia has a couple of dozen bell towers and Canada and the United States less than that between them.

There are about 40,000 ringers in the country whose bells peal from 5,000 churches each Sunday. They are, for the most part, dedicated men and women who know their craft is not without risk, but who take pride in achieving as high a standard as their circumstances allow.

Before Henry VIII, in the 1500s, most village churches had two or three bells which were rather difficult to ring because they hung on a simple spindle and were chimed by pulling a rope attached to the spindle. The bells were then attached to a quarter-wheel to which the rope was fixed, giving better control of the swing. Then Henry VIII destroyed the monasteries with their belfrys and desecrated many of the larger churches, the bells going with them.

After the Reformation, bells gradually returned, now fixed to a complete circular wheel to which the end of the rope was attached. Thus, by pulling the rope, the bell could be swung under control. That is where we came in.

The first two of our six bells at Thurlestone were given in 1654 and 1697 by the Stevens family who lived at Clannacombe and were agents to the Earl of Devon who then owned two-thirds of the parish; the family monument in the Lady Chapel shows kneeling effigies of the parents, three sons, four daughters and, sadly a baby wrapped in a red shawl, a chrisom child.

John Buckley gave a bell in 1646, the year in which he 'intruded' as rector at the end of the Civil War; he was replaced by his predecessor in 1660, the year of the Restoration of the monarchy. Two bells were given, in 1784 and 1844, by the Square family who were prominent in the parish for several generations and owned a timber yard on the site of the present lower car park at Kingsbridge; they lived just opposite the Church. The sixth bell was given by the Grose family in the early 1950s.

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NEVILLE OSWALD CONTINUED:

Thus we have a set of six bells with which to ring the conventional changes, but cannot manage the more complicated ones that need eight. We have four bell ringers at present, namely John Dayment (captain), Derrick Yeoman, David Coward and Hubart Adams. John and Derrick are the sons and grandsons of Devon bellringers, thus preserving their family traditions; Mr. Roger Jackman, long a bellringer, gives his active moral support. Our ringers interchange with those at South Milton, bringing up either to six, but they would like to recruit two more.

One cannot help wondering how our early bellringers performed and, indeed, behaved. They must have known that the primary purpose of bells was to summon the faithful to church, but attendance at church services was not considered to be part of bell ringing. They were called upon for births, marriages and deaths and festive occasions in the village and they enjoyed the fees they earned. Yet in the 1700s they had the reputation of being drunkards and layabouts. Cursing and swearing in the ringing chambers were usual, often with a barrel of beer at hand. Such behaviour should perhaps be attributed to the prevailing custom rather than to any scandalous intent. It was a time when ringers and clergy did not always see eye to eye and parsons seeking a new living liked to know what sort of bellringers controlled the tower before allowing their names to go forward.

Throughout their existence bellringers have formed companies and societies, such as diocesans and other guilds; they also have The Ringing World, the weekly journal of the Central Council of Bellringers for those who are really keen. By these means, they seek to maintain and improve the standards of bell ringing, so that those with enough bells may chime their doubles and trebles and bob majors to their hearts' content.

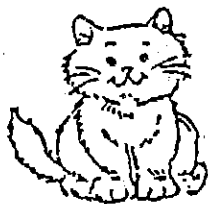
In Devon, where bellringing is as popular as anywhere, most churches have few bells and ringers pride themselves on timing rather than intricate sequences. All this contrasts with the rather unruly behaviour of some of the ringers in the 1700s already described. However, in Victorian times, peace between ringers and the clergy was gradually achieved, partly by improving the facilities for ringing and the appointment of responsible bell captains. In the 1890s, women bellringers were permitted; they were received with rather more enthusiasm in some parishes than others, but many are now expert and valued additions to this old masculine craft.

Becoming a trained bellringer is no push-over. Controlling a rope which plunges up and down takes skill if you are to avoid scratching the skin off the tip of your nose, for instance. By pulling rhythmically the rope goes 'up and up', causing the bell to go almost full circle. A stay stops it from going over the top, but ringers make sure it does not quite do that, partly because they do not trust the strength of the stay which may break. Should it do so, they may experience the 'high speed lift', which can be dangerous as the rope shortens and carries them up.

The clapper hits the bell at the end of the swing in each direction and the essence of bell ringing lies in the skill needed to time the strike in relation to the other ringers. The usual peal from our ringers is the 'call changes', in which the captain calls out the changes from one round to the next.

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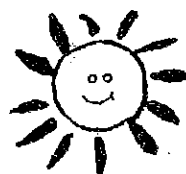
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NEVILLE OSWALD CONCLUDES:

For instance, starting with 123456 from treble to tenor, he may call 'change 4 - 5' so that the next peal would be 123546 and so on; the number six tenor bell always rings last. When someone of importance or of special significance to the ringers dies, a muffled peal is rung. This is done by strapping leather on to one side of the clappers so that alternate rings are muffled. Most ringers have preference for one of the bells, especially in competitions against neighbouring parishes, but they commonly interchange.

It is as well to recognise the hazards of bell ringing although serious injuries are exceptionally rare. Hardened ringers often show signs of their craft. Minor burns and blisters of the hands are common as are aches and pains in the arms and wrists, but ordinarily they are played down, bell captains priding themselves on their team's freedom from trouble. Sometimes bell ringing may work the other way. Several ringers have gained relief from their backache and slipped discs; others have found it a useful form of exercise after a heart attack. On the other hand, too much bell ringing may cause marital disharmony so that, on the whole, it is as well to balance the potential hazards against possible benefits.

Remember. Our ringers are look for two recruits. The qualities they are looking for are 'an orderly mind', a memory that is retentive and capable of classification, and a good sense of timing. I would have thought that a cheerful and gregarious disposition would also be desirable!

THURLESTONE PROBUS CLUB

At our April Meeting Ed Welch gave a very interesting talk backed up by recordings made during his musical career to date. He is currently under contract to TSW as adviser, arranger and composer.

Our speaker on June 14 will be Mike Iddon and his subject - "Why Change the Water?".

By the time this item appears in print our Social Programme for the year should have been agreed, broadly at present it includes a Tamar river trip to Cotehele, a visit to Wiggins Teape in Ivybridge, and the Ladies Evening in February at the Cottage Hotel.

Members agreed at the April Meeting that future AGMs should take place in March to give greater flexibility in arranging Ladies Evening dates.

Our speaker in July will be Colonel Bye of the Royal Marines. His talk is entitled "From the Services to Services".

D.M. YEOMAN.

Hon. Secretary (560300).

Kate's Kitchen



SAYS KATE: Devon lamb is renowned for its tenderness and flavour. Do trim lamb, taking off all the fat. The French are most particular about it, and I agree with them. The taste is much cleaner and fresher. Here's a change from mint sauce...

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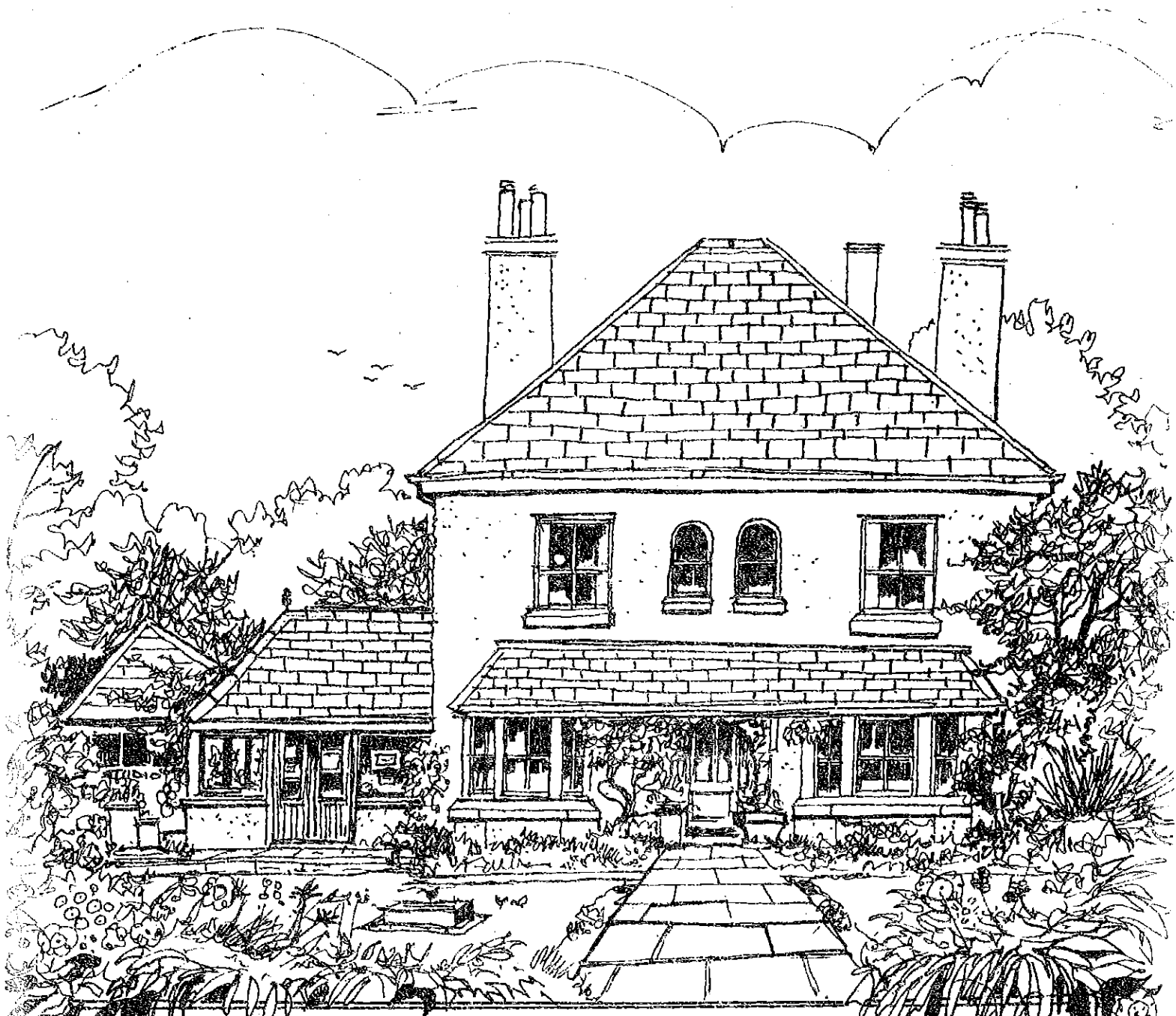
- 1 tablesp. French Mustard
- 1 teasp. Soy Sauce.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. Chopped Fresh Rosemary or $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. dried
- 1 clove Garlic, crushed, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. Ginger.
- Salt and freshly ground Black Pepper.
- 2 tablesp. White Wine
- 2 tablesp. Cider Vinegar
- 4 Chump or Leg Chops (fat removed)
- 2 tablesp. Water
- 1 teasp. Cornflour
- 2 tablesp. Single Cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. Brown Sugar

Mix the mustard, soy sauce, rosemary, ginger, garlic, seasoning, wine and vinegar together. Spread on the chops and allow to marinate for no less than four hours (but you can leave it longer). Brown chops on both sides without oil. Pour over the marinade and water. Cook in the oven, covered, for approximately 35 to 45 mins. Taste and adjust seasoning. Thicken liquid with cornflour. Pour on the cream and sprinkle with the brown sugar and return to the oven for 5 minutes. Serve garnished with sprigs of rosemary or watercress.

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"Very many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday April 20th in any way. We are pleased to say that we have been able to send in excess of £800 to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust to help them in their work to try and find a cure for this disease. Thank you all."

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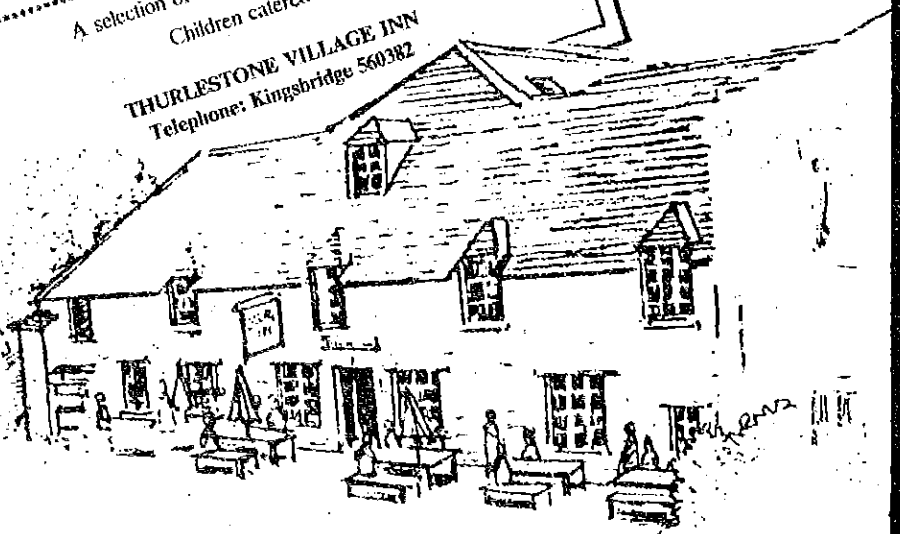
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AS You will see elsewhere in this issue of Village Voice, there will again be Cream Teas in the Rectory Barn every Thursday from June to the end of August.

This will be the fifth year we have run them and we always try and support a local charity. In the past we have not had very much support from Thurlestone itself; this year perhaps you will come once or more during the summer. After all, it is a good way to entertain visitors!

We run a cake and produce stall each week, and if anyone would undertake to give us a cake on a regular basis (once a week/fortnight/ month - expenses paid), it would be a tremendous help. The odd one would be very gratefully received also.

We would welcome any produce too - home-made jams or vegetables (lettuce, beans, radishes etc) which are surplus to your own requirements. In fact if you can help in any way please let one of us know. We would like help at the teas too. It involves being at the Barn around 3 p.m. with a 6 p.m. finish - or earlier if 'trade' is bad!

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I remember...

As the return of the Royal Marines to Thurlestone stirs many a wartime memory, Derek Burns tells what it was really like to live in Thurlestone during the war...

"LIVING IN THURLESTONE DURING THE LAST WAR may have seemed to some people that we lived a life of peace and tranquility, the upheaval and noise far away in the cities and towns. Far from it.

Life here became very much in the fast lane with the Royal Marines in the Hotel, the R.A.F. at Malborough, the Americans at Slapton Sands and Salcombe, and even American tanks, jeeps and troops taking cover in the woods at Huxton Cross.

Many children evacuated from London were sent to the West Country and on to live in Thurlestone. Some were in houses by the Links Hotel and others in Merchants Field near the tennis courts. I remember happy days then playing with my evacuee friends, going to Merchants Field and having big mugs of tea and thick slices of bread and dripping..lovely grub!

One afternoon when I was at school in Kingsbridge we had just finished playtime and were lined up to go in to classes when several aircraft suddenly came over the hills. We were waving and shouting at them when machine guns started firing and we could see bombs falling on Kingsbridge. Only then did we realise they were Germans. The teachers yelled at us to get on the floor. I watched the last aircraft coming directly at the school, but the pilot must have seen that we were children for he flew right over us without firing his guns. Thinking about it, Kingsbridge School does look very like a barracks so it was fortunate that we were out in the playground at the time of the attack.

After bombing raids on Kingsbridge and Aveton Gifford - "scatter raids" they were called aimed at non-military targets to cause panic among civilians - anti-aircraft guns appeared all around the area.

We had a unit of the Army, the "Buffs" stationed on Bantam Ham at the mouth of the river. The troops dug trenches and dug-outs all around the Ham. They did the same below the Links Hotel and on the cliffs at Leas Foot and mounted machine guns and anti-aircraft guns there. Some soldiers lived in the house below the Links Hotel just by the second green of the golf course.

I remember the day a Liberator bomber crashed at Malborough. My friend and I cycled over after school to see what had happened as we had heard a big explosion while in class. The wreckage was all over Malborough. A large section of wing was up against a house with the engines in the middle of the road. The aircraft had crashed through two fields behind the village. I believe all the crew were killed.

One day Field Marshal Montgomery came to Kingsbridge by train. I remember us all crowding around him and cheering away like mad, very good for morale!

Earlier, on December 7, 1939, a Belgian steamer, the Louis Sheid, was wrecked at Leas Foot. She had the Belgian flag painted on her side. My uncle was involved in the rescue of the crew by breeches buoy rigged up on the cliff top. The ship was making for Antwerp with a cargo of grain. When she broke in half the grain was knee-deep all over the beach and smelled awful. One good thing though was

DEREK BURNS REMEMBERS:

that much coal from her bunkers came ashore too. We collected it in sacks and took it home.

Another shipwreck later was that of the Persier near Challaborough and tons of "Sunlight" soap came ashore near Thurlestone. People came from miles around to collect it as soap was rationed. Customs officers came to the beach and if we found a complete crate of the soap were were paid a sum of money for handing it over to them.

At the same time many tons of food were washed ashore - tins of sausages, tins of pork and soya links, tins of biscuits. We had a good time scratching round the rocks at low tide and any we found we hid away and had feasts on the beach at weekends. My chum and I found a large tin among the rocks one day. When we opened it we found it contained powdered egg, about 20lbs of it. Our parents were very pleased as it helped out with the food rations.

One day the golf course was covered with paper strips, silver on one side, black on the other. Bombers had dropped it to confuse the radar. We collected a lot of them and made Christmas decorations with them."

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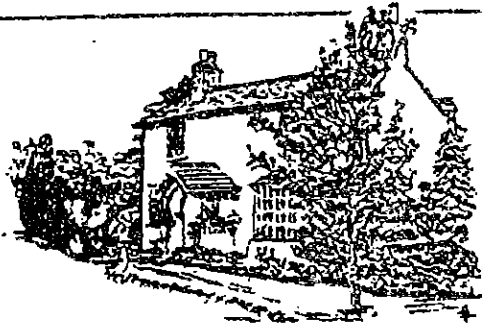
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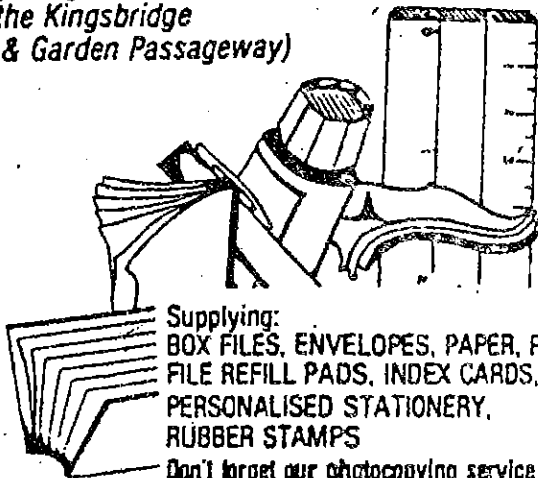
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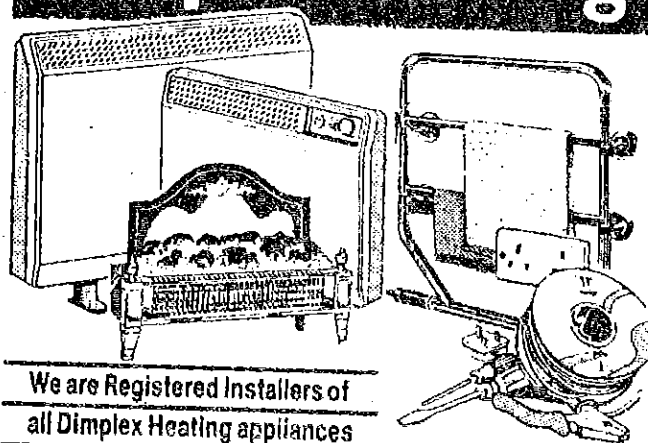
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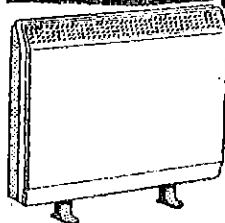
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which will be displayed outside Thurlestone Parish Hall on SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST. The Show opens at 2.30 pm with the Prize Giving taking place at 4.15 pm.

The Committee would remind ALL residents of Thurlestone, Bantham, West Buckland and South Milton that they are AUTOMATICALLY members of the Show and are therefore eligible to enter. Enclosed with this issue of Village Voice is the Schedule together with an Entry Form. PLEASE look at it and see if there are any Classes you would like to enter. Hopefully everybody who participates enjoys the Show, has some fun and perhaps even benefits from the event.

In addition to the DORIS TYLER CUP which will be awarded to the winner of Class 91 (Set Recipe Cake) we have received a further three trophies which will be presented for the first time this year:

THE PRESIDENT'S TANKARD given by Dick White for the winner of Class 67 (pot grown flowering fuschia)

THE CHAPMAN BOWL given by Shirley Chapman to the person gaining the highest number of points overall in Classes 62, 63 and 64 (Roses)

THE WHITE CUP given by E G White for the Best Exhibit in the Children's Section (Senior). The addition of this Cup in the Children's Section enables us to release the DERRICK YEOMAN CUP for the Best Exhibit in the Children's Section (Junior).

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to recognise the generosity of those who have given these trophies.

If the Schedule and Entry Form are not enclosed with your Village Voice spare copies are available from the Post Offices in Thurlestone and South Milton. If you have any queries or comments please contact the Secretary, Veronica White 7 Crosslands Thurlestone (560236).

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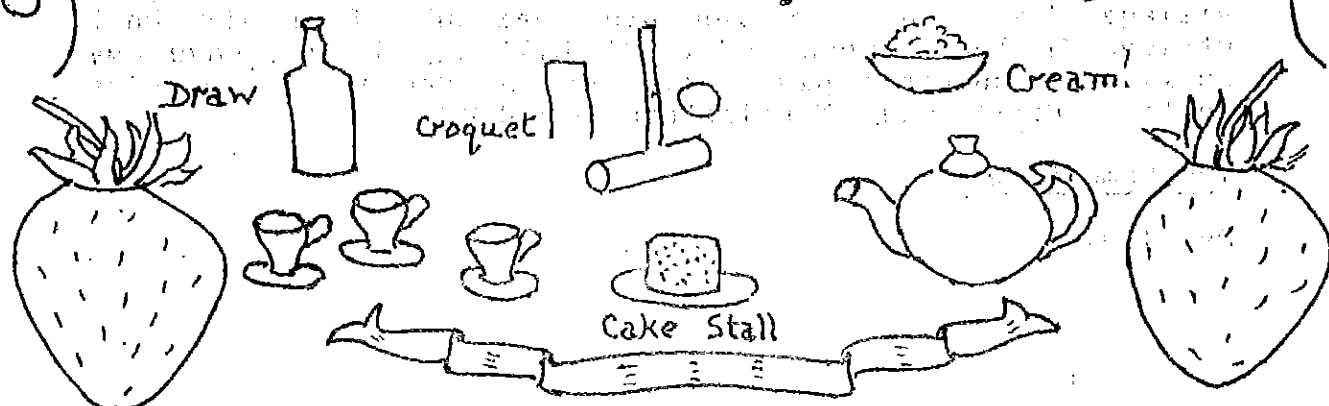
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FARMING NEWS ITEM

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INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

If you didn't read about it in the Western Morning News on the 6th April I think it's a little story worth repeating:

Pensioners Roy and Joy - - - =, who wanted to move to Scotland, were recovering after a traumatic seven-day round trip by car to view a farmhouse.

The couple became so lost on their motorway marathon journey from Southampton to Edinburgh they clocked up an incredible 1,500 miles. The correct distance should have been 836 miles.

Roy, 76 and Joy, 69, never went above 35 mph in their Lada car, which they slept in, and did not even eat for the first three days. When they finally made it to the farm they stopped for just half-an-hour before heading back home.

"It was an absolutely dreadful journey. It just went on and on and on." said retired surveyor Roy.

Joy, who did all the driving, said: "We wanted to move to Scotland to get some peace and quiet. The house was beautiful. But we won't be able to buy it because we would never last another trip."

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In the year 1511 a Petition was presented to Henry VIII in Parliament with this daunting preamble:

"For as much as the Science and Cunning of Physick and Surgery is daily within the realm exercised by a multitude of ignorant persons, of whom the greater part have no manner of insight in the same, nor any other kind of learning . . . common Artificers, as Smiths, Weavers and Women boldly and accustomedly take upon them great Cures and things of great Difficulty . . . to the Displeasure of God, great infamy of the Faculty, and the grievous Hurt, Damage and Destruction of many of the King's liege people, most especially of those that cannot discern the cunning from the uncunning."

As a result, an Act was passed in 1511 requiring all physicians and surgeons to be examined and approved by their respective bishops or vicars general in the seventeen dioceses of England. The Church alone had an administrative structure covering the whole population and would be best able to arrange a fair assessment of the applicants. !

MORE:

D R A B B L E M A N I A P a r t I I

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED . . .

..how Astronauts manage when they want to "go". I've been doing a little research. It used to be an uncomfortable process in which they had to roll on a plastic condom, which was linked by a tube to a container in the spacecraft's wall. The astronaut's urine was then expelled into outer space. However, now astronauts have a fully fitted space toilet, which has a nozzle attachment rather like a vacuum cleaner's hose. Each member of the 'crew' is given his (or her) own cap fitting, the cap is plugged into a machine and the urine is quite simply sucked out.

When completely enclosed in their spacesuit "going" is even less attractive. Either sex simply wear a space nappy that absorbs the urine, but it is said to be far from comfortable. As for defecation, in the early days astronauts had to attach a plastic bag with sticky tabs to their backsides - described as a hazardous process and there was no privacy. When the Spaceship 'Apollo' returned to earth it was said to smell like a sewer! Nowadays there is a space toilet - with curtain - and faeces are sucked into a commode through a hole in the seat and stored. Astronauts do, however, have to strap themselves into position with ankle straps and wedge their thighs and feet into restraints. So, as you can appreciate space travel can have its discomforts.

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The Right Reverend George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury is reported to have said: "There is no future in petrol-station Christianity - using Sunday to fill the spiritual tank for the week."

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TRUE LOVE

The boxer, Barry McGuigan once said: "I was nine when I first fell in love with Sandra. I got hold of a wedding ring and proposed to her. I wasn't too romantic as to go down on one knee, but I did give her a cuddle and put the ring on her finger. We got married when we were both twenty. She still wears the ring I gave her when we were nine."

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No matter how grouchy you're feeling
You'll find the smile more or less healing.
It grows in a wreath,
Around the front teeth,
Thus preventing the face from congealing!

(Contributed by Mrs Strain)

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At the time of Domesday in 1085 the population of the South Hams was estimated to be 8 people to the square mile - approximately just 900 people scattered all over the area in small settlements and farmsteads bearing names which have changed little since. There were Royal estates at West Alvington and Chillington - with Kingsbridge at the head of the estuary between them.

'Domesday Geography of South West England' (Finn)

It must have been wonderful. Imagine going on Bolberry Down and never seeing anyone!!

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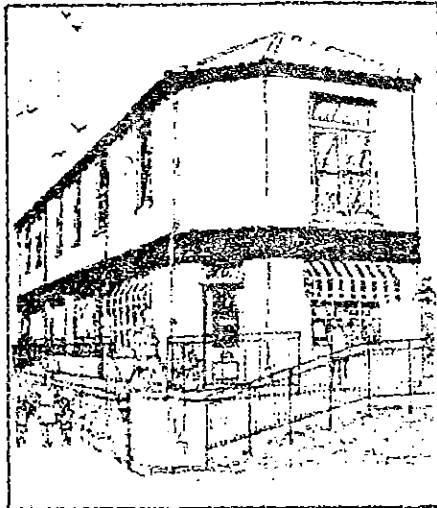
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The grocer's 20 year-old son Charles Digby Harrod, who came into the business in 1861, took over the shop when his father retired and by 1868 his takings had increased to £1,000 a week. With five assistants in the shop, the young and energetic Charles moved his family out from the back of the premises and turned his former living quarters into extra sale and store rooms. He built a new shop front with plate glass windows, increased his stock from grocery items to include stationery, perfumes and patent medicines. In 1870, to stimulate trade even further, he issued a 64 page catalogue, took on more staff - his 16 employees now meant a weekly wage bill of £15 !! - and four years later took leases on two adjacent shops to provide him with a wider frontage with the new trading style of "Harrods Stores."

By 1876 the staff has increased to 100 and stock items included fruit, flowers, confectionery and chinaware. But despite his hard work, the enterprising Mr Harrod, junior, faced ruin in 1883. It was his practice to leave some gas lamps burning all night in the store to deter burglars, but on 6th December that year, when his premises were crammed full of stock for Christmas, the store caught fire and by dawn was a burnt-out wreck. Many men would have given up, but not Charles Digby Harrod. He hired a hall opposite the blackened shell of his shop and turned it into a temporary market. Within three days his staff had stocked it, and customers came pouring in to support him. The result was that he enjoyed his best ever Christmas trade and secured enough income to embark on the building of an ambitious new store on the old site. The new Harrods with its impressive facade opened nine months after the disaster. The main attraction of the new store was the grand spiral staircase, wide enough to allow three Victorian ladies (lifting their floor length skirts) to ascend together. Such elegance, such quality....and Mr Harrod rubbed his hands in glee.

(With acknowledgement to Simon Appleyard writing in the winter issue of 'This England - 1990)

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DOUBLE FIGURES !

A simple mathematical trick can enable you to discover any number a person thinks of - and find out his/her age as well ! Ask the person to pick a number of any size, double it, add 5 and multiply the result by 50. Next, add 1741 (this key number changes every year, that stated is for 1991 - for 1992 it would become 1742 and so on for each subsequent year) . Now subtract the year in which he/she was born and ask for the final answer. The last two figures in the answer should tell you the person's age this year. The others will be the number first thought of.

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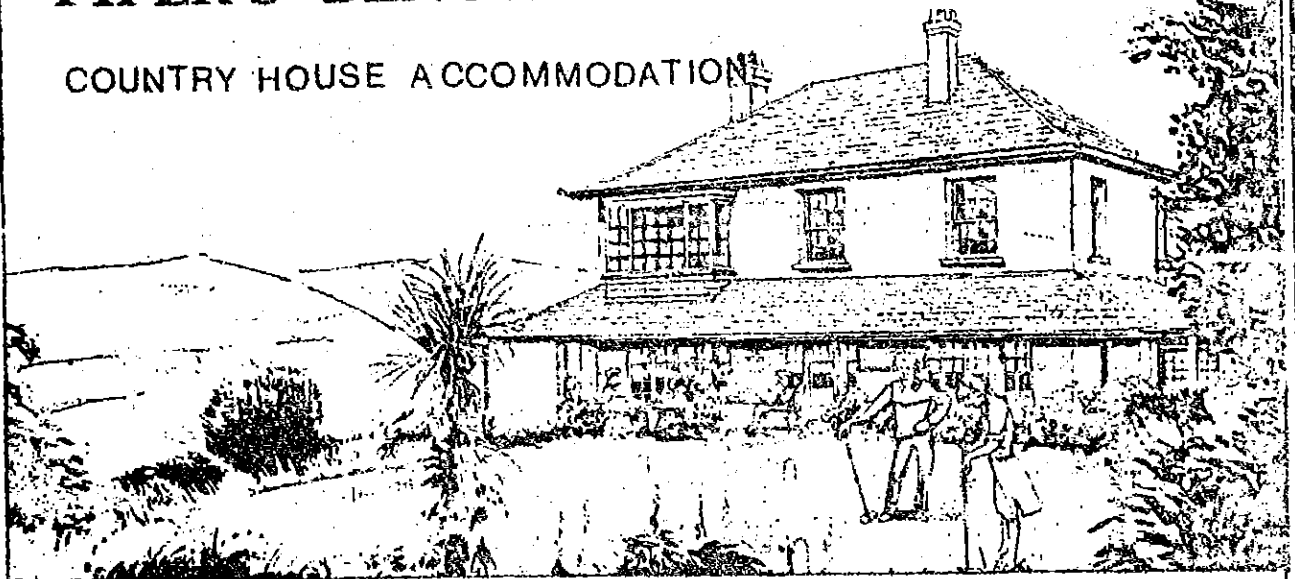
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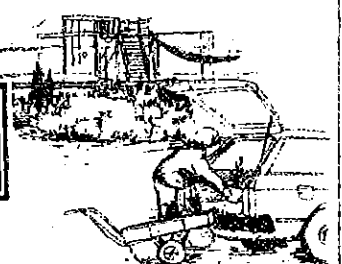
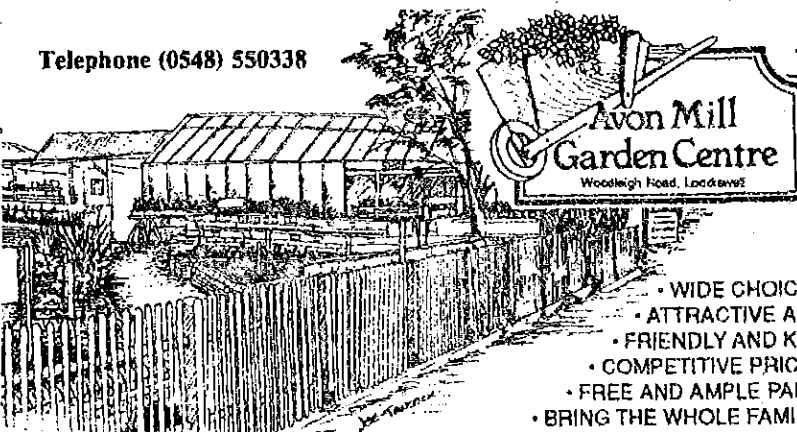
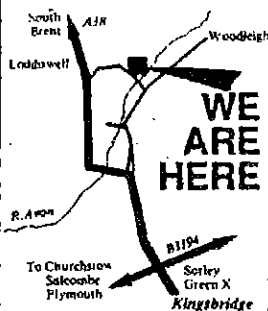


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LOCAL NEWS

FROM THE W.I.

Brigadier Frank Clarkson was the speaker at the April meeting. Members enjoyed his talk on some of the many traditions and customs which have become established over the years in the British Army and which concern such things as button spacings on Brigade of Guards jackets, the origins of khaki, vulgar fractions, 'pigtail' ribbons, Edward VII's racing colours, toast in the toast, regimental music and mascots, cap badges, saluting...and eating leeks!

An attractive rag doll made by Shirley Chapman will eventually go with other toys made by members into a parcel for Romanian children - after it has been entered for the Sea Coast Group competition. £145 was sent to St. Luke's Hospice as a result of a stall and raffle, and members would also be supplying a Hospice stall on the Hoe in July with goodies.

Two Special Resolutions on changes to the NFWI Constitution were explained by Pat Macdonald, voted on and carried.

A report was made on the South Hams Home Economics Area AGM and the microwave demonstration which followed was enjoyed by members. The Area will be putting on its usual series of interesting day schools during the coming year and the full programme will be available shortly.

The May meeting enjoyed discussing the ordinary resolutions which are on the agenda for the first Triennial General Meeting at the NEC in Birmingham in June at which President Tricia Millman will be the delegate. Members cast their votes in favour of more publicity being given to the dangers of paracetamol, greater help in setting up childcare services, and deploring the deductions made from State pensions following a stay of more than six weeks in hospital.

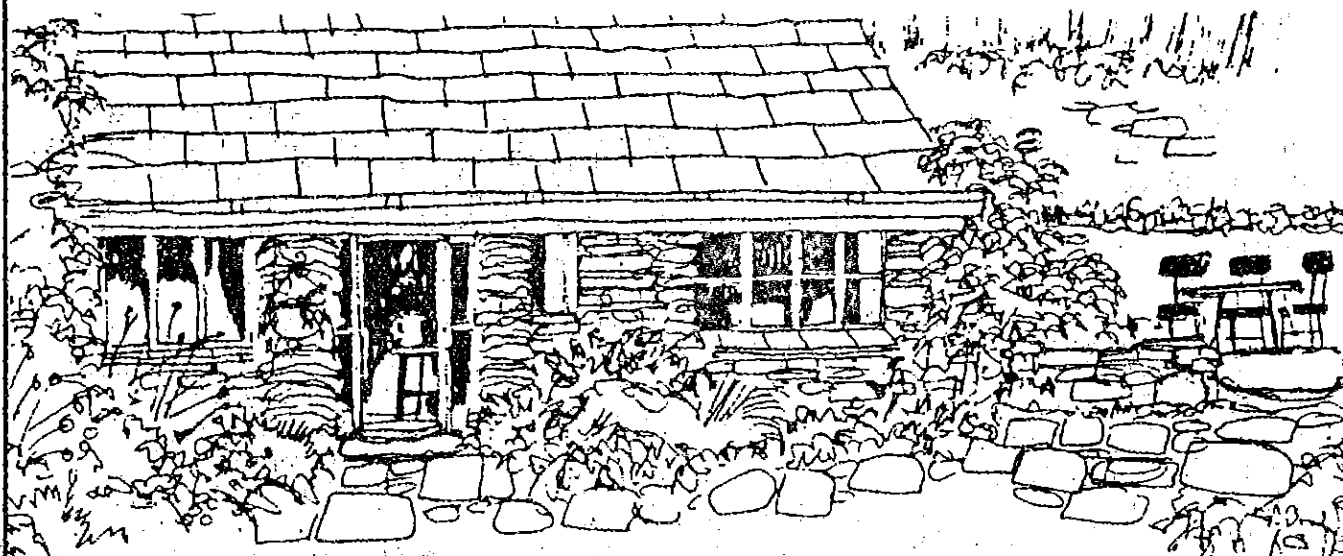
May is also the month in which members stage an exhibition of any craft they have worked at during the year, and the colourful display demonstrated some hitherto unknown skills!

Later in the month a coach party of members and friends departed for an outing to Knightshayes, the National Trust property near Tiverton, where not only were the Victorian house, its magnificent grounds and the attractive restaurant enjoyed to the full on a flawless early summer day, but the very well and unusually stocked plant centre did a roaring trade...which augurs well for the village Horticultural Show next August (show organisers please note!).

Being gluttons for punishment, on returning from this day-time foray, some members were immediately thrown into the hurly-burly of the Village Quiz the same evening, where we put up a good display of general knowledge, getting into the 3rd (or 4th?) round before defeat.

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THURLESTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in The Parish Hall on 26th March, 1991, at 7.30 pm.

Chairman : Mr. Peter W.J. Hurrell, (Chairman of the Parish Council).

Speakers : County Councillor Simon Day and District Councillor Jack Thomas,
Police Inspector V.A. Davidson and Mr. S.D. Lavery, (DCC Area Engineer,
Mr. R.J. Baty, (Engineering Director), } South).
Mr. C.A. Brokenshire, (Marine Programme Manager). }
Mr. R.G. Trengove, (Project Engineer), } South West
Mr. P. Collett, (Environmental Scientist), } Water Plc.
Mr. S. Woollard, (Consulting Engineer), }

Present : Approximately 46 Parishioners and several members of the public.

Clerk : Mr. W.G. Ladd, (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Apologies for Absence : Mrs. L.A. Grose, Messrs. D.W.P. Grose and C.J. Woodrow.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The Chairman welcomed all present and summarised the main events of the year, highlighting the following :

- a). The Precept for 1991/92 had been fixed at £2,300, some £924 lower than the previous year because the £5,000 target set for the Parish Recreation Area Reserve Fund had been achieved. It was still hoped that land would be provided for that purpose by Evans Estates.
- b). Last year's debate on yellow lined 'No Waiting' areas had been a waste of time and money when the Parish view was not followed by the Highways Sub-Committee.
- c). Mr. Charles Mitchelmore had been appointed the Parish Tree Warden.
- d). The Parish Council continued to press for low cost Starter Homes to be provided behind Island View to accommodate local families, and some progress was made.
- e). 25 planning applications had been considered of which 3 had been opposed and five were still pending. At April 1990 some 73 planning consents, mostly granted by the former Kingsbridge RDC, were still outstanding. Six were now being built, and in time, the Parish could still grow by more dwellings than the total existing in Bantham or Buckland.
- f). Village Voice continued to keep Parishioners informed and amused, for which all must thank Penny and Kendall McDonald. Their tasks sometimes involved unusual difficulties such as when the Parish Council involved them in a mild controversy over the contents of plastic rubbish sacks being spread about by animals. Hopefully that problem had now been solved.
- g). Roy Adams is retiring from the Parish Council in May, and deserves the thanks of everyone for all he has done for the Parish during his 20 years service as a Councillor.

POLICE INSPECTOR DAVIDSON then addressed the meeting, he having commanded the Kingsbridge Station since last December, aided by 3 Sergeants and 11 Constables to police the area's 104 square miles. Unhappily, one of the Sergeants had suffered a heart attack so was unlikely to be available for some time.

Despite the limited staff, one or more Police Officers was always on duty. Throughout the South West, the crime rate had increased and the Kingsbridge Area was no exception, but there was evidence that most incidents involved Plymouth criminals. Modern technology enabled a good service to be provided over such a wide area, but villages still had their own local Constable, P.C. Paul Shepherd being Thurlestone's officer in the team fighting crime as a joint effort with the public.

Mr. Hugh Cater queried the non-recovery of the items stolen from him in two Bantham incidents last year among the 19 burglaries in the Parish, four of which concerned the same property on the edge of the village. The Inspector emphasised the need for reporting suspicious characters, and praised the Neighbourhood Watch scheme with its additional assistance to circulate information promptly. He hoped last year's problems in Salcombe would not be repeated, he having been granted two extra Officers to be based in that district.

MR. SEAMUS D. LAVERY explained that the waiting restriction in Bantham had only been applied after most careful consideration of all factors including the views

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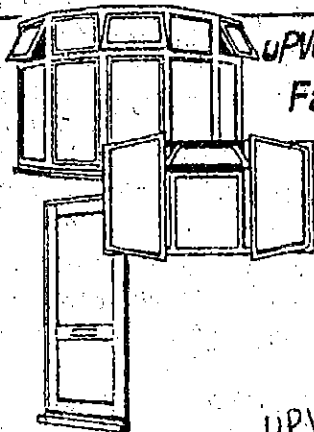
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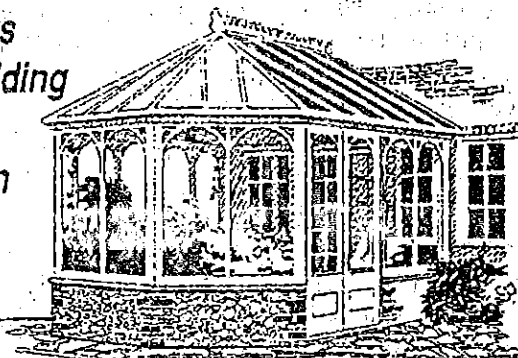
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of the Parish Meeting and the 24 Bantam residents most concerned. He emphasised that the Parish Council should decide by mid-August in the light of this year's experiences, whether any further no-waiting restrictions were needed. The unsatisfactory surface dressings applied in 1990 to many Parish roads, were regretted and now being remedied, the contractor responsible having been banned. Several major road improvements were scheduled for the Kingsbridge area quite soon, in 1991/2 a footpath along West Alvington Hill, and the widening of the narrow carriageway at Townsend Cross, Malborough. Then as part of the new strategy for bringing traffic to Kingsbridge from the north, significant alterations would be made at Sorley Cross in 1992/3 and at Stumpy Post in 1994.

Various new methods of traffic 'calming' were being investigated, and could soon be tried out, including speed humps and 20 mph zones (not limited sections of roads), but early introduction of such arrangements was unlikely because the high costs were difficult to meet out of a limited budget. However, Parish requirements should be notified for action when funds permitted. Moreover, parked vehicles themselves produced a speed calming effect, as in West Alvington for example.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JACK THOMAS summarised the District Council's actions in the year on matters such as Housing, Local Plans, and the fact that the D of E was now pursuing a "greener" policy which enabled Planning Authorities to be more selective. Also, Community Charges and the effect of the Chancellor's £140 reduction which would benefit some but not all ratepayers to that extent, although simplifying the collection costs and procedures. The conclusions from the impending review by HMC of County - v - District responsibilities would be of great interest to everyone.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON DAY mentioned the background pressures which had brought to urgent action the proposed sewage disposal system for Thurlestone & South Milton, before confirming in his capacity as Deputy Chairman of the Police Authority, the support given towards meeting the manpower needs of the service. The Authority was very willing to finance all the men requested by the Chief Constable, but the Home Office controlled the number permitted.

Crimes in Devon and Cornwall had increased over the year by 19.7 per cent, but detection rate was down slightly, 11,341 prosecutions having resulted from some 21,000 crimes. Burglaries had increased by 42 %, motor vehicle thefts by 17.4 %, criminal damage by 16 %, but physical assaults and woundings were down a little. Major incidents included 12 murder cases, 1 prison riot, 59 cases of rape, whilst exceptional burdens had been placed on the Force by the fire at Totnes and the need for the Chief Constable to deal with two special investigations.

On County Council matters, the normal expenditure had been restricted by some £6.5 million, but new duties imposed by regulations such as the Children's Act and Environment Protection Act, had cost an extra £5.8 million. Capital receipts from property sales had fallen under influence of market conditions, placing greater strains on revenue. The Government's method of allocating funding on the basis of 'standard spending assessments' calculated by the D of E to measure the needs of counties, resulted in Devon and others not doing nearly as well as some Home Counties. That system was wrong and should be reviewed.

A special Commission was to consider the County - v - District Council roles, and the outcome might not involve a uniform policy applying over the whole country. Plymouth would probably become a separate Authority, but that might need attention in case it caused them to ride roughshod over adjoining regions. The County's new Structure Plan envisaged a reduction of development projects, but some regard had to be given to wider views to avoid D of E imposing unwelcome decrees on the County.

Responding to questions, Mr. Day explained that 90 % of the increased Police budget related to rates of pay which were indexed linked. The projected sales of County properties represented only a very small part of its £2 million portfolio, the Government policy being for counties to sell, not buy, land.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Day and Thomas for their contributions to the Meeting, and invited the Engineering Director of South West Water to present the proposals for a new sewage disposal system.

Mr. R. J. BATY welcomed the opportunity for South West Water to explain their proposals to instal an efficient sewerage system as part of its current £1.4 billion capital programme to remedy the unacceptable legacies from the past. The Company was keen to move closer to its customers, the three main aims being :-

1. To satisfy the expectations of its customers;
2. To enhance the environment;
- and 3. To add value for shareholders, employees and the community at large, including the six million annual visitors to the Region.

Improving the quality and quantity of water was expected to cost £475,000,000, or one third of the £1,400,000,000 within the ten year programme, whilst the remaining two thirds, (£925,000,000) was earmarked to deal with waste water. Construction of West Devon's new 8,120 million gallon Roadford Reservoir had increased by 44 % the water storage capacity of the Region. One small reservoir still remained to be built in East Devon, but with the pipeline now nearing completion from Gunnislake to the Littlehempston Works near Totnes, it was expected that all demands in South Devon could in future be met.

Work progressed on improving the water quality as well as on the distribution system, comprising 9,000 miles of underground pipes within the Region, the distance from Devon to the Falkland Islands.

The waste water programme needed £435 million just to deal with coastal schemes to improve bathing waters and the marine environment, another £125 million was allocated to other sewerage systems, with £260 million to improve sewage treatment works and the disposal of sludge in environmentally sensitive ways. The balance of £105 million would provide the support activities such as leakage control systems, instrumentation and other equipment necessary to ensure the efficient operation of plants. Moreover, the £1.4 billion was the estimated total costs calculated before the EEC's Municipal Waste Water Directive recently introduced to raise the standards of discharge still further, all very desirable, but involve another 6½ % above inflation for the next five years, and a further rise of 5 % above inflation for the following five years.

Mr. COLIN BROKENSHIRE, the Manager responsible for the whole of the marine programme estimated to cost £435 million over the next 10 years, then outlined the Thurlestone project illustrated by various photographs of Bigbury Bay, Leas Foot, the existing outfall pipe, as well as the South Milton Works and Ley. The outfall pipe was installed about 1930 to serve some 225 people, and water consumption then was much lower than now so the waste water in 1930 was more like the amount used by 100 people today. With Thurlestone's population likely to exceed 1000, at least during holiday periods, the outfall was now utterly inadequate, and discharged raw sewage into the Bay, leaving debris of all types on the beaches and rocks.

The first phase of the new project would be to construct a pumping station at Thurlestone opposite the Golf Club, with a massive holding tank built mostly underground to stop the frequent overflows into the stream which crosses the beach. Except in a major storm such as occurs on average once in five years, the holding tank will store the excess until conditions improve, when it can be discharged in the normal manner, but after screening, through the outfall until the new system is fully operative. At the Thurlestone site, a pumping station will also be built, so that next year when the South Milton Works have been re-constructed in the second phase, the Thurlestone sewage can be pumped to such new Works and the old discharge outfall pipe will become redundant. Work at Thurlestone on this first phase would start on 8th April for completion by end June this year.

Re-construction of the South Milton Treatment Works will commence in July for completion by the end of the year, 1991. A small area of land adjacent to the present Works will be acquired and a modern version with greater capacity will replace the outdated equipment, and then include two settlement tanks, two percolating filters and two humus tanks as well as a pair of reed beds. Instead of the present smelly open sludge drying beds, fully enclosed tanks will store the sludge prior to its

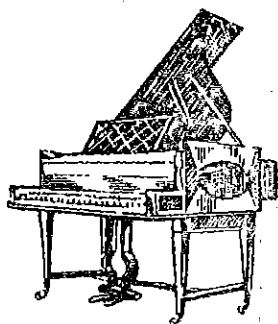
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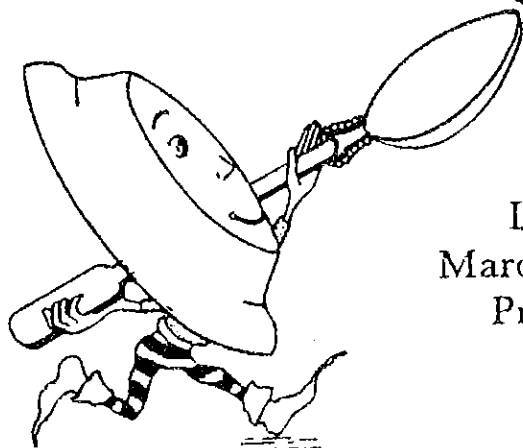
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transfer by sealed tankers to the new sludge treatment works either near Kingsbridge or Totnes. The Works will have a low profile and be well screened with bushes to camouflage it into the landscape to be less obviously visible than the present. Much of the equipment will be installed below ground level. The area of the existing Works would be available should it be necessary to provide additional processing facilities at some time in the future, but the existing equipment will remain used until the new installation and reed beds become available for use, whereupon the processing will be switched over and the Thurlestone sewage will also commence to be pumped to the South Milton Works for inclusion in the operation.

The treatment stages were summarised in a pamphlet issued at the meeting, to be :-

- Preliminary - the removal of grit, wood, paper, rubber, rags and plastics, etc.
- Primary - the waste water passes slowly through large tanks so that the sludge settles to the bottom of the tank for transfer to sludge treatment works at another site.
- Secondary - biological process, where bugs are encouraged to thrive in ideal conditions, to feed off and remove harmful bacteria in the waste water, leaving more sludge also to be removed at this stage to another site.
- Tertiary - the treated waste water then passes through the reed beds for a final 'polish' before flowing into the Ley.

Mr. Brokenshire confirmed that especial care will be given in consultation with the Bird Watching and Preservation Society, and the regulatory Authorities, to avoid harming the Site of Special Scientific Interest - the Ley, with its flora and fauna. The reeds planted in the new artificial reed beds will be of the same variety as the present ones growing in the Ley. Even while the Ley is separated from the sea by a sand bar, some eleven months of the year, the stream waters still flow in the normal volume, but seep through the sand to the sea.

Mr. Peter Collett, the Environmental Scientist, explained in more detail how the proposed processing would meet in full the quality objectives set by the National Rivers Authority, and not impair the fabulous attributes of the Ley. The N.R.A. had been consulted from the outset of the design stage, as had been the National Conservancy Council who initially were concerned from the experiences of similar projects in East Anglia, about the phosphate and nitrate levels derived from sewage. South West Water had shown how their proposals would be better than many other such systems now existing, to make absolutely certain that the present pollution load to the Ley would be reduced, not increased, despite the much greater volume of sewage being treated. The system had to deal effectively not only with solids, but also with coliforms and bacteria, to meet the quality standards set by the N.R.A. and all the relevant calculations had been agreed with the N.R.A. so there was full confidence in their accuracy.

Mr. Collett produced samples, and passed the specimen bottles around the audience, of the liquids currently emerging above and below the present South Milton Works, and also showed a sample of the high standard waste water which the new Works will discharge, akin to that of a good quality river water. The quality would be closely monitored to maintain a better standard than most other treatment works, there being very few in the whole S.W. Region which provided more effective treatment. Other methods had been examined but found to be less environmentally friendly or in other ways unsatisfactory. Tertiary treatments had to absorb coliforms, decrease nitrates phosphates, Biochemical Oxygen Demands (B.O.D.) and suspended solids, and the reed beds proposed would do so. The N.R.A. set the standards and the Water Company must ensure they were met in an environmentally friendly scheme, quickly and effectively, to meet the needs of the Parishes of South Milton and Thurlestone.

In response to numerous questions, the team of experts from South West Water, amplified the following points :-

1. Tidal surveys and detailed appraisals of all conditions always had to be made to assess the respective merits of each case within a large programme. Local pressures had accelerated action to remedy Thurlestone's situation, and recent

- changes in legislation now necessitated more treatment than mere screening of discharges through long sea outfalls, the common practice hitherto. Discharges now had to achieve much higher standards than previously, and it had been decided to regard Bigbury Bay as a sensitive area warranting proper treatment and to avoid using a long sea outfall.
2. As with all schemes, it must achieve the high standards required - even foreseeable - whilst being the most cost effective possible, because the financial burdens of all schemes fall on SWW's customers. Even so, the cost of dealing with all the legacies and deficiencies of the past would involve charges rising well above the rate of inflation for the next ten years or more.
 3. However, efforts were being made to persuade the EEC to provide financial grants towards meeting the costs of compliance with the EEC Directives. Additional representations from others including Parish Councils through the Euro M.P.'s might help towards moderating some of the costly burdens.
 4. The old Thurlestone outfall overflows into the stream crossing the beach not only when storms occur, but quite frequently at other times because the pipe's capacity can cope with only about one tenth of modern requirements. The new holding tank at Thurlestone will eliminate most if not all of such overflows, and with 6mm screening, all debris which might have ended up on the beach from the sewage discharges will be filtered out. Regrettably there will still remain the big problem of seaborne litter and items left by visitors on beach.
 5. The new scheme was designed to cover an initial population of 1,500 persons, being the number forecast by planners at 2001.
 6. Most bacteria will be eliminated by the treatment, but some risks were inevitable when, for example, a seagull in one day could excrete more E. Coli than a person.
 7. Duplicate pumps would protect the system against most breakdowns.
 8. The reed bed basic materials would include iron-rich and other suitable substances to deal with phosphates and nitrates.
 9. Seeds had already been taken from the Ley for germination in the new beds in time to meet the programme for operation.
 10. Security fences a little lower than tennis courts would surround the works to protect the community, and with screening to blend into the landscape.
 11. Washing in the effluent discharged from the Works could not be recommended any more than washing in any river water could be regarded as safe. However, the Project Manager regarded the Ley around the bridge as a better play area for his children, than a beach where children might be carried away by the sea.
 12. The nature of sewage treatment works inevitably involved the possibility of some odours being generated, but that could and would in this case, be minimised by good design and management.
 13. The South Milton Works had caused very few complaints in the past, and they had arisen from either the open drying beds (to be removed) or rotting seaweed and vegetation.
 14. At the outset, the scheme would deal only with the existing public sewer system. The N.R.A. dealt with private systems and was trying to eliminate improper discharges to rivers, etc. Connections to the public sewers would be possible if the appropriate charges were paid. The Bigbury / Challaborough Works achieved a high standard so pollution of the River Avon was a matter for the NRA to investigate. Farm discharges were one possible cause of pollution in any rural area, and one to which the NRA gave priority attention.
 15. The Works would deal only with local sewage, all sludge going to the special treatment works in either Kingsbridge or Totnes. No sewage from other areas would be brought to the South Milton Works.
 16. All water supplies from open reservoirs were fully treated to drinking water standards, before included in the water supply available to customers. The increased reserves of water greatly reduced the likelihood of hosepipe bans.

The Chairman closed the Meeting after thanking the South West Water team, and other visiting Speakers, for their interesting and comprehensive addresses.

All present signified their appreciation.

WE'LL Meet Again - but if you don't know where, don't know when, then you haven't been looking in the right place...

VILLAGE VOICE'S TOP DATES FOR 1991.

June.

Wed 5th June. Tramp walk. Avon Reservoir
Tues 11th June. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm.
Wed 19th June. Tramp walk. Dartmeet.
Thurs 20th June. Royal Marines Anniversary Celebrations.
Sat 29th June. Thurlestone School Summer Fair.

July.

Wed 3rd July. Tramp walk. Dartmoor.
Sat 6th July. Conservative coffee. Thurlestone Hotel 10.30 am.
Tues 9th July. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 17th July. Tramp Walk. Kingston.

August.

Sat 3rd Aug. Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show,
Thurlestone Parish Hall.
Wed 7th Aug. Tramp walk. Dartmoor.
Tues 13th Aug. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall, 7.30 pm.

September.

Tues 10th Sept. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall. 7.30 pm.
Tues 17th Sept. Boutique 144 Fashion Show. Thurlestone Hotel.
Wed 18th Sept. Tramp walk. East of Salcombe.
Sat 28th Sept. Thurlestone Parish Hall Annual Fair 2.30 pm.

October.

Tues 8th Oct. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall. 7.30 pm.
Wed 16th Oct. Tramp walk. From Start Point.

November.

Sat 9th Nov. Thurlestone School Autumn Bazaar.
Tues 12th Nov. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall. 7.30 pm.
Wed 20th Nov. Tramp walk. Swincombe Valley.
Sat 30th Nov. N.S.P.C.C. Christmas Bazaar.

December.

Sat 7th Dec. Conservatives Christmas Bazaar. Thurlestone Parish
Hall. 10.30 am.
Tues 10th Dec. Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall. 7.30 pm.
Wed 11th Dec. Tramp Christmas walk. Dittisham.
Mon 16th Dec. Rising Generation Christmas Show. Thurlestone
Parish Hall. 7.00 pm.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU UP TO IN '91? Details of your events should be given - in writing - to Mrs. Joan Mackenzie, 7 Old Rectory Gardens, Thurlestone so that she can prepare the list for Village Voice. By July 1st for inclusion in August-September edition please.

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