

VILLAGE VOICE

THE DEATHS OF TWO IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE PARISH TOOK PLACE JUST AS VILLAGE VOICE WAS GOING TO PRESS.

Len Jeffery of Trethurle Cottage, Thurlestone, died on January 18 at Charnwood Court Nursing Home. He was born in Buckland 81 years ago and lived in the same cottage in Thurlestone village street with his wife, Carrie, since they were married 57 years ago. Len Jeffery was chaffeur and motor mechanic (with the late Charlie Bevill) at the Thurlestone Hotel garage, where he started work in 1927 and remained until the garage closed. He was Secretary of the Artisans' section of the Thurlestone Golf Club.

Roy Adams of West Buckland Farm died suddenly at home on January 20. He was 71 and had farmed at West Buckland for 32 years. He served on Thurlestone Parish Council for over 20 years before retiring last year due to ill-health. During his years on the Council he was a determined supporter of parish interests against those imposed from outside. Born in West Alvington, Roy Adams had previously farmed at Churchstow.

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The following dates were confirmed too late for entry in the Village Voice Superguide on the inside back cover of this edition:

Saturday, February 22nd. NSPCC Proper Job Jumble Sale 10.30-12 noon in Thurlestone Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 31st. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Parish Hall 7.30pm



VILLAGER

EVERYTHING I READ THESE DAYS seems to be saying what a super place Kingsbridge is, but I must say I have my reservations. I mean any place which puts all its shops up the side of a flipping great hill must be daft. Even dafter if they then employ a traffic warden or two to stop people parking outside those same shops.

Mind you, it's probably us that's daft - fancy paying to park miles away from the shops you want to go to and always discovering that you've parked at the top when the thing you really want is only sold at the bottom.

Though to be mair to us, it's the town council who are really as daft as a set of brushes. Surely anyone with any sense would know that the way to get people into your shops in a depressing recession is to make all parking free and to do away with traffic wardens altogether. But that's too simple for simple minds to grasp.

Another thing. I've never had too much time for Kingsbridge ever since they lost their own special brew some time after the Second World War. Well, you can't think much of a town which goes around losing recipes for wonderful drinks, now can you? Well, I can't.

Bring back the white ale, says I, but they can't because they can't remember how to make it.

White ale? Nobody actually knows exactly where it came from, but they say that white ale was brought to the South Hams centuries ago by a command rmy surgeon who picked up the recipe somewhere on his trevels. Wherever it came from there is no doubt that it caught on like wildfire and the brewers - in Kingsbridge - just couldn't keep up with the demand.

Mind you, it were powerful stuff. Two glasses, they said, was enough to lay out any of the 600 tough redcoats, who were stationed at the Army barracks down by the Estuary in the early 1800's before they went off to form squares on battlefields all over the world. But wherever they went they took with them fond memories of Kingsbridge's very own special brew.

Kingsbridge's very own special brew.

Lots of people have told us what they think was in it. John
Murray's famous guide to Devon of 1859, for example, tells us that
"it was made with a smaller quantity of hops than common ale, and
contains flour and spices. It is made on the Saturday to be tapped
on the Sunday" But even Mr. Murray complained that "it has much
deteriorated of late years owing to the neglect of adding eggs".

By 1900 Arthur Henry Anderson writing in the Kingsbridge town guide, was still able to try white ale "which is peculiar to Kingsbridge and the South Hams". He found it a "milky looking compound, which judging from the flavour seemed to me to have milk, spice and gin among the ingredients". Continued overleaf.

VILLAGER CONTINUES:

But in 1955, Margaret Willy, who wrote then the definitive work on this area with her book "The South Hams" couldn't find any to taste, but finally tracked down a railway inspector way up country who was a great devotee of white ale.

He told her that he used to drink it in Kingsbridge pubs before the 1914-18 War. He said it was made with great secrecy, but when analysed was found to contain "ground malt, hops, eggs, flour and a substance known as 'grout' from which it derived its taste and colouring". The grout, he said, was a special kind of yeast and the recipe was "the possessively guarded secret of a local family".

And that's all. Now, can you help me to find the right recipe for white ale? Or do you know a man who can? Did one of your parents or grandparents ever write down the contents of a pint of this lighter shade of pale ale? I'll give a free subscription to Village Voice to anyone who'll lend the recipe to me!

LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL

THURLESTONE PROBUS CLUB

The 33 members who attended the Christmas lunch on December 13th not only enjoyed an excellent meal at the Thurlestone Hotel, but also an absorbing talk by local solicitor Craham Cocks, entitled "Confessions of a Solicitor".

Regretfully, much to the disappointment of members, the "confessions" aspect was a little tenuous, but the content kept the full attention of members despite the pre-lunch seasonal cheer.

Our next meeting will be on February 14th with the Λ .G.M. on March 13th, both at the Thurlestone Hotel.

As has been the custom in the past, the Ladies Evening will be at the Cottage Hotel, Hope, on February 18th. To date some 60 people have indicated their intention to attend.

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THURLESTONE CHURCH carol singers and friends raised over £76 towards "Relief of Poverty in Roumania".

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TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMPING INTO 1992.

Stuart Reynolds of the Thurlestone Ramblers, TRAMP for short, outlines their 1992 programme.

公司 (建新) (通信 8.3.8 · 實力等等) () () THE THE PARTY OF T OUR FOURTH YEAR, 1991, was another excellent year for TRAMP. In fact, our 15-walk programme, containing 13 new ones, most of which were en and around Dartmoor, was an ambitious one. However, we were not quite so lucky with the weather, and three walks had to be cancelled. But we completed 12 with an average attendance of 12.66, an ideal number.

deal number.
For the majority of the regular TRAMPers, the superb walks on the Moor during the summer months have been well worth the extra travelling time. However, we are conscious of the fact that these longer and tougher and more remote walks may be a deterrent to new members who might wish to join TRAMP if easier options were available to enable them to participate and work themselves in.

So the 1992 programme, printed in full in this issue of Village Voice, has been designed to take this into account and offers a much wider range of possibilities. There are 3 local walks, 3 walks along the coastal footpaths, 2 fairly easy walks mainly along the valley of the River Dart, 4 not too strenuous walks in the southern foothills of Dartmoor, and 3 harder walks over the Moors. There are 15 walks in all, and it is possible for those wanting shorter walks to posiiton their cars so that only half the walk is completed on 7 of them.

of them. We are concerned that TRAMP should, as well as providing pleasure for its existing members, provide a service to the local community. If there are others in the district who would like to walk in a more leisurely style than that of TRAMP, we shall only be too pleased to help them to get started and we whould like to hear from them (I am on 560643).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bromfield and Mrs. Morley for displaying TRAMP notices each month in their shop windows.

CHURLESTONE RAMBLERS WALKS FOR 1992

General information:

- a). The rendezvous for all walks will be the Thurlestone Parish Hall Car Park.
- b). All walks will take place on the third Wednesday of each month, except August when there will be no walk, and October, November, December when they take place on the second Wednesday.
- c). There will be additional walks on the first Wednesday of May, June, July and September. 15 walks in total.
 - d). Walks "reminder notices" will be posted in the Post Office and the Village Stores nine days before the walk. These notices will provide both the details of the walk and the time of the rendezvous at the Thurlestone Parish Hall Car Park.

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WALK LEADERS:

Fergus Mackenzie (560761); Bob Nicholls (560876); Stuart Reynolds (560643); Ron Savage (852861); Derek Yeoman (560300).

WALKS PROGRAMME

1. Wed 15th JAN. (Local walk)

Walk to Bantham then walk North along the Avon river via Stadbury Manor, Merrifield and Vann to the Fisherman's Rest (late Ebb Tide) for pub lunch. Return via Osborne Newton, Worthy & Clannacombe.

About $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Leader DY N.B. A "half walk" is possible.

2. Wed 19th FEB. (Moors Foothills)

From Ivybridge, walk up the Brme valley to Hall farm and thence Westwards to Cornworthy for pub lunch. Return via Blatchford Hangar Dówn, Sherrell Farm and Henlake Down.

About 7 miles.

Leader FM

3. Wed 18th MARCH (Moors Foothills)

- AM. From Shipley Bridge SW to Ball Gate and Spurrells Cross. SE to Ladies Wood nature reserve. NE to South Brent for pub lunch.
- PM. Return to Shipley Bridge along the Avon Valley via Lutton and Didworthy.

 About 3 miles. Leader RS

4. Wed 22nd APRIL. (Dart Valley Walk)

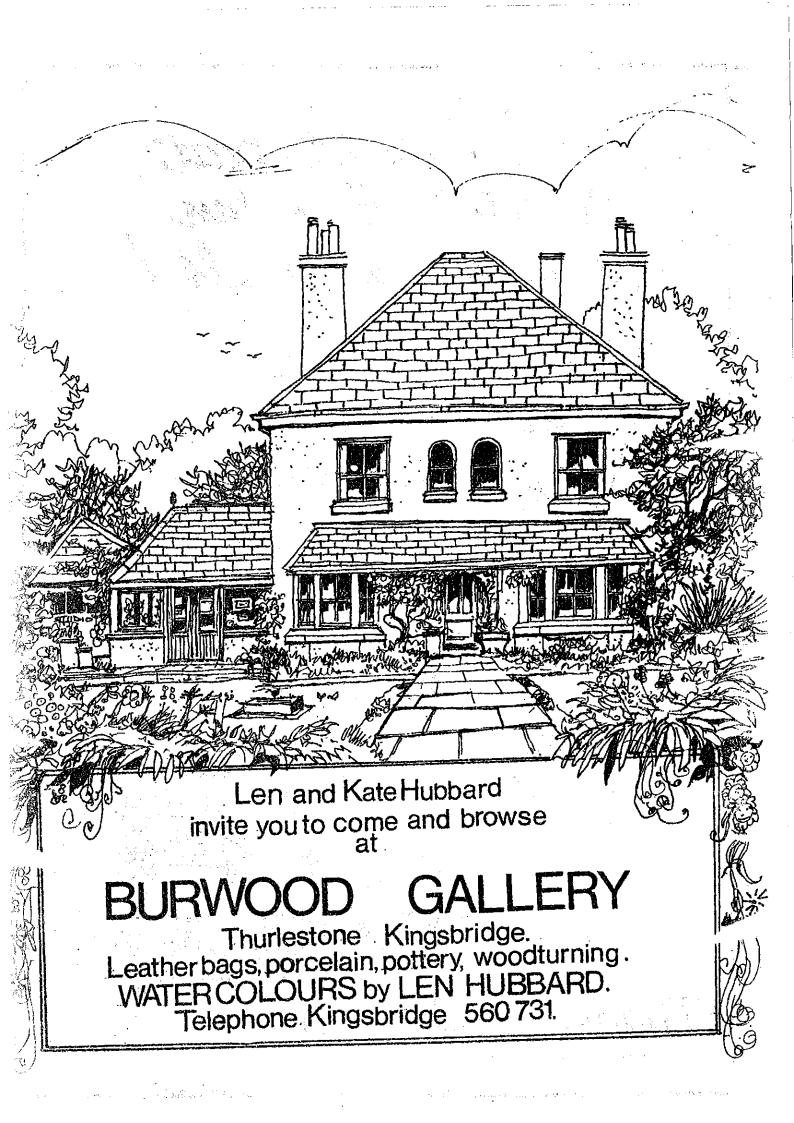
- AM. From Hembury Wood, follow the right hand bank of the Dart via Holne Bridge to the Holne Chase Estate. Permission has been obtained to walk through the grounds, following the river via Lover's Leap and Buckland Bridge. Thence, through the woods to the Hotel for a pub lunch,
- About 3½ miles. Leader SR
 PM. Walk thru North Park Woods to Gallant-le-Bower and thence
 go NW to Newbridge and finally South first along the Dart and
 later North thru woods and fields to Holne. From Holne walk
 South along "The Two Moors way" breaking away ESE along the
 Holy Brook Valley back to Hembury.

About 3½ miles, Leader SR

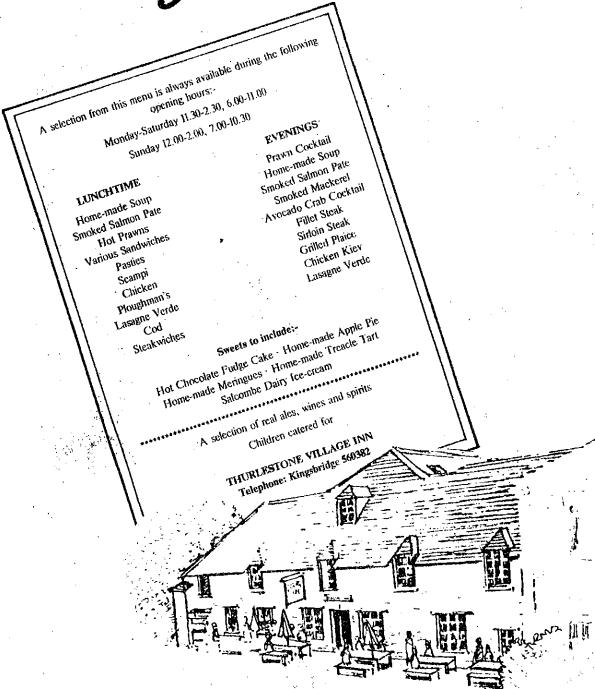
5. Wed 6th MAY (An easy Moors walk)

Start from Holne and walk Westwards thru Mitchelcombe and then on to the Moors following a well defined track (Sandy Lane) first West then NW to old mine workings on Holne Moor, Continue NNW to meet the 'O' Brook at Horse Ford, Follow the Hobne Moor Leat along a contour, leaving Comberstone Tor to the West and eventually arriving at Great Combe. Descend Southwards back to Holne,

About 8 miles. Picnic. Leader SR



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Wed 20th MAY. (Coastal Footpath)

From Wembury, walk Westward to Bovis Sands Bay. Follow the coastal path back to start. FM

Leader About 9/10 miles Picnic lunch.

Wed 3rd JUNE (Dartmoor Foothills) 7.

From Lee Mill, follow the Yealm valley Northwards via Spurham, Mark's Bridge, Stert Bridge and on to Lutton where one can obtain a pub lunch or one can picnic.

AM About 3 miles.

Yondertown, Headon Gate, Birchland, Sparkwell, Walks Brake, Venton and back to Lee Mill.

PM About 3 miles.

BN Leader

Wed 17th JUNE. (Moors walk)

From Two Bridges, follow Cowsic River North to Beardown Farm. Thence, follow the Devonport Leat Northwards along the West Dart River to the "tap off" point. (the Weir GR. 608/780). Continue NW to Devil's Tor. West to Maiden Hill then South to the Stone row. Turn East along the lych path to Broad Hole. Follow the Cowsic River and then the Devonport Leat back to Leader SR =Two Bridges.

About 9/10 Miles. Picnic Lunch

Wed 1st JULY. (Easy local river valley walk)

From Loddiswell, go past the church, and E-NE to Read's Farm, where the path commences. Continue East along a stream to meet the Avon River. Turn North and follow Avon to Topsham Bridge. Retrace steps Southwards for a mile or so and continue along the river to Newmill Bridge, Newbridge and Hatch Bridge. Turn N.NE and follow footpath cross country to Loddiswell.

About 8 ish miles. Leader ·Picnic.

10. Wed 15th JULY, (Dartmoor walk)

From Hexworthy (GR 650/726) follow old mine track SSE to monastic cross then SW to "the Hen Roost" (old mine workings). Cross the Moors (Ter Hill) on a compass bearing to Misery Cross (GR, 636#707) and continue West to Childe's Tomb then Cairn & Cyst circle (617/706). Follow footpath North to Whitworks (old tin mines). Follow the Strange River to its Junction with the Swincombe River. Cross the river to the disused Wheal Emma leat, Follow the leat back to Hexworthy.

Leader About 10 miles.

Picnic

(Docal Coastal walk). Wed 2nd SEPT. (Local Coastal walk).

From Malborough Village CP (MVCP), follow footpath South to West Portlemouth and then Furzedown west to Southdown Farm. Follow footpath first WSW then SSE to Soarmill Cove. Follow coastal path westwards to Hope Cove. Return MVHCP via the "Ridgeway" (footpath).

Picnic Picnic

About 8 ish miles. Leader BN, 24

12. Wed 16th SEPT. (Easy Moors Foothills walk).

Rrom Cadover Bridge (GR.554/645) follow the left bank of the Plym down stream to Shaugh Bridge, where it merges with the River Meavy. Cross the Plym and follow the left bank of the Meavy upstream, to Goodameavy. Cross to right bank and continue to Hoo Meavy. Return to Cadover over Wigford Down.

Picnic.

About 10 ish miles. Leader DY

- A CONTROL OF THE STATE OF THE S 13. Wed 14th OCT. (NB 2nd Wednesday) (Easy local coastal footpath walk).
- Cross the Estuary on the ferry to East Portlemouth, Follow the coastal footpath to East Prawle for either picnic or pub lunch.
- PM. From East Prawle, to NW via Higher House Farm to Vintner!'s Cross and then West to West Prawle. Follow footpath and the h "Green Lane" (Wood Lane) to Waterhead Creek, Return to East Portlemouth along Waterhead Creek and Southpool Creek.

About 10 miles. Leader BN

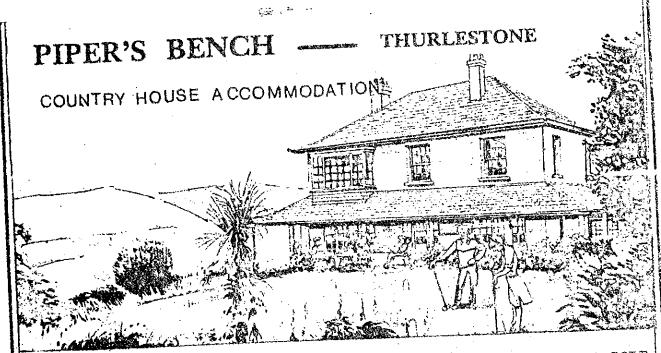
- Wed 11th NOV. (Local countryside walk). (This is a figure of eight which facilitates a 'morning only' or 'afternoon only walk.) Starting from the Normandy Arms, Blackawton.
- SW to Washwalk. Follow Gara River to Forder. NE to Westdown: Bastdown; Sweetstone, 7 Gates, Pruston-Barton and finally back to the pub for lunch,
- About 5 miles.
 Rakehills; Bowden Farm; South to Woodford & Washwalk; PMReturn NE to BA.

About 3 miles.

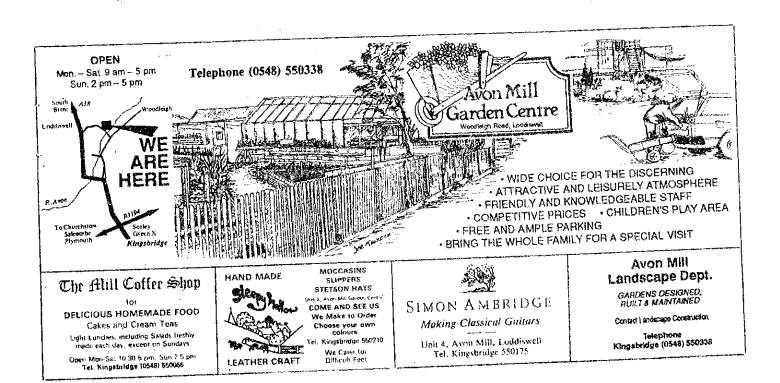
15. Wed 9th DEC. (THE CHRISTMAS WALK.) (An easy walk along (mainly) the Dart Valley)

Start from Totnes following the Dart (right bank) for about 2 miles before veering South to Ashprington. Optional loop to Ashprington point returning along the shore of Bow creek to Ashprington. (Tide is OK). Pub lunch at Durant Arms. Retrace steps to TOTNES.

> About 6½ miles. BNLeader Extra loop 3 miles.



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The Rector Writes

DEAR FRIENDS,

Tascinating War Memories

Well, I find them so anyway - from the Second World War because I remember many of them, but to start with here is one from the first world war, which I guess has got to be unique - unless you know better...

I have in my possession the disintegrating remnants of a little booklet published in 1919 as a souvenir of "H.M.Seaplane Station, Cattewater, Plymouth", now better known as R.A.F. Mountbatten. In it there is a photograph of the Commanding Officer dressed by the uniform of a Royal Naval Lieutenant and underneath is the caption Lt.Col.Haskins DSC, R.A.F. (my underlining). So the commanding officer is in naval uniform, with an army rank, and commanding an R.A.F. station!

My guess at the explanation is that Mountbatten was formerly a Royal Naval Air Station, taken over by the R.A.F. when the latter came into being, and in the early days the R.A.F. used army ranks. But I guess the photograph must be unique!

My other recent fascination has been the "war diaries" of a South coast lady, which has been my bed-time reading of late and which I have had a job to put down. So many memories..and some things I had not heard before like a little gem of a Churchillian speech for New Year 1943. "We must brace ourselves... with a strong will, a bold heart and a good conscience".

And, as long ago as December '42, the Beveridge Plan, the forerunner of our National Health Service was unveiled. It is surprising how "same" some things were as today and how different were others. In the former category we have the Archbiships of Canterbury and York pressing for post war social change with especial attention needed to housing - still a great problem for many. In October '43 there is a talk on Jugoslavia which showed "how complicated the Balkan problems are, geographical, religious, and political with much hatred between small groups. Sadly that could have been written in 1992!

Among the contrasts was the introduction of a fixed minimum wage for Miners - £5 per week! (Jan '44). Also it is difficult to project ourselves back now to October '43 - Egg ration one per month! Also scientists said monotonous food as well as shortage of food could cause weight loss!

One of the biggest surprises for me was to read that Ernest

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Bevin (Foreign Secretary in the post-war Labour administration) Minister for Labour in the Wartime Cabinet hoped after the war to see domestic service providing congenial employment to thousands of women. I thought it a surprising hope and one of which he was certainly disappointed. I should in fairness say that he did hope to see domestic service raised to a craft "akin to nursing" and also available to all:

Another thing I was surprised to see was a newspaper clipping as early as November '42 giving details of the German extermination of the Jews. I believed we were led to suppose this was only discovered after the war. But somethings you remember and some - after 50 years - you forget, I remembered well enough "War Weapons Weeks", "Warships Week" and Wings for Victory Weeks" - all devised to encourage the loan of money to the Government for armaments. I remember being urged not to travel "Is Your Journey Really Necessary?" and only having 5 inches of water in the bath and only one bath a week, but I had forgotten that use of the telephone was discouraged (probably because I was too young to use the telephone and we didn't have one anyway! Another thing that took me by surprise was the exhortation to invite other families to share your fireside during winter months on a sort of rota basis, thereby saving coal for the war effort. I can't say I remember it happening either.

Mention of the "grey" bread and bartering oranges for tomatoes etc all sparked off memories, as did the arrival of the doodle-bugs (VI) and later the V2 rockets, but I was surprised to see that Churchill had forewarned of these a full six months previously. Lastly I had imagined that ringing the Church bells was banned throughout the war - reserved for warning of invasion - and was quite astonished to read that they were permitted as early as - November '42 to celebrate the "end of the beginning" as Churchill called it.

A very interesting book, recording everything from the sinking of the Tirpitz to the Turnips in the allotment. The author is generously giving all royalties to the Save the Children Fund. It's called "Despatches from the Home Front" by Joan Strange, (Monarch Publications; 1989).

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LATEST from the Sewer Front: The contractors are on site and have started work. There are high hopes of an improvement on Leys Foot by the summer.

AATEST from the Golf Club's Almost Permanent Pothole: It's opened up again and is spurting water - again.

TATEST from the Post Office Lane battleground: The potholes are now so big that the Parish Council has expressed fears of damage to pedestrians.

PAT MACHIN'S PUZZLE CORNER

Here it is again - that awfully infuriating, hair-pulling, scalp scratching, nail chewing, but delightfully amusing game called MISSING LINKS

Can you find the missing link between these pairs of words by filling in the space in the bracket? Each word has four letters. For example: cow (slip) shod. The answers are on another page in this issue.

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LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL NEWS.

The Thurlestone Branch of the South Hams Conservatives were set a fund-raising target of £1500 for 1991. They raised £2300.

LOCAL NEWS FROM THE W.

FIFTY MEMBERS CAME TO the December meeting which took the form of a Christmas Lunch. After eating, members enjoyed a seasonal comic sketch which had been written in verse by Val Brown.

It all started with Cinders (S.Parker) falling to sleep and dreaming that, instead of being at the Ball, she was lining up the chairs prior to a W.I.Meeting, and members came on stage as pantomime characters. V (Legs) White was Dick Whittington; V.Brown and J.Reece (get those shorts!) as the Babes in the Wood; D.Newcombe twinkled as the Good Fairy and P.Macdonald was the Bad Fairy (the broomstick was a good fit.).

M.Savage was the Flower Fairy (doing her usual stuff), P.Jephcott was Sleeping Beauty (those curlers!). E.Cuming was Little Red Riding Hood (Oh Grandma, what big eyes you've got), D.Stone as Old Mother Hubbard had all her teabags about her. R.Mackay was Aladdin (did that moustache eventually wash off?) and J.Batchelor was Humpty Dumpty (thought she'd put on a bit of weight). Widow Twanky with her Hanky was played by C.Hughes, while W.Cousins made a melodious Buttons. The Queen of Hearts reigned supreme (P.Millman) even if she did deafen us. Last, but by no means least, A.Reynolds kept us all in tune.

And so it was on this happy and festive note that 1991, came to an end for the W.I. President Tricia Millman would like to extend a very warm welcome to all women who aren't members to come as our guests to any one of the mettings in 1992 - they are on the second Thursday every month except August, 2.30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. You will be made very welcome.

Here are the speakers for the year: February 13th Di Rodwell will talk about cooking fish by microwave; March 13th Dingles Store Manager will talk about the history and present day store; April 9th Mrs Ruth Murray will be talking about Badgers; May 14th debate and discussion on current affairs resolutions (plus craft display of members' work); on June 11th there will be a light-hearted look at beekeeping; July 9th Heather Trippas will be talking about; and doing, woodcarving; September 10th will have Mr.F.Frewer talking about rambling in the South Hams; October 8th Mr.B.Briers will talk about Cancer Relief; November 12th will be the Annual Meeting, election of President and Committee; December 10th we hope to finish our year with another Lunch Party.

If you are new to the village and don't know anyone yet, or haven't thought about coming to W.I., or want to get to know more people, please come along and see if you like the look of us - you will be under no obligation;

At the first meeting of the year, in January, Connie Hughes took the chair in the President's absence and took the opportunity to congratulate Alice Foster who had recently obtained her F.F.W.I. Judges Certificate in Flower Arranging. The speaker, Mr. Nigel Toms of the St. John Ambulance Brigade gave a lot of good basic advice on how to deal with an emergency where the casualty had an obstructed airway.

Talking About

OUR HOLIDAY HOME

(AND HOW IT LED ME BACK TO MY FAMILY ROOTS)

Eric Williams tells this local story.

GROWING OLDER is a bonus sadly denied to many. Looking back, looking around and peering ahead becomes gradually more of a preoccupation of increasing fascination. Nostalgia is a growth industry as we live longer, have more to look back on and enjoy more time to focus and philosophise - or simply suck our teeth and sigh.

Despite my teenage determination, which became a driving obsession - to break from my home environment and its stifling restrictions - I have changed with the seasons. I have lived long enough to pause, reflect, and with the curiosity which inspired and rewarded my livelihood, took towards my roots. The adolescent arrogance which expressed itself contemptuous of all that I knew about my family and for-bears, has now worn itself out.

I only wish I knew more about who I am and where I came from. But I'm trying to find out. For this, I mostly have to thank an elderly cottage up Salcombe's Batson Creek, our other home. I love it. And most of all I have to thank my dear and patient wife, who led us there. It's a good story - for us, at least.

My father came from Kingsbridge, one of a family of 12. His father was foreman at Lidstone's Foundry (Lidstone stoves), a Methodist lay preacher for 45 years (there's a plaque for him in the chapel in Fore Street), and many of the family lie in the corner of Dodbrooke Churchyard, near the road. He, like two of his brothers, served his time as a watchmaker with a couple of Swedish brothers who kept a jeweller's shop in Fore Street. I have his indentures framed on my study wall. He began at half a crown a week, apparently, so the fortune he never made could only lie inthe future. When his time expired, father went to London, met and married a rather nervous Methodist girl at Bromley, Kent, and eventually ended up with a business and a family in the Midlands. He died 20 years' ago and is buried with my mother in a Shropshire village churchyard.

As a boy I could only have come to Kingsbridge once or twice but I can't remember it very well. I had an uncle with a boat who took me out fishing and we caught a pollack. I had another uncle with a big moustache and a dominant manner, a man called Ladkin, who I believe was a County Councillor and a governor of Kingsbridge Grammar Schbol. I remember another uncle with a job in Plymouth Dockyard, who took me to see the wreck of a ship on the rocks somewhere along the coast. It surely can't have been the 'Herzogin Cecile', as in 1936 I would have been old enough to have memembered more clearly.

The Eric Williams story continues:

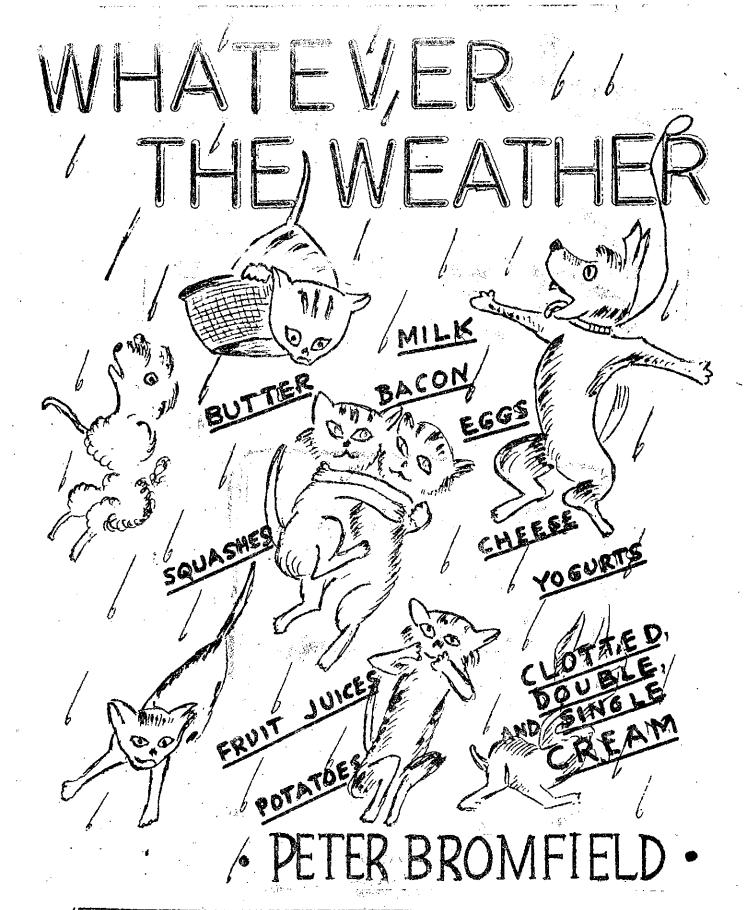
That's about all I can remember about Devon.

In the early 1970's, however, we had friends with a cottage at Batson and came down several times and stayed with them. Waking up in the morning and looking out over the water, or even the gleaming mud, in the pearly glow of dawn, was a wonderfully peaceful experience. Walking to church plong the creek in the Sunday morning stillness, savaged by the squawkings of sea birds, was sheer balm to a spirit battered by the bruising cares of a London-based business. Salcombe was a sanctuary. Them 5 had not been built, as I recall.

We were going to buy part of a mill in the South of France as a holiday retreat but this fell through (another saga). My wife came to Salcombe to stay with our friends, noticed that the next door cottage was empty and for sale, looked at it, liked it, made a ridiculous offer on the last morning on her way to buy bread in the town - and had a 'phone call later in the day, accepting. It was obviously meant to be. During 15 years we have lovingly and carefully improved our Batson bases replaced rotting windows, extended, furnished, heated, tiled, weatherproofed, decorated - and shared with family and friends.

I've had time to reflect on my family and roots. I wonder if my father ever saw Batson? How long would it have taken to travel by pony and trap from Kingsbridge to Batson? In which chapels did my preacher grandfather spread the Good news? (In 1975, I recall;) I met old Mr. Stone the boatbuilder, who told me that he had heard him : preach when a boy.) What manner of man was the grandfather who Iii never met? Did he draw people to him? How deep and how manifest was his faith and his love for his neighbours? How did the family get on with each other, and what were they like? I never met most of them. At 16, I'wouldn't have cared. At 60-plus, I'm curious. And I shall never know. But I can perhaps respond to the sights and sounds of the South Hams which they shared. The almost kaleidoscopic switches of sunshine and showers, hill-high clouds swiftly succeeded by sunbursts; the breeze rippling the creek water, ruffling the swans, ducks and sea birds. The cheerful clamour of hedge and tree birds mingling with sounds of neighbours about their business, all stitred in the basin which is Batson, to produce the chorus of a community of which I am happy and proud to be a part. I relish the freshness of January mornings, puffing and tramping up to Snapes Point or roaming Trips in our little boat, further afield to Blanksmill and Collapit. probing the creeks and bouncing out to Bolt Head and beyond, trying for mackerel and savouring the freshness of an off-shore breeze. Not forgetting the perennial pleasures of South Hams pubs - and the incomparable Salcombe crab!

Every day here, I look out over the creek and the world I share with my neighbours, breathe contentedly, muse about the roots I have never dug up and probably never can - and gratefully accept the blessings of a sanctuary whose very existence 20 years' ago I never even imagined. In the end, we have to grow our own roots.

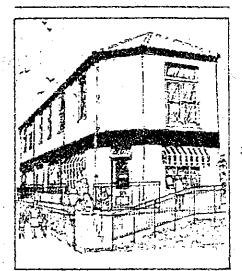


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CONTINUING THE VILLAGE VOICE GUIDE TO THE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN THE PARISH AND WHY THEY ARE "LISTED"

In this issue we start with:

The Sloop Inn

Grade II

Inn. C17 origins. Considerably remodelled and extended in early C19. Plastered stone rubble walls. Slate roof hipped to main range, half-mansard roof to front of wing. Brick stack at either end of main range.

Plan: much altered and original form unclear but main range was probably 2 or 3 rooms although it has been extended at the rear. Large wing at left-hand end extending to rear.

Exterior: 2 storeys. Regular 3-window front to main range of C20 2-light small-paned casements on 1st floor; a 12-pane sash below to the left and a C2O bay window to the right, Central; C2O plank door. A hollow-moulded string course runs along the front of the house between the floors. Tall 3 storey wing at left-hand end extending to rear has mainly early C19 16-pane sashes.

Interior: largely altered in later C20 - but retains one apparently early C17 wooden doorframe with cranked head at left-hand end of front range.

BAST BUCKLAND -Myrtle Cottage and Cob Cottage and Cob Cottage

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Pair of cottages. Circa mid C17 with probably C18 addition. Accept Plastered rubble and cob walls. Thatch roof gabled to left ended a and hipped to right. 2 axiel rendered rubble stacks with brick party shafts and brick stack at gable end.

Plan: basic 2-room plan to each cottage. Cob Cottage to right and a has both its rooms heated by axial stacks and a newel stair at the rear of the left-hand room. Behind the right-hand room is a small wing added probably in the C18.

Exterior: 2 storeys. Asymmetrical 3:3 window front mainly of C19 and early C20 small-paned 2-light casements. Myrtle Cottage to the left has an early C19 horizontal sliding 12-pane each to left on the ground floor, C2O stable-type door to its right with tile hood over. Cob Cottage has a C2O plank door to the right, now disused, and the current entrance is through a C2O timber lean-to at the right-hand end with a single storey extension beyond it.

Interior: of Cob Cottage only accessible. Its ceiling beams have been replaced, left-hand room has a fireplace with roughly chamfered wooden lintel and stone newel stairs in a projection at the rear. Insubstantial feet of straight principals visible on 1st floor suggest an C18 or C19 re-roofing. Andreas Andreas

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Boathouse. C19. Stone rubble walls with weatherboarding at front on 1st floor. Thatch roof hipped at the front and gabled at the rear. Brick gable end stack.

Plan: Rectangular plan. Boathouse on ground floor with room above which has fireplace.

Exterior: 2 storeys. Front facing straight onto the river has its 1st floor canted out over the ground floor with 3 narrow windows. Wide double doors below.

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BANTHAM - Nos 1-10

Grade II

Row of cottages. Basically probably mid-later C17 but altered to varying degrees at various times. Plastered rubble walls. Gabled, thatch roofs apart from a slate roof at No 6. 10 brick stacks, some on rubble bases.

Plan: Cottages probably each originated with 2-room plan, one larger and heated. Evidence of newel stairs in some and No 10 has a large stair projection on its front wall. Some subdivision and internal alteration has taken place and No 6 was a C19 insert into a space between the adjoining cottages.

Exterior: 2 storeys, although some of the road frontages appear single storey. Long irregular and very picturesque row of mainly single-fronted cottages. Windows are mainly C19 or early C20 small-paned casements of 1, 2 and 3-lights with some sliding sashes. 1st floor windows generally set in eyebrows in the tatch, except for No 6. which has had its eaves raised and early C19 16-pane sashes introduced with a contemporary hood over its door. A mixture of plank and panelled doors. No 10 to the right has a semi-circular stair projection on its front wall.

Interior: Nos 4 & 5 seen, both have stone newel staircases.

No 4 has small fireplace in right-hand room with slate slab
lintel and Lydstone range. No 5 has roughly chamfered cross
beams with run-out stops. Coffin-hatch in ceiling of righthand ground floor room. Probably original fairly substantial
straight principal rafters.

Look out for more "listed" building details in our next issue.

ANOTHER GOLF COURSE AT THURLESTONE?

Mr.W.J.Sharley of Cross Park Farm has asked the Parish Council for their reaction if his family decided to try and convert their farm into a nine-hole golf course because of the farming recession.

At their meeting on January 14 the Council heard that the area concerned was of 48 acres, that the countryside would be protected though it would be necessary to dig bunkers. The golf course buildings would be created by converting the existing farm buildings, and the car park would be screened from sight. A wide entrance would be made next Clanacombe Head.

The Secretary of Thurlestone Golf Club was quoted as saying that they would welcome the new course as it would

ease the pressure on their links.

Only a rough outline of the project was given and it was stressed that Mr. Sharley was not at this time applying to the Parish Council about planning permission, but wanted to know their reaction. Based on what they had heard the Council agreed to send Mr. Sharley a letter saying that they saw no objection at present.

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DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE INN HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY TEIGNBRIDGE AND SOUTH HAMS HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE OF DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Village Voice Traffic Correspondent writes: No one quite knows why the Committee made this decision, but they are very much into "traffic calming" rather than double yellows at the moment. Parked cars, like those at West Alvington, are reckoned to be traffic "calmers" cutting down the speed of traffic. This is hard luck on Thurlestone Parish Council and their request for double yellows outside the Village Inn, particularly as they wanted the lines not to cut down on traffic speed but to stop the path of emergency vehicles - fire and ambulance - being blocked by parked cars.

EVANS ESTATES: APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THREE BUILDINGS AT THE REAR OF HOMEFIELD HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN.

Village Voice Property Correspondent writes: Parish officials

were surprised that the main ground

for refusal appeared to be one of intrusion into other living areas, rather than any other.

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VILLAGERS IN ASTOUNDING RESPONSE (A) TO EMERGENCY OFFICER'S APPEAL FOR INFORMATION.

Derrick J. Yeoman, who is Vice-Chairman of the Thurlestone Parish Council as well as the Parish Emergency Officer told the Council of the amazingly good response by parishioners to a questionnaire which he had circulated via Village Voice. He had received 90 replies. Of these 77 came from Thurlestone (58 from the Mead), 13 from Bantham, and from Buckland, and as a result he had identified 24 areas where old people might well be at risk in any emergency involving failure of the electricity supply. This, together with all the offers of help he had received would be kept in a parish mmergency register. It was not too late for anyone who had a form to return it,

FOOTNOTE: Seen at one of those road works near Kingsbridge a noticeboard giving the reason for the delay as "MAINS REHABILITATION"!
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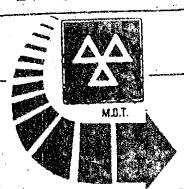
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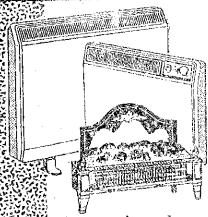
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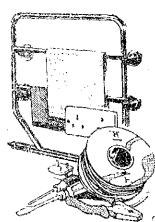
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As well as considerable internal refurbishment, new fencing around the swimming pool, the creation of garden areas as well as the acquisition of major items of equipment, we have also seen staff changes during the course of the year. Yet, however considerable are the changes wrought, there is an almost constant stream of pressure to pursue new initiatives, pilot new schemes and provide an increasingly rich educational environment in which the school can flourish. And it is obvious that, with the continued emphasis on opportunity and genuine experience, what the school alone can provide is, at best, partial.

We have been indebted during the past year to the many parents and friends of the school who have supported the school's efforts

to enrich the child's early experiences.

Help has come from a variety of sources and often without any kind of prompting. During January we will be greening the school grounds; with the support of the South Hams Council's Environment Department, we will be planting trees and shrubs at the lower end of the school field. As well as creating a more varied habitat, we will also be making the area visually more interesting. A tree bank will be established on a small piece of unused land near the Pearson Nursery.

Our plans for the internal improvement of the school for the coming year include the complete upgrading of the school library; the plans are in place, we await the money! It is also our intention to redecorate the inside of the school as soon as the opportunity

presents itself.

My last point is a return to an old hobby-horse of mine: School-Community links. A date will shortly be set for the 1992 Village Quiz. Last year over twenty organisations took part and we hope that the response this year will be equally entusiastic. It provides an important event in the village calendar when people from both parishes can gather together in the one institution that unites them: All Saints' School.

A.F. WILLIAMS, Headmaster.

ANSWERS TO PAT MACHIN'S PUZZLE CORNER:

- 1. some. 2. sack. 3. gent. 4. prop. 5. port. 6.half. 7.land.
- 8. tune. 9. barn. 10. trip. 11. pink. 12. west. 13. tire
- 14. sure.15. poly.16.here.17.yard.18.glow.19.adam.20.wolf.

POSTBAG LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR SIR AND MADAM,

You ran a letter in Village Voice in the Spring of last year drawing attention to the fact that the Evans Estates, the owners of Bantham beach and Ham, were trying to qualify for the blue flag award (in fact unsuccessfully because they did not have enough tarmac!) and suggesting that it was the local dog owners who were letting the side down by allowing their dogs to foul the paths over the Ham.

That letter had some effect to the extent that certain local dog owners/walkers did indeed not only make efforts to control their dogs' anti-social habits, but also, to guard against their dog's occasional lapses, took to taking POOP SCOOPS with them so as to remove the evidence of their dog's misdemeanours, either by removing it altogether, or, at least, by throwing it into the

long grass and bushes. To those two ladies, the grateful thanks of Evans Estates and of those who enjoy the walk over Bantham Ham.

It seems to be that the main offenders are those who park along the verge (the season ticket holders' spaces during the summer months) who let their "bursting" dogs out of their cars, which immediately make for the short turf on the path and perform. in front of their owners!

Is it asking too much of those who walk their dogs over the Ham to keep an eye on their dog's activities, and to try and train them to perform in the long grass away from the paths, to notice if they do not, and to arm themselves with some sort of means of

removing the mess, at least, by throwing it into long grass?
It is no good blaming visitors, dogs for the unpleasant heaps and smells - it is the locals who are the offenders, and from Kingsbridge and the surrounding villages.

So, Dog Walkers of the South Hams, can we not all do our bit to help to keep Bantham Ham the lovely walk it should be, not only for ourselves and our dogs, but also for our neighbours.

Mrs.Gill Coddard, Bantham.

DEAR MADAM EDITOR,

Have your readers noticed that the pub at Aveton Gifford has changed its name from "Ebb Tide" to "Fisherman's Rest"? I must confess the change had escaped me - it happened on July 1 last year - but in my defence I can only say that I was probably concentrating hard on the road tring to get round that extra-ordinary roundabout who tiles seem to creep ever outward!

Why the change? Your readers may be interested to know that a spokesman at the pub said it was "for a multitude of reasons" but he did fill me in on a little of the pub's history. The first building, which is now the downstairs part of the pub was built over in about 1840 and that is the main part of the building as it is today. Then it was called "Steer's Kings Arms" (Steer being the owner). It then became simply "The King's Arms" and then 22 years ago "The Ebb Tide". But does a name matter as long as the beer is good? Kendall McDonald, Thurlestone.

Bruce Kemp



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BRAISING VEGETABLES is a good way to keep all the flavour and goodness. Longer cooking is necessary, but this varies according to your taste and whether you like them crisp or just cooked through.

RED CABBAGE CASSEROLE

Large Cooking Apple, peeled, cored and sliced.

to 11b Red Cabbage, washed, trimmed and thinly sliced.

medium Onion, peeled and sliced.

loz Raisins

pint Chicken Stock

tablsp White Wine Vinegar

teasp. Sugar

clove Garlic: (optional)

Salt and Black Pepper

loz Butter.

Put apples, cabbage, onion, raisins, sugar, salt and pepper into an ovenproof casserole. Mix together the wine vinegar, stock and garlic and pour over. Stir well to mix with the other ingredients. Cover with a piece of buttered greaseproof paper and the lid. Cook for approx. 30 to 40 minutes at 180C (lower in a fan-assisted oven 160C. Chekk the seasoning, then before serving add the butter.

Note. If you do have any of this dish over, it is excellent reheated and served with jacket potatoes and cold meat.

LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL

All those locals (and visitors) who helped raise over \$\,\$650 during 1991 for the London Chest and Heart Hospital's redevelopment of their operating theatres - so that they can treat even more patients from this area - will have been delighted to see that the Princess of Wales opened the new theatres last month.

Ella and Gerald Jarvis, Thurlestone

CHILDRENS CHOICE - OUR NEW CHILDRENS PAGE.

What did the pencil say to the rubber? Take me to your ruler.

by Christopher Daniels.

SO NO MORE RECORDS?

As you will no doubt have seen on tv, vinyl records are to become obsolete.

What I am wondering is what will happen to the millions of records that have been nade. Should we just discard them because they are unfashionable, keep them in the hope that one day they may be antiques, or could there be a really great alternative future for them. Please send your suggestions to the childrens page.

James.

A sweet recipe

5tbls peanut butter
4tbls clear honey
4oz milk powder
2oz raisins
2oz chopped nuts
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together in a large
bowl, press into a
shallow dish, chill
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rebecca

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Neighbours

As the new year begins, we can expect some cold and frosty weather, fun for us kids but not so for some of the older residents, keep your eyes open, have they taken in their milk and paper, have they opened their curtains, or have you seen them recently, TELL Your MUM, or can you do a bit of shopping for them, being a bit nosey now may really help, what do you think,

a brownie

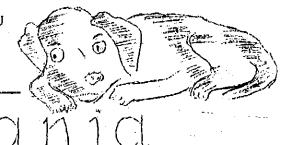
FAX

did you know that the amount of caffeine in 100mls of "standard" tea is roughly 20-30mg

If you would like to contribute to this page please ring Trisha Daniels on 560859.

A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU

THROUGHOUT 1992



A MISCELLANY OF THIS AND THAT

A 1992 MESSAGE ??

During the fifteen years I was the Parish Clerk at Thurlestone, I recall the Parish Council was increasingly disturbed by the growing imblance in housing. It would seem to me that the politicians might just be awakening to the situation, for in the November issue of 'South Hams News and Views' - publication of the Conservative Association they print an interesting article. I quote: "SOUTH HAMS OUT OF BALANCE. . . . Over the past ten years we have seen towns and villages in the South Hams growing out of Balance. There is one aspect in which this is particularly the case. A balanced community means among other things, a mix of age groups, and in the South Hams young people face, difficulties simply because they cannot, in general, compete in the housing market with, for example, people from other parts of the country who wish to live here."

"But who shall blame these people? They find here an ambience and a way of life vastly superior to that in many other parts. Nor are they unwelcome, because so many of the older, retired people make a valuable contribution to the many activities we enjoy."

"But the fact remains, a community without its proper balance of young people is a dying community, and for this reason we just cannot do with-out the young marrieds."

"Jobs, suitable employment and career prospects, housing, protection of the environment. It adds up to a problem, but it's a problem that has to be resolved." End of quote.

Would I be mistaken to feel that this is, perhaps, a message to County and District Councillors, Planning Officers and Environmental Officers?

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I don't want to make you shiver, but in the winter of 1940 freezing rain (rain which turns to ice on contact with all surfaces) hit Southern England in a particularly long spell. Ice accumulated until the branches of old trees snapped, and more young and supple ones were bent over and literally welded to the ground. On February 4th 1968 trawlers from Hull were fishing west of Ireland when high winds created freezing spray from mountainous seas which froze on the ships capsizing at least one boat, and it was only on the 26th February 1990 that a major storm broke through the sea defences at Towyn on the north coast of Wales - causing devastation.

March is, of course, noted for wind. The highest recorded gust of wind on mainland Britain occured in Scotland at the Cairngorms Weather Station at an altitude of 3525ft when it gusted to 144 mph on 6th March 1967, but I was personally involved in the winter of 1947 - only decently demobbed!! It is rated as the snowiest this century (so far!) with snow falling some—where for a total of 55 consecutive days. When the thaw came in March wast areas of the countryside were flooded - after all on several days there had been snow falls of two feet or more. SPRING? it is usually claimed to start on 21st March - but I don't think Spring has arrived until you can put a foot on 12 daisies. Just you wait and see.

PART II over:-

D.R A B B L E M A N I A Part I K

SMALL INCHES INCHES OR GREAT

MENSURATION O F MATTER ALITTLE

Some of you may have seen the 'pebble maze' at Troy Town on St Agnes Isles of Scillies, said to have been made by a bored lighthouse keeper, Amos Clark (or Clarke), in about 1729, but a letter sent to him in 1740 from Trinity House, London, raises the question of whether his liking for contraband liquor and his theories of mensuration would allow him to complete such a geometrical project.

When reading the copy of this letter you should bear in mind that the light to warn shipping of impending disaster at this period was a coal fired beacon or 'Cresset', and judging by the many hundreds of ships that came to grief in the Scillies, was not too successful!

TO: Amos Clark Scilly Light St. Agnes

5th May 1740

Deputy Master Captain John Werry Trinity House London

Yours to Mr Whormby has been read to all the gentlemen of the Board, which does very much surprise us. I am very sorry to see what you say about the grate sent you. The former dimensions you sent us for a new grate were your mistake, as you confess, on sending us small inches instead of great inches, and now you have made a model of great inches instead of small.

For my part I must own I never knew any difference in inches. I think all inches in England are alike, but perhaps you have such inches in St Agnes different from all the rest of 'Ye World'. It plainly appears to me you are mad, and if you continue so, we must send over another man to take care of the light.

Be sure the Lighthouse is not set on fire, and that the glass be kept very clean. I perceive that you do not like the Welsh coals now, you say they will not flame, altho! you have had no other formerly for years, and no complaint then, yet you say now these coals made so strong a fire, which seems to me a contradiction in itself. However, to please you if possible, although you have wrote us lately a very simpertinent letter, we have agreed with a vessel to go to Sunderland to load about fifty Chaldrons of those coals for St Agnes, which you are to receive and see measured and send us how many chaldrons she makes out.

I do advise you as a Friend to take care of the Light and keep the Glasses clean and make the grate according to your own mind (if it be possible a Smith can be had) that we may have no more complaints, for I do assure you that you and your son will soon be removed iff you go on as you do, and then it will be too late to repent.

I desire you will take care for your Family's sake; I fear you give yourself so much to drinking that you make yourself unfit for any I have not else at present. business.

I remain your Friend as long as you behave yourself well.

JOHN WERRY

This St Agnes Cresset still exists and is probably the only example of its kind remaining. It is preserved in the 'Valhalla' Maritime Museum on the Island of Tresco, together with figureheads from ships that did nt make it!

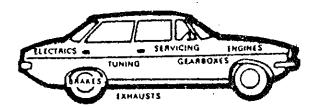
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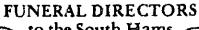
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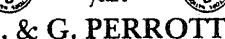


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Cutting a hole in the skull - trepanning - was practised in pre-historic times, using sharp flint or bronze instruments. In France a burial site dating from 2500 BC was found to contain 60 trepanned skulls. In Peru, trepanned skulls from the 5th Century BC and the 5th Century AD have been found. Amongst the earliest of trepanned skulls is a Neolithic one found, in Germany, dating from 5000 BC. In those far off days it is thought it was probably done to allow the escape of an illness from the body - a practice employed by later primitive societies. The modern trepanning method, cutting the hole in the skull of a live person with a cylindrical, or crown, saw, usually as a prelude to a brain operation - was recorded as a surgical technique in the 15th century in a medical book, Lanfranc's Chirurgica. Maybe a few of our politicians might benefit us if they had treatment.

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<u>Puzzle Extra!</u> In this issue, readers will find, not only a fierdish problem posed by our regular puzzler, Pat Machin, in his puzzle corner spot, but also, below, an extra brain-teaser from Bruce Mackay.

In the grid, so he tells us, are the names of 25 Sportsmen and Sportswomen. They run horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Some letters are used more than once. How many can you find? Answers are on another page in this issue.

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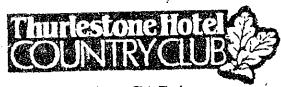
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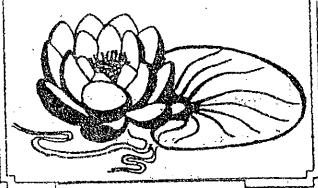
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Neville OSWALD reports

DOWN AT the bottom end of the village street there is a triangular plot of land, extending no more than a quarter of an acre, upon which the war memorial stands. It has been referred to as the Green, on and off since 1777, but I doubt whether it should be so called because it does not really look like a village green and anyway Thurlestone is the wrong shape for one. Yet it seems to have no other name.

In 1918 Commander Evans, of the Evans's Estates, gave the Green to the parish council which gratefully accepted it and decided it was the ideal place for a memorial to the twelve men of the parish who died in World War 1. In due course a splendid granite crucifix was erected, similar to the old fourteenth century wayside cross that now stands in the churchyard. Alas, fifty years were to elapse before the Green finally assumed the neat and orderly appearance we now know, for several good reasons.

At first, little attention was paid to the surrounds of the memorial which by 1930 were in such a bad state that the rector took responsibility for maintaining them in good trim for a year. Then, with the building of new houses and roads and the increase in motor vehicles at that time, loads of sand were brought up from the beach in farm carts and dumped along the cemetary wall on the northern boundary of the Green, whence they were taken away in lorries that were too large to negotiate the narrow slippery road down to the Warren. The villagers objected to the mess and both the parish council and the rural district council looked for an alternative site. Mr. Grose did not want the sand anywhere near his hotel and Mr. Broad (the Bromfields' predecessor) objected to anything cluttering up his premises, beside which he already had a dump for cartwheels, hurdles; sheep troughs and the like. So, for the time being the sand remained where it was.

Then there was a difficulty over Mr. Broad's cows which regularly invaded the Green when walking past on the way to being milked. Who can blame them for accepting such an easy source of food whilst their herdsman, perhaps dallying awhile, might justly feel he was doing the parish council a favour by keeping the grass down? The parishioners, it seems, thought otherwise. A high wire fence was put up around the Green which may have discouraged the cattle but can hardly have enhanced the appearence of the place.

Much more damage was to follow. In 1932-33 a road was laid across the top of the Green to supply the new Eddystone Road, and soon caused havor by flooding the whole of the Green with water and silt. A trench and soakaway pit were dug, but they made little difference. Two years later, a leak was found in a pipe under the road; two new pipes were laid down, one to the soakaway and the other to the main drain. When the land eventually dried, crocuses were planted around the memorial, some of which may be seen in springtime to this day.

In 1947 the Devon County Council presented a scheme for widening the road down to the Warren, with a view to improving the main route to South Milton. The Parish council had reservations, partly because hobody seemed to know who owned the stretch alongside the Green and hence was responsible for its maintenance; also, it did not want any interference with the Green itself, After much discussion, it recommended that the scheme be abandoned, Instead, it contributed its share of resurfacing in the time-honoured fashion. Limestone rocks were brought by sea and thrown on to the beach at high tide, collected in carts at low tide and then dumped beside the road at intervals, especially outside Heathfield on the steepest part of the hill. There they were cracked, mainly by volunteers, and reduced to bits about the size of hens! These were then laid on the road, crushed by a steam roller and covered with a layer of sand. In 1960 the Evans Estates were consulted about the continuing unsatisfactory state of the road, which needed widening with the acquisition of land on either side. Surveyors from the Devon County Council visited the site and eventually, in 1975, the present road was properly developed and relaid.

During the war years, 1939-1945, the Green was uncared for and accumulated much rubbish. Mr Roger Jackman was appointed in 1950 to do what he could with his scythe, but it was not enough, An emergency meeting of the parish council was called to consider what should be done. Mrs Eden offered £100 to have the site cleared, but when a preliminary inspection revealed that the memorial itself was becoming unstable, the money was spent on inserting an extra stone base. Meanwhile Roger had been in touch with his friend Mr. Galbert Ewings over in South Milton who had an old tractor. Between the two of them they ploughed and levelled the whole Green and sowed it with grass which was carefully nurtured with the aid of a motor mower borrowed from the hotel. Later, the Yarmer Estate provided kerbstones to discourage the parking of cars on the grass, some shrubs were planted, and parishioners kindly contributed a couple of garden seats.

Roger has now handed over to Mr. Reg Bickle responsibility for keeping in order the pleasant setting for the war memorial which we all are able to enjoy.

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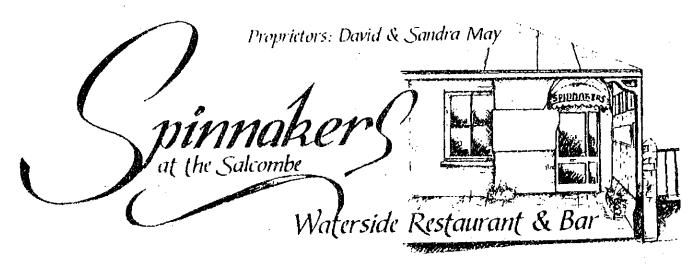
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HARRY HUGGINS



THEY TALK ABOUT lies, damned lies and statistics. In course of a working life I listened to far too many of the first two categories ever to want to hear any more; the top echelons of banking management are shielded from such things (which is why when confronted with the likes of the late Captain Bob they swallow it all, hook, line and sinker). But I was grass-roots - mushroom managers we were; our superiors kept us in the dark and from time to time threw manure over us. It was our lot to be confronted by the man wanting to borrow £250 to buy his wife a birthday present. He knew if he told the truth, that his car was about to be snatched back, he would be shewn the door. So he was shewn it anyway!

It follows that statistics are equally repugnant, which is why we don't keep bird lists. A diary, yes, and index cards, so that we can see what has happened over the years. But not lists.

However, many, perhaps most, birders do. First, their life list, of every species they have ever seen anywhere. Friends on a recent birding holiday met a man who had a life list of over 2,000, so he said - no one can ever prove him right or wrong, he has no evidence, and if he says he has seen a White-billed Diver (very rare) when really he has seen a Cormorant (quite common) no one can argue with him. The world record is supposed to be over 6,500 species, claimed of course by an American; that means he has seen over two thirds of all the species in the whole world. Think of the cost of chasing around after that lot!

The highest total for British Isles lists stands at present at just under 500 sorts. The competition to have seen the most is fierce. Not my scene!

Those are life lists. Then some people, quite a lot in fact, produce year lists. This means that come the lst of January you start again and hare around trying to see everything all over. Well, if that is what you want to do. But it harms the birds, and that is not to be forgiven. How? Well, it means that you have to go to see all the rare breeding species, Hobby, for example, with maybe 100 breeding pairs in the British Isles, Cirl Bunting, with perhaps 150 pairs, Montagu's Harrier, with at most two or three pairs. It is all right when some rare thing like Marsh Harrier or Bittern nests in an RSPB reserve, the wardens ensure there is no undue disturbance. But the first three species do not breed on reserves. Each indivual birder does no harm, but briefly he may scare a female away

from her nest. Soon after he has gone another birder does the same, then another and more after that. All are well intentioned, but the result is the same, her eggs get cold or are taken by crows. The Devon Bird Society warden at Prawle Point has chased off birders thrashing the bushes to put out breeding Cirl Buntings - on the way back from Cornwall or Scilly they have just popped in to get Cirl Bunting for that year's list.

There are garden lists; what has made use of your garden, or you have seen from it. Those lists are all right, you are not harming the birds, in fact the reverse because you put out food and water to encourage them to come.

What you get depends on where you are. If you live tucked away in Buchland you are going to have species we do not get on the Mead, where all we can offer is wind, salt spray and stunted bushes. But we see more in the distance.

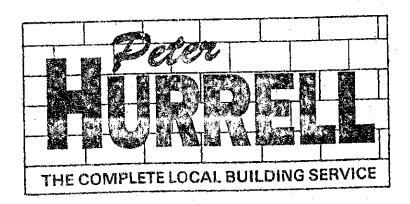
To get on the garden list a bird eats in it, or sleeps, or somehow makes use of it. A Buzzard flying over does not count, although he would if he sat on one of the trees. Sparrowhawk is in for our garden - she (we seldom see the blue adult male) is brown, with long tail and short blunt wings. She dashes cross the garden trying to take a Blue Tit or Robin. For her pains, she often breaks her neck against a window.

Robin must head the garden list. I do not need to describe him, although I read somewhere that at one bird-watching school (there are such things) the first thing they ask you to do is to draw a Robin - not very difficult, fat round body with long thin legs - then draw in where the red patch is. From memory that is not easy - try it!

Then Dunnock: a brown stripey bird with grey-ish head, about Robin size but with shorter legs. When I was a kid we called it Hedge Sparrow, in fact I still do. Then someone said that as it is not a sparrow - our House and Tree Sparrows are related to weaver finches, some species of which build huge communal nests Silly really, in Africa - it ought to be called something else. because sparrow is only an old name for any smallish bird, just aswren was used for the very smallest sorts, and all birds of prey were called hawks, So they chose Dunnock which they said was an old country name. So it might have been, dunn meaning brown and ock for diminutive - a little brown thing. They are now trying to change a lot of Buglish names, on the grounds of making them more intelligible to foreigners. I cannot think why, they have all got perfectly good scientific names, in Latin, which are the same the whole world over. So they want to call it Hedge Accentor, which is what the heavier books called it sixty years ago. I fall to see why they should change things to please foreigners; still reckon you-know-whos be gin at Calais, would consider voting for the first party which undertook to withdraw Britain from the EEC.



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HARRY HUGGINS CONTINUED.

Every garden has Wren. Almost, not quite, our smallest hird, with tail stuck up in the air and song out of all proportion to its size.

For most of the year we have Pied Wagtails on our lawn. They come for the ground up peanuts and are more than partial to the porridge oats my wife puts out. The males are very black and white - the Irish are said to regard them as unlucky because their facial markings resemble a skull! Females are greyer and young ones more so. When I was young we called them water wagtails because wealways found them round ponds. That was when there were ponds; each farm had one for the horses to drink out of and the ducks to sozzle in. Now they have nearly all gone; such things are deemed impure and water companies say people must have their mains water. Camelford to them!

We always have Blackbirds. The males are very black, with yellow bills and yellow rings round their eyes. The females are just brown. Some have very spotty breasts, like a thrush, and people ask if these are hybrids. No way, some species of birds do interbreed, but not Blackbirds and Songthrushes. The answer is that a Blackbird is a kind of thrush.

Songthrushes do appear sometimes, but they are quite rare; they are not self-assertive enough to cope with aggresive creatures like Blackbirds.

Mistlethrush, though, is not quiet and demure like a Songthrush. It is bigger and greyer. It is not easy to approach its nest, which is usually high in the fork of a tall tree, but the female will come at you like an exocet missile if you do.

In most years the winter thrushes come around, feeding on garden berries. Last winter we counted 77 Fieldfares in our little crab apple tree - it is a big thrush, with grey head, chestnut back, grey rump and black tail. Usually you hear them cuckling before you see them. The other winter thrush, Redwing, is smaller than a Songthrush reddish under its wings and easily recognised by the brilliant white stripe over each eye.

Finches - our garden sees several kinds of thess. House sparrows for a start. When we came to the Mead there was none, but after two or three years they started to appear, and then digging in unter the roof tiles. We do not care for them - they tear up flowers of primroses and crocuses. But we like chaffinches. The male it brownish on top, with pink breast and blue head; he shows a couple of white flashes in each wing when he flies. His lady is similar but duller. Greenfinches come, green birds with yellow in wings and tail, so do Goldfinches, not quite all the colours of the rain ow but nearly - brown body, wings with a vivid yellow flash in each, white rump, black and white face with bright red mask as far back as the eyes.

Harry Huggins continued:

By contrast Linnet is much more sober, the ladies are just brown and stripey, the gentlemen have red on their breasts and foreheads.

We have no record of Bullfinches in our garden - they like somewhere with bigger trees - but we have seen them sometimes around the edges of the Thurlestone Golf course. They are strikingly beautiful - the males have grey back, pink breast and black cap, the female's breast is grey; both have white rumps. If your garden is very grown up, especially if there are alder trees, you may have a visit from a flock of Siskins, acrobatic little green finches, and one year, only the one, sadly, Serins, tiny yellowish finches, bred in the garden of Furxy Close. You see lots of them in Corfu and places north; they are just across the Channel, in France and there have been high hopes they will colonise Britain, like Cetti's Warblers have, but so far only just the occasional pair has nested.

We all get Blue Tits. You have only to hang up a bag of peanuts, or put up a nesting box, and they join you. Great Tit is nearly as common, a greenish bird with a black stripe down its yellow breast and a black cap over a white face - the old country name was Oxeye. A Coal Tit may visit - a tiny brownish greenish bird with black head and bib and a white patch on the back of its neck. And once in a while we see long-tailed Tits, little black and pink things with absurdly long tails. They seem to go around in eights, presumably family parties.

We get few warblers on the Mead; none stays, although they pass through in spring and autumn Willow Warblers (the old books call them Willow Wren), little browny greeny yellowy things with brown legs; and Chiffchaff, identical, but with black legs. Their songs tell them apart, but if on the move, especially in autumn, they don't sing. If they do, Willow Warbler lisps a sad, falling cadence. You hear it in woods and spinneys further inland. Chiffchaff chirps his name - chiff chaff chiff chaff chiff chaff. A few of them sing all spring and early summer in grown up gardens in our parish.

So do Blackcaps; these are greeny grey little birds. The male has a black cap as the name indicates; that of the female is gingery brown. He sings a beautiful song, full, rich and fluty.

Most are summer visitors to us and come autumn they go to Africa. But in dead of winter you see one sometimes in a very sheltered place such as a garden with lots of trees and bushes: a favourite place to look is in what we call Post Office Lane - I believe the people who live there call it Court Park Lane.

They reckon these winter birds have not summered here, but are migrants from the north east part of continental Europe.



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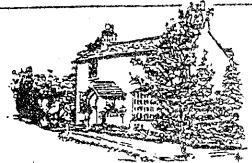
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To try to prove it a German gentleman captive-reared and ringed 60 Blackcaps last dummer; then he let them go. He is offering a reward for the fist one found. So look out for a bird with two coloured rings on one leg and a shiny metal one on the other. No, don't shoot it, he does not want bodies, nor even the rings. Just telephone me: I will find someone to come and try to net it so that the ring numbers can be read. After which it will be released again. There are said to be prizes of £300 for the person who finds the first one and £300 for the ringer who catches it.

LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL NEWS

THE THURLESTONE CHURCH Christmas Mince Pie Fair in the Rectory Barn on November 28 last year raised £204.75.

LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL NEWS

THE NSPCC Christmas Fair at Thurlestone Parish Hall on November 30 last year raised over £800. The organisers' special thanks go to the Thurlestone Hotel, the Sloop, the Tides Reach, and the Hungry Horse, the Carved Angal, Sunny Cliff for complimentary dinners for raffle winners.

LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL NEWS

The time for you to come along and have your say about the running of the Parish Hall is Monday, March 9 at 7.30 pm. - for that date for your diary is the Parish Hall AGM.

Come and meet the Committee and have a coffee with them after the meeting.

How MANY SPORTING MEN AND WOMEN DID YOU FIND IN OUR PUZZLE EXTRA? Here are the 25 names: Imran Khan, Mansell, Christie, McColgan, Sole, Coe, Hendry, Lineker, Carling, Graf, Stich, Moses, Akabusa Davies, Durie, Gower, Botham, Tyson, Gavaskar, Hayseed, Becker, Black, Cram, Rush, Walsh.

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1991 was a sad year for the Show as we lost four stalwart supporters during its course: Doris Tyler, John Lawrence, Claude Thompson and then in November, Florence Jackson, better known as 'Bill' to all her friends. It has reminded or us just how fragile is the Show's existence and we make a plea to anyone who is interested in horticulture and home economics and who is prepared to sacrifice 2 weekends out of 52 (yes that's all plus about 4 meetings) to PLEASE contact any Committee member. Contrary to public opinion we are a friendly bunch and have some laughs in between the serious bits!

We are delighted to welcome Evelyn Snowdon on to the Committee and she will be filling the gap left by Doris on the Home Economics front. We are particularly pleased that she has agreed to join us as she will help to redress the balance between Thurlestone and South Milton.

Some of you know that we have been in correspondence with our MP and our MEP on the subject of proposed EC legislation relating to the certification and policing of plant growers. We can do no better than quote from a letter received from The Lord O'Hagan dated 3rd December 1991 which clarifies the position:

The current draft Directive under discussion is essentially a plant health measure. It is spectifically aimed at professional plant producers and is limited to a very few species of plants. The latest draft has also removed any suggestion of a national list system.

It is not the intention of the Directive to apply to charity sales and it is probable that 'small producers producing for the local market' will also be excluded from the provisions of the Directive.

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There is therefore no danger that plant sales at horticultural shows, fetes, charity events etc run by amateurs, will be affected.

We remain in correspondence on the 'small producers producers ing for the local market' aspect.

Finally, it is JUMBLE SALE time again and we are holding a GRAND JUMBLE SALE in THURLESTONE PARISH HALL at 2.30pm on SATURDAY 14th MARCH. Teas will be served and there will be a Raffle.

PLEASE support it by letting us have your (good quality) jumble either on the morning of 14th March after 10 am at the Parish Hall, or please contact the member of the Committee nearest to you who will be pleased to collect.

The Show gives a lot of pleasure and it would be a shame if we had to give up - SO PLEASE HELP IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.

The Committee January 1991

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Fri 14th. Thurlestone Probus. Thurlestone Hotel.

Tues 18th. Thurlestone Probus Ladies Evening. Cottage Hotel, Hope.

Wed 19th. Tranp walk. Moors foothills from Ivybridge.

Thurs 27th. All Saints Fellowship. Talk. Rectory Barn, 2.30 p.m.

MARCH.

Mon 9th. Parish Hall AGM, Parish Hall 7.30 p.m.

Thurs 12th. NSPCC Bridge Evening. Thurlestone Hotel 6.30 p.m. Fri 13th. Thurlestone Brobus AGM. Thurlestone Hotel.

Sat 14th. Thurlestone and S.Milton Horticultural Show Jumble Sale. Thurlestone Parish Hall.

Wed 18th. Tramp walk. Moors foothills from Shipley Bridge.

Mon 17th. Boutique 144 Fashion Show. Kings Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge

APRIL.

Thurs 2nd. Thurlestone Conservatives AGM, Thurlestone Hotel.

Wed 22nd, Tramp walk, Dart Valley from Hembury Wood,

MAY.

Wed 6th. Tramp walk. Easy from Holne.

Wed 29th. Tramp walk. Coastal path from Wembury.

Sat 30th. Thurlestone and S.Milton Horticultural Show Annual Plant Sale. Thurlestone Parish Hall.

JUNE,

Wed 3rd. Tranp walk. Dartmoor foothills from Lee Mill.

Wed 17th. Tramp walk. Moors walk from Two Bridges.

Wed 1st. Tramp walk. Easy river valley from Loddiswell.

Wed 15th. Tramp walk. Dartmoor from Hexworthy.

Sat 1st. Thurlestone and S.Milton Horticultural Show. South Milton Village Hall.

SEPTEMBER.

Wed 2nd. Tramp walk. Local coast from Malborough.

Wed 16th. Tramp walk. Easy. Moors foothills from Cadover Bridge.

Sat 26th. Thurlestone Parish Hall Annual Fair.

OOTOBER.

Wed 14th. Tramp walk. East. Coastal from E. Portlemouth.

Wed 11th. Tramp walk. Local country from Blackawton,

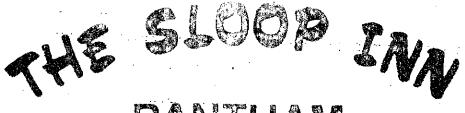
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