



VILLAGE VOICE

June-July 1993

STOP PRESS..STOP PRESS..STOP PRESS..STOP PRESS..

THE TENNIS SECTION THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB will again be running a series of tournaments during the summer holidays, starting on Saturday, July 31st. Lists for entry will be displayed on the tennis noticeboard a few days before each event. Meeting point for each tournament will be the Tennis Pavilion.

Each Saturday at 2 p.m. SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES (Round Robin)
Commencing July 31st Min.age - 16 years.Sliding handicap.
Last one August 29th.

Each Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. TWO JUNIOR PROGRESSIVE EVENTS
Commencing August 3rd. Ages - 10/13 and 14/16
Last one August 24th.

Each Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. LADIES DOUBLES (Round Robin)
Commencing August 3rd Min age 16 years (self organised)
Last one August 24th.

Each Thursday at 9.30 a.m. TWO JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN EVENTS
Commencing August 5th Ages - 10/13 and 14/16
Last one August 26th.

Each Thursday at 2.30 p.m. MEN'S DOUBLES (Round Robin)
Commencing August 5th Min age 16 years
Last one August 26th

There will also be some FAMILY DOUBLES from time to time, fitted in between Monday and Friday when there is a demand.

CUP COMPETITIONS:

Senior: BRYAN BROWN CUP - Saturday August 21st at 2 p.m.
Min Age: 16 years (NOT sliding handicap)

Junior: EGAN CUP - Tuesday August 17th at 9.30 a.m (10/13)
LEONARD CUP - Tues. August 17th 9.30 a.m. (14/16)

If necessary, events will be played on Thursday August 19th.
Balls not provided. Entry of at least five couples required.
Entry fees: Junior 40p.; Seniors 80p.; Bryan Brown Cup £1.20.

COACHING CLINICS.

There will be junior coaching clinics by L.T.A. coach Rob Short on Saturday mornings June 5th and 12th and in July on the 3rd and 17th. The clinics will then continue through August on Monday mornings from 9.30 am to 1p.m.

WILL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE

TENNIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17th at 6 p.m.

IN THE TENNIS PAVILION.

LINDSEY FLETCHER.

Founded by Dudley
DRABBLE
1982.



Cover pictures
by
LEN HUBBARD.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY.
EDITED AND PRODUCED BY

KENDALL McDONALD
& PENNY McDONALD

AT

Cradles Cottage
Thurlestone.

Tel: Kingsbridge
560239

NUMBER 62. ELEVENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION. JUNE-JULY, 1993.

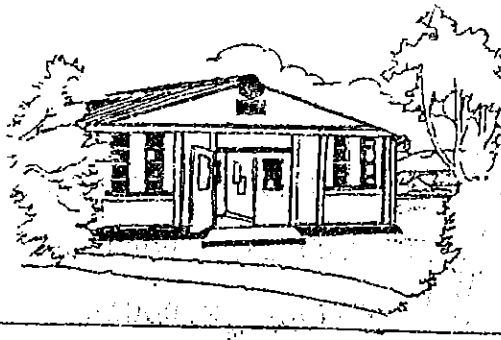
AS LONG AS TALES of man's triumphs are told, then the incredible story of Yellow Brick Square will remain one of our bedtime favourites.

It is not for us to repeat the tale here - how the Good Kingsbridge Fairy finding itself up the Creek without a paddle, managed with one sweep of its wand to get rid of a good deal of the parking close to the town shops, then drove shoppers into the arms of a branch of a national supermarket, and was finally congratulated on how lovely the empty "square" looked without the cars of the tourists, whom the town had been trying to attract for simply ages.

However, don't let's think that the Good Fairy has got it all wrong. Though the new arrangements may upset those of us who liked to think we were supporting local industry by spending our money in Fore Street, the end result may be very good for Thurlestone.

People who live in the country are often told that unless they support their village shops, one day they will wake up to find them gone. This, then, is our golden opportunity to avoid all the new hassle of Kingsbridge, not by driving off to Plymouth, but by shopping really locally.

In fact there is no need to go further afield than the village street. These days there is little that our stores and our dairy cannot supply. And with the present price of petrol, we'll all save money by shopping close to home. Not only that, we'll all save time, meter money, and keep our blood pressure down too!



THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

ONE OF MY first duties as Chairman of your Parish Hall was to attend a Conference on The Charities Act 1992, arranged by the Community Council of Devon at Exeter University on the 31st March 1993.

The Conference was very well attended and the importance of it to Charities generally can be ascertained by the fact that some 700 interested persons were present - far more than the organisers had expected.

As the new Act covers all Charities, both large and small, our particular interest fell within the category of "Small Charities" i.e. ones with an income of less than £5,000 per annum.

One of the provisions of the Act is that power is being put back into the hands of the local Trustees and taken out of the hands of the Charity Commission. This means that the various representatives on our local committee, who are also trustees - a fact that was not always fully appreciated before the new Act - will now become more or less masters of their own Charity's destiny, rather than every matter having to be the subject of a formal consent from the Commission.

Another major provision under the Act is that the Assets of the Charities will be taken out of the name of the Custodian Trustee and transferred back into the names of the local trustees.

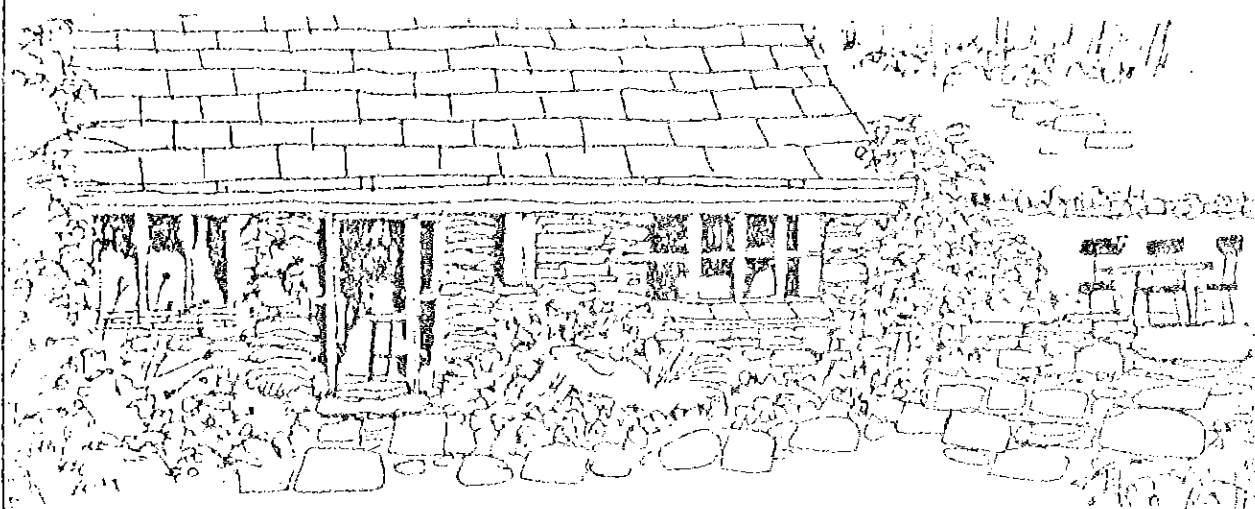
We were advised this would be a good time to reconsider a "spread of our investments" - and your Trustees wish they had more to "spread"! However, we were also warned that speculation was OUT and we must be more prudent than we would with our own money!

There were other important provisions regarding Charity Accounts, which will become effective in June 1994. We are extremely fortunate in this regard in having such excellent financial advice and our Accounts must be among the better presented in the whole of England and Wales for our size of Charity.

I would also like to advise you that it will, unfortunately, be necessary to spend a fairly substantial sum on repairs to the Hall in the near future. We have been very fortunate in having a survey prepared for us by South Hams Council through the good offices of our Parish Council, showing the work that is required to the westerly elevation. We are hoping to be able to obtain some grants towards the cost, but the Parish itself will have to contribute certainly not less than a third proportion. This will inevitably lead to an increase in rentals etc & I trust you will all remember how important our Hall is to the parish generally and look forward to your continued support.

John Slinger, Chairman.

COME and ENJOY
a CREAM TEA in



The RECTORY BARN
THURLESTONE

every Thursday

JUNE to mid-SEPT. £1.75

3.30-5.30



**YOUR'S ISN'T JUST
ANOTHER HOUSE !!**

**FOR FULL PLANNING SERVICE
NEW BUILD
ALTERATIONS**

**STEPHEN HARDWICK
(0548) 560 462**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

a new service in town

Tender Touch
(STRESS RELEASE)

A total relaxation therapy to
relieve stress and tension,
enhance muscle tone and
stimulate circulation.

For details and Professional consultation telephone

JOAN BRUNTON
(Masseuse, ITEC diploma)

on **(0548) 854308**

1, The Malthouse, Ebrington Street,
Kingsbridge, Devon.

PERSONAL SERVICE

NIGEL FROST

B.Sc. (Hons.)

OPTOMETRIST

F.B.C.O.

CHENE COURT, POUNDWELL STREET
(next to car park)

MODBURY

For appointment phone
(0548) 830944

OPEN SATURDAY MORNING

Contact Lenses, Spectacles, Accessories,
Complete Eye Examinations

Don't come to us for
Old Fruit or Tired Veg.
We sell

**Home Grown
Superfresh
Produce**



most of which has taken
only a minute to get from
our own greenhouses into

**The South Milton
Fruit Farm Shop.**

For a good selection of
fruit and vegetables and plants,
you'll find us right on the
Thurlestone to South Milton road
and you park right outside the shop.

Tel: **560303.**

We are open on weekdays from 9 am to 1 pm
and 2.30 to 5 pm. Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm.

Kate's Kitchen



SAYS KATE:

Hey, presto!
That's what
I feel about
this
particular
pud..In fact
I'll say it
again - HEY
PRESTO!

LIKE TO TRY A LITTLE MAGIC? A nutty chocolate pud with a built-in fudgey sauce. Very quick and easy too.

6 ozs Self-raising flour	4 ozs Nuts (finely chopped)
5 ozs Caster sugar	6 ozs Soft Brown sugar
2 ozs Cocoa	14 fl.ozs Hot Water
2 ozs Margarine (melted)	
4 fl.ozs Milk	

Combine together the flour, caster sugar and half the cocoa in a bowl. Mix the margarine with the milk and blend into the dry ingredients. Stir in the chopped nuts. Grease and line a 9" square tin or an oblong 11" x 7" approx and pour in the mixture. Stir together the brown sugar and remaining cocoa and sprinkle over the top and pour over the hote water. Bake at 180C or 160C for fan-assisted ovens for about 40 mins. Serve hot, cut into squares, invert each into a desert plate and spoon over the sauce. Serve with whipped or clotted cream. Hey, presto! A magic taste!

And here8s an Almond Chocolate Filling to use with your own favourite chocolate cake recipe.

2 ozs Unsalted Butter	
4 ozs Icing Sugar	
1 rounded tabls. Cocoa, (mixed with sufficient hot water to make a paste)	
2 or 3 Amaretto Biscuits (crushed)	
2 teasp Amaretto Liqueur	

Cream together the butter and icing sugar, when cold add the coaoa paste and beat well. Sprinkle in the biscuits and liqueur and stir well. And hey presto again!

PAT MACHIN'S PUZZLE CORNER, THE ANSWERS:

1.Dover; 2.Fowey; 3.Seaton; 4.Worthing; 5.Swanage;
6.Dawlish; 7. St.Mawes; 8.Seaford; 9.Newhaven; 10.Sidmouth;
11.Paignton; 12.Hastings; 13.Weymouth; 14.Brighton;
15.Palmouth; 16.Lymington; 17.Lyme Regis; 18.Dartmouth;
19.Teignmouth; 20.Bognor Regis; 21.Portsmouth; 22.Folkestone;
23.Mevagissey; 24. Eastbourne; 25.Peacehaven; 26.Porthleven;
27.Bournemouth; 28.Rottingdean; 29.Southampton;
30.Milford-on-Sea; 31.Littlehampton; 32.Budleigh Salterton.

POSTBAG

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITORS,

I shall still be looking after the Parish Hall Photograph Album, which we started in 1989. Any photographs of events held in the hall during this coming year will be appreciated..

JOAN MACKENZIE, Thurlstone

DEAR SIR and MADAM,

I am sorry I am unable to send you the cheque for which you ask for the following reasons...

I have been held up, held down and sandbagged, walked upon, sat upon, flattened out, and squeezed by the Income Tax, the Spirit Tax, the Road Fund Tax, V.A.T., Poll Tax and the Beer Tax, and by every Society, organisation and club that the inventive mind of man can think of, to extract what I may, or may not, have in my possession, and from the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Double Cross and every Hospital and Charity in town and country.

The Government has governed my business until I don't know who owns it, and I am inspected, and suspected, never respected; examined, re-examined, informed, required and condemned, so that I don't know how I am, where I am, or why I am here at all.

All I know is that I am supposed to have an inexhaustible supply of money for every need, desire, or hope of the human race, and because I will not go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I am cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and damned near ruined. In fact the only reason why I am clinging to life at all, is to see what the Hell is going to happen next.

FORMER VILLAGE VOICE ADVERTISER,

(Name and address supplied).

DEAR EDITORS,

I thought I had heard about everything - why I even once heard a local politician say it was his fault and he was sorry! - but I never thought I would hear a high-ranking local policeman try to con the public into believing that the high crime rate and low detection rate was a reason to congratulate him and his force...because it could have been so much worse!

I look forward to his next appearance on television. Whatever will he tell us next?

AVID VIEWER, SOUTH HAMS

(Name and address supplied).

Country Hill Cat Kennels

SPACIOUS PENS HEATED BEDS

OUTSIDE RUNS

Lots of care and attention

INSPECTION WELCOME



Janet Lemmy

Kingsbridge 853650



LETTERPRESS & LITHOGRAPHIC

GEOFF CHURCH

GENERAL PRINTERS

83A FORE STREET, KINGSHRIDGE. 856626

BUSINESS HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays

Good Range of Wedding Stationery
Available

YOUR LOCAL PRINTER



Philippa Sayer

(Cordon Bleu Trained)

Catering for all Occasions

A FREELANCE PROFESSIONAL CHEF
AT YOUR SERVICE

Catering for all Occasions will prepare food and deliver it to you, or cook and serve it in your own home. Anything from an individual dish to the full organisation of a Large Occasion.

Christmas, Birthday and Wedding Cakes

Canapes and Dips, Pies, Roasts and Casseroles, Sweets and Savouries

Dinner Parties, Wedding Receptions, Luncheons and Buffets

Food for the Freezer, for Christmas, for holidays, or just for a change!

Telephone Kingsbridge 856714/Frogmore 261

M.D.BURNS. Fully-qualified tree surgeon

- CROWN THINNING
CROWN REDUCTION
- TOPPING AND LOPPING.
ALL PRUNING
- DANGEROUS TREES FELLED
TREE STUMPS REMOVED
FOR FREE ESTIMATE - (0548) 560588
- LOGS FOR SALE
£1.50 per bag
(min order 10 bags)
- Larch fencing stakes
(4ft to 6ft)
- NO JOB TOO SMALL
FREE ADVICE

VISIT

The PRO SHOP for
all your
GOLFING Needs

Neville J. Whitley
(PGA Professional)



TUITION
EQUIPMENT
CLOTHES

THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB
THURLESTONE
KINGSBRIDGE
S. DEVON
KINGSBRIDGE (0548) 560 713



SOUTH HAMS CLUTCH CENTRE

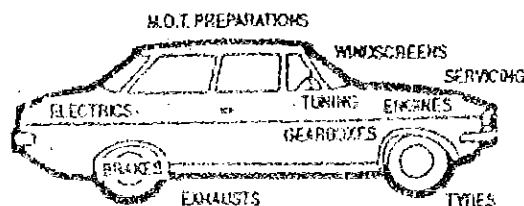


SPECIALISTS IN CLUTCH REPLACEMENT
and ALL REPAIRS to any MAKE
MOST REPAIRS CARRIED OUT AT
A DAY'S NOTICE

★ Fully Equipped Motor Repair
Workshop

★ All Repairs carried out at Fixed
Price and Guaranteed

Alfa Romeo MG
Audi Nissan
Austin Rover Peugeot
BMW Porsche
Citroen Renault
Daimler Rover
Dodge Saab
Fiat Ford
Freight Rover Honda
Humber Hyundai
Jaguar Lada
Kia Lotus
Lexus Lyncy
Mazda Volvo
Toyota



NEW Body repair workshop.
NOW OPEN. Phone 856145.

Please call at First Farm, Churchstow
Phone: Kingsbridge 857300 or 0831481884
Proprietor: R. J. McCarthy

H.R. ADAMS

Garden Services

HOLIDAY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Cutting - Hedge Trimming - Pruning
Tree & Shrub Care - Strimming - Chainsaw Work

7 Parkfield
Thurlestone
Kingsbridge
Devon TQ7 3NW

Telephone
Kingsbridge
(0548) 560664

Andrew Hurrell

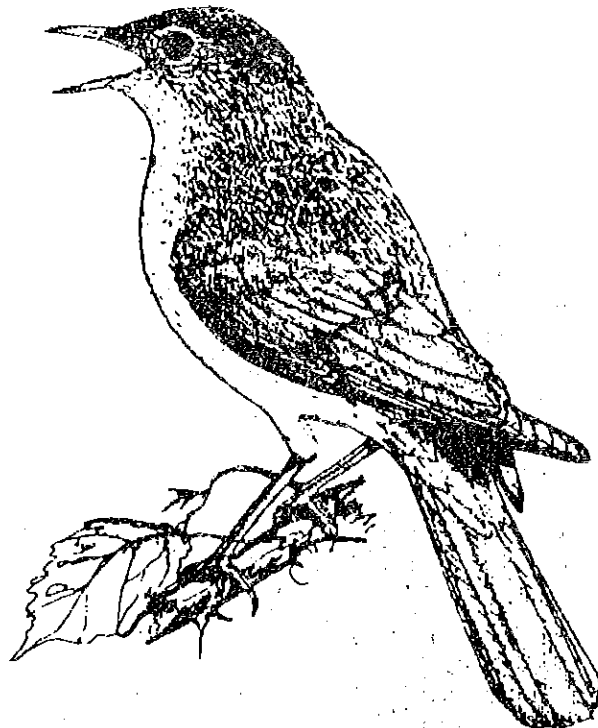
YOUR LOCAL PLUMBER

Woodlands, West Buckland, Kingsbridge

Telephone:

KINGSBRIDGE 560496

HARRY HUGGINS



SELDOM IS IT that a recommendation in this column brings an instant result, but if as soon as the last issue of VV hit your doormat you went to West Charleton marsh you might have seen a quite rare vagrant to Britain, a Night Heron. This is a dumpy little thing, about the size of a Herring Gull, silvery grey with black back and black top to its head. We didn't see it. We heard about it by ringing Birding South West, but made the mistake of going in the morning, because it was more convenient, like the Irishman looking for the half-crown under the lamppost because the light was better there. We saw a Peregrine, heard a Cirl Bunting, and found a Long-tailed Tit carrying a bundle of feathers bigger than itself, but no Night Heron. It was the wrong time of day; as the name suggests, they wake up at nightfall and views who went in the late evening saw it come stalking out of the reedbed down by the sea wall. We did not go back. When we might have done I was set upon by Canary, Colliwobblers or Teidi Tummy or whatever you bring back from Tenerife and was confined to barracks.

This issue's column is going to suggest a few more places - just a little more distant, though none much over an hour's drive.

The first is another candidate for immediate action, as soon as you receive VV, otherwise, quite literally, the birds will have flown. It is Yarner Wood, a national nature reserve owned by English Nature.

You take the Manaton road out of Bovey Tracey, the B3344, and it is two or three miles up the road on the left hand side. It covers something over 300 acres and seems to have been taken on board in the early 1950s as being a good example of ancient oak woodland. Whatever the original motives of English Nature, or the Nature Conservancy Council as it then was, Yarner Wood is now an excellent place to find three summer visitors which are quite hard for many birders to come by - Pied Flycatcher, Common Redstart and Wood Warbler.

For hundreds of years the oaks were coppiced, by being chopped almost to ground level and allowed to shoot again as saplings, which were in turn cut when big enough and burned for charcoal. This stopped about a hundred years ago since when the trees have grown to a substantial woodland.

I don't think there were any Pied Flycatchers when it became a reserve, but they pass through Devon on their way north on migration - you can see the odd one or two around Start Point and Prawle if you go there at the right time, the last week in April and the beginning of May. It occurred to someone who was looking after Yarner Wood in the early stages to start a nest box scheme. After a while one pair took up residence and numbers have grown since to a healthy breeding population.

To provide nest boxes for the flycatchers you have to put the boxes up in clusters of half a dozen or so. The reason is Tits, Blue and Great. These, being residents, start their domestic affairs before the migrant flycatchers arrive. If the boxes are nicely spaced out, by the time the foreigners get here each will have a tit in occupation and the flycatchers will have nowhere to go. But if you hang the boxes in groups, a pair of Blue Tits will set up home in one, and probably a pair of Great Tits in another. But these will not allow any others of their own species to nest close to them and so give or take the odd Dormouse which lives nest boxes for snoozing, there will be a few boxes in each group left vacant for the later comers.

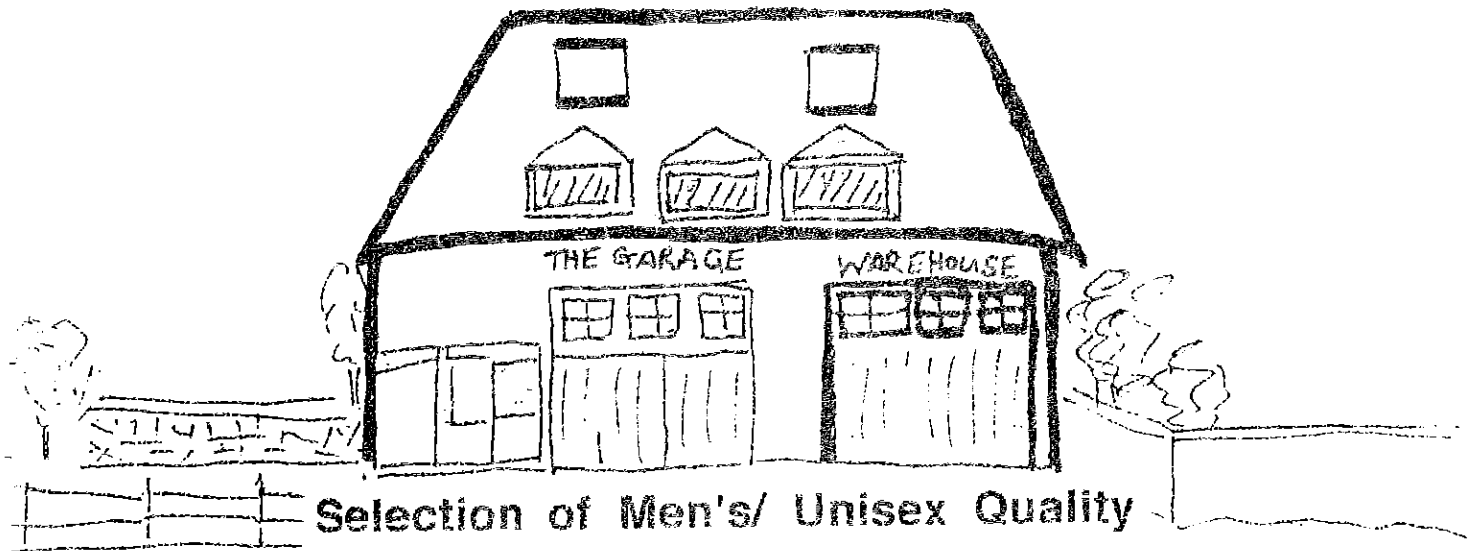
The male Pied Flycatcher is a smart little chap, a bit smaller than a Robin, black above and white below with big white flashes in his wings and a tiny white patch on his forehead at the base of his bill, like pince-nez. The female is similar in pattern, without the pince-nez, but brown. In Britain they nest mostly in the north and West; they use Yarner Wood and a few other places in Devon only because of boxes provided for them.

The other species patronising the boxes is Common Redstart. As so often when something is called "Common" it is pretty rare and getting rarer. It begins arriving in Devon from the end of March onwards - again, if lucky, you can find one in the coastal area resting and feeding up before moving north. The female is brownish, with bright orange/chestnut tail, hence the name - Start Point is so called because it is like a tail (c.f. Bolt Tail), not because it is where you start from! The male Redstart is one of the most flamboyant things ever - grey on the back, white forehead, black face, orange breast and golden underparts, with the brilliant tail.

To see both these species you must get to Yarner during the first two weeks in June, just when the young are hatching and the parents are dashing back and forth feeding them. This lasts only for twelve days or so, then the young birds leave the nests and you have little hope of seeing anything.

The third species for which we go to Yarner Wood is Wood Warbler, like a slightly bigger Chiffchaff with a white tummy. These do not use boxes, but nest on the ground, tucking a round bundle of grass, moss etc. into a hole in a bank, or in a low thicket. You hear the male, and if lucky see him, scuttling about high in the canopy. His song is highly distinctive - it begins gently "fee-fee-fee", gets quicker "stip-stip-stip" then faster and faster until it ends in a splutter. Then he pauses for breath, and repeats the whole thing. Again and again.

Samples and Seconds



Selection of Men's/ Unisex Quality Clothing...

Silk Shirts, silk blousons, silk ties, sweatshirts,
knitwear, trousers, jackets, coats etc!

All at bargain prices. .

OPEN FROM 10 am to 5 pm TUESDAYS to SATURDAYS.

You are very welcome to browse.

THE WAREHOUSE, SOUTH MILTON GARAGE, SOUTH MILTON.

KINGSBRIDGE (0548) 560233.

D & C TAXI

Derek and Christine

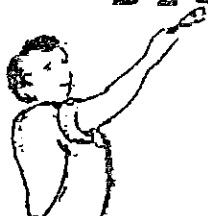
**4, 7 & 8 Seater Taxis
14 Seat Executive Mini-Coach
Daily Service inc. Sunday**

**Phone:- Kingsbridge
(0548) 561560**

**The Only Number you need to know
YOUR LOCAL TAXI SERVICE**

Wheelchair facility is available in one of our taxis, please
phone for details.

FOR ALL YOUR
DECORATING
NEEDS



INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

Contact

DAVID M. COWARD

5 VALLEYSIDE
WEST BUCKLAND

KINGSBRIDGE

TEL: KINGSBRIDGE 560792

**Thurlestone Hotel
COUNTRY CLUB**



Thurlestone Hotel Country Club, Thurlestone
Near Kingsbridge, South Devon TQ7 3NN.
Tel: Kingsbridge (0548) 560 382
Fax: Kingsbridge (0548) 561 069

The

*Hair & Beauty
Salons*

are open to non residents
and non-Club members
throughout the year
for a full range of treatments.

Appointments

Tel: Kingsbridge (0548) 560382

Hairstylist Ext. 404

Monday-Friday 9.00 — 5.00 pm

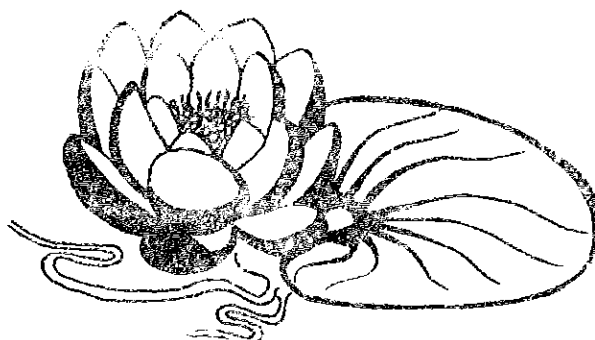
Saturday 9.00 — 12.00 am

Beauty Therapist Ext. 400

Monday-Saturday 10.00 — 6.00 pm

Our Staff will be delighted to give advice and
consultation without charge.

Come and meet our new Bactac Therapist.



CLARINS
— PARIS —

ESTIMATE FREE

**Thatching and
Repairs**

Undertaken by

C.R. Broomhead

3, ISLAND VIEW,

THURLESTONE.

Tel + Kingsbridge 560584

On to the next place, which is the birds of prey viewing point at the top of Haldon Forest. You go along the A 38 towards Exeter and turn off left at the top of Haldon Hill, by the Happy Eater. Thence you follow the Dunchideock road for about a mile, until the trees open out, and then there the viewing point is signposted, with a car park; there is an area with stumps of trees to sit on and notice boards with pictures of the birds of prey you might see.

It all began a few years back. For some years a pair of Honey Buzzards nested in the area. This species is very like the Buzzards we see over the valleys in our parish, except its tail is a bit longer and it does not soar with its wings in a shallow V, the acid test for identifying a Common Buzzard. It is an incredibly rare summer visitor to Britain, there being just a few pairs breeding in secret localities. Its chances of increasing its numbers are not helped by its having to run the gauntlet of southern Europe's gunners who are out in the migration seasons to shoot at anything which flies and a lot which does not. A very, very few people knew about the Haldon birds and kept their knowledge to themselves, but after years of secrecy an outside birder saw them and put the information on Birdline. Now the twitchers come from all over Britain - we met one little man who had just driven 500 miles in a battered van.

Party to the secret was a gentleman with the Forestry Commission, which of course owns Haldon Forest, or all of it that matters. I don't know his official title - Wildlife Ranger, I suppose. He decided that as the secret was out, the thing to do was to provide a place to which all and sundry could go to see the Honey Buzzards, hence the viewing point. It is not very close to where they breed, and woe betide anyone who tries to approach where they do, but it overlooks the nesting area and if you wait long enough you will see them, hence the things to sit on. Assuming they survive their journeys south and back, they return on or about the 19th of May. For a while the male displays to the female, flying high in circles and clapping his wings together over his back. Then all is quiet while she is on eggs, after which proceedings hot up again when they are feeding the young and when the latter leave the nest.

The area has other summer visitors such as Hobbies, like little Peregrines; they live by catching dragonflies, swallows and martins. But it is worth going at any time - when we were there once at the end of October a Goshawk, like a great big Sparrowhawk, nearly knocked my hat off. I didn't see it, I was busy taking the dog for a comfort walk, but my wife, who was watching from the car, did - she reckoned that even if I was looking the other way I ought to have heard its wings swish.

By way of variety, try going to the viewing point in the late dusk of a June evening. There are Nightjars, you will hear the males churring and if you are lucky you will see one flying in the half light.

I mentioned going quickly to Yarner Wood, otherwise the birds would have flown. But do not delay going to either of these places, because both are at risk of being sold off. When it was something to do with him, the late Lord Nick Ridley talked of making English

Nature sell its properties, I did not like him for saying that. I did like him for saying that having beaten off Napoleon and Hitler, we should not submit meekly to a bunch of.... I believe he was sacked for it. He should have been made Prime Minister.

As I have said the birds of prey viewing point is on Forestry Commission land, and the government is talking of selling it all; to produce just under three billion pounds, enough to fund Norman Lamont's predicted deficit for three weeks!

I think that in the past the Forestry Commission was pretty impenetrable. It planted huge blocks of conifers, useless except for the avowed purpose of producing timber and an offence to the eye. Latterly it seems to have been far more sensitive - as trees have been cropped replanting has been in smaller blocks, and there are some deciduous trees for variety, and the needs of walkers and wildlife have been catered for. I expect the land he has had to play with has been but a very small proportion of Haldon Forest, but the fore-mentioned Ranger has been able to provide for the needs of the Honey Buzzard and to cultivate some areas for the benefit of the Nightjars and other wildlife.

But if it is all sold off to the highest bidders, those bidders are going to want to extract the maximum possible return for their outlay. Walkers and Nightjars and Honey Buzzards produce no cashflow, and any return on deciduous trees is a long time in the coming.

So go soon, before it is all lost.

No fears, I reckon, for my last place, Bowling Green Marsh, at Topsham. This is in the firm grip of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The RSPB has its detractors - doesn't everyone, and thing? - but it has an enormous membership, is rich (though not rich enough for what some of us would like it to do) and is independent of, in fact often fiercely critical of, government.

You drive to Topsham, turn left at the mini-roundabout at the start of the village, go over the level crossing and to the right. Just as the road bears downhill to the left you take a little turning among houses on the right. About half a mile along on the left hand side is the RSPB's hide, with parking space for one or two cars. The lane is very narrow and it is not fair to park in it, because quite a lot of people live along there so if the parking slots are full you have to go back over the level crossing and to the big public car park to the left. They say there is a walkway through - we have never used it because we have always been lucky by the hide.

The Marsh is a meadow, around 50 acres I suppose, bounded by the lane, the embankment of the railway & a sea wall which keeps out the river Clyst, itself a tributary of the Exe estuary. There are lots of puddly parts and a substantial stretch of water on the side away from the hide. It is not really a summer place; winter is best, when the wild-fowl are here. Then quite near the hide you will see Brent Geese, big flocks of Wigeon, Godwits, Snipe, Ruffs, often an attendant Peregrine, and Sparrowhawks. A built up area of Topsham is less than a quarter of a mile away, but it is a wonderful place.

Bruce Kemp



HACKNEY & PRIVATE HIRE
ANY DISTANCE
7-SEAT TAXI
NEW QUAY GARAGE
EMBANKMENT RD, KINGSBRIDGE

TAXI

**KINGSBRIDGE
856120**



Moyseys

Carpets - Curtains

Beds - Bedding

Vinyl Floozing

Carpet & Upholstery

Cleaning

16 Fore Street

Kingsbridge 852168

**Restore that
chimney with a**

CICO
lining -

cast in the chimney
using a highly
insulating
material

- No metal to corrode (unlike steel liners)
 - No joints to leak (unlike some systems)
 - 60 year life expectancy - 10 year guarantee
 - Independently approved by the BBA
 - CICO is a national organisation - you can rely on us
- Call in CICO for a **FREE SURVEY** —

Tel. Exeter (0392) 510 50

CICO Chimney Linings (DEVON)

Team 1021 for Chimney Specialist

Call for more information today

SUPERMARKET SHOPPING CANNOT EQUAL THE CONVENIENCE OF
MY DOORSTEP DELIVERY SERVICE

F R E S H S L I C E D B R E A D

VARIETIES OF M I L K and Y O G U R T

DOUBLE : SINGLE and C L O T T E D C R E A M

FRESH FARM E G G S + P O T A T O E S + B U T T E R

C H E E S E + H I G H L A N D W A T E R

TONIC WATER & GINGER ALE + LEMON, ORANGE & APPLE DRINKS

L E M O N & O R A N G E S Q U A S H

and it can all be delivered TO YOUR DOOR on my regular round

P E T E R B R O M F I E L D
The Village Dairyman
1 Elston Cottages + Churchstow
TELEPHONE: Kingsbridge 856494

PLEASE REMEMBER: I have a long established SERVICE ..
for CLOTTED CREAM BY POST at very competitive cost
If you would like to send a little treat to
relatives and friends just let me know.

THE RIGHT QUALITY THE RIGHT PRICE RIGHT TO YOUR DOORSTEP

Drabblemania

A MISCELLANY OF PERSONAL THOUGHTS & REPORTS

THE DRABBLEMANIA SUMMER WEATHER FORECAST

When spiders spin long radial strands in their webs, a spell of dry weather can be expected. It appears that when spiders can sense dry weather coming they have the confidence to build wide, flimsy webs. When wet or windy weather is on the way, like a sailor shortening his sail they spin short strands. So, watch the spiders in your garden or the hedges, their actions are as reliable as any other form of weather forecasting in this country !

+ + + + +

IN A THUNDERSTORM

Just remember tall trees attract lightning. Think before you seek shelter. Beware the oak - it draws the stroke. Avoid the ash - it draws the flash, but under the thorn you'll come to no harm. Much safer under a low thorn bush.

Old weather lore

+ + + + +

TAXES IT HAS BEEN SAID . . .

should have due consideration for the ability to pay. Many of the frail elderly and partially disabled, living alone in sub standard accommodation are not going to cope very well with the 8% being added to the cost of their fuel in 1994 and 17½% from 1995. Mr Lamont has made promises !!! I wonder what they will be worth?

+ + + + +

LONG LIFE ?

'Peterborough in the D.Telegraph: "A Cheltenham reader received a note from the Gloucestershire Dairy & Creamery: "On behalf of the Directors", It announced "thank you for your support over the past 117 years." I doubt if we shall see Peter Bromfield equalling that !

+ + + + +

I JUST WONDER . . .

I cannot always feel certain that Mr Lamont appreciates that one British 'Billion' is a million million pounds. Don't spend all your money before the Autumn Budget - November, is it?

+ + + + +

No tale I tell of ill or well. But this I say: Night treadeth on day, and for worst or best, right good is rest.

William Morris.

PTO

D R A B B L E :
- M A N I A
Part I I

A Countrywoman's
Philosophy

by

EDITH NESBIT
(1858 - 1924)

A Devon farmer's
wife with a
lifetime of
learning
behind her .

oo00oo

Now that I've nearly done my days,
And grown too stiff to sweep or sew,
I sit and think till I'm amazed
About what lots of things I know !
Things as I've found out one by one -
And when I'm fast down in the clay,
My knowing things and how they're done
Will all be lost and thrown away.

There's things I know as won't be lost,
Things as folk write and talk about:
The way to keep your roots from frost,
And how to get your ink spots out.
What medicine's good for sores and sprains,
What way to salt your butter down,
What charms will cure your different pains,
And what will bright your faded gown.

But more important things than these,
They can't be written in a book:
How fast to boil your greens and peas,
And how good bacon ought to look;
The feel of real good wearing stuff,
The kind of apple as will keep,
The look of bread that's rose enough,
And how to get a child asleep.

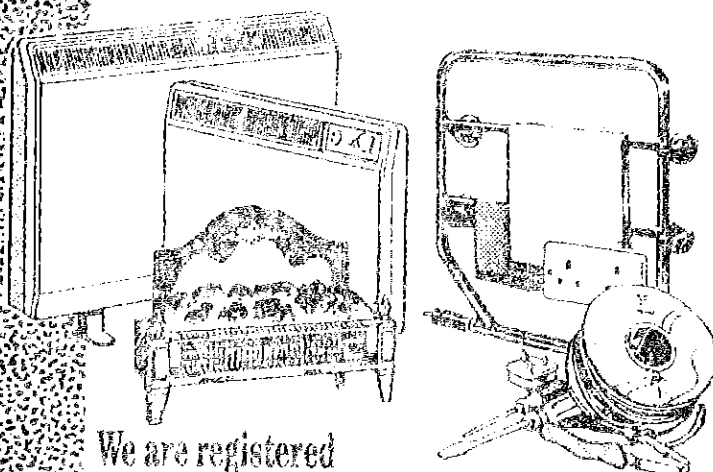
Whether the jam is fit to pot,
Whether the milk is going to turn,
Whether a hen will lay or not,
Is things as some folk never learn.
I know the weather by the sky,
I know what herbs grow in what lane;
And if sick men are going to die,
Or if they'll get about again.

Young wives come in, a-smiling, grave,
With secrets that they itch to tell,
I know what sort of times they'll have,
And if they'll have a boy or gell.
And if a lad is ill to bind,
Or some young maid is hard to lead,
I know when you should speak to them kind,
And when it's scolding as they need.

I used to know where birds ud set,
And likely spots for trout or hare,
And God may wish me to forget
The way to set a line or snare,
But not the way to truss a chick,
To fry a fish or baste a roast,
Not how to tell, when folks are sick,
What kind of herb will ease them most.

Forgetting seems such a silly waste !
I know so many little things,
And now the Angels will make haste,
To dust it all away with wings !
O God, you made me like to know,
You kept things straight in my head ,
Please God, if you can make it so,
Let me know something when I'm dead !

HOUSE WIRING? EXTRA SOCKET? DIMPLEX HEATING!



We are registered
installers of all Dimplex heating appliances

Installation of...

- Electric Showers
- Smoke Detection
- Intruder Lighting
- Cookers
- Refrigerators
- Ventilation

The electricity at work regulations 1989 is now in force, this applies to all work places, farms, shops, hotels, schools etc.
We have the most up to date test equipment and qualified staff to carry out your test of installations and portable appliances.

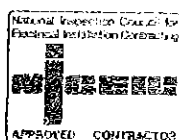
David Frost Electrics Ltd.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

UNIT No. 2, ORCHARD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, UNION ROAD
KINGSBRIDGE, SOUTH DEVON TQ7 1EF

Telephone: KINGSBRIDGE 857222

Emergencies evenings/weekends:
KINGSBRIDGE 560348 or 857469



FRESHLY-BAKED BREAD DAILY

**THURLESTONE
VILLAGE STORES**

NEWSAGENT
OFF LICENCE
GROCERIES

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES AND
GROCERIES DELIVERED DAILY

BEACH AND GARDEN GOODS

KINGSBRIDGE 560211

**PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE**

contact

**Gordon JEFFERY
& Mike PENWELL**

PAINTING, DECORATING,
BUILDING,
CARPENTRY Etc.

FERNLEYS, UPTON,
SOUTH MILTON,
KINGSBRIDGE.

**Tel: 560525 and
852245.**

Need an
ELECTRICIAN?

Phone Jim Paul
on

**KINGSBRIDGE
561125**

Nothing too small

Other DIY work
undertaken

PROMPT AND RELIABLE

Odd job Service.

Contact IVY 0543 560551

For all types

of cleaning

*Silver, brass, ovens, carpets
inside windows.*

....

Light gardening

Grass cutting

*Holiday Homes security
checks*

Hourly rates

call before 9 a.m. after 6 p.m.

YOU HAVE ALL HEARD OF HIM. . . . THE MEDDLING MONKS !

Saint Swithin, Connsellor to King Egbert and Ethelwulf, who was appointed Bishop of Winchester in AD 852. His tomb in Winchester Cathedral has long been a famous shrine and, according to legend, the weather conditions on his Feast Day, 15th July, when it is supposed to continue raining for the following forty days.

Just how much belief should we have in this legend? It seems that the monks of Winchester are to blame. Bishop Swithin died after 10 years in AD 862, and asked to be buried "in a vile and unworthy place under the drip of the eaves where the sweet ~~rain~~ of heaven may fall upon my grave."

When he was canonised in AD 971 the monks of Winchester decided to move his remains to 'a more fitting place in the cathedral choir'. They carried out this deed, no doubt in good faith, on July 15th AD971 when it is said to have rained for the next 40 days - the Saint's protest, so legend has, it against the move.

There is simply no scientific basis for the prediction that this should be an annual event, for one thing there is a gaping hole in the story, for the date July 15th is based upon the Julian calendar which was in use at that period and which was scrapped in 1752 in favour of the Gregorian calendar, so even were there any basis of truth in the legend it would not now come to pass until early August, so if you are one who really has belief in the legend watch out for August and a little beyond !

+ + + + +

IF YOU VOTE CONSERVATIVE YOU VOTE FOR A 'TORY' !!

I do hope nobody will think I am trying to make a political point, but have you ever wondered why they use two 'titles'. In my search for a logical reason I have failed, because my 'Book of Facts' to which I refer when in ignorance, I am told the word 'Tory' comes from the Irish 'Toiridhe' and apparently has the meaning of 'pursuer', and was at one time, if not nowadays, used by the Irish to describe 'robbers who preyed upon travellers.' From about 1680 it was applied sneeringly to the supporters of royal power - because they were thought to be chasing royal favours. In the USA, the term 'Tory' was used to describe people who supported the British during the American War of Independence. I can say no more.

+ + + + +

1895 SHOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR PARISH COMMUNITIES.

Why? Because they were at last granted the right to have an elected Parish Council of villagers. The problem for them was that they were granted so little worthwhile authority, other than to establish a burial ground if a churchyard was full - this has happened at South Milton - and Allotments where there was a requirement by villagers. They can do little when it comes to planning, housing and the environment other than pass on community opinion. You have a typical example over the parish sewerage system, where 25 years of request and demand for its updating of the parish sewerage system were not acted upon until the EEC brought in regulations regarding 'bathing waters' in particular along with regular water testing. The water testing proved how right the Parish Council were for Leasfoot was proclaimed the most sewerage polluted in the South Hams - and you know what was the ultimate result. But the cost was put at somewhere around one and half million pounds - for something that should have been dealt with at least 10 or 12 years previously - when the cost would probably have been just half a million. !

July/Aug END

Pat Machin's Puzzle Corner

FROM KENT TO
CORNWALL..

THESE ARE anagrams of towns, resorts or watering places situated on the South Coast from Kent to Cornwall. See if you can unravel them.

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Roved | 17. Grey miles |
| 2. Of yew | 18. O mad truth |
| 3. So neat | 19. Toughen Tim |
| 4. Throwing | 20. Boring gorse |
| 5. Wane gas | 21. Rum tot shop |
| 6. Lid wash | 22. Look! Pen set |
| 7. Wet mass | 23. Miss Gay Eve. |
| 8. Red sofa | 24. Bun tea rose |
| 9. When vane | 25. Apache even |
| 10. Mud hoist | 26. Her penvolt |
| 11. Tan no pig | 27. Home fun rout |
| 12. Thin sags | 28. No grated tin |
| 13. Why me out? | 29. Tap moon thus |
| 14. Ring both | 30. Sailed on form |
| 15. Hum float | 31. Plan title moth |
| 16. Long minty | 32. Snared little bough |

(The answers appear on another page in this issue.)

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

BRIDGE EVENING

on THUREDAY, JUNE 3rd at 7 p.m. in

THE THURLESTONE HOTEL

If you have not already made up a table for this
and would like to play, please contact:

DICK WHITE (560368) or JOAN GALLOWAY (560453).

£1.50 per person

You can't beat
the old Village Inn
for tasty bar meals!

A selection from this menu is always available during the following
opening hours:-
Monday-Saturday 11.30-2.30 6.00-11.00
Sunday 12.00-2.30, 7.00-10.30

LUNCHTIME

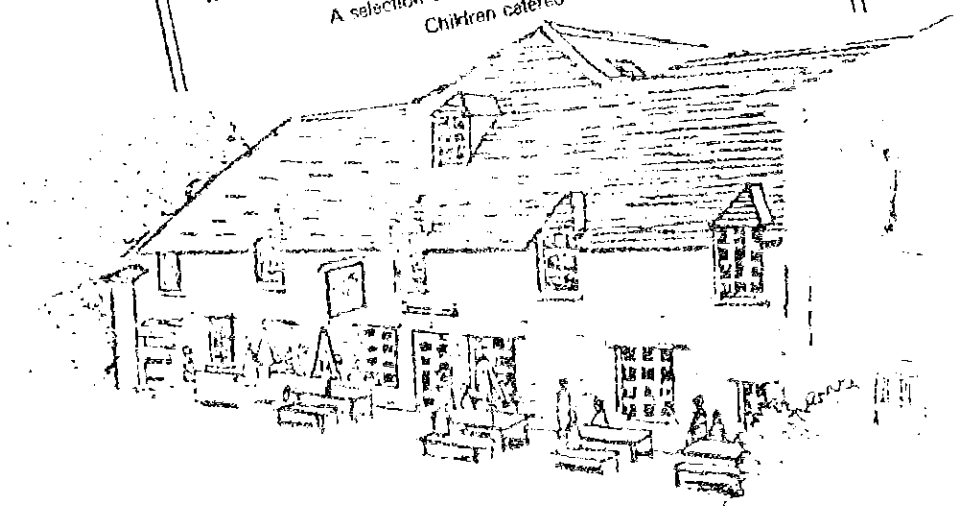
Home-made Soup
Smoked Salmon Pate
Hot Prawns
Various Sandwiches
Pasties
Ploughman's
Lasagne Verde
Jacket Potatoes
Cottage Pie
Fish Pie

EVENINGS

Prawn Cocktail
Home-made Soup
Smoked Salmon Pate
Fillet Steak
Sirloin Steak
Grilled Ploice
Chicken Kiev
Lasagne Verre
Grilled Cod
Scampi
Selection of Salads

Sweets to include:-
Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake, Home-made Cider Cake
Home-made Meringues, Home-made Treacle Tart
Local Ice-cream

.....
A selection of real ales, wines and spirits
Children catered for



Thurlestone Village Inn

Telephone: Kingsbridge 560382

PIPER'S BENCH — THURLESTONE

COUNTRY HOUSE ACCOMMODATION



LEARNING GOLF PACKAGES. PRIVATE GOLF PARTIES
AVAILABLE FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER. HOME COOKING
AND PERSONAL SERVICE IN A RELAXED HOUSE PARTY
ATMOSPHERE. SELF CATERING LETTING AVAILABLE.
PLEASE CONTACT LINDSEY FLETCHER - 0548-560157.

THE GARDENING SPECIALISTS

Avon Mill Garden Shop in Kingsbridge

- The widest choice of quality cut flowers, house plants, silk and dried flowers, grasses and arrangements
- Gift wrapping, with same day delivery both locally and through Interflora
- Specialist seedsmen and extensive range of garden sundries
- Floral tributes for all occasions

59 Fore Street, Kingsbridge
Tel. (0548) 852541/853898



GARDEN CENTRE
GARDEN SHOP
LANDSCAPING



Avon Mill Landscaping

- Full design, construction and maintenance services

■ Contact JAMES TREGELLES

Avon Mill Garden Centre at Loddiswell

- The complete Garden Centre
- Professional help and advice
- Full range of attractions, including:
 - Mill Coffee Shop
 - Gallery of Rural Crafts
 - Safe children's play area
 - Beautiful river walks



Open Mon.-Sat. 9 am - 5 pm
Sun. 2 pm - 5 pm

Woodleigh Road, Loddiswell
Tel: Kingsbridge (0548) 550338

THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON

SHOW NEWS

THE SHOW IS ON SATURDAY 7th AUGUST 1993

at 2.30 pm

IN THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

So, as this year's Show is only a matter of weeks away now, we thought we would pass on some more tips. This time on the pet likes and dislikes of Cut Flower Judges!

THEY LOVE Blooms that face them and don't move about and turn their backs on them. Chief culprits are dahlias and gladioli. The judges don't look at the containers so stuff the neck of the jar/vase with newspaper to keep the heads at the same height and in the same position

THEY HATE Heads of uneven size. [We all know why you have included a perfect bloom half the size of the other 2!] But the fact of the matter is judges do prefer to see exhibits of equal proportions

And now we apologise to entrants in the Children's Classes as we have changed the order as published in the last issue of Village Voice. But we did it with the best of motives and after expert advice

As a result we have made a direct switch of Classes 83 and 77. This will, we hope, (and we have it on the best authority that it will) produce many more entries for 'A chess piece made from a vegetable or vegetables'.

This year for the first time, as well as the Cup winners, Class winners (1st prize) and Certificate of Merit winners in the Children's Classes (74-83) will receive their Prize Cards from the President at the Prize Giving commencing at 4.15 pm.

Enclosed with this issue of VILLAGE VOICE is the Schedule for the Show together with an Entry Form. PLEASE look at it and see if there are any Classes you would like to enter.

ALL residents of South Milton, Thurlestone, Bantham and West Buckland are automatically members of the Show and therefore are eligible to enter. PLEASE DO. Without YOU the Show cannot go on!

If the Schedule and Entry Form are not enclosed, or you need extra copies, they are obtainable from the Post Offices in Thurlestone and South Milton. If you have any queries or comments please contact the Secretary, Veronica White at 7 Crosslands Thurlestone (560236)

GOOD LUCK!

Greenfly
May 1993

IT'S ON AGAIN...IT'S ON AGAIN...IT'S ON AGAIN...

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH IS BACK IN TOWN OR VILLAGE..

IT'S THE INCREDIBLE, THE FANTASTIC, THE BIG TIME,

THE...Wait for it...THE...Don't Miss It...

THE THURLESTONE
CHURCH FETE!

on

SATURDAY, JULY 24th

at 2 p.m. in the

RECTORY GARDENS

DON'T MISS IT...DON'T MISS IT AND DEFINITELY DON'T MISS

THE GRAND DRAW WITH THE SENSATIONAL FIRST PRIZE of

THREE FABULOUS NIGHTS AT THE DRYBURGH ABBEY HOTEL

...in the really bonnie part of Scotland!

ALL THAT AND ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE TOO with the Cream Teas
(recently voted the Best in the World in a national poll) to
revive you after your free-spending trip around the
SUPER SIDE SHOWS!

DON' BE LATE...DON'T MISS OUT...BE THERE! MAKE A DATE NOW!

Mmm....

The Mill Coffee Shop

LIGHT LUNCHES - Salads and Quiches a speciality. Vegetarians always catered for.
HOMEMADE CAKES and SCONES - Baking that is hard to beat!

COME AND SPOIL YOURSELF

OPEN - Mon-Sat: 10.30am-5pm. Sundays: 2pm-5pm.

FREE PARKING courtesy of the Garden Centre.

FIND US - Turn off the Kingsbridge to Loddiswell road at Flake Corner, by the RIVER AVON at
Avon Mill Garden Centre, off the Woodleigh road near Loddiswell.

TELEPHONE 0548 550066



FOR
FINE QUALITY WOODWORKING
HAND CARVED HOUSE SIGNS
FURNITURE RESTORATION

AND
WOODTURNING

CONTACT

MARSH DAWES.

TELEPHONE 0548 560 721.

Do you ever feel left out?
Did you miss the big show?
Is the parish a closed book?

If you can answer yes to any one
of those questions - then it's
clear you aren't consulting

THE VILLAGE VOICE SUPERGUIDE...

It's in the back of this and
every issue!



B. & S. Construction

Specialists in

Tarmac and Concrete Drives and Paths
Block Paving, Slab and Kerb Laying
Pipe Laying and Drainage

HUXTON WOOD

THURLESTONE

KINGSBRIDGE

DEVON TQ7 3LH

FREE ESTIMATES

Kingsbridge
(0548) 853004.

Reliable, self-employed

BOOK-KEEPER

VAT, PAYE, WORD-PROCESSING,

INVOICING, ADVERTISING,

GENERAL OFFICE WORK,

ONE-OFF/REGULAR WORK,

INDIVIDUAL TUITION*

ANY OF THE ABOVE SUBJECTS

INCLUDING "hands on"

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING

AND WORD PROCESSING.

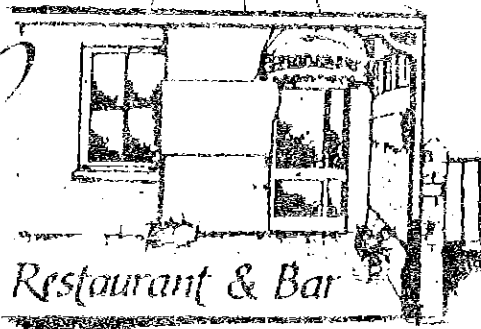
Tel 580859 evenings.

Proprietors: David & Sandra May

Spinners

at the Salcombe

Waterside Restaurant & Bar



- ★ Superb estuary views from our terrace and restaurant ★
- ★ Lunch time bar meals and grilled fresh fish ★
- ★ Dinner cooked by Chef Patron ★
- ★ Fresh fish display – choose your own ★
- ★ Recommended by Egon Ronay Cellnet guide ★

Reservations Advisable

Tore Street, Salcombe. Tel: 843408

M.G.M. nurseries



Loddiswell

Suppliers of all types of Plants, Shrubs, Conifers, Heathers, Trees,
Alpine and Herbaceous

Specialists in Garden Design and Planting, including Shrub Borders,
Feature Trees, Rockeries, Hedges, Conifer and Heather Beds etc

Free estimates and qualified advice

Situated next to Woolston Lodge on Loddiswell to California Cross road

Tel. KINGSBRIDGE 550754

Cater Here

China, Glassware
Cutlery, Table linen
Tableware, Heating



Lighting, Catering
Marqueses, A Complete
Professional Service

THE COACH HOUSE, ELSTON, CHURCHSTOW.
Tel: Kingsbridge 856714

Neville OSWALD reports



THESE EXTRACTS from the Lidstone diaries extend from 1800, the year of my birth in Thurlestone, to 1870.

1815. We have now settled down after all the jollifications in celebrating the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo. Having heard that the Bellerophon, taking Napoleon to St. Helena, was to call at Plymouth, several of us hastened over and, from one of a multitude of small boats, saw him strutting up and down the deck in full uniform. When he was told that Eastlake, the Plymouth artist, was painting him he sent several parts of his uniform ashore so that every detail might be correct. Thus, 20 years of intermittent conflict have come to an end, having provided mixed fortunes for the people of Thurlestone.

The demands of the armed forces have been comparatively small as we never had a large army on the Continent, but the parish was proudly represented in the Devonshire Regiment, the Eleventh of Foot, in the Peninsular wars under Wellington, in which it gained seven battle honours. Standing line abreast at Salamanca the regiment, through its courage and terrible losses, earned the title of the Bloody Eleventh. Of rather more interest to the villagers has been our traditional association with Plymouth which, in addition to shipping masses of men and materials to France and Spain during the war years, has continued to be a busy fishing port and commercial harbour carrying on a considerable trade with the former New England colonies and transporting emigrants to various parts of the empire; it takes much of our farm produce, especially beef, and supplies adventure to any young people who seek it.

1820. With the return of peacetime, there has been the inevitable depression. The price of corn has halved, despite several poor harvests, and factories making items of war have closed, with consequent unemployment. We have now resumed our orderly if strictly hierarchical way of life.

Devon is ruled by autocratic Justices of the Peace (JPs) through the Courts of Quarter Sessions in Exeter; then there is the rather ill-defined 'Squirearchy'. About half the parishes in the county have a formally recognised squire, such as South Milton has at Horswell House, but we have never had one although we have had a Lord of the Manor back at least to the 1200s who has rarely set foot in the place. Instead of a squire the Earls of Devon, who still own

most of the parish, have for generations installed their agent at Clannacombe, which has never been owned by them. The agent together with a few others manage the parish, give employment to most of the villagers and lead our social and charitable activities. It is a system to which we have become accustomed, but it is inclined to be frustrating for young people when they hear of the opportunities being offered in the Midlands by the emerging Industrial Revolution.

Undoubtedly one of the most important events in my lifetime is the decline in smallpox, which has been a scourge in Britain for more than 200 years. The story started when a milkmaid told Dr. William Jenner 'I can't take smallpox, for I have already taken cowpox'. Cowpox is a relatively mild infection transmitted from the udders of cows to milkers and causes a pustular eruption on their hands.

Jenner was born in 1749 in Berkeley in Gloucestershire, a village about the size of Thurlestone, where his father was the rector. He grew up there and spent virtually the whole of his professional life in Berkeley as a general practitioner. He thought about the milkmaid's chance remark for 20 years, even to the point of boring his friends with his views. He questioned cattle farmers he knew, several of whom suspected a curious protection afforded by cowpox (vaccinia) against smallpox (variola). At last, in 1796, he summoned sufficient courage to try an experiment. He inoculated James Phipps, a boy of 8 years, with pus from the hand of a dairymaid, Sarah Nelmes, who had become infected with cowpox. Eight weeks later he inoculated the boy with smallpox and no disease appeared. He then proceeded to 'vaccinate' village people in an arbour in his garden, with equal success. The value of vaccination was soon confirmed by other doctors and his method was copied far and wide; as it turned out, it was the origin of the science of immunology. Certainly, it put an end to much anxiety and sadness in Thurlestone.

1830. I am now 30 years of age and married with our first child and am happy to stay put.

The Industrial Revolution in the Midlands and Northern England is gradually making itself felt. With ample coal available for making steel and the development of the steam engine, new factories are providing opportunities for engineers and mechanics; the village has lost several of its brightest young men to them. Sadly, some girls, finding little in the way of work in Thurlestone, have followed them, their forlorn looks as they departed bringing to mind Wordsworth's poor Susan who deserted the cottage by the stream 'the only dwelling on earth she loved'.

Advances in industrial efficiency are ruining the supply of work that house-wives are able to do at home and that have for so long provided a useful contribution to the family income, especially wool spinning and cloth weaving. Milling and brewing are gradually being taken over by factories so that, apart from a few opportunities for butchers and bakers and blacksmiths, work in the parish is now almost entirely agricultural.

Roger Hind

Mortgage & Insurance Broker
Financial & Business Consultants

Britton House, 8 Fore Street, Kingsbridge,
South Devon TQ7 1NY

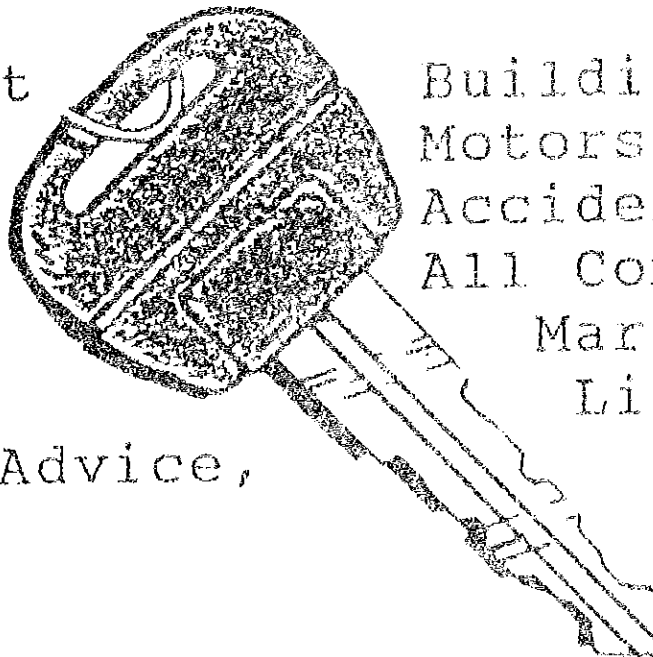
Telephone: Kingsbridge (0548) 852853

Facsimile: Kingsbridge (0548) 852578

THE KEY TO YOUR PROTECTION AND
SECURITY

CONSULT US
FOR:-

Investment
Advice,
Mortgages
Pensions,
Taxation
Problems,
Business Advice,
Savings



COMPETITIVE QUOTES
FOR:-

Buildings, Contents
Motors & Commercial
Accident & Sickness
All Commercial Risks
Marine, all
Liabilities

CALL US FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
AN APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF

Countrywide

INDEPENDENT ADVISERS LIMITED



Your home is at risk if you do not
keep up your mortgage payments

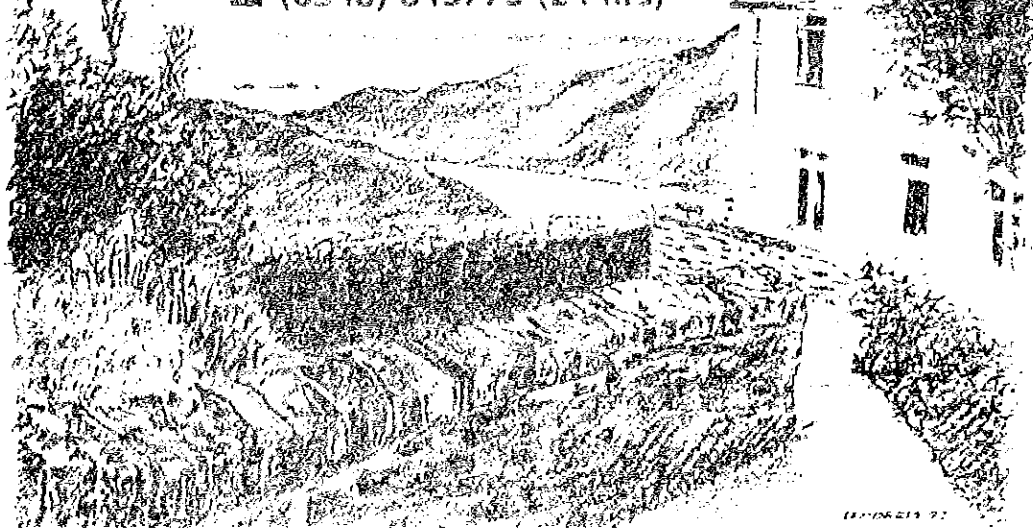
COAST AND
COUNTRY
COTTAGES

SELF-CATERING HOLIDAYS IN SOUTH DEVON

Over 100 self catering cottages, houses and flats in
South Devon. All personally inspected and approved.

Free colour brochure from Cherry Hunter,
Coast and Country Cottages, Church St., Salcombe
South Devon TQ8 8DH

☎ (0548) 843773 (24 hrs)



THE BRITISH CHIROPODY ASSOCIATION

Visiting chiropody service for
the South Hams

DOUGLAS V SMITH

M.S.S.Ch., M.B.Ch.A.

CHIROPODIST

For a comprehensive chiropody service in
the comfort of your own home

For enquiries and appointments please telephone

Kingsbridge (0548) 561304 anytime
(answerphone whilst out on call)

1850. We have now reached the so called 'fat years of mid-Victorian prosperity'. National politics are more or less in abeyance while those who can, make money. Thurlestone itself, not yet exploiting the newly opened railway to Plymouth, is still a compact and self-contained society with its church, school (founded by the rector in 1842), farms, crafts and amusements. The wealthy enjoy house-parties with hunting and shooting. Yeoman farmers on their freehold estates live as comfortably as anyone. On the other hand small farmers in their dirty isolated farms are hardly any better off than simple farm labourers and eke out a meagre living as best they can.

1870. During the past 20 years many villagers, finding no work other than poorly paid agricultural labour, have gone to the Midlands or North or emigrated to America, Canada and Australia (the population of the parish which reached a peak of 450 in 1850 fell to 350 by the end of the century despite a high birth rate). Indeed the state of the poor has forced the Government to become more and more responsible for education, care of the destitute, public health and the supply of food. In Thurlestone, philanthropic and social activities, often aided by the church, go some way to relieving the needy and, with the beginning of socialism, the extension of trade unions to the ill-paid and unskilled is being achieved.

For the time being, many of us feel forlorn in that much seems to have been taken from us without our being given a worthwhile purpose in return.

DID You See...

This wonderful advertisement in the Western Morning News last month?

THURLESTONE
NEW 3 BEDROOMED BUNGALOW
NEARING COMPLETION

Oh, we do know what you mean!

POLICE VOICE..POLICE VOICE..POLICE VOICE..POLICE VOICE..POLICE VOICE..

Hello One and All!

I take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I have yet to meet.

I recently moved from Devonport Police Station where I served from February '91 to March '93. It was a busy little station! Before joining the Police I completed 12 years service with the Military, the latter part with 59 Independent Commando Squadron, Royal Engineers, based at Crownhill, Plymouth.

I am very much a crime related Police Officer and concentrate the majority of my efforts in this field. However, this does not mean that your requests for dealing with speeding motorists through your village will not be dealt with. They will be, and to the best of my ability.

It is also my intention to be actively involved with the recent introduction of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme MK 11 as highlighted at a Conference in Torquay last month. I believe the improvements are welcomed throughout the community - except perhaps by the criminal element! I will be more than willing to explain in further detail any questions you may have on the new scheme.

I look forward to meeting you all in the very near future. Meanwhile, if you have any pressing matters you wish to discuss please telephone me at Kingsbridge Police Station (852326) to speak to me, or leave a message for me to contact you.

Martin Rushworth
Community Constable
May 1993

NB We have been promised by Inspector Patrick that PC Rushworth will be with us for at least 12 months and probably 2 years. Circumstances permitting, of course

VPM

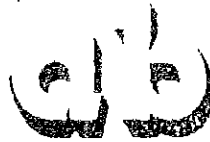
LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..

The decision to give up the Village Skip Service has been reversed.

Now skips will be put in the following locations on June 21st:

Barn by Thurlestone Church (1) Parish Hall Car Park (2); By

Cattle Grid at Head (1); Layby at Valleyside, West Buckland (1); Inside entrance to Bantham Ham (1).



Alan
Brown

Marketing Services

YOUR LOCAL FAX.

No need to go to Kingsbridge.

If you are in business in
Thurlestone, Bantham or Buckland...

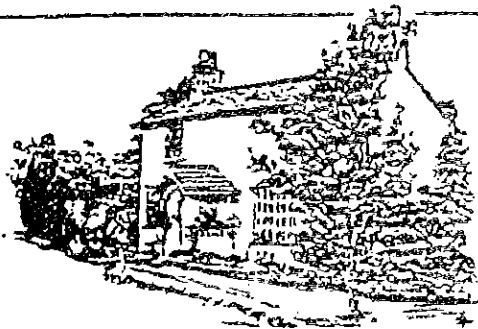
Take advantage of our Facsimile facility for both
incoming and outgoing letters and documentation.

This is the the way to faster, more efficient,
communications with your Clients and Suppliers.

Photocopying and Word Processing services are also available.

The Old Coach House, W.Buckland. Telephone 560292. Fax. 560920

ASK FOR AN ESTIMATE



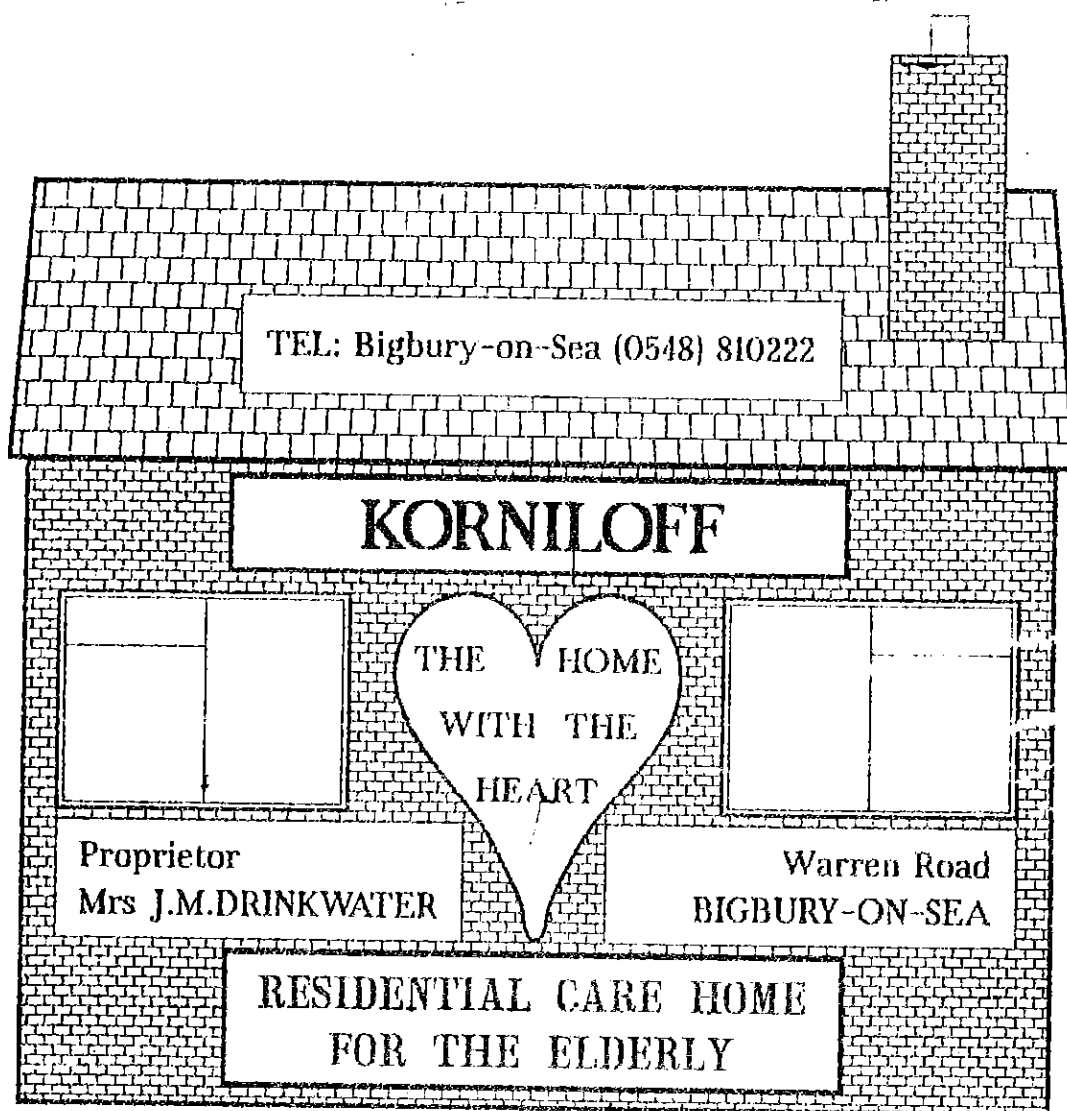
Renovations
Alterations
Decorations

EXTENSIONS · GARAGES
GENERAL BUILDING
CONTRACTORS

RAYMOND WEEKS

MOUNTVIEW, EAST ALLINGTON
KINGSBRIDGE

Tel: 0548-52319



**A Luxury Retirement Home
with a Caring Family Atmosphere**

Devon County Council Registered. D.S.S. welcome.

24-hour PROFESSIONAL CARE, EXCELLENT FACILITIES, LONG
or SHORT STAY, HOLIDAY RELIEF and CONVALESCENT, STAIR
LIFTS, JACUZZI, VISITING HAIRDRESSERS, MANICURISTS,
LARGE COMFORTABLE LOUNGE WITH STUNNING VIEWS,
EXTENSIVE MENU - SPECIAL DIETS CATERED FOR.

VILLAGE VOICE

SHORT
STORY

RETURN TO CANTIONE



By **KEN HARDY** - which is the pen name of a world famous short story writer.

I WALKED straight into him and he stood there grinning. It was the same grin stretching more towards his right ear than the left.

The only difference was that his face was clean. Still I suppose it would have looked a big odd to see a red-headed man with his face covered in mud and grime in the middle of the Strand. But that was the way I remembered him best of all.

Sergeant Paddy Burns always had a dirty face. He was with me during the whole of the Italian campaign and there was no more comforting sight when things got a bit dicey than to see Paddy, tin hat tilted back, still grinning.

Well, there we were in the Strand. It had been at least five years since we parted. We had a small celebration in a nearby bar and before we parted once again, Paddy kept on asking me to visit him and his wife. Somewhere in Battersea they lived. He insisted that his wife would be delighted to see me. I'm not so sure that wives ever are, but I never found out in the case of Paddy's wife.

But one direct result did come from my meeting with Paddy. I went back to Italy. I had always meant to, but just like meeting Paddy's wife I had put it off and then business got in the way. But I did go back. A chance remark of Paddy's during our reunion made

up my mind for me. It was nothing much but he mentioned the name of a little Italian village - Cantione.

It wasn't that things had been particularly hot at Cantione. They had been extremely quiet really. There was something else. A girl. Not a girl in a particularly romantic sense. This girl had cursed me and condemned my family, my ancestors and any children that I have to an extremely uncomfortable perdition for ever and ever.

That was a rough translation of the more repeatable parts of what she had said. So I wanted to go back. There was that feeling of guilt - perhaps a desire to see if all was forgiven - that I couldn't shake off.

I started my pilgrimage some fifty miles to the south of the village and wandered more or less over the route my platoon had taken. They say you should never go back. But I didn't find it disappointing. I got my pleasure from simple things. Remembering that there we were pinned down for three everlasting hours. That there I dived into that ditch. Most of all though, I enjoyed walking in the middle of the road between villages.

Not all the memories were good ones of course. I paid a visit to one military cemetery. But most of the time I was happy. Then I came to Cantione.

The first house of the village was still in ruins. And as it was lunchtime the village had almost that unnatural quiet which was there when we entered it first all those years ago.

My heart thumped then at that moment of return just as it had thumped as we moved in the first time. It seems silly now, for both times there was no reason. As it turned out there were no Jerries in the village or in the convent which clung to a shelf of the mountainside, almost directly over the road out of the village.

We stayed in the village, resting for almost a fortnight. On the fourth day we met the girl. Paddy - his face still dirty - found her hiding in one of the little houses. She was the first of the villagers to come back. Soon the girl was washing clothes and cooking for the men. And to the best of my knowledge no-one ever made a pass at her. She had a quiet dignity which contrasted strangely with her long raven-black hair and passionate mouth.

As I said, it was Paddy who found her. So it was to Paddy that she turned whenever anything needed explaining or arranging. And it was Paddy who brought me the news that made me the most hated man in the whole of Central Italy - or so it seemed at the time.

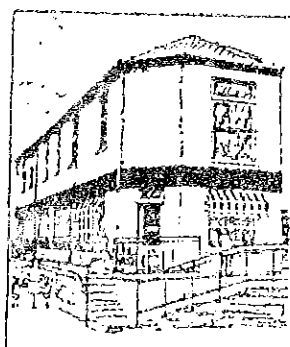
He came down from the convent one day with a grin on his face as usual. But it wasn't his usual grin. The girl trailed along behind him.

"It's the convent, sir, " he said. "It'll collapse on to the road at any moment."

The HARBOUR BOOKSHOP



12 Fairfax Place
Dartmouth
Telephone 832448



2 Mill Street
Kingsbridge
Telephone 857233

The general bookshop that specialises in service

Orders taken and books mailed
to most parts of the world

FUNERAL DIRECTORS
to the South Hams
for over 100
years



J. & G. PERROTT

(D. O. I. Boulden)

15 Duncombe Street, Kingsbridge 852302
Private Chapel of Rest Day & Night Service

KOI SOUTH HAMS

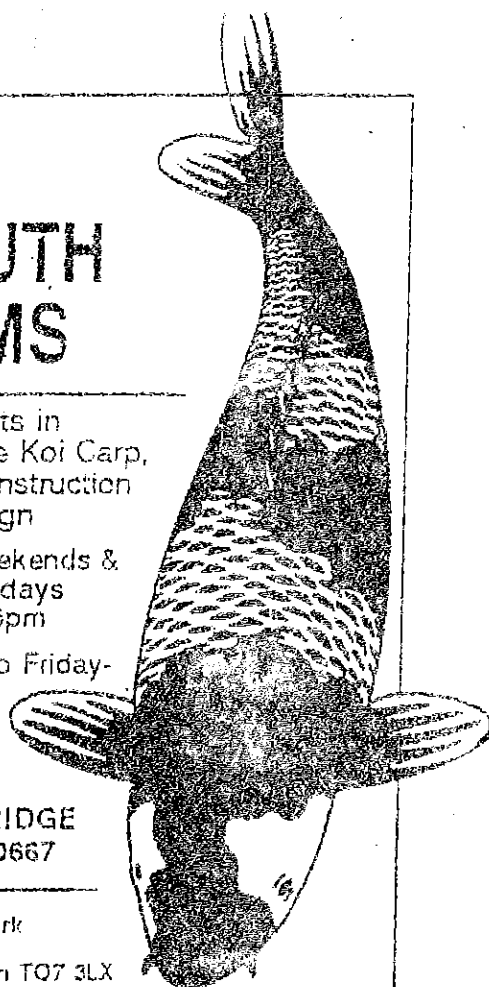
Specialists in
Japanese Koi Carp,
Pond Construction
and Design

Open Weekends &
Bank Holidays
10am to 6pm

Monday to Friday-
please
ring
before
calling

KINGSBRIDGE
(0548) 560667

22 Court Park
Thurlestone
South Devon TQ7 3LX



South Milton Garage

South Milton Kingsbridge Devon TQ7 3JQ
Telephone: (0548) 560233

MECHANICAL REPAIRS

BODY REPAIRS - SPRAYING

MOT WORK

WELDING

COLLECTION - DELIVERY

INSURANCE ESTIMATES (FREE)

GALOR AND PROPANE GAS SALES

COMPETITIVE RATES

KINGSBRIDGE 560 233

Specialists in Rover/Land Rover/Range Rover

BOUNTIQUE 144

Ranges from leading European
collections such as

JOBIS, BETTY BARCLAY,
SANDY, BIANCA,
JACQUES VERT, BLEYLE,
JEAN PAUL and many more

Sizes 8 - 18

Lovely Trickers shoes and boots
from Italy

You are very welcome to browse

Open from 9.30 - 5.30 Mon - Sat



63 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, South Devon, TQ7 1PG Tel. 0548 852064
& 10 Clifton Place, Salcombe, South Devon, TQ8 8BX
Tel. (054 884) 3003

Terry Reeves Printing and Promotional Products

- ☐ Letterheads ☐ Business Cards ☐ Compliment Slips
- ☐ Carbonless Copy Sets ☐ Personal Stationery

and much more

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN
AND TYPESETTING

for more details

Tel: Kingsbridge (0548) 853517

It was true enough. Whether it was the shelling, or just the mountain shifting in its sleep, the convent was unsafe. I stood on its floor and felt it swaying - rather trembling. Looking up from the path you could see a crack running right along the rock shelf.

I asked my company commander for orders. I don't know how far back it went, but within two hours I got the reply: "The road stays open. No sappers. Blow it yourself" The can had been well and truly passed- to me.

Paddy was our demolition expert. He got the stuff he wanted. His plan was to blow the convent - it wasn't all that large - to fragments and hope that most of them would drop clear of the road. I had my doubts.

I don't think the girl Antonia realised what we were doing.

Paddy used enough fuse and explosives to wreck a town.

Then under my orders all the nuns and villagers sheltering in the convent were marched away from the buildings to a safe spot. There was no sign of Antonia. I was glad in a way because already the old people were shaking their fists as I walked past. One or two of them spat. And the mother superior was in tears.

I was just about the lowest thing they had ever come across. It didn't help much to tell myself that it wasn't my fault.

The firing switch was fixed and I was just about to fire it when Antonia came running past the line of held-up lorries. It was then that she cursed me. Would have scratched my eyes out too, if Paddy hadn't grabbed her in time. I fired the charges. I shall never forget the moan from Antonia - she was an orphan and the nuns had brought her up - as the great cloud of brown dust rolled out from the mountain. As the bank reached us, debris poured down the mountainside and the road was covered with a fog of dirt.

When it all cleared the road was blocked. But not for long. All the pieces of rock were small and we cleared them in an hour. When that was done and the first lorry moved through I looked up. Paddy was an expert with explosives all right. He had done his best to make sure that the end of the convent was marked in the proper way. There, blown out of the mountainside, was a jagged, but unmistakable cross. I thought he had used a lot of explosives.

Perhaps it was his way of telling the girl how sorry he was to do it. He never got a chance to tell her himself. We moved out that night before Antonia, who had run away sobbing, returned to the village.

So when I returned to Cantione I looked up for Paddy's cross. It was there, a little weatherbeaten now, but clear enough.

Back in the village a man came out of one of the houses. It was the priest. On an impulse I asked him in halting Italian for the girl called Antonia who had been brought up by the nuns in the convent that used to stand on the mountainside.

He smiled; "You are four years too late signor." he said. "The red-haired blaster of rocks with the grin on one side came back. I it was who married them."

At first I didn't think it funny. Red-haired blaster of rocks! Now I chuckle about it. I remember Paddy's voice in that bar in the Strand saying how pleased his wife would be to see me. I can imagine any wife being pleased to see the man who blew to smithereens the only place she had ever known as home.

So perhaps it is a good thing that I have lost the address of the red-haired blaster of rocks with the grin on one side.

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

Neighbours of a site applying for planning permission will no longer have their attention drawn to the application by a notice popped through their letterboxes. Now a "site notice" will be stuck up nearby and notice of the application will also appear in the local paper. In the case of Thurlestone that means the Gazette (or the "Old Astonisher" as locals used to call it).

MAJOR WORK AHEAD - the noticeboards in the Thurlestone Village Pump House are being painted during the week of June 7. Notices will be taken down and replaced (hopefully when the boards have dried).

Court Park Lane or Post Office Lane has finally been located by Devon County Council. It appears as Public Footpath No.17. This is only one of the problems with the road's upkeep. However, Village Voice is reliably informed that there are no plans to put a stile across it.

Owners of listed buildings are reminded by South Hams District Council that Listed Building Consent is needed for the replacement of windows or doors in a listed building.

And if you live, like we do, in a conservation area then you're likely to need Conservation Area Consent for the creation of new window or door openings in a building in the area.

FREE CAR PARKING & DELIVERIES IS A HELP

G. BROMFIELD
BROADS DAIRY

AND POST OFFICE

Thurlestone

TELEPHONE: KINGSBRIDGE 560230

SAVE ALL THE RUSH & CRUSH OF TOWN SHOPPING !!

DAIRY PRODUCE

FROZEN FOODS

GROCERIES & GREENGROCERY

COAL MERCHANTS

FOR FRIENDLY

PERSONAL SERVICE

YOUR LOCAL GARAGE AND M.O.T TESTING STATION

BLIGHT
ENGINEERING

BANTHAM GARAGE, THURLESTONE
(Tel: Kingsbridge 560221)

BRITANNIA RESCUE SERVICE

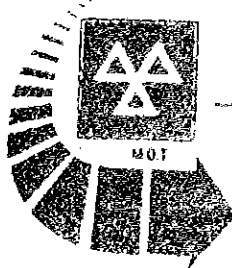
SERVICING & MECHANICAL REPAIRS OF ALL MAKES

Engine Reconditioning and Transmission Overhauls

WHEEL BALANCING ON CAR

24 Hour vehicle RECOVERY and COLLECTION SERVICE

MOWERS & CULTIVATORS SERVICED



ACCIDENT REPAIRS
(carried out by our associated company)

J. R. AUTOBODIES

Approved repairers for all leading insurance companies

• Low Back Over • Chassis Jigs • Sunshade Hooks

PETROL
TYRES
OIL



John D. Andrews & Son

Your local funeral director

Should you wish to telephone, there is an experienced member of our staff available 24 hours a day to offer advice.

119 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1AL

Tel: Kingsbridge 852997

Chapels of Rest - Monumental Masonry.

GARDEN

MAINTENANCE

GRASS-CUTTING..

HEDGE-TRIMMING..

CHAIN-SAW WORK..

GARDEN RUBBISH CLEARED..

CONTACT:

D. BICKLE

Telephone: (0548) 560831.

YOUR MAGAZINE.

VILLAGE VOICE can only be distributed FREE to RESIDENTS of the villages of the Parish.

The magazine is entirely self-supporting and is not a charge on the Parish Rate, but it was founded on behalf of the Parish Council and is delighted to remain under the Council's sponsorship.

But this does not mean that the views and opinions expressed in these pages are the views or opinions of any member of Thurlestone Parish Council and should be ascribed only to the authors concerned.

Your copy is delivered to you by our volunteer distributors. In Thurlestone, this is dairyman Peter Bromfield, and in Bantham and West Buckland, Mrs. Jean Hurrell. Extra copies may be bought from local newsagents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morley at the Village Stores.

There is also a subscription service, which already sends copies to readers all over the country at an annual cost of £6, which includes postage.

SNO-WHITE TYPING SERVICES.

Have you something you would like typed?

Anything from a letter to a book.

Also VAT, or Book-keeping for the Small Business.

All enquiries welcomed.

Transport can be arranged if this is necessary.

Please ring:- (0548) 560623

Evelyn B. Snowden,
"Cranbourne"
16 Backshay Close,
South Milton,
Nr. Kingsbridge.

TRUFELESTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

Minutes of the Meeting held in The Parish Hall on 6th April 1993
at 7.30pm

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

Speakers: County Councillor Simon Day
Mr Paul West, (District Treasurer),
Police Inspector P. Patrick
Mr. G.Downes, (Principal Traffic Engineer, DCC South Devon)

Present: Fifty- nine Electors, including the members of the
Parish Council.

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

The Chairman welcomed all present, explained that Police Inspector Patrick had been delayed on urgent business but was expected to arrive by 9.00pm and invited Councillor Day to address the meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON DAY welcomed the opportunity to address the meeting early as he had to depart soon to address another Parish Meeting. He reported that Devon County Council's financial affairs involved some £750 millions with an annual expenditure budget of over £6000 millions which was the 5th largest in the UK. The principal item was education amounting to £334 millions, with Social Services costing £277 millions and Highways some £54 millions; Funding by the Government had been unfairly distributed in the past with London and the South East benefitting more than the Shire Counties, but representations made in conjunction with the Association of County Councils should result in a better distribution next year.

Mr. Day congratulated Mr. West and the South Hams District Council for having collected 97 per cent of the Community Charges whilst Plymouth, Torbay and Brixton had only achieved 90 percent; hence the Council Taxes payable in the South Hams next year would be substantially lower than other Districts, and the new Tax should be much more fair than the ludicrous Poll Tax.

As Leader of the County Council Mr. Day had made various representations to both the Government and the European Commission to improve the position of the County and its neighbours, and as Chairman of the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority he was able to highlight the actions being taken by that Authority to deal with crime and also improve legislation to achieve more effective results.

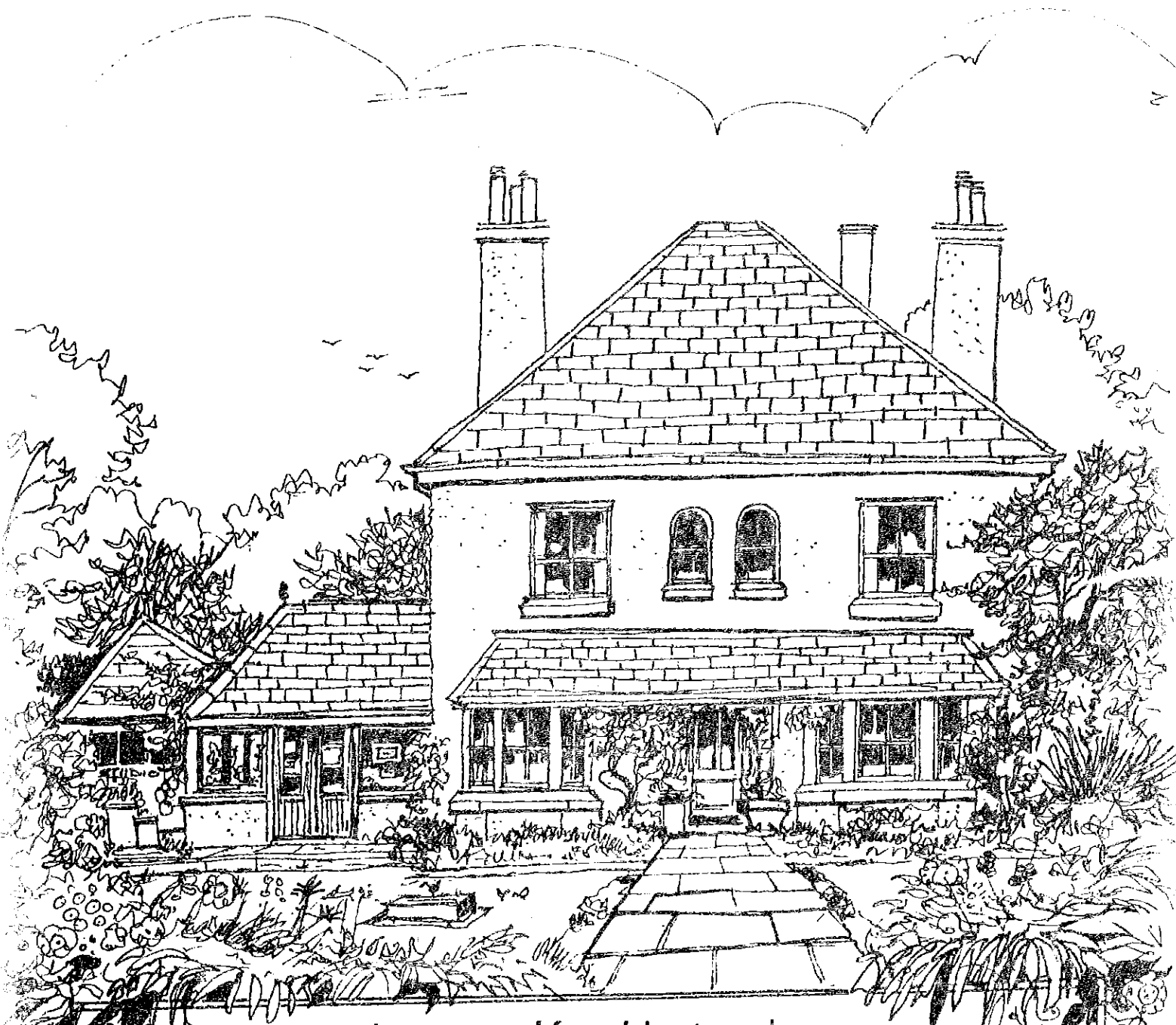
The Review of Local Government was proceeding with Devon in the second tranche to be determined next year to minimise the differing responsibilities of County and District Councils. Current indications were that Devon would end up with about four large Unitary Authorities or perhaps even the County being the sole Authority apart from Plymouth which was likely to become independent. However better indications of the eventual outcome should emerge in the summer with the proposals for the Counties in the first tranche.

Responding to a question by Mr. David Frost, Mr Day undertook to investigate anomalies in the Tax system adversely affecting the house building industry which was already having financial problems; Mr West confirmed that until a dwelling was occupied even a fully completed property attracted only 50% tax. Mr Hugh Cater queried why second homes enjoyed a 50% rebate of Council Tax. Mr Day assured Mr David Grose that he would make every effort to ensure that politics were not allowed to affect the make-up of the West Country Tourist Board.

(Councillor Day then withdrew from the Meeting with the thanks of the Chairman)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The Chairman highlighted the principal Council events of the year just ending, notably:-

- (a) The precept had been maintained at £4,500 being the same as last year, so the Parish charge to a Band "D" property owner would be £7.59 for 1993/94, an amount considerably lower than many neighbouring Parishes such as £11.24 in Malborough and £8.44 in South Milton. The average for the District was about £14 with comparable rates in Kingsbridge and Totnes of £20.67 and £36.35 respectively.
- (b) The Parish Hall was showing signs of wear and after discussions with representatives of the Hall Committee the Council would next year consider whether the Precept could be increased so that more help could be given by the Council to the Hall.
- (c) Hump's Charity was still being continued even though its income was only £1.00 per annum, but it had been decided not to wind it up in the hope that the Charity could be used to obtain the tax benefits under the Gift Aid scheme available if any benevolent donor wished to assist the Parish.
- (d) The Seaview Road Housing Scheme, was now being progressed by the District Council in conjunction with the Westcountry Housing Association and it was hoped that the project would be in their 1994/95 programme financed by the Housing Corporation.
- (e) Pollution of the West Buckland Stream continued to cause concern despite investigation by the National Rivers Authority, and they had also been active to remedy the recent pollution of the Thurlestone Stream by heating oil.
- (f) The Thurlestone Sewerage Scheme had finally become operative last August as the first "Clean Sweep" Operation by South West Water who had constructed the large holding tank near Leas Foot and new treatment works at South Milton to deal with the sewage from both Villages, thereby ending at last the discharge of untreated sewage into the sea at Leas Foot.
- (g) The Village Skip Service would be provided by SHDC during the week commencing 21st June, but it must be emphasised that the skips must not be used for builders' waste, or excessive garden rubbish.
- (h) The decision by the D of E Inspector regarding the western (Seaward) end route of the Longstone Path across the Golf Course was still awaited but was due soon.
- (i) Evans Estates Ltd. was co-operating with the Council for the Bantham Little Ham area to be improved and the public seats better maintained.



Len and Kate Hubbard
invite you to come and browse
at

BURWOOD GALLERY

Thurlestone Kingsbridge.
Leather bags, porcelain, pottery, woodturning.
WATERCOLOURS by LEN HUBBARD.
Telephone Kingsbridge 560 731.



SECURITY BY FORMER POLICE OFFICERS

Every day, one of our fully equipped mobile patrols visits various houses and commercial properties in the Thurlestone, South Milton and Bantham area.

If you are concerned about leaving your house or holiday home for long or short term periods and would like a daily or weekly visiting service, please do not hesitate to contact us without obligation at the address shown in the below advertisement.



SECURITY BY FORMER POLICE OFFICERS

**STATIC AND MOBILE PATROLS 24 HOURS A DAY FOR
SHORT (including Emergency) AND
LONG TERM CONTRACTS**

**KEYHOLDING • CONFERENCES • COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
SHOPS • HOTELS • STREET PATROLS (Traders' Associations)
MARINAS • PRIVATE PROPERTIES • EVENTS**

SECUREWEST LIMITED 117 FORE STREET KINGSBRIDGE DEVON TQ7 1AL
TELEPHONE (0548) 856302 (24-hour) FAX (0548) 856637



- (g) District Council and Ordnance Survey Department had been asked to correct the records and maps to show properly the names of Court Park Lane and Court Park Road.
- (k) Renewed efforts were being made by the Heritage Coast Service to remedy the erosion of Leas Foot sand dunes, a subject of great concern for many years.
- (l) Thirty-three planning applications had been considered by the Council, most being supported but one which was not had been the subject of a recent Appeal for a dwelling near Rose Lawn, Court Park Lane, on which the decision was still awaited. Another appeal, supported by the Council, for change of use to a 9-hole golf course on land at Cross Park Farm had been refused.
- (m) Council insurances previously with the Municipal Mutual were being transferred to Cornhill Insurance from 1st June 1993, as a result of the virtual demise of Municipal Mutual. The insurance cover would be extended to include the War Memorial.

The Chairman thanked the several Parishioners who had assisted the Community during the year, particularly Penny and Kendall McDonald for their efforts editing and producing the Village Voice, and also the Parish Clerk, and invited questions from those present. No questions being forthcoming, the Chairman introduced Mr. Paul West, the District Treasurer, and invited him to address the Meeting.

MR PAUL WEST said how helpful it had been that the Parish Council had stayed well within the Precept target set by the District Council, which had enabled the South Hams to set the lowest Council Tax rate in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset. He summarised the District's financial situation which amounted to £30 millions per annum, of which £25 millions were spent on day to day revenue costs and some £5 millions on capital projects including houses, halls, car parks etc. Only a relatively small part - 10 per cent, - came from Council Tax, Government grants providing 60 per cent and fees and service income providing 30 per cent.

Full details of the income and expenditure were contained in the Corporate Plan, a copy of which was held by the Parish Council or could be loaned by him to any specially interested elector. Cash flow and Community Charge collection levels were among the best in the country and the Council's financial affairs had been commended by the District Auditor. It seemed that the new Council Tax would work better than the former Community Charge and be much simpler to administer; Staff level for the old rating system had involved 8 persons but a staff of fifty had been required to operate the Community Charge but which he now expected to require only thirty members of staff for the Council Tax, and perhaps even fewer in future years once the large number of appeals had been resolved by the District Valuer to whom Appeals against wrong Tax Bands must be submitted before November to have any effect on this Year's assessment, but the full Tax at the current level must be paid in the interim. A refund would be made on any Band reduced. Mr West outlined the various rebates, discounts and transitional relief rules, and summarised the ten methods of minimising the tax incidence, as mentioned in a pamphlet on demand from him or the Parish Clerk.

Responding to questions he shared Mr. Hugh Cater's criticism of second home owners being eligible for a 50% discount, which had been the subject of strong representations to HMG before the new tax became operative, but to no avail. The official view was that the tax was based on two elements; property and it being the sole or principal residence of two persons. Hence a 25% discount if only one resident, and a 50% discount if no permanent resident. The discretion of Rating Authorities to allow other discounts had been removed. If any property was intended to be sub-let for 140 days or more, then it should be business rated. Mr John Slinger was assured that the reduced Community Charge level previously introduced against VAT rate being increased, was a benefit being perpetuated under the Council Tax, but Mr. West disclaimed knowledge of certain Welsh aspects of the tax system queried by Mrs Veronica White, and also dealt with a few other questions of detail by other Parishioners.

The Chairman thanked Mr. West for dealing so expertly with everyone's questions, and all present demonstrated their appreciation upon the withdrawal of Mr. West from the meeting at 8.55pm

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Geoffrey Downes, the Principal Traffic Engineer for South Devon, and asked him to give his report on Highways.

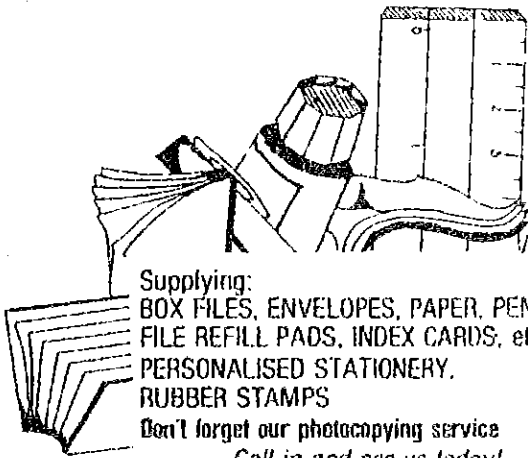
MR. GEOFFREY DOWNES, described how the general philosophy concerning highways had varied during his 27 years involvement; originally roads had been widened then smoothed etc. to accommodate the vehicles demanding movement but it had been realised eventually that such practices could not continue, so now the County aim was to try to fit vehicles into the environment without destroying it. Traffic calming was an especially topical need in most areas, but that really involved driver calming. Until four years ago, everyone was aghast at road humps but now they were demanded everywhere, with chicanes and rumble strips as much sought alternatives. Unfortunately Highway Regulations and Finance had not caught up, although progress in those directions was gradually developing. Demands for calming measures throughout the County were now estimated to cost £12 million - not an achievable position for the time being, and only £50,000 had been allocated this year to the South Hamé. That sum would finance only four schemes, but at the last count, 127 had been requested. Hence other methods of speed control were necessary, such as the new speed guns being supplied to the Police, but even their resources were limited, and they could not always enforce every regulation or restriction. The Department of Transport's regulations must be followed, and were still only likely to permit limited extent of traffic calming.

Answering a question by Mr. David Frost, Mr. Downes explained that the double white lines down Aveton Gifford hill had been introduced at the request of that Parish Council but only after much deliberation, and the difficulties of many vehicles having to follow a slow tractor etc. still caused much concern, although still considered necessary.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Kingsbridge Stationers

95 Fore Street,
Kingsbridge, Devon.



Supplying:
BOX FILES, ENVELOPES, PAPER, PENS,
FILE REFILL PADS, INDEX CARDS, etc. etc.
PERSONALISED STATIONERY,
RUBBER STAMPS

Don't forget our photocopying service
Call in and see us today!

95, Fore Street, Kingsbridge, telephone 856778

Chairman: Mr. Peter Hurrell 560496
V-Chairman: Mr. Derrick Yeoman 560607
Mr. John Dayment 560295
Mr. David Grose 560375
Mr. Charles Mitchelmore 560602
Mr. Geoffery Stidston 560695
Mrs. Veronica White 560236

Parish Clerk: Mr. W.G. Ladd 560626

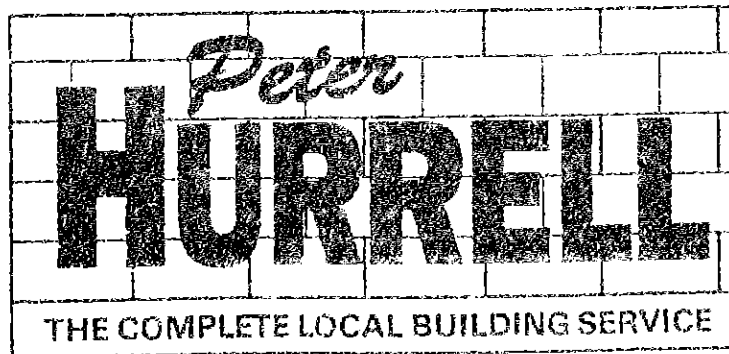
District Councillor Mr. A.R. Watson 852127

County Councillor Mr. Simon Day
Plymouth 691212

South Hams District Council
All Departments: 0803-864000

Kingsbridge Police Stn. 852326
Kingsbridge Health Centre 853522

Parish Emergency Officer 560607



Extensions • Renovations • Conversions • Alterations

PLUMBING HEATING ROOFING
PATIOS DECORATIONS GARAGES

Why not let us give you an estimate?

WOODLANDS • WEST BUCKLAND • KINGSBRIDGE
TEL. KINGSBRIDGE (0548) 560496 or 560521

THE CARD SHOP CRAFT SHOP

HAS

THE FINEST SELECTION OF
GREETINGS CARDS,
PARTY WARE,
SMALL GIFTS.

WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE CHOICE
OF PERSONALISED WEDDING
AND GENERAL STATIONERY,
WHICH WE CAN GET PRINTED
TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

HAS

ALL YOUR CRAFT REQUIREMENTS.

WE SPECIALISE IN:

Needlework Crafts

Toy Making

Children's Crafts and Kits

Cake Decorating

Plaster Modelling

Jewellery and Bead Work

AND MANY MORE TOO NUMEROUS
TO MENTION!

CALL IN AND SEE US AT BOTH KINGSBRIDGE SHOPS

24, FORD STREET

Tel: 852327

20, FORD STREET

MICHAEL YEOMAN PAINTER & DECORATOR

FOR A FULL RANGE
OF INTERIOR AND
EXTERIOR

DECORATING...

PLEASE PHONE:

KINGSBRIDGE 560 879

CLAIRE'S KITCHEN

"Cuisine with a flair"



CLAIRE WALLACE

Winkfield Place Cordon Bleu diploma

Telephone: Kingsbridge (0548) 560191

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS:

Buffet, dinner and cocktail parties for weddings,
anniversaries, birthdays, christenings and funerals

FORMAL AND INFORMAL BUSINESS RECEPTIONS:

Boardroom luncheons, buffets, dinners and cock-
tail parties

*All hireage needs, floral-arrangements and any staff
requirements willingly undertaken
Special dietary requirements respected*

MENUS AND QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Mr. Mitchelmore pleaded for introduction of a 30 mph speed limit in sections of the Thurlestone and Bantham roads, but Mr. Downes pointed out that speed limits sometimes encouraged higher speeds when road conditions merited less than 30 mph. A general debate ensued on the needs and merits of calming traffic around Kerse Cross and the Bantham Road, during which the Chairman referred to recent advice that speed limits no longer necessitated street lighting, and the Council's Appeal to the Local Plans Inspector last December for early action to improve the safety of all using the Bantham Road along which many persons, especially visiting surfers, drove without due regard for the narrow twisty roads. Rumble strips similar to those at Sorley Cross were suggested as a possible remedy, and Mr. Downes agreed that they were less costly than some other methods but those at Sorley Cross had anticipated new regulations still not officially operative. However, that should soon change and rumble strips or perhaps road narrowing might be calming measures which the Highways Sub-Committee could consider by October, even if they were proposed in place of routine improvement scheme.

Other items discussed were hatched areas on roads between double white lines where overtaking was prohibited if edged by solid lines but only indicated hazards requiring special caution if edged by broken lines, such as on the Aveton Gifford Bye-pass. Also the deterring effect if members of the public noted and reported the numbers of vehicles being driven dangerously or without due care and attention on any road, even including the minor roads of the South Hams not subject to speed limits below the national 60mph.

INSPECTOR PATRICK, the Officer now in charge of Kingsbridge Police Station, joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairman who invited the Inspector to report on his current Police concerns.

Inspector Patrick outlined his task of serving the Kingsbridge Area comprising three Towns and innumerable Villages spread over more than 100 square miles, and with very limited resources except when emergencies necessitated calling for assistance from Totnes, Plymouth or Paignton. However his team were very experienced, active and keen so it was certain that with the aid of modern technology and the Neighbourhood Watch system, the district would be well protected. The styles and methods of preventing crimes were explained and examples given of several incidents, including a number whose perpetrators had been apprehended. In many cases the criminals came from Plymouth or further afield attracted to regions with sparse population and isolated buildings, often unprotected by burglar alarms, but the Police system of encircling reported incidents was effective and frequently caught offenders or at least deterred many undesirables from the South Hams.

Every suspicious incident should be reported without hesitation, and if one can advise vehicle registration numbers etc. by the 999 system, Police technology now enabled correlation of reports over a wide area so that effective action was more possible and most effective. Burglary rates were not high, but given special attention because of the distress created, and robberies from vehicles and boats were also the cause of much concern but difficult to resolve, although Police patrol boats were being provided and should cover our coast including Salcombe and Bantham. Public co-operation, particularly through the most helpful Neighbourhood Watch, greatly

assisted effective policing, and the modern equipment with centralised computer records and information, video cameras, speed guns, etc. all made even limited manpower a most effective force. Nevertheless, Community Policemen continued to be a key element, and the support and co-operation of the public remained vital.

Inspector Patrick regretted his attendance had been delayed by a particular event, as had the new Community Constable for the Thurlestone, South Milton and Hope Cove Parishes, P.C. Martin Rushworth, but he would endeavour to attend the next Parish Council meeting. He was an ex-Army man of considerable experience who would soon become well known throughout the parishes and be an effective supportive officer. The Inspector then invited questions from Parishioners. The Chairman mentioned the great concern over speeding vehicles continually racing through the Parish, especially dangerous in Thurlestone and Bantham, and requested special attention by the Police to remedy the situation before serious accident(s) occurred. Mr Patrick reported that 70 persons had recently been caught in speed traps in neighbouring locations to Kingsbridge which he hoped would be punitive deterrents, and confirmed that such action would be repeated when needed. He agreed that the rumble strips were effective, and 30 mph speed limits could sometimes be beneficial; if they encouraged speeding as feared by Mr Downes, the offence of driving without due care and attention was committed. Mr Mitchelmore referred to the occasion when Police Officers from Plymouth had brought speed guns to the Parish but did not use them because no speed limits applied. The Inspector was surprised at that attitude which occurred before he joined the Kingsbridge Station. Mr Derrick Yeoman urged that some calming measure and a more obvious "Please Drive Slowly" sign be displayed above the first house on the Bantham Road as well as SLOW Marked on that road. Another parishioner requested similar action for Thurlestone and the SLOW sign marked at Kerse Cross needed refreshing.

After responding to a number of other comments, Inspector Patrick and Mr Geoff Downes withdrew from the meeting with the thanks of the Chairman and applause from all present.

The CHAIRMAN asked for the views of those present regarding the possibility of the Parish Council including in their Precept for 1994/95 some financial assistance for the Parish Hall. Mr John Slinger, Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, observed how sad it would be if the Hall was lost through lack of funds for repairs, and pointed out that the longer remedial action was delayed, the more expensive it would be. He suggested that a contribution of £1000 to £1500 should be sufficient initially, and explained that the trust fund created by Admiral Bickford in previous years only permitted the interest earned thereon to be so used. On a show hands being requested by the Chairman considerable support from the meeting demonstrated for the Hall being assisted in the manner described.

The Chairman thanked all present for their participation and support during the meeting, and renewed the Parish Council's assurance that they would try to look after all Parish affairs to the best of their ability and resources. The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

DON'T MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR...
CONSULT THE VILLAGE VOICE SUPERGUIDE.

JUNE.

Wed	2nd	Tramp Walk. Ivybridge/Moors foothills
Thurs	3rd	Bridge Drive in aid of Church. Thurlestone Hotel 7pm.
Wed	16th	Tramp Walk. Nersworthy Bridge/Moors.
Tues	22nd	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30pm

JULY

Sat	3rd	Conservative Coffee Morning. Thurlestone Hotel 10.30am
Wed	7th	Tramp Walk. Horrabridge/Moors foothills.
Wed	21st	Tramp Walk. Hexworthy/Moors.
Sat	24th	Thurlestone Church Fete, The Rectory. 2.30pm
Tues	27th	Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30pm

AUG.

Wed	4th	Tramp Walk. Moors.
Sat	7th	T & S.M. Horticultural Show. Parish Hall.
Wed	18th	Tramp Walk. Dart Valley/Moors

SEPTEMBER.

Wed	1st	Tramp Walk. Horrabridge/River Valley
Tues	7th	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30pm
Wed	15th	Tramp Walk. Burrator Reservoir
Tues	21st	Fashion Shows (Boutique 144), Kings Arms, Kingstridge, 10am; 2pm; 7.30pm.
Fri	24th	Harvest Festival Supper at Parish Hall, follows 7.0pm Service in Church

OCTOBER

Wed	13th	Tramp Walk. Coastal Path
Thurs	14th	Bridge Evening in aid of Army Benevolent Fund, Thurlestone Hotel.
Tues	19th	Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30pm

NOVEMBER.

Thurs	4th	Conservative Bridge Evening. Thurlestone Hotel 6.30pm
Wed	10th	Tramp Walk. Local countryside.
Sat	13th	NSPCC Christmas Bazaar. Parish Hall 10.30am
Sat	20th	Church Christmas Bazaar. Parish Hall 10.30am
Tues	30th	Parish Council meeting. Parish Hall 7.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat	4th	Conservative Christmas Bazaar. Parish Hall 10.30am
		NSPCC Christmas Bazaar. Parish Hall 6.30pm for 7pm.
Wed	8th	Tramp Christmas Walk. Ficknick Inn.

FEBRUARY 1994

Mon	14th	Valentine's Day Barn Dance at Parish Hall.
-----	------	--

THE SLOOP INN

BANTHAM

EGON
RONAY
PUB GUIDE

Tel. Kingsbridge
560489/560215

'WHICH'
GOOD PUB
GUIDE

The warm and welcoming 'Inn' Place

A Fine Free House range of Draught Beer,
— Ciders, Wines and Spirits. —

FOOD · Choose from the Chef's Fresh Local Seafoods
Prime Devon meats, Speciality Salads and a variety of Home
Prepared Dishes

ACCOMMODATION

FIVE DOUBLE ROOMS
4 with private bath & w.c.

& THREE LUXURY
SELF-CATERING
COTTAGES
Each
Sleeping
up to
six

