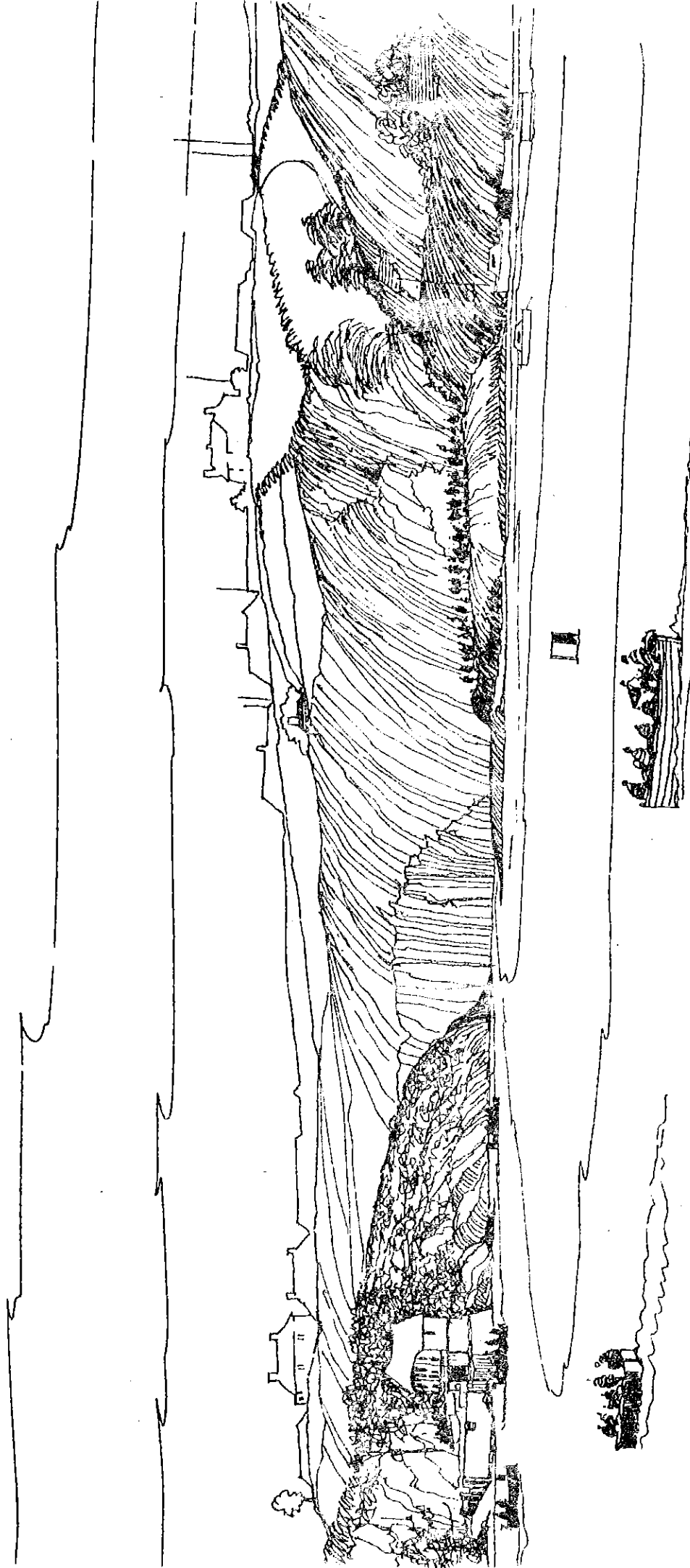


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THE RECESSION MAY BE DRIFTING AWAY, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN
THAT ALL IS GOING WELL IN OUR VILLAGES.

In fact, we need no excuse to return to a subject which we have
touched on in this column several times before...Our Parish Shops.

Don't think for one moment that all the village shops' troubles
are behind them now the recession is easing. In fact in recent
months you have come very close to losing them. So close in fact
that one considered shutting down by now.

Our village shops are not alone in their troubles. The Rural
Development Commission recently reported that it knew of 3,500
of these essential general stores which were hovering on the
brink of closure.

They listed the reasons as: the recession, the high cost of
borrowing, the Uniform Business Rate, and stupid proliferation
of supermarkets on the edges of country towns.

Now we, personally, can't do anything about the recession, the
high cost of borrowing, the Uniform Business Rate...but we
can do something about the supermarkets. Well, we could sack
those councillors who approved them when it comes time to vote,
but the damage is done and they won't go away; the supermarkets,
though the councillors may.

What we can do about the supermarkets is not to use them - in
preference to your local shop. Of course, the supermarkets do stock
some things that your village stores can't afford to carry on
their shelves. But to use them for all the items you can get
locally (and often cheaper too) is absurd.

What will your conscience say to you when you pass a boarded-up
village shop?

Don't be shy, join the Thurlestone WI



Ladies, whether you fancy making new friends or just enjoying an afternoon out once a month, you'll be more than welcome at Thurlestone WI. You're sure to fit in: we come in all shapes, ages and sizes.

We meet in the parish hall on the second Thursday each month (except August) at 2.30 pm. If you are interested, please come along to a meeting. As you will see from our 1994 programme below, there are plenty of interesting speakers and things to do throughout the year.

Thur. Jan. 13, 2.30 p.m. A LIGH-HEARTED LOOK AT THE GODDESSES OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY (Speaker S. Lash)	Thur. June 9, 2.30 pm SUNDIALS (Speaker Ann Born) Draw for Denman College bursary
Mon. Jan. 17, 10.30am/12.30 DRAMA WORKSHOP (Tutor Val Brown)	Thur. June 23 MIDSUMMER GARDEN LUNCH at Rosemary Mackay's - details later
Thur. Feb. 10, 2.30 pm PRESSED FLOWER CRAFT (Demonstrator I. Mitcheson)	Wed. June 29 "LOOKING GOOD, FEELING GREAT!" day at Ivybridge - details later
Mon. Feb. 21, 10.30am/noon TASTE & TALK COFFEE MORNING. Bring & sample each other's favourite dishes, swap recipes, talk about the future programme	Thur. July 14, 2.30 pm GOING TO THE PICTURES The Golden Age of Hollywood (Speaker Margaret Pratt)
Thur. Mar. 10, 2.00 p.m. VISIT TO VIEW COOKWORTHY MUSEUM COSTUME COLLECTION (Guide Olga Kessel)	Fri. July 15 DFWI Outing to SUDELEY CASTLE & CHELTENHAM Coach from Kingsbridge, details later
Thur. April 14, 2.30 pm LOOKING TEN YEARS YOUNGER (Make-up demo. Julie Lenny)	Thur. Sept. 8, 2.30 pm CHILDREN'S GAMES - the lore and language of childhood (J. Miller)
Mon. April 18, 7.30 p.m. at South Milton SEA COAST GROUP meeting FLOWERS WITH ALICE FOSTER	Thur. Oct. 13, 2.30 pm SUGAR CRAFT FOR XMAS (Demonstration by Teresa Purser)
Thur. April 21 DFWI SPRING COUNCIL MEETING Exeter University - speaker Frank Gillard (BBC fame) Coach from Kingsbridge	Wed. Oct. 19 DFWI AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING Plymouth Guildhall (Speaker Jonathon Porritt)
Thur. May 12, 2.30 pm CURRENT AFFAIRS Resolutions for the National T.G.M.	Thur. Nov. 10, 2.30 pm ANNUAL MEETING Election of committee. WI Books on sale.
May - date & venue to be decided COACH OUTING FROM THURLESTONE	Thur. Dec. 8, 2.30 pm DECORATING XMAS PARCELS (Sheila Blake)
	December CHRISTMAS PARTY (details later)
	Lots of other things are in the pipeline - keep reading Village Voice for an up-date.

Cut out and keep

The following were elected at the annual meeting and will form the 1994 committee: President Win Cousins, Secretary Pam Brewster, Treasurer Norma Kendall, plus E. Brewster, D. Candy, A. Foster, A. Grose, M. Johnson, J. Lane, Pat Macdonald, R. Mackay, J. Reece.

If you can't manage to come to an afternoon meeting, don't forget that the South Milton WI meets at 7.30 pm every third Thursday in the month at the village hall there, and would be very happy to welcome you. Contact Daphne Osmond (560917) for further information.



BEEN READING about this 'ere Black Puma and having a little chuckle to myself - cos 'tis nothing to what we've got here in Thurlestone. Blow the Beast of Bodmin, and Exmoor, and Dartmoor too, what about the Beast of Thurlestone?

Course, we haven't got a picture of our Beast yet. But as soon as our local photographer gets his flash working, or we manage to save up enough for one of they camcorders, we'll be able to show the world what a Proper Beast looks like.

We've kept quiet about our Beast for too long, I reckon. Lot of villagers have seen it, Lot of village women too, though they haven't been knocked out by it like that woman up alongways was by the black version. Ours is white, you see.

Even so it gives you a terrible shock when you see it in your headlights. Well, you'd be shocked by the sight of a Great White Rabbit with big red eyes if you were coming home from a party, now wouldn't you? Most of us reckon it has escaped from some zoo, but it could be breeding in the wild as the number of sightings seemed to increase somewhat shocking over Christmas and the New Year.

Mind you, we've got terribly brave women in these parts..two of 'em actually cornered him in their garden and had a terrible struggle until one of his big ears got caught in a gooseberry bush and they managed to wrap a garden net around him. Very modest about it they are and said they thought he'd escaped from some local rabbit hutch. But we know better than that, 'cos someone nearly crashed on the Mead t'other night and were carried home babbling about..yes..a Giant White Rabbit! (Editors' Note: Village Voice will pay handsomely for the first photograph of the Beast of Thurlestone).

JUST A FINAL THOUGHT:

Have you ever seen anyone doing community service? No, nor have I. Yet when you think of all the thugs and thieves, fraudsters and other villians who get given hours and hours of community service by our softie magistrates, don't you think we ought to? A set of dungarces with "C.S" on the back would do.Or would that be criminal harrassment?

A MATTER OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE.

The following is the text of the letter dated 21st January 1994 addressed to The Local Government Commission from Thurlestone Parish Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Thurlestone Parish Council considers that the current review of local government in Devon is both unnecessary and unjustified and recommends that the Review is cancelled. The possible reorganisations outlined in the Department of the Environment's guidelines to the Commission would involve considerable increases in expenditure over several years and ultimately produce a less responsive and efficient administration.

At a special meeting attended by over 100 residents from this and neighbouring parishes, only 2 residents did not vote in favour of retaining the existing two-tier system in Devon, with Plymouth becoming a Unitary Authority within its present boundaries and the Districts remaining as they are. It was generally recognised that local government works well and that any necessary improvements and strengthening could be achieved without a major re-organisation.

If Unitary Authorities are created we understand total costs will average £100 per taxpayer and total nationally some £1.3 billion. Moreover, the substantial redundancies of assets and manpower (probably exceeding 1,000 persons in Devon alone), will be created in areas already experiencing economic difficulties and high unemployment.

The South Hams is currently based on a 'natural Community' both geographically and economically and as Devon is one of the largest counties any widening or joining up of District boundaries must inevitably lead to weaker local government without the identity and best interests of the community being maintained.

Thurlestone Parish Council therefore urges reconsideration of the need for a major re-organisation of local government in Devon. Please do not allow another administrative failure comparable to the Community Charge debacle.

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The Commission is keen to hear the views of the people of Devon between now and the end of February.

The address to write to is:

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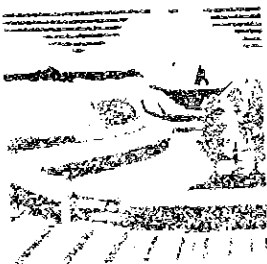
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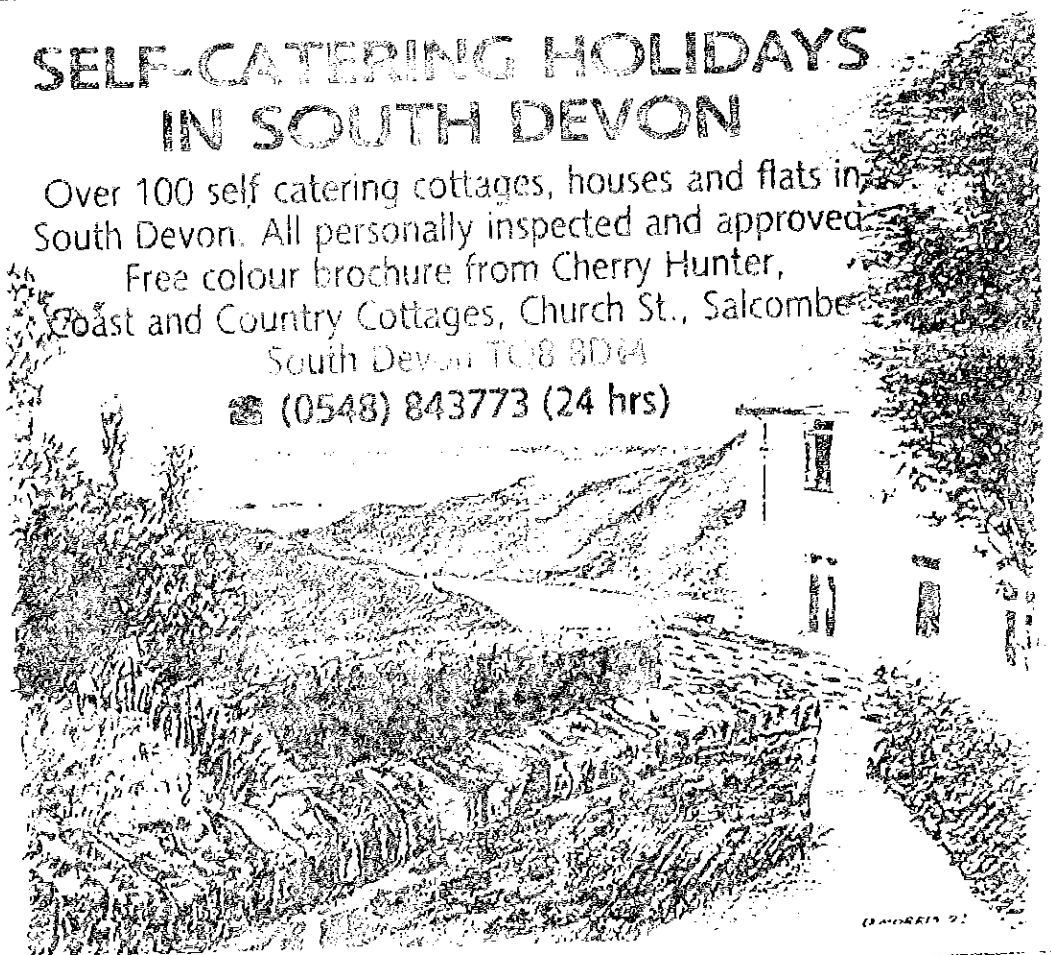
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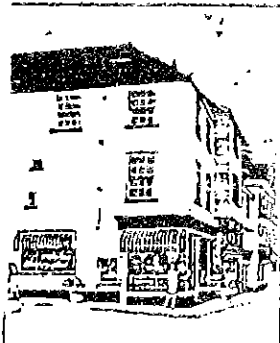
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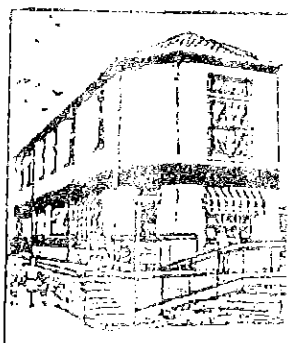
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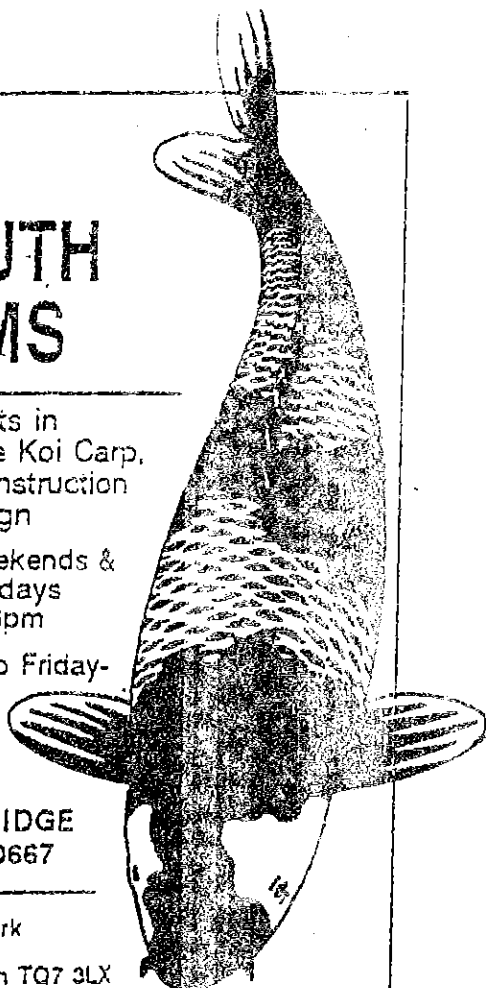
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| A. | A compass point | (1) | S | B. | Five hundred | (1) |
| | Street (abbr.) | (2) | ST | | Editor (abbr.) | (2) |
| | A collection | (3) | SET | | Finish | (3) |
| | Golf pegs | (4) | | | Take dinner | (4) |
| | A horse | (5) | | | Condescend | (5) |
| | Strained | (6) | | | Slightly coloured | (6) |
| | Fore-ordain | (7) | | | Set fire to | (7) |
| | Placed into | (8) | | | Poor or needy | (8) |
| | Bush or Clinton | (9) | | | Meaning to | (9) |
| C. | Piano or softly | (1) | | D. | Another compass | (1) |
| | Greek letter Ti | (2) | | | Antonym to yes | (2) |
| | Tear | (3) | | | Trick or swindle | (3) |
| | Breakwater or | | | | For one time | (4) |
| | mole | (4) | | | Shaped like a | |
| | Cost of goods | (5) | | | dunces cap | (5) |
| | Cooking instructions | (6) | | | Made money | (6) |
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| | Wasted, worn out | (8) | | | Warned | (9) |
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A Note to the Editors:

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The Rector Writes

DEAR FRIENDS,

I Am most reluctant to mention the dread words "Back to Basics" for fear of causing you to 'switch off', or drop off to sleep before I have chance to write another word. What a lot of cant, humbug and political captrap we have endured on the subject from the press and politicians of every hue. I am minded, however, to take the risk, as I wish to comment not from any political or media point of view but from a theological and constitutional viewpoint.

When the Prime Minister first voiced these words, intentionally or otherwise, the vast majority of his hearers understood the concept to have moral overtones at the personal level, although not, of course, limited to that.

Two or three Adulteries later the P.M. seemed keen to say the phrase referred only to Government politics such as Education and Social services - (and this very day - Sunday 16th Jan, some have managed to slip in the words "Back to Basic Conservative Party Politics" - etc).

From my point of view they could all have got away with it that far. After all a few adulteries here and there is nothing new - even if the media have insisted on reporting it as though it were something recently invented by the Tory Cabinet. NOTE I am not saying Adultery is not "wrong". I am saying its not new!

Where the controversy started to stick in my gullet was when the P.M. said "Back to Basics" was nothing to do with personal morality. The only 'basic' you can call basic is God's basic. When you go back to those basics you are dealing with absolutes (e.g. 10 Commandments) and pretty clear imperatives in the Christian ethic, derived from our Lord's teaching and that of the Apostles. Although maybe not 100% clear in every particular, no one could doubt that these deal with personal morality. In a Christian country these are the only "basics" there are - the rest are just opinions.

Why do I say that?

At her Coronation the Queen swore to uphold the Christian Faith and Practive in this realm. Although we have an unwritten Constitution this bit - the Coronation is written and makes the above quite clear:-

"Archbishop: 'Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed religion established by Law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably

the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England.
Queen: "All this I promise to do."

It must be the duty of the Queen's first minister to assist her in that purpose to which she, and my implication the Prime Minister, both sworn.

There can be no doubt that this involves the duty to encourage in matters of personal morality. This is made clear in the Liturgy of the Church of England - "the church by law established", - where for close on 500 years - ie ever since we have had a Liturgy in the English tongue, we have prayed that under our sovereign, "we may be Godly and quietly governed," and that prayer has continued (with practically no alteration, other than in spelling), to pray for the Sovereign's "whole Council" (ie the Privy Council), and "for all that are put in authority under....." the Sovereign that they may "indifferently" (meaning impartially), "minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice and to the maintenance of God's true religion and

The fact that the Prime Minister is able to quote Harold Macmillan in support of his view that it is not the task of government to uphold personal morality, merely means that Mac, (of whom I was very fond) got it wrong too!

It is the greatest pity that the Prime Minister did not "tough it out" in the beginning and merely concede that a couple of his chaps had let the side down - end of story - from the government's point of view. The Government then would have been in a strong position to attack the total illogicality of the press and Opposition for claiming that because of the "indiscretions" of a couple of ministers the government had no right to promote high personal morality. This really is arrant nonsense! The implication of such argument must be to say that if you have ever told a lie - or if any friends of yours have ever told a lie, you then have no right to exhort others to speak the truth!

No matter what our own shortcomings may be we still have a duty to encourage others in well-doing - not to do so is culpable - Ezekiel 3, vs 18 & 19.

And, as if dealing with the very point, in a not-very-much-quoted text, our Lord says to us: "Do as they say, Do not do as they do" Matt 23, v 3. Jesus was speaking of the Pharisees, supporting their teaching but indicating that they failed to live up to their own teaching. Obviously, they should heed their own warnings and exhortations, but those warnings and exhortations are not invalidated because some of the messengers who proclaim them fail themselves.

I have a simple mind and I like thinking in pictures. Imagine, if you will, an archery target with its bullseye and outer rings. The target aims at the bull's eye but only achieves the outer ring. He doesn't, then, because of his own failure to achieve, encourage his pupils to aim at the outer ring, he still encourages the pupil to aim at the bull's eye - and, please God, hit it.

The tragedy of the situation in our country today is that there are many who would remove the target completely. That is the assured way to disaster and failure, and many believe the media to have been foremost in aiding the reduction of the nation's moral standards. It is this that makes the present media hounding of individuals appear unacceptable.

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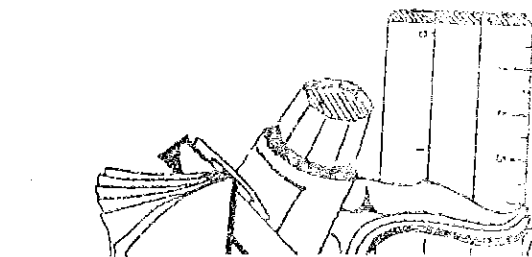
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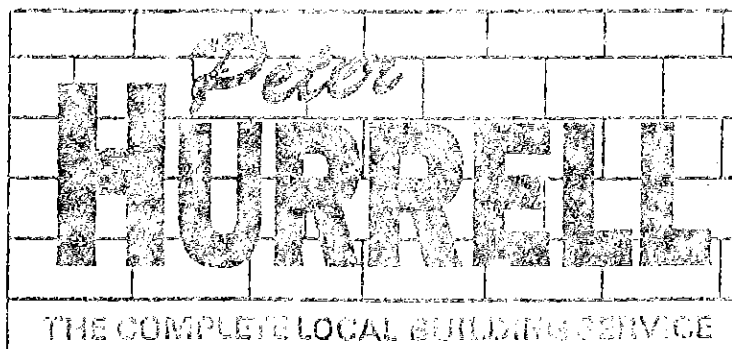
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If our Lord had been present in Whitehall or Parliament Square of late I guess he might have said to the journalists, present and to their editors "Let he (or she) who is without sin among you..... be first to go to press. "
And Lo, the papers would be empty!

Scripture, you see, says "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

All that is except One, and He, although tempted in all points like as we are, yet remained without sin (Hebrews 4, v 15).

That is why He is our Advocate with the Father, because He is "Jesus Christ the Righteous. (in contradistinction to all the rest of us). (1. John 2. v 1);

Strange really, of course, Jesus never condoned sin, but nor did He condemn sinners. His harshest words were reserved for hypocrites, those who rejoiced in the downfall of others. In His parable of the Last Judgement delivered under the picture of a shepherd separating the (good) sheep from the (bad) goats He never said the goats were those who had committed Adultery (not even those who had been found out!) - but He made clear the sin that brought His condemnation was lacking care for those in need (See Matt. 26)

Of course we all need to know what is required of us otherwise we have no goal - no target to aim at and governments do have a responsibility in that, but knowing what to do is one thing, actually doing it can be quite another, that is why we all need to pray one of my favourite Prayer Book Collects which we've been recently using in church:-

The Collect of the First Sunday after
the Epiphany.:-

"O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen."

Yours as always,

PETER S. STEPHENS

OLD LOCAL NEWS..

Thurlestone and Strete have the highest proportion of older residents in the whole of the South Hams, according to the 1991 Census results just published.

And Thurlestone was well ahead in the oldest residents category with 20.6 per cent aged 75 and over, compared with Strete's 15.5 per cent. Thurlestone figures showed that almost 53 per cent of every household was made up entirely of pensioners

In the 65-74 age category Thurlestone had 25.5 per cent of its residents. Strete had 27.6 per cent.

VILLAGE VOICE NEWS..VILLAGE VOICE NEWS..VILLAGE VOICE NEWS...

WE HAVE A WINNER - AND A RUNNER-UP!

The Editors of Village Voice are pleased to announce that the Village Voice Short Story Competition has been won by a local writer. And the runner-up prize will be drunk in the parish also!

The winning entry will be printed in the next issue of the Voice, together with details of the winners.

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

GOLFING HONOUR FOR THURLESTONE

A PRESIDENT FROM THE PARISH

Joan Mackenzie of the Old Rectory Gardens, Thurlestone, has become President of the Devon County Ladies' Golf Association.

This is the second time this honour has fallen to Thurlestone - a previous president was the late Betty Ord - and only the second time that the post has been held in the South Hams.

Joan Mackenzie joined Thurlestone Golf Club in 1959 and was ladies captain in 1971. She became county captain in 1972, and was also chairman of the Devon Ladies Golf Association committee.

She served for four years on the English LGA executive committee and was chairman in 1979.

Later on she served on the English LGA seniors committee and helped form the English Seniors Association. She was also Devon veterans' treasurer for three years.

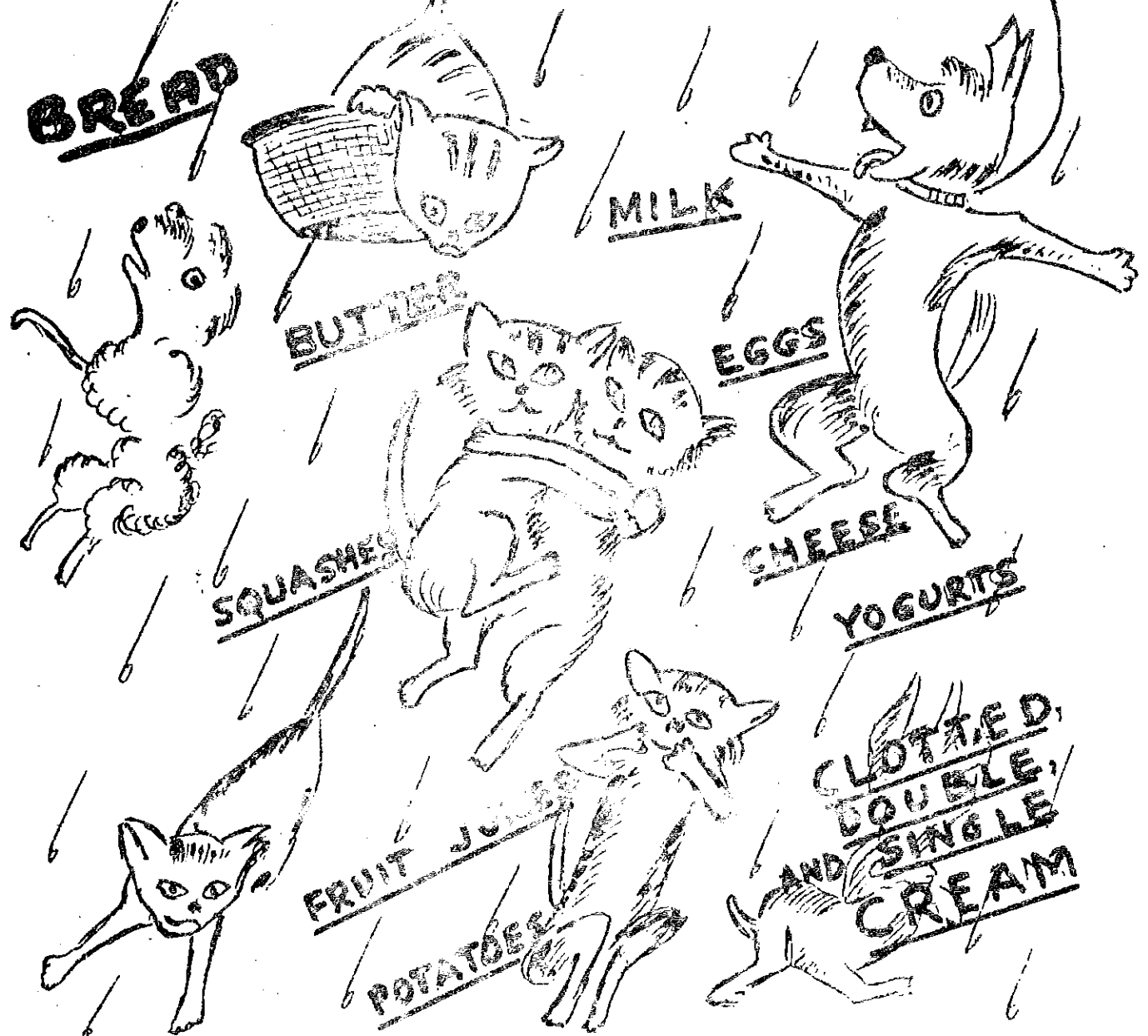
A 30 MPH LIMIT?

Thurlestone Parish Council are investigating 30 mph limits for the villages.

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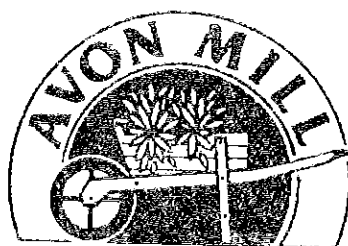
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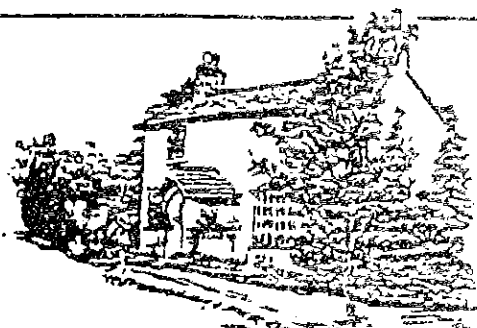
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The patient took the first of the six pills that very night on going to bed. Falling asleep almost immediately he found himself dreaming of being on a beautiful tropical island and almost immediately noticed a gorgeously lovely native girl beckoning him to 'come on'. He ran forward to greet her - but the faster he ran she always seemed to keep the distance between them, but he kept on persuing this vision until dawn was breaking and he awakened - in a very heavy sweat. On the following five nights he took one of the pills and each night he had the same tantalising experience of chasing this lovely young girl ! - and always awakening in a heavy sweat.

After taking all the pills he visited his doctor once more. After carefully weighing him the doctor said, "An excellent result - you have shed two stone (28lbs) and must feel all the better for that." but the doctor could offer no explanation of the nightly dream the pills induced.

Now it happens that this gentleman had a great friend who, on hearing of the treatment, begged to be told the name of the doctor and, having a similar weight problem contacted the doctor and was given an appointment. After an examination and a check on his weight the doctor said he certainly needed to get his weight down and said he would give him six pills which he must take on successive nights when retiring to bed. Highly delighted this friend could hardly wait for night time - and took the first of the pills as he rolled into bed. Falling asleep almost immediately he too, found himself on a beautiful tropical island, but he saw no gorgeous native girl beckoning to him, instead a horde of angry natives armed with spears and axes caused him to start running away fearful of his life. This went on through the night and he was truly thankful to awaken even though he was in a heavy sweat following the chase in his dream. He carried on taking the remaining five pills in the hope that he would not continue the nightly terror chase that always ended up with his awakening in such a heavy sweat.

On a return visit to the doctor he was again examined and weighed. "Very, very good," said the doctor, "You have lost well over two stone and will feel all the better for it." "Yes," said his patient, "it has been a very effective treatment - but why should I suffer the terror of being chased by a wild horde of natives and my friend was always dreaming of chasing after a gorgeous native girl?" "Ah," said the doctor that has a simple answer. Your friend saw me as a private patient - you were seen on the NHS!"

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P.T.O

Set Fair for Fleas!

NEWS REPORT - 13.9.93: Climate changes are boosting the flea population to record levels. Infestations in houses and flats across the country have led to a 71 per cent increase in calls for help to local council pest control officers.

PULEX IRRITANS - the Latin name for the homely flea. They have a love of dirt and darkness which suggests it is not a person of culture, but a flea has its luxurious side, being also fond of warmth, cosiness and quiet situations. Though a great believer in indoor exercises, it is no fresh air fiend. Long ago the flea paid humans the compliment of giving up his wings in order to cultivate our society, and that of other mammals. Their athletic powers, which attracted the attention of Socrates, are very considerable. It is true that a flea can jump into the air to a height of sixty four times its length the record on the level being two hundred times. Of course, you must appreciate how remarkable this is for an insect one sixteenth of an inch long. As a race Pulex Irritans are highly intelligent and, believe it or not our grandparents have been known to pay sixpence (2½p) to witness a team of trained captive fleas drawing a dainty coach. They are nimble and make lively companions, but it is a mistake to cultivate their society as they have been known to abuse human hospitality in a distressing manner, causing the most pain to those with whom they are most familiar. The average life of a flea is said to be about five weeks. It might seem the common old cat flea is proving an enormous nuisance. In 1992 no less than 52,000 people nationwide are said to have called in a council pest officer to fumigate their homes. In 1993 it is recorded that Plymouth Council dealt with 76 calls a month. Animals and humans are just a meal on wheels to a flea. Incidentally, if it is any consolation, bed bugs, ants and cockroaches are on the wane!

R esearch DD

One of Lord Grimmond's sidelines was a column in 'The Field' about country matters. He wrote it for alternate issues, sharing the slot with that hairy-eared old countryman, Phil Drabble. Simon Courtauld, the editor of 'The Field' recalls meeting Grimmond at a party. "That Phil Drabble writes a good column", mused Grimmond. "Who is she, sister of Margaret?"

Sorry Phil, I could'nt resist this one ! (Peterborough in the D.Telegraph)

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I note that the latest records indicate that Germany has 37, 409, 200 cars on the roads. Italy manages just over 28,000,000, whilst here in the good old British Isles the 1990 figures, indicated 23,220,000, and we are told such figures could double by 2030. Perhaps, if we are fortunate enough to keep our narrow lanes and avoid motorway access we won't suffer too much. The better the access and car-parking the more cars !!

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I HAVE WONDERED = AND I GUESS YOU HAVE TOO !

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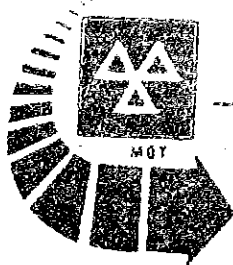
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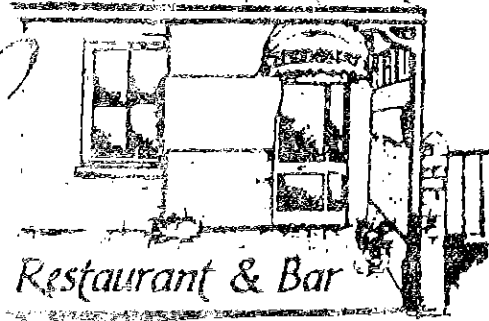
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. . at Drabblemania Weather forecasts - but here is one to make you think !
From past records I read that in the autumn of 1919 the weather was
"characterised by repeated surges of Arctic air following the September
snows. October was one of the coldest on record with frequent severe frosts,
and in November the thermometer descended to an exceptionally low level and
so on through the period."

There would seem to be something of a threat hanging over any forecast for
early 1994, and this is because the Gulf Stream, which normally has a
ameliorating effect on the climate of North West Europe. During the really
dreadful floods in the American Mid-west the Mississippi river was disgorging
6,500,000 gallons of flood water into the Gulf Stream every second. In
September Miami University research vessel 'Calanus' detected this water
off Florida and identified a stream of cloudier, less saline water 14 miles
wide and 60 feet deep. What the cooling effect of such a vast quantity of
flood water on the Gulf stream is perhaps something Northern Europe is finding
out - and what effect it might have on the Spring and Summer weather seems to
be, perhaps, something only time will tell us

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E I G H T Y T H O U S A N D E G G S !

. . . . are laid each day by 80,000 hens for 35 weeks of the year form the
basis of Britain's fight against the ravages of Peking 'flu. They are the
raw ingredients for the influenza vaccine manufactured by Pharmaceuticals
group Medeva at its Speke plant near Liverpool, the only producer of vaccines
in this country. It starts each February when the World Health Organisation
tries to predict which strains of flu are likely to spread across the northern
hemisphere the following winter. When the Organisation has ruled, Medeva, the
market leader, together with its French and Dutch rivals, starts growing
the virus in chicken eggs for the 4½ to 5 million doses needed each year.
The virus is killed, extracted and tested for its ability to stimulate an
immune response. To boost the odds in favour of success three strains of virus
are blended into each vaccine. There is rigorous testing at every stage,
supervised by regulatory bodies and the Department of Health. Speaking
personally, I've found the vaccine very effective each winter.

(With acknowledgement to Dan Bogler reporting in the
Daily Telegraph - 4.12. 93)

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A S A G E T A K E S I T S T O L L

of the ability to keep our homes as we desire it to be there appears the
alternative of seeking the shelter of residential retirement home care or
finding someone willing and able to carry the necessary burden for an
acceptable cost - and my wife and I think we have solved the problem to our
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NEW PHONE NUMBER.

The main switchboard number of the South Hams District Council has been changed to 0803-861234.

FOR CHARITIES.

Boutique 144 will be giving fashion shows for cancer relief and the Macmillan Fund in the Huntsman Suite of the Kings Arms, Kingsbridge on Tuesday, March 8th.

THE SCHOOL.

The Rector is retiring as Chairman of the Governors of All Saints School, Thurlestone. His place will be taken by Miss Pam Brewster.

WATER IN KENYA

THERE WILL be a plant sale in aid of a Kenyan Water Project, to provide water to a remote Kenyan village of the Masai Tribe, on April 30 at 2.30 p.m. in Thurlestone Parish Hall. Any plants would be welcomed. Please contact Susan Dwyer on 560648. An article about the project will appear in the next issue of Village Voice.

GOODBYE VALENTINE!

The Valentine's day dance in Thurlestone Parish Hall has been switched into a Barn Dance in the South Milton Village Hall on Friday, March 11. Please see separate notice in this issue.

CRIME NEWS.

Two successful police operations clamped down on car theft and house burglaries recently. The results confirmed police suspicions that Plymouth Criminals are visiting the South Hams area daily to commit crime. The police ask for your help to report suspicious vehicles, usually containing two or more people.

HAVING IT BOTH WAYS.

SHDC report problems with litter around the recycling bins in car parks. Says Councillor Pat Prudden: "We are pleased that the public are willing to recycle, but it would be helpful if they took their boxes and containers home with them otherwise the cost of removing them falls on the council tax payer."

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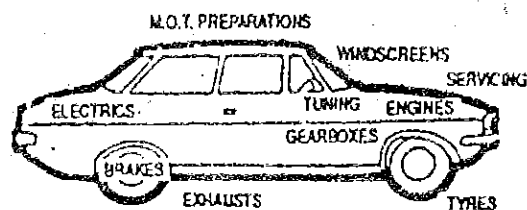
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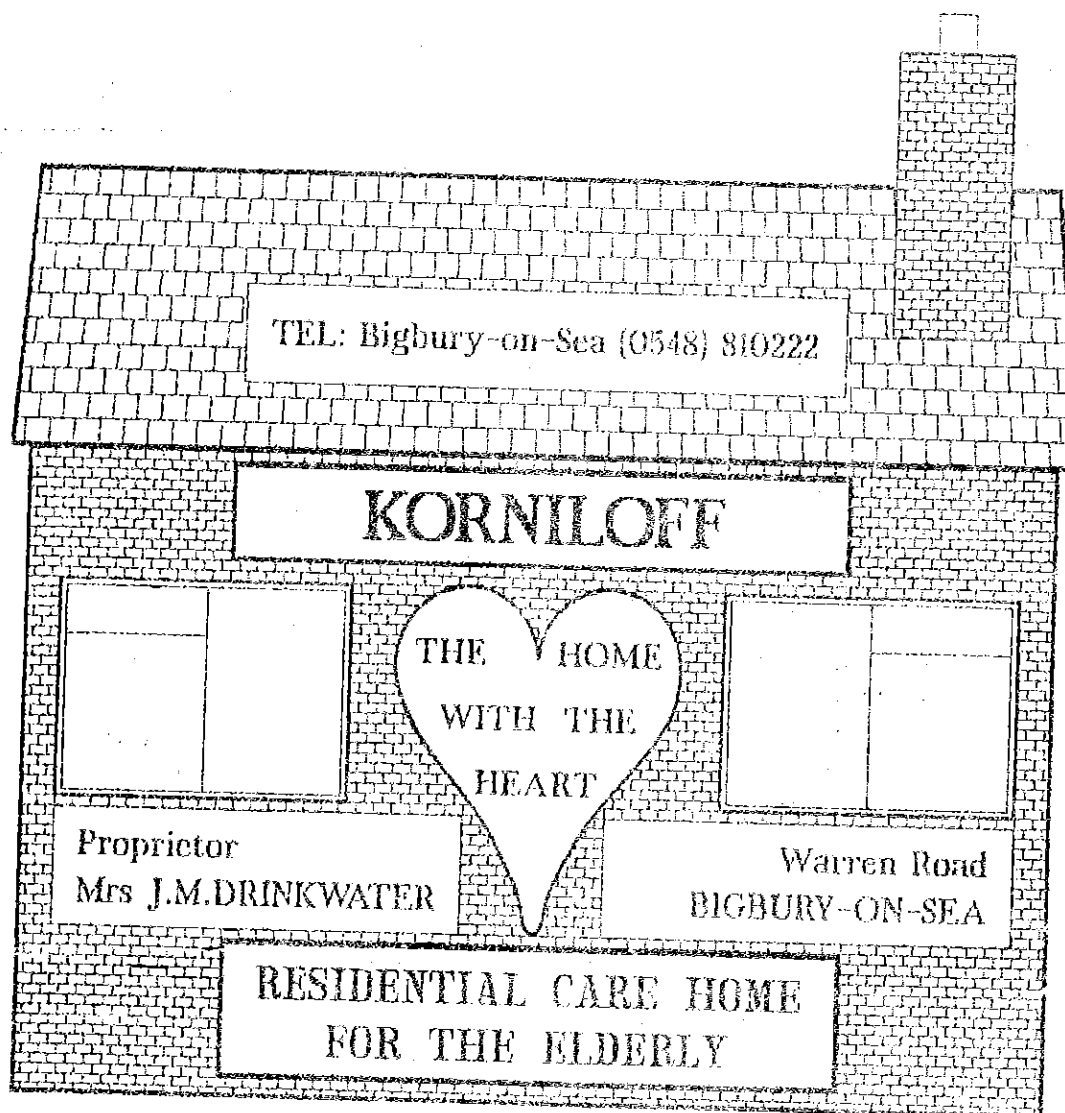
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Neville OSWALD reports

The Lidstone Diary

MY FATHER continued to keep the Lidstone diary until his death in 1970, extracts of which appeared in the last issue of Village Voice. Also in that year, I took my young family to live in Kingsbridge so that I should be near my work. Thus, father was the last of a long line of Lidstones to live in Thurlestone. The names of many of them are recorded in the parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials which extend back to 1558. How many Lidstones have lived in the parish will never be known with any degree of accuracy. Certainly, the name was well established in the registers in the early years from 1558. After 1650 there were 142 Lidstone baptisms by name and another 75 sons and daughters of Lidstone girls who had married. John Lidstone and Elizabeth Phillips were married in the parish church in 1650 and had 68 direct descendants listed in the baptism registers in the next 200 years. With in-breeding within the parish up to 1850 at not less than one-third of the population, Lidstones and their near and remote relations must have run into hundreds. Incidentally, the highest number of recorded descendants followed the marriage of Roger and Alice Randall in 1657 and amounted to no less than 205. With many families having 6 or more children and maybe half of them continuing to live in Thurlestone with similar numbers of offspring, the total of baptised descendants rapidly rises.

Having spent the first 20 of my 40 years in Thurlestone followed by 20 years in Kingsbridge, I feel I can view changes in Thurlestone with detachment. Most of my friends still live there, I often go to the church for weddings and other functions and I occasionally go to the Thurlestone hotel for one reason or another; I do not play golf.

The most striking change in the last 20 years has been the building of over 100 high quality houses on the Mead by Eagle Developments of Plymouth. They sold almost as fast as they were put up until building suddenly stopped a few years ago when the market petered out. About one-third are second homes and are occupied for only a small part of the year; even so, the influx of new residents has been formidable.

Looking back over 100 years, we find the 1901 census lists the population of the parish of Thurlestone as 354. It is now nearly a thousand with almost all the increase in the village of Thurlestone, the hamlets of Buckland and Bantham having remained much as they were.

New building has been principally in three quite separate projects namely Court Park, Yarmer and now the Mead. Each is big enough to contain a community of its own or, indeed, little groups within communities. There are also pleasant council houses at Parkfield and Sea View which are mainly occupied by families who have lived in the parish for many years; some of them prefer the convenience and ease of management of modern homes to the restricted amenities of picturesque old cottages which are being sold one by one to retired people or as holiday homes for good prices.

The effect of this remarkable expansion may be appreciated by comparing the village of Thurlestone with South Milton. The 1901 census gave South Milton a population of 287, approximately that of the village of Thurlestone; since then it has increased only a little, aided by the addition of the attractive Backshay Close. It is still very much a village; a circle with a half-mile radius based on its centre would cover most of the population before giving way to green fields. The villagers all seem to know each other and the many activities they arrange in the village hall resemble large family parties.

That is no longer possible in Thurlestone; indeed our parish hall, admirable though it is, would be unable to accommodate more than a small fraction of the community at any one time. Whilst Buckland and Bantham have remained hamlets, Thurlestone has become rather more than a village. A nucleus of old Thurlestone families is still with us; they tend the half-a-dozen farms which occupy most of the 3 square miles that comprise the parish and remain in families from one generation to the next (none has come on the market in the past 30 years); they provide services for themselves and the new residents and they firmly retain control of the parish council. Other parochial activities, including the church, are increasingly in the hands of the occupants of the new homes.

By far the most important reason for the expansion of Thurlestone has been the foundation of the golf club in 1897. Beautifully situated, it does not pretend to be more than a fair test of skill; it presents few difficulties in calm weather, reserving its challenge for windy and rainy days. The club house has undergone several recent improvements and more are to come.

Since 1970 the club has altered in character. Whereas formerly it was developed and administered largely by people who lived in the parish, it is now principally in the hands of members who live further afield. No Thurlestone man has been president or captain for many years and the inclusion of even one on the committee has been a rarity. On the other hand the Thurlestone residents have consistently held office in the thriving ladies' section.

This new-style committee, with no particular affinity for the parish, has been faced with a problem by no means limited to Devon in which far more people wish to play golf than can conveniently be accommodated on the courses available. It has drawn up a long waiting list which it has divided, giving permanent residents in South Devon precedence over, for example, habitual holiday visitors to Thurlestone and golfers who have purchased second homes nearby. As a result, the club is no longer an integral part of the village; instead, it is administered by and for people who live in the South Hams.

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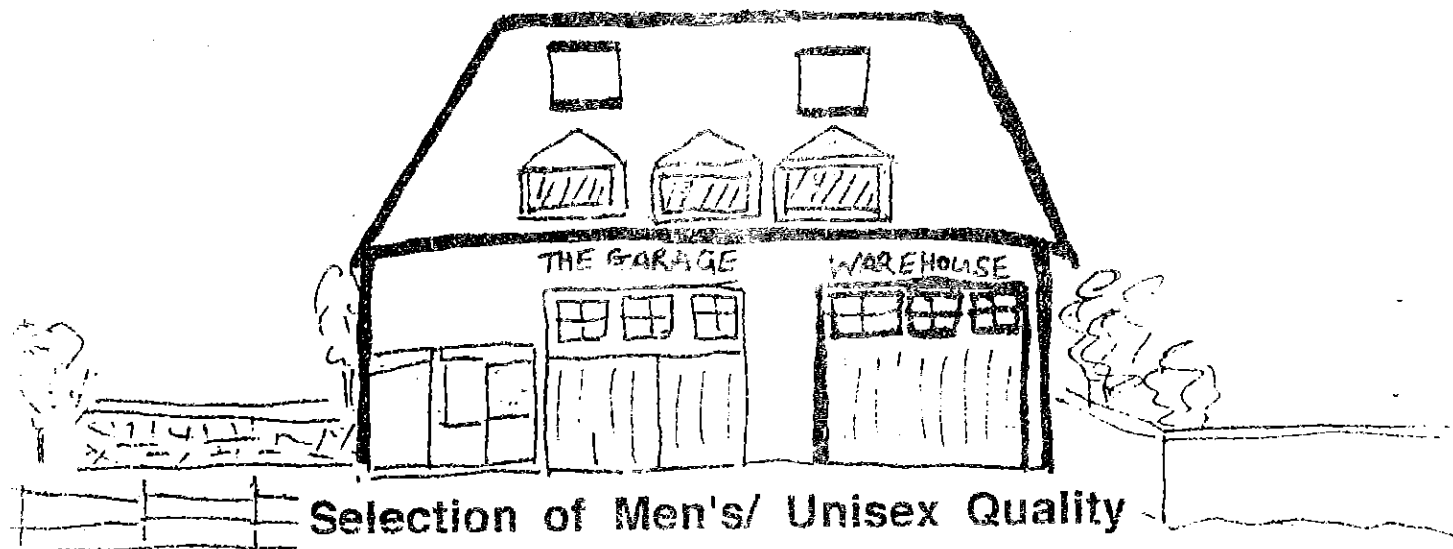
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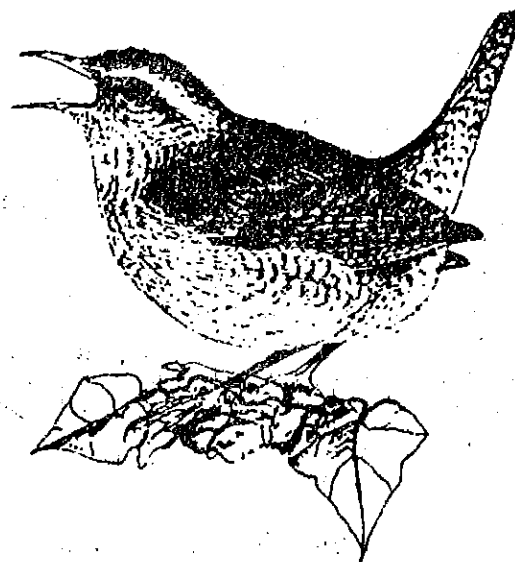
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HARRY HUGGINS



TWO OR THREE MONTHS back we went to a talk, in Plymouth, by Steve Madge. I think he has been a warden at an RSPB reserve. Now he writes books. Christopher Helm has just published the latest - "Crows and Jays". Steve wrote the words, Hilary Burn did the illustrations. This is one of a series the publisher is bringing out. Each is about one group of birds and covers all the ones in the world of that group. So I don't think we will be buying this latest one, we are not really into crows and jays worldwide. But we have the one they did earlier, "Wildfowl", because where swans, geese and ducks are concerned you never know what might turn up (even if they have got out of someone's wildfowl collection, like the three Barnacle Geese we saw at Holbeton last September, when they ought to have been in Greenland or Spitzbergen). It is a smashing book and the effort to compile it must have been colossal. I do not know how many of the species Steve saw in the wild, but would think most of them. There are nearly fifty pages of pictures with 10 to 12 birds on each page. How long it took the young lady to paint those I dare not think.

I reckon your reward for producing such a book is pride, because no way can it be financial. To make money out of writing you have to achieve fame, or notoriety, in another sphere, like being an ex-Prime Minister, or churn them out like Barbara Cartland. Bird books take too long to write; the delightful Irishman who took us to Israel a year or so ago has been writing and illustrating one (he is a brilliant artist) for the past ten years. I have a nagging fear that when it is finished publishers will say they don't want it, too many of that sort already.

So Steve earns his crust by leading bird-watching tours. Not the unadventurous sort we have been with, to Spain, the south of France etc. His tours embrace Siberia, Mongolia, China, the last wild frontiers they call the places. Three or four thousand pounds a time, which would mean no change from £10,000 for the two of us. No, not for us.

But people go. In a later talk Tony Soper urged us to join an expedition he is going to lead to Antarctica, £7,000 a head for just over three weeks, I think. He said it would be well worth while and we would like it. He showed photographs of the last one. There seemed to be a lot of people enjoying it. Americans, mostly.

Middle aged, he said they were - middle 70s. They complained when taken to a penguin colony, because it was mucky and didn't smell very nice. Hardly surprising with a hundred thousand or so penguins, which eat fish, standing shoulder to shoulder. They wanted it hosed down, because they got their boots dirty.

Not for me, too jolly cold. I have watched Little Blue Penguins off New Zealand and for the rest am happy to see them on television.

Back to Steve Madge, though. Because of his vast experience added to a natural talent he has acquired enormous knowledge of birds. He did a spell as one of the "ten rare men" - the members of the British Birds rarities committee, which considers the records we submit.

After his stint on that he became one of the British Birds identification panel. But he is not just a good birder, he is one of those uncanny ones who bring their own birds with them. I was walking with him once on the clifftop by Links Court. He pointed out to sea and said "adult Med Gull". There it was, flying along, black head, heavy red bill, pale grey wings without a trace of black. I have walked there at least three times a week for the past twelve years and have never seen an adult Mediterranean Gull before nor since. The Madge magic.

When endears him to me is his talk of "look the other way" birds. He says he does not know what some birds are, and tells you to look the other way! Most of the birding experts will never admit to being unable to identify something. Not Steve. He showed photographs of some he could not name. One was a shrike. Neither he, nor any of the people at the British Trust for Ornithology could put a name to it. Then there was a tern, maybe a hybrid. Usually birds of a species mate with their own kind. But if there is not one of their own sort available, they will sometimes join up with something closely related. The afore-mentioned Mediterranean Gulls have been getting a little more common in this country and have haunted the Black-headed Gull breeding colonies. To start with the odd one or two mated with Black-headed Gulls, though when more Mediterranean Gulls came on the scene they bred with one another.

For the best part of ten years now a Lesser Crested Tern has been summering on the Farne Islands off the north-east coast of England (needless to say the local birders christened her "Elsie"). She is the only one, and ought to be in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf. But she has mated with a Sandwich Tern - they breed in colonies on the east coast, we see them here spring and autumn, flying around off Bantham and Leasfoot beach, making rusty hinge noises. She has reared young and they must be presenting identification problems to someone.

Where Steve and his colleagues come into the identification picture is that they have been to so many places and seen so many birds that what might appear in Britain as a very strange rarity is familiar to them. Some birds are just plain very rare. The St. Kilda Wren has developed in isolation into a separate species, and there cannot be very many of them. Down under, the Chatham Island Robin (which is a sort of flycatcher) was down to seven individuals when the New Zealand wildlife people caught five of them, including luckily the only two surviving females, and took them to another island where they have started to breed in comparative safety.

The Chinese always have such little birds in cages - if you see a programme on the goggle-box about Hong Kong you see them hanging up in homes and cafes and the old fellows carry their favourites about with them. They catch them in thousands. Bird-trappers used to do the same with Goldfinches and Linnets in this country - hence the song about the lady following the van with her cock Linnet. We have made it illegal. Not so in China, and since the BEC has caused a lowering of barriers it has got much easier to smuggle these things into Britain. People keep them here. It is unlawful, but they do, just as eggs are collected and rare birds shot and stuffed.

The problem is how do you tell a genuine vagrant from a bird which has got out of a cage. You can't hold out your finger and see if it settles on it, like a budgie - escaped birds are often more scary than real wild ones. Sometimes a captive bird's plumage is tatty - wingtips especially get frayed flapping against a cage. From the photographs in Bird Watching this Bluetail's wings looked intact. But particularly when an extreme rarity is known to be popular in somewhere there is always going to be a doubt as to whether one which is found in Britain is a real vagrant. The Rarities Committee has some pretty problems on its hands and there could be a lot of disappointed twitchers.

LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL NEWS..LOCAL N

Children in Eastern Europe will benefit from the rounds of The All Saints Carollers last Christmas.

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SHOW NEWS

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By the way, if there is any special class or item you think it would be good to have, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Committee listed below and tell them about it. It's your show, we want your input...see you there!

But before all that, there will be a JUMBLE SALE at the Thurlestone Parish Hall on Saturday, February 19 at 2.30 pm. And on Saturday, May 21, there will be a PLANT SALE also at Thurlestone. Both of these are held to raise money to run our Horticultural Show, so we would be most grateful for any jumble or plants. In both cases we will be in the Hall between 10 a.m. and noon on the morning of the event to receive them.

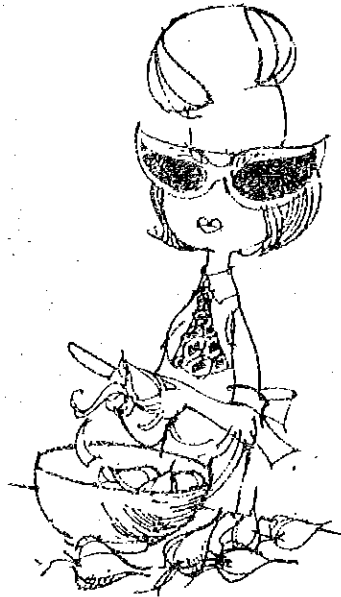
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3 ozs chopped walnuts
2 ozs sultanas

Grease a 2 lb loaf tin. Mash the bananas. Cream together the margarine and sugar until pale and fluffy. Beat in eggs. Sift together the flour, bicarb and salt and stir in. Add the vanilla banana, soured cream, walnuts and sultanas. Mix thoroughly. Spoon mixture into the tin. Bake at 180 C or 160 C in fan assisted ovens, for approx. 1½ - 1¾ hours. Test with a skewer inserted into the centre of the loaf which should come out clean when baking is complete. Allow to cool on a wire rack. Best made the day before.

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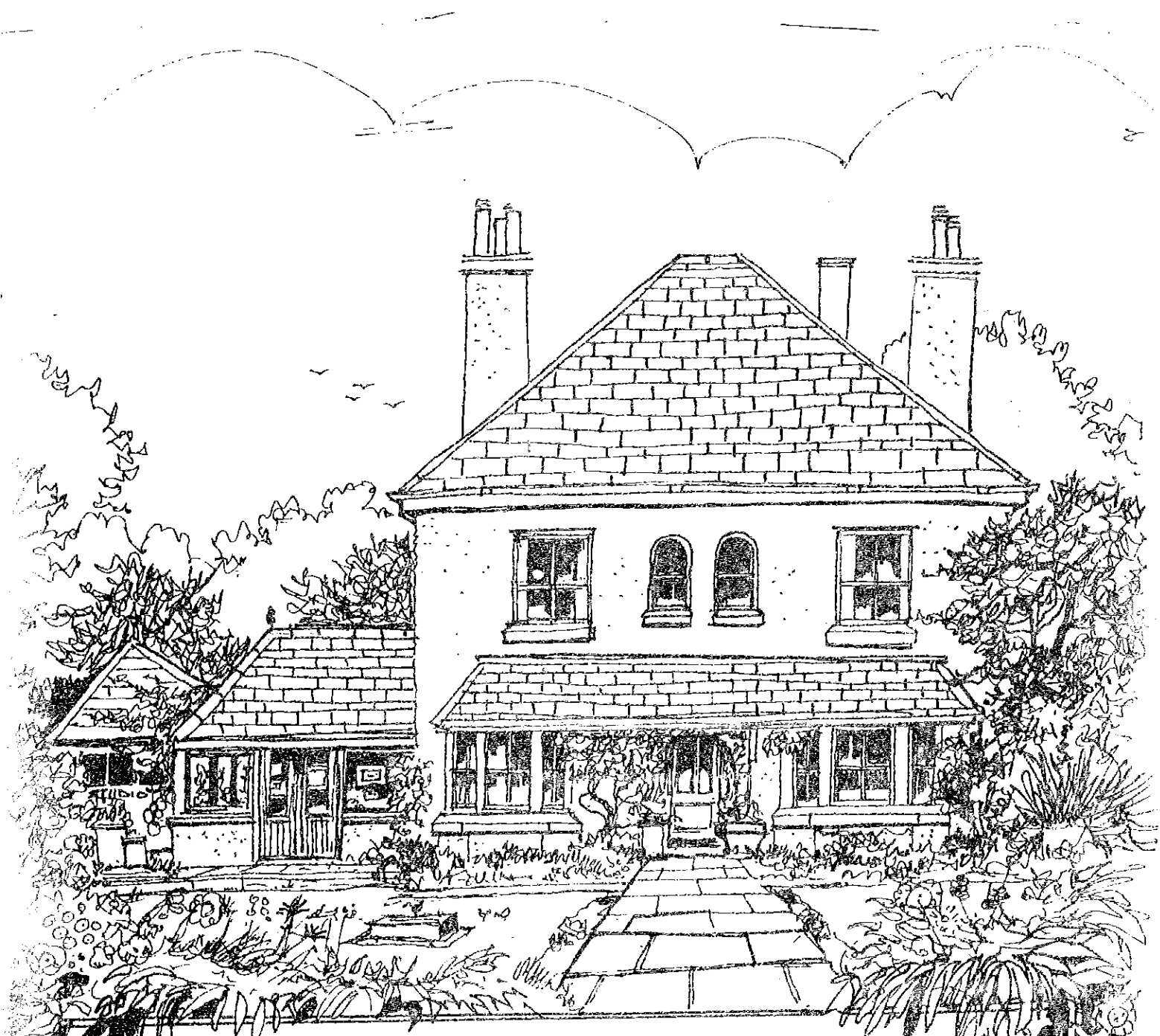
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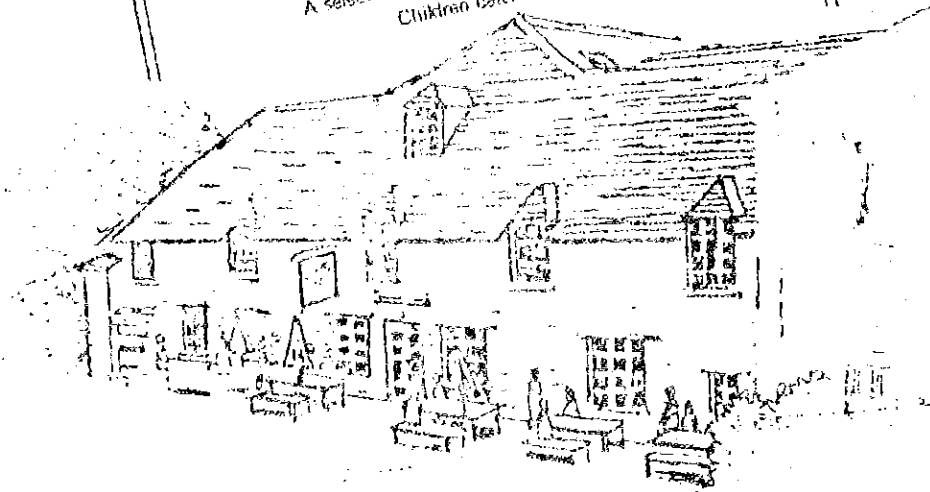
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But some things which are rare here are common enough somewhere. Take Bluethroat. It is much like a Robin. In breeding plumage the male has a blue bib, with in the middle of it a red spot, or a white spot, or sometimes no spot at all, depending on where he comes from. Both sexes have on either side of their tails chestnut feathers which you seldom see because they do not spread their tails much. We have looked for them in Britain and never found one, in fact we have known of beautiful friendships which have dissolved because twitchers have failed to tell other twitchers of their existence in the area. But when we went to Israel in winter a year or so ago the reedy marshy places seethed with them. Many were females or juveniles and lacked the blue bib. But all were distinctive. I think I would know a Bluethroat if I saw one now in this country. I hope.

If we manage to photograph something about whose identify we are in doubt, we send a copy to Steve asking him to pronounce. And no doubt people ask him quite often to go and look at birds. They even ask us, sometimes. There was one such occasion a few years ago. The leader of the Plymouth group of the RSPB rang to say there was a gentleman staying at South Milton who was going frantic over a strange thing he had discovered. He had rung the Exeter office of the RSPB, maybe he had even rung HQ in Bedfordshire first. The RSPB people are not into identification, which is not to say they cannot do it, but their scene is environment, providing reserves etc. So they passed him to the leader in Plymouth, who, as the good leader he is, delegated - to me. We found the man. He was in a caravan, behind the fruit farm, and had seen his bird in South Milton ley. It was not in his field guide, so must be very rare, and he wanted to put it on Birdline, then a lusty infant.

We found the bird. My wife, who is sagacious in these matters, said "Huh, pet shop bird!" Its head was red, with a black mask like a highwayman's around its eyes. It had black breast, grey wings, red knickers (under tail coverts if you prefer), and it buzzed about among the reeds with its head up and tail down. It was in none of our field guides. But someone at some time gave us a book called "Birds of the World". Interesting, but useless for nearly every practical purpose. There are between eight and ten thousand species of birds in the world. It depends on whether you are a lumper or a splitter. A lumper says that a whole lot of similar things are one species. A splitter divides them into separate species. For example, Herring Gulls. They are widespread across the Northern hemisphere, as well as on the roofs of our houses. Ones which breed here (not on our roof if we can help it) are silvery grey on wings and back and have pinky grey legs. Elsewhere local populations are a bit different; in winter we sometimes see ones with much darker grey upper plumage. I think they are from Scandinavia. Very occasionally there is one with yellow legs - exciting if you are into gulls, because it must have come from the Mediterranean. If you are a lumper you say they are all Herring Gulls - indeed at one time they went so far as to try to include Lesser Black-backed Gulls, which are dark slaty grey on the back and have yellow legs. If you are a splitter however, you say there are separate species of Herring Gulls, Yellow-legged Gull, Armenian Gull and several more. Useful if you are a lister, because you recognise many more species and get many more ticks. However, even if you are a lumper among lumpers, there are still over 8,000 species of bird in the world and the "Birds of the World" book cannot hope to illustrate more than a few hundreds of them.

Even then such books usually show only the adult males in breeding plumage. Many birds lose this out of the nesting season, and anyway there are not likely to be more than 50% of males and come end of the breeding season there will be masses of grotty-looking juveniles. So the value of the book is limited. Beware when buying a field guide - some of them depict only breeding males. Not normally the books showing European birds, but some countries have huge numbers of species and for them the field guides are apt to stick to the males. Not that it matters a lot: they are usually jungly places and you never see the birds anyway, you just hear squeaks and squawks.

But this time the book came up trumps. It showed the man's bird, a Red Bishop from south Africa, one of the weaver finches (our House Sparrows are related to weaver finches). We told him, but he was still doomed to disappointment, because this was a non-bird. To be included in the British list and so be of general interest a bird must have got to Britain under its own steam. There is a category in the list for creatures which have been brought and released and now have self-supporting breeding populations - Canada Geese again - but if it was deliberately brought by man and let go or got out of its cage, it is a non-bird. For example, Peacocks, or the Sheathbill from Antarctica which turned up in Plymouth when the Falklands ships were paying off. There is always the problem of whether some little thing which has come from America might have hitched a ride on a ship. Small birds often do alight on ships, although in our sailing days all we ever got were racing pigeons, "Dirty Dick" we always christened them, for obvious reasons. I think, though, the birding establishment feels they have been hitching rides across the Atlantic since Columbus - well, before him, he was just the first to blab about it - and that aspect is ignored.

This pet-shop bird question is getting more serious. No one worries if a Red Bishop gets out of its cage. However, last November they found a Red-flanked Bluetail in Dorset, near St. Alban's Head. This is, like Bluethroat, a Robin shape-alike. Some breed in European Russia. Most are in the forests of Siberia. For the winter they should all go to China. The books show the breeding male as a magnificent little thing, bright royal blue on head, back, wings and top of tail, with orange-chestnut sides to its body. This Dorset one was not that splendid, but it was still pretty colourful. It stayed a week and 4,000 twitchers went to see it, 3,000 on the first day. Fortunately a farmer opened a field for their cars to go in. Bird Watching magazine said he collected £800 for charity, I suppose 800 cars at £1 each. Twitchers are usually prepared to put their hands in their hip pockets, though not too deep. I reckon that if I found anything comparable in our parish I would keep quiet about it - even if someone could provide a field for parking, think of 800 cars in our lanes!

Bird Watching says however that there is an awful rumour going round - someone has alleged this was a non-bird, an escape from captivity and not genuinely wild. It seems somebody went to China where he saw hundreds of Red-flanked Bluetails for sale in the markets; there were Siberian Rubythroats too - one of those would likewise be a mega-tick if found in Britain. He realised what could happen, that such birds could be brought to this country and get out.



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(to 15th February, 1995).

N.B. A date printed before an elector's name shows when they reach voting age. An "N" indicates a new elector.

If anyone on the list sees a mistake in their entry, it is too late to correct it for this year, but to make sure it is right for the next Register, they should contact the Electoral Office at the South Hams District Council Offices at Pollaton House, Totnes.

Please note that this is the DRAFT REGISTER and may not carry some corrections already made to it in recent months.

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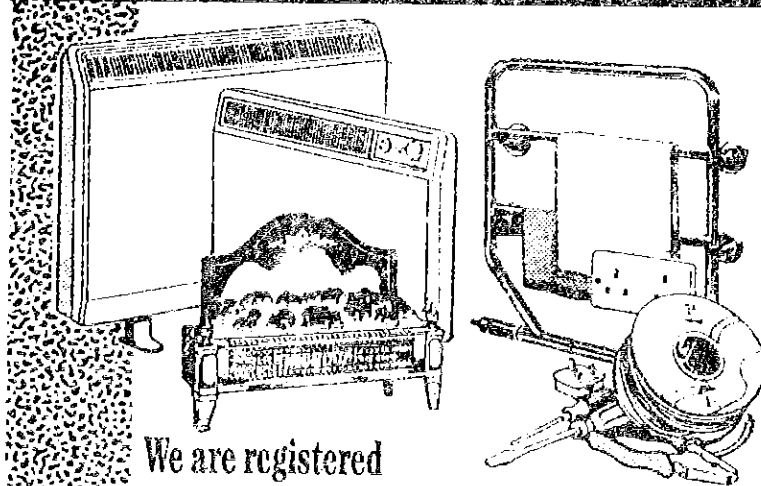
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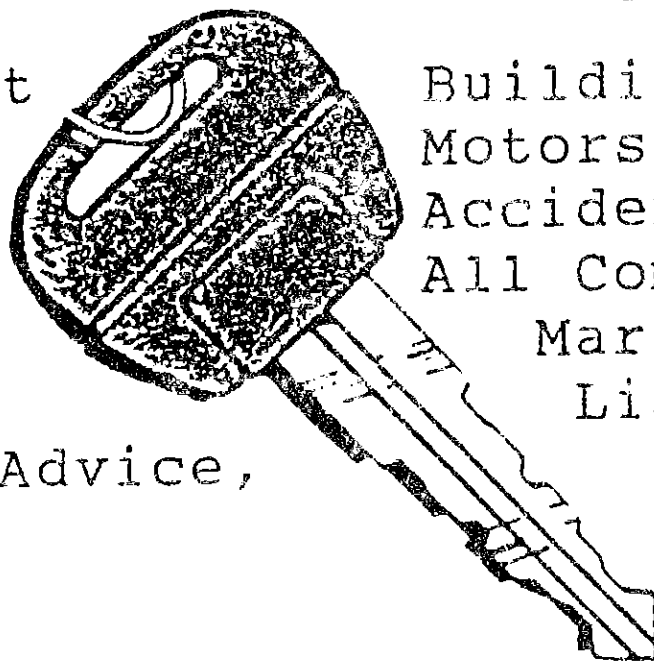
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91.	GIRVAN, William F.	11
92.	FOSTER, Alice	12
93.	FOSTER, Richard,	12
94.	HARVEY, Doreen Dorian	13
95.	HARVEY, Ian Dorian	13
96.	BOUGHTON, Brian A	14
97.	BOUGHTON, Shirley G	14
98.	NABARRO, Muriel A.	15
99.	NABARRO, Ronald D	15
100.	SALTER, Christine A	16
101.	SALTER, Kenneth, J	16

DOWNS ROAD.

102.	CRAWFORD, Patricia,	Cutaway Cot.
103.	SPEAR, Evelyn E.	Query
104.	SPEAR, James H	Query

EDDYSTONE ROAD.

105.	GOLDING, Derek C.	Sanderling	10
106.	GOLDING, Joan W.	Sanderling	10
107.	MILSOM, George B.	Buntings,	11
108.	MILSOM, Jeremy, R.	Buntings	11
109.	MILSOM, Joyce M	Buntings.	11
110.	BUNN, Kitina E		21
111.	BUNN, Richard H.		21
112.	POPE, Christopher L.	Turnstones	22
113.	POPE, Gerald	Turnstones	22
114.	POPE, Robert N	Turnstones	22
115.	POPE, Shirley A.	Turnstones	22
116.	RAWLINGS, Eveline B.	Turnstones	22
117.	McLEAN, Jean M	Strand End	23
118.	HOLLOWAY, Barbara M	Arpinum	
119.	MEDLYCOTT, Lionel S	Fiferail	
120.	MEDLYCOTT, Thelma	Fiferail	
121.	HARRINGTON, Edmund A.	Fourwinds	
122.	HARRINGTON, Lily J	Fourwinds	
123.	CROWTHER, Doris K	Furlong Gate	
124.	GUNDLE, Edna E	Highfield	
125.	MOORE, Mary G.	Lampreys	
126.	BARTLETT, Denis	Pathways	
127.	BARTLETT, Pamela M	Pathways	
128.	BUSHELL, Alison J	Peckwater	
129.	BUSHELL, Antony F	Peckwater	
130.	REYNOLDS, Elizabeth J.	Stickledown	
131.	SPARROW, Joan	The Resting Stones	
132.	SPARROW, Michael J.	The Resting Stones	
133.	MACMILLAN, Iain W.	Torcroft	
134.	MACMILLAN Muriel	Torcroft	
135.	KING, Doreen	Upper Pillars	
136.	KING, Philip H	Upper Pillars	

GLEBEFIELD.

137. MITCHELMORE, Charles B.	1
138. MICHELMORE, Pamela M	1
139. STONE, Dorothy	2
140. WELLS, Freda M.	3
141. SMITH Ida M	4
142. BATCHELOR, Alice M	5
143. NDYER, Violet F	5
144. WILD, Gerald R	6
145. LANE, Joan E	7
146. LANE, Michael	7
147. EATON, Mary P	Avoca
148. BRUFF, Richare W.	Cedarwood
149. PRINCE, Julie P	Cowries
150. PRINCE, Nathan J.	Cowries
151. SCHLEH Rita	Glebe Banks
152. WESTGATE Iris J	Lowerside
153. CLIFTON, Alan G	Glebe Hse.
154. CLIFTON, Elizabeth M	Glebe Hse
155. McKILLOP, Frances A	Sou West
156. FROST, David H	Bellavista
157. FROST, Iris J	Bellavista

ILBERT ROAD.

158. HOBSON, Barbara J	Broadsands
159. HOBSON, John W.	Broadsands
160. BROWN, Derek W.	Cowrie House
161. BROWN, Valerie A	Cowrie House
162. HUGHES, Constance,	Deveron
163. HUGHES, Ronald A.	Deveron
164. MARSHALL, Barbara W	Leaside
165. BISHOP, Mary E	Lower Furlong
166. BISHOP, Raymond C.	Lower Furlong
167. PATTEN, Ellen	Lower Furlong
168. STANIER, Honor,	Lr. Goosewell
169. STOCKEN, Rosemary S.	Mariners
170. TUCKER, Harold R.	Mariners
171. OWEN, Arthur T	Southerly
172. STRAIN, Emma M.	Stillmeadow
173. DWYER, Declan, M.	Yarmer
174. SWYER, Susan A	Yarmer
175. HAMMICK, Alexander P	Yellow Sands
176. HAMMICK, Pamerla M	Yellow Sands

ISLAND VIEW.

177N YEOMAN, George H	2
178N YEOMAN, Irene M	2
179N YEOMAN, Stuart A	2
180 BROOMHEAD, Christopher R	3
181. YOUNG, Hilda M.	Peacehaven 7
182. YOUNG, Robert E	Peacehaven 7
183 PUGH, Laura C	9
184N JEFFERY, David P.	Seamoor. 10
185. JEFFERY, Graham W.	Seamoor. 10
186. JEFFERY, Pauline A.	Seamoor 10
187. BANYARD, John D	11
188. BANYARD, Marian J	11
189. TUCKER, Frederick R	12
190. TUCKER, Ivy J.	12
191. BRUNTON, Joan E	13
192. BRUNTON, Robert W.	13
193. JARVIS, Ella M.	Myrtles 14
194. JARVIS, Gerald J.	Myrtles 14
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198	TOMPKINS, Mabel J	4
199	ORR, Mary A.	5
200	ORR, William C	5
201	WADE, Alfred T	6
202.	WADE, Hazel M	6
203.	LEWIS, Betty N	8
204	LEWIS, Roland	8
205	STARKEY, Mildred N	9
206	McDUGALL, Andrew C	10
207	McDOUGALL, Mary A	10
208	AYRE, Claire S	11
209	AYRE, John M	11
210	AYRE, Richard J	11
211	BRERETON, Sarah M	12

LANDPATH

212	HUDSON, Patricia	1
213	VAN DER WELLE Corstiaan W	2
214	VAN DER WELLE June	2
215	MACKAY, Bruce D	GlenLyon
216	MACKAY, Margaret E.	GlenLyon

LEONARDS CLOSE.

217N	HOMER Anne	2
218N	HOMER, William E	2
219	ROBERTS David P	4
220	ROBERTS, Jennifer B	4
221	BOWDEN, Anne F	Keele 8
222	BOWDEN, Dulcie J	Keele 8

MAIN STREET.

223	YEOMAN, Derek M	Hilltop
224	YEOMAN, Edith S.	Hilltop

MEAD DRIVE.

225	ELSTONE, Frederick C	2
226	ELSTONE, Joan C	2
227	JONES, Martin H	3
228	JONES, May J	3
229N	ILLINGWORTH, Arthur	4
230N	ILLINGWORTH, Margaret	4
231	ROBERTS, Carlotta M	6
232	ROBERTS, Ebenezer S	6
233	SAVAGE, Margaret C	7
234N	BURFITT, Alan A	8
235N	BURFITT, Kathleen	8
236	JOHNSON, Bernard W	10
237	JOHNSON, June A	10
238	STIRLING, Mary B	12
239	STIRLING, Thomas C	12
240	KILLINGSWORTH, Dennis A	14
241	KILLINGSWORTH, Sheila F.	14
242	GRIGG, Sandra A	15
243	GROSE, Graham R	15
244	NORRIS, Margareta P	16
245	NORRIS, Ronald A	16

Mead Drive cont'd.

246	KENDALL, Eric R.	18
247	KENDALL, Norma V	18
248	TANNER, Frederick G	21
249	TANNER, Margaret M	21
250	TANNER, Richard F	21
251	TANNER, Violet M	21
252N	CHAFMAN, Shirley L	31
253N	CARTER, Henry C, Mowzel	37
254N	CARTER, June C Mowzel	37
255N	CARTER, Sarah J Mowzel	37
256N	THORPE, Dennis R	43
257N	THORPE, Rose A	43

MEAD LANE.

258	TAYLOR, Barbara B	1
259	TAYLOR, Frederick J	1
260	HURST, Gordon	2
261	HURST, Margaret A	2
262	SMITH, Dorothy	3
263	SMITH, Leonard A	3
264	PROSSER, Denis W	4
265	PROSSER, Kathleen	4
266	MORITZSON, Cynthia B	5
267	DATHAN, Hilda L	7
268	DEARB, Doreen S	7
269	DEARE, Philip E	7
270	PARKER, Alfred J	8
271	PARKER, Sheila M	8
272	GOODFELLOW, Gwelma	9
273	BRADLEY, Jacqueline	10A
274	BRADLEY, Norman E	10A
275N	BEECROFT, Judith	10B
276N	BEECROFT, Robert C	10B
277	MILLMAN, Charles K	11
278	MILLMAN, Patricia A	11
279N	POWELL, Patricia C	12A
280N	POWELL, Toby S.	12A
281N	POWELL, Victoria C	12A
282	GRIGGS, John P	13
283	GRIGGS, Marion	13
284	WRIGHT, Joyce Mead Hse	14
285	WRIGHT, Peter S. Mead Hse	14
286	VINCENT, Louis G, The Fairway	15
287	VINCENT, Sheila The Fairway	15
288	VINCENT, Evelyn M The Fairway	15
289	HEARD, Arthur A Pennyacre	17
290	HEARD, Gwendoline M Pennyacre	17
291	ARMSTRONG, Hugh	18
292	WILKINSON, Geoffrey S	19
293N	IDDON, Michael H	20
294N	IDDON, Valerie A	20
295	CLUBE, Marjorie L	23
296	CLUBE, Montague V	23
297	UNDERHILL, Jenifer	24
298	WHITE, Esme C	24
299	WHITE, Richard D	24
300	MACDONALD, Patricia M	25
301	MACDONALD, Robin F	25
302	SUMNER, Elizabeth L	25

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February

Tues 22nd Parish Council Meeting Sloop Inn 7.30 pm
Thurs 24th Fellowship. "Noah's Ark? Exeter Cathedral". Talk by Rector.
Rectory Barn 2.30 pm.

March

Fri 11th Barn Dance in aid of Thurlestone Church window restoration.
South Milton Village Hall. 8 pm.
Thurs 24th Fellowship. "Deepest, Darkest Africa". Talk by Joan Galloway.
Rectory Barn 2.30 pm.
Tues 29th Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall 7.30pm.

April

Tues 12th Annual Parish Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 28th Fellowship "Kingsbridge - 1066 and All That". Talk by Pierre
Verniquet. Rectory Barn 2.30 pm.
Sat 30th Plant Sale in aid of Kenyan water project. Parish Hall 2.30 pm.

May

Tues 10th Annual Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall 7.30 pm
Sat 21st Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Parish Hall. 2.30 p.m.
Thurs 26th Fellowship. "Quizical Tea Party". Rectory Barn 2.30 pm.

June

Tues 21st Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm

July

Tues 26th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm.

August

September

Tues 6th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm.

October

Tues 18th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm.

November

Tues 29th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm

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REALLY TOO LATE DATES, but we're squeezing them in:

Saturday, 19 February. Horticultural Show Jumble Sale, Thurlestone
Parish Hall, 2.30 pm.
Saturday, 5 March. Pearson Playgroup Jumble Sale, Thurlestone
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