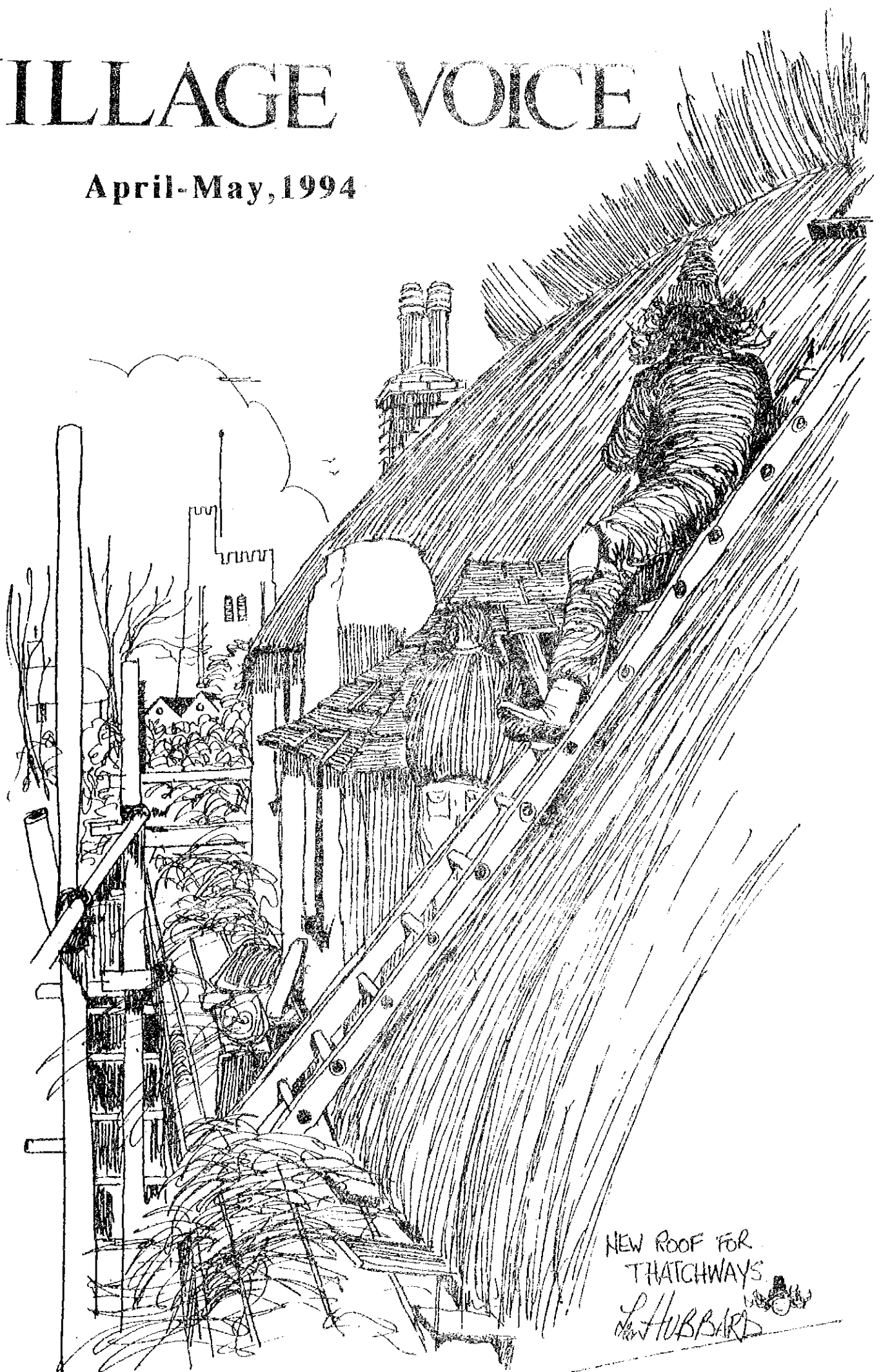


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IT IS DIFFICULT to describe the feelings which sweep over anyone who lives here at the news of yet more development in our villages...shock, horror, disbelief, anger, and finally, resignation - all play a part in our emotions.

At the time of writing, the latest planning application, for a block of flats to replace a big house, has been withdrawn. For which mercy one must applaud the developer's obvious love for Thurlestone.

However, the appearance of that application made villagers look around at planning already approved, and in the pipeline, and realise with some sadness that the Thurlestone we know today will have totally changed its face by the time our grand-children are of age.

For this much of the blame must fall on the planners, who have, it seems, never failed to support a change for the worst. Protest at their decisions, or recommendations for refusal, by the parish council have been brushed aside.

One can only hope that this policy of automatic (or so it seems) approval by the District Council will be abandoned now that they have caught a glimpse of the executioner's axe. Suddenly, it seems, we are to be listened to and our views adopted. Or so they say.

It will be interesting to see how long this be-kind-to-the-residents attitude lasts in Totnes. Maybe we are really on the way to resident-friendly approaches to planning applications. Stranger things have happened.

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EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD BE THERE TO HEAR WHAT'S PLANNED FOR 1994.

Local News..Local News..Local News..

Rural beach flags - acknowledging those beaches which are visited and enjoyed by the public and where local interests and management maintain a clean environment - have been offered to Bantham and Leas Foot by South Hams District Council.

It has been decided to accept one for Bantham, but not for Leas Foot. The reason for the Parish Council's turn-down for Leas Foot is that they did not feel that local roads could cope with any increased public useage from visitors.

"I don't want Thurlestone to become Little Esher by the Sea", said a local councillor when objecting to a planning request. Village Voice hears that Esher District Council is planning a day of protest on April 1st.

Thurlestone Parish Council is asking that the traffic priority at the top of Sudden Death (Chapel Cross, West Buckland) should be altered.

They suggest that the most frequently used route from Thurlestone to Bantham should have the right of way and that traffic approaching the Cross from East Buckland or Aunemouth Cross should be halted by a sign.

The Area Engineer has been asked to investigate and action the proposal.



You should be paying a visit to the Cookworthy Museum in Kingsbridge at least once this year - if only to see the featured village exhibit, which is Thurlestone.

When you go I think you'll find that the Thurlestone display breaks away from the usual crumbling collection of old tools, farm implements and so on which usually are used to portray village life in days of yore.

Instead you'll find an imaginative 3-D skyline of the village by Thurlestone artist Len Hubbard. Len designed the exhibit and then built it in his gallery at Burwood. Once the various prominent buildings were in place, then they were matched to old photographs mounted below the village outline together with explanations of the part they played in the history of Thurlestone.

And another panel on the museum display runs from 800BC, when Man first built his huts in a circle up by Clanacombe Cross, right up to 1994.

There are pictures of all kinds there too. Included of course is "our shipwreck", the Louis Sheid, but the one I like best is that of the Reverend Peregrine Arthur Ilbert and his wife in the garden of what we now call the Old Rectory, though it was pretty new when that picture was taken. Look closely at that picture and you'll see that young Peregrine has his feet in a special foot-warmer, which, if my memory serves me right, was still in existence in the draughty cars of pre-war days!

You will also be delighted to know that the Thurlestone exhibit at the Cookworthy has been funded entirely by Village Voice - for the materials that is. No one, of course, has been paid for the hours and hours of time involved!

I was glad to see that the winner of the Village Voice Short Story Competition was won by a parish resident - Prue Elder of Court Park. Her winning story appears in this edition.

Prue Elder was evacuated to America in 1940 on the last ship to carry children from Britain (because of the sinking of the City of Benares). She went to High School in New York state and lived near

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Rochester. Then she spent a year in college in Winston Salem, North Carolina. She came back to England in July, 1944 and on the ship she met "a cheeky cadet named Ian Elder".

Once back in England with the war still on, Prue joined the WRNS and trained as a radar mechanic. Demobbed in 1947, she followed somewhat in her father's footsteps - Ralph Coyte, a surgeon - and trained as a physiotherapist, working at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing and Queen Elizabeth's Childrens Hospital in the Hackney road.

In 1951, she married the "cheeky cadet" (now a 2nd Officer), and in 1956 went with him to Ecuador, where he was marine superintendent for an oil company. Home again in 1964, she worked part-time at Northwood and Pinner, Farnborough, and St. Vincent's, Eastcote, hospitals. The Elders have two daughters and four grandchildren. They moved to Thurlestone in 1985.

Prue Elder tells me that she "has always dabbled at writing, but without much success" until she joined the Kingsbridge Writer's Circle. She adds that, thanks to their encouragement, she has recently sold several short stories. However, I think she was only joking when she added: "Today, Village Voice - tomorrow, the Booker Prize!"

It was nice to read of more support for Village Voice's campaign to get more local residents to use their village shops.

The Village Retail Services Association is reported as saying that the smaller villages are especially at risk of losing their shops. And they point out that Devon alone has lost 9% of its village shops between just 1989 and 1992. "That," says the Association, "shows the scale of the problem."

"We really do need to encourage local people to use their village shops more. Far too many of them think that prices are much cheaper at the supermarket, which is not always the case!"

More strength to his arm! David Grose is asking South Hams District Council some searching questions, as a parish councillor, about the use of the £242,000 taken by district car parks. How has this money been used? asks Mr. Grose. But so far answer comes there none. I have a word of advice for the District Council - do not attempt to fob Mr. Grose off or you'll be sorry! There are a lot of voters here who would very much like to know where all our parking money goes!

As one who remembers catching fish and eels as a child in Buckland stream, it is not the fact that occasionally the stream overflows the road at the foot of Buckland Hill (Sudden Death) because that is only restoring the old water splash that was there many years ago. No, what worries me is the content of that same stream in these modern times.

There are no fish or eels in the stream any more and I doubt if even the natural history teacher's beloved caddis flies build their cases there these days. I suspect they cannot live in such polluted waters.

So why does the National Rivers Authority, who are meant to monitor streams like these and order them to be cleaned up, do nothing about the stream at Buckland? Or the Buckland Shame as some now call it.



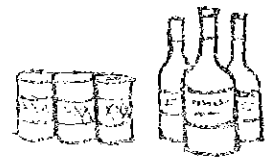
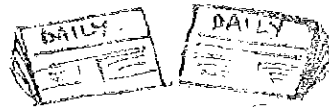
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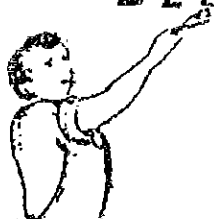
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Here it is...

The Winner of the Village Voice Short Story Competition!

Two's Company

by

Prue Elder

Wed, March 20.

She'll have to go. It's her or me and I've been around a lot longer than she has. I was his friend when HE was a boy, confidante of his secrets, comforter of adolescent grief. I even shared his bed when his Mother wasn't looking, right in under the covers. It was glorious down there in the close huddled dark, smothering in the warm boy smell of him.

I'll always remember those puppy days but HE has forgotten. She shares his bed now and I'm exiled to the kitchen. "The correct place for a dog," she says with a sour compression of the lips.

To be fair, she did try in the beginning. "Love me, love my dog," HE said and she smiled and patted my head. That's something I've always disliked, bop - bop, right above the eyes. I didn't bite, though the temptation was great. And I've tried too, pretending I don't mind when she sits beside him in My place on the sofa, walking sedately on the lead because she says it's too muddy for the common.

Today though was the last straw - she said I smelt! If anyone smells around here it's her - of that sour stuff she squirts all over herself and HE finds so beguiling. They put me in the bath! At least HE had the grace to apologise while they rubbed evil smelling shampoo into my coat. "Sorry" he whispered into my sodden ear, "but you know what women are".

Ha! - I'm learning fast.

Tuesday, April 2nd.

She's still here, swanning about as though she owns the place, complaining that HE hasn't trained me to wipe my feet when I come in from the garden. "Burton," she says "You're more trouble than a herd of elephants."

She always calls me Burton though she knows perfectly well that my name is Benson. It's part of the business of putting me down.

I'd tramped about in the muddiest corner of the garden and was delighted with the sticky, brown footprints all over what she has the nerve to call 'my' kitchen. HE winked at me behind her back while she was berating me, but traitorously kept silent.

I would be really depressed were it not for the fact that I sense a growing chill between them. They still hold hands and whisper secrets in each other's ears but not as frequently as before, and a few days ago they had a splendid ding-dong row. I don't know what it was about but HE took me out for a blissful two hours on the common.

All the way home I kept hoping, but, alas, there she was all tearful and apologetic. The nauseating reconciliation went on for the rest of the day.

Monday, April 8th.

Things are looking up. No fights recently but a couple of snapping matches and a decided cooling of the atmosphere. But they still sit on the sofa gazing into each other's eyes. Goodness knows what HE finds so appealing in hers. They are like lumps of dead jelly fish.

I have decided that the time has come to help things along a bit, the cooling of the atmosphere that is, but it's proving more difficult than I thought. Yesterday I found a dead hedgehog in the garden and had a lovely roll. I made a really good job of it, up around the ears and all down my back.

I knew that would get her going and it certainly did. Unfortunately it has the same effect on HIM and I ended up in the bath again and they forgot to give me my supper till two hours late.

Saturday April 20th.

She's gone! - just like that - packed her bags and left. I say packed but it was more of a furious disembowelling of cupboards and drawers, culminating in her driving away in her Mini like a demented bag lady surrounded by bulging bin liners.

I think I may say, without conceit, that I contributed to the drama.

It happened this morning when she came back from the shops with a dress she'd bought at the sales. 'A bargain' she said and I could see why. She called it a dress but it looked more like a duster, limp and yellow and not too clean.

She put it on and walked up and down for us to admire. It was obvious that HE didn't like it which was not surprising as it made her stick out in all the wrong places. HE tried to be polite, saying, "M-m-m," and 'Well', and "ah" in a thoughtful way.

'Well, I like it,' she said huffily, taking it off and draping it over the arm of a chair.

I don't know what came over me. Perhaps it was the sight of her standing there stony faced in her bra and pants. I've never done such a thing before, but I found myself sauntering to the chair, cocking my leg and directing a stream of liquid at the dress.

The silence that followed had an unreal quality, as though all the sounds in the house had been sucked up to hang above us in an ominous cloud. Then it exploded. She took off her shoe and hurled it at me with a stream of unladylike abuse while HE went completely to pieces.

HE rocked and gasped and guffawed, rolling on the sofa in an agony of mirth.

The shoe caught me a glancing blow on the nose and I fled under the table for sanctuary. I heard her voice, high and hysterical, "Right - that's it - I've had all I can take. You and that animal deserve each other" She enunciated the words 'that animal' with such venom that I trembled and backed further under the table.

She retrieved the shoe and I watched her angry legs swishing past each other as she stalked from the room.

HE still heaved and sputtered on the sofa but finally wiped his eyes and sat up, I expected HIM to go after her but instead HE snapped his fingers and said "Come on animal, let's go out in the garden"

We stayed there till she stuffed the last of the bags in the car and climbed in. She sat still for a while before starting the engine and I waited for him to run out and stop her leaving but HE just stood there, pale and rigid, with his hand in my collar.

I held my breath till she'd driven away, afraid to believe it was really over; no more lonely nights in the kitchen and sedate walks on the lead. And I shan't have to see that man again, the one who's been coming here in the evenings when HE's on late shift.

We went back to the house and HE poured himself a beer. HE raised the glass and smiled at me over the rim. "Here's looking at you, kid," HE said.

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Be careful about your door keys! According to the Police there were 77 burglaries in the whole of South Devon during January and February in which the crooks used a key left in a prominent position by the property owner.

Typical examples were: Left under a doormat or a flower pot; left in the lock on the inside of a glazed door; hanging up near a glass door or window.

Keep your keys hidden away. Don't welcome the burglar.

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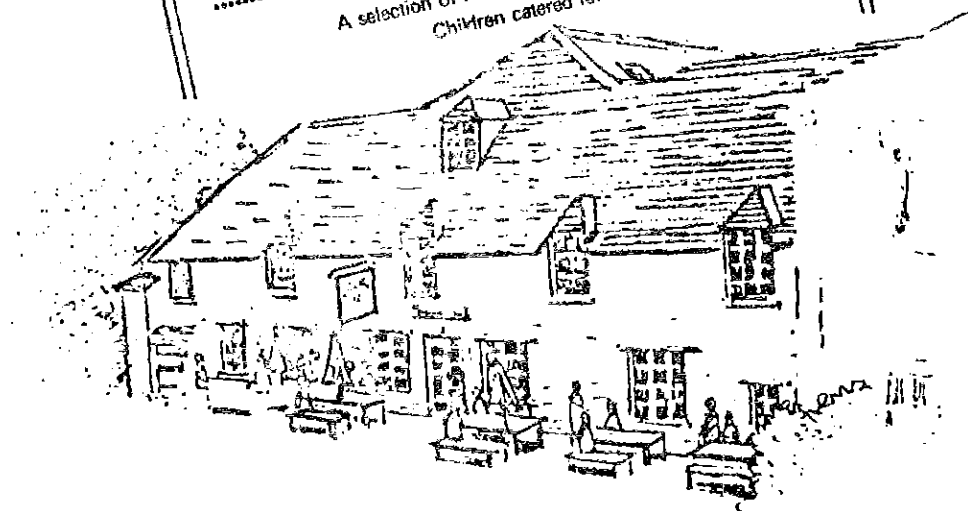
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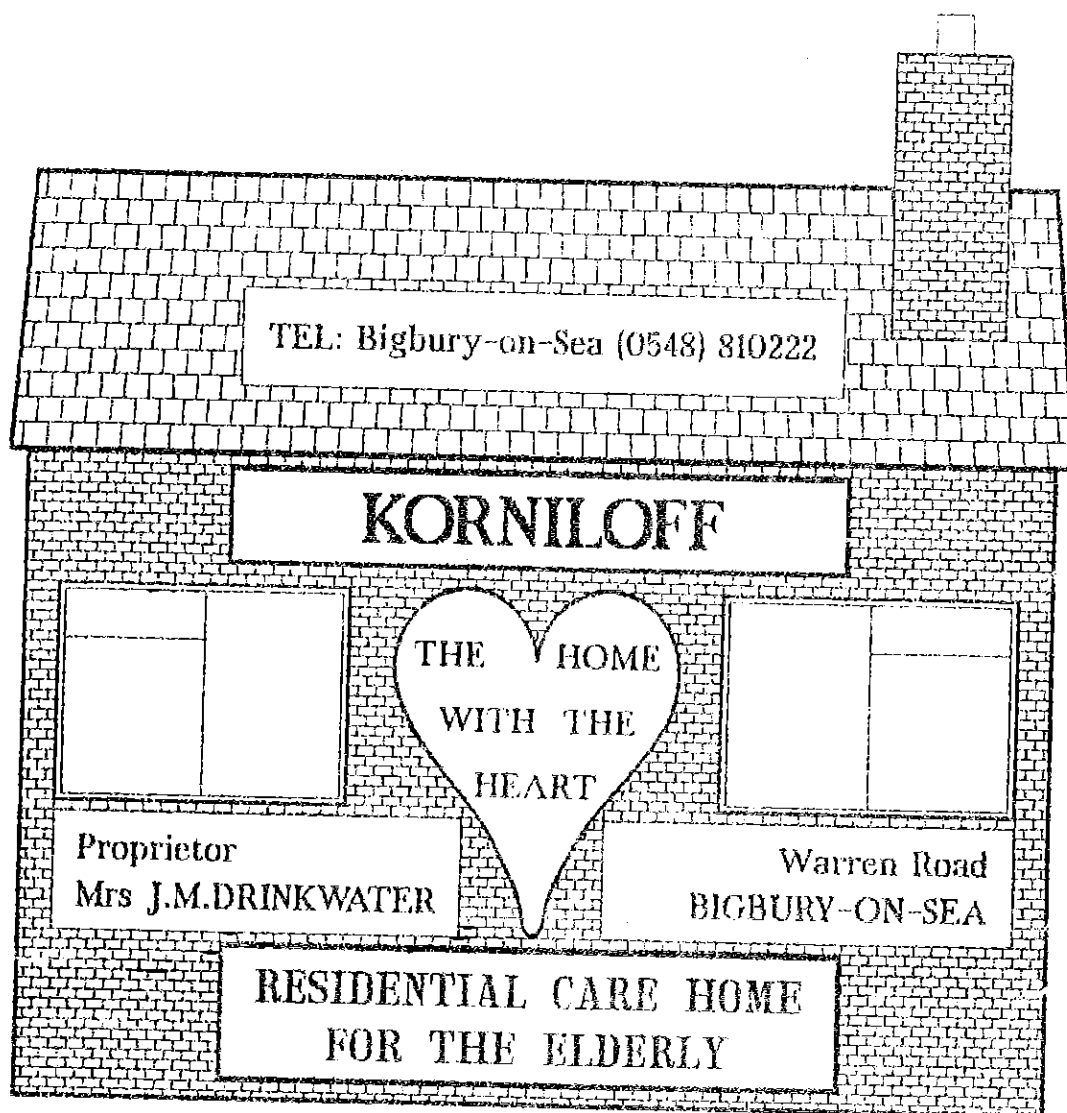
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What about it indeed! This flight of fancy began when I arrived here as Rector in the autumn of 1969. Appraising the physical details of my new spiritual workshop I was told that the earliest parts of the present church were 13th century but that the font was a century older and pointed to a still earlier building. Of red sandstone, it was shaped like a chalice - a splendid bowl mounted on a shaft and plinth and ornamented with a carved band of stylised "honeysuckle" surmounted by a cable twist, while around the bottom was a circle of dog-tooth cuts.

In Frank Coope's (Rector 1897 to 1922) book on the church I read:- "There is a mutilated font in Ugborough Church which was exactly like ours in design and material. The font at South Brent is of similar design but of white stone and not so shapely"

Could this point to a whole family of fonts? An image of an 11th century "flogger of fonts" arose in my mind. The whole idea could be dismissively thought of as the sort of thing to expect from a Drama Advisor! I would see what evidence I could find. I was using my "days off" travelling around to do that other part of my job as Bishop's Drama Adviser. There could be the opportunity now and then to slip into churches and look at their fonts as I passed. I had better have my camera handy to take slides if I was lucky.

When Coope was having our font repaired during the church re-building of 1904 he tells us that he had to send to Paignton for the required stone. The stone was Paignton red sandstone. My starting point could be Paignton Parish Church. So it proved. There I found the daddy of them all, a somewhat battered, heavier version of our Thurlestone font. I imagined our carver and his mates, pleased with their initial success, discussing the possibility of further markets. After all, church refurbishment was in the air. Where to start? By water would be easiest (Thurlestone must have been reached that way). Initially then, they could sail around to Dartmouth - In the chapel of Dartmouth Castle was another example of a successful sale, very similar to ours in all points but had had to be strengthened around the plinth with a metal band - sign of a chequered history?

From Dartmouth up the hill to Stoke Fleming - another red sandstone font, similar shape but smaller and without decoration, described in the church booklet as "a plain Norman font". Was that the truth or not? Westward thence to Blackawton and the "family" was growing - a font in fine condition with the carving very distinct. Had the mason gone up-river?

To Dittisham then - there, another customer who possibly had some ideas of his own and requested that the "honeysuckle" pattern be replaced by a slightly altered, smaller design and each section over-arched but the remainder unaltered. This may have encouraged his neighbour at Cornworthy to ask that a criss-cross decoration might replace the cable circle. Further on then to Ashprington where the complete normal pattern was resumed. Finding no further evidence around Totnes I could investigate the two mentioned by Coope, at Ugborough and South Brent. (Incidentally no church booklet, other than Thurlestone, had made any mention of the existence of similar fonts).

Ugborough had two surprises - first the red sandstone seemed very red. I could only surmise that a diligent cleaner had been busy with the "Cardinal". Then second was the "mutilation" and its cause. There were one and a half "honeysuckle" patterns complete with "dog-teeth" below but the rest of the font quite plain. As I wondered about it a church flower lady explained. Her words are echoed in John Stabb's "Devon Church Antiquities" - "the font, which now stands at the west end of the nave, at one time stood against a pillar, so that part of the carving was protected from the hands of the (Cromwellian) despoilers who ruthlessly destroyed all they could reach". My mind went back to the "plain" Stoke Fleming font. It is possible that it became plain and small because standing free as it did all the decorative carving could be knocked off.

Finally to South Brent with its "similar font but of white stone and not so shapely". Might this be an earlier effort?

The adding of South Milton to the benefice for my final four years and family illness just after retirement caused the project to be put into the background and any searching on a wider scale was precluded.

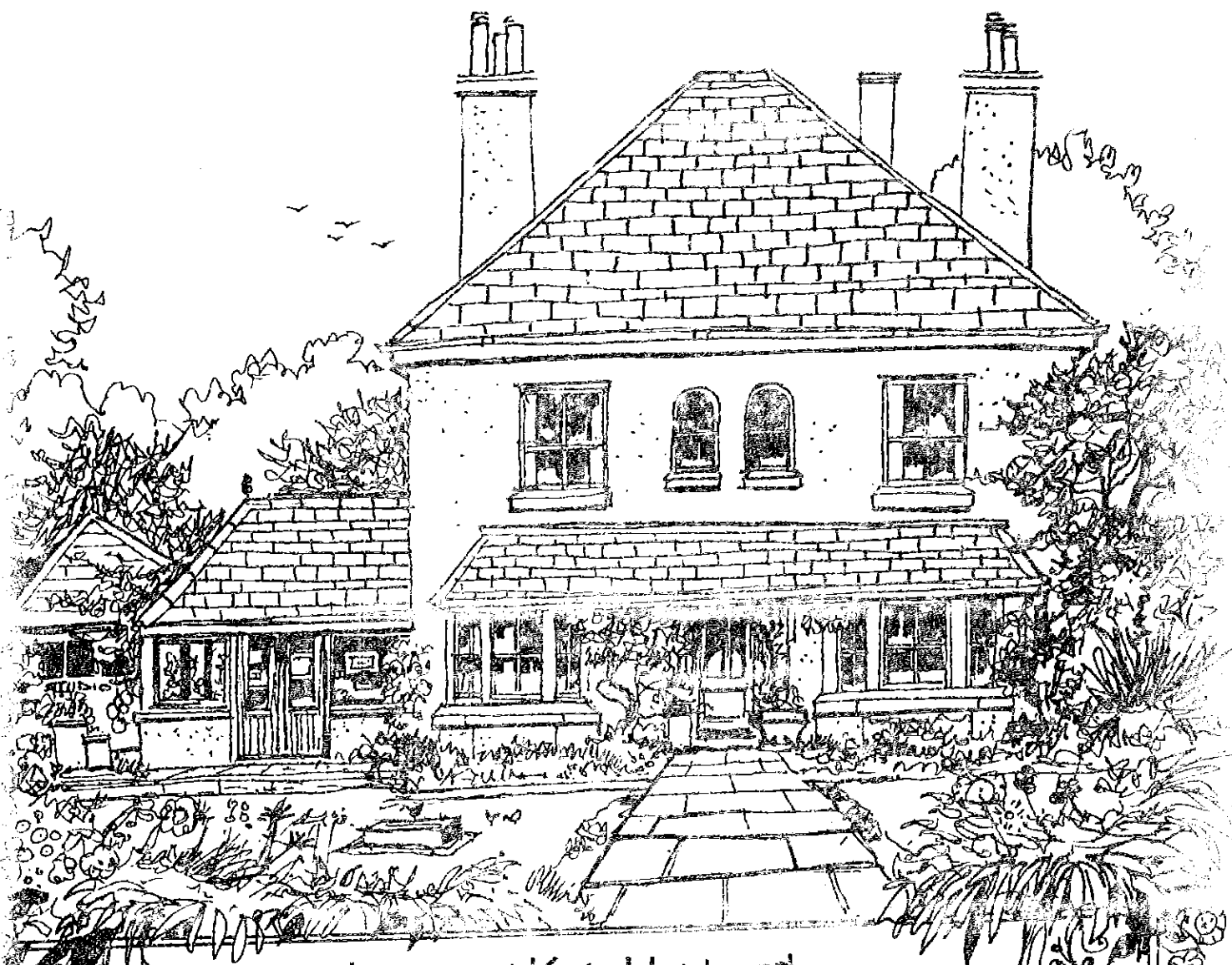
Now however I have been able to revive it. As we shall see.

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The Parish Council have been told that Evans Estates are once again considering installing an automatic arm at the Bantham Ham gateway to the carpark.

This arm would bar the way to cars when the ticket collectors were not present, particularly during the winter.

No details of the barrier in mind are yet available, but Village Voice understands that barrier might be operated by the insertion of a plastic season ticket rather like a credit card.



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THE LIDSTONE DIARY.

This is the last instalment of the Lidstone diary and concludes my review of Thurlestone since 1970. What do I think of the place now that my family and I have moved to Kingsbridge? Well, it is one of the 26 parishes that comprised the old Kingsbridge District, a group that is still recognised. The working population of Kingsbridge is grateful to it for the considerable amount of business it brings to the town, but otherwise, it differs little from the other parishes. It has its church, its school and its local government which, between them, do much to ensure its orderly continuity as a rather remote rural community.

Until his recent retirement, the church was in the capable hands of the Reverend John Delve, a cheerful and gregarious man who was also the adviser to the bishop on theatrical matters such as the production of plays in churches. Indeed, he himself gave memorable renderings of Tom Pearce and his merry men in a broad Devon dialect. His Sunday morning services had a ritual of their own. First, we noted the arrival of Mrs. Ethel Snowden who pulled aside the screen and settled herself at the organ, as she had done almost continuously for 50 years. We then awaited John's wife Nora, wondering which outlandish hat from her large collection she would be wearing. As the service progressed, we were vaguely on the look-out for the unexpected. On one occasion, at the end of the sermon, John announced that we were about to sing a little-known hymn and detailed the way the first verse should go. Bearing in mind our limitations, I thought we gave an adequate rendering. Mrs Snowden then played the opening chord of the second verse whereupon John swung round and shouted 'Not yet Ethel'. After further explanations, we managed the rest of the hymn without a hitch. The church still thrives with a dedicated congregation and is sustained by the rector and a group of members who faithfully pass on its mission to the community.

The village school, founded by the rector in a thatched shed below the turning to Bantham in 1842, moved up the hill to its present site in the village street in Thurlestone in 1903. It was extended in 1974 to accommodate boys and girls from South Milton when their school closed in that year. It now thrives as the Thurlestone Church

of England Primary School. Over the years it has made a vast difference to the education of the children in the parish, but talking to people who went there many years ago it seems that the boys were always looking out for excuses for playing truant, especially at times when their fathers were busy in the fields. That no longer obtains; the school now achieves high standards in all the various aspects of primary education.

The orderly administration of the parish has been the responsibility of the Parish Council since its formation in 1894, when it assumed by Act of Parliament many of the functions that had, for generations, been the responsibility of the parish church council. Since 1970 it has had an eventful time, during which its functions and responsibilities have altered considerably.

As long ago as the 1940s, the three tiers of local government proved to be cumbersome and inefficient. In the following years county and district councils were increased in size and importance whilst parish councils were virtually ignored. The process continued until the Local Government Act of 1972 which drastically reduced the number of local authorities and created new district councils. It also withdrew personal health services, water and sewerage from local government and reduced local influence on planning and housing.

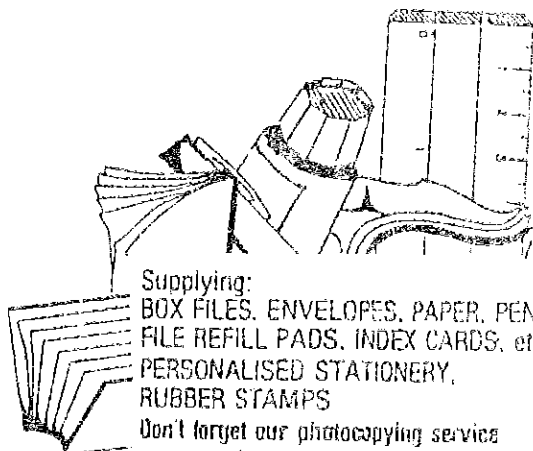
For the councillors of Thurlestone, the new act meant the loss of the rural district council at Kingsbridge whose members were well known to them and of whom two were their own representatives. Instead, the South Hams District Council (SHDC) opened at Totnes, some 17 miles distant, in 1974 with one councillor representing Thurlestone and two neighbouring parishes. The SHDC was soon carried along by its own momentum with the proliferation of committees and a degree of complexity that was far beyond the previous experience of the councillors of Thurlestone. In a sense, a new form of communication had come about. Whereas previously the council communicated with whoever it wished, whether it be the chief constable in Exeter or a minister in London, it now found itself confronted by a formidable array of professional officials and elected members at Totnes.

The effect of the SHDC in the annual general meetings was dramatic. Attendance rose from half a dozen to 50 or 60; representatives from the DCC, the SHDC, the police and others regularly attended and made statements. Mr Simon Day, County Councillor, repeatedly urged free communication between these various bodies. Indeed, a fair measure of goodwill was established, but the council was still smarting over the housing estate on the Mead and was further incensed by the building of more blocks of flats on Merchant's Field, adjoining the village of Thurlestone. Coincidentally, the sewage system was becoming increasingly inadequate, with sewers blowing their covers in stormy weather. The council aggressively pressed for improvements but was informed by South West Water (SWW) in 1986 that they would be very costly and that Thurlestone's priority rating was low. Soon, the Nature Conservancy Council and the National Rivers Authority were involved in consultation. The council erected notices on the beach warning bathers of pollution, which was greater than on any other beach in the South Hams. The SWW, bearing in mind the council's comment, installed a splendid system in 1992 with a large holding tank and a conduit leading to a reconstructed treatment plant at South Milton.

Now that an efficient system of disposal of sewage has been installed, at considerable expense, the people of Thurlestone certainly do not want a great influx of summer visitors on the beaches; this is unlikely to happen as long as the existing meagre parking facilities remain. Perhaps of more consequence is the thought that the Devon

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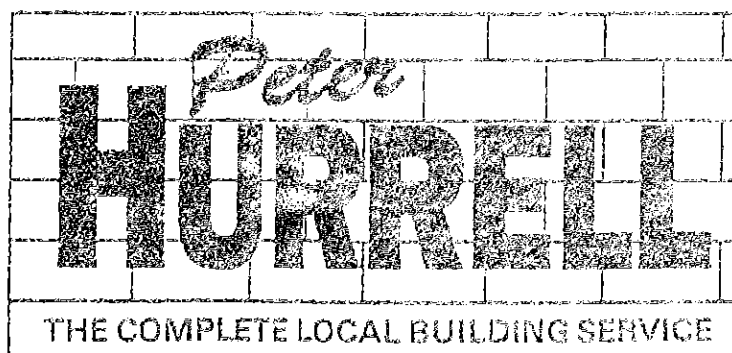
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County Council, seeing the splendid sewage system, might decide to authorise another large housing development.

I am often asked how long it takes for newcomers to Thurlestone to fit into the local scene and to be 'accepted'. This may mean acceptance by other newcomers or by the genuine Devonians who have spent most or all of their lives in the place. The answer to the first is simple in that new residents are a fairly homogeneous group, many of them having spent their working lives in London or the Midlands and a few in distant parts. They have little difficulty in finding kindred souls among those who live nearby or on the golf course or at the bridge club. Acceptance by old residents is a different matter, as it is bound to be when complete strangers usually from an industrial area, take up residence in a small rural community. With such dissimilar backgrounds, the two can never come together completely, but a little mutual respect and trust can go a long way towards it. As it happens, the various disparate groups that make up Thurlestone have shaken down together very well, unlikely bedfellows though they may be.

DAISY, DAISY..A local story with a warning!

Last Spring, we felt that something must be done about our lawn. It is small, being no bigger than an average cabbage patch, but it has turned out to be an admirable forcing ground for daisies. Then, what with the moss in addition, the grass had literally gone for a Burton. After much wringing of hands, we purchased an expensive multi-purpose fertiliser which, according to the blurb, promotes rich green grass without weeds. We felt that we had found just what we were looking for.

The stuff we bought contains phosphorous, potassium and iron, each of which is presumably good for grass and bad for daisies. Then there is the item "Nitrogen (N) total, 14.0 per cent". This bothered me a little, because I thought nitrogen was a gas. Doubtless there is a simple explanation; I feel sure there is some way in which it can find a comfortable home in the fine sand-like granules that comprise the mixture. Finally, there are unspecified amounts of MCPA and MECOPROP, whatever they may be. And there you have it.

Instructions for spreading are perfectly clear, namely 35 grams for each square metre; with a total of 700 grams of the stuff, that means 20 square metres. "For heaven's sake," said my wife, "let's stick to ounces and yards". "In that case," I told her, "you have to divide 1.54 grams into ounces, which raises all sorts of difficulties". She reluctantly agreed to grams and we staked out the 20 square yards of lawn with sticks.

We have a splendid watering can, painted bright green with a long spout connected to the bottom of the can leading to a rose with much smaller holes in it that we used to have in my time. As a result, any dregs in the can soon blocked the holes so that the fertiliser could not get out. Thus while I dissolved the stuff, my wife was forced to spray the lawn as evenly as she could, which is a very difficult thing to do. At all events it was done and we awaited results.

Rather more than a month later, there were streaks of black where the moss caught the brunt of the onslaught and splendid tufts of bright green grass here and there. As for the daisies, they seem to have relished the treatment and are thriving as never before...

N.C.O.

LOCAL NEWS FROM THE W.I.

1994 got off to a dramatic start with Val Brown's half-day acting workshop. The twelve members taking part soon had their power of observation and hearing, and sense of space, sharpened up.

At the January monthly meeting, speaker Susan Lash talked entertainingly about some of the more senior Olympian goddesses of Greek mythology, with such heavyweights as Athene, Artemis, Aphrodite, Hera, Demeter and Persephone all being put under scrutiny.

We were all very sad when the news of Dorothy Clarkson's death was announced. President Win Cousins summed up members feelings when she said "I once heard Dorothy described as 'having a lovely smiling face'. I am sure that is a view we all share and its how we will always remember her".

Saltram House was the venue when ten members went off to choose which Resolutions they would like to see on the final agenda at the National Triennial General Meeting at Birmingham in June. It was learnt later that countrywide the choices were concerned with: Donation of organs for transplant, Legal Representation for rape victims, the Obscene Publications Act and changes to the Legal Aid system.

In February Irene Mitcheson came over from Paignton and took us into the miniature world of pressed flowers with her beautifully crafted cards and pictures. Later in the month the Taste & Talk coffee morning was a social success with all sorts of goodies to sample - salmon mousse, mackerel pate, smokey pea soup, walnut and mustard bread as well as a tempting array of sweeter things were amongst the 'tasters' on offer to lure the visitors. Business was brisk for the sale of recipes. There probably wasn't much lunch eaten in Thurlestone that day!

As promised in the last issue of V.V., here are details of some more future fixtures:

THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2.30/4.30 pm Parish Hall

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SATURDAY MAY 14, 7.30 pm Parish Hall

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At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our March meeting which will take us out of the parish hall and into the Cookworthy Museum at Kingsbridge, where Olga Kessel will be letting us have a close-up of their costume collection.

As always, the WI extends a warm invitation to you to come along as a visitor to any of our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday each month, 2.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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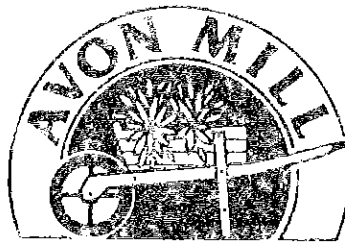
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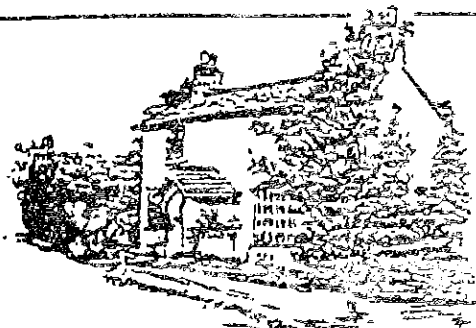
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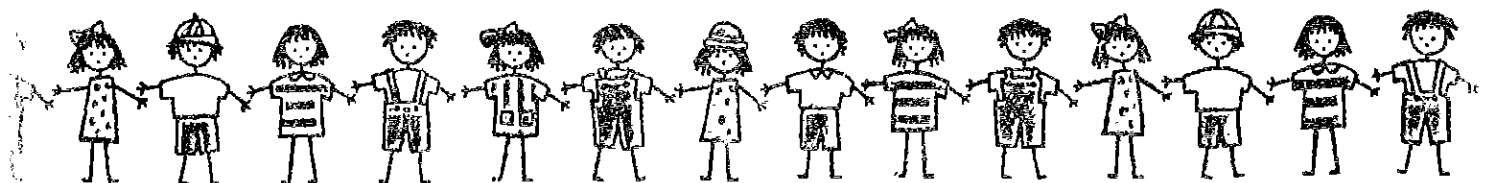
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7 Prunes (either soak these overnight or use no-soak)
2ozs Butter
1 tablsop Oil
1 large Onion, peeled and cut into rings
1 Bramley Apple, peeled, cored and sliced
2 tablsop Demerara Sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pint Dry Cider, or white Wine
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pint Stock
1 teasp Lemon Juice
4 fresh Sage leaves, roughly chopped
Salt to taste and freshly ground Black Pepper.

Wrap each anchovy fillet around two almonds and use to stuff the prunes. Remove the thin transparent skin from the pork and any excess fat. Slit each tenderloin lengthwise, cutting to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the base and open out. Place the stuffed prunes in a row down the length of one of the fillets, then cover with the 2nd fillet. Tie together with string, tucking in the ends.

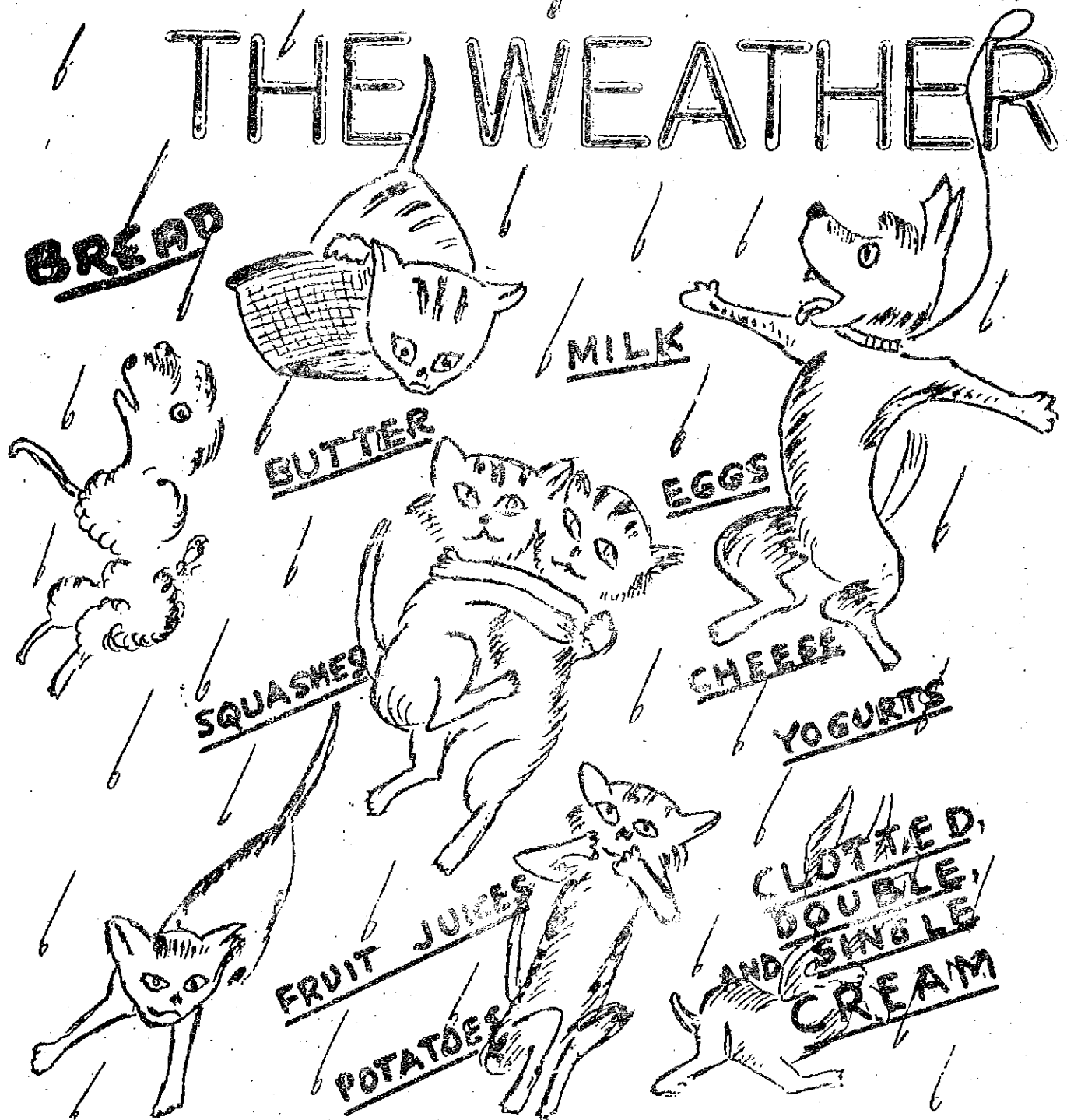
Melt the butter and oil in a flameproof casserole and brown the pork on all sides. Remove from the pan. Add the onion and apple to the pan. Sprinkle over the sugar, then add the cider, stock, lemon juice, sage and salt and pepper. Lay the joint on to the mixture, cover and cook for approx. 40-45 minutes at 160C 325F or 140 in fan-assisted ovens. Preheat oven to temperature beforehand.

Serving can be done two ways. Using a slotted spoon, lift the apple and onion out of the dish, lay the joint on top and remove string.

Put the juices into a saucepan and add 1 tablsop cornflour mixed with a little cold water, bring to the boil and simmer for 2-3 minutes, remove from the heat, stir in 2 fl.ozs of double cream and pour over the pork joint.

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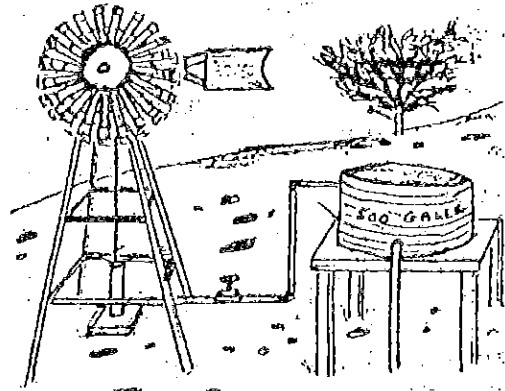
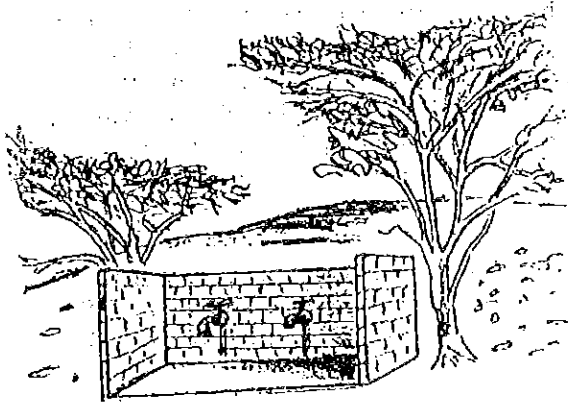
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There are however many people who live in arid or semi arid parts of the country, where there is almost no water. In such places, the people have to endure great hardship, and their lives are made no easier because their need for water cannot be easily met.

The Maasai are a well known tribe in Kenya, a proud people who despite external world pressure were strongly determined to live according to their ancient traditions. They were herdsman, and warriors predominantly a nomadic people. Today, in spite of their resistance, the modern world has forced them to make many changes to their way of life, and they can now be found in areas where they have settled in permanent villages, although it is necessary to spend long periods in which they roam in search of water and pasture for their cattle. Many of their villages do not have access to clean drinking water, which means that there is no sanitation either, and many suffer disease and sickness because of it.

Like other African countries, Kenya faces serious problems in trying to help its people in such dry places. Very often the only water available is a long way from the village, sometimes two or three miles, but often when there is serious drought, as much as twelve miles, which means that the women are forced to carry water every day along hot and dusty trails through the bush and then the water is frequently polluted by animals and unfit to drink.

The need to provide water that is reasonably close, that is clean, and free from pollution, that will help to prevent common disease and its transmission, could not be more urgent, but it remains for many families in the dry places of Kenya a dream that will never come true.

Many of the communities are small and very poor, they do not have the resources to help themselves. Recently I was asked by a small community of Maasai if I would be willing to help them to get water for their village. It would not be a huge project, but like them I could not undertake it on my own, because for its funding I would have to rely very heavily on interested donors. However, if I was able to enlist your help, and the money could be raised, I would certainly be very willing to organise and pleased to personally oversee a scheme that would provide water for that community.

A Geological Survey has shown that there is an ample supply of water below ground. Modern methods have made it accessible. The tragedy is that it must remain there, so near to the people and yet so far.

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A good clean supply of clean water is something which we take for granted, but for families who live in constant poverty, and unlike us, have little access to basic health services, it is as precious as life itself.

Rev. G. Carrick,

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

The date of the Parish Council meeting for June has been changed. It will now be held on June 14 NOT the 21st.

Despite agreeing to cancel the rubbish skips for this year, the Parish Council changed their minds at their last meeting and will accept the SHDC offer of six skips to be stationed around the parish in the week starting June 20.



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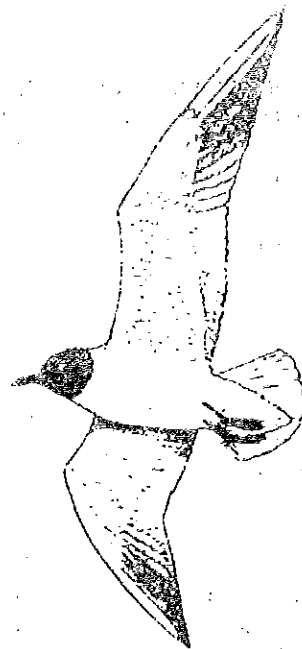
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He makes lists. Not all do. We are not very good at it. But most serious birders make at least a life list, of every bird they have seen anywhere at least once in their lifetime. We did have one of those, ticks against a list of birds in a field guide. But the latter covered only Europe and we dropped the thing when we went further afield. That does not mean we do not write down what we see - that is done religiously. Many birders have, as well as a life list, an annual list, county list, garden list. We have one friend who has a spending a penny list, of all birds seen when doing just that. Laugh not; to creep by oneself into somewhere secluded is a good way of coming across something unexpected, though in the circumstances using binoculars can be a problem. That way I saw my first Firecrest in Devon, in the middle of a gorse thicket on Bolberry Down. We were on holiday at the Cottage Hotel at Hope then, didn't even know of the existence of a place called Thurlestone, still less that one day we would live in it.

Inevitably listing gets competitive; especially for people doing Great Britain year lists. You are doing well, very well, if you get 300 species in one year. A recent issue of Bird Watching magazine carried an article by one Lee Evans who saw 357 in 1993. Not his best year; 1990 was that, when he saw 359, but he says he has seen 300 in each year since 1978. Last year he drove 63,000 miles in pursuit of his 357 - more miles than we do in ten years. It is all right if you care for that sort of thing; I would find it tedious to have to go to the same places every year to pick up the same rare breeding birds - mid Wales for Red Kite, southern England somewhere for Montague's Harrier, I don't know where for Goshawk (which is

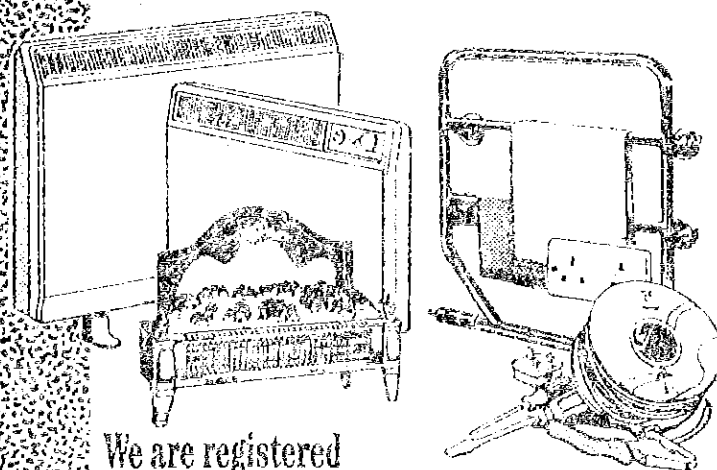
doubtfully a genuine wild bird anyway, they think they are all descendants of birds escaped from falconers). To say nothing of the fact that morally it is wrong to keep disturbing these rare and very shy things.

Besides listing, bird-watchers switch, which is going to see rare birds, almost always found by someone else. Don't ask how the name arose. I have read lots of explanations, each more unconvincing than the last. Maybe it began as ticking - marking off names of birds on a printed list, and got altered somewhere along the way. The aforesaid Mr. Evans says he has the longest Great Britain list of species, 476 when he wrote. I don't suppose anyone has more; these twitchers all know one another, there are not many people who are that crazy, and they meet up when a rarity has been found. If someone had a list of more than 476 he would soon chirp. In his article he named his top ten birds of 1993. Or it could be that those were the ones of which photographs were available. He saw Red-flanked Bluetail in Dorset. Friends from here went for that. We did not - it was outside our twitching area, which is the South Hams and bits of Plymouth. His Yellow-breasted Bunting, Rustic Bunting and Lanceolated Warbler I would not recognise as anything out of the ordinary if I did see them, and I would think his White's Thrush was a Mistle Thrush. His Arctic Warbler, seen in Norfolk, was a bird on which we dipped out at Bolt Head a couple of years ago, gone by the time we got there. The others we have seen in places abroad; as far as I am concerned, a bird is just as memorable in some foreign part where it is common as here where it is rare. For example, Alpine Swift, like our Swift but much bigger and white underneath its body. We saw parties of them screaming across the famous cricket pitch in Corfu Town. He had Little Bittern, a tiny heron the size of a Magpie without the tail. We saw one of those on the causeway across Lake Scutari in Montenegro; I don't suppose many birders get to go there just now. Spanish Sparrow (very rare in mainland Spain) - the gentleman is like our cock sparrow but with a black waistcoat. We have enjoyed seeing those in the palm trees on the sea front at Playa de las Americas, in Tenerife. When you have seen the Spanish Sparrows you can look across to the beach where the bimbos are displaying their charms. I don't suppose there are too many of those in Orkney, where Mr. Evans saw his bird.

All that has been about racing around after rarities. But I don't imagine many of us want to clock up the million miles Mr. Evans says he has covered since 1978.

Instead, bird-watchers can look out of the window. We were reading recently the report of a conference - the British Trust for Ornithology cum Birding World magazine (written by twitchers for twitchers). Someone, maybe a bearded weirdy, was reporting on mistakes people made - like when a lady rang a birder to say there was a bird with a red face in her garden. She was told it was a Goldfinch, no way could it be anything else. But it could; it was a Sarus Crane, escaped from somewhere and at five feet tall a bit bigger than a Goldfinch. Another lady rang someone to tell him there was a Black-throated Thrush in her garden (nearest ones breed in the Urals); he told her it must be a Fieldfare. But as well as knowing her birds she could use a camera. She photographed it, and it was a Black-throated Thrush. Some years ago my wife found a Subalpine Warbler (from the Mediterranean) here in our garden; in 1992 and 1993 she found a Wryneck while gardening - once common - that is now just a rare passage migrant. It cannot be just our garden to which these birds come - they must visit other peoples' gardens too; it is just

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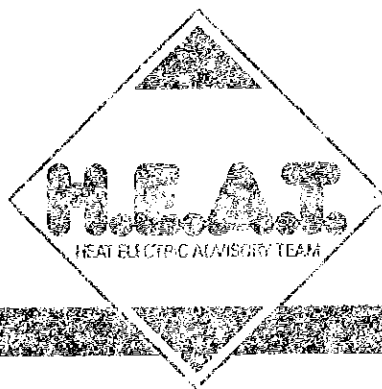
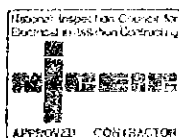
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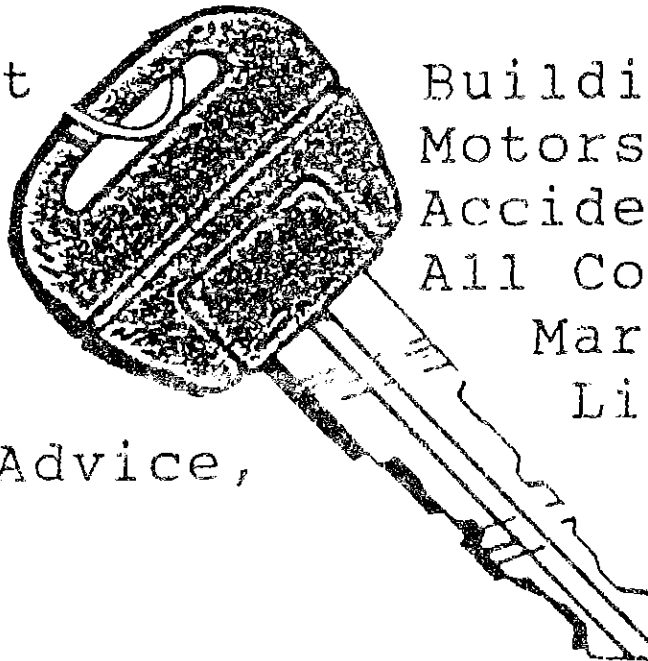
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that here maybe they are more likely to get recognised. They don't come very often, but they do come and it is worth keeping an eye open for them.

Of course there are the familiar birds, which become friends. WE feed them. I grind up peanuts in a mincer; my wife makes pudding - equal parts by volume of oatmeal, hard fat, such as lard, and water. She churns all this up with sunflower seeds, ground up peanuts, chopped bacon rinds, cake crumbs and whatever, and cooks it for about half an hour to make it blend. Then it goes on the bird table in lumps. You can cram it into holes in small logs for woodpeckers - we don't do that, we don't get many woodpeckers, too open and exposed, but that is a thing to do at Buckland. If you really want to give the birds a gourmet treat, serve them mealworms. They are not worms, but the larvae of beetles, very active and wriggling and quite irresistible. The Mealworm Company, Unit 1, Universal Crescent, North Anston Trading Estate, Sheffield advertises them, 1st class post, guaranteed live arrival, with keeping and feeding instructions. Once you get a stock they just keep turning into beetles and breeding to provide more.

Some years back Devon Bird Watching and Preservation Society was under the effective control of a young gentleman who was supremely good at getting us all working. Studies in the field mostly, collecting information for books he was writing and for other reserachers. He is now middle aged and secretary of the British Trust for Ornithology, where no doubt he gets them all working likewise. But when he ran the Devon thing he said very sensibly that people who cannot get out much would like studies to do. I cannot remember what they all were, but one sticks in my memory, an aggression survey - in other words who's who in the pecking order. Our Starlings bully the smaller birds. The Robins are highly aggressive, to the other small birds and to one another until one day in the early part of the year they pair off into twos. The dominant Robin chases the female Pied Wagtail from the food, but if he attempts anything with the male Pied Wagtail (he is black and white, the female is much more grey), the latter knocks him, well, not flying, but flat on his back. All chivvy the poor little Hedge Sparrows (Dunnocks if you prefer, I have gone back to the old name, if I ever left it). The Wren, smallest of all who come, ignores and is usually ignored by all the other birds. Wren does not appear to come for food we put out, but searches through the plants and bushes for spiders and little flies.

There is much to be researched into the behaviour of these garden birds; you can do it without ever getting out of your armchair. Take Robins. I never knew it was possible to tell male from female. A little while ago someone wrote in the RSPB magazine that the brown on a lady Robin's forehead, where it meets the red, comes to a point, whereas on a gentleman's head it is rounded. We have spent hours gazing out of the window at Robins, trying to see if we can discern any difference. We are still not convinced you can tell one from t'other. But it is worth a try. Then there are Hedge Sparrows, demure little birds if ever there were. We have not studied them closely, but articles in the magazines suggest they have a sex life which would turn a cabinet minister green with envy. Certainly ours are going around in a threesome.

Maybe you do not see very well, or at all. All is not lost. One of the most fascinating talks we have listened to at meetings of Devon Bird Society was given by a gentleman who was completely blind. I don't know whether he had always been thus - I rather think so. He lives near or in Dartington; his wife dumps him along the trees there with his tape recorder and microphone, to record bird calls and songs. His talk, illustrated with extracts from his tapes, was most instructive. You don't want too much of that sort of thing if the birds are unfamiliar; we have in the past sat through an hour of recordings of strange birds made in a tropical rain forest and it felt like eternity (which I have seen defined as waiting without an appointment for an interview with a cardinal). But the Dartington birds were our familiar ones - Songthrush, Mistle Thrush, Blackbird, Blackcap, Garden Warbler. I have always the greatest difficulty in telling the songs of the last two apart. To hear all these in ideal circumstances was most helpful.

For that matter, you can do worse than spend dark winter evenings learning songs and calls. There are many cassettes and things available now - an outfit called "Wild Sounds", of Salthouse, Norfolk, NR25 7BR, sells cassettes, CDs and all the equipment you need. They give good advice too. We had an acquaintance whom we met, purely by chance, on two organised birding holidays. He spent a lot of time listening to records - this was in pre cassette and CD days. He was quite uncanny - once he told us there was a Hawfinch flying towards us, they don't make much of a noise and he had never met with one before, but he was right. On another occasion we found him almost in tears, it had all gone wrong, he thought he had heard a Redstart sing where no Redstart could be - this was beside a little creek off the Danube delta. But he had heard a Redstart, we had just seen it and told him so. Never was a birder more relieved. Of course, you have to have an ear for these things. It is no use, like me, you are aurally, or should I say musically, challenged. No, not deaf, just cannot remember. Which is why I prefer the Beatles to Beethoven.

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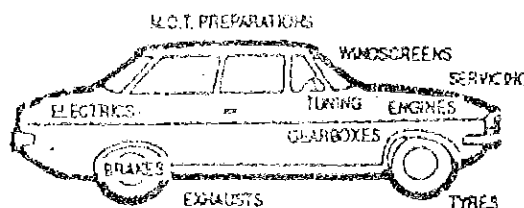


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HAS ANY PARISH COUNCIL A VIABLE FUTURE ? ?

WHEN I launched 'Village Voice' in 1982 it was with a slogan: "A DIGEST OF VILLAGE NEWS - A FORUM FOR VILLAGE VIEWS". Despite the success of the project - sponsored and supported by the parish Council, there is one thing that has been disappointing and that is the little use folk have made of 'A Forum of Village Views' ! You may have read something with which you were not in agreement though I must say to you a publication only remains interesting if the natural diversity of opinions are made known to others. For example I think the present government is the worst we have had since 1939. That doesn't make me a communist, socialist or Lib dem ! With a vital election for seats in the European Parliament and various local elections as well, everyone has an opinion and a right to express it on a ballot paper. The shame is that not everyone will.

Do Parish Council's continue to serve a useful purpose? A community has to support them through a 'surcharge' on the Council Tax - to the tune of £5 or so in Thurlestone. Every Householder who pays the Council Tax is called upon to pay the additional sum in order to sustain their Parish Council. No elected member of a Parish Council gets a cent - though your District and County Councillor are quite well compensated for the time and trouble they devote to such work. I can recall one District Councillor putting in a claim for over £12,000 - but such people are fortunately rare - I hope ! Back to the question of Parish Councils. Are they now a worthwhile and viable unit of local government in this day and age? Personally I think not - unless such councils are given some worthwhile authority - over planning in general and the environment in particular. Do you consider they present a vital voice of a community. You already have an elected Representative on the District and the County Council - how many voices does a parish need? Are Parish Councils worth the two to five thousand a year they cost. Some might well say Thurlestone got a revised sewerage system because the Parish Council fought for it. If it had not been for the regulations regarding pollution of bathing beaches made by the Common Market, I think you would still be wallowing in polluted seawater. Think about it! Parish Councils have been in existence for almost 100 years - being established in 1895. Who would be the 'voice of the community without them?' ?

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According to U S doctors studying what keeps people healthy and alert into their 70s, 80s and beyond. "Just as you can become a physical couch 'potato' you can also become a mental couch potato", says Dr K Warner Schaie, of Pennsylvania State University, recommending bridge and crossword puzzles as suitable antidotes to ageing. Worst of all? Just sitting and watching television.

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"Owing to the steady increase in the life expectancy of the British there is little doubt the Government are giving serious thought to the future reorganisation of the present 'Old Age' pension arrangements.

The writer has given a great deal of thought to a 'Discussion Document or 'Green Paper' to be presented to the Department of Health and Social Security, and for the benefit of those who read Drabblemania - here are a few details.

It is suggested that April 1st in the year 2000 should be the starting date for all holders of British Passports and all those still possessed of British Citizenship, will be required to adopt the 29th February as their Official Birthdate. This will mean that each period of their 'Official' birthday will cover four years so that the interval between each birthday will ensure that they will attain 260 years and providing they survive that period will have an absolute right to claim an 'Old Age Pension', and as hereinbefore stated will therefore be entitled to submit an application, always assuming they are of sound mind and body, and as hereinbefore stipulated receive a pension payment following final certification as aforesaid subject only to the approval of the Minister of H and SS and always provided that this shall be hereafter and not in the hereafter for a period as laid down in the aforesaid Green Paper.

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The word 'Gay' had little to do with sex in my early days. It quite simply indicated you were having a joyful and happy time.

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

The stained glass windows in Thurlestone Church will benefit to the tune of £360 from the highly-successful barn dance at South Milton on March 11th. The money goes to renovating the oldest windows in All Saints, and the work needs doing as soon as possible. The organisers thank all concerned with the barn dance - and all those who turned up to grab their partners and swing them round!

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

Another success story which benefits the restoration fund for those same stained glass windows is Coffee Time, which is held on Thursdays in the Rectory Barn, Thurlestone, from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

Coffee and biscuits are free at these weekly meetings, which are open to everyone and anyone who would like a coffee and a chat.

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311N	DAVY, Aileen F	6
312N	DAVY, Geoffrey S.	6
313	CURRAN, Doreen V	7
314N	NICHOLSON, Gillian B	9
315N	NICHOLSON, Thomas H.	9
316	CANDY, Dorothy F	11
317	CANDY, Philip W	11
318	LONSDALE, John R	12
319	LONSDALE, Pauline	12
320	MORRISON, Valerie V.	14
321	WRIGLEY, Dorothy	15
322	WRIGLEY, Philip	15
323	BARLOW, Margaret E.	16
324	CLARKE, Gwendoline K	17
325	CLARKE, Harold B.	17
326	JONES, Olwen E.	18
327	HUGGINS, Harry	19
328	HUGGINS, June M	19
329	MILLS, Kenneth A.	20
330	MILLS Margaret J.	20
331	CLARKSON, Dorothy	21
332	CLARKSON, Frank L.	21
333.	FOX, Irene.	24
334	FOX, Walter A.	24

(Please note that this is the
draft register only.)

MEADFOOT

335	FENNELL, Doris E.	2
336	FENNELL, John F.	2
337	MACKAY, Betty M. Pebblewick,	4
338	MACKAY, Ian C Pebblewick,	4
339	LEWIS, Christine M	5
340	LEWIS Peter B	5
341	LEWIS, Robert L.	5
342	PETRIE, Harold T.	6
343	PETRIE, Joyce M	6
344	JEPHCOTT, Pamela J	7
345	JEPHCOTT, Ronald D	7

MERCHANTS GARDEN

346	PENDLEBURY, Andrea C	7
347	PENDLEBURY, Andrew J.	7
348	PENDLEBURN, Juliet A.	7
349	PENDLEBURY, Russell J.	7
350	BARTON, Derek R. 1 Arden House	
351	BARTON, Vanessa J. 1 Arden House	
352	WEEDY, Doris K. Braeside	
353	EVANS, Katherine A.1 Henley House	
354	WORTHY, Marion E. Marshalls	
355	WORTHY William E. Marshalls	

MERCHANTSFIELD.

356N	GOBLE, John F.	Orchard Brae,2
357N	GOBLE, Moira,	Orchard Brae,2

OLD RECTORY GARDENS.

358N	BARTON, Jeanne,	4
359N	BARTON, Michael F.	4
360	JORDAN, Albert E.	5
361	JORDAN, Ruth	5
362	HEBARD, Joan	6
363	MACKENZIE, Fergus, A.	7
364	MACKENZIE, Joan F.	7
365	CALVERT Mary E	8
366	WEST, Dennis H.	9
367	WEST, Shelagh M.	9
368	BENTLEY, Hannah E.	10
369	BENTLEY, William F.	10

PARKFIELD.

370.	DYER, Angela M.	1
371	DYER, Victor D.	1
372	FREEMAN, Anthony C.	2
373	FREEMAN, Glenys J.	2
374	FRADLEY, Christopher W.	3
375	FRADLEY, Marigold J.	3
376	TOWNSEND, Patricia H.	4
377	TOWNSEND, Roy V.	4
378	JEFFERY, Leonard J.	5
379	JEFFERY, Yvonne,	5
380	EVA, Freda M.	6
381	ADAMS, Herbert R.	7
382	ADAMS, Katy L.	7
383	ADAMS, Stephanie D.	7
384	YEOMAN, Derrick J.	8
385	YEOMAN, Jean F.	8
386	DANIELS, Patricia K.	9
387	DANIELS, Peter H.	9
388	YEOMAN, Mark H.	10
389	YEOMAN, Phoebe	10
390	YEOMAN, Thomas A	10
391	NEWLAND, Stella r	11
392	BATCHELOR, Jonathan R.	12
393	INGRAM Ivy D	12
394	BARBER Cora	13
395N	PARSONS, Jane E	13

PARKFIELD WALK.

396	JOHNS, Gladys M.	1
397	JOHNS, Maurice R.	1
398N	BAMFORD, Audrey B.	2
399N	BAMFORD, Peter J.	2
400	EASTMOND, Phyllis M.	2
401	EASTMOND, Stanley I	2
402	MATTHEWS, John	3
403	MATTHEWS, Kathleen	3
404	BROWN, Francis W.	4
405	JACKMAN, Alfred R.	5
406	RISLEY, Letitia L.	6
407	RISLEY, William T.	6

SEA VIEW TERRACE.

408	BICKLE, Desmond R.	1
409	BICKLE, Herbert R.	1
410	BICKLE, June	1

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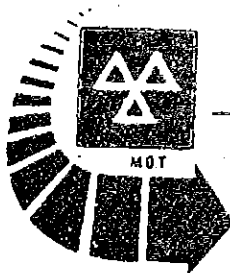
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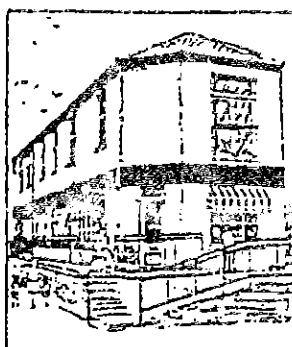
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411	MOORE, Doreen E.	2
412	RUSSELL, Kevin, P.	2
413	YEOMAN, George H.	3
414	YEOMAN, Irene M.	3
415	YEOMAN, Stuart A.	3
416	PEACH, Doreen L.	4
417	PEACH, Douglas C.	4
418N	PEACH, Leslie J.	4
419	McCARTHY, Carole A.	5
420	McCARTHY, Robert J.	5
421	YEOMAN, David, T.	6
422	YEOMAN, Paula A.	6
423N	BURNS, Michael D.	7
424	BURNS, Vanda M.	7
425	JONES, Brenda	8
426	JONES, Christopher M.	8
427N	7 May 94 JONES Gary W.	8
428	JONES, Peter M.	8
429	COWARD Florence M.	9
430N	BARBER, Audrey P.	10
431	MARTIN, George A.	11
432	HOBDAV, Iris G.	12
433	FITZPATRICK Patrick J.	13
434	FITZPATRICK, Valerie	13
435	DERWENT-SMITH, Dorothea B.	14

THE DOWNS.

436	KEMP Peter B.	3
437	SCOTT, Patricia G.	4
438	COOKE, David E.	5
439	COOKE, Margarethe E.	5

THE MEAD.

440	WEBB, John C.	1 Wingfield
441	NICHOLLS, Betty.	2 Wingfield
442	NICHOLLS, Robert.	2 Wingfield
443	LINCOLN, Phyllis E.	4 Wingfield
444	LINCOLN, Thomas A.	4 Wingfield
445	SHARMAN, Anthea.	5 Wingfield
446	SHARMAN, Raymond B.	5 Wingfield

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447	SHARLEY, Margery E.	Cross Park Farm
448N	GROSE, Audrey R.	The Swallows
449	GROSE, Charles R.	The Swallows
450	GROSE, Charles W.	The Swallows
451	GROSE, Jessica M.	The Swallows
452N	GROSE, Jolyon C.	The Swallows
453	DAVISON, Margaret F.	Western Lodge
454	DAVISON, William	Western Lodge
455	STIDSTON, Eric T.	Court Park Cot.
456	STIDSTON, Margaret F.	Court Park Cot.
457	GIBSON, Geoffrey C.	3, Court Park Hse.
458	GIBSON, Patricia C.	3, Court Park Hse.
459	COOK, Terence	5 Court Park Hse.
460	STIDSTON, Rodney T.	Easton Court Farm
461	STIDSTON, Tina,	Easton Court Farm

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462	PARKER-SWIFT, Alastair P.	Lr Kerse
463	PARKER-SWIFT, Diana M	Lr Kerse
464	PARKER-SWIFT, Robert S	Lr Kerse
465	PARKER-SWIFT, Stephen Q	Lr Kerse
466	WARRILOW, Alan R	Lr Kerse
467	VASBY-BURNIE, Rolf W,	Langdon, Whitley
468	PALMER, Eric	Whitley
469	PALMER, Helen M.	Whitley
470	PALMER, Wildred	Whitley
471	STIDSTON, Geoffrey L.	Court Park Farm
472	STIDSTON, Pauline, H.	Court Park Farm
473	PENWELL, Winifred C.	Flat, Barton Brow
474	PENWELL, Richard	Penwood
475	PENWELL, Susan E.	Penwood
476	PENWELL, Betty	Sea Haze
477	PENWELL, Peter R.	Sea Haze
478	EMERSON, Bronwen P.	Appletrees
479	EMERSON, Stephenn.	Appletrees
480	JEFFERY, Lottie G.	Avon Rock
481	JEFFERY, Wallace L.	Avon Rock
482	HUBBARD, Kathleen M.	Burwood
483	HUBBARD, Leonard H.	Burwood
484	LEARE, Patricia A	Hillcrest
485N	LBE Tony R	Hillcrest
486	WHITLEY, Lesley P	Home Lea
487	WHITLEY, Neveille J.	Home Lea
488	BATTELL, Muriel	Little Stretton
489	BATTELL, Trevor E.	Little Stretton
490	BLIGHT, Maurice A	Redlands
491	WOODHEAD, Barbara V	Wayfarings
492	MILLER Clari I.	Renside
493	DAVIES, Hilda R.	Celts Corner
494	McDONALD Henry K	Cradles Cottage
495	McDONALD, Penelope M.	Cradles Cottage
496	WIENER, Rosamond P.	Jasmine Cot.
497	TURNER, Audrey B.	Sea View Hse.
498N	PARKIN, Angela J.	Smeaton
499N	PARKIN, Thomas S.	Smeaton
500	BREWSTER, Elsie,	Flat 2 Sunnyridge
501	BREWSTER, Pamela S.	Flat 2, Sunnyridge
502	JEFFERY, Caroline N	Trethurle Cot.
503	BATCHELOR, Joan T.	West View
504	GAVOURIN, Lilian M	Woodbine Cot.
505	MANNING, Dennis O.	1 The Drive
506	STAGG, Pui W.	Greycot
507	FLETCHER, David S.	Piper's Bench
508	Fletcher, Lindsey D.	Piper's Bench
509	DAVENPORT, Gezina G	The Thatches
510	DAVENPORT, John H.	The Thatches
511	MURRAY-SMITH, Cora F.	Bay Tree Cot. Village St.
512	JARVIS, Kim,	1 Church Cots.
513	GARCIA OLMO, Stephanie V.	2 Church Cots
514	GARCIA-OLMO, Karen M	2 Church Cots
515N	O'SHAUGHNESSY, Tracey J	3 Church Cots
516N	ROWLEY, Jamie A,	3 Church Cots.

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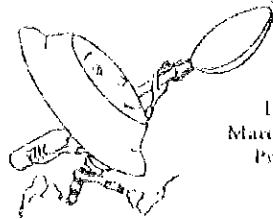
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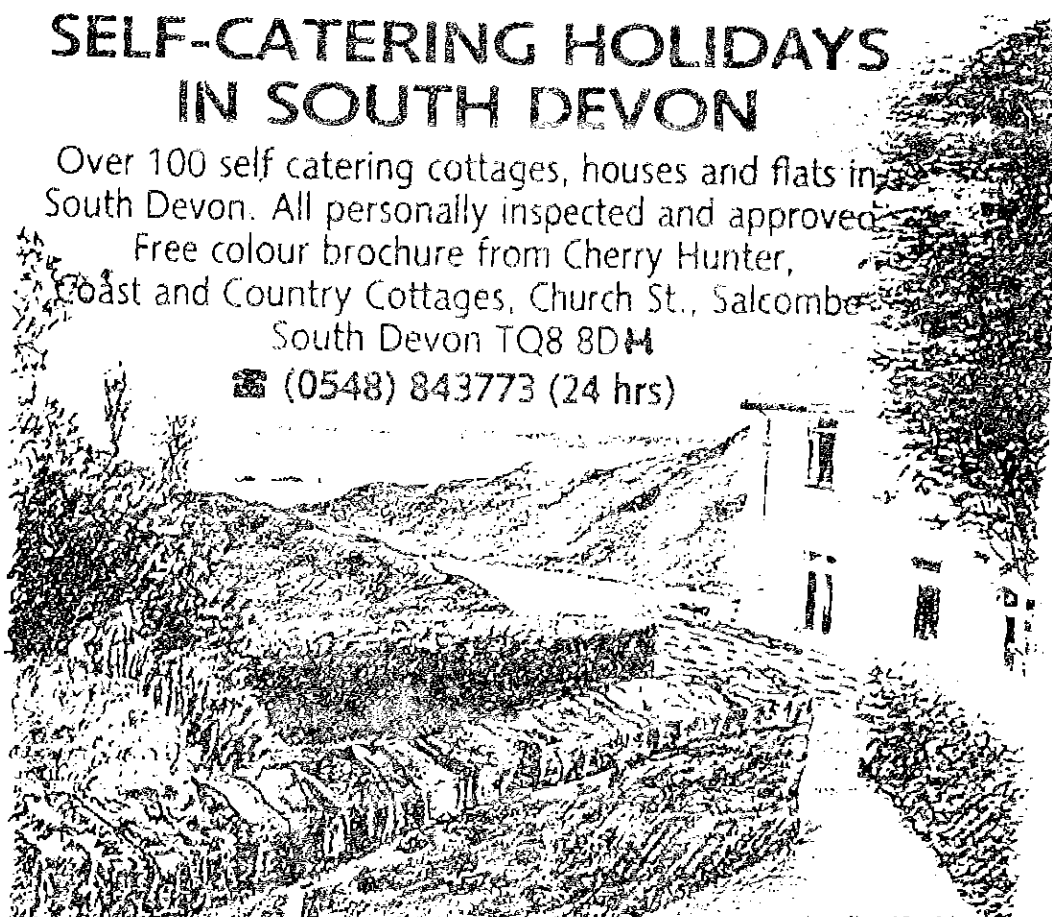
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518	BROMFIELD, Gordon W.	Homefield
519	SARGENT, Michael C.	Mount Stone
520	ROBINS, William J	Old Rectory Cot.
521	CLACK, Elizabeth B	Rockhill
522	CLACK, Graham M,	Rockhill
523	ROBERTS, Derek,	Pearse's Farthing
524	ROBERTS, Jennifer C.	Pearse's Farthing
525	DAWES, Christopher M.	Thatchways
526	DAWES, Florrie,	Thatchways
527	DAWES, George M	Thatchways
528	DAWES, Wendy A.	Thatchways
529	HIDE, Jean L.	The Cottage
530	HIDE, Robert H.	The Cottage
531N	RIGBY, Bryan,	1 The Old Rectory
532N	RIGBY, Marian	1 The Old Rectory
533	OSWALD, Marjorie M.	2 The Old Rectory
534	OSWALD, Neville C.	2 The Old Rectory
535	STEPHENS, Joyce M	The Rectory
536	STEPHENS, Peter S.	The Rectory
537	MORLEY, Alister I	Village Stores
538N	25 Jul 94. MORLEY, Gregor D.,	Village Stores
539	MORLEY, Kay	Village Stores
540	MORLEY, Robert C	Village Stores
541	PARNELL, Rosina D.	2 The Nook
542N	WHITE, Rosemary F,	1 Furzey Close
543	YOUNG, Isabella B.	3 Furzey Close
544	YOUNG, William I.	3 Furzey Close
545	FARAGHER, Hilda L,	5 Furzey Close
546	GROSE, David W.	Kennedy
547	GROSE, Emily E.	Kennedy
548	GROSE, Matthew D.	Kennedy
549	GROSE, Priscilla E.	Kennedy
550	ROBERTS, Charles W	Trevilder
551	ROBERTS, Felicity E.	Trevilder
552N	DAWES, Anthony	Kirkdale
553N	DAWES, Elizabeth M	Kirkdale
554	HEELAS, Ian A	Mallards
555	GROSE, Anne M	Merchantd Gdn
556	GROSE, Michelle A	Merchants Gdn
557N	BOOTH Alan,	Thurlestone Golf Club
558N	BOOTH, Joan F	Thurlestone Golf Club

THURLESTONE COURT RES. HOME.

559N	BATCHELOR, Alice
560N	BROOKING, Elsie
561	BURNS, Gertrude
562	DAMAREL, Beatrice
563	DOIDGE, Mildred R
564N	DOVEY, Alma
565N	FENWICK, Mary
566	HILLYAR., Dorothy J.
567	PLAYDON, Dorothy
568	SIMMONS, Ivy C.
569N	STEVENS Pat
570N	THOMAS, Bertha M.
571	YEOMAN, Maud M.

THURLESTONE HOTEL.

572	BATES, Anna	
573	BLACKBURN, Sarah	
574	BULLARD, Jonathan	
575	DAVISON, Margaret	
576	EDWARDS, Glyn	
577	MILES, Claire A.	
578	MOUNCEY, Peter C.	
579	PENDER-CUDLIP, Peter.	
580	PERRY, Helen	
581N	COUFFIGNAL, David,	Thurlestone Hotel Cot.
582N	CURTIS, Timothy	Thurlestone Hotel Cot.
583N	DEVONSHIRE, Tony A	" "
584N	DOLLEY, Roger	" "
585N	EDWARDS, Glyn	" "
586N	FULLER, Warrick	" "
587N	GILLARD, Penelope.	" "
588N	HARRISON, Steven	" "
589N	HEADLAND, Michael	" "
590N	JOHNS, Ian	" "
591N	JOHNSTONE, Martin	" "
592N	LEE, Roy	" "
593N	LLOYD, Martyn	" "
594N	LOOSEMORE, Kim	" "
595N	MACLACHAN, Douglas,	" "
596N	MAJOR, Alan	" "
597N	MOZSOLICS, Anita	" "
598N	OAKINS, Graham	" "
599N	PEDLINGHAM, Nigel	" "
600N	PRIEST, Lisa	" "
601N	SMYTH, Margaret,	" "
602N	WHITE, Nicholas	" "
603	GROSE, Margaret E	Flat 1
604	BEECH, Victoria	Flat 2
605	KING, Lewis	Flat 2

WARREN ROAD.

606	DARBY, James L.	Heathfield
607	DARBY, Pamela A	Heathfield
608	GROSE, Lisbeth A	Byeways
609	GALLOWAY, Joan D.	Edens
610	KINKEAD-WEEKES, Cynthia E	Gulls Cry
611	KINKEAD-WEEKES, Noel K,	Gulls Cry
612	WOODROW, Charles J	Higher Furlong
613	WOODROW, Elizabeth T.	Higher Furlong
614	BRYAN-BROWN, Joy,	1 Linkside Hse
615	BRYAN-BROWN, Teresa,	1 Linkside Hse
616	SAWYER, Alexandra M.	2 Linkside Hse
617	SAWYER, Edward B.	2 Linkside Hse
618	THOMSON, Lillias L.	4 Linkside Hse
619	DRUMMOND, Elizabeth J.	Southview
620	DRUMMOND, Robert G.	South View
621	DICKINS, Agnes M.	1 Stoke Damereall
622	MILLS, Geoffrey	1 Stoke Damereall
625	HUDSON, Margaret D	3 Stoke Damereall
626	AUSTER, Doris I.	4 Stoke Damereall

Warren Road cont'd.

627	BARRON, Bridget, A.	The Chase
628	BARRON, Caroline L	The Chase
629N	30 Sep 92 BARRON Jeremy B.	The Chase
630	BARRON, John J	The Chase
631	HOUSEGO, Linda C	The Fairway
632	HOUSEGO, Paul S.	The Fairway
633	CLARK, Hilda	1 Warren Court
634	BOYES, Kathleen I.	3 Warren Court
635N	SMITH, Christopher J.	4 Warren Court
636N	SMITH, Maureen E	4 Warren Court
637	BEGENT, Doris E	West Wing
638	BEGENT, Harry H.	West Wing

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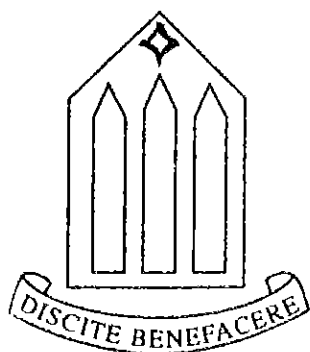
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2	McCARTHY, James J.	Aune Cross Cot.
3	McCARTHY, Paul J.	Aune Cross Cot.
4	McCARTHY, Richard J.	Aune Cross Cot.
5	BROMHAM, Eileen J.	Aune Cross Hse
6	SALTON, Charles E.	Aune Cross Hse
7	SALTON, Patricia M.	Aune Cross Hse
8N	ALEXANDER, Henry G.	Aune Cross Lodge
9N	ALEXANDER, Vida,	Aune Cross Lodge
10	ATKINSON, Alison M.	Harcourts Cot.
11	ATKINSON, Michael R.	Harcourts Cot.
12	MONTAGUE, Pamela E	Hérons Reach
13	MONTAGUE, Patricia G.	Hérons Reach
14	MONTAGUE, Vivian J.	Hérons Reach
15	SALTON, Philippa J.	1 Stabling Cot.
16N	OAK, Wendy	2 Stabling Cot.
17	WIGG Patricia M	Westering

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18	LANE, Douglas	1
19	LANE, Elsie M	1
20	LANE, Terence ID	1
21	CHURCH, Anthony R	2
22	CHURCH, Sylvia J.	2
23	SHALLIS, Mary E	4

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24	WOODS, David R	Reynolds Park
25	ROSE, Domini	Worthy
26	ROSE, Frank J	Worthy
27	ROSE, James D	Worthy
28N	MILLER, Christopher J.	Buckland Park
29N	MILLER, Susan P.	Buckland Park
30	CLEVERDON, Leslie T	Buckland Park Farm
31	GUNNING, Lynne	North Upton
32	GUNNING, Walter T	North Upton
33	SHEPHERD, Elizabeth J	Bung. 2 North Upton
34	Langman, Annette D.	Tongue Park
35	LANGMAN, Barry G.	Tongue Park



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THE RELENTLESS pace of our current term, and the number of activities which we have compressed into a ten-week period, has been truly breathtaking.

First, and at the beginning of the school year we had sad news. Our site caretaker, Mrs. Jeffery, lost her mother during the Christmas holidays and infant class teacher, Mrs. Hemphrey-Ellis, had the distressing experience of nursing her own mother for almost two months in January and February; her mother died on February 2. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Jeffery and Mrs. H-E and to their families.

Much better news has come recently from the Buxton family, who moved into Thurlestone last year and whose daughter, Sarah, attends our school. Mrs. Buxton was taken into hospital during the February half-term, and for almost a fortnight was in intensive care in Derriford Hospital. The school and the Buxton family were mindful of the very precarious nature of Mrs. Buxton's health, but I am pleased to say that there has been an unexpectedly dramatic improvement and she has now returned home. I know that Mr. Buxton and Sarah have appreciated the support and prayers that they have had from the local community and we have all been very impressed with the way that Sarah has coped with this family crisis.

During this term we have had a full inspection on the government's new model. For four days we had a team of inspectors in school who looked at every aspect of the school's curriculum and organisation. It was a very pressurised time for the staff of the school (special as one class was being taught by a supply teacher) but we felt it to have been a constructive and sympathetic process and believe the quality of work within the school to have been enhanced as a result.

A full report will shortly be available and a press release issued and I will not pre-empt comments that are contained in it. However, we believe that as a result of the inspection and the remarkable level of support we have had during this period from pupils, parents, governors and other agencies, we are well placed to go forward with confidence.

In March, Mrs. Jackson's school band scored a notable success in being selected to play at the Devon Schools Proms at the Riviera Centre, Torquay. They performed an very atmospheric piece entitled "Heal the World", which was enthusiastically received by the audience of about 800 people. As usual the children received excellent support from parents and I would particularly mention Mrs. Vicky Carpenter, who has given most generously of her time and talents. The school chess team has continued its unbeaten record and one of our pupils, Annabel Schleh, has been selected to play for the Devon Under 9 Chess Team, the Devon Under 11 Girls' Team and the joint Under 9 Girls' Team from Devon and Wiltshire. Well done, Annabel!

We welcome two new governors to our governing body: Mr. Malcolm Dent from South Milton and Mr. Martin Webb of West Buckland. We hope they will have along and enjoyable association with the school and that they find the experience challenging and rewarding.

ALUN WILLIAMS, Headmaster.

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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

Sat 7th NSPCC Ji-gantic Jumble Sale. Parish Hall 2.30-4 p.m.

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

Thurs 9th Elections. Polling Station in Parish Hall.

Tues 14th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm

July

Sat 16th Coffee Morning in aid of Hospice. Parish Hall. 10.00 to Noon.

Sat 23rd Church Fete. Rectory garden. If wet, Parish Hall.

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

Sat 12th Christmas Bazaar of NSPCC. Parish Hall 10.30 a.m.

Sat 26th. NSPCC Christmas Bridge. Parish Hall 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tues 29th Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7.30 pm.

December

Sat 3rd. Church Christmas Bazaar. Rectory Barn 10.30 a.m.

Have You given Village Voice Your Dates for 1994? On a postcard through Cradles Cottage letterbox. Now please Next Copy Deadline for June-July issue is....MAY THE FIRST.

THESE DATES WERE TOO LATE, but the Printer worked a miracle!...

Sat APRIL 30th and
Sun MAY 1st

Slide Show "A Desert Island Experience" in aid of the Pearson Playgroup and Thurlestone School in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm both nights. Tickets from Thurlestone School, £2.50 (£2.00 OAPs).

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