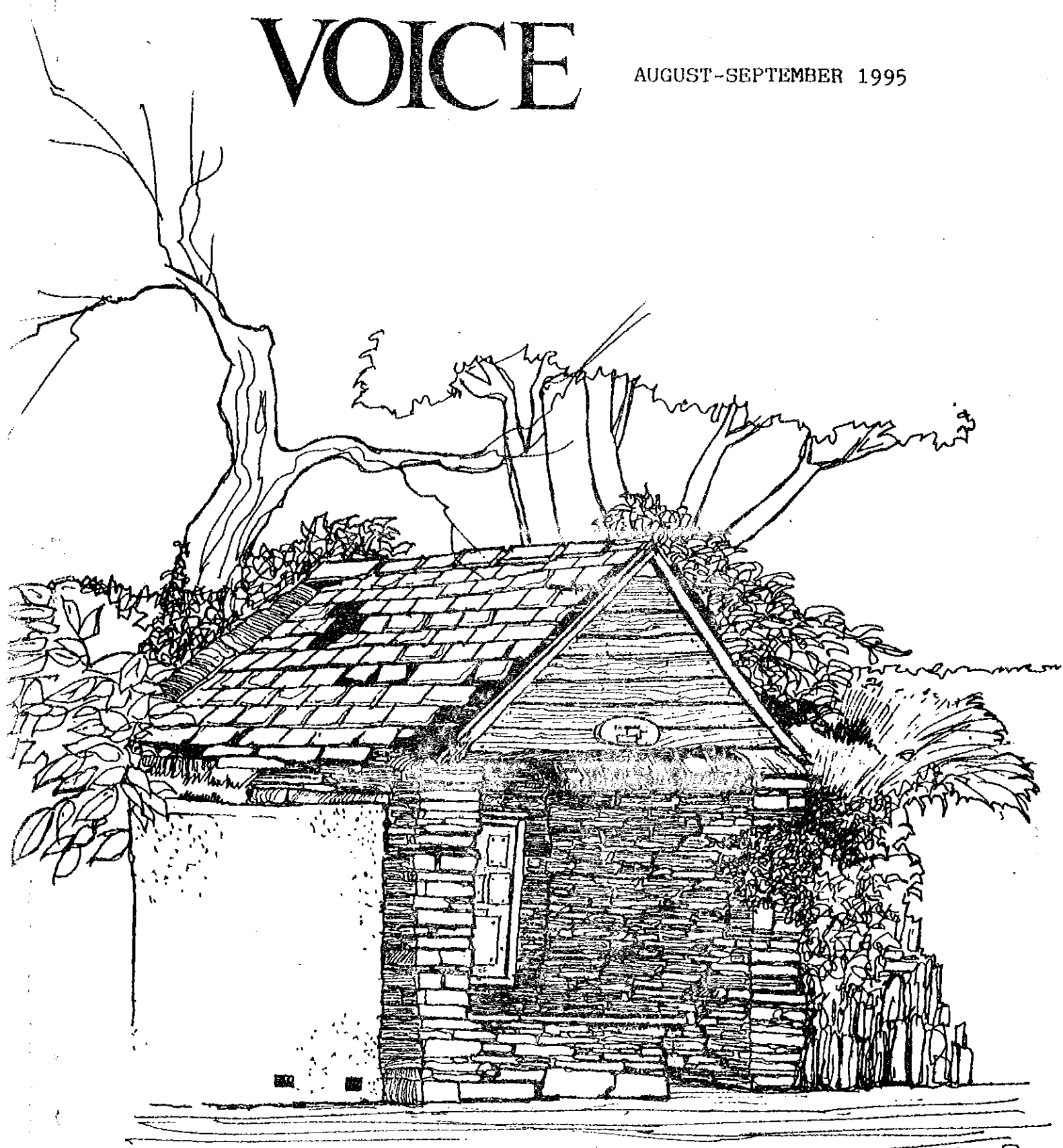


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Since the last issue of VILLAGE VOICE and its report on the launch of the SAVE OUR OLD PUMPHOUSE ASSOCIATION (SOOPA), there has been quite a bit of activity by this group of parish residents who are determined not to allow a familiar village landmark to decay and possibly vanish. They have their sights set on raising about £3,000 with which to save this bit of old Thurlestone.

Those attending the recent parish annual meeting strongly supported the idea of repairing and restoring the pumphouse, but recognised the cost of doing so was more than the Parish Council could afford. The Parish Council are, however, giving the scheme wholehearted and practical support in other ways.

Already there have been encouraging donations and promises of cash to start off the fund-raising and it is hoped to have a house-to-house collection later so that this important part of the village can be expertly restored and maintained as an attractive reminder of bygone days.

There will be a lot of work needed to complete the project, and VILLAGE VOICE will be reporting on progress.

Front cover by Len Hubbard: "Thurlestone pumphouse June 1995"



NOSTALGIA ain't what it used to be. Don't think somehow I've got that right, but I have been indulging in a bit of hindsight, thinking about our villages in the good ole days.

All this was brought on by the sight of ole Peter Hurrell and his son at work repairing that there wall of the Ole Rectory. Mind you, I had hopes at one time that they were going to make a seat in the wall at the part where it fell down. Could have done with that some of us oldies could. But no - they just

went in and put it back just as it was. Can't complain about that, cos I'm all in favour of putting the Ole Pump House in Thurlestone back in proper order, almost the same as what it was in what we call those good ole days when those loveable ole villagers were fortunate enough to be able to collect a pail of water from such a fine pump.

Seems to be a lot of tidying up around the village these days all of course in the best possible taste. Well, almost all. When they put that ole cannon up on its concrete carriage down by the Hotel, it will not only be a fine memorial to those who died when their ship, the Chanteloupe, went down on the rocks just in front of Thurlestone Rock on 24 September 1772, but it will also be a reminder to all of us that things in the good ole days were not all that good and not all our forebears were the loveable old rogues we would like to imagine them to be.

You see the tale of the wrecking of the Chanteloupe depends a great deal on who tells it. If you rely on Kingsbridge folk, such as Sarah Prideaux Fox, whose book was published in 1864, nearly one hundred years after the wreck, the folk round hereabouts were a rotten ole lot. In her book she described the affair like this:

"About the year 1772, a vessel returning from the West Indies was wrecked in Bigbury Bay; all on board perished with the exception of one man, who was rescued by the humanity of a farmer, who lived in the neighbourhood, of the name of Hannaford. Amongst the other passengers was a lady, who it is supposed, seeing the desperate state of the vessel, put on her richest gems and apparel with the hope that if she were washed towards the shore, those who found her might be induced to

save her. She was thrown by the sea on the beach, and they say that life was not extinct when she reached it but the savage people (from the adjacent villages) who were anxiously waiting for the wreck, seized and stripped her of her clothes; they even cut off some of her fingers, and mangled her ears in their impatience to secure her jewels, and then left her miserably to perish."

But the story gets better if you go back in time to a report by an eyewitness of the wreck. This appeared in the Exeter Flying Post on October 9th 1772, and is part of a letter from a Customs Officer at Dartmouth to a friend in Exeter:

"Your Favour duly came to Hand, and would have been sooner answered, but I am just returned from a Barbarian Country, by which I mean that I have been five Days absent from Dartmouth to the Westward about twenty Miles, on a most melancholy Affair.

"A Ship about 300 Tuns, from the Granadoes for London, laden with Sugar, Coffee, Rum, Madiera Wine &c. was wrecked in Bigbury Bay last Week, and out of twenty Persons only one was saved, which was the second Mate, and he, for some Days, remained quite stupified. There were seven Passengers on board, the principal of whom were John Burke, Esq. (who was a man of Immense Fortune; he sold a Plantation a Few days before his Departure for 32,000 pounds and has a brother in London); Timothy Plip, Esq. and his Lady, Natives of Ireland. The ship by all Accounts had great Treasure on Board.

"There were twelve of the Bodies washed on Shore during my Stay, and the inhuman Country People strip'd them quite naked, and left them on the rocks. I leave you to judge the dismal, shocking Sights we beheld, indeed I cannot describe it: I should much rather have been excused from going, but as an Officer of the Customs, the Duty called me.

"It was really dangerous to be among such Wretches - There were between 4 and 5,000 Persons assembled, most of whom, for the sake of a little Pelf, would be guilty of the greatest Acts of Cruelty; I do assure you that I could wish to see one half of them hanged on the cliffs, for Example to the rest. The Lady was seen hanging by one Arm to a rock, and no person would go to save her, tho' there was not the least Danger. She was with Child and near her Time - Those that washed on Shore we took Care to have buried in Thurlestone Church-yard."

I bet you won't be able to look at that there cannon now without giving a bit of a shudder when you think of those loveable country folk! If it's any consolation the Hannaford who saved the sole survivor was a Thurlestone man, and the local villains who killed poor Mrs Plip all came to a bad end within a year of the wreck. One hanged himself in an outhouse. One went mad and ran into the sea and drowned, and the third was killed when his cart ran over him somewhere Buckland way.

Nostalgia, you see, ain't all that it used to be, now is it?

WE PAY OUR WATER RATES RELUCTANTLY (continued)

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Where the germs are rendered harmless
 with chlorine disinfectant

Chorus: Now we pay our water rates...etc

It's all a far, far cry from village pump,
 When the water flowed from pumping hard,
 So apologies to G. & S. (and also 'Pinafore')
 Like the smells that plague us these short rhymes
 Like the smells that plague us these short rhymes

Chorus: 'Cos we pay our water rates reluctantly
As the total costs have risen astronomically
And we don't do it gladly as anyone can see
For the smells just add more insult
when we pay the fee

C.K.M. (1995); www.ckm.org

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SEA RESCUES

David Fletcher of Thurlestone and John Lowe, on a cross-Channel voyage from Salcombe, rescued French woman Michelle Duchene who had been in the water for ten hours after her boat sank near Perros-Guirec on the Cotes du Nord. Now recovered from hypothermia she has written to thank the men for her rescue. Not only that, on their return journey they spotted a small fishing boat in distress - its outboard engine having failed - and towed it two miles into St Quay Portrieux.

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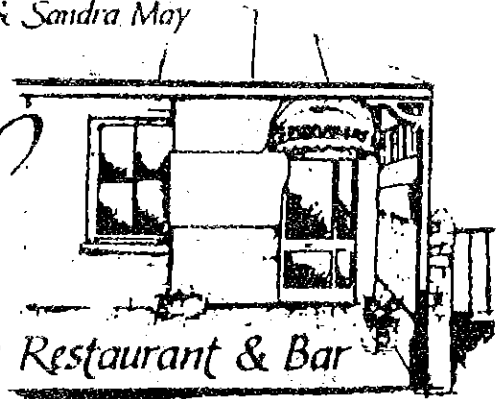
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An unpleasant odour emanating from the local water supply prompted a lady resident of the Mead to contact South West Water recently.

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SWW's detailed certificates of water analysis were also sent to the customer, showing all was well with the potable water supply to their home. Being thus reassured, her husband was moved to pen the following verses, to be sung to the tune of "I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee".

"WE PAY OUR WATER RATES RELUCTANTLY"

There once was a time when the water was sweet
You could drink it by the glassful and you took it neat
The smell was sweeter than new-mown hay
And it didn't cost a fortune so hip-hip-hooray!
And it didn't cost a fortune so hip-hip-hooray!

Chorus: Now we pay our water rates reluctantly
As the total costs have risen astronomically
Yes we pay our water rates reluctantly
'Cos the total costs have risen astronomically

Now summertime is with us and the water reeks
It either smells of chlorine or some stagnant creek
The reason, they assure us, just depends upon its source
It's not just where it comes from but the watercourse
It's not just where it comes from but the watercourse

Chorus: Now we pay our water rates...etc

No longer do we get it from the Avon Dam
Instead it comes from Roadford in the latest plan
It drifts to us first along the Tamar way
And at Gunnislake is pumped to Morwell Down they say
And at Gunnislake is pumped to Morwell Down they say

Chorus: Now we pay our water rates...etc

From Morwell Down our water to the Tavy flows
And down another river this same water goes
To stop at Lopwell Dam where it is held up short
So it doesn't get to Plymouth or to Devonport!
So it doesn't get to Plymouth or to Devonport!

Chorus: Now we pay our water rates...etc

Neville OSWALD reports



PART 3

Soon after the battle of Waterloo in 1815, people in Torquay and Teignmouth swarmed out in small craft to catch a glimpse of Napoleon when he briefly visited Torbay as a prisoner on the British ship 'Bellerophon', on his way to exile in St. Helena. They hoped peace would bring them further prosperity, but it was not to be. With the Continent again open to visitors, elderly gentlefolk wished to visit their former haunts and their children wanted to sample travel. The resorts found they were in competition with the French and Italian Riviera and the spas of Germany and Austria; perhaps more important they were judged against resorts that were more easily accessible from the big cities, for example Margate, Brighton, Scarborough, and Llandudno.

The resorts campaigned hard for customers, stressing the health-giving properties of Devon sea and air, but soon realised that the 'disinterested' testimony of doctors counted for much more than routine propaganda. The results were not entirely welcomed. Instead of the resorts filling with happy convalescents progressing to full recovery, an observer at Torquay found the place "filled with respirator-bearing people who looked like muzzled ghosts...and the hotels equipped with spitting pots and echoing to the sound of cavernous coughs". Keats, himself a consumptive who wrote of "the weariness, the fever and the fret" in an Ode to a Nightingale, visited Teignmouth at that time; he hated the place, the people and the incessant rain and left after a few weeks.

Despite the problems, the population of Torquay doubled between the censuses of 1821 and 1841, mainly through the acquisition of a clientele of invalids who occupied their homes and lodgings for the winter months and gave much local employment. They were for the most part gentlefolk who enjoyed the company of kindred souls in a favourable climate. Maybe this was the start of the concept of the 'second home', albeit in the winters, which was to flourish exceedingly in later years. At this time Paignton expanded in a haphazard and less ambitious fashion than Torquay, of which it became an extension.

Other resorts sought to preserve their reputations. Regattas had long been popular, as was one in Dawlish in 1824. "The day was very pleasant and not too hot, and the number of boats on the water rendered it a very pretty sight. We sat down to breakfast about 170 and the bands of music, company, smart carriages etc.etc. made a very cheerful gay scene... ..there was a ball in the evening and a very good one." Pictures of the period, often linotypes, show uncomfortably overdressed men in thick suits and tall hats and ladies in jackets and bustles "assuming the dictates of status, decorum and fashion." In Sidmouth, the Duke and Duchess of Kent arrived with their infant daughter Princess Victoria in 1819, to spend the winter. Unhappily, the Duke caught a chill while walking by the sea and died a month later.

In the years following Waterloo, the resorts of South Devon gradually lost a significant proportion of their blue-blooded patronage to more exotic places, mainly on the Continent. Instead, they entertained business, professional and other monied visitors who were content, for a time, to take the waters and patronise the assembly rooms and libraries, but the resorts found they were losing their former solid veneer with its wealth that they had strived to preserve for so long. Instead, with the exception of Torquay, they were becoming pleasant retreats for the elderly and infirm in the winters and holiday makers in the summers. On the north coast, Ilfracombe was beginning to establish itself as a resort with the improved state of the roads and steamers from ports in the Bristol Channel.

When Isambard Brunel completed his railway from London to Exeter in 1844, a new era began for Devon's seaside resorts. The line extended to Plymouth in 1848 and sidelines to the coast were completed by the end of the century. The time taken to Exeter was gradually reduced from 12 hours to 5 and the fare was less than half that of travel by road.

Torquay was ready to greet extra visitors to its new well planned residences. It was first and foremost a winter resort and was repeatedly condemned for its oppressive heat in the summers, thereby losing the town many summer visitors. The fierce sun was considered to be a disadvantage by the medical profession, a judgement which suited affluent Victorian visitors who favoured a pale rather than a tanned skin. The town managed to retain its select, sedate clientele until the end of the century, but by then the richest visitors had deserted the place in favour of the more sophisticated pleasures of the Mediterranean. The other resorts mainly sought the summer visitors, who soon flocked to their beaches.

The arrival of the railway meant that the South coast was easily accessible for short visits. The resorts welcomed white-collar workers who had just started to be given two weeks' paid holiday a year. Then, following the passage of the Bank Holiday Act of 1871, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday became easily the busiest days of the year for the resorts. Beach holidays became popular as families came down to build sandcastles and go shrimping, especially at Exmouth.

Day trippers were frowned upon, but they caused little trouble until a leading doctor, feeling everyone was entitled to a dip in the sea, arranged with the South Devon Railway Company to issue sixpenny return fares from Exeter to Dawlish. The company stipulated that the new cheap rates would only be available on the first train down and the first train back, allowing bathers only one hour and ten minutes in Dawlish. Even so, 300 to 400 would make the trip on fine Sundays, to complaints from the residents of "very indecent behaviour". If some bathed in the buff it was, they explained, because they did not have the money to hire bathing costumes and beach huts. However, most of them behaved very well, coming down in family groups from closely knit communities.

Dartmouth and Salcombe, lying west of the other resorts, were slow to exploit their resources. They were both difficult to reach, with rocky coastlines and few sandy beaches. Dartmouth, for the time being, continued to concentrate on its harbour, coastal trade and fishing. Salcombe should have developed as a health resort but, after experts pointed out the lack of level ground for invalids, did not embark on a building programme or seek sea bathers. A few well-to-do people built private houses in this secluded spot whose development as a centre for sailing and fishing had to await the motor car. Thurlestone, like many other coastal hamlets, took no part in the holiday industry. It remained, as it always had been, a rather remote, inaccessible parish with its agriculture and a little fishing and access to Kingsbridge by road and to Plymouth by sailing barge from Bantham.

(to be continued)

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WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A senior citizen is one who was here before 'the pill', frozen foods, TV, credit cards and ballpoint pens. There were no computers. A chip was a piece of wood, or a piece of fried potato. Hardware was durable goods and the word software did not exist. Porn meant going to 'Uncles' for a loan and teenagers did not wear jeans. We were before panti-hose, drip-dry, dishwashers, tumble dryers and electric blankets.

We got married - then lived together afterwards (how quaint can you get?). Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought 'cleavage' was something the butcher did. We were before Batman, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, instant coffee and Chinese take-aways.

In our day, cigarette smoking was thought fashionable, grass was for mowing and pot was a cooking utensil. A "gay" person was the life & soul of the party - nothing more. "AIDS" meant beauty treatment, and good deeds helping someone in trouble.

We senior citizens must be a hardy lot when you think of how much the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make to survive.

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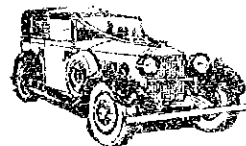
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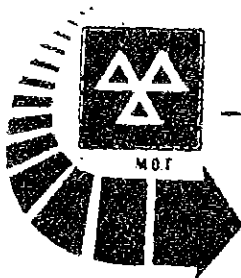
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The secret of long life? Birthdays, and lots of them!

Why do a growing number of politicians call themselves "Independents"? A leopard cannot change its spots.

Some things are almost unbelievable..... Many Asian rice farmers earn extra money from their flooded fields by harvesting for the booming world trade in frogs' legs. India, for instance, exports more than 70 million frog legs a year. For a while farmers earned good money collecting frogs but soon many see their rice crop harvest dropping off due to a proliferation of insects.

Insect-eating frogs have dwindled to a record low in parts of India and Bangladesh due to heavy exports and, as a result, farmers have had to rely more on pesticides. The chemicals have added to production costs and increased the exposure of people and other living things to pesticides. Analyses say these effects have far outweighed the benefits of the frog-leg trade. A field study in Bangladesh showed that rice crops escaped serious damage where frogs remained undisturbed. The reverse was true when frogs were collected for sale.

Archaeologists digging at an ancient village in Southern Turkey were surprised to find large numbers of pig bones. Equally surprising was a complete lack of cereal remains. The villagers in this ten-thousand-year-old settlement had apparently domesticated the pigs as their first agricultural 'crop'. Scientists say that most early agricultural settlements produced crops such as wheat and barley before moving on to animal husbandry. The find suggests that pigs were the first farm animals to be domesticated - almost a thousand years before sheep and goats were tamed and herded.

The first animal domesticated, however, remains the dog, which is not only man's best friend but also his oldest. Wolves first developed a symbiotic relationship with nomadic groups of hunter-gatherers about 12,000 years ago.

(Furrow) 'Agriworld' 1994

Country cemeteries in Australia, especially when neglected, are providing a refuge for endangered species of plants. A nearly-extinct species of oak was found in a tiny cemetery in Western Victoria, and preservationists are now urging custodians of rural cemeteries to take special care not to eliminate endangered species and postpone mowing until native plants have set seed.

Under a headline "WHAT PRICE OIL AND GAS?" the Spring issue of 'The Dipper', magazine of the Devon Wildlife Trust, says few would deny the central place oil and gas have in today's society, providing fuel for transport, heating and electricity generation, and forming the basis of a vast petrochemical industry which manufactures plastics and many other products we take for granted. But our seemingly insatiable appetite for these fossil fuels along with the urgent need to top up its income from the dwindling North Sea reserves, has led the Government to consider developing new areas, AMONG WHICH ARE SOME OF THE MOST SENSITIVE MARINE HABITATS IN THE U.K.

In April this year the Department of Trade and Industry announced the 16th Round of Offshore Oil and Gas Licensing, inviting the industry to nominate areas of the seabed for exploration. Of 330 blocks nominated, around 150 will be offered for license after a consultation process involving both Government departments and non-Government organisations.

The 16th Round includes sensitive areas which are close inshore. The Devon Wildlife Trust believes that internationally important wildlife sites around the coast of Britain (which will include Devon and Cornwall, naturally) will come under threat from oil pollution and other disturbance if they are confirmed as sites for oil and gas exploration.

All stages of the production process have risks, from the disturbance of wildlife during seismic exploration to the blanketing of the seabed with drilling muds, cuttings and other waste products during drilling.

Hanging over the whole activity is the threat of oil spills, with associated damage to coastal and marine wildlife. Joan Edwards, DWT's Marine Conservation Officer, comments "Only sheer ignorance of the complex, and frequently beautiful, marine life to be found around our coasts could permit the Government to act so insensitively".

How long have we got? Plans for oil and gas exploration in Lyme Bay are already under way, as a result of a licence granted on the 14th Round, for the exploration of a Block two miles off Chesil Beach and the 16th Round sees the possibility of a further two Blocks being allocated.

As a nation we do have a tendency to leave things to chance. Could it be that it will only be communities living on or near the sea which will eventually be concerned with what happens to it?

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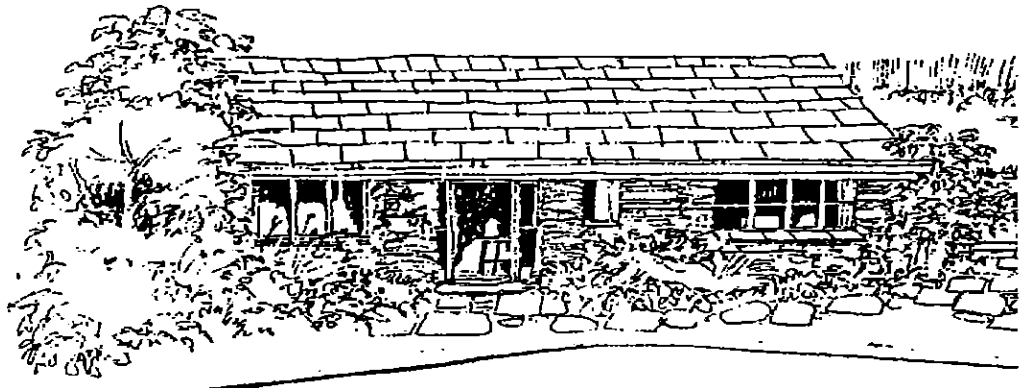
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

The Village Voice has a large circulation amongst residents and non-residents and whether property-owner or tenant could we make an appeal to all those who do not make use of the recycling facilities to find ways and means of doing so?

Mr & Mrs Hide used to collect tons of newspapers in the past and have them recycled, which showed the public interest, but now it is up to the individual. The Council have recycling facilities at the lower level of the upper car park in Kingsbridge and Somerfields have a bottle-bank, and now we hear that David Grose is installing a bottle-bank in the hotel car park opposite the Village Inn. There are also facilities for newspapers, cans, tins and foil in Kingsbridge.

It would be helpful if people with holiday letting houses would let their tenants know of these so that they too can co-operate instead of filling their dustbins with recyclable waste. It is understood that in order to keep one recycling factory on the outskirts of London going they are actually buying in old newspapers from abroad because insufficient is collected from the district! This is ridiculous and uneconomical. Rubbish tips are a blot on the landscape, polluting and disease-ridden, and everyone should try to eradicate them.

Rosemary Stocken

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Dear Editor

It is a pity that Villager slates holiday homes (June-July issue) though I perfectly understand the reason. The pre-war houses in Ilbert Road were almost all built as second homes; they brought a lot of work to the area when unemployment was dreadful - I remember queues of men and boys at the pro's shop hoping to pick up a few pence for caddying - and deprived no local people of homes as is commonly the case now.

A.P.Hammick

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Dear Editor

Village Voice has recently drawn attention to the condition of the shelter built for the former village pump and highlighted the need for action to conserve a small but vital part of village history. I would hope that the restoration of the existing structure would not cost more than 'half an arm and a leg', but in any event its preservation is essential in the interests of the conservation of the village.

Sadly the roof of the structure is now beyond repair and needs renewing in its original form, the front gable re-instated (as the old photograph reproduced in Kendall MacDonald's book shows), and with eaves gutters to take rainwater away from the side walls. The internal walls are certainly not as they were when they were built and whilst the evidence of their movement may cause alarm, they may well have stabilised to the point where further movement is unlikely...at least not for another hundred years. To write off the village pump shelter because of cost could be lunacy and abrogating our responsibilities for the conservation of the village.

John Wilson, F.R.I.C.S.  
Former resident

### "NOSTALGIA"

The war was nearly over although I did not know  
I suddenly left everything, feeling the urge to go  
Down to the sea at Bantham and feel the spray like rain.  
We were barred from the beaches till it was safe again.  
A barrier of iron pipes stretched right across the beach  
And mines laid in the sand dunes put all beyond our reach.

I packed a picnic basket, a baby on my arm,  
And Jen toddling beside me we went by Chadders Farm  
The long trek to the beaches without mishap or stay.  
We wriggled through the barrier. It really made my day  
To walk upon the beach again, to find my favourite cove,  
And there it was all ready, no debris to remove.

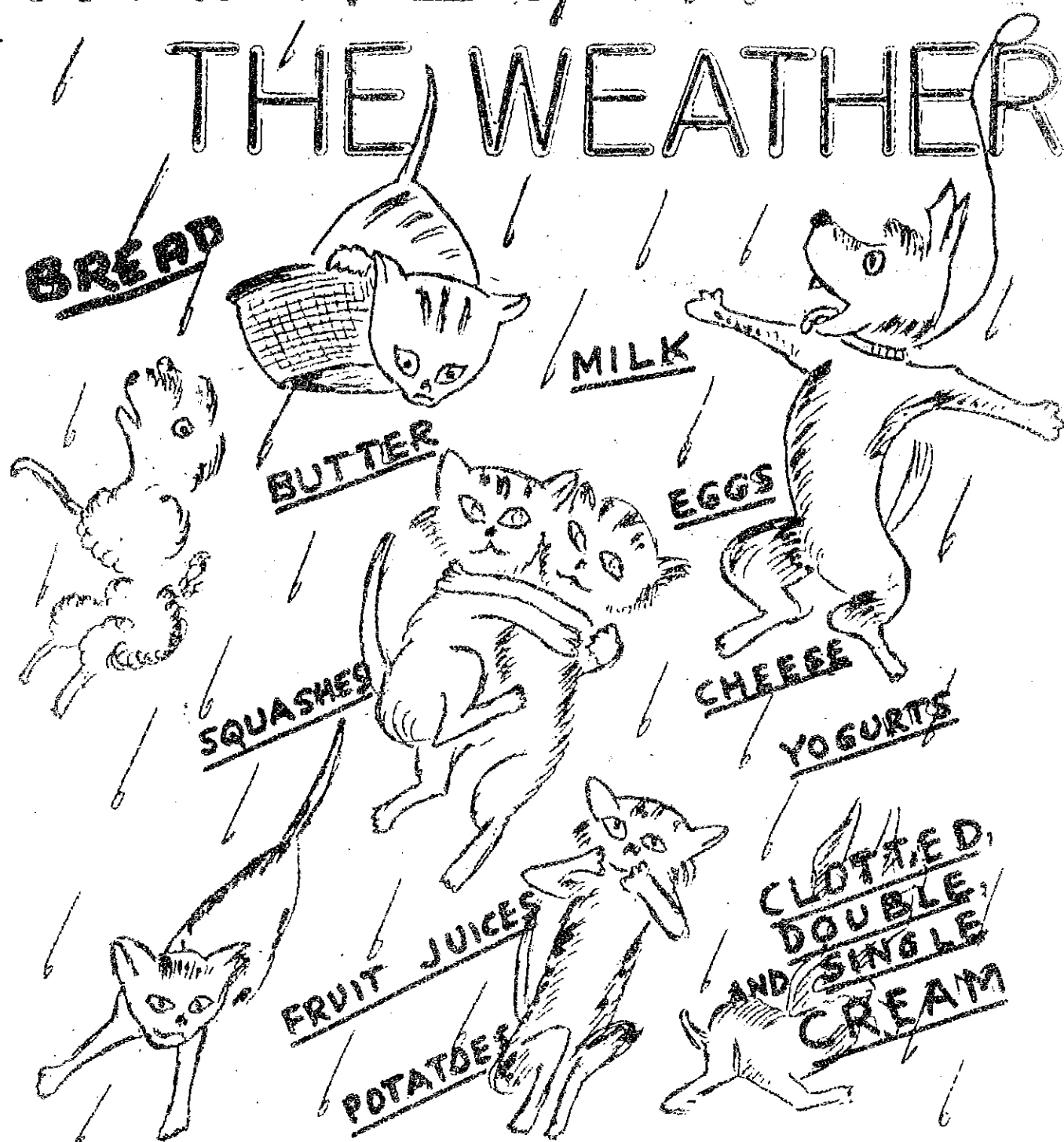
It seemed deeper than usual, with four foot sandy walls,  
And flatter than a pancake my memory recalls.  
I started a sandcastle with bridge and moat intact  
When suddenly it struck me - the terrifying fact  
That we were in a shell hole, or where a bomb had dropped.  
My legs just turned to water. It seemed my heart had stopped.

I clutched my precious babies and rushed towards the wall,  
But being weak and frightened made no progress at all.  
After a frantic scramble a pathway out was found  
And finally I found myself on slightly firmer ground.  
I tottered back along the road, appalled at what I'd done,  
Deciding in the future to look elsewhere for fun.

I know you'll think I'm stupid - with that I will agree -  
But maybe you will understand my longing for the sea!

Hilda R Davies (1995)

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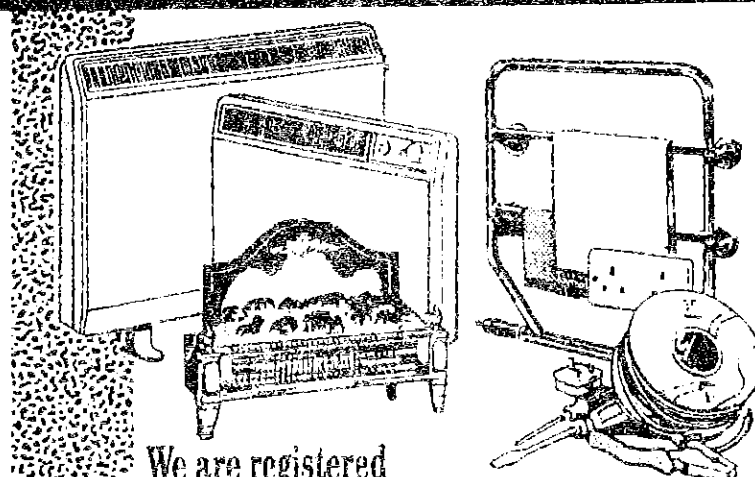
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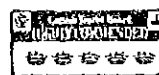
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# CLUELESS CROSSWORD

## Pat Machin's Puzzle Corner

No clues are given but each number represents a letter. For example 1 is P, 2 is A and 3 is T. So begin by repeating these letters where these numbers appear in the grid.

Identify other numbers and when finished the diagram will resemble a normal crossword. Each letter of the alphabet is used.

You will find the answers on another page in this issue.

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## WEATHER WAG.....Jan Turner

Last April I went with a small group to visit the Plymouth Meteorological Station (before it closes down and moves to Bristol!). What a privilege it was. The degree of technological 'whatnots' was impressive to say the least. A satellite link-up to two separate satellites gave continuous information, graphically and statistically, of the upper and lower atmospheres producing a wide view of what was going on weatherwise in any part of the world. By studying this data the meteorologist is able to say what is on the way and roughly when it will arrive...always a critical factor for the public and the most difficult to ascertain. At best it is a calculated guess. However, to astute observers this element of timing has improved over the last ten years or so.

Now to my phenomena for this issue. I will deal with just two, and this time they are **SEA AND COASTAL FOG**, like today 20th June, and **SUMMER THUNDERSTORMS**, which I suspect we may experience in the next week or so and up to the end of August.

### SEA AND COASTAL FOG

The definition of fog is: "small droplets of water suspended in a calm air situation." They are very small and are measured in microns or micrometres. (1 micron = 0.001 mm. or 0.000039 inches). Fog consists of droplets whose radius is between 1-10 microns. Mist consists of droplets whose size is less than 1 micron. To a motorist the word "fog" is often reserved for visibility of 600 ft (180 m) or less, and mist used to define any greater visibility, up to 1 km (1100 yds).

Radiation mist or fog occurs when the air is moist, when the ground cools by radiation under clear skies, and when a wind speed of about 5 m.p.h. ensures the stirring of cooled air above the ground. It occurs most often in winter, because of long hours of night cooling, and most often inland where the moderating influence of the sun is non-operative. Fog is least persistent in summer when the sun can easily undo the effects of a short night of cooling. (Our recent misty days were due to slightly different phenomena - high pressure and easterly winds battling with cold fronts and winning!) Sea fog is very similar in that warm air cools to dew point, only over the cold sea. It tends to persist because the sea surface temperature does not change appreciably in the short period. Sea fog can exist in wind speeds up to 15 m.p.h. because turbulence merely brings more moist air into contact with the cooling surface. It may also drift inland but often clears quite quickly because of the warming effect of the sun on the land.

### THUNDERSTORMS

A thunderstorm is the most powerful electrical phenomenon in nature. Extremely high electrical differences build up in deep clouds and eventually discharge as lightning. Thunder is the sound made by violent expansion of air, which is heated along the line of the flash. Thunder can usually be heard ten miles away but it has been heard as far distant as forty miles. There is much of interest related to lightning, but in

## THUNDERSTORMS (continued)

this short piece the following facts seem to me to be the most interesting.

The passage of the electrical discharge is stepped towards the ground from the base of a cumulo-nimbus (thunderhead) cloud. (These steps are about 150-300 feet). Normally invisible, it then descends the final stretch looking like a river and its tributaries, at a speed varying from 100 miles per second to 1000 miles per second. The return stroke, which we see more easily, travels back up to the cloud. It is brighter and faster, with a speed which may reach up to 87,000 miles per second - which is nearly half of the speed of light.

The above is a description of what we call forked lightning. Sheet lightning is just forked lightning as above but obscured by other cloud. Thunderbolts are not solid objects but get their reputation from the loud cracking noise made when striking the ground. Ball lightning may or may not exist. Explanations are many and various - enough to say there is a phenomenon that occasionally occurs but which cannot be convincingly explained.

Most thunderstorms in this area occur in late Spring, Summer and early Autumn, when the hot land surface gives rise to the formation of cumulo-nimbus clouds. However, the airstream as a whole must be reasonably moist also, so a shift in wind to the south as high pressure slips away can lead to a line of storms along a front - as in Spain and France today, 28 June. Mostly they are short-lived in this area and we usually experience a 'clearing of the air' - it becomes less humid and oppressive. Interestingly, East Anglia relies on this phenomenon for its supply of rain in late Spring and Summer for the grain and vegetable produce of that area.

I could go on, as always, but not now. Next time the analysis of the April, May, and June figures - and some more phenomena!

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## MISUNDERSTANDINGS

It has been pointed out to Village Voice that when using the word "parish" in relation to Thurlestone, it is important to remember that this expression also includes Bantham and West Buckland, a fact sometimes overlooked. Thus Thurlestone Parish Hall serves all three places and that is why we call it a Parish Hall and not a Village Hall.

The words "Parish Hall" can in turn cause confusion, as some people believe the title indicates ownership by either the Parish Council or the Parochial Church Council....but it is owned by YOU, the Parish residents.

Does this make the missing Thurlestone village pump the missing "parish pump"?

### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Tennis Section, Thurlestone Golf Club, has the following  
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS for Summer 1995.

There will again be a series of tournaments during the Summer holidays commencing SATURDAY 29 JULY. Lists for entry will be displayed on the tennis notice board a few days before each event. Meeting point for each tournament will be the Tennis Pavilion. Details are as follows:

|                                                    |                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturdays starting 2 pm<br>29.7.95 to 26.8.95 incl | SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES (Round Robin)<br>Min age 16 yrs. (Sliding H'cap) |
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| Thursdays starting 2.30 pm<br>3.8.95 to 24.8.95 incl | MEN'S DOUBLES (Round Robin)<br>Min age 16 (Organised by players) |
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There will also be some FAMILY DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS from time to time, fitted in between Monday and Friday where there is a demand.

### CUP COMPETITIONS

|        |                 |                                                           |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Senior | BRYAN BROWN CUP | Sat. 19.8.95 at 2.00 pm<br>Min age 16 (NOT Sliding H'cap) |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

|         |             |                                  |
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| Juniors | EGAN CUP    | Tue.15.8.95, 9.30 am (10/13 yrs) |
|         | LEONARD CUP | Tue.15.8.95, 9.30 am (14/16 yrs) |

Note: If unable to be played on above date, events will be played on Thursday 17.8.95

Competitors please note that balls are not provided in any of the above competitions. Before any event can commence, there must be an entry of at least five couples.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON  
WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 1995  
6 pm in TENNIS PAVILION

Entry fees for competitions: All Junior events - members and temporary members 50p per competition. Non-members 50p entry plus £2.00 playing fee. Seniors tournaments - members and temporary members £1.00 per competition. Non-members £1.00 entry fee plus £3.00 playing fee. Bryan Brown Cup £1.50 per competitor.

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### SHORT TENNIS (5/8 year old players and complete beginners)

Commencing Monday morning 31 July and every following Monday morning in August. One hour sessions from 10 am to 12 noon.

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### VERA ETHERIDGE - 100 NOT OUT!

Older residents of the parish will remember Mrs Etheridge of Albemar and then Deveron in Ilbert Road who, at the age of 97 and after fracturing her hip, moved into a residential home in Brixham. On 17th June she celebrated her 100th birthday! Two friends from Thurlestone visited her to attend the celebratory tea-party, were recognised with no hesitation and immediately bombarded with questions about those she still knew in the parish. A very good bridge player, prodigious knitter and embroiderer, and keen flower arranger, she still knits and sews and is very popular with the home staff as she is always uncomplaining, cheerful, and needs very little assistance. She sends good wishes to all her old friends.

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- 4 salmon steaks (approx. 6 ozs.)
- 2 ozs. butter; 2 egg yolks
- Finely grated rind of an orange
- 2 fl. ozs. orange juice
- 4 teasp. lemon juice
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper
- 4 fl. ozs. dry Vermouth
- 1 tablesp. chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 180C (or 160C fan-assisted). Place each salmon steak on its own piece of lightly-oiled foil. Foil must be large enough to make 'parcels'. To each add a little salt, pepper and a teaspoon of lemon juice. Wrap up each piece of fish in the foil, sealing the edges firmly to keep in the juices. Cook for 15 minutes.

Whilst the fish is cooking, make the sauce as follows. Melt 1 oz. of the butter in a saucepan. Add the orange juice and rind, plus the Vermouth, and heat through. Beat the egg yolks in a bowl, then pour in the hot liquid very slowly, beating continually. Return sauce to pan and stir over a GENTLE heat until sauce begins to thicken. TAKE CARE NOT TO OVERHEAT OR IT WILL CURDLE!

Add the remaining 1oz. butter and the parsley and beat in. Keep sauce warm over a pan of hot water. Remove salmon from foil, take out the bones and skin. Place on a serving dish or on individual plates. Pour the sauce over the fish and decorate with mangetout, parsley or dill.

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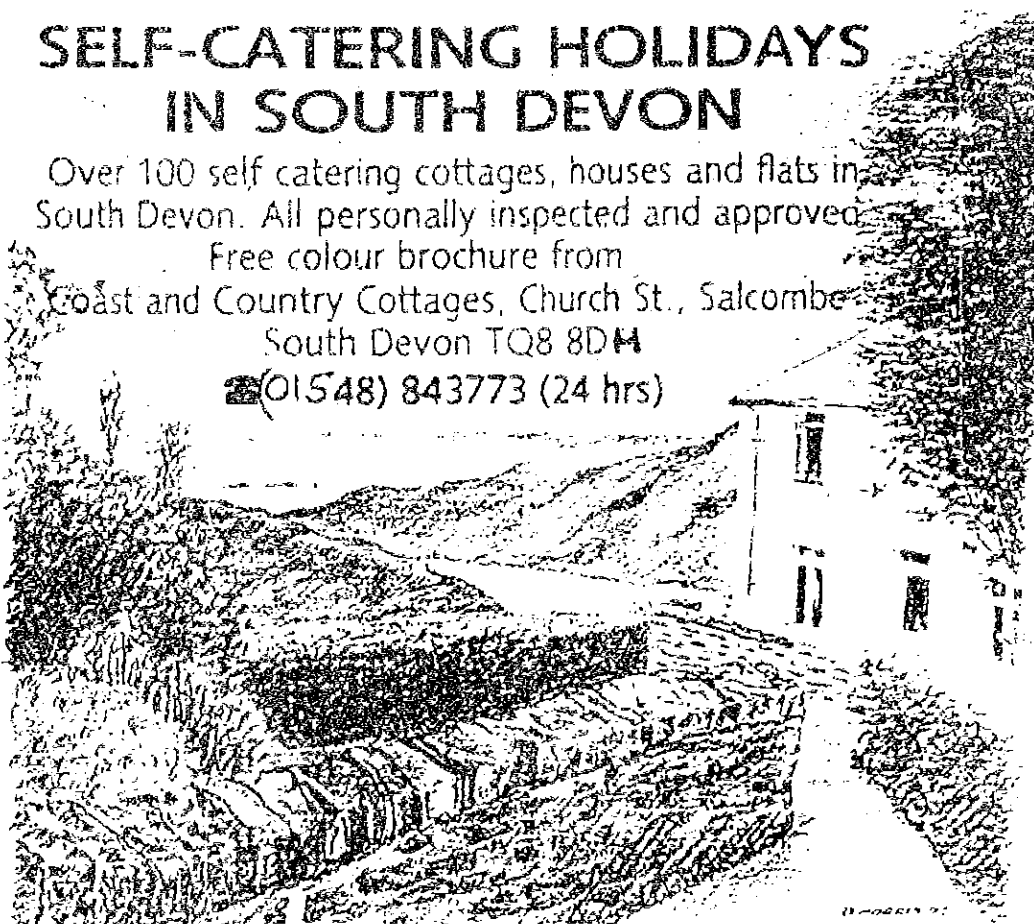
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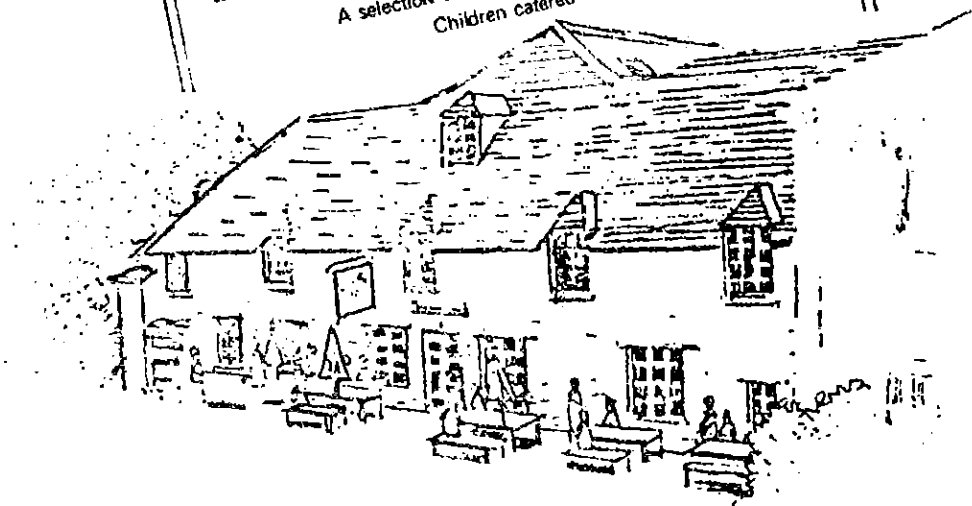
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Greatly enjoyed excursions were made round Old Modbury and to Forde Abbey.....The garden lunch at Rosemary MacKay's was blessed with fair weather and good food.....The County Federation anniversary banner was conveyed to Thurlestone from South Milton by the "old girls of St Trinian's" who caused a certain amount of disturbance on the school bus! Following breakfast at the Parish Hall members waved the banner off on its journey to Churchstow - by Rolls-Royce - accompanied by Thurlestone members in 1920-style 'Flapper' outfits.....

Flushed with success from the Devon County Show....where their entries carried off the two Exeter Express & Echo prizes for newcomers....members are now planning how to retain the Kingsbridge Show cup in September.

Betty Goodman demonstrated savoury party fare at the July meeting, and a talk on "Chemicals in the Environment" is scheduled for September. Anyone is welcome to come and listen to our monthly speakers....phone Pam Brewster (560345) if you would like to come along.

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COUNCIL TAX HIKE - OR RIP-OFF?

"Citizen" reports from the Parish Meeting on 16th June 1995.

Guess who will pay for shuffling round the bureaucrats when Devon's local government is divided up? Yes, you're right - the householders of course. Will the increase be equally spread across all the households in Devon? No, no, it will be determined, County Councillor Simon Day told us, by the procedures of the Standing Spending Assessment, under which - wait for it - "Rural communities are severely disadvantaged". So, for no improvement in services, and a likely deterioration during the inevitable hiatus of reorganisation, the estimate given by the County Treasurer to Cllr Day was a 15% to 20% increase in Council Tax.

This estimate assumes, as seems likely, that Devon reverts in effect to the pre-1973 structure with Exeter as well as Plymouth and Torbay becoming Unitary Authorities. Plymouth will become the 10th largest authority in the country and Devon County Council will drop from 3rd largest now to 20th. Parish Cllr David Grose and others sought reassurance that comparable cuts in costs would be made and that consideration would be given to moving County Hall from Exeter to a smaller, less costly building more central to the new administrative area for the county. Cllr Day was unable to provide reassurance on either point.

It was decided to hold a site meeting for the single storey planning application to build in Rectory Gardens, and to suggest that the proposed Crosslands bungalow be sunk more into the site to lower the roof line.

## COUNCIL REPORT (continued)

On road signs, it was reported:

- (1) that double yellow lines will be painted from the War Memorial to the Post Office
- (2) that "Thurlestone" will be signposted at Langworthy Barn (i.e. the sign through South Milton will not be restored)
- (3) that no date could be given for the 30 mph sign.

Len Hubbard reported that he was encouraged by the widespread support for the restoration of the Pumphouse.

Chairman Peter Hurrell said that he was making the base structure for the "Chanteloupe" cannon which is to be mounted by the bus shelter.

Cllr Stidston volunteered to clear the growth which has enveloped the footpath which used to run from Warren Rd to Swallows. The Council were sure that the restoration of this footpath would be welcomed.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th July 1995.

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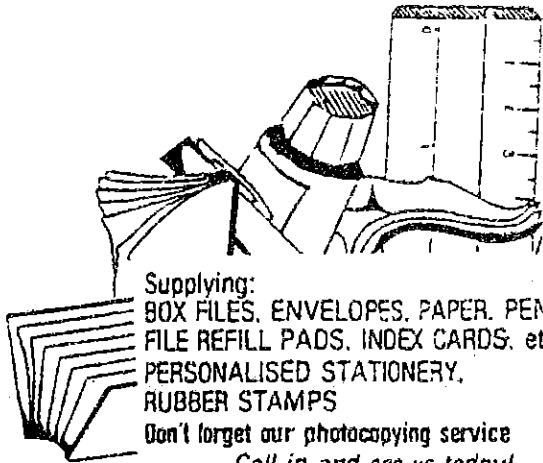
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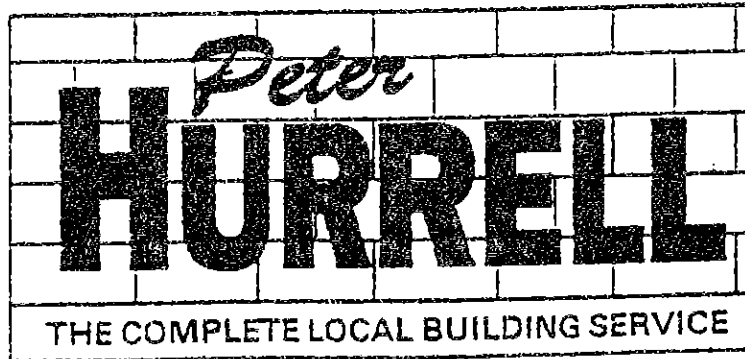
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## TRAMPS PROGRESS

Derek Yeoman writes:

The Summer programme is well and truly under way with two walks every month, on the FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS, weather and other conditions permitting. Numbers walking this year have been down on previous years as 'anno domini' catches up with all of us; after all, the original members of the club are some eight years older than when we first started! Now down to details.

**MAY 3rd LEADER RON SAVAGE.** Only six members turned out, plus the almost mandatory two dogs. The day was perfect, blue sky and a light easterly breeze. The walk was longish at 11.5 miles with a mixture of field paths, open moorland, and country lanes, starting in Horrabridge and continuing via Sampford Spiney, Pew Tor to Merrivale where a picnic lunch was taken. The return journey was to the east of the Walkham River thence to a former railway for 1.5 miles before joining narrow lanes, past Welltown Church to Horrabridge, arriving at 4 pm.

**MAY 17th LEADER IAN FRASER.** Unfortunately Sally and I were unable to join this walk. We were away walking in the Massif Central - through snow, ice, rain and low cloud with at times near-freezing temperatures. Hardly our idea of a summer holiday! England isn't the only country claiming unseasonal weather.

Again only six members turned out for the walk which started at East Prawle via Higher Borough and Lannacombe Green before turning towards the coast joining the path at Lannacombe Beach. They then turned west, following the path to Fish-in-the-Hole Rock where once more they turned inland back to the starting point, a total distance of 9.5 miles. According to all reports it was very enjoyable and with no exciting instances to report.

**JUNE 7th LEADERS ROY & MARJORIE TRAVERS** from Wrangaton, not forgetting their two dogs ... one of which turned the day into an adventure. Eight of us started the walk at Stoke Point car park, not far from Noss Mayo. Heading for the coastal path some half a mile from the car park, we noticed that Ambrose, a dachshund, was missing. It appears a far more interesting smell of wildlife took his fancy and he turned left when we turned right. After about 20 minutes he was found and joined the rest of us who had been enjoying a premature break in glorious sunshine on the coastal path.

The walk along the path continued uneventfully until we reached Cellars Beach at the mouth of the River Yealm. This turned out to be rather exposed to the chilly wind, so the break was cut short and we continued on to Noss Mayo, where two of the party had to leave us. The rest continued via Bridgend and Membland to Eastern Lodge where the owner's daughter informed us that we had trespassed unwittingly on to private land. However, our smooth-talking Leader was able to persuade her to let us through their gate and back to the coastal path and thence to the cars.

## TRAMPS PROGRESS (continued)

Our Leader and his wife, plus dogs - or so they thought - sped off home to Wrangaton. We were leaving a few minutes later when we spotted a dog bearing a close resemblance to Ambrose, even answering to his name, wandering across the car park. It subsequently turned out that, having hopped into the car, Ambrose had hopped out again, unseen. One can imagine the alternatives that were open to us ... would they miss him and come rushing back ... would they think we had brought him back to Thurlestone ... would they think he had gone missing completely ... would they, well think of all sorts of things? We decided in the end to take him to his home at Wrangaton but on arrival there was no sign of his owners. Had they decided to go back to the car park after all? So should we ....?

In the end, having found a house some half a mile from the remote spot where they live, and where Ambrose was known, we arranged to leave him there and leave a message at his owner's home. But guess what? Just as we were leaving the owners turned up, and to hear Bob Nicholls trying to explain why we were at their house when, at that stage, they hadn't missed the dog at all (even when they called into a garden centre on the way home) was quite entertaining. Our efforts were rewarded with an excellent tea in their very splendid garden, with the other dog, much larger and quite lethargic, sitting under the table with a look on his face as if to say "The peace was only short-lived but I shall remember it for the rest of my life!"

**JUNE 17th LEADER SUSAN DWYER.** This was to be an experiment in Saturday walking for a change. Unfortunately the weather was very much against us, with the gardens enjoying their first rain for weeks, so sensibly we decided to cancel and try again in a few months time, when the silly season is over.

**JUNE 21st LEADER RON PARKIN.** A really enjoyable walk in near perfect conditions with nine members turning out, plus the two dogs, the little one this time being kept well under control. The walk started at Cross Furzes some two miles west of Buckfastleigh. We headed south west, joining the Abbots Way, which we followed to (and climbed over) Huntingdon Warren. From there we turned east to Lud Gate for a picnic lunch. After a short break we skirted Scae Wood and thence through Scorrington, Combe and Strole back to our cars. We had covered a total distance of ten miles and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with our new member well and truly hooked.

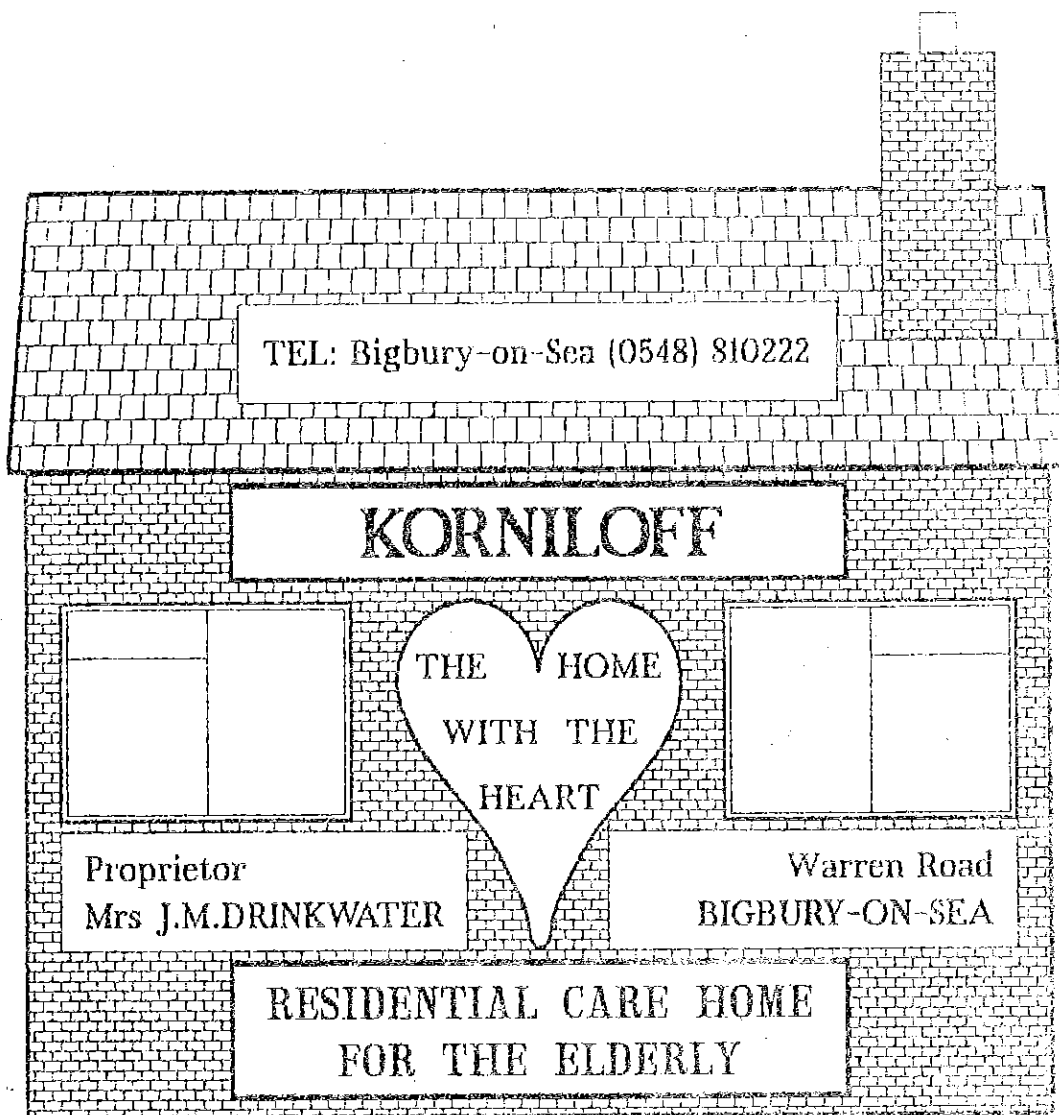
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# DUPLICATE BRIDGE by Rosemary Mackay

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### North

S K Q 6 3 2  
H 5  
D K Q 10 9 8  
C 7 3

### West

S 9 4  
H J 10 6 4  
D J 7 3 2  
C K 6 2

### East

S J 5  
H Q 8  
D A 6 5 4  
C A Q J 8 4

### South

S A 10 8 7  
H A K 8 7 3 2  
D Void  
C 10 9 5

Dealer West - Neither side vulnerable

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| 4     | 2H + 1   | 9      | S      | 140       | -     | 0            |
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| 6     | 2S + 5   | 13     | N      | 260       | -     | 4            |
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## Answers to Clueless Crossword

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## SOUTH HAMS HEART CYCLE RIDE by MICHAEL ALLEN

As reported in the Gazette I completed a 100 mile cycle ride around the South Hams to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation on Saturday 24th June. With weather conditions forecast to be sunny and temperature in the high seventies, I awaited Saturday morning with a certain degree of trepidation.

I awoke on Saturday morning and, much to my relief, found overcast skies with a breeze - ideal conditions. At 8.30 am. I and Howard Munton, my companion for the day, were seen off from Whitestrand car park (Salcombe) and we continued to St Ann's Chapel, Modbury, Brixton, Lee Moor and Ivybridge where we took some refreshments. From here we went to Bittaford and then via the quiet back roads to South Brent and under the A 38 to Avonwick and Totnes for lunch at 1.00 p.m.

The half-way point had been reached and I was feeling good. Only 50 miles to go! From Totnes we carried on to Harbertonford and Halwell where I went through a bad patch as we continued on to Dartmouth. By the time Dartmouth was reached I had got my second wind and was not feeling too bad. Then it was on to Torcross where further refreshment was taken. We passed through Kingsbridge, Churchstow, Thurlestone, South Milton and via Thurlestone Sands and up the hill - where I began to suffer slightly, but briefly, to Galmpton where a sign proclaimed "Cycle Faster", and on to Hope Cove. Salcombe was beckoning.

The journey to Malborough, back past Galmpton, seemed to fly and then on to Salcombe where we arrived at 6.30 p.m. exactly. We were welcomed back by Cllr Mrs Roskrige, Chairman of the South Hams District Council, and Mr Beaumont, Mayor of Salcombe. I didn't feel too bad until I stopped and realised it was all over, and then my legs felt like they were going to drop off! Distance covered 100 miles. Time - 10 hours.

I should like to thank 'Steve' Stevens and Dennis Luke for their support in the back-up vehicle; the Velo Club of Kingsbridge for their help and their company over the latter part of the course; Howard Munton for his company and encouragement which helped to keep me going; but most of all to the local residents who once again willingly gave both their support and encouragement which is greatly appreciated. I hope this year to have raised over £4500 thanks to your tremendous response, and I look forward to seeing many of you over the course of the next few weeks.

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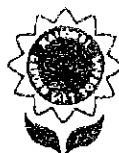
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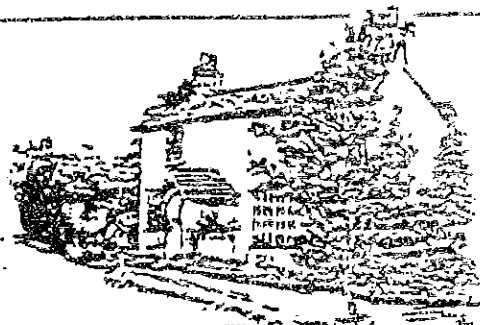
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As you are reading this, spare a thought (if it's the 3rd or 4th August) for the Show committee, who will be hard at work preparing for the 1995 Show which is at Thurlestone this year on SATURDAY 5th AUGUST.

We start on the Thursday evening by collecting extra tables (which are borrowed from West Alvington) and then putting them, and our own Hall tables, in place. (Tables become "benches" at shows!). Next they must be covered, then marked out for the vegetables, flowers and cookery. A measured space is allotted to every item being shown. (This is one of the reasons why late entries cannot be accepted).

If not completed on the Thursday evening the work carries over to Friday morning, when spaces are also marked off for the crafts, flower arrangements and children's classes. It is also the time for checking that all the Show cups have been returned from last year, for checking that nothing has been forgotten for Show day, and a thousand and one other things.

On Friday evening the hall is open to start receiving exhibits. Each entrant is given numbered cards to correspond with the table markings and the process of placing their precious cargo begins. On Saturday morning the reception of goods starts in earnest and what was a trickle on a Friday evening becomes a torrent on Show morning. By 10 am however the hall must be cleared of all people other than officials, and then the very serious business of judging starts!

After an hour or two the prize-winners numbers (exhibitors are only numbers at this stage) start appearing on the judges lists and the pace now quickens...making sure the right cards are placed beside the right exhibits with the right names written on them. Then all the winning points have to be added and calculations made to identify which entrants have won the 13 cups, as well as working out how much cash each prize-winner is to receive.

Around 12.30 pm the assessments are completed, the judges relax and look forward, with the now perspiring committee, to a leisurely lunch and a chat about the morning's work...the standard of entries...the schedule... and all the things that interest show judges and show committees.

Lunch this year will be laid on in the Rectory Barn and, if the weather is kind, we can sit outside and enjoy the sunshine whilst we eat.

At 2.30 pm the hall is looking a picture, vibrant with colour, and ready for the first visitors. It's a good chance, this yearly show, to meet people you might not often see during the course of the year, admire (and sometimes criticise) the exhibits, have a chat, drink a cup of tea, buy a raffle ticket and generally enjoy things, ready at 4 pm or thereabouts to applaud the cup-winners at the prize-giving. About 5 pm the exhibits are borne off by their owners and another session of slog begins...the clearing up.

If this saga of hard work hasn't put you off, may we say we're always grateful each year for any offers to steward or to help in any way at the show...and you get a free lunch too!

See you at the show then - SATURDAY 5th AUGUST, 2.30 pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall.

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#### FAIRY STORY?

The Ministry of Agriculture has ruled that it is illegal to use a substance which has an insecticidal effect if the said substance has not been registered as an insecticide and labelled as to recommended uses.

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#### OVERHEARD AT THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Question: "What's the best time to take cuttings?"  
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#### RARE PLANT

The Botanical Society of the British Isles has been in touch with Thurlestone Mead Property Owners Association to let them know that "There is a very rare Red Data Book wild plant growing at the junction of the footpaths which run on the north and east sides of the Thurlestone Hotel Golf Course. The plant is a four-leaved Allseed (polycarpon tetraphyllum). It was first seen there in 1993 and was nearly exterminated by weedkiller last year. It is a rather small, insignificant plant but it is nationally very important and it likes rough, dry, hard ground. It would therefore be appreciated if this small patch of ground was not sprayed, fertilised, or dug over."

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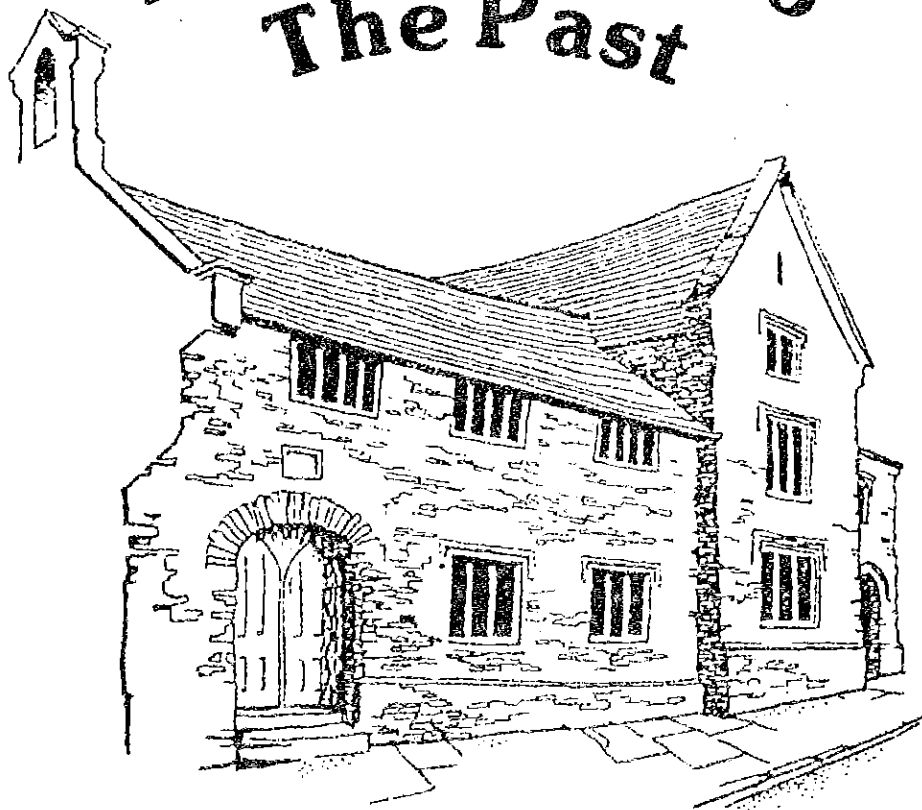
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Sat. 5th HORTICULTURAL SHOW, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm  
Mon. 14th BARKS SYMPATHY FOR HEARING DOGS, 7.30 pm P.Hall  
Wed. 16th TRAMP WALK, North Moors  
TENNIS A.G.M., 6 pm, Pavilion  
Tue. 22nd BARBECUE, Thurlestone village green, 6 pm

### SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1st DEADLINE FOR ALL VV ITEMS & SUPERGUIDE  
Wed. 6th TRAMP WALK, South Moors  
Tue. 12th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall  
Thur. 14th WI 2.30 pm P.Hall "Chemicals in the environment"  
Wed. 20th TRAMP WALK, Moors, Six Stepping Stones  
Fri. 22nd HARVEST T'GIVING All Saints: 7 pm Supper P.Hall  
Tue. 26th FASHION SHOW, Macmillan Nurses (details inside)

### OCTOBER

Wed. 11th TRAMP WALK, Col.Jones s Path, Dartmouth area  
Thur. 12th WI 2.30 P.Hall "Growing up in the thirties"  
BRIDGE EVENING, Macmillan Nurses, Thurlestone  
Hotel (ring 560070)  
Sat. 14th PARISH HALL FAIR, 2.30 pm  
Tue. 24th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall  
Thur. 26th BRIDGE EVENING, Conservatives, 6.30 pm, Hotel

### NOVEMBER

Wed. 8th TRAMP WALK, Malborough/South Milton  
Thur. 9th WI, 2.30 pm Parish Hall - annual meeting  
Sat. 11th Coffee morning 10.30 P.Hall (St.Lukes Hospice)  
Sat. 25th "Dickens of an Evening", WI, details later

### DECEMBER

Sat. 2nd XMAS BAZAAR, Conservatives, P.Hall, 10.30 am  
Tue. 5th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall  
Wed. 6th TRAMP WALK - Xmas lunch - details later  
Thur. 14th WI 2.30, "Story of Xmas Carols" John Delve

### JANUARY

Thur 25th BRIDGE EVENING, Hotel (ring 560070)

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