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Phew, what a hot dry two months since the last issue! This drought seems to have broken most records - for sunshine hours, heat, and lack of rain. Our "Weather Wag" covers the topic in depth, and provides Spring quarterly statistics, in this issue. Meantime (7th September), we still await the arrival of a really good downpour.

If only the parish pump had been working all this time! We might have been spared both the hosepipe ban and the unwelcome attentions of cryptosporidia. Well, maybe not.

At any rate, the pumphouse will shortly be restored to nearly all its former splendour and the occasion will be properly celebrated as you will read herein.

The success of this project in such a short space of time serves to highlight what a generous lot the Thurlestone residents are when the appeal has merit. This is very encouraging for the supporters of the many worthy causes that find their way on to our pages, and which seem to be growing in number in spite of (or perhaps because of) the popularity, and earnings for charity, of the National Lottery.

What we obviously need when the weather breaks are plenty of those clouds with the silver linings.



WELL HERE WE ARE AGAIN. Back into the time when you don't have to fear a knock on the door. You know what I mean. The holidays are over and all those long-lost friends you never knew you had, until they knock on your door, have had to go back to work. So you're safe for another year.

Mind you some of them calling on you is usually your fault. Remember that nice American couple you met on holiday? Remember how they gave you their address, and asked you to be sure and look them up? And you gave them your's, and mumbled something

similar? The difference is that they meant it and you didn't.

Course these holiday friendships cause another problem. Swapping addresses doesn't mean anything to you. But for many of those you meet overseas it triggers another ritual. To your horror you get a Christmas card from them, probably with one of those ghastly family round-robin letters inside about how brilliant their children are and how Clarissa has qualified as a brain surgeon, but she wasn't tall enough and is now a famous gynaecologist, and Ashley...well, Ashley is a multi-millionaire, has been made Lord Chief Justice, and is buying a whole island in the Caribbean for family holidays. Don't you just long for one of those printed letters to tell the truth and reveal that their children are just as dim as yours?

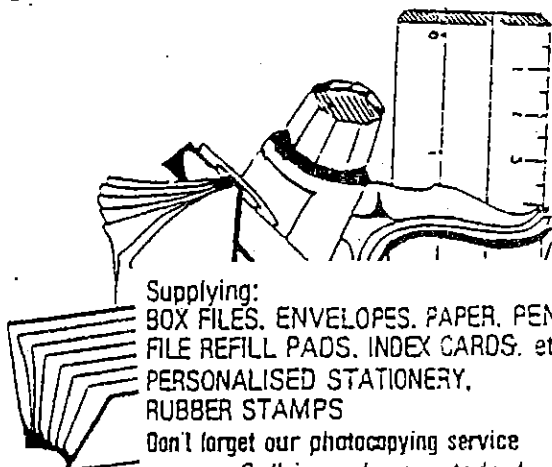
Do not rush out and get a Christmas card to send to them - too late - even if you can find their address. For this is just a ritual dance (done particularly well by Americans). They send one Christmas card to the people they met on holiday that year. Next year you are off their list!

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Not that the village has gone completely quiet. Or if it has it's probably because of the sad hiccup at the Parish Council. You probably heard that Bill Ladd, the Clerk to the Council, had resigned. But I wonder if you realise what a terrible blow this is to the running of our lives. Bill Ladd has been one of the best Clerks to the Council we have ever had. His vast experience of local and district matters ensured that the Parish Council got their way when the district and county wanted things otherwise. He was the man largely responsible for the cleaning up of our sewage problem and the fact that Leas Foot is no longer the sewage capital of the South-West. He drove and bullied and harassed South-West Water until the Thurlestone scheme was the first to be completed in Devon.

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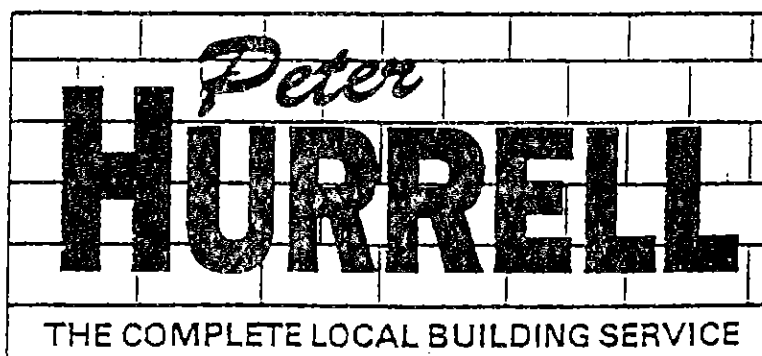
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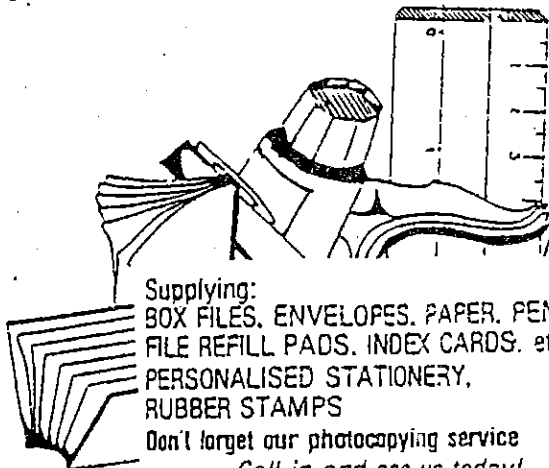
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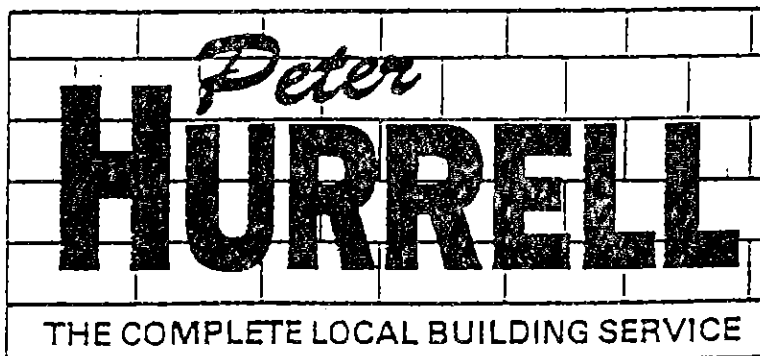
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His diligence and determination to get the best for Thurlestone Parish while carrying out the instructions of the council was second to none. He was the scourge of the district council puffed balls and it is fair to say that when he wrote a letter of complaint, things were put right without the delay that other parishes suffered from Folly House.

His resignation came as a result of those two unhappy bed-fellows - pride and money. Bill was proud of the way he did his job and wanted what he and his fellow clerks around the country considered the going rate for the job. When the parish council decided they could not afford it without increasing their charge to the parishioners, the end came swiftly.

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Everyone round here knows the ruined church at South Huish (call it "Ooosh" if you're local). Can you imagine that happening to Thurlestone Church?

Can you picture All Saints, boarded up and a rain-sodden ruin? Can you see the ivy creeping in and pulling out the mortar until that beautiful thousand-year-old church of ours is just a heap of rubble, roofless, and with just a bit of the tower left standing?

Couldn't happen? That's what they thought about South Huish only a little while ago!

But now we have all got a chance to make sure that such a terrible thing never happens here. There's been a lot of talk about the parlous state of the Church of England's finances. Talk too of economies and the closing down of churches. So much so that a group of locals got together to form "The Friends of Thurlestone Church", linked to a building trust, which has now been registered as a charity by the Charity Commissioners.

The Trust is designed for the restoration and repair of the Thurlestone Church building and will have nothing to do with the day to day running of the church. Basically it is designed to see that our church stands as it does now for another thousand years and more.

Soon everyone in the parish will be getting a leaflet asking them to become a Friend of Thurlestone Church. The Friends are not a religious group. They simply don't want to see another village church in ruins. And who can disagree with that?

Who needs Friends? We do!

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HOT DATE

From the Largs & North Ayrshire Family History Society's Newsletter: "A coffee morning and family history display will be held on Saturday 9th September." (Daily Telegraph)

THE VILLAGE PUMP

The Save Our Old Pumphouse Association (Chairman Len Hubbard) writes about the PUMPHOUSE PROJECT.

Village Voice said it would keep you informed on how the restoration is coming on. Anyone walking or driving down the village street will see that work has started, and it is hoped all will be completed by mid-October.

We have to thank the Parish Council for their good offices in this, for they have underwritten us, on a short-term loan basis, for the whole cost of the restoration. Response to our appeal has been excellent so far, and there are still (at date of writing) more promises to be called in, some house-to-house collecting to be completed, and other fund-raising activities yet to come.

WE HAVE DECLARED SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 1995 "PUMP PRIMING DAY"!

- * 3.00 pm. Official Opening of restored pumphouse. Come and see the refurbished 1834 pump, decorated the occasion by Alice Foster and Margaret Illingworth; also the new seat made by Marsh Dawes, based on a design from the Garden House, Buckland Monachorum.
- * 3.30/5.00 pm. There will be a FREE CREAM TEA in the Parish Hall, to which ALL DONORS AND SUPPORTERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. This is by way of a small 'Thank You' to all those generous people who have given us help and support and who have encouraged us in our efforts to get this project translated into reality.
- * 7.00 pm. There will be a Concert in the Parish Hall PRIMING THE PUMP - an evening of music, words, and fun including a finger-buffet and wine. Tickets for this are £2.50 but hurry to get yours as numbers will be limited. Don't miss out! Apply to either Veronica White (560236) or Len Hubbard (560731).

Sales of limited edition colour prints of how the finished project should look are going well at £10 each (unframed). Please contact Len Hubbard should you wish to buy one.

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INDOOR FUNGUS FORAY

On Tuesday 10th October at 7.30 pm, in Thurlestone Parish Hall Phil Page (English Nature warden, Yarner Wood) invites you to come on a journey through the mysterious world of fungi. Discover a range of edible delicacies without even leaving your seat! The brave will also have the opportunity to try samples of his fungal fry-up. Mmmmmm - mouthwatering!

No need to book in advance. Just turn up on the night.

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Tourist: "This is a very dangerous cliff. Why don't they put up a 'Danger' sign?"

Native: "Well, we did have a sign once, but as nobody fell over, it was considered an eyesore at such a beautiful spot and taken down."

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CAN EWE BELIEVE IT?

As explained in the 'Northern Echo' life was looking grim for Lucy the ewe when she lost her back right leg after an attack by a dog. But Farmer Proud nursed her back to health and even had an artificial leg fitted, which worked fine until Lucy became pregnant and grew too heavy for it. The farmer tried various alternatives without success until his enterprising wife came up with a brilliant solution - packing a lot of old yoghurt pots together, and padding the top one. "It worked a treat - she was running round as good as new in no time" said Farmer Proud of Lucy, who now had two healthy lambs in tow.

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From time to time we are warned that the rat population is a growing menace. It is becoming a world-wide problem. In the Philippines they have been suffering through rats ravaging their rice crop fields. Not wanting to use poison, they agreed to try cats - wild cats! They actually imported feral felines, known as 'musang', from an island where these animals were plentiful. More of these cats were bred and eventually released on to the rat-infested ricefields. But they were chagrined to find that they were daytime hunters. They slept at night - when the rats were at their most active. So now they have added a cat problem to their existing rat problem!

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I dare say you could make a few comments about motoring in holiday periods. Give a thought to the proposed change of the A38, with the extra lanes needed to give it Motorway status. I just wonder - what will happen on all the narrow feeder roads which permit the traffic to enter the South Hams area? No doubt our wonderful planners are working on the subject!

CROSS FIRE

A report in the Kent & Sussex Courier, describing a local VJ-Day celebrations exhibition, stated:

"Younger visitors were impressed by an armoured car in the car-park, and a vicar's water-cooled machine gun in the porch."

(Daily Telegraph)

"ALL SAINTS" NEWS

A well-attended and successful garden fete in July raised £2308, and this was followed, in August, by yet another pleasurable event - a barbecue on the war memorial green. The lovely weather helped (it was a warm sunny evening).

An astonishing number of hot dogs and beefburgers had been prepared by the valiant cooks and were hungrily devoured. Gallons of cider, Coca-cola and orange squash were downed and, for many, a cake from the very busy stall rounded things off.

Elsewhere people were furiously shying at piles of tins which refused to collapse, testing their skills at other games, having pony rides, buying cards, books, raffle tickets, or just sitting on the grass, chatting and watching the world go by. In no time at all £750 was raised towards new church lighting.

All those involved - organisers, workers, players, eaters, drinkers, and those who spent their money so generously - are to be congratulated and thanked for both of these happy occasions.

P.B.

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THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW RESULTS

Drought conditions in the run up to the Show caused entry numbers to fall below usual levels, but nevertheless those exhibits that survived for 5th August provided the customary colourful feast for the eyes. The committee thanks the sporting entrants, the judges, the helpers, friends and visitors, for their continuing support and interest.

While most exhibitors bemoaned the dry weather, it did have one benefit - spectator figures were excellent!

Cup winners at the Show were:

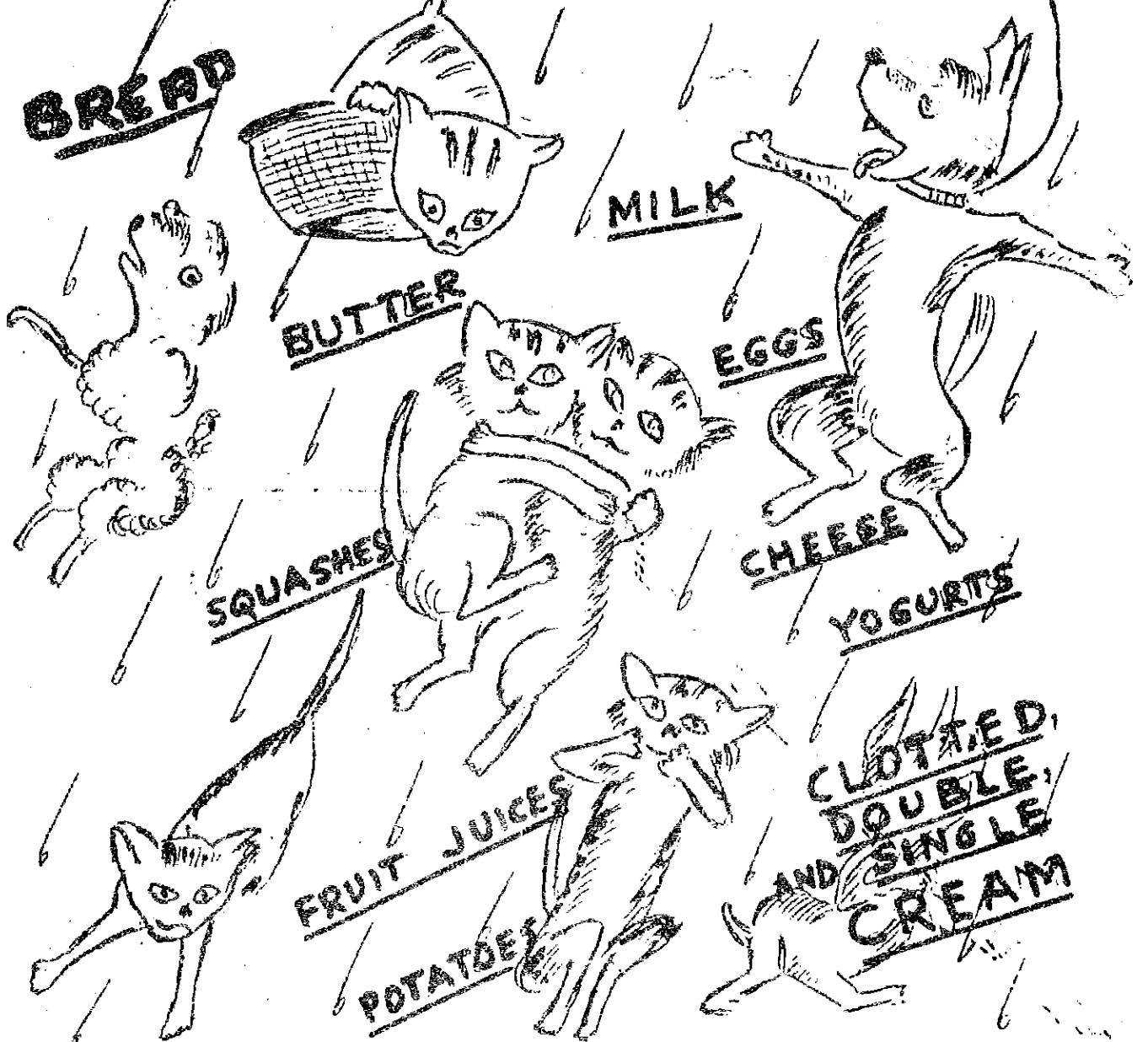
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S. DWYER (4)	V. TANNER
L. GUNNING	DERRICK YEOMAN

We would be delighted to welcome to our committee anyone who is interested in the annual show. We are not a horticultural society - we just put on a once-a-year show and hold about five short committee meetings (evenings) a year.

We are having our Annual General Meeting this year at 7.30 pm on MONDAY 16th OCTOBER at 25 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, so do come along if you're interested - we'd be pleased to see you.

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THE CASE FOR BOWLS

Dear Editor

There has been a lot written in the local press recently about the Kingsbridge swimming pool project and its undoubted attractions. What seems to have been forgotten is that incorporated in this plan is an indoor bowls rink, but not a word has been said about this for some time. I wonder why? Could it be that people think it's only for the 'oldies' and not worthy of comment? How patronising if this is the case!

Bowls, both indoor and outdoor, is a game of considerable skill, played by people from 9 to 90! There is no age barrier, the matches are keenly contested but always played in the friendliest and most sportsmanlike spirit, and it is a sport in which men and women can compete on equal terms.

So please, readers, if you are asked, do support us in our endeavours - and why not come and join us? There are a number of indoor bowls rinks in Devon and all thrive, so why shouldn't ours? It would bring visitors to the town and district, which can only be a good thing, and provide a most pleasant and enjoyable facility for all.

Margaret Cullum

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A NAME MAKES!

Dear Editor

Reference your piece about the rare plant in the last issue. I have written to the Botanical Society of Great Britain to advise them that I know the location of another flourishing crop of Four-leaved Allseed.....my garden!

I spent a good deal of time last year waging war on this small carpeting weed, unaware that it was in danger of extinction nationally. When I realised what I had been destroying I rushed down the garden to check whether any had survived my onslaughts. Yes, there was quite a bit left despite all my efforts of 1994. I breathed a sigh of relief and am now treating last year's "obnoxious weed" with the reverence due to this year's "endangered wild flower".

A. J. Gardener

SWEET IRONY

Dear Editor

The published proposal to introduce parking restrictions in Thurlestone village will, if implemented, surely cause considerable aggravation and annoyance to the residents of Parkfield. A string of double yellow lines running bilaterally through the village from the Post Office Stores, past the village pub, the hotel and church, as far as the war memorial, will certainly add colour to the proceedings if nothing else.

Driving through the quiet bypassed village of Aveton Gifford one can only view the placing of double yellow lines with a certain incredulity on this more recently declassified stretch of road, when one is accustomed to struggling to get through West Alvington past parked cars (many with broken wing mirrors) which are positively encouraged to park on the main A-grade road from Kingsbridge towards Salcombe. It has become an everyday annoyance to sit waiting to shuttle past these vehicles in twos and threes this summer whilst in excess of twenty vehicles exercise their right of way in the opposite direction. That the police would appear to condone this parking obstruction to free passage in the cause of traffic calming will not be lost upon villagers who use the route every day!

No doubt these obvious contradictions appear logical to some bureaucratic mind, but I have to confess that they are lost on me when other established methods of traffic calming and parking control might be used selectively and in less 'blanket fashion' to the overall benefit of the community.

Keith Millman

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N.S.P.C.C. (Thurlestone Branch)

Dear Editor

A very happy and successful coffee morning was held on 20th July and in blazing sunshine raised just over £400.

The committee would like to thank their many friends for supporting this event and particularly Yvette and John Dare who made everyone feel so welcome in their charming house and garden.

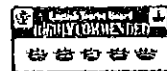
Mollie Oswald (Chairman)

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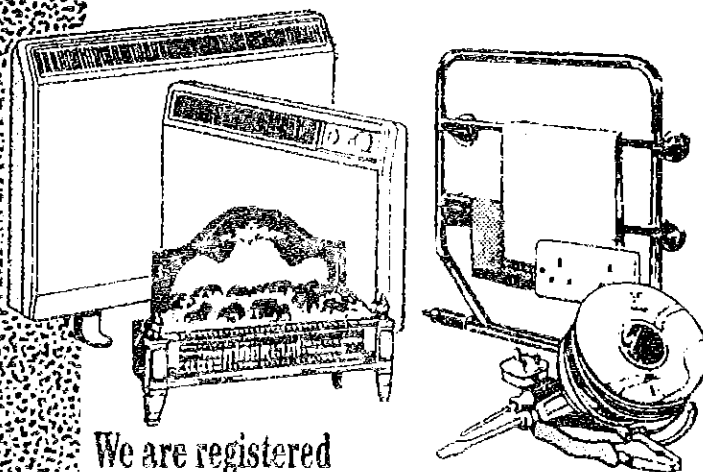
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In the second half of the nineteenth century, seaside resorts continued to grapple with the conflicting interests of invalids and the elderly who sought peace and quiet mainly in the winter months and holidaymakers who wished to enjoy themselves in the summer. Years of propaganda had conditioned the public to accept the value of sea water and a bland climate in the promotion of good health. Indeed, some resorts went so far as to proclaim their virtues for specific complaints. For example, Salcombe for "consumptives and those with overwrought intellects", Torquay and Dawlish for those "labouring under chest complaints", Teignmouth for those "whose health was impaired by long stays in tropical climates", and Ilfracombe for the "aged and infirm".

The resorts, whilst wishing to retain the elderly and infirm (and the money they brought with them), were worried that too much emphasis on health might frighten away fit and active visitors. They decided to publicise the beaches, the good air and entertainments, with a view to attracting young people, adding "the general population is quite large enough to dilute the ailing members to scarcely observable proportions". This policy, aided by the new railways, attracted many visitors, especially to Torquay where they soon put an intolerable strain on the water supply and sewage system. Increasing the supply of water caused no major problems, as the distribution and size of the reservoirs followed the needs of the population. Sewage was another matter, especially as there was no suitable level ground for a sewage works near the waterfront. Even if there had been, it is doubtful whether the town council and the holidaymakers would have welcomed it. When bathers complained of pollution of the sea, major improvements were made, although they were quite inadequate by modern standards.

Most of the new arrivals at the resorts were ordinary middle-class people who had little time for assembly rooms, gaming tables and circulating libraries. They enjoyed the beaches and sea bathing, but they also sought intellectual recreation in ways that had not occurred to former generations.

Marine biology, of all things, appealed to some of them, especially at Ilfracombe, with the result that tidal pools were "stripped by an army of well-meaning collectors". When Charles Kingsley's sister wrote a book on the joys of Devon's ferns, she "started a flood of collectors who explored corners of the county that had rarely been visited". Some, wishing to trace the footsteps of Blackmore and Kingsley in North Devon found that "each town, each hamlet, hill or heath is associated either with Lorna Doone or Westward Ho!". Lorna Doone was so successful in the USA that, by the end of the century, substantial numbers of Americans booked into hotels in Lynton and Lynmouth. Blackmore regretted that one of England's least-known beauty spots was converted into a prosperous tourist centre, while Kingsley was dismayed when he heard that Westward Ho! had become just another seaside resort.

Amongst other attractions, music was popular but military bands and local players were not appreciated; instead, the larger resorts were forced to hire professionals, preferably from abroad. The first golf club in the county opened at Westward Ho! in 1864; others soon followed. Tennis was popular from about 1880. Yet sea bathing was the most popular of all and could be enjoyed by whole families. At first, separate beaches were demarcated for males and females, mixed bathing being forbidden until the Paignton Urban District Council saw fit to allow it in 1896; others followed their lead.

Rowdy elements were discouraged at all resorts, in order that a sense of decorum and security might be preserved. Pleasure piers were banned, but promenade piers were in order, to allow visitors to "stroll above the heaving waves". Short trips by steamer were popular.

After 1850 the resorts on the north coast began to thrive. Ilfracombe relied much on steamers from ports in the Bristol Channel but could not depend on them. Services were liable to be cancelled without notice, as happened at the height of the summer season in 1851, leaving hundreds of holidaymakers stranded. There were difficulties in developing a railway system because such lines as were available had different gauges; a line from Barnstaple to Ilfracombe was eventually opened in 1874. Thus the resort, now served by both steamers and railway, became the third largest in the county, after Torquay and Exmouth. A description in 1869 shows its character "The world of Ilfracombe fashion is a slightly miscellaneous one. First and foremost comes the Bristolian contingent....then we have a truly formidable array of elderly spinster ladies.... they swarm prolifically over the rocks and hills.... and give tea parties. London has contributed its quota, with young men and old ladies.... we are as pleasantly diversified an assemblage as we could wish".

This combination of elderly people seeking a safe haven alongside young men and women in the summer season applied to all Devon's seaside resorts, as indeed it still does.

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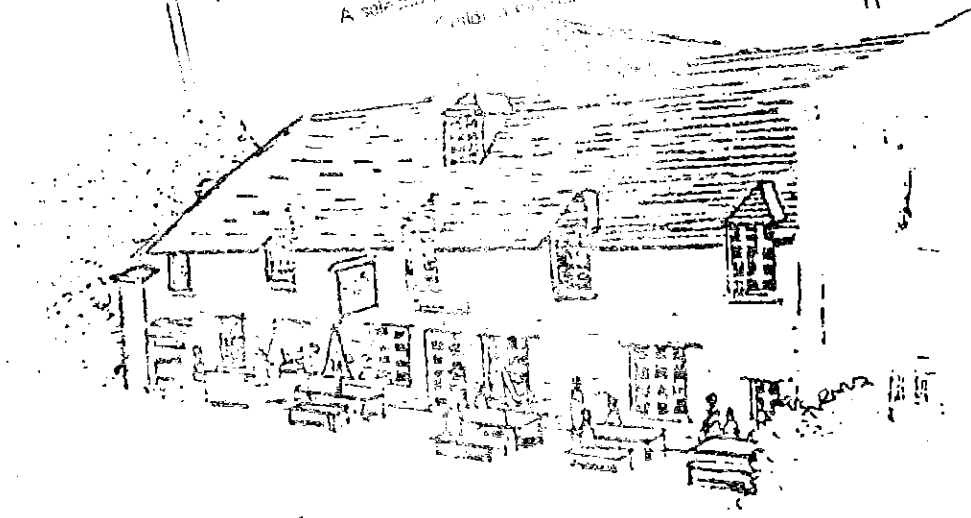
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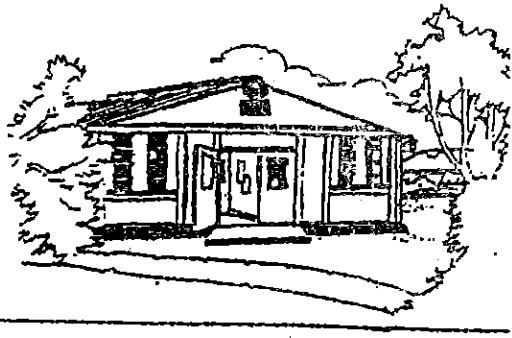
A visit to any of Devon's seaside resorts now, whether it be Torquay or one of a dozen or so smaller townships scattered along the coast, is a journey into the past. Here are the rows of late Georgian and Victorian houses with a promenade along the seashore and perhaps a former assembly room or circulating library now used for another purpose. The elegant men with their tall hats and the ladies with their bustles have gone, but the buildings, the shops and the streets they left behind are still there. As darkness falls they seem to be

"Thronged with quiet, inoffensive ghosts,
Impalpable impressions on the air,
A sense of something moving to and fro"

The Devon resorts have retained a rather peaceful and relaxed air which separates them from most other English resorts. Maybe this is partly a relic of former times and is perpetuated by their remoteness from the main centres of population in the country. Their extravagant claims as health resorts have been replaced by emphasis on family holidays, to supplement the provision made for elderly and retired people. The trappings of the twentieth century have transformed day to day existence, for example, electricity, gas, tap water, washing machines, radio telephones, television and, perhaps most significant of all, the motor car with the improved roads it demands.

A leisurely drive now along the coastal resorts reveals the remarkable developments of the present century. Several of the resorts have doubled their population, to accommodate newcomers and owners of second homes and to cater for the needs of the summer visitors. Everywhere the dominance of the family car is easy to see. For the local residents it is an essential part of their way of life, which is much restricted without one. For visitors, their holiday starts when they load the car with everything they need for a trip to the seaside. Some may head for the hotels and boarding houses, but lately more and more go to the less expensive holiday camps and holiday parks, where their children may roam at will. A few, wishing to escape from the crowds and hurlyburly of life in the big cities, pitch their tents in remote corners along the coast. Almost all make for the sandy beaches, tending to spurn the shingle of Sidmouth, Budleigh Salterton and Seaton.

The ages of summer visitors have undergone a significant change in the past 50 years. Whereas formerly all ages were represented, latterly young adults have looked for something more exciting. Feeling their oats and wishing to loosen family ties, many escape to the Costas of Spain and other exotic places. There, the unattached are free to meet others of their age and to share the delights with young married couples who have found such trips to be within their means. The disappearance of so many from Devon's sandy beaches has dented local trade but surely, with slowly increasing national prosperity, others will come forward to take their place.



THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

The Chairman reports:

You will be sorry to learn that the Thurlestone & South Milton Football Club will after many years - due to the lack of a suitable football pitch - be severing its ties with Thurlestone and particularly the parish hall. It was in 1975/76 that the extension was added to the structure of the hall to form changing rooms, showers, etc. for the club. This has not been used for some time now.

Over the years this part of the hall has deteriorated and is now in desperate need of repair and renovation, which will probably cost about £5,000/£6000. This would appear to be the next major project the hall committee will have to consider.

I am pleased to report that the installation of the secondary glazing will take place in the near future. This, you will recall, was generously given to the hall as a result of the good offices of Tony Luddington's son, and should make the hall warmer for the winter.

I would like to take the opportunity of reminding you that the

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You will be pleased to know that the hall now has a Public Entertainments licence.

I shall, after three years in office, be resigning at the next A.G.M. The committee will be looking for a new chairman to take them into 1996 and subsequently. Please let Dorothy Stone or myself know if you are interested or have any suggestions.

Lastly, I would commend you to make a generous contribution to the restoration of the old pumphouse, on which Len Hubbard and a group of Parish residents have embarked.

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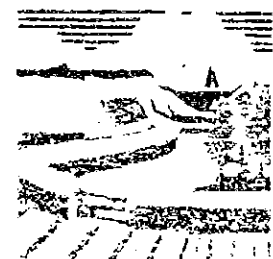
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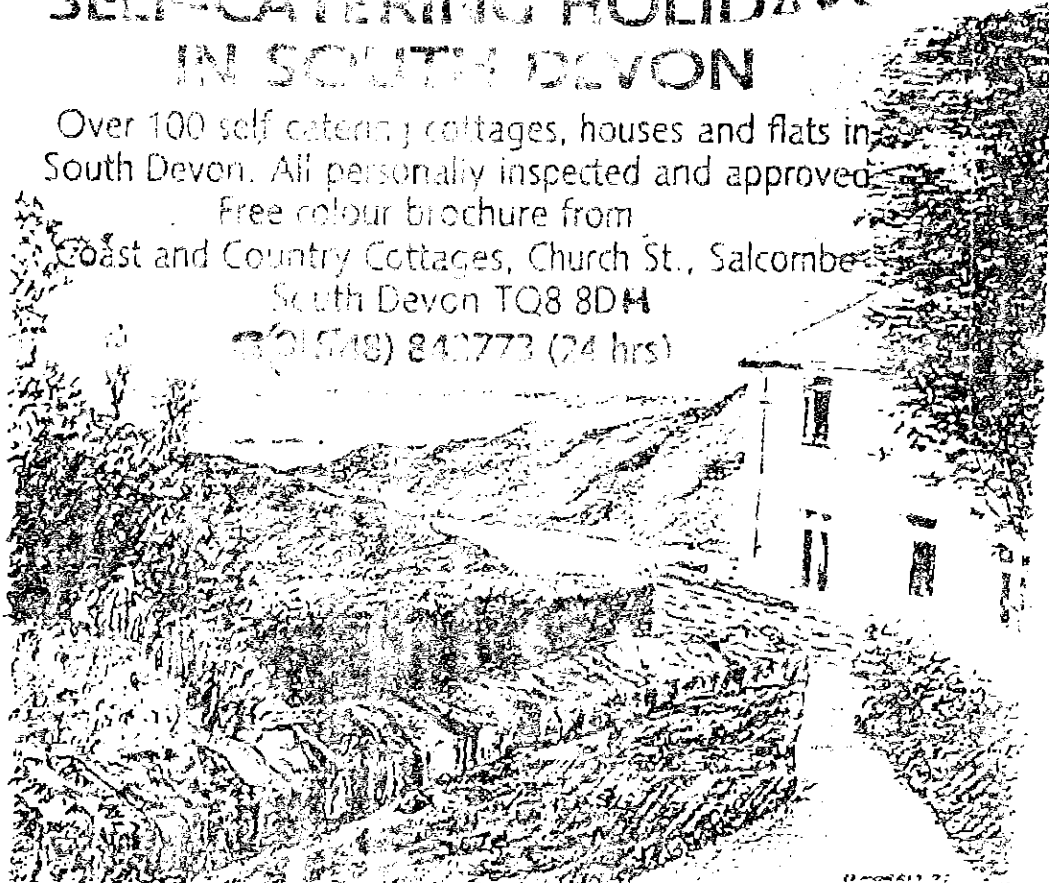
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Elizabeth Tucker, Electoral Administrator, South Hams District Council, has sent us the following important information:

1. The Register of Electors is compiled each year with a qualifying date of the 10th October.
2. A form is required by law to be completed and returned from each household - forms were sent out at the end of August. If you did not receive one, contact South Hams District Council, Electoral Registration Office.
(Telephone: 01803-861234, extensions 419, 129 or 244)
3. **PERSONS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE A FORM MAY BE LIABLE FOR A FINE OF UP TO £1000.**
4. Only those persons whose names appear on the new Register will be entitled to vote in any elections held between 16.2.96 and 15.2.97.
5. You may have difficulties opening bank accounts, receiving credit, obtaining mortgages etc. if your name does not appear on the Register. More and more companies are using the register as a credit reference.

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FARMLAND BIRD THREAT

Farmland bird populations, according to a recent report by the British Trust for Ornithology, are in severe decline. Ten species - tree sparrow, grey partridge, turtle dove, spotted flycatcher, bullfinch, song thrush, lapwing, reed bunting, skylark, and linnet - have more than halved in numbers over the past 25 years. Other species which were common on farmland a few decades ago are now so rare there are no longer enough for researchers to survey - corncrake, yellow wagtail, snipe, curlew and corn buntings. The red-backed shrike is now extinct as a regular breeding species.

Some three million fewer breeding skylarks are singing in Britain's countryside. The intensification of farming is believed to be one of the reasons, but the precise reasons as they affect each species are harder to pinpoint. Farming covers a large part of the landscape - particularly in Devon - and the losses of such a wide variety of birds is affecting many people, not just birdwatchers, who enjoy the countryside.

The Trust is launching an appeal to help pay for research into specific reasons for the decline and to find ways of boosting numbers again. All is not black in the report, however, as it goes on to say that fifteen bird species have increased their numbers by more than a quarter over the past 25 years, and these include the chaffinch, mallard, and cuckoo.

WEATHER WAG - JAN TURNER

The phenomenon for this issue has got to be DROUGHT! Ingrid Holford's book defines drought in the meteorological sense as a lack of rain (or snow), the predominant characteristic of high pressures systems called anticyclones. Upper air subsides and warms over the centre of the anticyclones thereby restricting the vertical development of cloud. When air is moist and suffers radiation cooling, shallow low cloud or fog may form BUT THERE IS NO RAIN!

For statistical purposes the Meteorological Office uses the following definitions which are geared for climates expecting some rain at all times of year:

ABSOLUTE DROUGHT - a period of 15 consecutive days without rainfall of more than 0.01 ins. (0.2 mm).

PARTIAL DROUGHT - a period of 29 consecutive days with a MEAN rainfall of 0.01 ins. (0.2 mm) or less. Such a period may include a short duration of appreciable rainfall which disappears into insignificance when averaged over 29 days.

A DRY SPELL - a period of 15 consecutive days, none of which has more than 0.04 ins (1.0 mm) rainfall.

Periods of very dry weather are not a new phenomenon as we have so often been reminded lately. Dates such as 1625, 1765 and 1976 have all been noted as disastrous drought years. There are others documented but not always appreciated.

Joseph of Egypt was perhaps the earliest predictor of a drought with his seven lean years following seven fat ones. His advice was to store food. Julius Caesar when invading Britain in 54 BC, records that there was little local food available on account of the dryness. He also commented on the persistent northerly winds which suggests that there was a huge anticyclone extending from the Azores to Great Britain, forcing the track of depressions to pass far to the north of the British Isles.

In 1252 people were able to cross the R. Shannon in Ireland without getting their feet wet. The Great Plague year, 1665, had a dry cold winter and spring, and on 11th April King Charles warned the Lord Mayor of London of the dangers of fire in the closely overhanging narrow streets. From November 1665 to September 1666 every month was drier than usual, and by August the Thames was reduced to a trickle at Oxford. The Great Fire started on 2nd September 1666 and 13,000 buildings were destroyed. Luckily it rained on the 9th September to end the devastation.

So to 1976. This was and is the most severe drought England and Wales has experienced since we kept rainfall records. The preceding five years were also drier than usual, so water reserves in the water table underground were already lower than they usually are. The mean rainfall for those years was 32 ins. or 826 mm per annum. We experienced 70% less rain than average in the year 1975.

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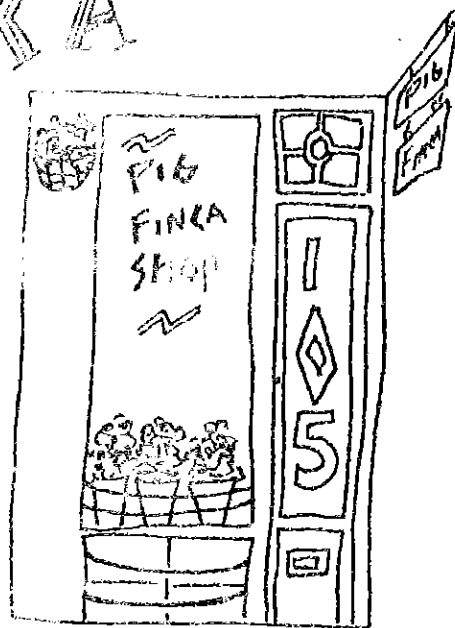
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WEATHER WAG - JAN TURNER

There is so much more I could tell you about drought but I'll confine it to the following thought. When we have this abnormally long spell of high pressure, the usual batches of low pressure (depressions) are re-routed elsewhere, sometimes moving to the north (e.g. Iceland) and sometimes to the south (e.g. southern Europe). In these areas they experience more often than not abnormally high rainfall for that time of the year; so that there can be floods in Italy and southern France; and even in Greece and North Africa they can have very unusual weather (i.e. rainfall). Expressed in percentage terms, in 1976 southern Italy had 150% more, southern Greece 800%, Algiers 2000% and parts of western Algeria as much as 3200% more rain. I sometimes wonder which is worse - too much or too little!

Finally, I would like to show you the weather records for the three months of the second quarter of 1995 (April, May, June) covering rainfall, temperature, and wind direction and speed, together with the quarterly totals. These statistics will build up throughout the year, and should make interesting reading (I hope) for us all.

WEATHER STATISTICS FOR 2nd QUARTER 1995

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
RAINFALL				
Month Total (mm)	46.92	46.82	10.55	104.29
Days of rain	11	12	7	30
Wettest day (mm)	22.13	19.14	3.54	22.13
TEMPERATURE				
Month Average (C)	11.3	13.48	16.64	13.8
Highest temp	22.5	27.1	29.3	29.3
Lowest temp	-0.1	0.7	6.5	-0.1
WIND DIRECTION				
Westerly (Days)	12	14	14	40
Easterly	17	15	14	46
Northerly	1	1	2	4
Southerly	0	1	0	1
WIND SPEED				
Strongest (mph)	41	44	36	44
Days below 5 mph	13	9	10	32

Parish Council Meeting

12th September 1995

BOBBY BACK ON THE BEAT

"Our very own community policeman, Martin Rushforth, will be looking after us from October onwards" Inspector Patrick informed the meeting. He also warned us to be on the alert for bogus 'antique dealers', and not to hesitate to pass on to the police any unusual activity, registration numbers, leaflets, etc. The cherry pickers he warned us about had appeared but he was pleased to report that one suspect had been arrested.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

After the reorganisation the remaining Devon County Council will have the problem of running the same functions and committees but with far fewer county councillors, so to keep their workload within reasonable bounds more councillors will be needed, each with smaller wards.

STRUCTURE PLAN

The local impact of this plan is a new town the size of Newton Abbot in the South Hams by 2011 - which everyone is against. It anticipates a population increase of 50,000 in Devon as a whole requiring 30,000 more new houses. The council will be represented at the next two meetings dealing with the Plan and will report back at the Council meeting on 17th October.

NEW PARISH CLERK

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Lonsdale to his first meeting as the new Parish Clerk.

PARISH HALL

The double glazing will soon be installed, and the new urn is already in use.

PUMP HOUSE

Len Hubbard reported that the fund stood at nearly £2,200, that the seat and the casing had been made, and that he was confident all the work would be completed by the planned grand opening on 28th October.

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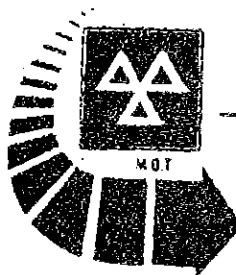
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10-12 ozs. lean chicken (cut into 2" cubes)

1 clove garlic (optional)

1 medium onion (finely chopped)

$\frac{1}{2}$ red pepper (chopped)

1 teasp. whole grain mustard

$\frac{1}{4}$ pt. apple juice

$\frac{1}{4}$ pt. chicken stock

2 tablesp. oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. mixed herbs) These quantities are

$\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. tarragon) for dried herbs. If

$\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. parsley) using fresh (nicer!)

1 - 2 tables. Marsala or sweet sherry (optional)

2 tables. double cream or Elmlea

Heat oil in a large pan then cook chicken until brown. Add onion and red pepper then lower heat and stir until slightly soft. Add crushed garlic, stock, apple juice, mustard and, if using them, the dried herbs. Cook until chicken is tender and vegetables soft, season with salt and pepper, add Marsala or sherry. Turn up the heat to reduce the liquid slightly, finally adding cream and, if using, the chopped fresh herbs.

NEWS FROM THE W.I....NEWS FROM THE W.I....NEWS FROM THE W.I....

Entering the Kingsbridge Show on 2nd September, we took the silver cup for the second successive year with our collective entry. Congratulations to leading Home Economics light and enthuser-in-chief Mary Johnson and her team of cooks and craftswomen - Elsie and Pam Brewster, Alice Foster, Janet Fraser, Rosemary Mackay and Violet Tanner - who produced the items, and to Norma Kendall and Pat Macdonald for help with staging and display. 'Twas a proper job!

Our September speaker was Dr David Taylor, whose subject was "Chemicals in the Environment". We are looking forward now to our October speaker, Margaret Pratt, talking about growing up in the nineteen-thirties. She is brilliantly funny and brings with her masses of appropriate accessories with which to illustrate her words. She's a real tonic. Not to be missed! Visitors are most welcome to join us to hear her at 2.30 pm.

Rehearsals for the cabaret slot at the November supper are in progress, and are being much enjoyed, under the guidance and expertise of Val Brown.

SOLOMONS JUDGEMENT

The following letter appeared in The Times earlier this year written by E.J.Corrin of Northants. "Success in export markets requires quality products and imaginative marketing. Members of the Women's Institute in Leyburn, N.Yorkshire, are thus to be congratulated on achieving sales of their jams and chutneys in a dispensary in Honiara in the Solomon Islands, all neatly marked with their makers' names; a fact which I discovered on a recent visit to Guadalcanal."

A phone call to the N.Yorkshire Federation of WIs revealed that an expatriate Brit whilst home on leave from the chemical importing business he runs in the Far East, enjoyed the preserves produced by his local WI Market. When the time came for him to return abroad, he expressed sorrow at having to be deprived of these goodies until his return in two years time. Purely as a joke the market ladies suggested that he should arrange to export several years' supply next time he came home. They were taken by surprise when, in advance of his return, they were asked to assemble a large collection of soft fruit jams, marmalades, and chutneys, so that when he came back he could send them out East. This they duly did. How they came to be on re-sale in Honiara is a bit of a mystery!

There is a very good WI Market in Kingsbridge every Wednesday from 8.30 am to noon.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Notice in a cafe kitchen on the Island of Mull. "Will ladies please rinse out teapots then stand upside down in the sink. On no account must hot bottoms be placed on the worktops."

(Daily Telegraph)

PJP

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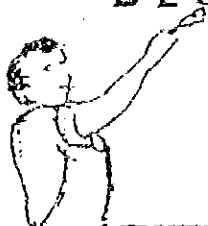
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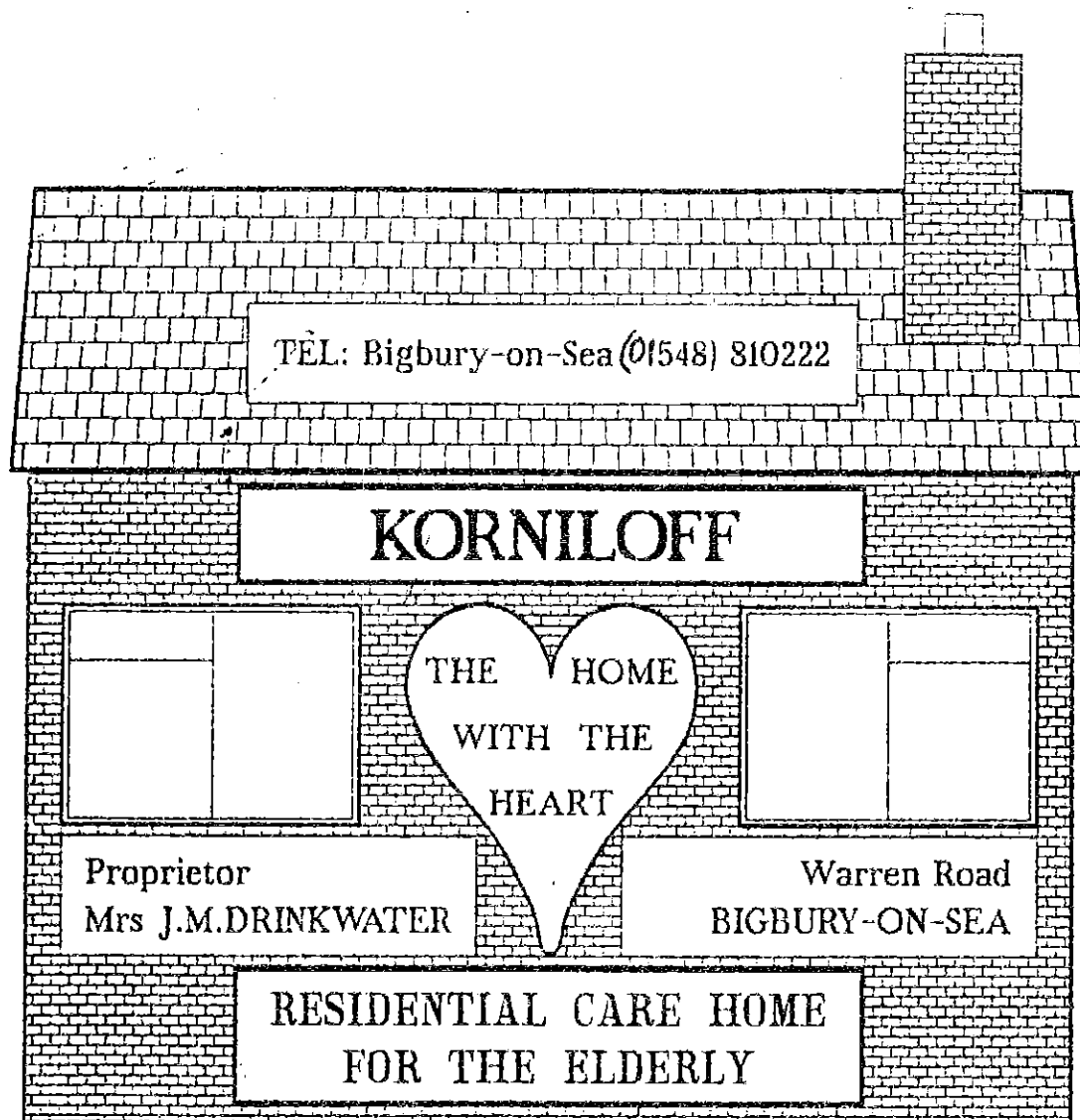
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I Remember...

We continue our series of memories of times past from people present with Michael Inchbald, now living in Chelsea, recalling his days with "Great-Uncle Donald". Michael Inchbald's grandfather built The Downs and it was completed as "The Grey House" in late August 1909.

Michael Inchbald writes:

"One of my earliest recollections of my great-uncle, Donald Ilbert, the son of the Reverend Courtenay Peregrine Ilbert, who had built what we now call the Old Rectory, was in 1925 when (aged five) I was walking down the drive from the Grey House, more or less holding on to the pushchair which held my younger brother Anthony. (Anthony was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards and was killed in Italy in 1943)

"Kathleen, our nurserymaid, who was 16-17, pretty, blonde, and nubile, was guiding the pushchair. As we trundled on down Rock Hill on our way to Yarmer or Leas Foot we passed, as usual, the heavy, solid (bark still on) palisade gates of the house called Rock Hill, the gates much taller in those days and always tightly shut. However, this time I noticed one was slightly open, which surprised me. (At this point I should tell you that my mother, brown-haired and aged 31, was called Rosemary)

"Suddenly out sprang great-uncle Donald who, in a trice, had enfolded Kathleen in his arms and smothered her in kisses saying 'Rosemary! How lovely to see you!' As a small boy I thought it very funny that he made such a silly mistake. It was not until I was older that I realised he had not made a mistake at all.

"Soon after the Grey House was completed my father, Geoffrey, told me that they held a Fancy Dress dance in the new house. Those were the days when everyone was heavily dressed from top to toe. So it was with some shock that his mother received great-uncle Donald, who arrived half-naked, dressed in bits of fur, leather, and feathers, and with a rather evil-smelling hairy thing hanging from his belt. 'Whatever is that?' asked my father, then about thirteen. 'A human scalp', replied great-uncle Donald. It was a curio (but evidently not properly cured!) from his trip round the world as a young man.

"On this journey he had obtained a Redskin outfit during his time in Canada and the United States; had tried his hand as a cowboy; taken part in the Gold Rush; skated into an unseen ice quarry on Lake Winnipeg; lost most of his money to card-sharpers on board ship, and given the rest to a hard-luck story on disembarking at Quebec. He later reached Fiji, and I remember seeing the illustrated notebooks he kept of his travels. I could 'read' his drawings, but not the small, close handwriting.

"One of his fingers was missing and two others cut off short, one with the nail growing further up the finger, from various accidents and encounters. As a baby he had fallen off the

nursery table on to his head - and had never been quite the same since. Consequently he did not do well at Marlborough academically, but in those more snobbish days was chosen nevertheless (by the headmaster presumably) to meet Queen Victoria when she visited the school because of his 'Royal blood'. This small drop from John of Gaunt and Edward III came via descent from the Courtenays of Powderham Castle. He had a heart of gold, and if some animal was hurt would say 'Poor beastly, poor beastly'.

"Nevertheless, on returning once from a boat trip from Bantham up the Avon, great-uncle Donald was so exasperated by (his sister) great-aunt Marion's constant instructions ("Row more to the left, Donny, no, not so much, more to the right") that when they returned to the Inchbald boathouse (the next one to the Jenkins' and later bought by the Hoares) he threw the oars on the jetty, climbed out and up a step or two, turned and with his foot pushed the boat out sharply, saying to great-aunt Marion 'Go to grass, woman!' With shawls and veil blowing in the breeze, her cries could be faintly heard as the boat spun slowly round and round on the ebb tide. Luckily somebody eventually heard or saw her and volunteers, rowing hard, caught her before her boat hit the breakers.

"Great-uncle Donald helped in the church as a sidesman. On one occasion, during the rector's procession up the aisle, the brass cross fell off the pole he was carrying, crashed on to the tiled floor, and bounced into a pew. Great-uncle Donald scrabbled amongst the congregation's feet saying 'Damn the thing! Move your feet, move your feet!'

"What the hell d'you all want to come here for? Your church is over at South Milton" was how great-uncle Donald greeted an unprecedented crowd of summer visitors who turned up at the church from the Links Hotel. If a summer visitor tried to avoid putting money in his offertory bag, great-uncle Donald would shake it under the visitor's nose until he was shamed into stumping up. If the furthest person in the pew passed the bag back along the same pew great-uncle Donald would gesticulate impatiently to get him to pass it to the pew behind so as not to waste time. Justifiably so - for on one occasion the hymn came to an end with a surge of organ music, leaving him with the last two pews still to be collected. Great-uncle Donald's cry could be clearly heard throughout the church 'Give a chap a chance!'

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WRITERS CUP

Thurlestone resident PRU ELDER, a member of the South Hams Writers Circle, was awarded the cup for SHORT STORY writing at their annual prizegiving recently. Congratulations from Village Voice, which hopes to include one of her stories in a forthcoming issue.

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TRAMPS PROGRESS

JULY 5th LEADER - SUSAN DWYER. Sue took over the leadership from Bob Nicholls who was spending a brief spell in hospital having a fault in his golf swing rectified. Regretfully, as seems to have been the rule this year, the numbers were low due to family and friends deciding Devon was just the spot to spend a week in the sunshine.

The walk was in the Bow Creek / Ashprington area but, due to the fitness of the five participants, the speed at which the walk progressed meant that the tide hadn't receded far enough for the path along the shore of the Dart to be passable. This shortened the eight mile walk to such an extent that it was completed by 2.30 pm. However, the walk itself was enjoyed by all involved.

JULY 19th LEADER - STUART REYNOLDS. Stuart and eleven other walkers were well prepared for a long hot walk up the Dart Valley from Newbridge and on to the Moor. We were due to follow a riverside path up to the high level path by Venford Reservoir. Unfortunately a serious landslip made this impossible, so we had to follow the alternative route which involved some road walking. The walking was tiring in the hot sun (even the faithful hounds were sweating) but the river valley and Moor scenery was excellent.

Lunch was taken at Combestone Tor before descending to Dartmeet, over the stepping stones, and uphill once more to Yar Tor Down, Sharp Tor, Mel Tor, and finally Aish Tor before returning to our cars. We had one new member and three visitors on the walk, and the only one not showing signs of the heat and humidity was a visitor from Hong Kong. A welcome cold drink and/or ice cream at the Car Park prepared us for the journey home with everybody agreeing that despite the heat the 12 miles had been both enjoyable and good for us!

AUGUST 2nd LEADER - SUSAN DWYER. A new walk for most of us, starting at Down Thomas (inland from Wembury) and following a circular coastal route and return across farmland. Six of us set off, including two visitors, on what promised to be yet another hot and muggy day. As it turned out this wasn't the case as a cooling breeze blew all the time. We had some excellent views of the Sound, with a yacht race completing the picture. Having reached the coastal path we turned east and without the normal detour to avoid the guns at HMS Cambridge we walked through to the River Yealm where we had lunch. Despite the attractions on this busy river we kept the break short to avoid the excessive heat of the middle afternoon. The walk back was over the fields past Old Barton, Wembury House, and Langdon Court, arriving back at our cars having covered some 8.5 miles.

AUGUST 16th LEADER - STUART REYNOLDS. Stuart led his annual North Moors walk (it can only be done in August because of the firing in progress at all other times). Unfortunately we were unable to attend, but I understand that the 10.5 mile walk across open moorland resembled the Eighth Army trek across the North African deserts. The heat was intense, although a shady spot was found for lunch near the Two Bridges/Yelverton road.

TRAMPS PROGRESS (continued)

The walk took 5 hours, and I understand the pints consumed at the Two Bridges Hotel quickly turned to steam! It has even been suggested that one of our regular walkers slept all the way back to Thurlestone, and that was in a left-hand drive car with (dare I say it?) a lady driver more at home on French roads.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER. Details will be displayed as usual in the Post Office and Village Store.

Derek Yeoman

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OUR LOCAL HOSPICE

There is a near-at-hand organisation that needs our ongoing help more than ever. It is St. Lukes Hospice at Turnchapel. Its weekly fund-raising lottery has had to be wound up, after ten successful years, through diminishing support - probably one of the effects of the National Lottery. This is a great blow, for it earned up to £50,000 for them annually. A large part of their income has now vanished virtually at a stroke.

St. Lukes needs £100,000 each month to keep on with its high quality and compassionate work for the terminally ill and their families. Some of us have first-hand experience of, and many of us know of, the tremendous work the Hospice movement does for the suffering, in making the final part of their lives more comfortable. St. Lukes now needs our assistance more than ever. Let's try and give it to them, for if ever anything deserves help it is our local Hospice. Charity, they say, begins at home. So with this thought in mind, please come along and support their next function:

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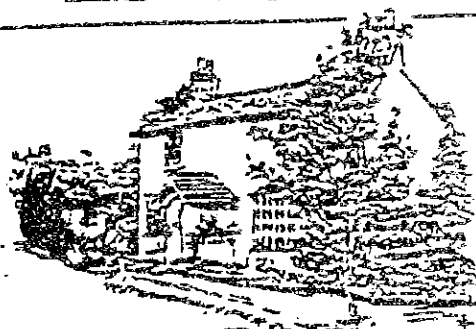
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ADD - A - GRAMS

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The first puzzle is started as an example.

A

- (1) 14th letter of alphabet = N
- (2) Indefinite article = AN
- (3) Make brown = TAN
- (4) An insect
- (5) Abnormally tall person
- (6) Non-commissioned sailor
- (7) Ungrateful person
- (8) Giving freely
- (9) Striking repeatedly

B

- (1) A junction
- (2) Child's 'Thank You'
- (3) Afternoon meal
- (4) Not wild
- (5) Pals
- (6) Part of a flower
- (7) Institution occupants
- (8) Vapourising
- (9) Attraction, charisma

C

- (1) - for Roger
- (2) Second note of octave
- (3) Hearing organ
- (4) Anger
- (5) Degree or rank
- (6) Peril
- (7) Spanish nobleman
- (8) One who tends a plot
- (9) Soldier

D

- (1) Roman One
- (2) Exists
- (3) Take a seat
- (4) Cut lengthwise
- (5) Way over a fence
- (6) Men who lay roofs
- (7) Lingers on the way
- (8) More expensive
- (9) Covered walks

E

- (1) - for Learner
- (2) - Capone
- (3) Boy
- (4) Distribute cards
- (5) Fastened shoes
- (6) Was short of
- (7) Dressed in loose garment
- (8) Wrestling hold
- (9) Dolt

F

- (1) 5th letter of alphabet
- (2) And in French
- (3) A collection
- (4) N.E. British river
- (5) Horse
- (6) Made a home, as birds
- (7) Fore-ordain
- (8) Put in
- (9) Abandonment

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KEEPING IN THE SWIM

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TENNIS SECTION
Thurlestone Golf Club

Report by Lindsey Fletcher

The wonderful sunny weather in August helped to make an enjoyable tennis programme on Thurlestone courts.

The junior tournaments were well supported with some events having an entry of over forty players. The finals provided entertaining competitive tennis, watched by proud parents and grandparents.

This year our local junior club members gave good competition to all the visiting players. Well done to Catherine and Eric Stidston, Richard and Kathryn Bromfield, Tom and Charlotte Beer, Alex and Emily Theyer, Jacob Surrey, Andrew McBroom, Michael Edmunds, Mark Vasty-Burnie, Tim and Ben Rogers and Tom Bushell. Charlotte Beer and Tom Bushell had particularly good seasons. Barbara Woodhead's grandchildren also had success. The club would particularly like to thank all the parents who rallied round and helped to run the tournaments.

Junior tournaments will be run in the OCTOBER HALF TERM, using the same format.

Junior club mornings will run on SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10/12.30 pm from 24th SEPTEMBER. Members and non-members (paying a small playing fee) are welcome.

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What of it? It's only a game!

She: But you had a well-balanced hand
And I've shown you just how I stand
We could make seven Diamonds stone cold
If you'd show me the Clubs that you hold.

He: But darling - it's only a game!

She: You knew I'd a singleton Heart
I showed you as much from the start
You could tell from my opening bid
So why did you say what you did?

He: Oh, damn it - it's only a game!

She: Of all the daft cards you could lead
You paid all my signals no heed
Why didn't you let me get in
With a Spade we were certain to win?

He: Why worry? It's only a game!

She: You should have finessed for the Jack

He: I'm afraid I completely lost track
I thought that West still had the Queen

She: You can't even count to thirteen!

He: I know - but it's only a game!

She: You know when we played Board Eleven
And you had four Hearts to the seven...

He: Whatever I had I've forgotten.
The way that you treat me is rotten.
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But wait 'til the spring comes
And us opens our drawers
To find little holes in our clothes.
Not just ours - also YOURS.
When the mothballs sell out
And yer bridge playing friends
Wear clothes with the smell of wartime trends
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Which they hang on the hooks in the Village Hall.
Remember they'm prudent and read wot I've wrote,
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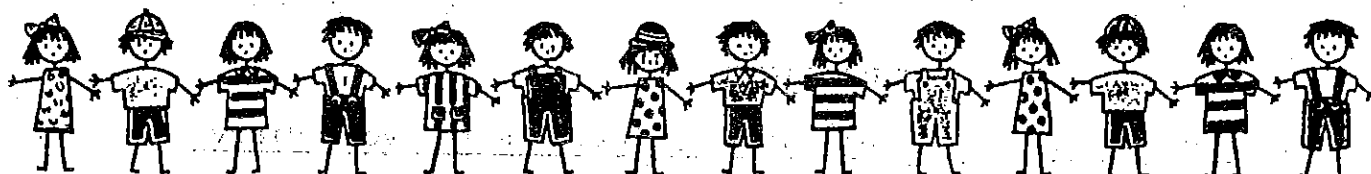
(But who's had his wallet out? - Editor)

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PAT MACHIN'S PUZZLE CORNER

ANSWERS TO ADD-A-GRAMS

- A - N, an, tan, gnat, giant, rating, ingrate, treating, battering.
- B - T, ta, tea, tame, mates, stamen, inmates, steaming, magnetism.
- C - R, re, ear, rage, grade, danger, grandee, gardener, grenadier.
- D - I, is, sit, slit, stile, tilers, loiters, costlier, cloisters.
- E - L, Al, lad, deal, laced, lacked, cloaked, headlock, blockhead.
- F - E, et, set, Tees, steed, nested, destine, inserted, desertion.



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Tue. 10th FUNGUS FORAY, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall
Wed. 11th TRAMP WALK, Col. Jones s Path, Dartmouth area
Thur. 12th WI 2.30 P.Hall "Growing up in the thirties"
Thur. 12th BRIDGE EVENING, Macmillan Nurses, Thurlestone
Hotel (ring 560070)
Sat. 14th PARISH HALL FAIR, 2.00 pm
Mon. 16th STUFFED TOY-MAKING, 2.15 pm, Parish Hall
Tue. 24th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall
Thur. 26th BRIDGE EVENING, Conservatives, 6.30 pm, Hotel
Sat. 28th PRIMING THE PUMP (See details inside)

NOVEMBER

Thur. 2nd COOKWORTHY BRIDGE DRIVE, 6.30 pm, W. Alvington VH
Wed. 8th TRAMP WALK, Malborough/South Milton
Thur. 9th WI, 2.30 pm Parish Hall - annual meeting
Sat. 11th ST. LUKES XMAS COFFEE MORNING, 10.30 am, P.Hall
Sat. 18th NSPCC XMAS FAIR, 2 pm, Parish Hall
Sat. 25th "Dickens of an Evening", WI, Parish Hall

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

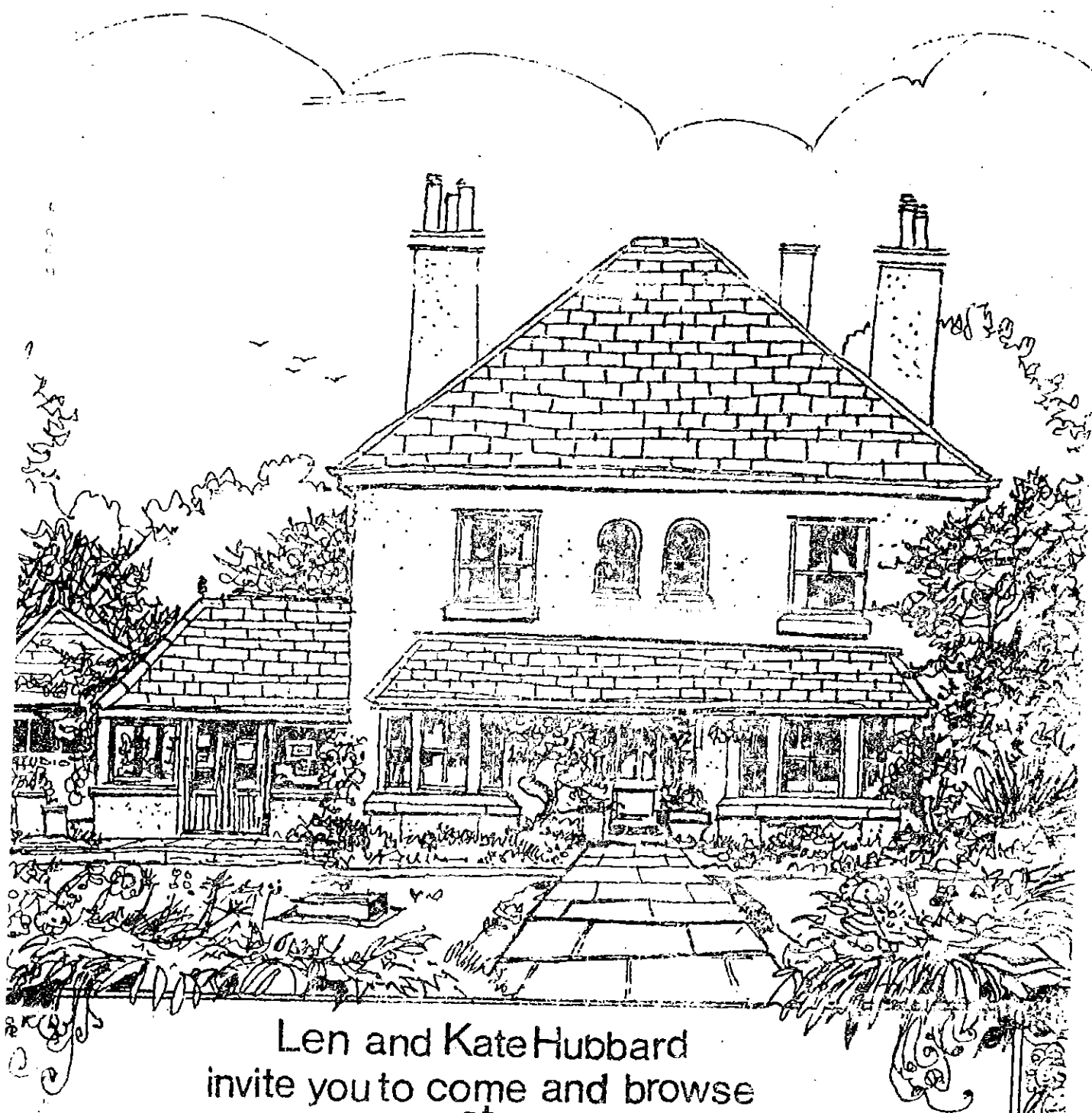
JANUARY

Thur 25th BRIDGE EVENING, Hotel (ring 560070)

....LATE NEWS.... JOHN LONSDALE APPOINTED PARISH CLERK.....

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