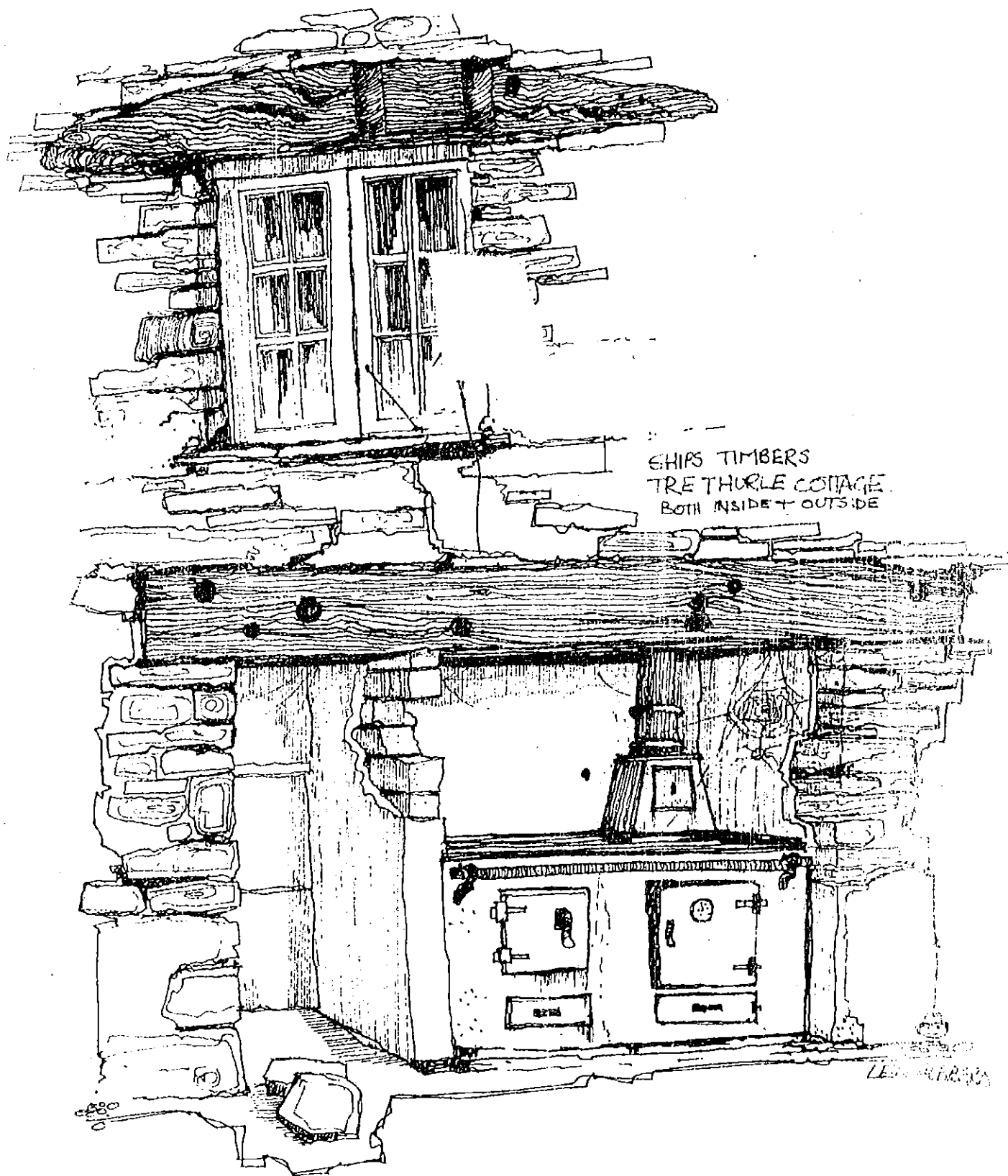


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With Spring now closing up on us fast, the lengthening days turn our thoughts to gardens - and what we should soon start to do if we are to reclaim them from the ravages of winter.

The HORTICULTURAL SHOW organisers tell us they have not been hibernating. They have also had our gardens in mind and have already been hard at work devising their always-attractive August show. As we all know, there cannot be a show without exhibitors, so you will find in this issue a list of things they would like us to grow and show (and make!). "Get going early" is their suggestion.

You will also see that THURLESTONE TRAMPS have been doing their homework and they have come up with a variety of good 'hikes' for 1996, to help blow the winter cobwebs away.

It is with pleasure we welcome the return of HARRY HUGGINS to these pages. Although not now contributing on a regular basis he has let us have a two-part article, the first instalment of which is in this issue.

If the prospects of either gardening or hiking do not fill you with great enthusiasm at the moment, at least you will be able to relax metaphorically in Harry and June's garden..... and wait for the weather to warm up!



NOW I KNOW what a devoted lot of readers you are, but never let it be said that I would encourage you to militancy!

So I can do nothing but condemn the attempt to knock down the signpost which suddenly sprouted at the Bantham turn in the village. The fact that this post had suddenly appeared marked "Rockhill Corner" without so much as a by-your-leave is no excuse for knocking a great chunk out of the wall to which it leaned.

Fie on you, whoever you are!

Heard some dark mumblings the other day about the newly-formed Friends of Thurlestone Church. "How can we be sure", said one who should know better, "that all the money donated will go to keep the church buildings in order - and won't be used for something else? After all, the church managed to lose millions only the other day, didn't they?"

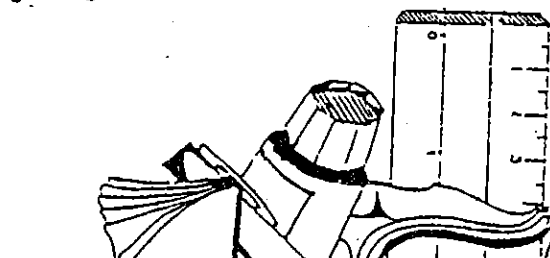
Course, that's a real piece of muddled thinking. All those hundred parishioners who have so far signed up with the Friends can rest assured that their donations will be spent only on making sure that All Saints never ends up in ruins no matter what happens to the church in general around here.

In their literature the Friends of Thurlestone Church point at the ruins of the church at South Huish as a prime example of the sort of thing they have been created to avoid. And stress that they are a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission "for the restoration, preservation, repair and maintenance and improvement of our Parish Church". They exist only to secure the long-term existence of this historic church and for no other purpose. For anyone to suggest that you can fiddle around with a charitable trust and give the money donated to something completely different shows that they have never had any dealings with that bunch of toughies called the Charity Commission.

It is nice to hear from the FTC (we live in a world of initials, don't we?) that the donations which have come in so far are from members of all religions - and some with no religion at all - all wanting to ensure that Thurlestone Church is standing long after we have all achieved lift-off. Holiday-home owners have rallied round too, which is nice to know after all the stick they take from all of us.

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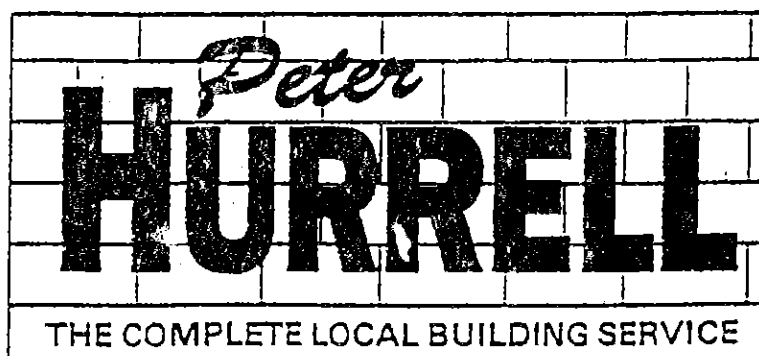
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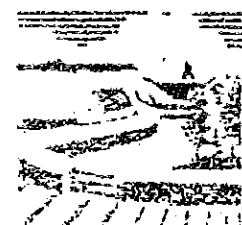
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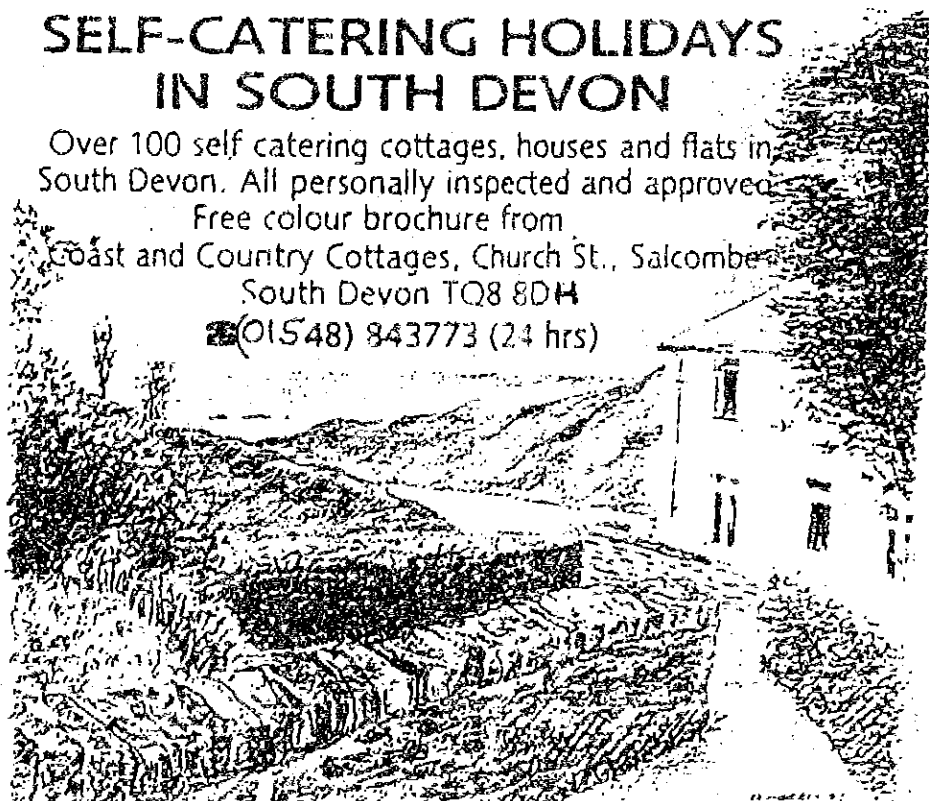
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"CITIZEN" REPORTS ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12.12.95

PARISH CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The formation of a Parish Conservation Society to look after all the items of 'parish furniture' such as benches, cannon, pumphouse, etc. was suggested by Len Hubbard. The Parish Council agreed that this should be set up and then funding discussed. The surplus of £258 from the pumphouse appeal could be used for this purpose. The appeal had raised £3907 and paid out £3649.

WARREN HILL

Thanks were expressed for Rodney Stidston's voluntary help, both with the cannon and the establishing of the footpath from Swallows downwards on Warren Hill.

DOG-FOULING

Now that a 30 mph speed limit was in operation, dog-fouling penalties could be enforced and notices would be erected around the parish.

POLICE

Concern was expressed about delays on new police telephone numbers and that "...the police were losing contact with local people". Parish Council to write to the Home Office.

DOUBLE-YELLOW LINES

Parish Council to recommend to District Council that double-yellow lines should run on the south side of the village street, from the Post Office to Furzey Close. There should be no yellow-lining on the north side except for a small section around the entrance to Parkfield.

PLANNING

Planning approvals for work at Trethurle Cottage, Thurlestone, at Elm Cottage, West Buckland, and the erection of a farmhouse at Court Park Farm, Thurlestone, were noted.

FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH

It was confirmed that all money raised was for the upkeep of the fabric of Thurlestone church and for no other purpose. The Council is to discuss a donation to the Friends.

VILLAGE GREEN

Parish Tree Warden, Councillor Charles Mitchelmore, suggested that it was time to think of planting new trees on the village green near the war memorial, as the present trees were nearing their end.

.....AND ON THE MEETING OF 16. 1. 96

POLICE BUSINESS

Insp. Patrick was able to deliver an upbeat report to the meeting; our own ^{TELE} policeman Martin Rushworth, he was now confidently able to say, would be rejoining his staff on Monday 22 January. Crime locally, he dared to claim, had ceased and he had resources enough to deal with the summer peaks of traffic heading for the beaches - particularly at Bantham. Meantime he warned, the Traffic Warden was paying attention to Bantham, so don't risk parking on the double yellow lines.

The Kingsbridge Police Station is to be replaced by a modern station, with the same facilities but cheaper to run. Work should start within the next 6 months on building the new station in front of the old, which will then be demolished and the site sold together with the significant area of ground at the back.

The new telephone numbers would mean a better service to the public, but he was aware that many people had still not heard of them. More publicity was needed. "Village Voice", as ever, is happy to oblige, so here as a service to our readers are the 'phone numbers you should ring:

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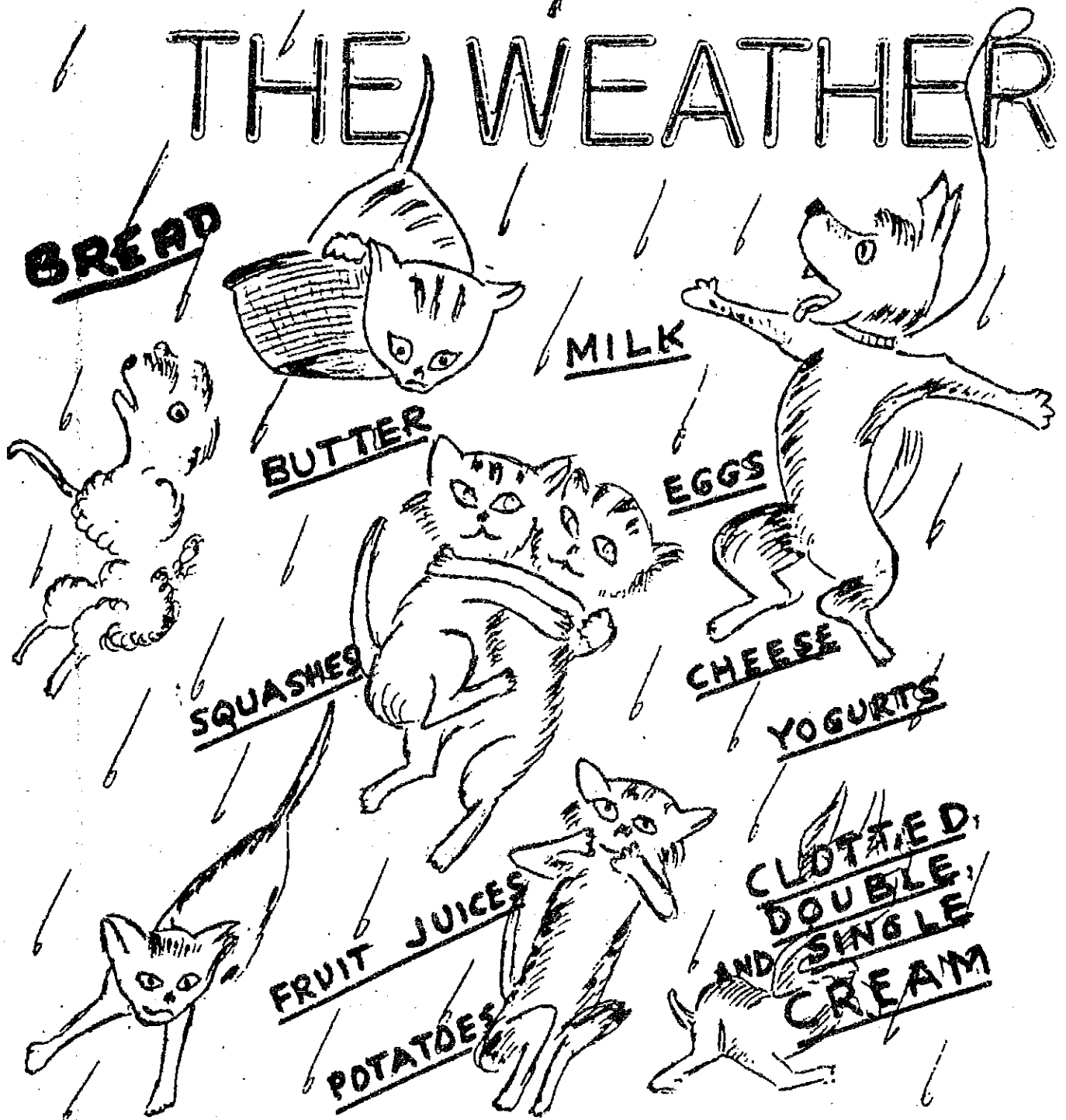
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For non-urgent calls, information, advice or to report a minor crime. Our local Helpline is at Paignton but should they be very busy, then the 'system' is programmed to hunt for the nearest free number - Plymouth first and then Exeter.

OTHER BUSINESS

District Councillor Grose reported that S.H.D.C. are confronted with a £700,000 shortfall on next year's budget, £300K being due to a 4% cut in real terms in the Government Spending Assessment and £400K to increases in items for which they have statutory responsibility. The good news is that the District Council are determined not to increase their 16% proportion of the total Council Tax take - what the County Council decide to do is, of course, another matter.

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Kate's Kitchen



My family are all 'foodies' and enjoy experimenting with flavours, particularly for pasta sauces. Here are a couple of favourites which will also freeze. When available, fresh pasta is definitely better than dried. Some supermarkets keep several varieties in their chill cabinets, and the butcher's shop at Modbury is an excellent source!

SAUCES A LA RICHARD

NO. 1

1 large onion, finely chopped; 4ozs. mushrooms, sliced;
1 large tin (approx. 400gr.) chopped tomatoes;
8-10 rashers sweet cure smokey streaky bacon, chopped;
1-2 teasp. tomato puree; 1 clove garlic, crushed;
pinch each basil, oregano, sage (or teasp. Mediterranean mixed herbs);
2 tables. olive oil; salt and freshly ground black pepper;
wafers of Parmesan cheese

Fry onion and garlic gently in oil until soft, then add mushrooms. When cooked through add tomatoes and herbs. Cook quickly on a higher heat to slightly reduce, then add puree and seasoning. Meanwhile fry or grill bacon until crisp, draining off any surplus fat on a kitchen towel. Serve with pasta of your choice, dressed with olive oil. Sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Tuna can replace the bacon in this recipe.

NO. 2

1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green pepper; 3-4 tables. olive oil;
1 large tin (approx. 400gr.) chopped tomatoes; teasp. dried basil or 1 clove garlic; wafers of Parmesan cheese; a few black or green olives; seasoning to taste.

Cut peppers in half, or quarter if large. De-seed and core. Heat grill to hottest and cook peppers until their skins are blistered and blackened (this could also be done in the oven). Put peppers into a plastic bag and leave for a few minutes. The steam makes them easy to skin. Slice the skinned peppers and fry in oil until soft and floppy. Add tomatoes, seasoning and basil and cook until liquid is slightly reduced. Serve as above, sprinkling on cheese and a few olives.

(The following article appeared in a recent issue of The Kansas City Star, and so amused two Thurlestone residents, who were visiting their son in Kansas City, that they sought and obtained the author's permission to reprint it. And you know that "everything's up-to-date in Kansas City"....Ed.)

"PRIM BRITS COULD TAKE A FEW LESSONS IN FUN FROM ROYAL FAMILY"
by C.W.Gusewelle

"They are a repressed and exceedingly private people, the British.

The primary colour of their dress and of their cities is grey. For nourishment they favour sprouts, porridge and the like - boiled things, unlikely to excite the nerves.

If you've ever eaten breakfast in the dining room of a British resort hotel, you will recall the ambient solemnity.

"Ummm", says someone examining his toast.

China cups and silverware make a furtive little chinking in the silence. A sneeze is a shameful event. Heads turn, but only for an instant. Then attention is fixed again on the cooked tomatoes bleeding pinkishly into the unsalted eggs.

"Quite," someone whispers.

And that is what passes for conversation. The Brits on holiday could easily be mistaken for mourners at a wake.

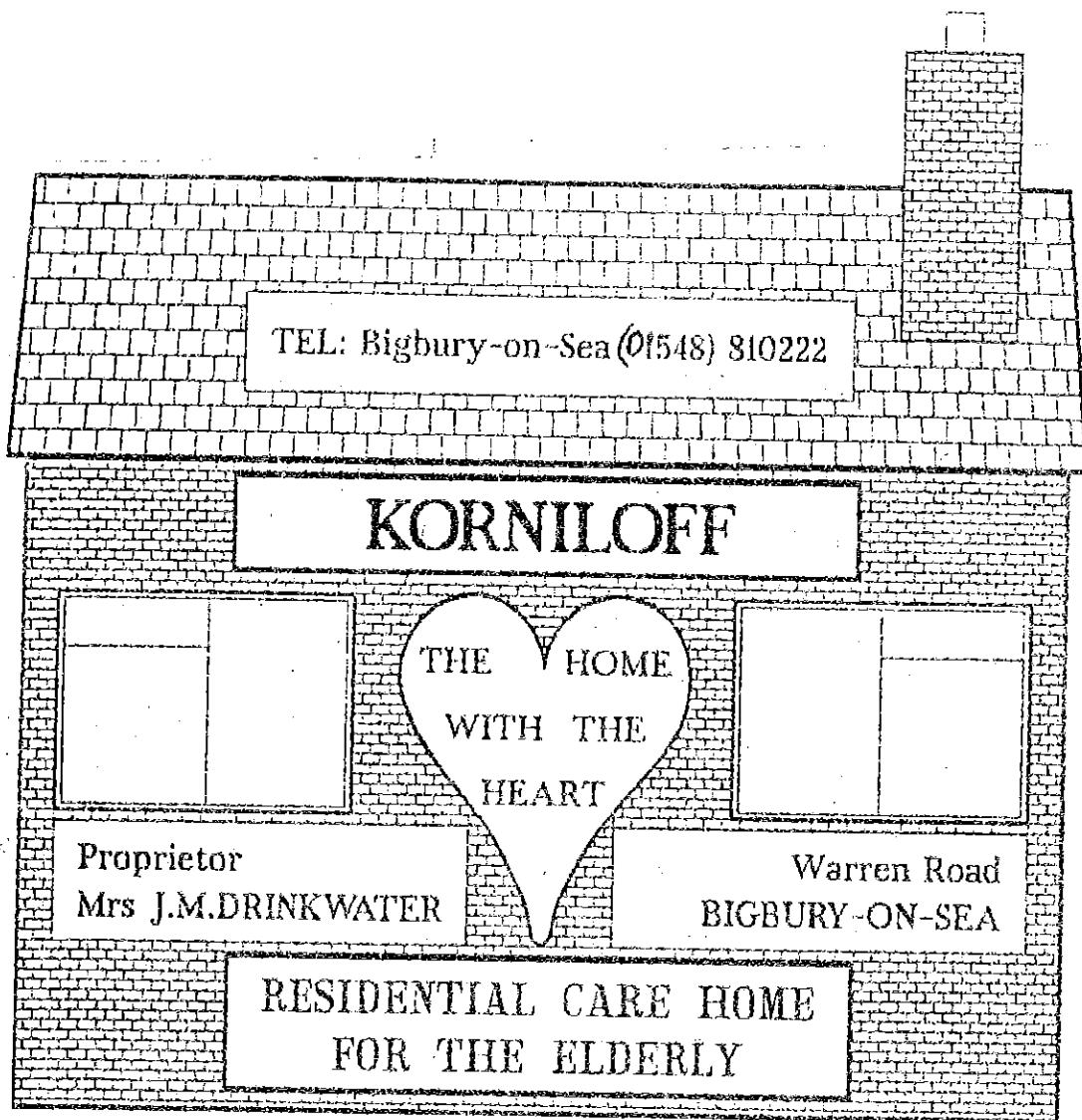
In their secret hearts, of course, our cousins on the other side are as full of mischief, aflame with lust and rage as any of the rest of us. But a certain sense of propriety forbids letting this be known.

As with any rule, naturally, there are exceptions.

It happens, for example, that friends from England are visiting in the city now. I had the luck to spend a couple of days with them at their home in Devon last year and had a splendid time. They are two of the liveliest, most engaging people you could ever hope to know.

But it's the national stereotype I'm speaking of. I stand by the generalisation of the English as an undemonstrative and reticent race. Which does much, in my opinion, to explain the true function of British royalty - and also the essential difference between their form of government and ours.

We Americans, by and large, are a bawdy and raucous bunch, with hardly any self-restraint at all. We're forever running around bickering, mooning, roistering, flaunting our excesses, trumpeting our scandals and behaving in most ways outrageously. We therefore need a president, surrounded by magisterial trappings, to reign with some illusion of dignity



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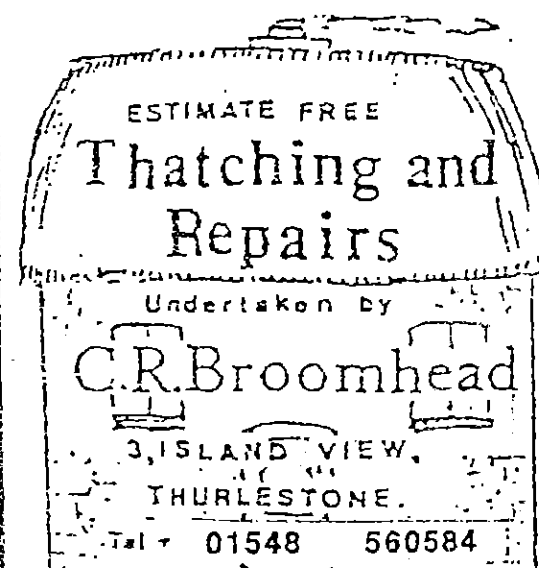
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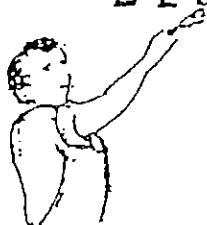
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over a rabble - ourselves - that is all but out of control. This is why we feel so let down when one of our leaders is found to be as flawed and susceptible to vice as the rest of us.

The need of the English, on the other hand, is for someone to act out the vain and unseemly urges that, through long practice, they have mastered and suppressed in themselves. And that is the role of the royal family.

The members of the crown household get themselves up in flamboyant costumes and ride in horse-drawn carriages and parade around the world to the remnants of empire, receiving the curtsies and tribute of the natives. They fall off polo ponies and get themselves photographed au naturel on secluded beaches. They argue publicly and fling themselves into rapturous affairs with lovers below their station. Then they go into print and on the TV to tell us all about it. They have been known to throw everything over - kingdom, duty and all - to follow the siren song of love. Before that they had a habit of beheading their rivals and even their wives.

Except for the royal tours and the polo, most of these are things we Americans do fairly routinely and that ordinary English men and women might do also were such ribald pleasures not so offensive to their habit of reserve.

The job of England's royal family, then, is to show their subjects that it's possible to have a little fun in life, and provided your allowance is large enough you let yourself be guided by your glands, not your brain.

Its hard, nasty work. But someone has to do it."

(C.W.Gusewelle, The Kansas City Star, 23rd December 1995)

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Your back goes out more than you do.
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Contributed by E.C.W.

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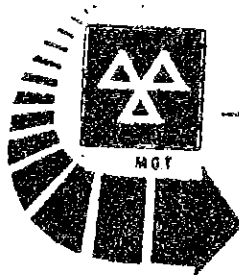
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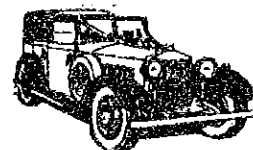
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Sheep have flourished in Britain for at least 2000 years; there are now about 36 million of them in summertime, after the lambing season. Their popularity has depended upon their ability to convert roughage, grass and crops into saleable products more cheaply than any other animal. Hence, farmers face the challenge of developing flocks that will give the best yields of meat, wool and milk. Their present thinking is dominated by the production of lean meat, in the knowledge that any with excess fat is difficult to sell and that housewives, after having been warned for years about the dangers of eating too much fat, are most likely to buy the leanest cuts. Farmers also need to consider the type and quantity of wool they seek and the fertility and milk production of their ewes. These various considerations are regularly appraised at their weekly visits to market.

At the annual Kingsbridge Show in 1995, the usual categories of rams, ewes and lambs were on display before the judges. There were Greyfaced Dartmoors, Devon and Cornwall Longwools, Suffolks, cross-bred ewes and Continentals among others. They represented some of the most favoured breeds in the district. Their diversity stems from the individualistic nature of farmers who try to find the most appropriate combination of breeds to suit their purposes: hence no two flocks are precisely the same.

There are about 60 registered breeds in Britain, each with its own breed society which seeks to foster and improve pedigree flocks. Five of these are from Devon. The best-known is the Devon and Cornwall Longwool. It produces more wool than any other British breed - as much as 40lbs. from a pedigree ewe - and economically in terms of meat and wool it is among the most profitable; it is much used for crossing.

Latterly it has lost some of its popularity because the meat tends to carry too much fat and the ewes are only moderately prolific. The Greyfaced Dartmoor is at present much in favour because ewes provide abundant milk for their lambs and the meat has an exceptionally pleasant flavour. The other three local breeds, the Devon Longwool, the Exmoor Horned and the Whitefaced Dartmoor have recently attracted little support in the South Hams. As with most local breeds, the Devon sheep are best known locally; they have received little national recognition.

Farmers rely on breeding societies for the maintenance of pedigree rams and ewes, so that they may introduce breeds of

their choice to their flocks. The process may be simplified by considering a single farm. When Mr. Richard Rogers inherited his farm in South Milton from his father, almost all the sheep were Devon and Cornwall Longwools. They were good value for their wool but their rather fatty meat did not appeal to butchers; only a few remain. Over the years they have been replaced by Suffolk and Charolais, both of which have good quality meat, and the large, prolific Border Leicesters. At present there are 8 or 9 rams and, on average, 250 lambing ewes, allowing for each ram to cover about 40 ewes. In addition, about 100 young ewes are kept to replace the older ewes when needed. The 250 lambing ewes may be expected to produce about 400 lambs annually.

The lambing season lasts ordinarily from January to April. All the males are castrated during the first week of life, a tight ring being placed above the testes, which soon wither and drop off. The females not needed for future replacements and all the males are slaughtered at regular intervals from April until the following April. Richard takes a batch of them to market almost every week, most of which are bought by large meat firms. Thus, fresh lambs' meat is available throughout the year. The early cuts in April and May tend to be rather soft; by August to September the meat, aged about six months, is usually at its best and this is the time to buy succulent lamb chops. Housewives purchasing in April should avoid buying old meat that may have been left over from the year before.

Wool is graded according to the length and fineness of its fibres; in general, the longer the fibre the thicker it is. Most British wools are coarse or of medium fineness, including the breeds mentioned above. Devon and Cornwall Longwool and the Dartmoor breeds have coarse wool, used mainly for making carpets. Devon Closewool, Exmoor Horned, Suffolk and Border Leicesters are finer and suitable for hosiery, knitting yarns, fabrics and tweeds. Economically, the average weight of a fleece is important with Devon and Cornwall Longwools yielding no less than seven to ten kilograms compared with two to three kilograms for most of the remainder.

To the uninitiated, sheep farming may appear to be a simple process. All that seems to be needed is a suitable flock of rams and ewes which produce lambs at regular intervals, all of which go to market sooner or later, to be replaced by the next lot. It is not as easy as that. Market demands change with shortages and surpluses of meat and wool; the most dramatic recent swing was the slump in the price of wool to 50p. per kilogram in 1994 followed by a rise to the present 113p. per kilogram. The raising of crops to feed the sheep has its good and bad years. The state and availability of grassland varies; when conditions are right, an extra 200 to 300 lambs might be purchased for fattening. The export market may or may not be healthy. Perhaps the most worrying trend is the steady fall in meat eaters. Fortunately we have in Thurlestone and nearby parishes a skilled and industrious group of farmers who contribute much to the prosperity of the district and indeed to the pleasure we have in living here.

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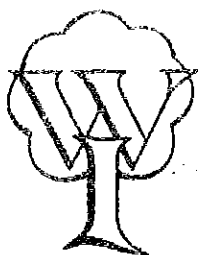
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NEWS FROM THE W.I.

A delicious Christmas lunch, provided by Rosemary Mackay and a team of helpers, was enjoyed by an almost full house of members in December. Rev. John Delve was the very popular after-lunch speaker and he told us how the Christmas carol had evolved. Keeping to the Christmas theme Val Brown and her group of actresses did a short (humorous) play-reading about carol-singers and the voice problems they were having with "Good King Wenceslas".

In January Tim Hocken from Loddiswell showed us the excellent video he had made of birdlife on local estuaries, which culminated in a magnificent shot of a heron trying to swallow what looked like a 5lb. salmon he had the good fortune to find in the Kingsbridge Estuary. The heron waded out of the water immediately it had pushed the poor fish down and spent the next few hours looking thoughtful on the bank as its digestive system laboured to dispose of the unexpected treat. A salmon in the Kingsbridge estuary is a rare thing - perhaps like the Monarch butterfly it ended up here by mistake.

The programme of events for 1996 was unveiled, and here is what our members (and sometimes their friends/families) can look forward to enjoying in the first six months:

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| 8.2.96 | Unusual cottage garden plants, Jane Hollow, 2.30 |
| 19.2.96 | Knitting finishes workshop, Jean Lee, 2.30 |
| 23.2.96 | Demo. of gateaux-making, W.Alvington, 2.15 |
| 14.3.96 | Looking at embroidery, Janet Wingate, 2.30 |
| 26.3.96 | Guided tour at Plymouth Theatre Royal, 2.30 |
| 28.3.96 | Craft & Produce show, Malborough |
| 11.4.96 | 100 Years of the Thurstlestone Hotel, 2.30 |
| 18.4.96 | DFWI Spring Council Meeting, Exeter University |
| 22.4.96 | Sea Coast Group Meeting, 7.30 |
| 23.4.96 | Guided walk around Historic Totnes, 2.30 |
| 31.4.96 | 3-Dimensional decoupage, day school, 10.30/3.30 |
| 9.5.96 | Discussion of NFWI Resolutions, 2.30 |
| May 1996 | Date to be arranged - coach outing to Marwood. |
| 13.6.96 | Talking as a lace-maker, Jeanne Whittick, 2.30 |
| 11.7.96 | The Writers of Devon, Bob Mann, 2.30 |
| Jul 1996 | Date & details later - Garden Lunch |
| 12.7.96 | DFWI Coach outing to Hampton Court flower show |

At the start of the February meeting there will be a vote on whether we should continue to sing Jerusalem to open our monthly meetings.

If you are not a member but would like to join in any of the above, you would be most welcome to come. Please call either Tricia Millman on 560788 or Pat Macdonald on 560436.

All events take place in the Parish Hall, Thurstlestone, unless otherwise indicated.

THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW
SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 1996, 2.30 pm
SOUTH MILTON VILLAGE HALL

A note to all prospective show entrants - and we hope there will be lots of you! Our official schedule will be available in village shops some time in May. Meantime we thought you would like to have this brief note of the classes:

VEGETABLES

Potatoes, white and coloured, round and kidney;
Shallots (excl.hybrids); Runner beans; Kidney beans;
Onions from seed; Onions from sets; Peas;
hybrid Shallots; Carrots stump; Carrots long or inter.;
Beetroots globe; Lettuces; Courgettes; Tomatoes;
Parsley; Marrows; Cabbages; Leeks; Soft Fruit; Herbs;
other veg.; longest Runner bean; heaviest Onion;
collection of Potatoes; collection of Vegetables.

FLOWERS

Decorative Dahlias; cactus Dahlias; Gladioli; sweetpeas;
Pansies; hybrid tea Roses; 1 Rose bloom; floribunda Rose;
Hydrangeas; flowering pot plant; pot fuchsia;
foliage pot plant; annuals; perennials; shrubs;
pot geranium; Fuchsia heads.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

For children aged 5 to 8 (child's age to be displayed) Posy;
Disney figure; vegetables; model of village pump; 3 jam tarts
For children aged 9 to 15 (child's age to be displayed)
Sewing; collage village street; picture of shipwreck;
animal or bird from veg.; vegetables.

COOKERY

Marmalade; Raspberry jam; other jam; jelly; lemon curd;
chutney; bread; scones; pasty; cake own recipe;
Victoria sandwich; child's lunch box.

CRAFTS

Item made from 50g. of wool; hand knitted item;
greetings card; embroidery; sewing; other handicraft;
landscape or still life, oil or watercolour; portrait;
drawing; natural sculpture; photo prior to 1945;
set of 3 colour photos on the theme 'garden nooks & crannies'

We would very much welcome help from flower arrangers....can you suggest the themes for the three flower arrangement classes at the Show? Please let John Lonsdale (560742) have your ideas as soon as possible.

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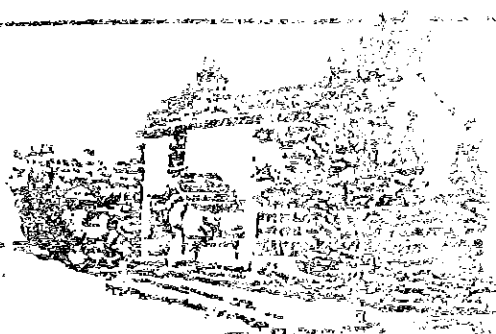
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HARRY HUGGINS



One day towards the end of last September we arrived home to find a friend sitting outside our house in his car, writing us a note saying there was an unusual wading bird to be seen on the South Huish water meadow.

He also saw a little bird flit into our garden and realised it was a Wryneck, a small brown woodpecker about House Sparrow size and looking very like one when it flies. The Green Woodpecker, which we see hopping around our gardens, looks colourful enough to be a stray from a Brazilian rain forest. The Great Spotted Woodpecker is nearly as resplendent....black and white with red knickers (well, red under tail coverts to an ornithologist). The Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is tiny, stays in the tops of woodland trees, and is almost never seen. The Wryneck, however, is a duller bird, pale brown with darker markings and pale grey legs, set ridiculously far back. I don't think it was ever common in Britain, but it bred almost everywhere at one time. They called it the Cuckoo's Mate because it arrived from Africa about the same time of year as the Cuckoo.

Wrynecks began to get rarer in Britain over 150 years ago so we cannot blame pesticides or even global warming. It is now extinct here as a breeding bird but no one knows the reason why. Each year a few pass through Devon on migration. Maybe every two or three years we find one on the tennis courts, or my wife puts one out when gardening.

But back to the Wryneck our friend had spotted. This one was beside the road, eating ants on the kerb. We drove to within a few feet of it; it took no notice of us and was tame enough in fact for me to get the camera and take several shots of it, a couple of which show well what it was. A good bird to see, not quite rare enough to excite the twitchers, but most people are anxious to see one.

Shortly afterwards, in early October, we were sitting by our window, drinking coffee and doing no particular harm to anyone, when a butterfly flipped over the hedge, into our garden, and sat on a nearby dahlia. It was big - much bigger than a Red Admiral, which is about the largest we are wont to see. We gulped, for we knew at once it was a Monarch, the legendary American butterfly which I for one had longed to see in Britain and never thought I should. (This reinforces the moral - don't rush about looking for things, wait long enough and they will come to you!).

It was not new to us, as we had seen them in Madeira, Tenerife, and New Zealand....but they are very, very rare in this country. I have read about people releasing them here (a deplorable practice - think of rabbits in Australia) but the books say there is no plant suitable for the caterpillars to eat and they never become established. It summers in Canada and the northern states of the USA; it migrates south to Mexico for the winter and then of course returns north in the spring. Unlike most butterflies, whose adults are quite short-lived, a Monarch lives for several months as an adult.

They were known to the old butterfly collectors in Britain as the Black-Veined Brown. The upper side is a rich light chestnut colour with black lines across; all around the outside is a wide black border with white spots in it. Although they knew it, I don't think many of the old collectors had a specimen in their cabinets for those old boys would have nothing not caught in this country. There is none in the quite good collection at Overbecks, Salcombe, nor did my father have one and his collection was fine enough for the Natural History Museum in South Kensington to welcome with open arms when he died. (When I rang them to tell them of his death the museum said they had already made a space for it as they were sure he could not last much longer!)

Returning to the Monarch in our garden.....it stayed on the dahlia but opened its wings only briefly so I could not photograph its upper side. No matter, the pattern of the underside of its wings is brilliant, much the same as on top, but lighter and creamier, almost like something Faberge might have made. I got a couple of good shots, then it was away, over the hedge to go who knows where. Did anyone else in Thurlestone see it, or another? A dozen or so were seen in the South Hams around that time, mostly on the Slapton and Beesands side. When we saw ours we thought it might have come from one of the Atlantic islands, or a butterfly farm, or maybe someone had released one. But there were so many and there had been weather conditions which could have brought them right across the Atlantic and we think ours came from North America. Our theory was borne out that very same afternoon.....but that will be explained in the next issue of Village Voice!

Harry Huggins

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Postscript:

Village Voice readers may have seen a report in the Daily Telegraph on 4.1.96 saying that many over-wintering Monarch butterflies have perished in the heavy snow in the mountains of Mexico. Opinions differed widely as to numbers affected, varying from around 30% to only 8%. The good thing is that these butterflies are said to be very resilient, hardy, and fertile and that once they fly up to the States and Canada to breed the numbers will soon be replenished. Who knows, one may reach Thurlestone again given the right conditions. Ed.

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SQUEEZEBELLY PASSAGE

Squeezebelly Passage is well worth a visit. It is quaint and, sandwiched into a little corner of Old England, it is easily negotiated by anyone with a reasonable figure. Yet its mere name, suggesting a sideways manoeuvre, may deter those whose waistline is no longer under control. They need not worry because the narrowest part is not so much at belly level as rather higher up; it is the alignment of the shoulders that may need adjusting. In practice, short of meeting a group of boisterous children coming down when one is half way up, the passage presents no real problems.

Anyone planning to walk from the library in Kingsbridge to the shops in Fore Street might prefer the romantic route by way of Squeezebelly Passage to the rather prosaic traipse past Boots and up the hill. Crossing the bottom of the hill from West Alvington, the lane opposite, called Prince of Wales road (between the Quay garage and the old Lonsdale store), leads to Mill Street. Just across the road between the former barber's shop and the Hermitage Inn is a narrow opening. This is the start of Squeezebelly Passage, at the top of which is a path (Western Backway) with a leat running alongside it. Turn right, go past the Royal British Legion and some shops, and you are in Fore Street.

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Doubtless some readers of Village Voice are already acquainted with Squeezebelly Passage; those who are not might care to go along and try it for size.

N.C.O.

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Kendall McDonald says he recently saw a man up a tree on the Mead. The man said he was protesting about the route of the proposed Thurlestone By-Pass. As Kendall observed "Didn't realise it was getting that close, did you?"

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COMMON SPEECH

Do you know which are the 10 most commonly-used words in the English language? You will find the answers to this on the same page as the solutions to Pat Machin's clueless crossword.

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POSTBAG

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I would like to point out that the Thurlestone Bridge Club (Friday) also took part in the Parish Hall Autumn Fair. Our members all contributed bottles and several set up a Tombola, working hard to add to the enjoyment of the fair. They cajoled money to the tune of £95 for the good of the Parish Hall, where we all enjoy the added amenities that have been provided over the years.

Yours etc.
ROSEMARY MACKAY

Dear Editor

Members of the committee of the Thurlestone branch of the NSPCC would like to thank all their friends who have given such unfailing support to the various fund raising events in 1995. The two most recent - the Christmas Fair and the small Bridge evening in the Parish Hall - raised £761 and £355 respectively, a splendid result.

With so many good causes being sponsored in the village, such efforts for one national charity might seem excessive. Yet it is a fact that in 1994-1995 no fewer than 70 children in the South Hams alone had to be cared for by the NSPCC. This is an appalling figure in this day and age, and one that the ordinary person can do little to alleviate other than by raising the money necessary to fund the work of trained NSPCC staff in their endless fight against the neglect and abuse of children.

Yours etc.
MOLLIE OSWALD

Dear Editor

The magnificent sum of £1360 raised at the annual coffee morning in November was greatly appreciated by St. Luke's Hospice. Thanks are due to all those who came to the parish hall and supported the event.....and to the committee for their hard work.

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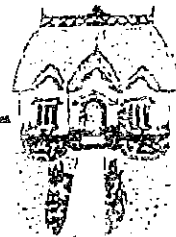
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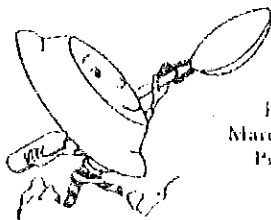
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A FINAL WORD FROM LEN HUBBARD

I feel the time is overdue for me to thank personally all those supporters who helped so willingly to bring the Pumphouse Restoration scheme to fruition - here is an alphabetical list:

Frances Bromfield, Peter Bromfield, Val Brown,
Shirley Chapman, Doreen Deare, Phil Deare,
Alice Foster, Margaret Illingworth, Joan Lane,
John Lonsdale, Kendall McDonald, Pat Macdonald,
Chas. Mitchelmore, Bob Morley, Kay Morley,
Mead Neighbourhood Watch, Sloop Inn, Rosemary Stocken,
Thurlestone Hotel, Village Inn, Veronica White,
Derek Yeoman, George Yeoman, and Ian and Paul
(...help with the chairs).

The cream tea experts really dropped into gear on the day and did a terrific job, not only setting up tables etc. but producing hundreds of scones, jam, cups of tea, and all the other things that made it such a happy occasion.

Thanks must also be given to the South Hams Council for their generous donation of £721 made via their chairman Mrs. Joy Roskrige, and to all the many donors of money and those who supported us at the opening ceremony.

Ida Smith unveiled the restorations with great dignity - despite having no prior knowledge of the role she was to be called upon to fulfil until about 60 seconds beforehand - and Ellie Stidston (also a late recruit) did a splendid job. Thanks to both.

Last but not least a thank you to all who were involved in the building and restoration work for their help and expertise - not forgetting Mrs. Wiener for providing their tea breaks.

The day passed like a bit of a kaleidoscope as far as I was concerned, so I very much hope I have not left anyone off the list of thanks.

We have two videos, filmed by Phil Deare and Ian MacKay, and it is hoped that these can be put together to produce a record of the event for posterity. Photographs will also be put into the village archives.

Please use the pumphouse. Meet your friends there, shelter from the rain, have a chat and solve the problems of the world there. But most of all be thankful for the beauty of our village. Kate and I love it, and we hope you do too!

Len Hubbard

WEATHER WAG by JAN TURNER

I've had lots of figures to look at for this issue which has caused me to work under pressure to meet the deadline - you'll see the resulting statistics at the end - but pressure of the atmospheric type is what I will write about first.

My friend Ingrid Holford says of pressure "It is not surprising that the pressure of the atmosphere had to be DISCOVERED. It is imperceptible by the human body under normal conditions because pressure acts both inwards and outwards on everything containing air." There have been many scientists, physicists, meteorologists and balloonists etc. who have experimented with this mystery.

Hero of Alexandria, a Greek engineer of the 2nd century BC, was the first to suspect and demonstrate that air had weight. He inverted a vessel containing air into a bowl of water to show that the water could not replace the air unless some bubbles were allowed to escape. Much too advanced for his era, the question was not seriously taken up again until the 17th century. You may be familiar with names such as Torricelli, Pascal, Descartes, or Robert Boyle. The name 'barometer' was attributed to this last, and comes from the Greek 'buros' (weight) and 'metron' (measure).

BAROMETERS measure the 'weight' of the air or the 'pressure' of the air. Mercury was used first, then air itself - well the lack of it really, a vacuum. A small corrugated vessel was designed and had all the air evacuated from it. This then reacts as the pressure of air outside varies, and is called the aneroid barometer...which is the sort found in many homes. Another instrument is the barograph. This connects the barometer to an inked pen which draws a graph line on a scaled paper wrapped around a revolving drum worked by a clockwork mechanism.

We measure air pressure in millibars (mb) an international unit of measurement. It is related to the mercury experiments of the 17th century (which we won't go into here!). The standard atmosphere at mean sea level is considered to exert a pressure of 1013.2 mb. However, meteorologists refer to sea level as the 1000 mb surface. Pressure falls the higher up you go into the atmosphere - 1 mb per 10 metres. Above this the air is less dense, and decrease is less rapid. The mean level of the 500 mb surface is round about 5500 metres and the 300 mb surface at about 9000 metres.

Pressure varies comparatively little throughout the world and only in the lowest region, the TROPOPAUSE. The surface air is continually being warmed; and rises, then cools, and falls back towards the surface again. The sources of hot and cold surface air are not evenly distributed between the Equator and the Poles. Land surfaces of differing heights and sizes complicate matters, with the result that bands of high and low areas of pressure, roughly following the parallels of latitude, are produced.

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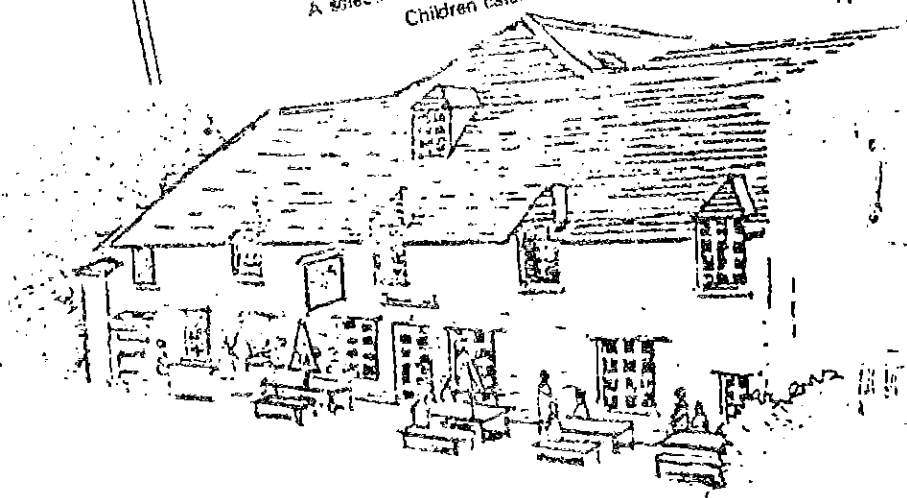
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We hear weather forecasters use the words low pressure, high pressure, ridges, troughs, cold fronts, warm fronts, etc., all terms relating to areas of pressure and weather activity. I'll try briefly to explain how things work in theory.

1. DEPRESSION (Cyclone) This is an area of low pressure - vast or not so vast - where the air is moving, in a huge circular fashion, around a low centre in an anti-clockwise direction (clockwise in the southern hemisphere). Usually pressure measures somewhere between 950 mb and 1020 mb. There are two areas (in theory) of active weather, one leading the circle along - windy, continuous rain, heavy leaden clouds, not very cold but can feel cold - known as a WARM FRONT.

Dragging along as the other arm of an inverted V is the COLD FRONT. The majority of precipitation has fallen, a brighter weather with gusty showers is its character. Between these two is a quieter WARM SECTOR. There are nearly always strong winds, or gales, and some vicious gusty ones in the showers. On your TV screen or weather map wind is expected where the plain lines (ISOBARS) occur drawn closely together.

2. ANTICYCLONE This is the opposite entirely of the cyclone or depression. Here the air is still circulating around a central point but the pressure is high - 1030 mb. The winds are light (the air can be very calm) and move in a clockwise direction.

In general the depression is the same in character, winter or summer, all year. The anticyclone is very different, summer bringing hot, dry weather and winter cold, still, frosty and foggy weather (a motorist's nightmare).

The system is that air generally moves from high pressure where air is tending to become 'heavier' (more dense) towards low pressure where air is 'lighter' - less dense and rising. Try deciding where the low pressure is....stand with your back to the wind and the low pressure is always on your LEFT (the opposite in the southern hemisphere). By this means you can tell where the 'weather' is coming from. 'WEATHER' describes the activity in the atmosphere - sometimes you will hear the Met. Office say "weather along that warm front is declining".

What weather there has been in the north of the country! It was the coldest place in the world at one stage, minus 22 degrees Centigrade with a 20 mph wind, which produces a wind chill factor in the region of minus 48 degrees Centigrade or minus 53 degrees Fahrenheit. No wonder the water mains froze! Then, over a couple of hours in Glasgow, there was a rise in temperature from minus 15 degrees Centigrade to plus 1 degree Centigrade.

WEATHER STATISTICS FOR 4th QUARTER 1995

OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER TOTAL YEAR

RAINFALL

Month Total (mm)	44.3	97.5	107	248	858
Days of rain	12	15	21	48	183
Wettest day (mm)	20	18	19	38.12	

TEMPERATURE

Month Average (C)	15.2	10.1	6.30	10.53	13.06
Highest temp	20.9	16.8	14	20.9	
Lowest temp	7.8	-3.1	-3.8	-3.8	

WIND DIRECTION

Westerly (Days)	16	5	4	25	168
Easterly	12	22	25	59	173
Northerly	0	1	1	2	12
Southerly	3	2	1	6	11

WIND SPEED

Strongest (mph)	63	53	47	63	80
Days below 5 mph	1	2	0	3	

SUNNIEST DAY

Number of Hours	9.32	8.24	6.09	N/A	
Date	Oct 31	Nov 17	Dec 9	N/A	

YEARLY COMPARISON OF WEATHER STATISTICS

1994

1995

RAINFALL

Total (mm)	1113.46	858.87
Wettest Month (mm)	154.9 Feb	137 Jan
Wettest day (mm)	24.44 Jan 4	38.12 Sep 11
Driest Month (mm)	22.82 June	10.6 June

TEMPERATURE

Highest Month Average (C)	18.96 Aug	20.07 Aug
Highest daily average	N/A	25.6 Aug 3
Highest Maximum	N/A	32 Aug 1
Lowest daily average	N/A	0.5 Dec 6
Lowest minimum	N/A	-3.8 Dec 26
Average for year	N/A	13.06

WIND DIRECTION

Westerly (Days)	213	168
Easterly	124	173
Northerly	N/A	12
Southerly	N/A	11
Highest Gust (mph)	86 Jan 27	80 Jan 22



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Many of the children in Romania have endured cruel hardship in their short lives. Horrific conditions within the orphanages plus lack of love and stimulation. Many were infected with the HIV virus and developed AIDS. Children were left in pain and died with no company or love. **NO CHILD SHOULD DIE IN PAIN OR WITHOUT A CUDDLE.** St Laurence Hospice in Cernavoda, Romania, which was opened in March 1992, was built to provide a warm, comfortable home for children to receive tender loving care. Many of the children admitted are very thin, very frightened, suffering pain or infection and unloved. Within weeks, those same children have found love, peace, warmth and dignity. They gain weight, their hair grows and

Daniella, aged 3½ years, on admission



Daniella 3 years later

they are stimulated to start developing their own potential. Whether that is eye to eye contact, a relaxed happy smile, turning to hear their name or actually becoming totally independent and attending nursery school. The majority of children, who were admitted weak and ill in the early months of 1992, have progressed to walking, talking, feeding themselves and, in many cases, to attend school. Some are so well now that they should no longer be at the Hospice, but there is no where else for them to go.

Due to the dramatic rise in inflation in Romania, the ever increasing financial needs of each child is becoming more difficult to meet. We have therefore decided to sponsor a child, which costs £10 per month and helps to maintain the loving, caring environment to which the child has become accustomed and to continue to provide the regular medication and nutritious food needed. £120 of the money raised this year will therefore go to sponsor a child and, with your generosity, our carol singing each Christmas will more than cover the sponsorship for the next year. Hopefully we may have information about 'our child' for the next edition of *Village Voice*.

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TRAMPS PROGRESS - by PAM BREWSTER

6th DECEMBER 1995. LEADER - STUART REYNOLDS

A cheerful crowd of 21 and two faithful hounds set off from the West Alvington car park on a chilly St. Nicholas's morning. To impart the essential sylvan flavour to the walk we circled first through West Alvington woods before heading, more appropriately perhaps, in the direction of our lunch-time destination, Malborough. Not that we were in any hurry to arrive as we had our Christmas treat to look forward to, and after a mile or two of lanes and fields we paused at a sunny and sheltered vantage point for our sherry and mince pies.

We then sped on in even merrier mood, reaching the Old Inn in record time. There we were delighted and surprised to be joined by three would-be but temporarily incapacitated trampers. We managed not to linger too long over our lunch in the pleasant warmth of the pub and set off again at a spanking pace, taking a different route along more lanes and over more fields back to West Alvington. Despite the carousing we had covered about eight painless miles in all.

TRAMPS ANNUAL, No.8

For those with a good memory, 1995 was yet another memorable year for Tramps, with its 18 varied and variable walks. Although one walk was slightly shortened and another taken at scouts' pace on account of the weather, only the experimental extra Saturday walk was cancelled. It seemed foolish to get soaked in the middle of June, deliberately.

By no means were all the walks new, but most were so good that, like a good recipe, they can bear being repeated. There was the usual mix of local walks and others that took us further afield, to Dartmoor or along some more distant stretches of coastline. Everyone would agree that each walk had its own special quality - even if it was getting caught in a hailstorm - but certainly the "Stepping Stones" walk was one of the most memorable. It would have been impossible to make a week later when the rivers had risen. At least no one fell in.

Then there was the figure-of-eight walk on what must have been one of the hottest days in August...and no one opted out at the half way stage either! It was, however, on this occasion, as has been recorded, that the desire to sleep brought on by a combination of heat and a pint (or two) of, presumably, the best proved too strong for one person on the journey home. The Down Thomas walk is also remembered for the splendid views and lovely weather. And then there were all the others....

If numbers were down a little on one or two occasions this was not due to any waning of enthusiasm on the walkers' part but rather to unavoidable conflicting commitments, or an unaccountable addiction to foreign parts, shown by otherwise normal people. In fact one or two new recruits have joined our ranks. It has to be admitted, however, that our canine support was thin, full marks again going to Homer and Ambrose.

Happily there are two youngsters showing promise. Finally we should like to thank Mrs. Kay Morley and Mrs. Frances Bromfield for letting us display our notices in their shops and are sorry they do not have the time to join us.

THURLESTONE TRAMPS WALKS FOR 1996

Date	Walk	Leader
JAN 17	Local, Clanacombe, Venn, A. Gifford	- Derek Yeoman
FEB 21	East Prawle, Hallsands	- Bob Nicholls
MAR 6	Bow Bridge, Beenleigh X, Totnes	- Bob Nicholls
MAR 20	Mothecombe, Bugle Hole, Holbeton	- Pam Brewster
APR 3	Shipley Bridge, Moors walk	- Roy Travis
APR 17	Ermington, Yealmpton	- Susan Dwyer
MAY 1	Slapton, country walk	- Ian Fraser
MAY 15	Gara Bridge, Diptford, Lupridge	- Ron Parkin
JUN 5	Yealmpton and SW Moors	- Roy Travis
JUN 19	Holne, Moors walk	- Derek Yeoman
JULY 3	Avon paddle (depending on tide)	- Rosemary Mackay
JULY 17	Newbridge, Spitchwick, R. Webburn	- Stuart Reynolds
AUG 7	Bedford Bridge, Bucktor, Tavistock	- Stuart Reynolds
AUG 21	North Moors walk	- Stuart Reynolds
SEP 4	Burrator area	- Pam Brewster
SEP 18	Malborough, Snapes Point	- Bob Nicholls
OCT 9	Bowcombe Bridge, Frogmore	- Rosemary Mackay
NOV 13	Dartington, river walk, Staverton	- Fraser & Parkin
DEC 11	Xmas walk, Capton, Cornworthy	- Travis & Nicholls

WALK LEADERS

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Rosemary Mackay	560758	Ian Fraser (IF)	560892
Ron Parkin (RP)	561215	Stuart Reynolds	560643
Derek Yeoman (DY)	560300	Bob Nicholls (BN)	560876
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Rendez-vous for all walks at Thurlestone Parish Hall car park.

Walkdays: January & February - 3rd Wednesday in month
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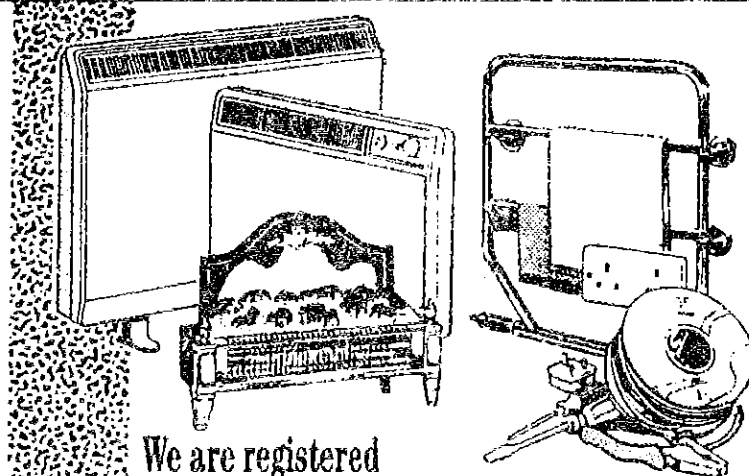
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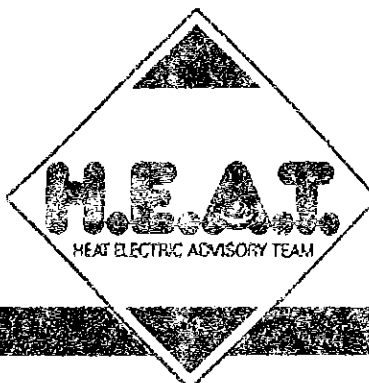
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WHEN I WAS YOUNG

(JOAN HILLYAR is a well-known resident of Thurlestone. Here is an account of her earlier days which she wrote originally for the Thurlestone Court Newsletter "When I Was Young" series.)

"I was born on the 7 August 1907, one of three children, at Hill Crest, Frodsham, Cheshire. My father was Chairman of a large chemical company whose factory functions still at Warrington - Joseph Crosfields & Sons. This firm became part of Lever Brothers, the well-known makers of such soaps as Persil, Lifebuoy, Lux, etc. and which today forms part of the giant Unilever organisation.

When I was aged about 6 I joined the local vicar's son and daughter for lessons, but as we were all so naughty there were many teachers in four years. In despair, my parents sent me to boarding school at Heswall, also in Cheshire, and from here I eventually went on to the girls' public school Wycombe Abbey.

I left school at 17 years old, in 1925, and was sent off to Switzerland to a finishing school to learn French. Whilst there we were taken on 'Christmas holidays' instead of coming home - to Zermatt for the ski-ing and to Milan to the Opéra House. I was supposed to be at the school for a year, but in the July two of the staff caught diphtheria and died. I was promptly brought home. After staying at home for about six months I decided to go off to London, to Guy's Hospital, to take a course in massage. It was hard, working on the wards; some of my patients were very nice, others not so nice!

I have always been a rebel so again, instead of taking my final exam, I came home and went sailing with my parents. By then we were living at Roundham Head, Paignton, in Devon, and we used to go down the coast to Dartmouth and Salcombe and as far as Fowey and up the Helford River. We would also sail over to the Channel Islands.

In 1936 I went off to South Africa for two years and had many adventures. Coming back in 1938 I joined the W.V.S. and, later, was responsible - amongst other things - for 5000 evacuees, and for some time soldiers from Dunkirk. Twelve American soldiers were billeted at my home, and we also had five evacuees.

In 1942 I joined the WRNS and did my training at Dartmouth Royal Naval College, after which I went to Brixham. I could tell you many stories of my time there! I was demobbed in 1945, married in 1946, and Michael, our son, was born in 1947. We owned the Buckland Flower Farm from 1947 to 1960 and lived at Highwell, in Churchstow.

In 1968 we moved to Thurlestone but in 1988 my husband was taken ill so we moved into Charnwood Court Nursing Home - now the Thurlestone Court Residential Home."

(I think we will have to get Mrs.Hillyar to write another instalment, about her adventures in the WRNS! Editor.)

THURLESTONE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

We are pleased to include in this issue two more examples of the imaginative writing which is being produced by the children at our Village School, and which we reproduce here by kind permission of Headmaster Alun Williams.

CRIES OF BOSNIA

Silence is beckoned. Suffering is the way they live
Hunger is normal. Pain is how they grow
War is life. Anger are the soldiers
Fighting is forced. Peace are the UN
Peace is a legend. Faces are the people and
and bombs are the sky. nothing else
These are the cries of Bosnia. These are the cries of Bosnia

Where people once roamed there lies bodies and death

No Christmas, no presents, nothing quite yet.

War comes first, not children, oh no.

They pray for peace, but they know what it is,

It is a story book unturned and a tree bare and old.

These are the cries of Bosnia

Edward Bushell

INSIDE RUSSIA

Carillons hang silently inside the decorated stone blue tower.

The clocks are still ticking, the filigree gleaming, but the bells aren't ringing. They've stopped forever. The man and his army killed its heart and left its spirit.

The sculpture stands proud, a knight from a battle casting victory shadows on the tyrant and his men who lost against the courage of the hero and his horse.

The city stands high, a decorative wash spread over.
It's a single treasure in a treasure chest of cities.

Amy Carpenter

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SUPERGUIDE

FEBRUARY

Thur 8th WI 2.30 "Unusual Cottage Garden Plants" Jane Hollow
Thur 15th Conservative Bridge, Thurlestone Hotel, 6.30 pm
Tues 20th Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sloop Inn
Wed 21st Tramps - East Prawle, Hallsands

MARCH

Wed 6th Tramps, Bow Bridge, Beenleigh X, Totnes
Thur 14th WI 2.30 "Looking at Embroidery" Janet Wingate
Tues 19th Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
Wed 20th Tramps, Mothecombe, Bugle Hole, Holbeton
Fri 22nd Conservative AGM, Th.Hotel, noon, lunch 1pm
Tue 26th WI guided tour Theatre Royal, 2.30pm

APRIL

Wed 3rd Tramps, Shipley Bridge, Moors walk
Thur 11th WI 2.30 "100 Years of the Thurlestone Hotel"
Wed 17th Tramps, Ermington, Yealmpton
Tue 23rd Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

MAY

Wed 1st Tramps, Slapton country walk
Thur 9th WI 2.30, Resolutions discussion
Tues 14th Annual Council meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wed 15th Tramps, Gara Bridge, Diptford, Lupridge

JUNE

Wed 5th Tramps, Yealmpton and E.W.Moors
Thur 13th WI 2.30, "Talking as a Lace maker"
Tues 18th Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wed 19th Tramps, Holne, Moors walk

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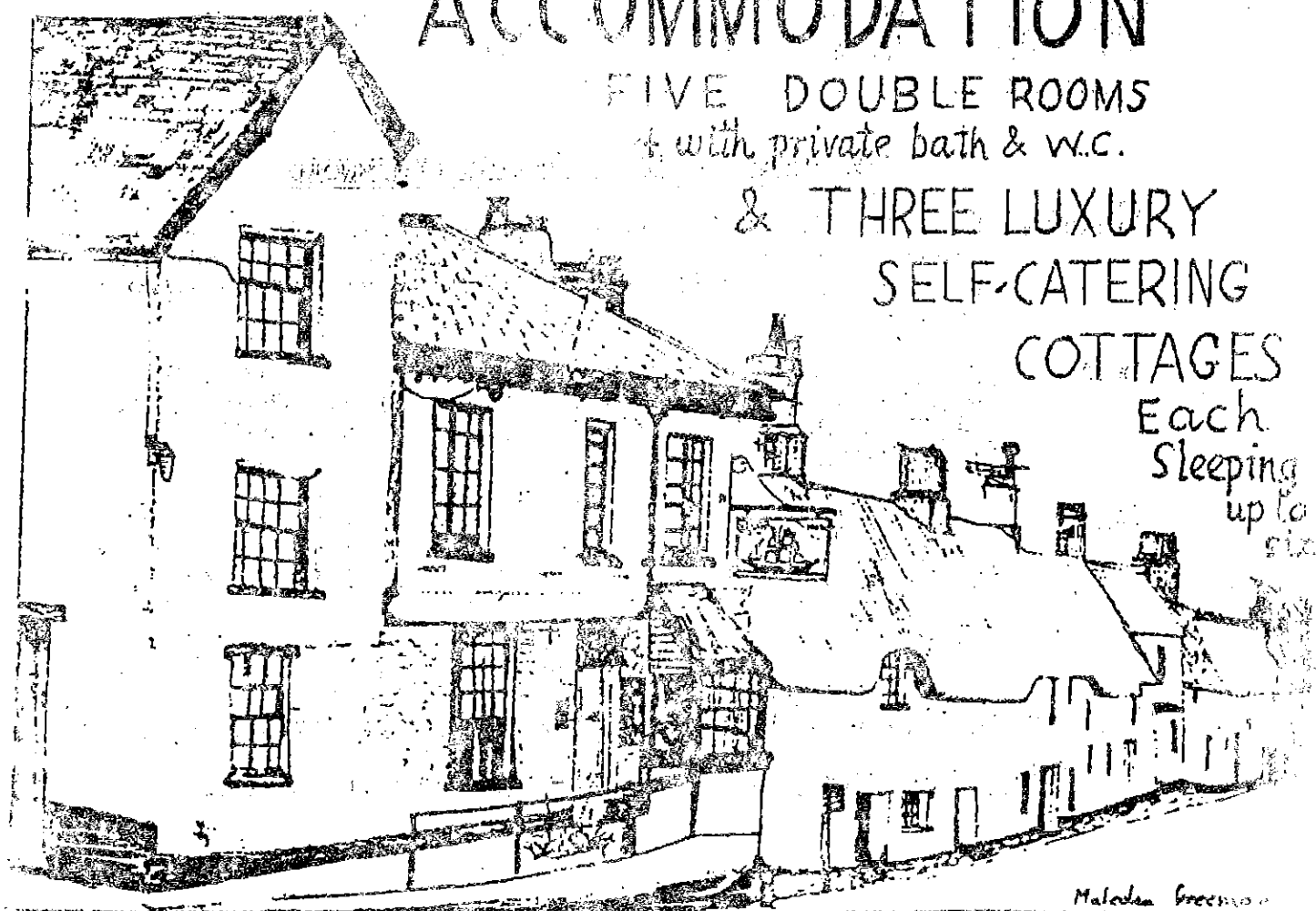
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Prime Devon meats, Speciality Salads and a variety of Home
Prepared Dishes

ACCOMMODATION

FIVE DOUBLE ROOMS
+ with private bath & W.C.

& THREE LUXURY
SELF-CATERING
COTTAGES

Each
Sleeping
up to
six



Malcolm Green