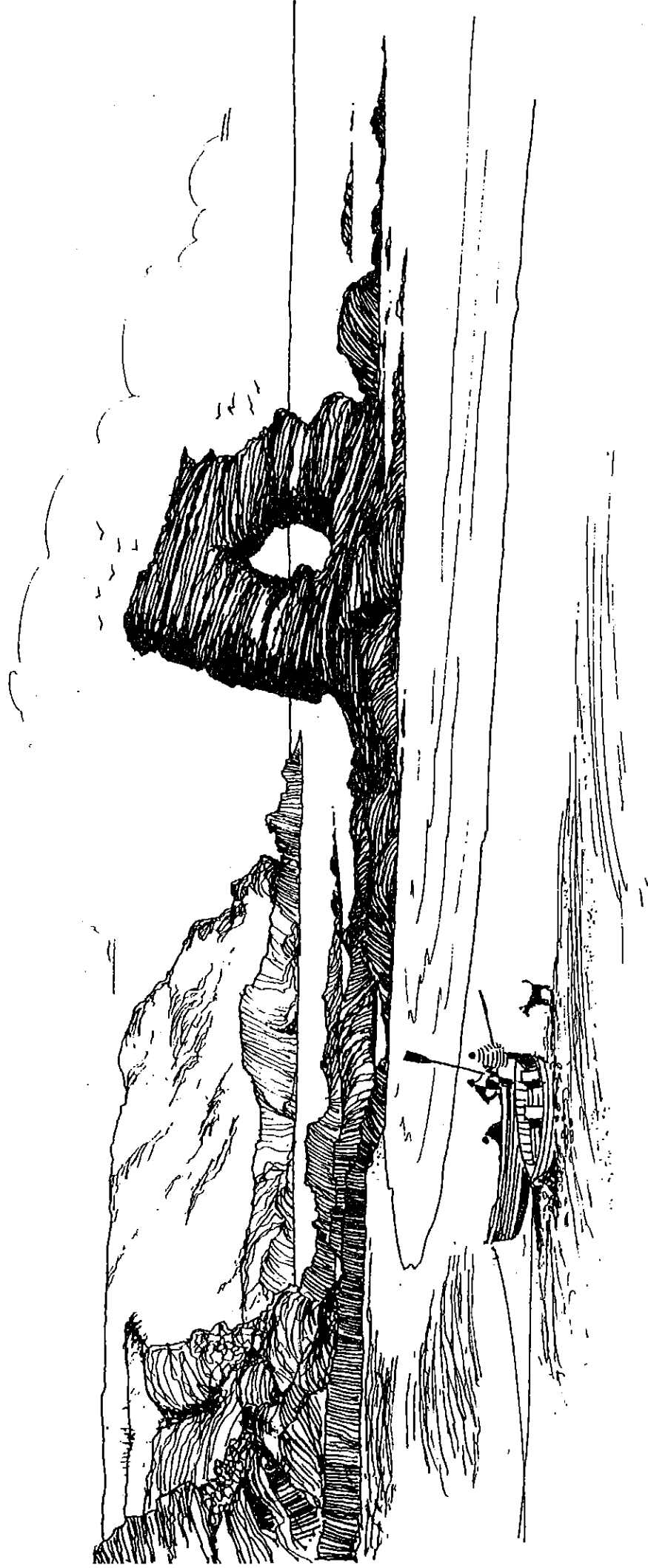


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Our front cover shows a sketch of a watercolour painting which Len Hubbard has generously donated to help raise funds for our new printing machine. Colour prints of Len's original painting are for sale at £10.00 each. They measure approximately 16" x 12" and can be seen in either of the village shops... courtesy of Kay and Frances. Everyone who buys a print will be entered into a raffle for the original watercolour. The draw for this will take place at the end of September and the winner's name will be announced in the next issue.

There was such a good response to our initial appeal for funds that we have been able to make a substantial payment towards the cost of the machine, and it has now arrived - just in time for us to use for this issue. Additional contributions are still needed, however, and will be gratefully appreciated. Readers will note the changes in style, which are largely experimental at this stage!

Inside you will find a detailed list of what is on offer from the Tennis Section at Thurlestone Golf Club, both for members and non-members. What an excellent way to entertain your visitors, *provided you remind them to bring their tennis gear!* Pat Machin, also with visitors in mind, has kindly provided us with TWO of his intriguing puzzles for this issue. Most importantly, next week-end the Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show is due to take place - at South Milton this year - on Saturday 3rd August. The journey over there will certainly repay the effort.

We hope you'll enjoy this "new look" to your Village Voice!

A New Look...

*Introducing the first issue to be produced by
our new print system*

The Old Technology

Ever since Dudley Drabble started this magazine in 1982 it has been produced by old-established systems on old-fashioned technical equipment. That is not intended as a criticism - simply a statement of fact.

The typewriter, the wax stencil, and the Gestetner duplicator have done yeoman service and enabled the village to have a truly low-cost and affordable publication over this whole period.

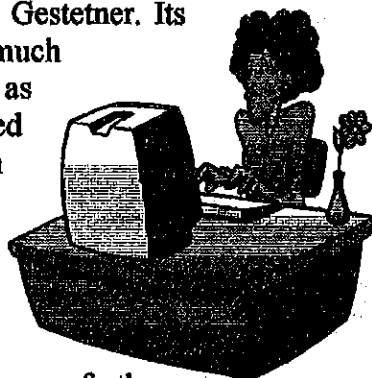
We salute these technical dinosaurs, without which there would have been no "Village Voice" to inform, entertain, and illuminate the householders of Thurlestone, Bantham, and West Buckland.

The Inkspots

When Kendall and Penny McDonald handed on the publishing of "Village Voice", the current team under the co-ordination of Al Parker worked hard to come to terms with the idiosyncracies of the Gestetner. Its propensity to deliver as much ink over the operators as over the paper led inevitably to the team members being given the title by which they are now affectionately known.

For over twelve months and seven issues of the magazine they have dutifully girded their loins, rolled up their sleeves, and gritted their teeth to coax, cajole, kick, and otherwise persuade the old Gestetner to turn out yet one more issue.

There has been many an oath - and many a good laugh - along the way, and a splendid team spirit has steadily developed to ensure that EVERY issue was successfully completed and delivered on time - no matter what hurdles, crises, or problems had to be overcome.



The New Risograph

To replace the old system of cutting wax or vinyl stencils which were then wrapped round the ink-feed drum of a Gestetner duplicator, the "Village Voice" team has turned to a new **Risograph** machine which effectively combines and carries out both these processes. A final page of typescript with photographs or other illustrations is fed into the machine, which scans it electronically and produces a "master" by thermal imaging. This "master" is then automatically wrapped round an ink-fed drum and copies can be run off at speeds up to 130 per minute.

This means that 500 copies of a single page can be produced in around five minutes - with no fiddling, and no inky elbows! Just as importantly, the cost of reproduction (not including the cost of the paper) will be even lower than under the old system.

The Future

Readers will readily recognise the benefits to be derived from this leap forward in our publishing technology. On the Editorial design side, it will now be possible - with the aid of a computer - to use a variety of type faces and sizes, and to incorporate line drawings and photographs within the text. On the production side the work will be a lot easier, cleaner, and faster. This adds up to an exciting future for the publishers of "Village Voice", and a much improved magazine for readers and advertisers.

This new facility may also be available for other community print-users by arrangement.

Our Sincere Thanks

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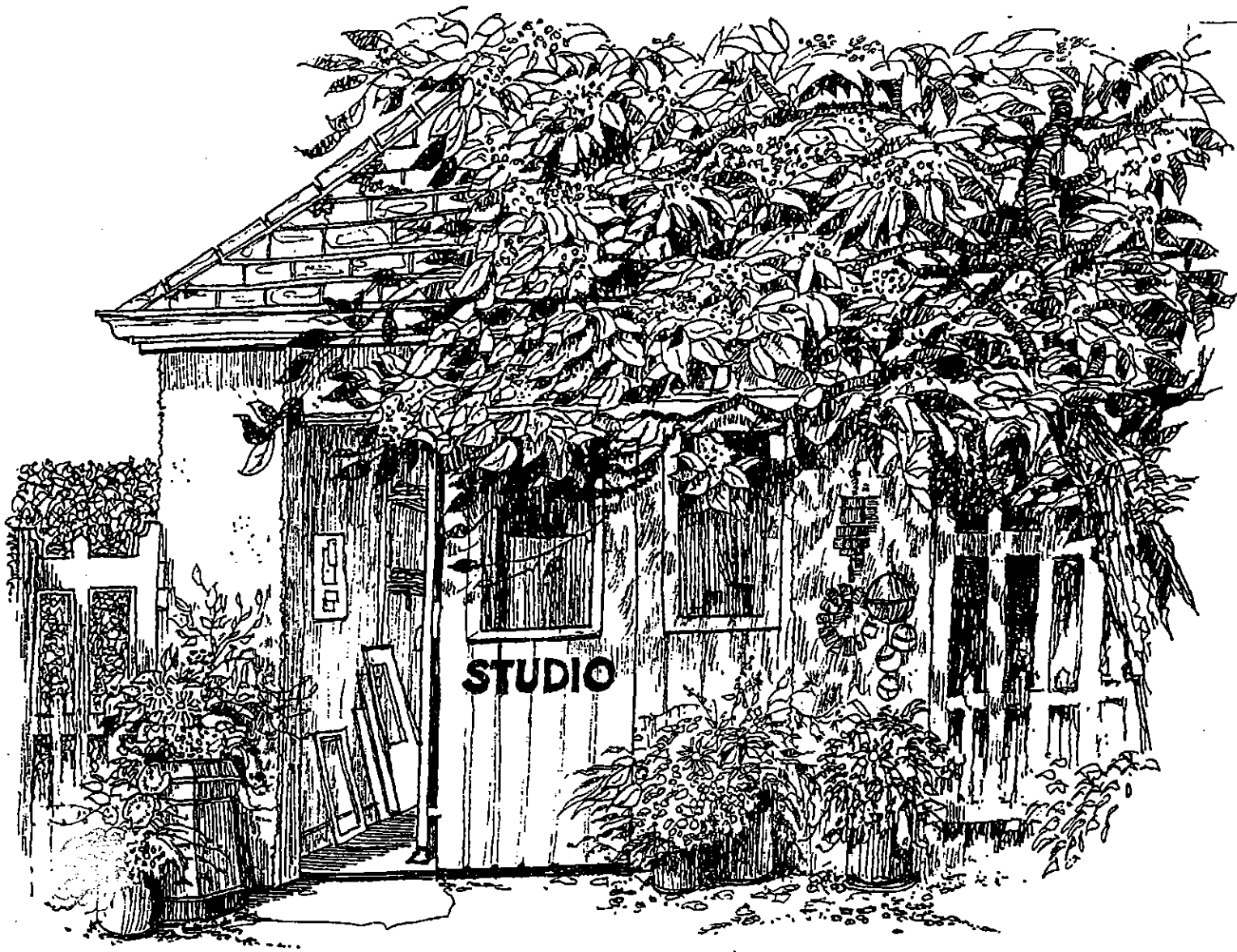
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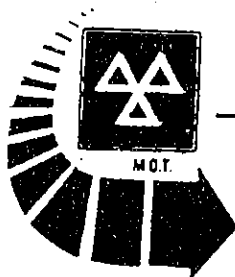
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As I write the television screen is full of war memorials on the Somme and interviews with the few remaining survivors of that hideous battle (if you can bring yourself to call that slaughter a battle of any kind). The TV programmes made me think about war memorials in general, and the one on our village green in particular. For example, why does it look like it does? Behind that simple question lies an interesting story!

The majority of war memorials were erected after the Great War - the 1914/18 War - in the period from 1919 to 1922. The money for them was raised locally. Most memorials were organised and funded through parish or borough councils or through a special local war memorial committee. There was, it seems, no standard design, though many look very alike. Thurlestone's war memorial cross is very different from any other. It is in fact based on the design of an ancient cross at South Zeal, near Okehampton, and another at Widecombe-in-the-Moor. Both these crosses are very old indeed and were erected in the 14th century.

Why would Thurlestone adopt such an old style? Well, the man largely instrumental for taking the design of the Thurlestone war memorial cross from those ancient crosses on Dartmoor, was the Reverend F.E.Coope, who was Rector of Thurlestone from 1897 to 1921. He had already made a study of Dartmoor's ancient crosses to follow up a discovery he had made on his very first day as Rector.

This is what happened. One spring day in 1897, a carriage bowled along the road past Whitley Farm carrying the new parish priest, the Reverend Frank Egerton Coope, to start his ministry in Thurlestone. Suddenly the carriage pulled up and Mr.Coope got out and walked back to the entrance to Whitley Farm. His eyes had not deceived him. On either side of the gateway, covered in mud and muck, were the head and base of an ancient granite cross, apparently put there by the farmer to stop carts damaging the gate pillars. At that moment, Mr.Coope vowed to restore the cross, which had probably been put up near Whitley at the boundary between Thurlestone and South Milton in the 1300's as a place for travellers to pray by the roadside.

What then was it doing in pieces at Whitley Farm? It is thought that it may have been "thrown down" by Roundheads when they were seeking revenge for the use of the farm as the headquarters for Prince Maurice and his Cavalier army when he was marching on Dartmouth.

So Mr.Coope started his restoration of the old cross. He immediately ran into a difficulty. He



was given the head of the cross by the farmer, but someone had beaten him to it and taken the base. The man with the base turned out to be a Captain Dowglass of South Milton, and he refused to part with it though he did allow the Rector to make a copy.

To get the correct shape of the shaft of the cross, Mr.Coope studied ancient crosses in Devon and soon focussed on those at Widecombe and South Zeal. Today that restored 14th century cross stands at the wall of Thurlestone All Saints Church looking out over the village green at the 1914/18 cross. (The original base of the cross taken by Capt. Dowglass can be seen in front of the Village Hall at South Milton. It is upside down and used as a bird bath!)

The old cross by the wall at Thurlestone has a plaque at its foot which says it was erected in honour of the Coronation of King George the Fifth in 1911. Nine years later, the Reverend Mr.Coope dug out his drawings once again and they formed the basis of the design of the War Memorial cross. In his book 'Thurlestone Church and Parish', published in 1920, Mr.Coope says:

"As I write, steps are being taken to erect a granite village cross, copied from what I conceive to have been the original design of the ancient cross at South Zeal. It will stand on the village green outside the churchyard to commemorate the men of the Parish who gave their lives for us during the Great War".

And that is why the cross on our War Memorial looks very different from others round about.

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What magnificent generosity from all concerned!

Already the field is looking good. We will need pond plants, butterfly bushes, clematis and fragrant climbers which will scramble over the pergola when Mr.Gunner has finished it. There will be a collecting box in the Village Stores – perhaps you could ask your summer visitors for a donation?

There's much still to do but already we have woodlice and slow worms wiggling under our log slices and soon dragonflies will zoom past our pond.

Happy Summer to you all. Thanks so much for your help and support - please don't stop now, will you!

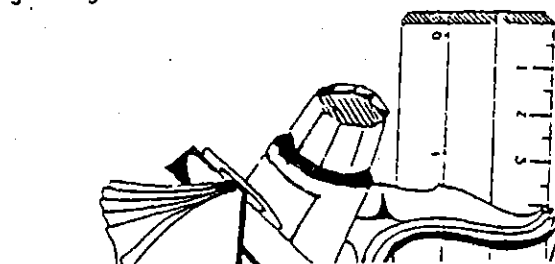
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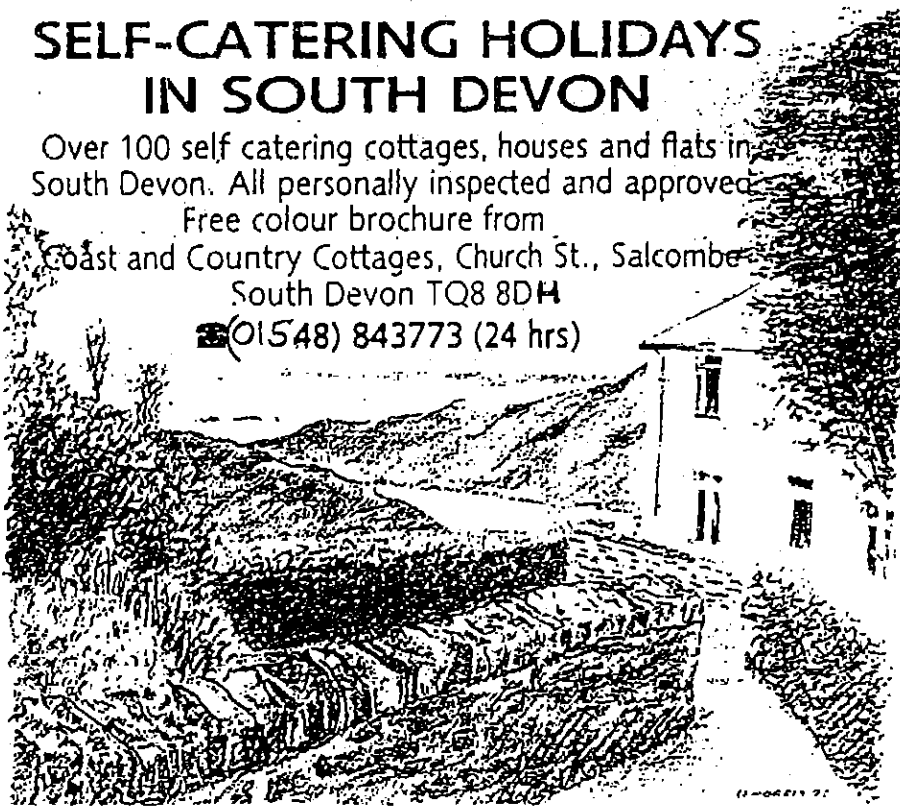
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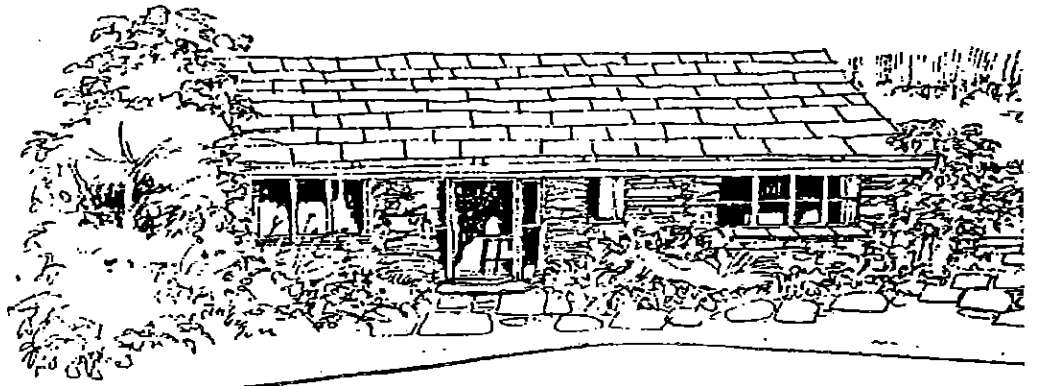
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# *A Neville Oswald Report...*

## **THURLESTONE AND THE CIVIL WAR - 1642 TO 1646**

When the Civil War broke out in 1642 most of the residents of Thurlestone must surely have thought that it would not bother them overmuch. On the face of it, they were right. Devon was then relatively prosperous with a diverse economy which included agriculture, the wool trade and fishing. Plymouth and Dartmouth were thriving ports that were exploiting the new colonies in North America and the lucrative cod fishing grounds off Newfoundland. Yet these simple country folk knew that all was not well between the King and Parliament. For a year they had seen business and industry come to a halt, but they could hardly have anticipated four years of misery during which troops marched back and forth across the county fighting pitched battles and robbing farms and houses indiscriminately in their search for food. Whilst no archives (such as are sometimes found in the attic or basement of a country house) exist to describe in detail the day to day life and times of the parish during those years, sufficient information is available in ecclesiastical and other records, and from the writings of historians, for a fairly accurate assessment to be made.

The population of Thurlestone then stood at about 250, one third of whom lived in Buckland and Bantham, and had a social order similar to that in other rural districts. Although no aristocrat lived in the parish, the villagers must have had a vicarious

interest in them because all but the northern rim was owned by the Earl of Devon who lived at Powderham Castle beside the Exe estuary. Hence the dozen or so gentry and yeomanry families who between them ran the parish and rented almost all the land from the Earl, sublet small holdings, dwellings and allotments to the husbandmen, tradesmen and the labouring poor. This hierarchical system, with nearly everybody working for and being paid by employers within the parish was accepted, at least when peace prevailed. It was ably supervised by Thomas Stevens, the Earl's agent who lived at Clannacombe and who is commemorated by a splendid monument in the lady chapel of the parish church, showing him kneeling with his wife and six children together with a baby wrapped in a shroud (a chrisom child who died within a month of birth).



The greatest threat to stability came from beggars, discharged soldiers and sailors and the unemployed who roamed the countryside beyond the control of the gentry and yeomanry. The problem increased in the months before and then during the Civil War and gradually disrupted the peaceful existence of the people of Thurlestone.

The early stages of the war, in 1642, were played out well away from Thurlestone. Hopton marched the King's Royalist Cavaliers across the north of the county and quickly overcame any Parliamentary resistance in Cornwall, the

county having been mainly Royalist from the start. The following year was critical for the people of Devon who were hopelessly divided in their loyalties. On the whole they were for Parliament, but with most of the nobility, including the Earl of Devon, and the gentry for the King and the lesser gentry and townspeople for Parliament. During the year **Prince Maurice**, in charge of the Royalist troops, overran the whole of the county with the exception of Plymouth - which never yielded. For Thurlestone, this put an entirely different complexion on the contest, whatever allegiances individuals may have had. With Royalist garrisons in towns and skirmishes developing here and there, the county remained in subjugation for the next two years, despite unsuccessful attempts by Parliamentary forces to relieve it. In 1643 **Prince Maurice** established his headquarters just outside Plymouth and needed considerable quantities of food for his forces that were besieging the city. He set up a depot at Modbury, under the command of **Sir Nicholas Slanning**, to collect supplies from the neighbourhood including Thurlestone, but the enterprise was short-lived. The countryside rose up and demolished the depot, killing about a hundred of the defenders.

**Prince Maurice** came to Thurlestone in December 1643 and stayed at Whitley farm, in the valley adjacent to the present Whitley farm where the Palmers now live. He held a meeting with the local gentry who supported the King and, in order to secure the Salcombe estuary, commanded **Sir Edmund Fortescue** of Fallapit to strengthen the ruined Salcombe Castle so that it might, if necessary, withstand a siege. Meanwhile, religious affiliations were coming very much to the fore. A century after the changes introduced by **Henry VIII** at the Reformation, Devon had become one of the most firmly Protestant counties in the land. At the same time Puritanism, with its austere habits and discouragement of merry-making, was rapidly finding favour

and, supported by **Cromwell** and his Roundheads, had gained the upper hand by the time of the Civil War. The bizarre sequence of events at the rectory in Thurlestone illustrates the complexity of that age. The Rector, **Henry Luscombe**, whose effigy in an alcove now graces the lady chapel, died in 1634, after which simony took place. (That means "money was offered for the living") In these circumstances his successor was selected not by the patron but by the King himself. He appointed **John Snell MA**, who was one of his chaplains and had been educated at **Blundells School**. He was also chaplain to the renovated **Salcombe Castle**. He survived the siege there when it was the last stronghold in the county to surrender to **Cromwell's** army in 1646. The articles of surrender "allowed (him) the just possession of his parsonage" but soon his cattle and the contents of his house were stolen and he was forced to flee for his life with his wife "who always accompanied her husband in his terrible dangers with a fearless mind". At the Restoration in 1660 and the crowning of **Charles II**, **Snell** was reinstated at Thurlestone. Later he became Canon Residentiary in Exeter Cathedral where he, his wife, and a son (who became Mayor of Exeter) were buried. Another son followed him as rector at Thurlestone.

In October 1645 **Fairfax** and **Cromwell** with the New Model Army advanced into Devon from Somerset and attacked the demoralised Royalist forces. By the following spring they had overcome all resistance and relieved Plymouth. The county had by then suffered severe damage. The estates of landlords both large and small, whether Royalist or Parliamentarian, had been plundered and stripped by the armies of both sides. Many country houses were burnt. Town houses were destroyed or barricaded to withstand siege. Farmers, shopkeepers and wool merchants had lost large stores of goods. The county was a shambles and had to start all over again.

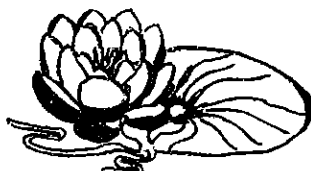


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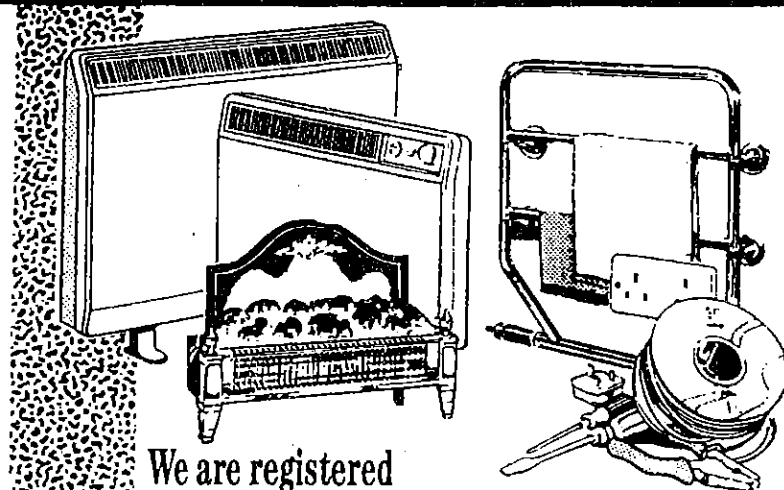
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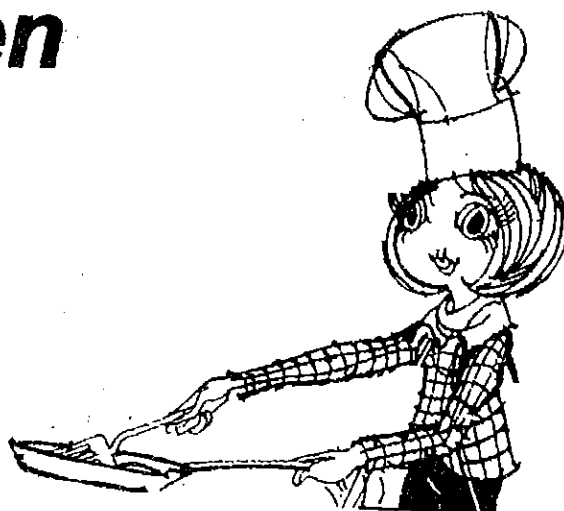
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# Kate's Kitchen

In early biblical days, the Hebrews used herbs in their cooking to give flavour, with the first documented account of their use being around 2000 BC in Babylon.

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With the arrival of pre-packed stuffings and then "cook-in" sauces, the use of herbs diminished. Now with the supermarkets selling pots and packets of fresh herbs there is a welcome return to the enhancing of meat and fish flavours by their use. Here is a herby vegetable dish which makes a delicious accompaniment to chicken or fish dishes.

## Broccoli in a chive & mustard sauce with a herb topping

- 8-12 ozs cooked broccoli
- 4 ozs smoked streaky bacon, grilled and chopped  
(or 4 ozs smoked ham, chopped)
- Half a pint of basic white sauce
- 1 teaspoon French mustard
- 1 tablespoon chives, chopped
- 4 ozs white or brown breadcrumbs
- One and a half ozs butter, melted
- Half oz Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon fresh mixed sweet herbs  
(or 1 teaspoon dried)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Butter a shallow fireproof dish. Combine the broccoli and bacon and put into dish. Mix the mustard and chives into the white sauce and pour over the broccoli. Combine breadcrumbs and herbs with a little seasoning to taste, then gently pour the melted butter over the mixture, turning it with a fork to coat the crumbs evenly. Add the cheese, mix well, then spread evenly over the sauce. Put under a pre-heated grill to brown.

**Note:** Always use bread that is over 24 hours old for this recipe.

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# SOOPA INTO POTS

The committee formed to raise funds for the restoration of Thurlestone's pumphouse, **SAVE OUR OLD PUMPHOUSE ASSOCIATION (SOOPA)**, has now completed what it set out to do. It was suggested that a parish amenity society should be formed to carry on the good work started by **SOOPA**, and members of that committee met to finalise its affairs.

Out of those embers the **PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY (POTS)** was fanned into being! Len Hubbard was elected chairman, Pat Leare the secretary and Veronica White the treasurer. The draft aims and objects of the society are:

*"To conserve, care for, and improve whenever and wherever practicable, features of historic or natural interest and those things which add to the amenities of Thurlestone, West Buckland and Bantham.*

*This work to include a watching brief on planning applications, and the carrying out of practical works to improve this area. It will inform and educate to stimulate interest in, and concern for, the area."*

WE WOULD APPRECIATE READERS' COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE AND ANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS THEY WOULD CARE TO MAKE. In particular we would welcome ideas on how membership of **POTS** might be constituted. At the moment it is just a committee, but they would welcome other volunteers to join them. Please contact Len Hubbard - 560731.

Funds remaining from the pumphouse restoration, looked after by the Parish Council in their "Hump's Charity" account, some £232, will be put into providing a Marsh Dawes designed seat - to be known as **IDA'S SEAT** - at the corner of Glebefield, near the postbox. There are also plans afoot to create a village video from existing material. If anyone is interested in helping with this, or who has potential material, please get in touch with Phil Deare - 560378.

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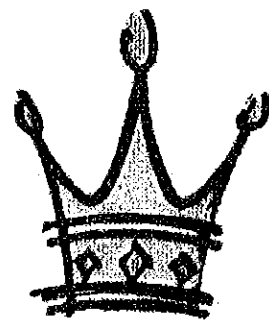
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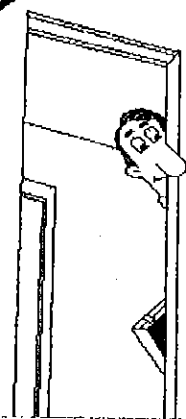
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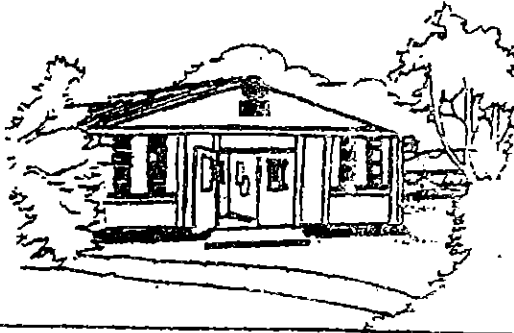


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# THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

**Report from the Chairman, Derek Yeoman**

## **FIRE DOORS**

These are now fitted and appear to be most satisfactory although, fortunately, we have not had to test them in anger! One point made clear by the supplier is that these doors are not designed for ordinary use and should only be used in cases of emergency. We therefore ask all hirers not to use them as a means of access for equipment, furniture, ventilation etc. They are to remain closed at all times except when needed for their designed use.

## **ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE**

This has been renewed at no cost this year to the Hall. However, one stipulation that no more than ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE may be in the Hall at any one time means that for concerts, plays, etc. the number of seats available to the public will have to be reduced to ensure that the total number of seats together with the cast and helpers does not exceed this figure. Will all organisers please ensure, when allocating tickets, that they take this into account. Next year we must consider whether the licence is worthwhile, in view of this and other restrictions, particularly as no use has been made of it so far.

## **MILLENNIUM FUNDING**

We have now withdrawn our request for funding. The meeting with the South Hams District Council representatives for the Fund revealed that because of the relatively good condition of our hall we would be close to the bottom of their funding list. There is also no certainty that our district council will receive Millennium money. Plans for the redevelopment of the old Football Club changing rooms at the rear of the Hall will be considered at our next meeting.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

On Saturday September 28 we will be having our annual Autumn Fair, with stalls being run by the organisations which use the hall regularly. We depend very much on the money raised at this event to fund work carried out during the following 12 months. This year it is particularly important as we want to develop the old changing rooms mentioned above as attractively and functionally as possible.

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**Derek Yeoman**

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In addition there will be a town shuttle-bus service running in Kingsbridge from now until September, ferrying passengers into and around the town centre.

# **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**11 JUNE 1996**

## **RESTORATION OF THE PUMPHOUSE**

The work has now been very successfully completed and the £232 remaining in Humps Charity will be transferred to the newly-formed Parish of Thurlestone Society.

## **SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD**

The school's plan to use the borders of their field for the study of wild-life, pond, etc. whilst continuing to use the playing area for games and athletics, was explained.

## **HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE**

District Councillor Martyn Grose reported a good level of response.

## **PARISH HALL**

On Saturday September 28th, 2.30 pm, there would be a fund-raising Autumn Fair which all parishioners were urged to support.

All organisations using the Parish Hall were reminded that, under the Entertainments Licence, the capacity of the hall was restricted to 100. A reminder was given that the use of portable heaters in the Hall is not allowed.

**"Citizen"**

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## **KINGSBRIDGE SWIMMING POOL UNDER WAY**

Good news for sports-lovers. The grant of almost £2m from the Sports Council National Lottery Unit, £600,000 from the S.H.D.C. and the £300,000 from KADSPA ensures that work can now proceed with this long-awaited project. The complex will include:

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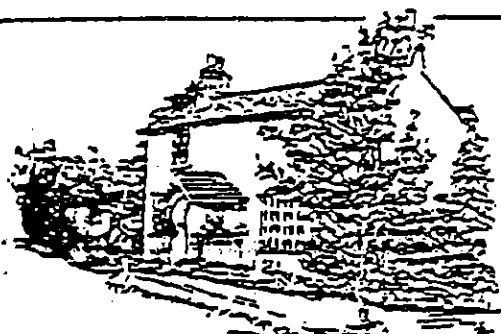
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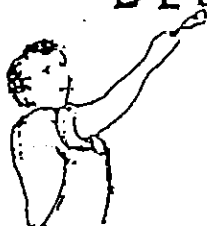
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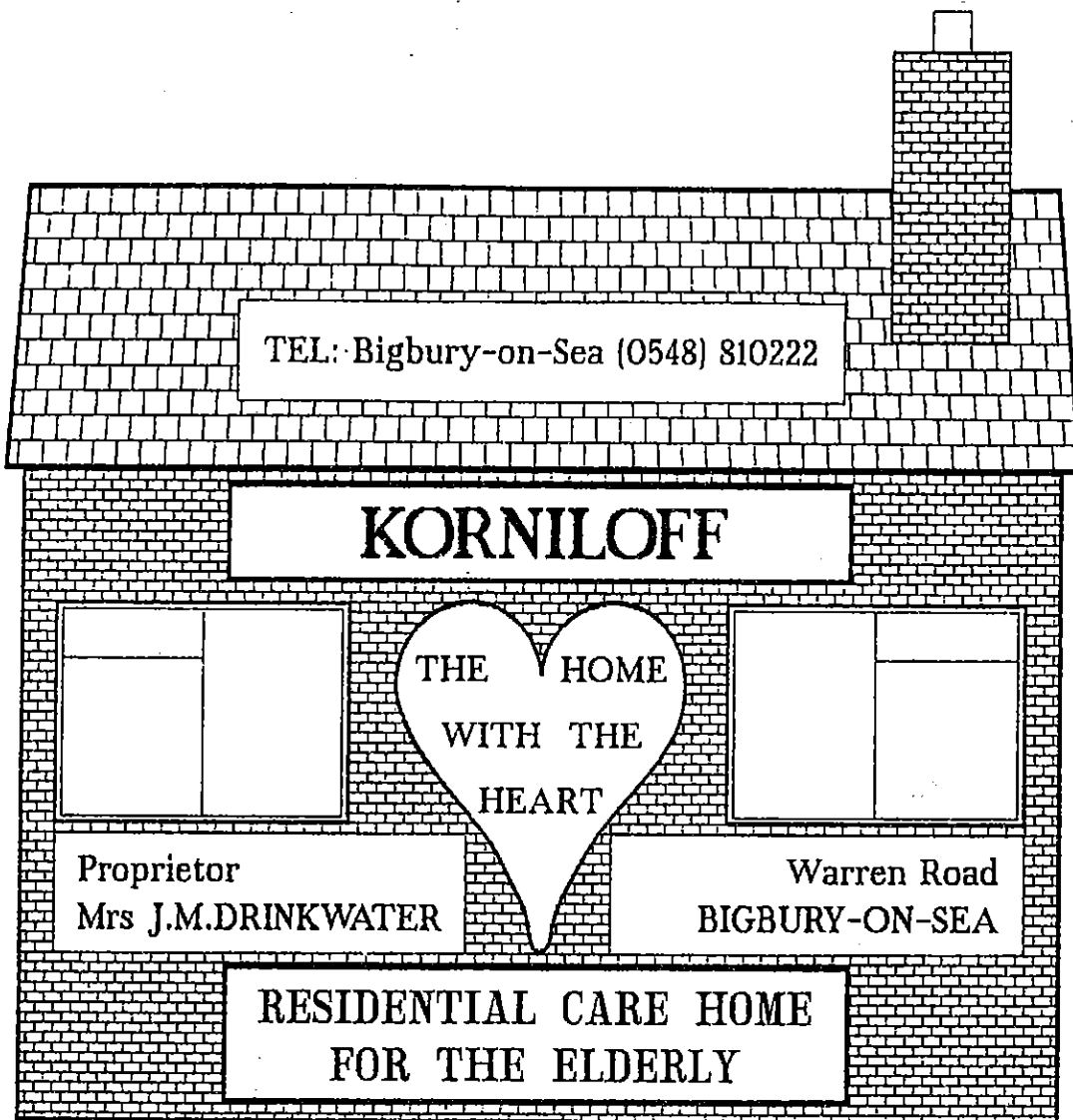
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# Pat Machin's PUZZLE CORNER

## WORD PAIRS

From the list of words, take out two which go with each other. This will remove 36, leaving just one. What is it?

### CLUES

- (a) Two joined with mine
- (b) Two going with well
- (c) Two make a flower
- (d) An overseas swap
- (e) A George Eliot novel
- (f) Does he purr and rob?
- (g) New York city (slang)
- (h) Two fish
- (i) A cathedral city
- (j) Two anagrams
- (k) A lofty repetition?
- (l) Scotland's highest
- (m) Two linked with royal
- (n) Two rivers
- (o) Two palindromes
- (p) A complete academy
- (q) Hot fielding position?
- (r) A roadside cook

### WORDS

- 1. Ben
- 2. Big
- 3. Cat
- 4. Bury
- 5. Chef
- 6. Coal
- 7. High
- 8. Sole
- 9. Apple
- 10. Kayak
- 11. March
- 12. Nevis
- 13. Point
- 14. Pride
- 15. Butter
- 16. Canter
- 17. Liffey
- 18. Little
- 19. London
- 20. Middle
- 21. School
- 22. Beloved
- 23. Boiling
- 24. Burglar
- 25. Foreign
- 26. Ingrate
- 27. Repaper
- 28. Shannon
- 29. Sweeper
- 30. Tearing
- 31. Warrant
- 32. Artesian
- 33. Exchange
- 34. Frequency
- 35. Hammerhead
- 36. Prerogative
- 37. Comprehensive

## MISSING LINK

Find the missing link between these pairs, eg. ram(pant)her. Each word has four letters. The first letter of each word, in order, spells out a S.Hams place of interest and picnic site!

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Tithe (     ) dance. | 8. Permanent(     ) length |
| 2. Sky (     ) spur     | 9. Rough (     ) lace      |
| 3. Marble(     ) bishop | 10. Key (     ) master     |
| 4. Scare (     ) bar    | 11. Flat (     ) monger    |
| 5. Bloc (     ) fisher  | 12. Ear (     ) egg        |
| 6. Bombay(     ) board  | 13. Persian (     ) stream |
| 7. Pass (     ) haul    | 14. Vouch (     ) guard    |

Answers to the puzzles will be found elsewhere in this issue.

# ANYONE

## THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB TENNIS SECTION

### Programme of Events for Summer 1996

The Tennis Section will again be running a series of tournaments during the summer holidays commencing Saturday 27th July. Lists for entry will be displayed on the Tennis notice board a few days before each event. The meeting point for each tournament will be the tennis pavilion.

#### PROGRAMME

**TUESDAYS** ( starting 9.30 am )  
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**From the South Hams Gazette - 15.3.96**

# Weather Wag

On today's news there was an account of the first major hurricane of the season, *Hurricane Bertha*, in the Caribbean. Puerto Rico seems to have been hit with the usual ferocious winds and resultant damage, injury and death. I am glad, despite everything, to live in this country where such occurrences are rare. No doubt *Bertha* will be followed by the rest of the family over the remaining season.

In this issue I shall tackle one of the phenomena relating to circulation of air, that of **VORTICES IN THE ATMOSPHERE** - whirlwinds, tornadoes and waterspouts. My reference book gives a long definition, but for us this will suffice. The whirling motion of a vortex is the most efficient method devised by nature for removing fluids in a hurry. Vortices in the atmosphere serve to move air from one place or altitude to another in order to achieve the necessary balance of heat over the world. Most of this is done by the depressions and hurricanes (typhoons in Asia) but sometimes small, but much more intense, vortices assist them in the task. Some originate at ground level on cloudless days over very hot surfaces, and their winds rotate in either direction according to chance circumstances which start the spinning motion. We generally regard these as less vigorous and have affectionately called them "Land Devils" or "Water Devils". Larger vortices originate in the clouds and develop downwards to the ground. These are the more vigorous ones known as tornadoes or waterspouts, and the circulation of air in these conforms to Buys Ballot's Law, i.e. anticlockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere.

None of these vortices can be predicted because they are too transient to appear on weather maps and have **VERY LOW** pressure. I am sure many of you will remember the waterspout that travelled across the bay here during the evening of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. We had a wonderful view from our beacon field as it snaked towards a sailing boat. The boat rapidly changed course and the waterspout missed them to disappear behind Bolt Tail - eventually disintegrating against the cliff. What was equally fascinating was that the remainder was drawn at great speed back up into the cloud. More recently there was a whole crop of them in the bay which, sadly, I missed but there was a good picture in the local paper.

On land they can be seen as little swirls of

dust at their most endearing, but a proper one can be quite destructive and a little alarming if you happen to be near at the time. This happened to Marion and Ken Luscombe at Shute Farm, South Milton, they think about May 17th, this year. The day was hot but not overly so, but Shute lies in a deep valley where the temperatures can be very high. Marion was hanging out her washing and Ken was shearing sheep. There was a sudden loud roaring or hissing sound which caused Marion to look up. The clothes on the line whisked up to float vertically above the line, doors banged and some heavy portable doors leaning against a barn wall were toppled. Loose material around the yard took off to be dumped several feet away. The noise had startled the sheep and Ken went to see what had happened. By now all was quiet again. He and Marion were somewhat puzzled but life carried on as usual. I happened to hear about it quite by chance and I was cross I was not there to witness it first hand. The whole thing lasted for only a few minutes - but what must the big brother tornado be like!

**Tornadoes**, unlike land or water devils, are associated with bad weather and are usually very violent, inflicting damage, death and destruction at will. The central states of the USA are known as Tornado Alley and experience whole series of tornadoes during hot spells, from about April until October, usually accompanied by bad thunderstorms. The exact causes of these phenomena are still not clearly understood. Such is their violence that measuring apparatus would be destroyed - even if one could place the instruments in exactly the path the twister was to take, which we can't know in advance.

There is so much of interest to write about here that I hardly know what to leave out...but we'll take the speed and damage! **'Recorded speeds'** in excess of 200 mph are normal, double that amount is more common. To measure accurately these sorts of speeds you can now appreciate is wellnigh impossible, but this is an accepted fact. So the degree of damage is bound to be considerable. There are roughly four ways of describing the damage:

\* **BY DIRECT IMPACT OF WIND** whose force is proportional to the square of wind speed. A wind of 300 mph in a tornado will exert a direct force 100 times greater than the force exerted by a wind speed of 30 mph, and this may amount to pressures of 200lb per square foot.

\* **BY TWIST.** Due to unequal pressures in front and behind the vortex a twisting motion is formed so

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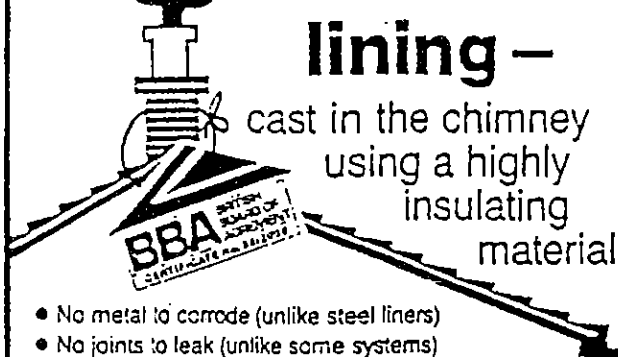
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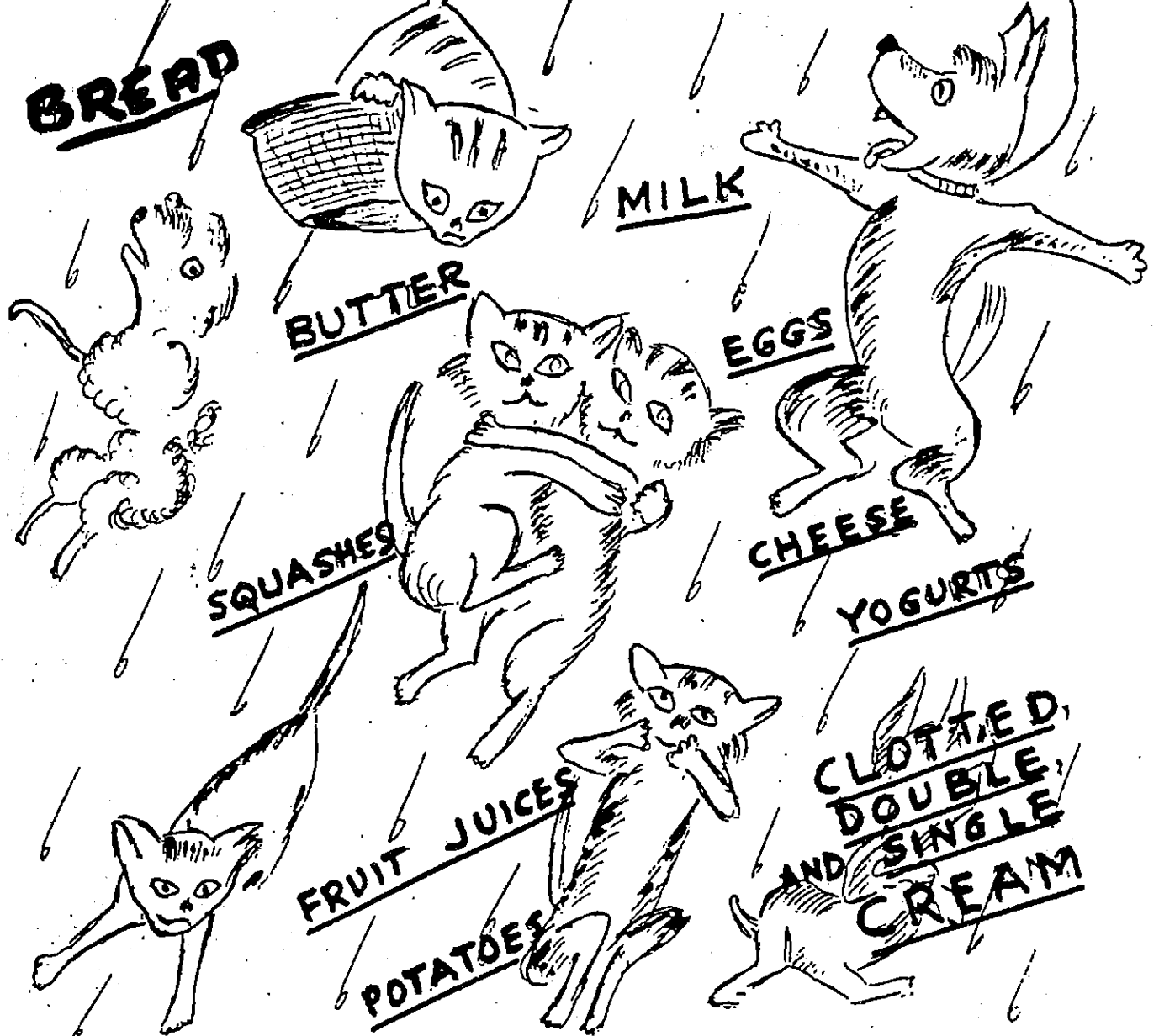
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\* **BY EXPLOSION.** When a tornado passes directly over a building which contains normal air pressure, the effort of trying to equalise the pressures can take the roof off or blow out doors, windows or walls. The outward thrust of this could amount to several tons. The advice is to open all doors and windows when the tornado approaches.

\* **BY LIFT AND DROP** in the vertical currents within the tornado. Sheds, bicycles, cattle, human beings, have often been carried high into the air, sometimes suffering injury when falling to the ground again. But often they are lowered gently again without harm, on the outer rim of the circulation, where the upcurrents only just fail to maintain the weight aloft.

Much damage has been done in the USA which, if bad enough, we hear about, but there are a surprising number in Britain. One of the worst hit Glasgow in January 1958. This was associated with a very intense depression which passed over the city

during the night of the 15th. When clearing up next day, people described exceptional violence accompanied by noises like an express train. This suggested that there were tornadoes afoot that night. These phenomenal storms are not confined to the western hemisphere but occur all over the world, for example in Canada, Italy, New Zealand and India, to name but a few of the places.

There is a scale of intensity for tornadoes -- **TORRO FORCE** -- an extension of the Beaufort Scale:

**TF 0** Loose litter raised from the ground, temporary structures like marquees seriously affected, tiles dislodged, twigs snapped off, some growing plants raised up into spirals.

**TF 12** Steel reinforced concrete buildings severely damaged

Here I stop the alarm bells ringing and thank goodness, yet again, for the temperance of our climate!

*Jan Turner*

## WEATHER STATISTICS FOR SECOND QUARTER 1996

|                         | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      | QUARTER |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <b>RAINFALL</b>         |           |           |           |         |
| Total (mm)              | 46.04     | 77.77     | 9.19      | 133.00  |
| No. of Days Rain        | 14        | 15        | 16        | 45      |
| Wettest Day             | 12.57     | 29.83     | 3.78      | 29.83   |
| <b>TEMPERATURE</b>      |           |           |           |         |
| Month Average (C)       | 10.32     | 10.99     | 15.70     | 12.33   |
| Highest                 | 19.8      | 20.6      | 24.4      | 24.4    |
| Lowest                  | -0.5      | 1.2       | 4.6       | -0.5    |
| <b>WIND DIRECTION</b>   |           |           |           |         |
| Westerly (Days)         | 7         | 11        | 13        | 31      |
| Easterly                | 19        | 19        | 13        | 51      |
| Northerly               | 2         | 0         | 0         | 2       |
| Southerly               | 2         | 1         | 4         | 7       |
| <b>WIND SPEED (MPH)</b> |           |           |           |         |
| Strongest               | 46        | 48        | 33        | 48      |
| Days less than 5 mph    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| <b>SUNSHINE</b>         |           |           |           |         |
| Sunniest Day (Hours)    | 14.77     | 15.51     | 16.42     | 16.42   |
| Date                    | Friday 26 | Friday 31 | Sunday 16 | June 16 |
| Month Total             | 175       | 221       | 301       | 697     |

# EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Dear Editor

## RISING GENERATION

Irene Singleton was both friend and helper with the village children when, together, we taught art in the Parish Hall. The young people loved her and were very upset when she became ill. They visited her at home to sing and perform for her and, needless to say, she fed and watered them and we all had a wonderful time. We didn't realise just how ill she was, and that was the last time she saw the "Rising Generation".

Sadly she died soon afterwards and now, in her memory, her family have planted the ground at either side of the village Pumphouse with a variety of plants and shrubs. Irene loved flowers and we will all think of her when they are in full bloom. "All Things Bright and Beautiful" was one of her favourite hymns - a fitting tribute.

Len and Kate Hubbard

Dear Editor

## JEMIMA?

A friend staying here saw a bird perched on a thatched roof near the Village Store. He was very excited about this and his description "Very large, black with a triangular filligree crest" may have owed something to the sun setting in the background.

We looked at the pictures in several bird books and the one he seemed to recognise was an Amazonian Umbrella Bird... but could this possibly have been the missing peahen Jemima?

Jo Parkin

Dear Editor

## MY THANKS

I would like to thank everyone very much indeed for all their good wishes, gifts, cards - and the notice-board! - for my 40th birthday.

It was a totally unexpected, but very pleasant surprise.

Peter Bromfield

Dear Editor

## WARNING TO ALL GARDENERS

An aggressive rabbit has been seen around the area. It should be approached with extreme caution, especially by anyone wearing RHS medals and carrying a pension book. The animal has been known to answer to the name of "BUGS BENNY".

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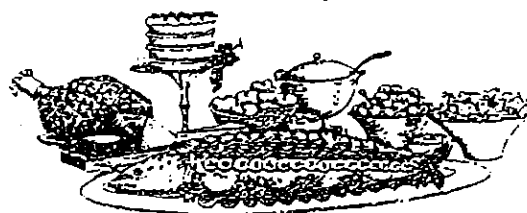
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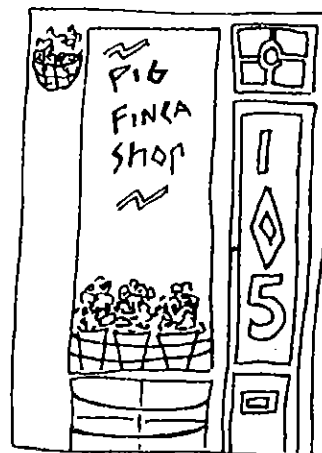
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# THURLESTONE REMEMBERED...

*Dr Terry Yates of Chillington was a Medical Officer at the Thurlestone Hotel during some of the time it was a Royal Marines Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU). We are pleased that he has allowed us to recount some of his memories of the period in Village Voice.*

In January 1946 I received a posting, as Medical Officer to the Royal Marine OCTU, Thurlestone, Devon. Having researched the whereabouts of Thurlestone, I took the main line train from London to Penzance and changed to a branch line at a place called South Brent. Thence followed a wondrous journey through woods and valleys and fields, through tunnels, over bridges and streams to Kingsbridge. Here, at the station, I came across two Marines and a 15cwt truck. A short time later I was decanted at the entrance of what appeared to be a luxury hotel, overlooking a bay. In the bay lay a wreck, together with a large rock with a hole in the centre. Thus began my last, and perhaps most pleasurable, service appointment!

The hotel housed the staff and personnel of the Royal Marine School. The anteroom and dining room lay in what is now the lounge and bar and the remainder of the ground floor was given over to administration and lecture rooms. Officers and cadets were allocated 'cabins' on the upper floors. My own particular 'cabin' looked out over the sea from where I could sometimes see the Eddystone lighthouse silhouetted against a setting sun.

The sickbay was sited in a delightful house and garden, now known as Furzey Close. We had two small wards, a treatment room and a consulting room staffed by Sick Berth Attendants and a Petty Officer. We also had an ambulance and driver. My duties were to attend to the health of the personnel and the hygiene of the establishment. This latter entailed rounds of the kitchens and accommodation. Problems were evacuated to the RN Hospital at Stonehouse, Plymouth.

The Mess was happy and great fun as it drew in the social life of the area from whom we received support for the ceremonial parades and other official functions. We had three intakes of recruits, each at monthly intervals, being known as H.O. (hostilities only) 35, H.O. 36, H.O. 37 as the case might be. In addition to theory and routine training, battle exercises were held on Dartmoor and Scorniton ranges.

These exercises were most realistic with troops advancing under cover of live fire from

machine guns and a creeping barrage of mortar fire — hence the need for medical cover. On night exercises I soon found that the ambulance formed a superb caravan in which I existed in some comfort as opposed to a slit trench! It was here that the meaning of the phrase 'chill factor' was first brought home to me as in the severe weather then experienced several cadets became semi-comatose from hypothermia. Another excitement was the premature explosion of a mortar shell fired from a site under trees. The shell struck a branch and fortunately there were no injuries. Training included forced marches under a variety of conditions. On one occasion a cadet strayed off course and became waist-deep in a bog and, still going down, was hauled out on the end of a rifle. As such exercises invariably concluded with an assault on one of the Dartmoor tors, we learnt a lot about the geography of the place.

This same cold weather also caused problems back at the school. No central heating was available, so we bought up all the electric fires in the area and plugged them into the sockets in our 'cabins'. Around 10 o'clock every night, without fail, all the lights in the building would go out as the main fuses blew....and remained so until the following morning!

The sports-cum-parade ground, now overbuilt, was situated beyond the church, overlooking the sea. Here, the passing-out parades and other ceremonial functions were held, well supported by relatives and the local populace and with a Marines band in attendance.

Sport played a large part in the programme. Golf, squash, rugby, soccer and cricket. Being extremely fit, the rugby team had built up an impressive fixture-list over the years, numbering Torquay Athletic, Devonport Services, Plymouth and Lymington Marine Depots as opponents. Come summer, the cricket team ranged the area with the medical officer as travelling umpire. On one occasion the match was rained off, so we went off to see the sights and managed to get our three-ton truck jammed down a narrow street in Looe!

Towards midsummer came word of the

impending closure of the Royal Marine OCTU at Thurstone, and the return of the hotel to a peacetime role but not without considerable renovation I should imagine. A farewell party took place in the Mess before the school left to found the basis of what is now the Commando Unit at Bickleigh.

Fifty years on, a store of happy memories remain, of events, of many people, and of a way

of life in a most delightful area. And I stand in the church and read the inscription:

In this church  
the Officer Cadet Training Unit  
Royal Marines  
waited upon the Lord  
and renewed their strength.  
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**FOOTNOTE:** *Dr. Yates also sent a copy of the establishment's Daily Orders dated 25.7.46, and one Order in particular caused a smile:*

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[Sounds as though it was a long hot summer! Ed.]

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### ROSEMARY MACKAY'S BOOKSHELF

I have reviewed two novels by James Mitchener. They are:

**"JOURNEY"**, which was written in 1989. This is a very readable account of an expedition to the Yukon in the late nineteenth century, at the time of the Gold Rush. He uses the voyage of Lord Luton around which to weave a fantastic story of determination and hardship, travelling from Edmonton in Alberta via the Mackenzie river and its tributaries to Dawson in the Yukon.

**"RECESSIONAL"** was written in 1994. Again very factual, it is about a retirement home in Florida and explores all the intricacies and intrigues of medical ethics.

Note: James Mitchener is now aged 89 but he did not start book-writing until he was 40. His first was *"Tales of the South Pacific"*, which was later made into the musical *South Pacific* by Rogers & Hammerstein.

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### ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

#### WORD PAIRS

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| (a) 6-29  | (b) 22-32 |
| (c) 19-14 | (d) 25-33 |
| (e) 20-11 | (f) 3-24  |
| (g) 2-9   | (h) 8-35  |
| (i) 16-4  | (j) 26-30 |
| (k) 7-34  | (l) 1-12  |
| (m) 31-36 | (n) 17-28 |
| (o) 10-27 | (p) 37-21 |
| (q) 23-13 | (r) 18-5  |

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|----------|----------|
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| 3. arch  | 4. crow  |
| 5. king  | 6. duck  |
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# **Mike Allen rides another 100 miles**

Once again I have completed a 100 mile sponsored cycle ride around the South Hams in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Some of the money raised this year will be used to purchase equipment for the Cardiac Unit at the South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge.

On Sunday 7th July 1996, the weather conditions were favourable - blue sky and sun - but not too hot, and with a gentle breeze. At 8.30 am I left Salcombe's Whitestrand car park with Howard Munton, my companion once again, on the first leg of our ride, with the good wishes of the small group gathered there ringing in our ears. We headed for Kingsbridge, where we were joined by two members of the Kingsbridge Cycling Club, and then set off for Torcross, Strete and Blackpool Sands, by which time we had been joined by three others. We were able to enjoy the sunshine and splendid views along the road to Dartmouth, where we had our first stop for refreshments.

From Dartmouth six of us set off for Dittisham, and then down the estuary road (quieter, but lumpy in places!) to Totnes for a second refreshment stop. The last of the morning's sections took us along fairly quiet roads to Ivybridge, where we arrived at 12.55 pm - just in time for lunch.

Our next leg was through Cornwood towards Lee Moor. Just before Lee Moor we turned left for Hemerdon - or at least most of us did, for "Steve" and Dennis in one of our support vehicles made an unscheduled detour which they later blamed on my instructions. Now down to six cyclists and one support vehicle, we were

soon further reduced to only three cyclists when the other trio - enjoying the nice downhill section - missed the Hemerdon turn and had to be pursued by the second support vehicle to bring them back on course.

Meanwhile the three of us remaining continued along the planned route to Hemerdon and out on the road to Sparkwell.

However, we did not have to wait too long for our three "lost" companions to rejoin us - complaining about the hill and my parents - followed shortly by (yes! you've guessed it) "Steve" and Dennis after their inadvertent detour. All thus re-united we pressed on towards Lee Mill, and then doubled back in the direction of Plympton before commencing the homeward run through Brixton and Yealmpton to Modbury for our last refreshment break. Then it was off again, this time via St Annes Chapel to Aveton Gifford and that lovely little hill (!) - which fortunately proved easier than I had expected. At the Thurlestone turn the three Kingsbridge riders took their leave, while the rest of us carried on through Thurlestone to South Milton, where the fourth cyclist departed. Finally, it was just Howard and myself, with the two support vehicles, who completed the final leg through Galmpton, Hope Cove, Bolberry, and Malborough before arriving back at our starting point in Salcombe at 6.25 pm - the end of a 100 mile ride.

This year, thanks to the the tremendous support I have again received, I am hoping to have raised more than £4,500. Thank you, Thurlestone sponsors, for helping to make my efforts so well worthwhile.

**Michael Allen**



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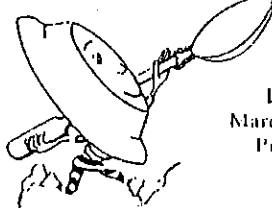
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## AUGUST

|           |                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 3rd  | Horticultural Show, South Milton, 2.30 pm     |
| Wed. 7th  | Tramps: Bedford Bridge, Bucktor, Tavistock    |
| Tue. 13th | Church BBQ, Village Green, 6.00 pm            |
| Wed. 14th | Tennis A.G.M., Pavilion, 6.00 pm              |
| Thu. 15th | Cookworthy Museum "Special Day" (see article) |
| Wed. 21st | Tramps: North Moors walk                      |

## SEPTEMBER

|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Wed. 4th  | Tramps: Burrator area                          |
| Tue. 10th | Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm   |
| Thu. 12th | WI Parish Hall, "Healthy Eating", 2.30 pm      |
| Wed. 18th | Tramps: Malborough, Snapes Point               |
| Fri. 20th | Variety Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm (POTS)   |
| Sat. 21st | Cookworthy Museum Auction, K'bridge, 10.30 am  |
| Sat. 21st | Variety Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm (POTS)   |
| Tue. 24th | WI Sheila Blake's Xmas parcels, P.Hall, 10 am  |
| Fri. 27th | Harvest T'giving & Supper, Church + P.Hall 7pm |
| Sat. 28th | Autumn Fair, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm              |

## OCTOBER

|           |                                                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Tue. 1st  | Macmillan Fund, Marine Hotel (see advert)        |
| Tue. 8th  | WI visit to Western Morning News (1.30 pm there) |
| Wed. 9th  | Tramps: Bowcombe Bridge, Frogmore                |
| Thu. 10th | WI "The English Landscape", Parish Hall, 2.30 pm |
| Fri. 11th | Macmillan Fund, West Alvington (see advert)      |
| Thu. 17th | Conservative Bridge evening, Hotel (ring 560864) |
| Tue. 22nd | St.Crispin's Fair, Parish Hall, 10.30 am         |
| Tue. 22nd | Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm     |
| Thu. 24th | Fellowship, Rectory Barn, 2.30 pm                |

## NOVEMBER

|           |                                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 9th  | NSPCC Bazaar, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm              |
| Wed. 13th | Tramps: Dartington, river walk, Staverton       |
| Thu. 14th | WI annual meeting, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm         |
| Mon. 18th | WI Alice Foster's Xmas flowers, P.Hall, 2.15 pm |
| Thu. 28th | Fellowship, Rectory Barn, 2.30 pm               |
| Sat. 30th | Conservative Xmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 10.00 am |

## DECEMBER

|           |                                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 7th  | NSPCC Bridge Evening, Parish Hall (details later) |
| Tue. 10th | Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm      |
| Wed. 11th | Tramps: Christmas Walk                            |
| Thu. 12th | WI Christmas Lunch Party                          |
| Thu. 19th | Fellowship "Yule Be Welcome", Church, 2.30 pm     |

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