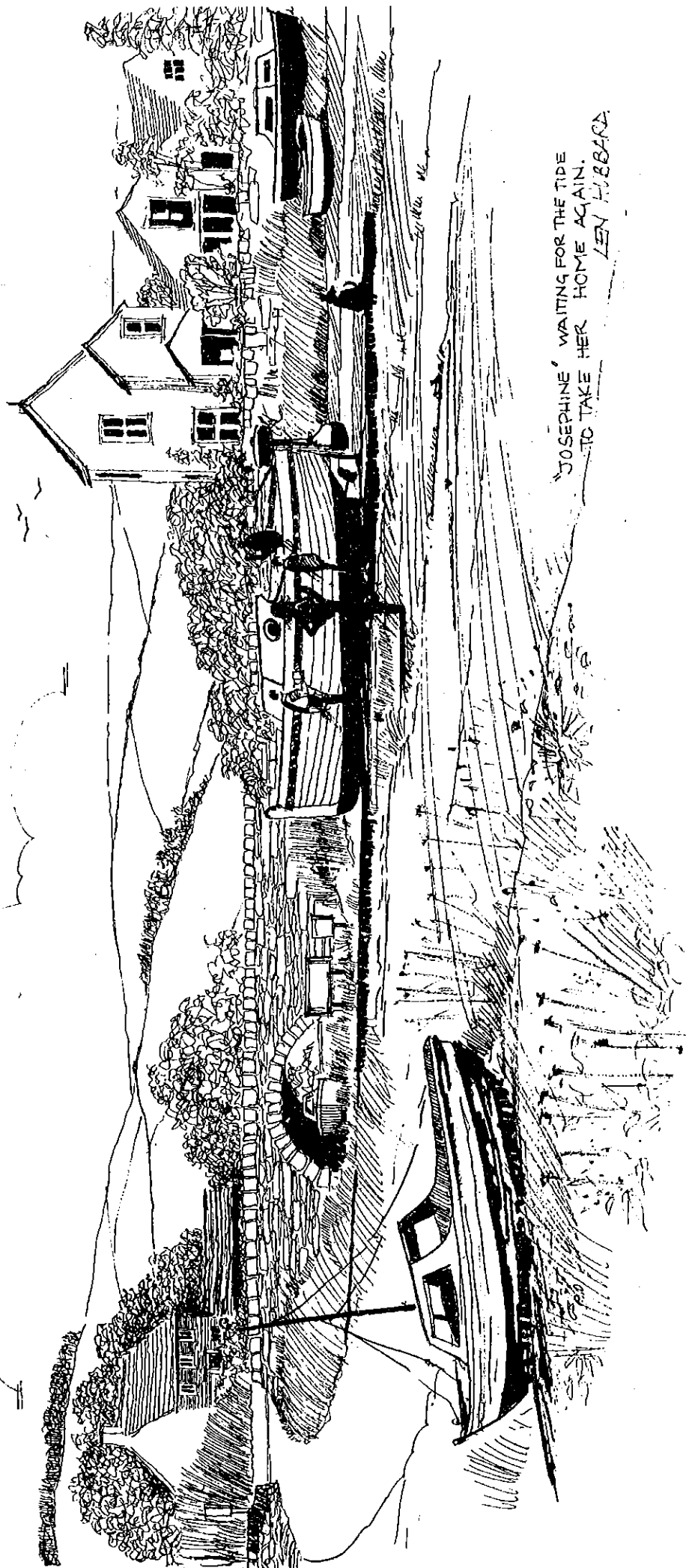


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With the departure of our summer visitors we have been given the bonus of an extra golden September, and this has presented us with an opportunity to soak up yet a little more sun. Weather Wag's article in this issue gives us some fascinating information about this great natural source of warmth, light, and life.

Readers will be delighted to know that Jemima the wandering peahen is now safely gathered into her South Milton fold. Her owner, Prunella Dart, has sent us an entertaining account of what has happened since her return.

Remember we promised to keep you informed as to Marsh Dawes' restoration of the "Josephine"? She was duly relaunched, and our front cover shows her at Aveton Gifford, after her second maiden voyage, awaiting a rising tide for the next stage of her travels. We wish this great old lady, and all who sail in her, fair winds and good fortune.

Amongst the pages of this issue you will find several articles reminding us of the change in the seasons, and young Edward Bushell's poem on the last page puts us in the mood for the weeks that lie ahead. He sets the scene for Autumn to perfection.

GOSH, GOLLY AND PHEW! HAVE THEY GONE? Is it really safe to step outside your front door without risking decapitation or worse from some gleaming monster with a great wedge of green cheese fastened to its roof?

Have you ever seen so many cars and patent luggage racks in any summer of the past? Of course you haven't because this is the year the parish nearly choked to a complete stop under the weight of holiday traffic.

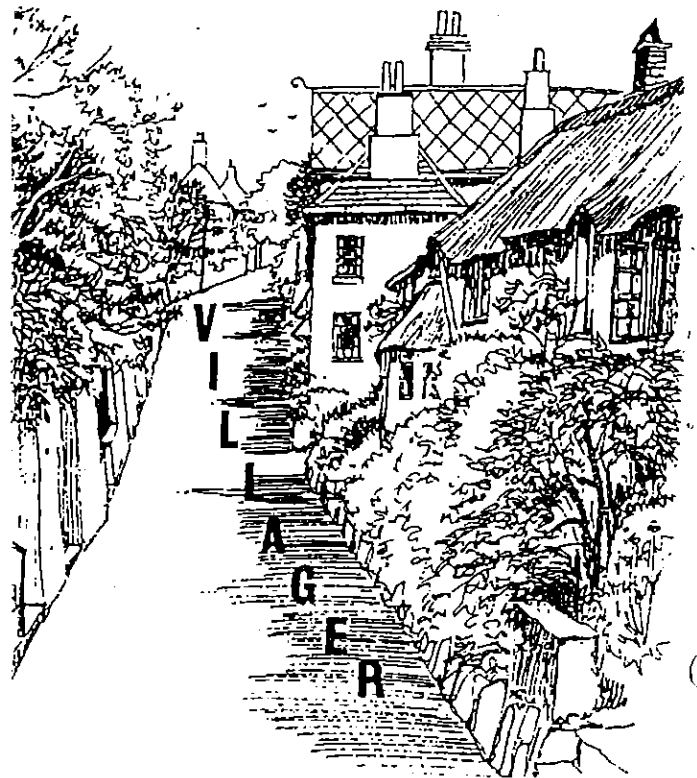
One sunny day in August cars passing through Thurlestone peaked at 800 per hour. Sounds impossible? It's true - they were counted - and if you still doubt it then you didn't see the parking at Leas Foot. On that same day Bantham suffered in the same way.

It wasn't much comfort to read at almost the same time the reports of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which said that in the next 30 years Devon would experience an increase of 236% in the number of cars in its narrow lanes. That would mean for Thurlestone, Bantham and West Buckland that a car would pass every two seconds. Well it wouldn't because, judging by our experience this summer, they'd all be road-raged in one colossal jam.

To counter this threat to our peace and quiet, I have agreed to be a founder member of the Society to Stamp Out Devon's Infernal Traffic or SODIT for short.

SODIT has already drawn up a list of traffic plans for Thurlestone Parish and will no doubt be submitting them to the Parish Council shortly for ratification.

The most urgent part of these plans is to get Lottery money to complete the Thurlestone By-pass. Older readers will recall that this matter has been raised before in this column. The first stretch of the road is already built running from



Kerse Cross down to the gate of The Mead. It will then continue down to the Stidston Flyover across the combe with its marina before emerging on the Links Court roundabout. After the roundabout the traffic would not be allowed direct access to South Milton, but would be diverted up a much-widened road one way only via Upton and on to the Kingsbridge-Salcombe road.

Together with this major new freeway, SODIT proposes that Thurlestone village should become a pedestrian precinct with limited access for residents and hotel guests only. Bantham would be pedestrianised at a later date.

These changes will be combined with a park-and-ride scheme based in fields well outside both Thurlestone and Bantham villages with small shuttle buses conveying families to the seaside of their choice.

SODIT's alternative or addition to making the villages walk-free zones would be to erect toll gates at the entrances to both

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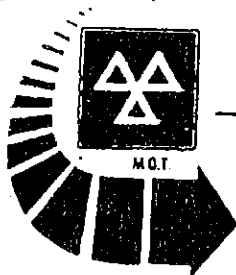
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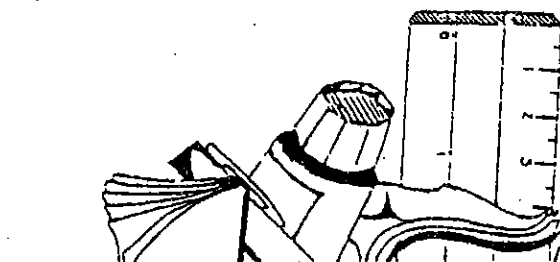
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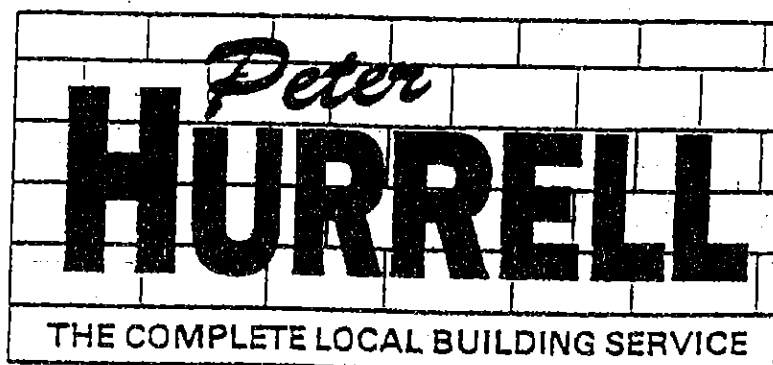
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villages. In Thurlestone this gate would be set up across the road by Trethurle with its new thatched porch ideally sited for use by the gatekeeper. He or she would be enabled to sell weekly or fortnightly passes to holiday-makers resident in the village.

The golf club would be able to offer special playing passes, which could be withdrawn for misbehaviour.

However, whichever scheme was adopted, SODIT would urge the Council to consider the early imposition of a one-way system throughout the area. The approach to Thurlestone after the Clanacombe turn should be one-way down through the village and back towards Kingsbridge via

Upton. Entry to Bantham would be from the Bantham Cross-Plymouth roundabout and back via Clanacombe. This system should be in place before next summer's main tourist season.

In the case of Bantham, the Council should press hard for the construction of a suspension bridge carrying a new road across the Avon and linking with the Bigbury-on-Sea road to provide another exit or entrance to the village. SODIT is preparing to call a public meeting to expand on its plans to relieve the traffic tension in Thurlestone Parish. Look out for SODIT posters for the time and date.

Remember, SODIT is the society for caring people.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 1996

Elizabeth Tucker, the Electoral Administrator, reminds us of how important it is for local people to be aware of the possible effects of the non-completion of the registration form recently sent to all households.

The Register is compiled each year with a qualifying date of the 10th October. A form is required BY LAW to be completed and returned from each household. If you didn't receive one at the end of August, then it is important that you contact the South Hams District Council electoral registration office (telephone 01803-861234, extensions 419, 129 or 244).

PERSONS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE AND RETURN A FORM MAY BE LIABLE FOR A FINE OF UP TO £1000.

Only those whose names appear on the new Register will be entitled to vote in any elections between 16.2.97 and 15.2.98. You may also have difficulties in opening bank accounts, receiving credit, obtaining mortgages etc. if your name does not appear on the Register, as more and more companies are using the Register as a credit reference.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH

The annual general meeting of the Friends is due to take place at 6 pm in the Parish Hall on MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER. Please do your best to attend.

THE "THURLESTONE ROCK" WATERCOLOUR

Len Hubbard very generously gave Village Voice one of his highly desirable watercolours - a view of Thurlestone Rock - to use as a fund-raiser for the new Risograph machine.

Sixty numbered colour prints were sold. As promised all the purchasers' names were put into a draw for the original watercolour, and this took place at the Parish of Thurlestone Society's variety concert held on Friday evening, 20th September.

The lucky winner was MRS JO PARKIN, Ardentigh, Post Office Lane, Thurlestone. Congratulations!

A PROFIT OF £500 WAS MADE AS A RESULT OF SELLING THE PRINTS. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR WARM APPRECIATION TO LEN FOR HIS KIND, PUBLIC-SPIRITED GIFT WHICH WAS A HUGE HELP TO THE VILLAGE VOICE TEAM IN ACHIEVING THEIR "DREAM MACHINE"!

Thank you too, Kay Morley and Frances Bromfield. You did a great job of selling through your respective shops.

BORN TO FARM IN DEVON by Hubert N Snowdon

(£3.95 in shops or £4.40 by post from the author at 8 Antrim Terrace, Totnes, TQ9 5QA)

Pinning down Thurlestone's past continues apace. Latest work to appear in the local shops is Hubert Snowdon's story of his young farming life from the end of the First World War to the beginning of the Second at Langman's Farm, West Buckland.

Snowdon is a name well connected with Thurlestone. Pearse's Farthing in the village used to be called Snowdons and it was in the part nearest Rockhill that Hubert's grandfather, William lived in the mid-1800s, before becoming the tenant farmer of Higher Clanacombe Farm (now Cross Parks Farm), where their only child, Francis William Snowdon, was brought up.

In 1908 Francis William married Marion Emma Moore (now there's another real local name for you!). On April 11, 1918, Hubert Norman Snowdon (the book's author) was born at Lipton Farm, East Allington, to which his parents had moved and which they farmed throughout the Great War, before becoming the tenants of Langman's Farm in 1919.

Hubert has sub-titled his book "By Horse and Handtool at Thurlestone 1918 to 1939". It is largely made up of his memories of his youth on the farm but, by golly, didn't he have to work. Computer-game softies of today would never have stood the strain! Apart from the hard labour, not all his memories are happy ones. Those of tender disposition should skip the part about ringworms!

But that apart, this book, for everyone local, is a fascinating read. The evocative drawings in the book and on the front cover are by Hubert too.

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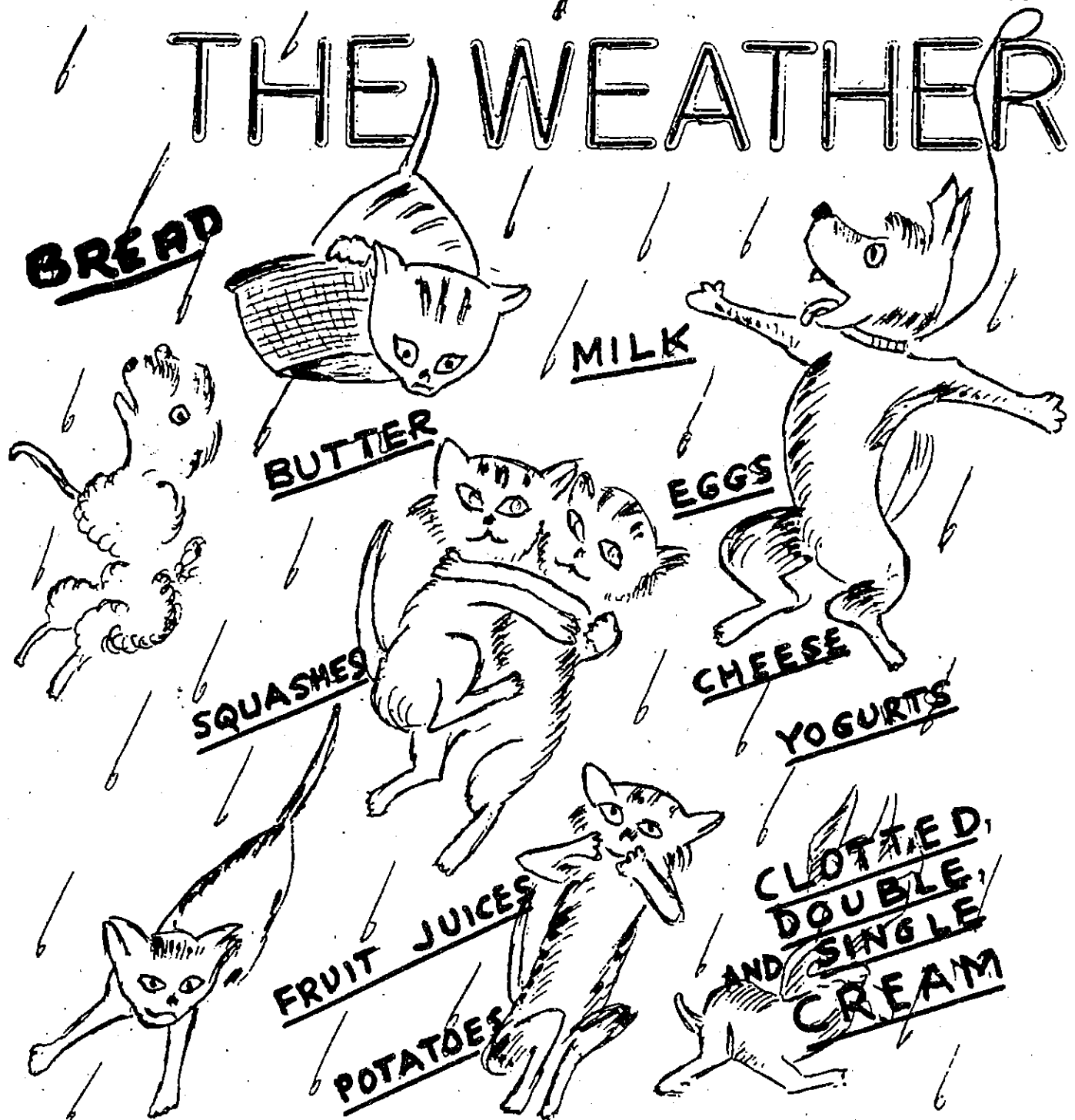
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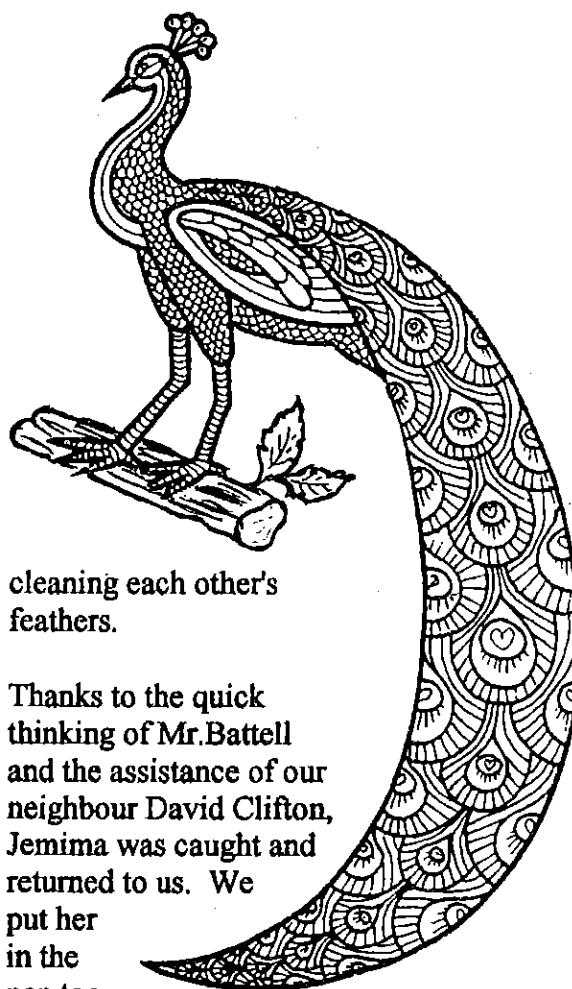
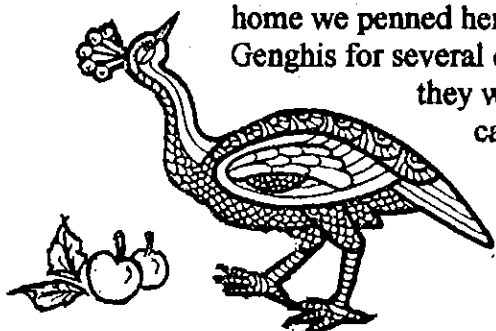
JEMIMA RETURNS TO HORSWELL

Thanks to the efforts, patience, and phone calls of the residents of Thurlestone, our much loved peahen Jemima is now safely back home with her husband (Imran), her brother (Genghis), and a new sister-in-law (Betty) who has joined us from the grounds of Coombe Royal.

It is probably hard to imagine (especially for our neighbours!) that one can feel great affection for peafowl, with their plaintive cry and unsociable hours, but we have really grown to enjoy their company. They are such inquisitive creatures, always curious to see what we are doing, following us around the garden or peeping in at us through the windows, and ever vigilant for strangers. If I take tea to my husband when he's working in the garden I frequently find him being watched by three dogs and four peafowl...lying contentedly in a semi-circle round him.

When Jemima went absent without leave the two cock birds were obviously distraught, their raucous cries echoing across the valley. It became an urgent necessity to quieten them so we decided to get another hen. Peafowl are strong birds and Betty showed great reluctance to be restrained in any way, so she rode home in state on the front seat of the car, stretching her long neck to peer with interest at the passing scenery.

To help her adjust to her new home we penned her in with Genghis for several days, and they were soon canoodling on the perch,



cleaning each other's feathers.

Thanks to the quick thinking of Mr. Battell and the assistance of our neighbour David Clifton, Jemima was caught and returned to us. We put her in the pen too, to prevent her flying back to Thurlestone. Happy with his new mate, Genghis was less than thrilled to see Jemima and she sat dejected and alone at one end of the perch.

On the second day we noticed that her head was bloodied and her neck had been badly pecked, so we quickly whisked her out of the pen and whilst my husband held her I bathed her head in TCP (Tender Care for Peacocks?) and we let her go.

Imran immediately swooped down to join her and the two can now be seen waddling around the garden together, happy in each other's company, pecking at grubs and fallen apples.

We send our thanks to everyone who helped to bring her home to Horswell!

PRUNELLA DART

A Neville Oswald Report...

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM 1939 - 1945

The names of twelve Thurlestone men who gave their lives for their country in World War Two are listed on a wooden tablet on the wall of our parish church, near the pulpit. Eleven of these names also appear on the stone memorial to World Wars One & Two, situated on the village green. In order to give substance to these fine yet rather impersonal monuments, an attempt has been made to find out some details of the twelve men who died, mainly so that their families and friends may remember and accept the sacrifice they made as part of the parish heritage.

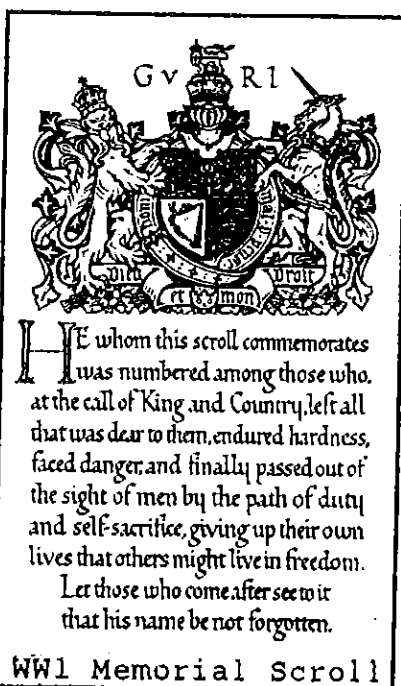
With the passage of time, rather more than 50 years, those of us who are old enough to remember the war have fading recollections of it. Yet there remain a few villagers who can still recall some of the men who died and may even have retained treasured old letters, newspaper cuttings, and photographs. Between them they were able to give a fairly complete account of the twelve men and their families, but details of their military or other service were often hazy, except when a close relation had died. Additional information has come from the parish registers, which contain records of births, marriages, and burials in Thurlestone. The following information was obtained from these two sources.

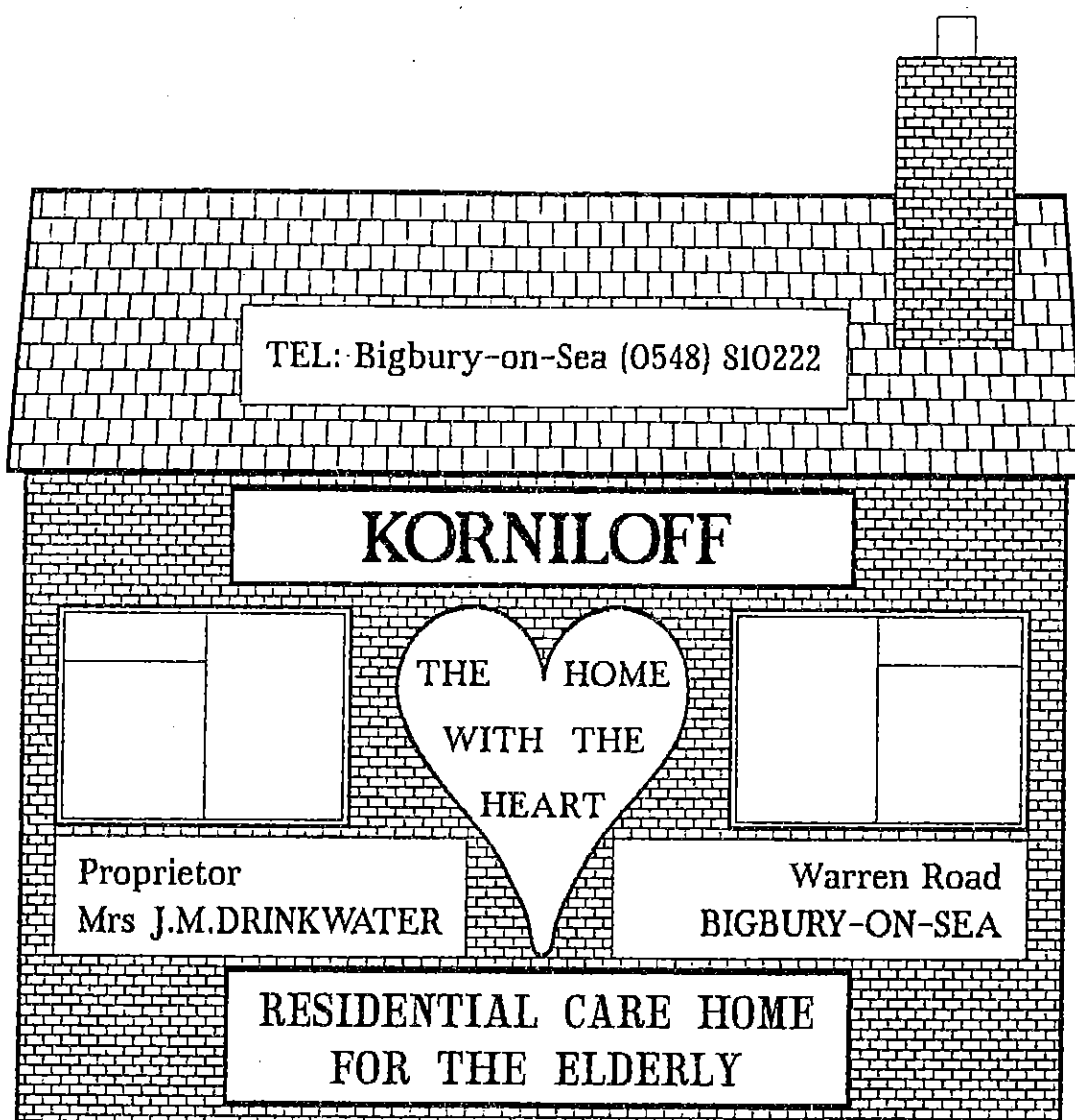
1. **JOHN AUGER.** Son of an East Allington man and Catherine, a Thurlestone girl. After his parents separated he lived with his mother in Thurlestone, just above Church House. He joined the Devon Regiment and was killed in Italy during a beach-head landing (probably Anzio) in June 1944. Aged 24, he was unmarried.

2. **PETER CAMPBELL.** From an old Thurlestone family. May, his sister-in-law, still lives in the village. He worked for a trading company in Sumatra. When the Japanese captured Singapore, he joined the local Dutch Home Guard. During the invasion of Sumatra he was killed by the Japanese.

3. **CECIL EDGCOMBE.** Buckland. Baptised at Thurlestone in 1904. A brother of Edgar. One of three brothers whose family lived in one of the thatched cottages beside the Sloop Inn. Engaged to Mary Snowden of West Buckland. Was already in the Royal Navy when war broke out. He was killed in the Far East when his ship HMS Dragonfly was blown up by enemy action.

4. **EDGAR EDGCOMBE.** Buckland. Baptised in 1899 at Thurlestone, where his parents were married in 1896. He joined the Regular Army before the outbreak of war. He was killed in action, leaving a widow, Anne, and their daughter Iris.





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5. PERCY INGRAM. East Buckland. A stranger to Thurlestone, he married Doris Hannaford, a Thurlestone girl. They had a small farm at Buckland. He joined the Army but was discharged on grounds of health and died soon afterwards. His widow Doris now lives in Aveton Gifford, and his daughter Hazel at nearby Icy Park.

6. GEORGE LUSCOMBE. Buckland. Born at Goveton in 1900. As a young man he served in the Royal Navy for twelve years. In 1939 he joined the Army (RASC) as an ambulance driver, and took part in the relief of Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Soon afterwards he developed tuberculosis of the lungs from which he died in 1945. He was buried at Thurlestone.

7. JOHN MITCHELMORE. Thurlestone. Baptised in 1907 at Thurlestone, where his father and mother (Sarah Jeffrey, a local girl) had been married in 1895. He was a Territorial in the Devon Regiment and, whilst training in Falmouth before going to India, he was accidentally killed by an army lorry in February 1943, aged 36. His funeral and burial took place in Thurlestone. He left a widow, Audrey, and three children, one of whom is Charles, now a parish councillor.

8. HAROLD PRETTYJOHN. Clanacombe Lodge. Baptised in 1907 at Thurlestone, where his father and mother (Ethel Beer) were married in 1905. He joined the Royal Navy as a young lad and travelled the world. Early in the war he was appointed Chief Stoker in HMS Glorious, and was drowned when it was sunk by enemy action. Aged 33, he was unmarried.

9. MICHAEL YEO. Lived at the Old Rectory, Thurlestone. His father had a family business in Plymouth. He joined the RNVR in 1940 and was killed in action in the Straits of Messina, Italy, in 1943.

10. CHARLES BLUNDELL. Son of a wealthy brewer in Kingsbridge, he lived in

the family home on Yarmer, Thurlestone. Married Joan in Thurlestone church in 1943. He joined the RNVR, becoming a gunnery officer. He was killed in action at sea

11. PATRICK COBB. A very frequent holiday visitor to his relations, the Matthews who lived at Seacombe on Yarmer, now divided into three. He joined the RNVR in 1939 and served in Motor Gun Boats, based on Dover. In July 1942, in command of three MGBs, he attacked a strong German force and died when his boat was sunk. He was awarded the DSC. His widow Elizabeth lives in Kent.

12. LAWRENCE DAVIS. Worked on a farm at Bantham, at a time when several youths from an orphanage came to work in the fields. Nothing is known of his career in the armed forces.

Perhaps the most striking feature of these records is the diversity of experience of this small group of men. The 5 who were known to have served in the Army and the 5 in the Royal Navy fought in home waters, Germany, the Mediterranean and the Far East, covering the seven seas. Some 8 of them came from local rural stock which for generations had enjoyed reasonable prosperity, based principally on farming. Three others were newcomers whose families were attracted partly by the golf course, which had been founded in 1897, and occupied or built for themselves substantial houses nearby. The last was probably one of a small group of young men who came from an orphanage to work in the fields; none of his service details are known and, unless further information comes to light, the date and manner of his passing are unlikely to be forthcoming from official records.

The parish registers have been invaluable in tracing family connections, especially births and marriages. Determining the exact dates of deaths has presented insurmountable

difficulties, especially for those who died overseas. All are recorded in the burial register but no fewer than 8 of the 12 were simply entered as 1942. Since some of them were known to have died in other years, little reliance can be placed on the dates given as 1942.

Conversations with elderly villagers and others have yielded a remarkably complete account of events so many years ago. Some of them were old enough to have known those who died and their families as individuals but, perhaps, were not then

particularly interested in noting which of the services they had joined. Several of them remember the laudable enthusiasm with which many young men rushed to join the Colours when war threatened in 1939. Some of them had rarely if ever stepped beyond the county's boundaries; for these volunteers and all those who followed them it was an exciting experience. Yet a glance at the homes to which some of them were destined never to return, especially in Buckland, brings to mind the tragic losses that their families sustained.

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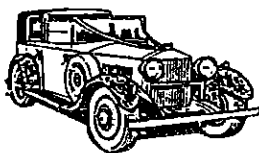
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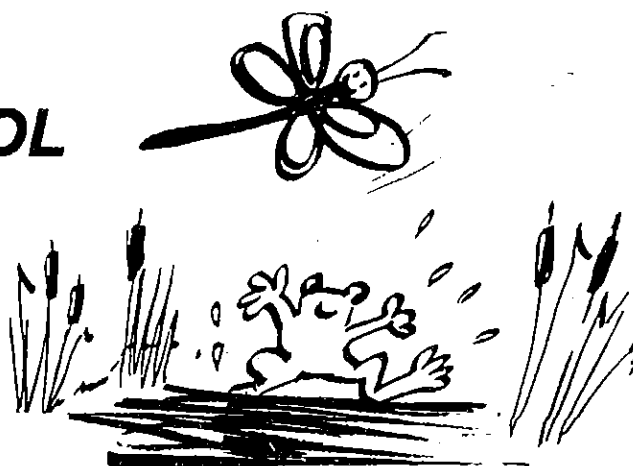
ALL SAINTS SCHOOL FIELD PROJECT

Hello again! The unmistakeable smell of Autumn is here with a chill in the mornings. Together with clean faces, new haircuts, new shoes, bags, and pencils the children are going back to school leaving a strange quiet peace in the village!

At the end of last term we had, with the help of valiant dads Mr Clavin, Mr Gibbens and Mr Gunner, safely completed fencing and filling the school pond. Thank you all for your donations of plants and weed. While we have rested and played on our holidays the pond has settled and is now home to water boatmen, dragonflies, damselflies, and a frog. It is beginning to naturalise, and looks good.

We have much to thank the village for because during the holidays many of you have donated to help us, and due to the hard work of Alison and Edward Bushell and the generosity of locals and holiday makers our collection boxes weighed in with £301.23. The Grose family from the Thurlestone Hotel has given us £500 and now we can work on our next targets.

We want to erect some low picket fencing to delineate the nature area, collect and transport rocks for our geology rock garden, build a proper bird-hide, and grow climbing and



insect-attracting plants on the pergola when it is finished. We want to develop wild flower areas and plant bulbs for the spring.

Alongside the nature area we want to enhance the quality of our children's playtimes by providing a greater variety of activities. As well as buying the more obvious equipment of bts, balls, ropes etc. for physical play, we want to encourage more thoughtful and co-operative ideas. This could be achieved by providing chess pieces for the giant chess-board, skittles for team play, balance beams, a play tunnel for scrambling and imagination, and wooden miniature houses for creating and mapping a model village...perhaps a sandpit with lid for younger infants.

Thanks to you all, our field is becoming an exciting and thought-provoking area. Someone out there might like to create a Devon hedge bank or a dry stone wall to teach the children local country skills!

Happy Autumn, and thank you all.

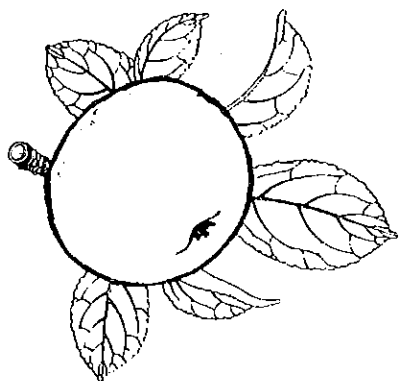
JACKIE JACKSON

The following advertisement appeared in the Melton Citizen:
"Sixth Form places available at Loughborough Grammer School"
(Reprinted from the Daily Telegraph)

Kate's Kitchen

Sadly this Autumn there will be fewer apples to put out at the end of the drive, as we normally do, for most of the crop are small or diseased. But, fingers crossed, I shall have sufficient to make one or two batches of chutney, also pie fillings for the freezer...not forgetting Ida!

My recipe for apple chutney was in the October-November issue, 1992, and requires slow cooking to combine all the flavours. However, last year Ida Smith gave me a jar of her special "no-cook" version. Very nice it was too, with a nice crunchy texture. "This is a recipe I have used for years" says Ida. I asked if I could put the recipe in Village Voice for others to try. Here it is:



IDA'S UNCOOKED PICKLE

1lb Bramley cooking apples, peeled and grated
1lb onions, chopped
1lb dates, chopped
1lb Demerara sugar
3/4 pint vinegar - no more
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon mustard
Shake of pepper to taste
Curry powder (optional)

Put all the ingredients in a large bowl, cover and leave for 24 hours, stirring two or three times to make sure the sugar dissolves. Put into jars and seal. If you have a food processor use it to save time (and streaming eyes!) to chop the onions and apples.

Note: If you would like a copy of the relevant page from the 1992 Village Voice to which Kate refers, please ask the Editor.

The same issue also contains a good recipe for lemon & apple jelly.....and some useful tips on "How to Preserve a Husband"!

MORE ABOUT BUGS BENNY

"One in the Know" (J.T.B.) says "Gardeners, have no fear. I have it on good authority that Bugs Benny is planning to make his escape aboard the QE2. Time of sailing will be posted soon at Thurlestone Post Office".

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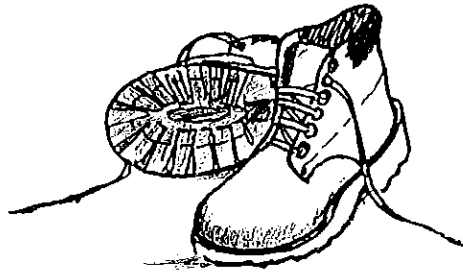
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TRAMPS PROGRESS



NEWBRIDGE

A group of 11 walkers, led by founder Tramp Stuart, left Newbridge on a perfect sunny day, turning north at Buckland Bridge via a private track (permission granted), following the East Webburn to Dunstone. As we left the private track, crossing a camp site, we spotted a family of ducks (approximately one dozen) waddling along ahead of us. At the same moment they were also spotted by small dog and before you could say "Gordon Bennett" all you could see was ducks, dog and Tramp owner in a great mass of feathers. Out of the blue, one lady Tramp (Mary, Sue's sister) came flying through the air and caught the offending dog in a perfect rugby tackle before landing. The All Blacks would have been proud of her!

Peace restored, no damage done, our party left the area, admiring duck owner's kitchen garden as if on a Sunday afternoon stroll. Crossing country to Wind Tor, we enjoyed superb panoramic views of Dartmoor whilst consuming our lunch. The West Webburn was then followed south to Pondsworthy, returning via Dr. Blackhall's drive to Newbridge and ice-cream (delicious!).

Bob Nicholls.

GRENOFEN BRIDGE

Thanks to the impeccable directions of our leaders, to which at least enough people listened, fortunately, all 17 of us, 14 hardened veterans and three newcomers to Tramp, arrived without mishap at the carpark glade by Grenofen Bridge for the start of our first August walk. We set off through the woods up the left bank of the Walkham, rejoicing in the fine, but not too hot, weather ...and not chatting so much as not to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings. At its meeting with the

Tavy at Double Waters we crossed the Walkham and climbed up past Barre Tor and then down again to Denham Bridge where the water is amazingly deep.

The gate to the National Trust property had been left subtly unpadlocked on our behalf. This stretch of the walk along the left bank of the Tavy was the reason for our dogless state this time: it was rumoured that otters had returned to these waters. We were not lucky enough to see one on this occasion, but a kingfisher was glimpsed while picnics great and small were being enjoyed on an island in the river - a very picturesque spot, this!

The sun went in for a while and so we were not tempted to linger but continued on through the woods into the grounds of Buckland Abbey and then down into Buckland Monachorum. The pub was the first we had passed and its enticements were too strong for many of the tramps. After all, we had kept up a good pace, were early and arguably therefore deserved some small reward. Just one or two thought that St. Andrew's would be worth a visit; it is a very fine church with a number of interesting features (see W.G.Hoskins "Devon"). Now on the last lap of our walk we followed footpaths through fields and finally back into the woods again past an indistinguishable Bucktor and arrived after an effortless ten miles back at Grenofen Bridge.

Pam Brewster.

TWO BRIDGES

That dread, highly infectious and, seemingly, incurable malady commonly called "the family" that sweeps through Thurlestone in the summer was largely responsible for there being but three members of Tramp setting off undeterred

from the Parish Hall car park for the second August walk, hoping possibly to be joined at the appointed rendezvous, the Two Bridges Hotel, by three more. Imagine, then, their delight when not three but five survivors arrived, with two dogs, moreover.

Starting along the road we soon turned off through a small plantation and were quickly on to rough pasture and moor circling round towards Moorlands Farm. The menacing clouds which looked ready to fulfil the promise of occasional showers obligingly drifted away allowing the sun to gleam through from time to time. Solving the world's problems, discussing the higher points of haute cuisine, admiring the view or merely communing with nature we were soon crossing the pretty stone bridge by the Dartmoor Training Centre.

We managed to restrain our appetites until we found a suitably sheltered and sunny spot just above Cherrybrook Hotel to have

our picnics. Then, over the moor again, we passed the time of day with some very sane-looking and rather haughty cows and scaled a minor and apparently nameless tor to check the lie of the land. It was not entirely laziness that made us decide to cross the river by means of some not very conveniently-spaced stones instead of going further up and using the bridge. It did present some problems but we all arrived dryshod on the other side, apart from the dogs - who weren't wearing shoes in any case.

From there it was only a short climb up to the Devonport Leat. It is a strange phenomenon that its whisky-coloured water often appears to be flowing uphill but we were certainly going downhill as we followed the easy path along the bank and into a cool, green firwood. We left the Leat and finally a path by the river brought us back to Two Bridges.

Pam Brewster.

PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY (P.O.T.S.)

Two visitors, both from Buckland, attended the initial meeting of P.O.T.S. held recently at Burwood. It was agreed to leave the Society gently ticking over in the hands of its present 'steering committee' for 12 months. Further consideration would then be given to forming a fee-paying membership as a means of fund-raising for village projects.

At the time of writing this, the first fund-raising by the committee - the Grand Variety Concert - is due to take place on 20 and 21 September. Under the direction of Val Brown a fine company of artistes has been assembled to provide a great evening of music, words and fun. We'll report on it in the next issue!

MICHAEL'S RIDE

The final total in Michael Allen's 100 mile bike ride round the South Hams in aid of the British Heart Foundation was £5,050. He's trying something a bit different for next year's big effort so watch out for the announcement in 1997.

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Every letter of the alphabet is used.

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THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW REPORT

The 1996 Show, held at the Village Hall, South Milton on 3rd August 1996 was declared a "blooming success" by show secretary John Lonsdale.

A substantial increase in the number of entrants in the cut flowers classes made a very colourful show. Exhibits in all sections were of a remarkably high standard, and the show committee were delighted to receive entries from many first-timers, as well as from the "hardy annuals". Tony Church won 19 firsts, and David Coward 16 firsts...but next year it could be YOU! Make a note of the date:

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST 1997
Thurlestone Parish Hall.

Thanks are expressed to all the exhibitors for their entries, and to the judges, stewards, spectators, and anonymous helpers who all contributed in their various ways to the making of a very pleasant day, and a very successful show. Here are the details of the cup-winners:

CUP WINNERS FOR 1996

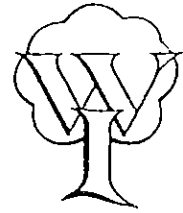
Fruit & vegetables (amateur)	David Coward & Tony Church
Fruit & vegetables (open)	Tony Church
Cut flowers & pot plants	Mrs S Dwyer
Senior Children	Ellie & Eric Stidston
Cookery	Miss P Brewster
Handicrafts	Mrs V Tanner
Thurlestone resident	Tony Church
South Milton resident	Miss E Snowden
Yeo cup (best amateur vegetable)	Mrs P Leare
Wray cup (best open vegetable)	Derrick Yeoman
Chapman bowl (overall rose)	Mrs S Dwyer
Marshall cup (one rose)	Mrs S Dwyer
President's tankard (fuchsia)	Mr D Atkins
Flower arrangement cup	Mrs D Julian
White cup (child)	Ellie & Eric Stidston
Doris Jackson trophy (sewing)	Mrs D Amess
Doris Tyler cup (cake)	Mr E White



SURROUNDED! Spuds to the left of them, onions to the right of them, and preserves behind them, John Lonsdale (Show Secretary) and Pat Macdonald (Vice-President) caught in the middle of it all.



ALL LINED UP! Left to right David Coward (Vice-Chairman) Ben Horn (Chairman) and Pam Brewster, winner of the cookery cup, with the array of the Show Trophies shining in the background.



NEWS FROM THE WI

Jeanne Whittick from Kingston, lace-maker extraordinaire, came to our June meeting to show us beautiful samples of the many varieties of lace she produces - but NOT Honiton! Bob Mann came over from Totnes in July to give us an enjoyable talk on the writers of Devon. In September Ruth Parnell of Widecombe did a demonstration of "Low budget cooking".

In between these monthly talks we've had a busy and enjoyable time going out and about both in our own county federation and up and down the country. "Designer bread and milk" was the title of a genetics day several members attended at Bicton College, visits were made to Dr. Smart's garden at Marwood in North Devon, and the NFWI interim general meeting at Cardiff. In July our annual garden lunch was held - except the damp and misty conditions that day meant we had to eat indoors - at Glen Lyon by most kind invitation of Rosemary MacKay. A visit to the Hampton Court flower show, a trip to see the costumes from "Sense & Sensibility" on display at Killerton, and to see the Garden House at Buckland Monachorum all took place this summer.

We did a co-operative entry for the Kingsbridge Show. Having won the cup in the class for the past two years we graciously accepted defeat at the hands of Stokenham Evening, and other, WIs. ("....He marks - not that you won or lost - But how you played the game."!). Congratulations are extended to all six sporting participants, to the staging and display team who did a beautiful job, and particularly to Mary Johnson who encourages us all to take part.

We would like to record here our most grateful thanks to Peter Cousins who has put a lot of hard work into a wonderful

renovation job on the two wooden seats which stand in the parish hall car park. These were presented to the hall in 1953 by the WI to mark the Coronation and were desperately in need of attention to keep them going for another 40-odd years!

Norma Kendall, Jo Parkin and Joan Lane have 'volunteered' to form our team at the Cooks Quiz first round due to take place at Modbury. Dorothy Candy and Janet Fraser will run the cake stall at the parish hall's Autumn Fair, and a bring & buy social coffee morning will take place at Wyn Cousins' house (5 Crosslands), on the 1st October, from 10.30am to noon.

A visit to see the Western Morning News being produced will take place on October 8th. If any non-WI member would care to come, please ring Pat Macdonald 560436.

There will also be a visit to the Creative Stitches exhibition at Westpoint on Friday October 11th. Again, an invitation is extended to non-members to come - contact as above. The winter supper at the end of November will this year be an "Eastern Evening" - so start dusting off your kimonos and practising with your chopsticks!

The next monthly meeting is on Thursday October 10th, 2.30 pm, when the speaker will be Mr. Alec Worth "Looking at the Landscape"

We are always delighted to see new faces at our meetings. Please do come along, particularly if you are new to the area and want to make some contacts. We're an active and friendly lot and come in all shapes and sizes... you're sure to fit in! You would be made very welcome. We meet the second Thursday each month at the Parish Hall, 2.30 pm.

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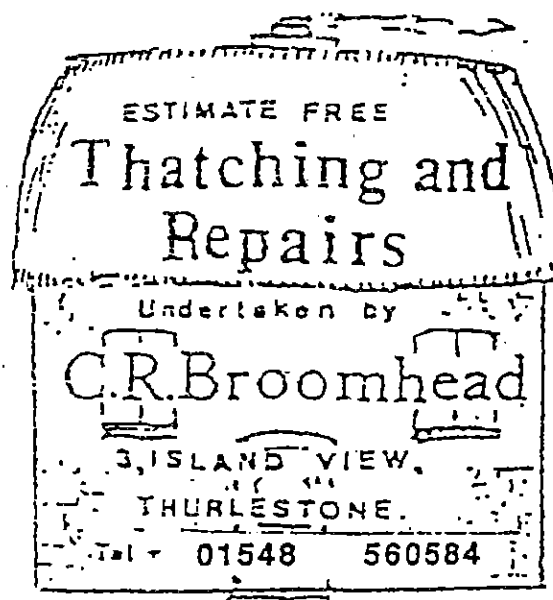
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Weather Wag

Last year at this time I wrote about drought. Thank goodness it does not apply to this year. Mind you, it was a close thing as we approached August. However, the 6th, 8th and 9th relieved the situation and dumped 25mm, or one inch, on us. It was the weekend my daughter-in-law came to stay with us and I was furious. I spoke sternly to my weather instruments but they took no notice!

There has been almost as much sunshine, loads more rain and not quite so warm, thank goodness (see table on next page). Incidentally the rain this year fell mainly on six days, last year on only one day, Saturday 5th, and the end of the month last year saw lots of cloud cover hence much less sunshine but no rain to speak of. However, here we are, at the time of writing only 20 days away from the Autumnal Equinoxwinter approacheth.

Before it disappears behind curtains of rain I think that the SUN should have a little attention. My weather book calls it the RADIATING SUN. Not a bad description as we all enjoy its radiant heat in one way or another. Throughout history it has been revered as a source of light, warmth and life itself, though now the Sun God has a more rational explanation as to its apparent movements during the year.

Many peoples gave a name to this personage - HELIOS (Greeks) and SOL (Romans) whilst the Egyptians had an intriguing name, RA, for the god who rolled the sun around the heavens. It is thought that this reflected their reverence for the scarab beetle which rolls its ball of dung ahead of itself. Even the orientation of the Christian churches according to the position of the sun are remains of sun-worship. Some peoples were obviously totally

obsessed by its nature and benefits, and they made extraordinarily accurate observations long before scientific explanations evolved. The testimony to this is the existence of apparently useless monuments all over the world, which turn out to be accurate instruments for measuring the time of the year according to the sun.

Scientists, astronomers, and the like are forever discovering new information about this life-giving 'thing'. Put simply, the sun is a radiant globe, composed mainly of gases which whirl in vortex around an axis. Its average distance from the earth is 93 million miles and it travels in an elliptical path around us. This means that the actual distance from Earth can vary. January sees it nearest Earth at 91.2 million miles. The technical term for this is the PERIHELION. In early July the sun is at its furthest distance away at 94.5 million miles and the term is APHELION. I often wonder if this difference makes the southern hemisphere hotter on average than the northern hemisphere during their respective summers. We, of course, know about the season and the length of day and night being controlled by the sun. Tour operators now take full advantage of some of these natural occurrences, for example trips to the land of the midnight sun. In the northern hemisphere during our summer the North Pole, being at sea level, has very long days of continual sunlight when the sun doesn't sink below the horizon at all. Even in the Shetland Islands on June 21st, providing the weather is suitable, there is enough light at midnight to take photographs. The Shetlanders call this "simmer dim" (simmer is Scottish for summer). Then during the winter months the North Pole experiences 186 days of no sun above the horizon. However, there is a phenomenon known as "day glow" or "day sky", which describes

the pale glow in the sky which lingers on after sunset, indicating that just below the horizon the atmosphere is still fully illuminated by the sun.

There are many myths and legends attached to this solar body, and perhaps the most common are related to the fertility of the land. The times of the Equinox and Solstice were particularly popular. The ancients knew there was a significance in the phases of the sun and (incidentally) the moon. The passage of time was recorded by many early peoples using the sun and the shadow it casts. Those living in areas where there is little cloud were the best at it (eg. the Egyptians).

It was Galileo who first suggested that the sun's rays were only transformed into heat when they encountered obstructions to their passage, and so it has been proved. There is much to write about on this issue, but I will content myself with just one word for you.

ALBEDO describes the ability of any substance to reflect the sun's radiation. At the lower end, forests and wet earth reflect between only 5% and 10%, whereas new snow can reflect as much as 80% (that is why skiing people can get sunburned).

Going back to the tourism side, and looking through any brochure for holidays in the sun, you will find that each resort has a statistic relating to the amount of sunshine experienced - in the hope of attracting custom. Here is another useless statistic - the sunniest place in the world is the eastern Sahara desert with a mean annual total of 4300 hours, 97% of the possible total. By December 1996 I shall be able to tell you how much we have had this year. There are only rare occasions when there is no sunshine in a given area (excluding the poles). Two of those have been the whole of December 1890 at Westminster, and on January 19th, 1965, none was reported from the 50 recording stations in Britain!

It is interesting to compare the two August months for 1995 and 1996, as follows:

	1995	1996
Wind speed - highest gust	45 mph	51 mph
Wind direction (from)	ENE	SW
Rainfall - total	18.09mm (0.75ins)	96.83mm (3.81ins)
Av. Temp. for month	20.25C.	17.19C.
Hrs.of sunshine for month	247	241

Next time I shall be writing about **GLOBAL WARMING**, or the greenhouse effect - the retention of heat in the earth's atmosphere.

COOKWORTHY MUSEUM

A Bridge Drive will be held on **THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**, 6.30 for 7 pm at South Milton Village Hall. The cost is £5.00 per head which includes refreshments. Please ring Sheila Parker on 560330 if you would like to book.

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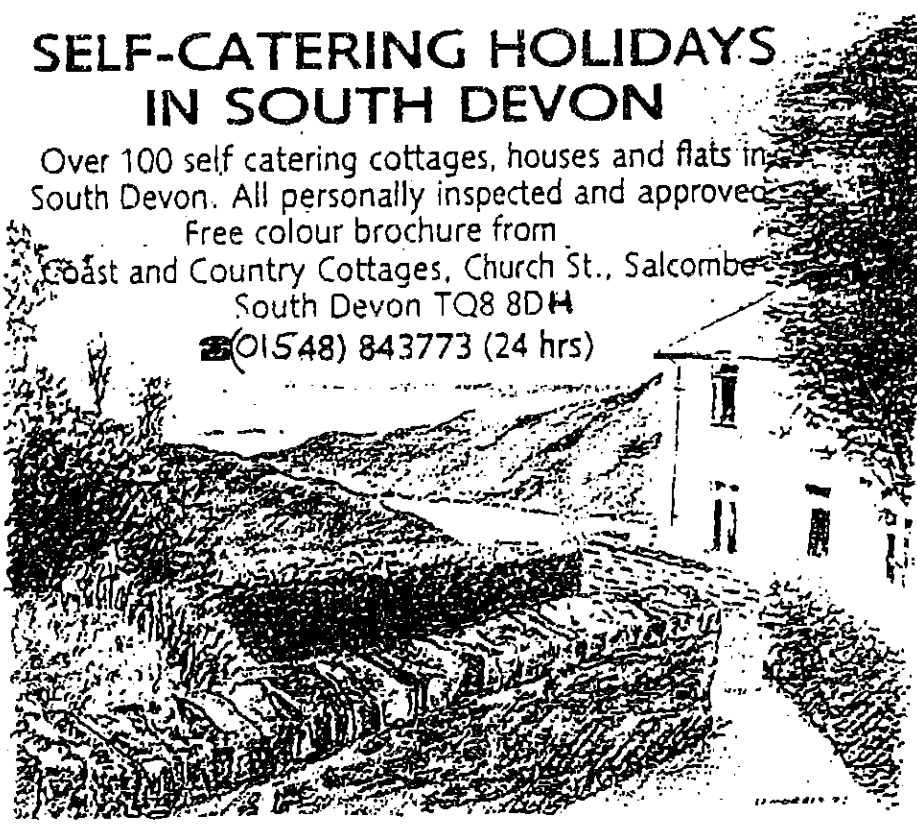
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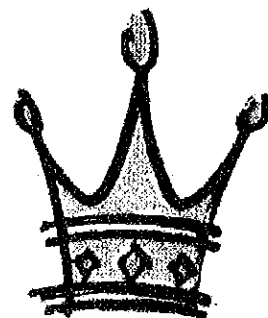
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This article by Neville Oswald appeared, under the title WILDLIFE AND THE PURSUIT OF GAME IN THURLESTONE AND NEARBY PARISHES IN THE PRESENT CENTURY, in the April 1996 issue of The Devon Historian, the editor of which has kindly given permission for it to be reproduced in Village Voice.

A hundred years ago wild grey partridges abounded in Thurlestone, together with a few wild pheasant and thousands of rabbits; the game birds were shot under licence and the rabbits, regarded as vermin, were trapped or shot by the villagers. A detailed description of the scene in the years just before World War 1 was recorded informally by Geoffrey Inchbald* whose father had shooting rights over most of the parish. His account together with the recollections of several parishioners and others who have known the district for very many years give an insight into the changes that have occurred during this century.

Thurlestone had much to offer young Geoffrey. Given his first shot gun when he was aged fourteen, he soon learnt to use spaniels to flush rabbits out of brakes and hedgerows. He then proceeded to the more exacting task of ferreting on the sea cliffs that were honey-combed with rabbit warrens; the rabbits, having no open way of escape, scuttled from one hole to another, being visible for only a second or two before they disappeared. Those that were brought down fell to the rocks, sand

and sea below and were at times retrieved only with much difficulty. Thurlestone Lea, a reedy marshland extending about half a mile inland from the seas, was alive with duck during their early morning and evening flights; in places where the reeds were not too high snipe gathered, a wisp of as many as thirty often rising at the same time, to set off on their irregular flights. Drifting silently down the river Avon at dusk from Aveton Gifford on the ebb tide might yield some duck or wood pigeon or perhaps a partridge or pheasant. His apprenticeship completed, Geoffrey was allowed to take his place with the guns, as the sons of the rather privileged shooting community had done for generations.

Shooting licences were cheap before and after World War 1 and anybody could buy one. Many farmers possessed a gun with which they tried to limit the damage done by rabbits and also sought to preserve the eggs and chicks of game birds by killing foxes on sight and ripping out the nests of magpies. Indeed, there were virtually no foxes in Thurlestone in the inter-war years, until the hunting community introduced some. Village lads shot duck and snipe on the Lea and were occasionally allowed to shoot on farms, but in a small place, where everybody knew almost everybody else, unauthorised shooting was limited. Rented shooting from owner and tenant farmers usually cost a crisp white £5 note for the season, paid to the farmer with a promise not to shoot more than once a fortnight. With so many guns in the parish, there were remarkably few human casualties, although game dogs and ferrets suffered at times.

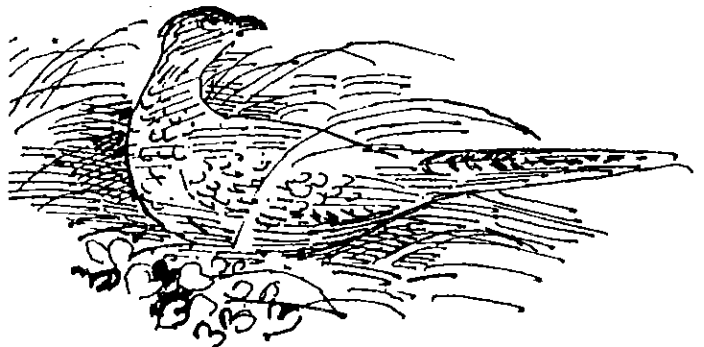


PARTRIDGE All the partridges in and around Thurlestone were wild stock and were sought by rough 'walked up' shooting. There were no driven birds. They nested at the foot of hedgerows and fed their young on the abundant insects nearby. Many of them later migrated to cover crops - mangolds, turnips, swedes and kale - from which they were flushed during the shooting season from 1st September to 31st January. Organised shoots, for long a feature of the South Hams, often achieved spectacular bags; in the early 1900s a small party walked up a mile of rough ground between the village of Thurlestone and the sea and killed 60 brace before lunch. The number of birds rapidly declined after World War 1, so that anybody seeking regular sport by the 1930s needed to go to estates in neighbouring parishes where the birds and their young were protected, for example to Horswell, Court Barton, Bagton or Burleigh; there they might expect to shoot up to 20 or 25 brace in a day.



There were several reasons for the decline in partridges. In order to obtain the greatest possible yield from the land, ploughing up to the edges of the hedgerows damaged the nesting sites. The replacement of cover crops by corn, with only a little kale remaining, deprived the birds of one of their favourite habitats. Later, chemical fertilisers, building development and the splitting of farms seriously damaged their environment.

PHEASANT Pheasants have always been scarce in Thurlestone due to the lack of woodland and of an estate of sufficient size to accommodate them. They have been bred intermittently nearby; recently for example at Bowringsleigh where they thrived for a time. Now, the nearest pheasant shoots are at Kitley and Cornwood.



The shooting of game birds virtually came to an end in the 1950s through lack of birds. Then, the passage of the Firearms Act of 1968 limited the possession of firearms. A Licence to Kill Game cost £6; in addition, a Shot Gun Certificate was necessary and was issued by the police only after they had inspected any guns and ammunition and the place where they were to be kept. Written permission to shoot over their land from two local farmers often aided a successful application. For security reasons, these rules have been strictly enforced since.

RABBITS During the first half of this century rabbits seemed to be everywhere in Thurlestone. They were in the hedgerows, on the golf course, along the cliffs and on any waste ground. Some of them were born in the cornfields where they grew and remained until harvest time. When the corn was reaped, from the edges inwards, boys from the village surrounded the centre and waited for them to dash out, grabbing as many as they could with their hands. A hundred or more might be caught in a big

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field and they made a very useful supply of meat, especially for families where there were many children.

The rabbit season lasted from September to March, allowing the young time to grow in the summer months. Ferreting took place on Saturdays and Sundays, many of the boys taking their own ferrets that their fathers had given them when they were aged about eight or more. The boys went out on most days during the school holidays, often being allowed on the farms where their fathers worked. Indeed, ferreting was their main interest in the winters as they rarely went far from Thurlestone and an occasional trip to Kingsbridge was as much as most of them could afford. Also, having taken home as many rabbits as were needed, they might be able to sell the remainder to friends.

Many villagers had a dog for rabbiting, either a whippet which was ideal for hedgerows or a lurcher which was hardier and able to penetrate prickly undergrowth. They went out with their dogs, ferrets and netting at weekends and usually caught a couple of dozen rabbits, some of which they sold for about five pence each. Boxing Day was the big occasion for rabbiting when small groups went out laden with cider. By the end of the day they were likely to miss as many as they caught! Few people who lived in the South Hams in World War Two are likely to forget the

rabbits. To farmers they were a pest, to almost everyone else they were a godsend, especially as they were not rationed. Whilst trappers were no longer able to go out at night with their lamps and whippets, they still had their ferrets, snares, and nets. Many families relied on rabbits as their sole, or at least their principal, source of meat and made certain they were well stocked at Christmas time. Every day consignments, mostly caught in Thurlestone by the village trapper Mr Bartlett, were bundled into crates that were collected and sent by rail from Kingsbridge mainly to the Midlands where restaurants were able to offer them as a meat meal. After World War Two, rabbits continued to flourish until the 1950s when myxomatosis virtually eliminated them, leaving many hundreds dead with swollen and bloodstained faces in hedges and fields. Only a few were seen in the following years.

Whilst partridges are now rarely seen in Thurlestone, wild pheasants have made a little headway, despite a recent increase in foxes. Rabbits are rapidly increasing, but are still trivial in numbers compared with a hundred years ago. Shooting has become a rarity; occasionally farmers will try to rid their properties of foxes and sometimes a shot or two rings out from the Lea. The rabbits are left virtually undisturbed for the time being.

*** INCHBALD. G. (1968) "Once upon a Time" for private circulation.**

Acknowledgements. *I am indeed grateful to Messrs David Balkwill, Ben Horn, Harry Huggins, Kendall McDonald, and Bill Robins without whose recollections and expertise this article could not have been written.*

Neville Oswald

NICE NEIGHBOURS

From a letter in the Dundee Courier: "My family and I own a 250-acre farm in Crieff and are shooting tenants on another estate nearby" (reproduced from the Daily Telegraph)

THURLESTONE REMEMBERED...

Jean Leaf recalls her school's evacuation to Thurlestone, in the early part of World War Two, and shares her memories of the period in Village Voice.

The spring of 1940 was the first time I saw Thurlestone. My school, Ravens Croft, had to depart at short notice from Eastbourne as the Germans were invading France. We were indeed lucky to find that the first part of our wartime journeying took us to Thurlestone.

I do not remember much about the actual journey except the last part of it, which was from South Brent to Kingsbridge, as this must have been the most beautiful railway in England! The small train chugged along through woods and tunnels, each opening to another lovely view of the South Hams, and the stations were a delight. We had no idea what to expect when we arrived in Thurlestone, but were surprised to find a huge white building - not looking at all like a country hotel. We were given a warm welcome and soon looked upon it as our home.

The school occupied half the bedrooms and had the use of two long tables at the far end of the dining room. The rest of the hotel was still used by visitors who stayed all through that summer of 1940....until another school, Moira House, also from Eastbourne, arrived for the autumn term. As it was wartime, we were told we must eat everything we were given. I can't recall what the food was like, except that several of us heartily disliked porridge, so we were very grateful to the two Greek waiters who, when they saw we did not like a particular food would, on their return journey to the kitchen, whip away our plates. These two were good to us and we were all very sorry when one day they did not appear. We were told they had been interned.

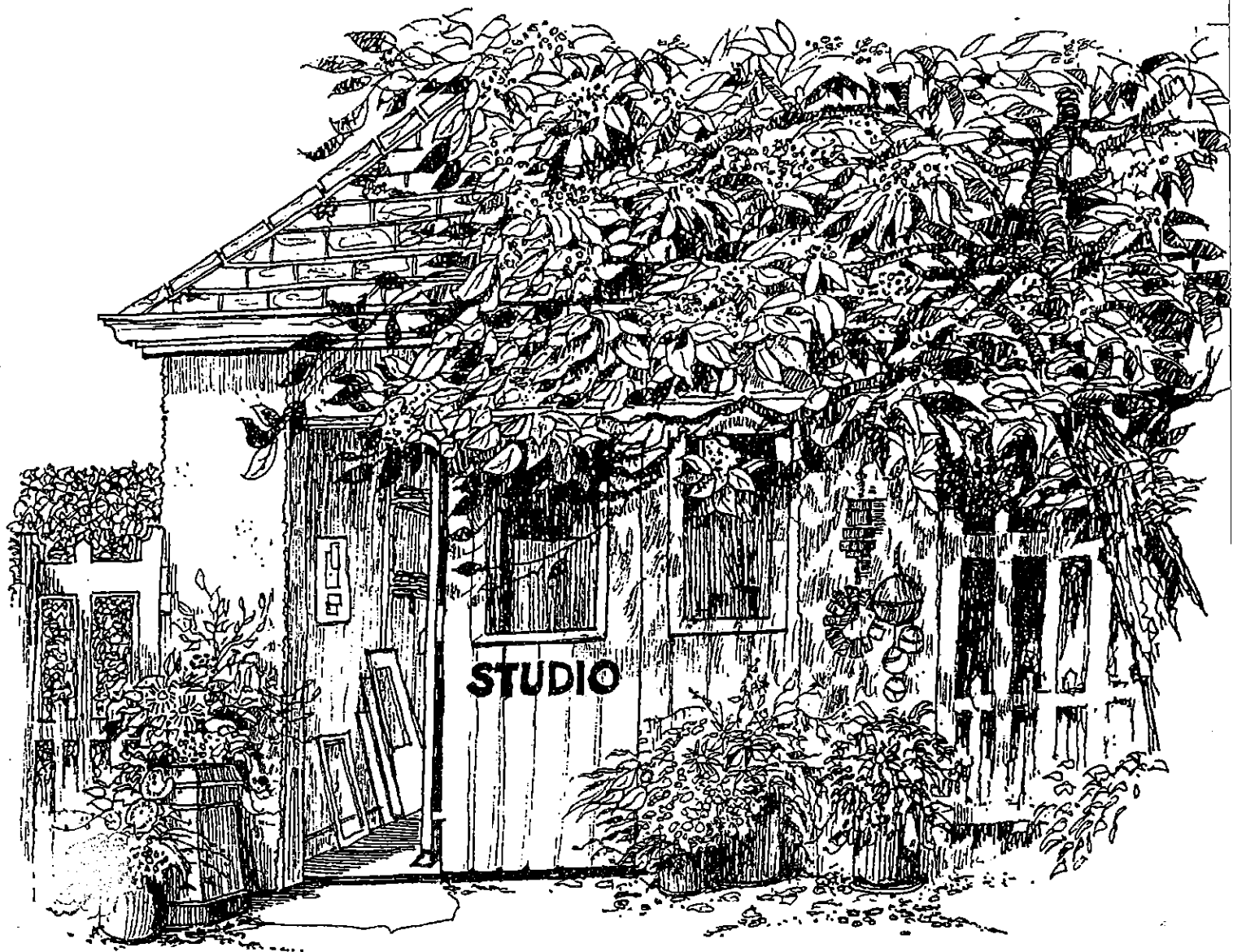
We had school prayers and some lessons in the ballroom and occasionally the hotel guests would join us there for dancing on Saturday evenings. It had a wonderful sprung floor, which we were not allowed to misuse in any way. We were also delighted to have our own bedrooms, which was so much better than several to a room, which it had been at Eastbourne. We were all awakened one night and told to leave our rooms, with a blanket and pillow, and go down to the hotel foyer, as there was an air-raid on Plymouth. Lessons were also done in Furzey Close, a small hotel opposite the church. We played tennis on the

hotel's courts and walked to the beach at Leas Foot - the only beach that had not been mined at that time. A ship had recently sunk in the bay and its cargo of grain was rotting. It was a smell I shall never forget as there was an on-shore wind! I also recall walking over to Hope, when we noticed the Links Hotel, occupied by the Eastbourne Technical College, was on fire, with smoke billowing to the sky.

The war brought its many grim and worrying days and current events were recounted to us by our Headmistress, Miss F.M. West, usually in sessions held in the hotel ballroom, although we were on the beach when we heard that France had fallen. Air attacks in other parts of the country were growing in intensity, and we were very aware of the danger to our families. We had only just returned from our Christmas holiday, in January 1941, when we learnt we would have to leave as the hotel was being requisitioned for the Royal Marines. To make sure we moved quickly, all the heating was turned off! Our Headmistress and her staff must have had a dreadful time finding another home for us. This they did in Hope Cove, where we had lessons in the Cottage Hotel and occupied several small hotels and guest houses.

Several of us were confirmed at All Saints church, Thurlestone, in March 1941, and some of our parents were able to travel down for the service. My mother stayed at the Resthaven, the only hotel open in 1941. The vicar, the Reverend Burkett, was very popular with the school and had been a prison chaplain. He was missing one thumb, which intrigued us enormously, but we never did find out what had happened to it. Our first communion was in the tiny church at Hope, where the pews could only seat 20 people.

I did not enjoy Hope, for it was a cold and uncomfortable stay, and after a term we moved again to Court Hall in North Molton. I was not to see Thurlestone again until well after the war, when I had a holiday in the hotel with my father. Then, 32 years ago, we built a house in the village, the architect of which was the late Peter Grose. We have been visiting and enjoying Thurlestone ever since!



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In the days when one had two Sunday newspapers, I was always keen to read Sue Arnold's articles in the Observer. In *Burmese Legacy* she writes equally well about the discovery of her Burmese relatives. She had two Burmese grandfathers and after bringing up her five (or was it six?) children, she went to Burma to discover her past and present family connections. Her father, and her mother's father, had worked for Steel Brothers, a very big firm in Burma and married into Burmese families. This is a most interesting book about a rather 'closed' country.

CASTING OFF by Libby Purves

A quick read for a summer holiday. It is about a frustrated wife who sets sail in the family yacht in a temper after a week-end as a dogsbody! Storms blow her into Salcombe. Libby Purves has herself sailed round Britain so it is genuine and technical and will ring a bell with many sailors - male and female.

UP AT OXFORD by Ved Mehta

How does a blind Indian from a humble family come to be 'up' at Balliol? This is an intriguing account of life at Oxford in the nineteen-fifties.....all the clubs, dining clubs and high life that could be were enjoyed! No mention is made of the restrictions his blindness made, except to say that after his first year he was moved to Harold Macmillan's old rooms as there was more room for his 'reader' and other equipment needed for his blind studying.

PEBBLES ON THE SHORE

An autobiography by Elizabeth Longford and, again, quite a good deal of it is concerned with Oxford and her time there before World War 2. Did one know that dear bumbling Lord Longford got a 'First'? Her large family was mostly born before she became a Roman Catholic. She just adored children. Her life-long adherence to socialism and her eventual conversion to the Church of Rome demonstrate her compassion and strength of character.

DIETING UNDER STRESS

The diet shown below (which has been sent in to "Village Voice" by P.B.) will help you cope with the stress that builds up when you are trying to lose weight.

Breakfast:	Half a grapefruit, 1 slice wholemeal toast, 3ozs. skimmed milk.
Lunch :	4oz lean chicken breast, 1 cup steamed spinach, 1 cup herbal tea, 1 choc.chip cookie.
Mid-afternoon:	Remainder of cookies in packet, 2 pts. chocolate icecream, 1 jar hot fudge sauce with nuts, cherries and fresh cream
Dinner:	2 loaves garlic bread, 1 large sausage pizza, 4 cans lager, 3 Mars bars
Late evening:	Entire frozen Black Forest gateau (directly from freezer)

RULES

1. If you eat something and no-one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet Coke with a Mars bar, the calories of Mars bar cancel out the diet Coke.
3. When you eat with someone else, the calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.
4. Food used for medical purposes never counts, e.g. hot chocolate, brandy, toast, cheesecake, etc.
5. If you fatten up everyone around you, you look thinner.
6. Movie-related foods do not have additional calories - they are part of the entire entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel, e.g. milkshakes, buttered popcorn, Murray-mints.
7. Broken biscuits contain no calories as the process of breaking them causes calorie leakage.
8. Things licked off knives and spoons in the course of preparing something have no calories
9. Foods of the same colour have the same number of calories, e.g. spinach and pistachio icecream but chocolate is a universal colour and can substitute for any other food colour.

TENNIS

The tennis tournaments run by Thurlestone Golf Club tennis section have again been well supported. In mid-August there were at least forty-five junior competitors playing in the Tuesday and Thursday morning events, and thirty players in the mixed doubles held on Saturday afternoons.

It was particularly good to watch more of our local junior players taking part in the summer tournament. The club welcomed eight new local junior members and several junior away members.

Jonathan and Kieren Squire, Matthew and Andrew Gibbens, Charlotte and Tom Beer, Catherine and Richard Bromfield, Eric Stidston, Nick Gilbert, Tom Bushell and Ben Rogers all played this summer.

Jonathan Squire and Charlotte Beer reached the semi-final and finals in several of the 10-13 years events and Tom Bushell and Ben Rogers played their way to the semi-final and finals in the 14-16 years events.

Junior Club mornings will be held twice a month on Sunday mornings, starting on the

8th September, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. All players are welcome. Please contact Lindsey Fletcher on 560157. There is a £1.00 playing fee for non-members.

The tennis section would like to remind players that non-members can reserve tennis courts for one-and-a-half hour sessions by contacting the Thurlestone Golf Club professional shop on 560715.

Players MUST report to the golf professional shop prior to playing as non-members found playing without having paid the required court fee will be requested to leave the courts.

The tennis committee would like to thank all the mothers and fathers of junior players and the friends and relatives who came along to support the summer events. A very big thank you must also go to Jean Leaf, Dilly Finzy, Louise Boxhall, Eileen Perraton and Jennie and Victoria Stogdon for running the refreshment counter in the tennis pavilion on tournament days.

Lindsey Fletcher

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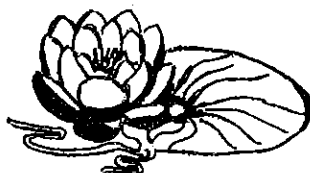
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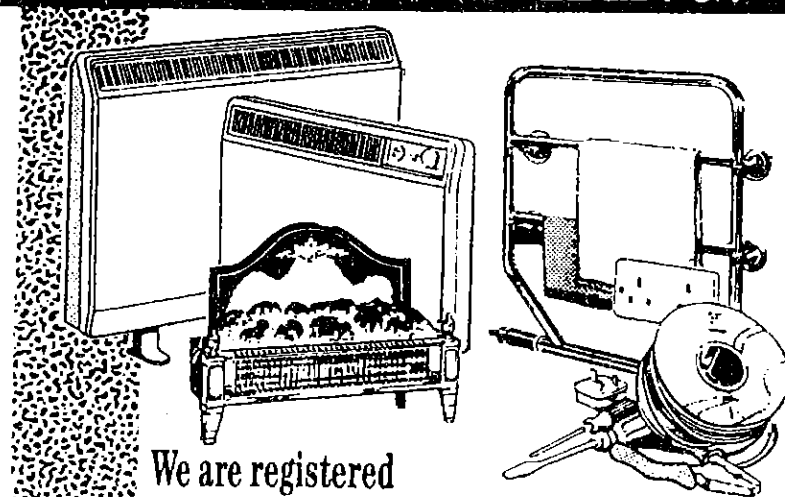
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"I am writing to inform you about a new therapeutic group that South Devon Women's Aid Outreach Project is setting up in Kingsbridge. The group is for women who have experienced abuse or violence within a relationship, either in the past or currently, who are in the Kingsbridge, Salcombe, Dartmouth and Totnes area of south Devon. It will run for 11 weeks, beginning 30th September. Help with transport and childcare can be made available.

Women experience many different forms of abuse in their personal relationships including being called names, raped, denied access to friends or family, punched, told what to wear, threatened, shoved, strangled, humiliated, not allowed out alone, degraded, having their children threatened, and much much more. The abuse may be from a

boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, co-habitee, family members or others with whom she has a personal relationship.

The aim of the group will be to provide a safe, supportive, gentle and empowering space to enable women to explore difficult issues and conflicts in their daily life, and to build or re-build confidence, self-esteem, decision-making and assertiveness skills. It is also hoped that the experience of being part of the group and the mutual support will be of value to each woman.

I have enclosed a poster and ask if you would display it in an appropriate public place. If anyone is interested and/or would like further information, please contact me or my colleague Helen Rowe on 01364-643866."

[The address of this organisation is P.O.BOX 65, Totnes, Devon TQ11. Editor]

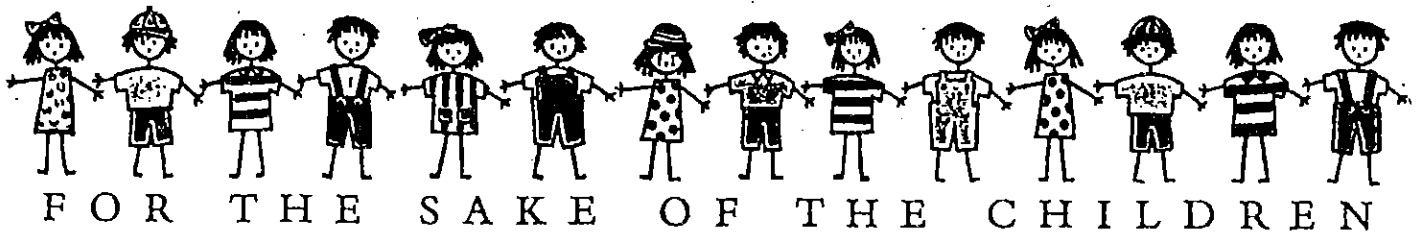
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Autumn is
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a spread of cobwebs and dew
a gate before winter

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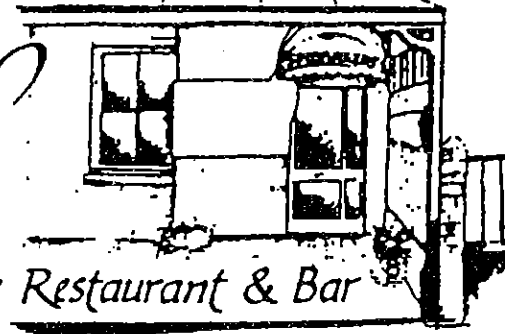
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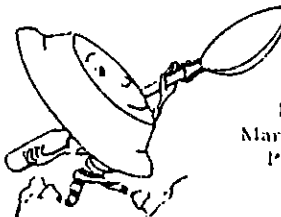
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OCTOBER

Tue. 1st Macmillan Fund, Marine Hotel (see last issue)
 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 last issue)
 Sat. 19th Devonshire Association, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
 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
 Mon. 28th Friends of Thurlestone Church AGM, Parish Hall, 6 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
 Cookworthy Bridge, S.Milton Hall, 6.30 pm
 Sat. 16th Devonshire Association, 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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