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Summer - and the responses to the questionnaire about the Village Shop - having now arrived, there is something of a "High Noon" atmosphere abroad in Thurlestone. Can the Post Office survive against all the odds? Or will the attempts to save it be shot down in the dust? A few valiant individuals battle on, while pensioners peep from behind their drawn curtains and await the outcome.

The local news-sheet goes to press in the middle of the drama, and faithfully prints the known facts of the situation for all to read. The Law, meantime, in the shape of Inspector Sumner, appears to wash his hands of Thurlestone and leave it to its fate. Will the Neighbourhood Watch now become the Vigilantes? Or can the local Sherriff (sorry, Chairman of the Parish Council) keep control as the long hot summer drags on?

Maybe it ain't (sorry, isn't) quite as wild as that in the ol' South West, and perhaps a more civilised and constructive approach enables justice - and common sense - to prevail in issues at the Parish level.

Anyway, read on - and form your own judgement. Our correspondents have provided all the ammunition you need - jest check your guns over!

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Unless my memory is playing funny tricks,

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when so much was changing.
Or about to change.*

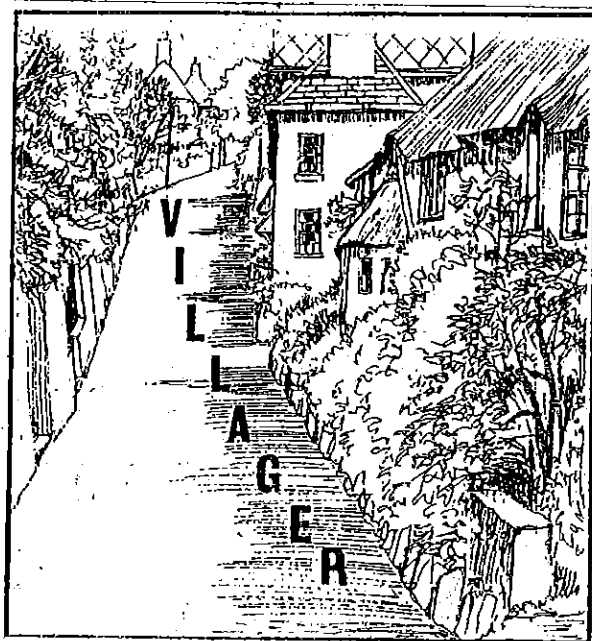
We've still got a post office, but that's only anchored by a thread at **Bromfields** and liable to float off in any direction at any day when they start knocking Homefield down for flats and building houses behind it.

We've got new arrangements to come for our milk deliveries when **Peter the Milk** packs it in. We've got houses to be built around the church, and we hope to heaven that those who buy them will be obliged to sign that they won't complain about or take legal action against our bell-ringing.

By the way, the drive-in entrance to those new houses has changed sides. If you stand by the Thurstlestone cannon and face the farm, the entrance to that new development is now to be at the **left-hand** end by the church lychgate, not as in earlier plans when it was schemed in on the **right**. And already they've chosen the shade of stones to show you how to park at right angles to the wall of the new shop - which is still scheduled to appear in the farm barn on the road.

Another change down there could cause problems. Plans for a church car-park behind the church with spaces for 100 cars of churchgoers are now well advanced. How to stop those visitors who don't want to go to church but are aiming for the beaches from parking there, and filling it up before the churchgoers arrive, is at the moment baffling the mightiest brains in the parish.

Should every genuine churchgoer have a special key? Should each holy car be fitted with electronic beams to raise the mighty barrier? Would a special prayer with a voice code do the same trick?



A further massive change to life in this parish is, of course, to come at the end of the year when **Kay and Bob Morley** plan to close their Village Stores.

You might think that was enough to be going on with, but time and tide wait for no man and another big change will take place at Bantham at the end of the year too. Then one of the great characters of the area, master boatbuilder **Hugh Cater** is to retire as Bantham Harbourmaster.

Battered yachting cap tip-tilted on his head - eyes twinkling behind wire-rimmed glasses - everyone who ever dipped a toe in River Avon waters knows "Hughie" and listens to his boating advice. They listen because Hugh Cater knows more about boating and sailing than anyone else for miles around. The yawls he has designed and built in the workshop upstairs in Bantham's thatched boathouse have taken on and beaten not only those Salcombe yawls on their home ground in the estuary, but racing opposition from much further afield.

But though Hugh Cater (oddly enough, despite almost universal use of "Hughie" he really prefers to be called "Hugh") is known for miles around, not many people really know a deal about him.

For the record, he was born in Cornwall and brought to live in East Portlemouth when he was four. The Caters of Salcombe were a big family even then. When he began thinking about leaving school, jobs were scarce in the area. He was faced with three basic choices - motor-mechanic-ing, farming, in which his father was involved, or something to do with boats. Young Hugh Cater decided there and then to be a boatbuilder. So in 1950 when he left school he went to **Stones**, the East Portlemouth boatbuilders, and did his five-year apprenticeship.

Immediately after that National Service called, and Hugh Cater was steered into the RAMC. He says today that he found it boring until his unit linked with the Parachute Regiment during the war they called the "Suez Crisis". Paramedic Hugh Cater then found himself swinging under a parachute, and dropping into Egypt.

At Suez he was part of a team setting up a medical reception station, basically to collect Army casualties but which in fact dealt with anyone of any persuasion who was injured in the fighting. This meant that Arabs, Israelis, and Britons, all found themselves being treated by the Army. *"No one was turned away, no matter who they were"* says Hugh.

After two years and a day, his National Service was over and he returned to his job at Stones. *"I was a bit up-tight at that time and really couldn't settle in, so I went to work for Jack Holt in London"*.

After nine months of working for this famous boat designer, Cater's itchy feet got the better of him and as he was fed up with London life he went back to Stones. About that time his first marriage broke up.

In 1963 the urge to become a rolling stone became too strong and he emigrated (*"on a £10 assisted-passage ticket"*) to Australia. For the next three years he worked in North Queensland for the Cairns Harbour Board, maintaining their ships, pilot boats and tugs. But soon he was off again. *"The real reason I left Australia was that I got asthma out there due to the air being full of sugar-cane pollen. You got covered in it up there all the time, so rather than move around Australia trying to get better, I came back home where I knew I would get better. And so back I went to Stones"*.

He worked there from 1968 to 1974, when he heard that **Jim Elliott** who "ran Bantham" had died and the post of Harbourmaster was vacant. Hugh applied for the job, got it and started work in September 1974. A backlog of boat repairs, running the ferry, sorting out and laying moorings (today there are nearly 100) took most of his time for that first year.

On 10th July 1975, Hugh Cater married **Marilyn**, who is now the manager of South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge. Shortly afterwards he received his first commission from the owner of Whiddons, who wanted to know if Cater could build a yawl *"to beat the Salcombe lot"*. He not only could, he did.

He built a yawl to his own design but within the class specifications, which wiped the floor with the Salcombe opposition. That yawl was called **Alpha**. The next year more improvements produced a yawl named **Beta**, which took all the cups of its class at Salcombe Regatta. **Gamma** was next and thrashed Salcombe again. *"They hated it"*, says Hugh with a chuckle of delight *"so much so that we took the prizes and did a runner back here very smartish. Mind you it was hard work because all the jobs of Bantham boating had to be kept going at the same time"*.

Other yawls have been created in the workshop in the Bantham boathouse and

Hugh Cater is known countrywide for his boat design and boatbuilding. In October he will start to "run in" his successor to the Harbourmaster's job, sailor and former RAF aircrew navigator Neil Schoeter, and pass on some of his boatbuilding skills to him. Hugh is 65 on 7th December and will hand over as Harbourmaster on 31st December.



Salcombe Yawl built at Bantham
by Hugh Cater

How does Hugh rate his stay of nearly 25 years at Bantham?
"Financially it's not been brilliant - and we could never have managed without Marilyn's salary - but it's been OK. It's a good way of life....we never expected to make loadsa money. I've enjoyed every minute of it and the Estate have been fantastically supportive over the years".

Over those same years Hugh and Marilyn have had to wait until September each year for their holidays which, who would have guessed, have usually been spent sailing their boat *Pegasus of Aune* to Cornish ports, the Isles of Scilly, or Brittany. In 1999 they need wait no longer to cope with the Bantham boating holiday rush. "Pegasus" will be sold for something not so fast and carrying less sail as they plan to sail further more gently and spend longer in French or Spanish ports.

It is, I suppose, not strange that a parachutist and fanatical sailor is also taking flying lessons for his retirement - *"Marilyn has given me a stack of vouchers for lessons on each of my recent birthdays, and I really fancy flying"*.

Ask not who is at the controls next summer of that darned plane looping and rolling overhead. No, it will not be one of those aerial photograph merchants.

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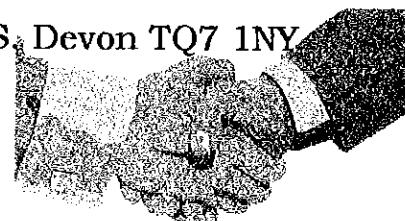
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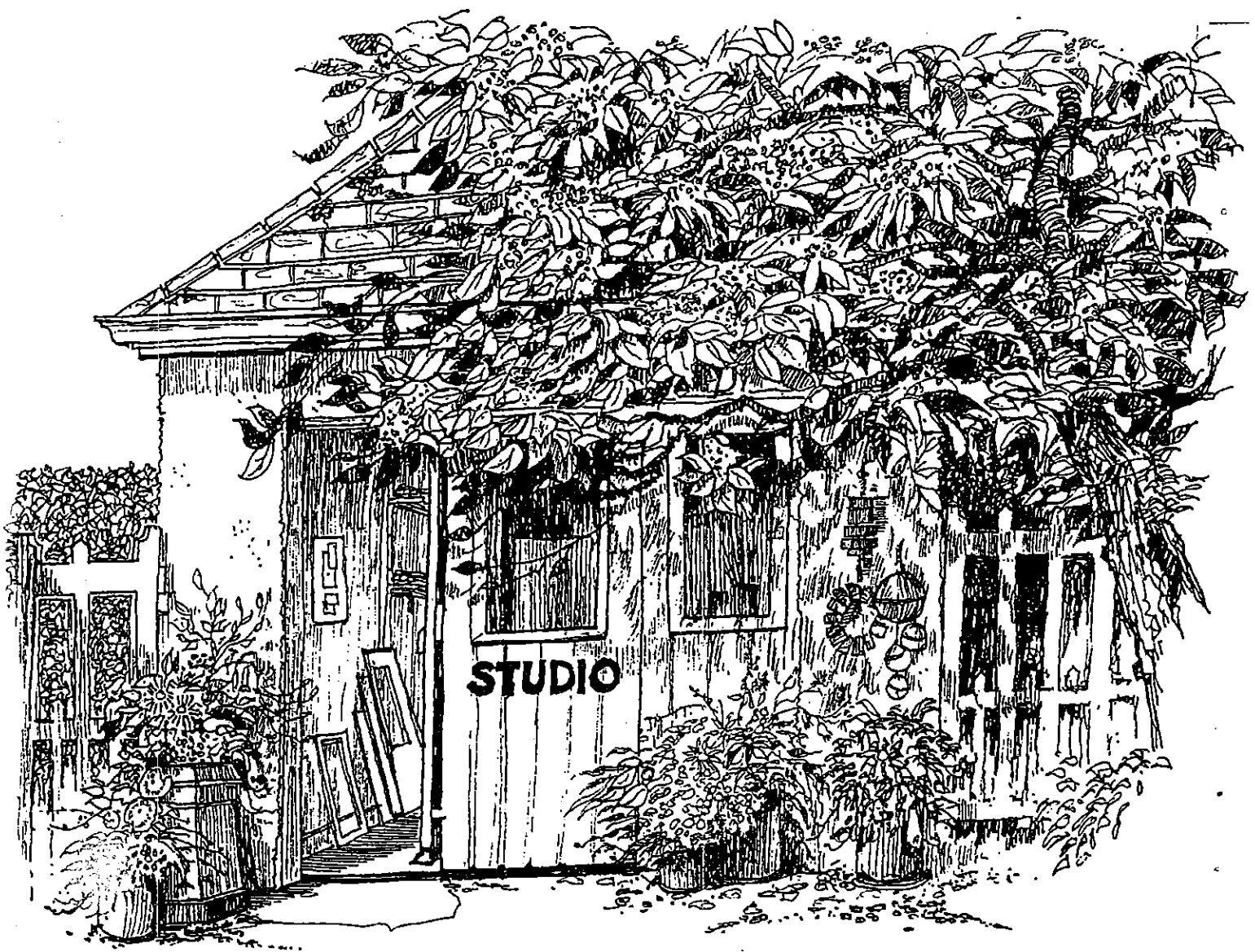
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PARISH COUNCIL : NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council meetings were held on 8th and 16th June, and 21st July 1998

HOMEFIELD FARMHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Ash Mill Developments presented their revised proposals to the Parish Council. They now want to demolish Homefield and build five cottages on the site, in addition to the two houses at the rear. If their application is successful, work would start in September with completion in March 1999.

The Parish Council decided to give qualified support to the new proposals (Councillor Veronica White opposed) but would draw SHDC's attention to the serious inadequacy of the entrance to the site, and the disruption which would be caused by contractor's lorries.

HOMEFIELD FARM DEVELOPMENT

At a meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Amel Properties presented their proposals. These are described elsewhere in this issue. If their application is successful, work would start in September with completion by mid-summer 1999.

Work on the new shop would start at the same time with completion by January 1999.

The good news is that the developers would provide and set up a Portakabin, free of charge, to house the temporary Post Office!

RETAIL SERVICES

Jean Yeoman will continue at the Post Office until the Portakabin is ready.

More good news! - Kay Morley has agreed to continue trading until the new shop opens.

Over 300 replies to the Questionnaire have been returned. John Crawford's analysis of the replies is given elsewhere in this issue.

OPEN FORUM

There were questions about the lack of rural transport. The PC was asked to send a representative to the next meeting of the South Hams Rural Transport Forum.

The regular grumble was made about holiday-home owners leaving rubbish bags out, days before collection, to be ripped apart by badgers, gulls, foxes, etc. As most of the offenders don't see Village Voice, it is hoped that neighbours will draw the problem to their attention.

Traffic problems were foreseen when passengers for the new 'Hopper Bus' service park at the Church. Evans Estates have recently made an offer - to the Church - of land behind the church for community use, including car parking. Representatives of the PC and PCC are to work out a joint response. Can we be in for a surfeit of good news?

RESIGNATION

Councillor Derrick Yeoman surprised the meeting by resigning from the post of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Councillor Veronica White was elected to fill the vacancy.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, Thurlestone at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th September 1998.

CITIZEN

DISCOLOURED MAINS WATER IN THE GLEBEFIELD AREA

SHDC Chief Environmental Health Officer **Mr J H Bloomer** has sent us the following advice for residents of Glebefield:

I understand that S.W. Water's Area Distribution Manager, Myles Key, prepared a "Need Statement" regarding Thurlestone some 18 months ago. However, there are no capital resources available at present and there probably will not be for at least another 18 months.

Myles Key is aware of the discolouration problems experienced by residents of Thurlestone, and advises that as a holding

measure S.W. Water will implement a regular mains flushing programme. For severely affected properties they can fit filters to reduce the problem and I would suggest that the relevant parishioners contact S.W. Water regarding this.

In the meantime, I feel it would be prudent for residents to continue to contact S.W. Water each time a period of discolouration occurs, as it would add weight to the case for improvements to be carried out and may elevate the priority that this matter is given.

J.H. Bloomer

NEW POLICE INSPECTOR SWEEPS CLEAN !

At the last Parish Council meeting on 21st July, Councillor Charles Mitchelmore reported on the outcome of the latest South Hams Police liaison meeting. This was held, at very short notice, in Kingsbridge. Significant changes in policy for policing in our area are apparently taking place, *without consultation or even formal warning*. The main thrust of these changes must inevitably lead to a marked weakening of links between police and local communities. The revelations naturally caused great consternation.

It is understood that the incoming Inspector at Kingsbridge, David Sumner, considers that he has insufficient resources for us to have a community police officer any longer. In future, the response to acts of vandalism, for instance, would at best be the despatch of a Special Constable, if available. Recent minor incidents in the parish could easily be overtaken by more serious trouble in such a climate of indifference to the needs of rural communities. Elsewhere in this issue, the need for extra vigilance is stressed. The source of early warnings, until recently received from the

police by our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, seems likely to dry up. It is extraordinary that the police appear to see no significant value in receiving on-the-spot intelligence from the rural communities.

When over a hundred primary school children had to negotiate the length of the village street to attend a church service recently, the police declined to assist with the control of traffic, clearly highly desirable for the safety of the children.

The Clerk to the Parish Council has been instructed to make our great concern known to Chief Inspector Stowers at Totnes. This may be just the start of a campaign for our 'village voice' to be heard on an issue of major importance for our quality of life in the South Hams.

In the difficult times which may lie ahead, Village Voice would like to hear your views on what should be done; we in our turn will try to keep you up-to-date on further developments.

CITIZEN

PHOENIX TO RISE FROM FARMYARD FIRE

This article is based on briefing notes and plans provided
by AMEL PROPERTIES for Village Voice

HISTORY

Nineteen years ago, Homefield Farm suffered a major fire which destroyed most of the barn roofs and all the main central barn. The 1990 planning consent provided for:

1. four new houses in the upper field, accessed by a steeply rising estate road;
2. four residential units created from the barns to the southwest and northeast;
3. a roadside village shop.

The main north barn would have been demolished entirely, and half the roadside barn intended to house the shop. The end result would have been the disappearance of the traditional enclosed farmyard, and its replacement by a modern estate-type layout.

CONSERVATION ASPECTS

Under a new planning application (1998), the large steel-framed and corrugated-roofed barn in the centre of the enclosed courtyard (erected after the fire to replace the original barn) will be demolished. The roofs of the SE and NW buildings will be removed, being corrugated metal roofs supported on modern scissors trusses. As the site falls within the village conservation area, the aims are:

1. to retain the character & privacy of the existing farmyard;
2. to conserve and restore the stone farm buildings;

3. to form three new houses reflecting the character and style of these buildings.

Both restoration work and new construction will use local stone and slate, while roof trusses will be exposed internally.

LAYOUT AND LANDSCAPING

The outline of the original central barn will be preserved by local stone walls enclosing a landscaped area for visitors parking. Footpaths will lead off from this to each dwelling. The site, presently devoid of vegetation, will be well provided with trees and shrubs. The upper field will have traditional front and rear gardens with hedging boundaries. A new footpath along the road frontage will extend past the new shop and church to the war memorial site. Vehicles will continue to use the present opening, adjacent to the church, for access to dwellings in both courtyard and upper field.

RESTORATION WORK

Northeast Barn All that remains of this roofless two-storey building is the outer walls, the brick reveals and arches having been in-filled by blockwork. The brick detailing and slate roof will be restored.

Stable Barn The adjacent one-storey building on the NE side provides few problems.

Hay Barn The main barn to the

North will be restored, using the 15 foot change in ground level within its depth to provide split-level accommodation on four floors. The top two levels will incorporate galleried bedrooms with exposed roof trusses above, thereby recreating the character of the original barn interior.

Dairy Barn The two-storey building on the SW side will be slightly shortened to open up the space to the main barn.

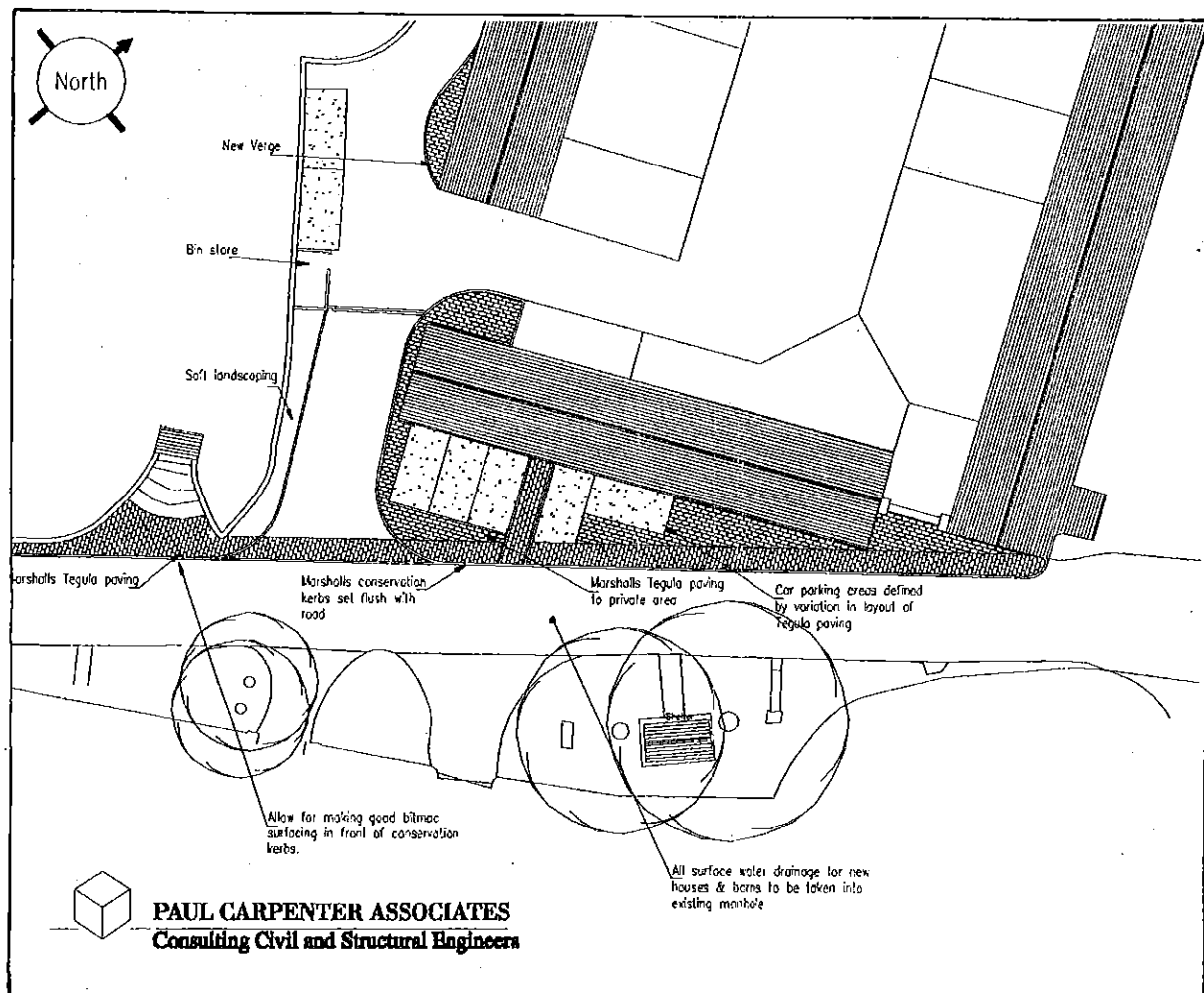
Cowshed Barn The roadside building will be slightly shortened to give safe access to the courtyard. The cast-iron columns along the rear facade and the slate roof will be retained, to provide residential accommodation at the NE end and

room for the post office and general store at the other end.

CONCLUSION

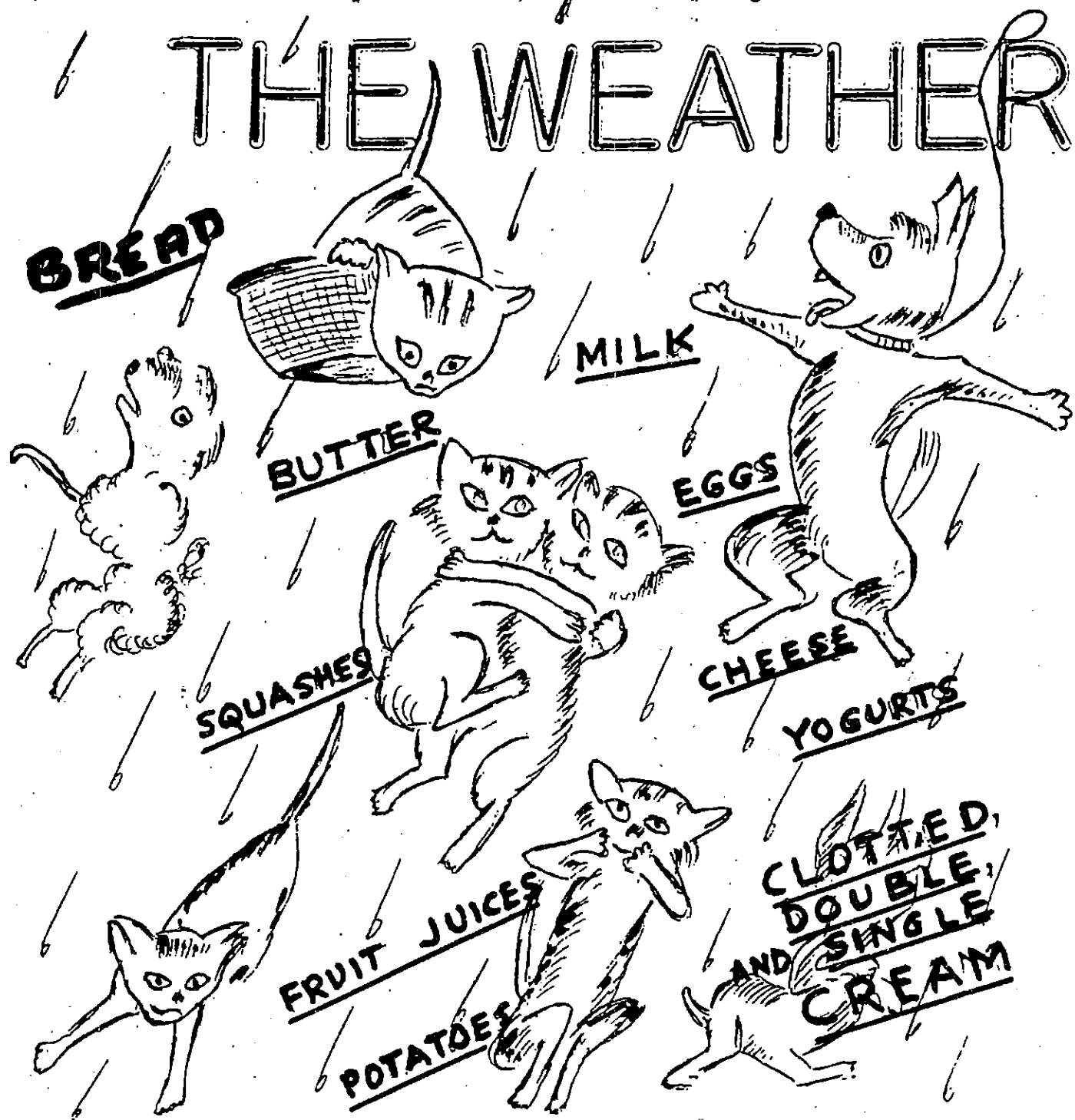
The redevelopment of the site will enable the existing farm buildings, and the character of the farm, to be retained and enhanced - as well as being put to new use. Furthermore, new occupiers will not be able to complain about the church bells ringing, as suitable covenants will be included in the title deeds. It is hoped that the residential and shop development will benefit the village for many years to come.

It seems that a phoenix is about to rise from the fire of nineteen years ago!



Plan of the proposed Village Shop and forecourt area

WHATEVER THE WEATHER



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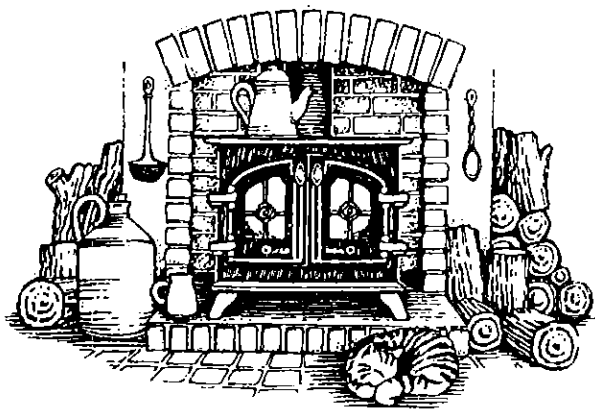
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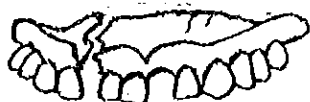
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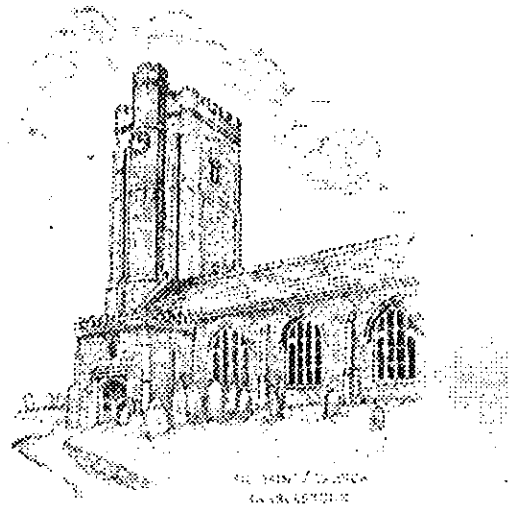
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All Saints



Churchwardens: Michael Chipman 562013 & Liz Webb 560090

All Saints Church Fête

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Inter-regnum

We hope to have a new Rector appointed by the New Year but meanwhile if you have any problems or queries, please contact the Churchwardens who will try to help you.



Searchlight

The Sunday School for 5 - 11 year olds that meets on Tuesdays!!
Over 20 children meet fortnightly at All Saints Primary School from 3.45 - 4.45pm to take part in activities which include Bible sketches, games, songs and craft activities linked to the week's theme. If you know a child who would like to join, please contact Liz Webb (560090). There are still places available but we shall soon have to start a waiting list !



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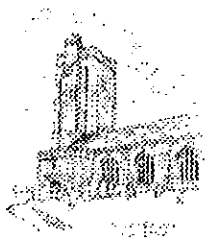
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August 2nd & 16th, September 6th & 20th	11.10 a.m.	PARISH EUCHARIST
August 9th & 23rd, September 13th	11.10 a.m.	MATINS

Family Service

Sunday August 30th	11.10 a.m.	THURLESTONE
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Harvest Thanksgiving

Friday September 25th	7.00pm followed by the Harvest Supper
Sunday September 27th	11.10 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL



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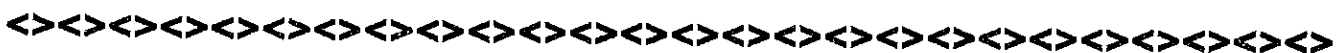
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VILLAGE SHOP QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS OF SURVEY

by John Crawford

This article is based on my report to the Parish Council on 21st July 1998

BACKGROUND

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 1998, the prospect of Thurlestone's two shops closing within months was regarded as so serious that the acting Chairman **Derrick Yeoman** established a **Working Group** of two (**Mike Taylor** and **John Crawford**) to assess, as a matter of urgency, the possibilities for a new village shop. As part of this initiative, a Questionnaire was designed, in time for circulation with the June/July edition of *Village Voice*, to find out what parishioners wanted and how far they were prepared to support the venture.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I would like, first, to say a big **thank you** to
- all those (302) who completed the questionnaire,

- **Mike Taylor** and **Rosemary Stocken** who chased up replies,

- **Francis, Jean, Kay** and **Neil** for providing collection points, and

- **Pat Macdonald** and the team at *Village Voice* for their comprehensive coverage.

RESPONSE

650 forms were printed. Some were delivered to South Milton in *Village Voice*, but were discounted. Allowing that we did not chase up those for Buckland and Bantham, where there is an *existing local shop*, and bearing in mind the number of second homes that were unoccupied at the time, it is probable that the total of 302 completed questionnaires we received represents an effective response of 70-80% of residents who are potential shop customers.

MAIN RESULTS OF SURVEY

(1) Is a Village Shop important?

Of those responding:

- 84% said 'very important'
- 12% said 'fairly important'
- 4% said 'unimportant'

What conclusion should we draw from the overwhelming proportion who were strongly in favour of the shop? It would be naive to think that this indicates a willingness to forego the weekly bulk-shop at one of the nearby supermarkets; indeed, it would be wrong to see the new shop in that context. It is, however, significant that 52 residents offered to help out during the transition period, and even more significant that 37 said that they might be able to help a bit with the finance. That looks a fairly solid commitment.

(2) Spending Intentions

In responding to the question about how much you have spent each week in the two existing shops:

- 81% spent at least £5 (probably paper bill and minor purchases)
- 43% spent at least £10 (using the shops for grocery top-up purposes)
- 12% spent at least £20 (i.e. using the shops for much of their groceries)

Setting aside spending on newspapers and milk-round deliveries, but based on current opening hours, we think this points to an annual spend of about £100,000 by residents.

To this must be added a further £30-40,000 by non-residents (second-homers) and visitors. These figures suggest that there is

only enough trade for a **single shop in Thurlestone**, and that the Dairy was kept going by its sub-Post Office, and the Village Stores by the newspaper side.

Assuming an absolute minimum turnover of, say, £100,000 to be necessary for survival, there would be opportunities to increase income from:

- pensions business
- longer opening hours
- a share of the newspaper business.

(3) Pensions

In responding to the question about payment of pensions, no fewer than **113 households** and **163 pensioners** said they **would use** the local facility. This is by no means the full potential, but it is vital that all those who think the shop to be 'very important' decide to have their pensions paid in the village. After all, the decision costs nothing.

(4) Other Important Services

Extended opening hours were considered 'fairly important' by those on the Yarmer Estate and in the village, less so on the Mead. **Parking** got a smaller vote, but still reached about a third on the two estates.

(5) Product Requirements

Regarding your intentions to purchase, the main points that arose were:

- the importance of **fresh bread and milk**, bought here rather than in a supermarket,
- the availability of **fresh local produce**,
- the opportunity to **top up groceries** whenever needed, and
- the lucrative potential to sell **high quality plants**.

The importance given to **local produce** has implications both for the shop's purchasing policy and for its merchandising (eg. in proclaiming the availability of **free-range local eggs**).

Pensioners are more likely to make **regular** purchases, including ice-cream and sweets.

Regarding other products and services that residents require, **dry cleaning** easily topped the list, while **video hire, lottery, fax** and **photocopying** facilities and **home deliveries** are all wanted.

Kay Morley has kindly agreed to extend the survey of visitors' needs to include the main holiday period. All the information will be available to anyone thinking of running the new shop. Any reader wishing to study the full statistical material is welcome to contact **John Crawford** on 560688.

CONCLUSION

In general there appears to be good potential for **one profitable village shop in Thurlestone**, responsive to the needs both of local customers and local suppliers and, with the willing support of the village, able to flourish in the face of all competition.

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PARISH RETAIL SERVICES PROJECT

PROGRESS REPORT

by Mike Taylor

The last issue of Village Voice contained articles about the survival of a village shop in Thurlestone and I would like to bring you up-to-date with proceedings.

BACKGROUND

It is now over three months since the question was raised at a Parish Council meeting as to developments associated with the sale of Broads Dairy and Homefield Farm and the direct and indirect effects this would have on retail services in Thurlestone. Several retail operations were in the process of closure or change of ownership, with an unquantified effect upon residents.

By way of addressing the 'information vacuum', Village Voice has published articles - particularly on the definitive report made at the Annual Parish Council meeting of 12th May which contained an outline schedule of activities - to which I refer later.

P.O.T.S. INVOLVEMENT

The organisation and management of planning and implementation tasks, in co-operation with affected businesses, has been greatly assisted by the positive involvement and practical support recently offered to the project by the Parish of Thurlestone Society (P.O.T.S.).

This Society really needs no introduction as they have been supporting activities within the parish and are heavily involved with the Millennium Video project.

Nevertheless, following the Parish Council's decision to distance themselves from the retail project, Derrick Yeoman, John Crawford and I (an action trio) have been

relieved to benefit by association with P.O.T.S. To date the two specific actions by the Society relating to this retail services project are

1. to become temporary tenants for Post Office space within Broads Dairy and
2. to provide short-term funding in addition to the £200 they have already pledged to the project.

QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the project a questionnaire has been distributed and processed. Many thanks are offered to all concerned, particularly the 300+ respondents and, of course, John Crawford, the architect of the piece. He is reporting separately on this topic elsewhere in this issue.

CURRENT SITUATION

We have now honoured our commitment to report to the Parish Council, i.e. completion of questionnaire tasks and plan of campaign. Further reporting to the Council will be by invitation. I believe that communication within the parish will be effectively handled by Village Voice and our thanks for their help so far are sincerely recorded.

You will find on the following page of this report a table which sets out what has been achieved to date and what remains to be done on this parish retail services project.

I would like to thank all those who indicated, via the questionnaire, that they were willing to help either with donations and/or labour.

Regarding the question of **financial support**

for the project, i.e. assistance until such time as a proprietor begins to operate in the new facility, enquiries will begin soon with the intention of obtaining payments or pledges, so that the temporary funding in place can be repaid and other items of expenditure incurred can be covered.

PARISH RETAIL SERVICES PROJECT

1. WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

Task	Planned completion	Actual completion
Outline schedule for Parish Council	12.5.98	12.5.98
Release of information in V.Voice	1.6.98	1.6.98
Questionnaire issue replies/follow up	30.6.98	30.6.98
Questionnaire analyses for P.Council	31.7.98	21.7.98
Release of information in V.Voice	1.8.98	1.8.98
Basic P.O. operation in Broads Dairy ¹	29.7.98	3.8.98
Milk deliveries by new operator ²	14.8.98	11.7.98

Notes: ¹ 29th/31st July closure caused by "vacant possession" being mandatory for completion of Bromfields' tenancy.

Jean Yeoman sub-postmistress 1.8.98 to further notice.

² Peter managed to get ahead of his own schedule.

2. WHAT REMAINS TO BE ACHIEVED

Task	Planned completion	Comments
Temporary PO in Portakabin replacing existing location	30.9.98	Planning permission granted. Sub-postmistress Jean Yeoman
PO/Store in refurbished barn ¹	Mid-Jan 1999	Property details likely to be available August/September
Basic groceries, provisions & off-licence closure ²	27.9.98	Continuing to mid-Jan.99
Newspaper deliveries	To be announced	Continuing until further notice

Notes: ¹ Planning considerations affecting start date for developers at Broads Dairy & Homefield Farm.

² Kay and Bob Morley have kindly decided to stay in operation until the New Year.

HOME DELIVERIES

As Kay and Bob Morley have kindly decided to stay in operation until the New Year, the voluntary service for order acceptance and home delivery envisaged between October 1998 and January 1999 is no longer a priority. We have canvassed for names of people who would need personal voluntary assistance to supplement the facilities to be provided by the Village Stores (Kay), but to date no request has been forthcoming.

**IN THE EVENT OF ANYONE
NEEDING SPECIAL HELP WITH
HOME DELIVERIES - PLEASE LET
ME KNOW** (Mike Taylor on 562033).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On reviewing the detail of this report I believe that we should be encouraged by the progress made, which is also due to the positive, prompt and professional support given by **Michael Tangye** of Amel Properties and **Simon Friend** of Ash Mill Developments, and the great assistance from local solicitor **Paul Housego**, from **Roger Hind** and **Tony Head** in Kingsbridge.

*It is also very important for us to recognise the dedication demonstrated by **Post Office Counters Ltd.** in ensuring that our **Post Office** does not disappear from the village.*

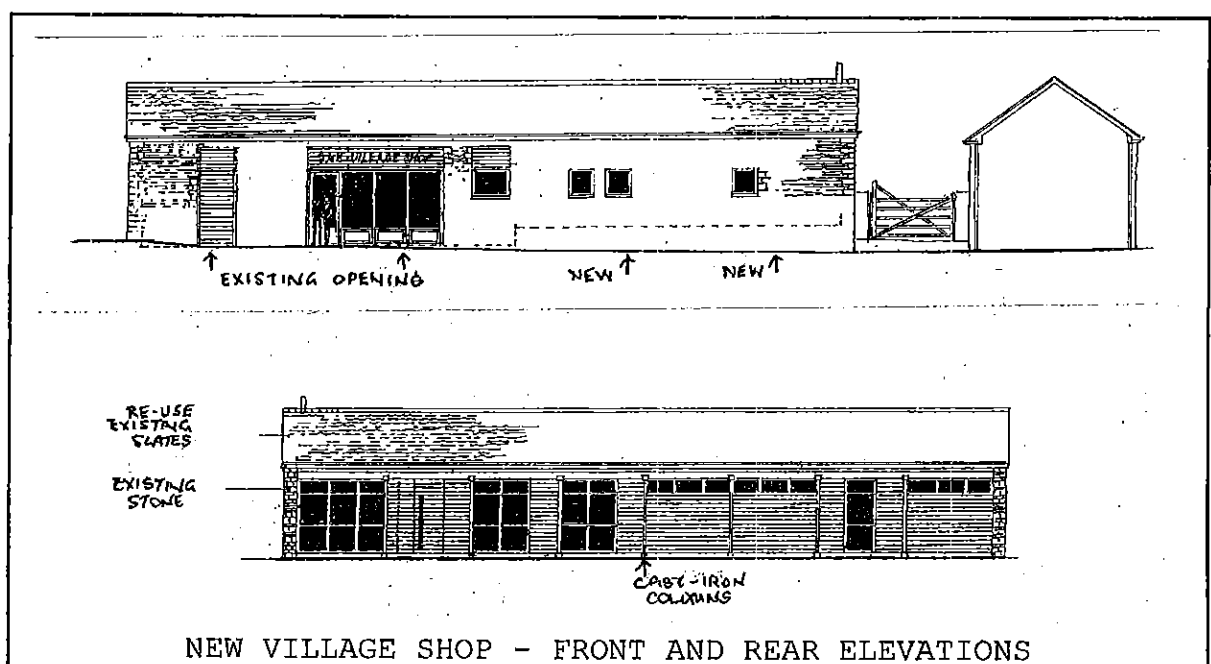
For this reason every effort should be made by all concerned to ensure a greater level of support for all Post Office services which will be available once the new facility is in operation.

PROSPECTS

I cannot see there will be any great difficulty in a suitable professional proprietor being attracted to what will be an excellent retail outlet within the thriving parish of Thurlestone. I trust that the upsurge in interest raised by the questionnaire and Village Voice articles will further develop into very positive support of existing and new retail services in the parish. **Derrick Yeoman** and I are now the action duo!

Should there be any other information or detail required, then please ring me on 562033.

Mike Taylor



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Puzzle Corner

WORD-SEARCH ONE

The answers to the clues can be made up by combining three sets of three letters from the grid. When complete, three sets of three letters should remain. Combine these letters to find another 9 - letter word.

1. Sign of the Zodiac
2. English battle
3. An undergarment
4. A driver
5. A Scottish hat
6. Type of triangle
7. An old coin
8. A kitchen dish
9. A sportsman
10. A dictator of the '30s
11. Capital of Iceland
12. Welsh county
13. English lake
14. University town
15. Burmese river
16. Egg plant
17. A spider
18. A semi-precious gem
19. A poet
20. ???

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WORD-SEARCH TWO

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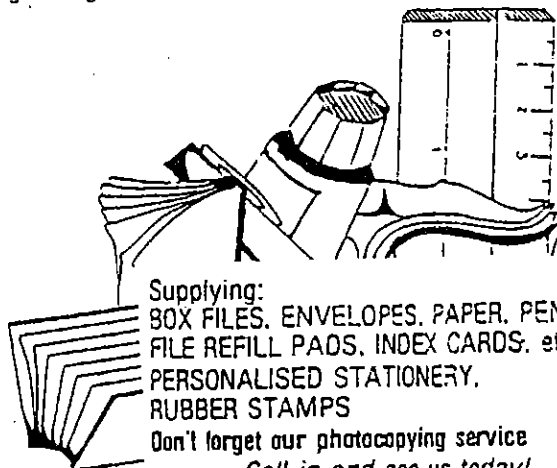
RIVERS

Find the English rivers, listed below, in the grid on the left. They may be found written up, down, to the left, to the right, or even diagonally. Once all the rivers have been found, the remaining letters will give the name of another river.

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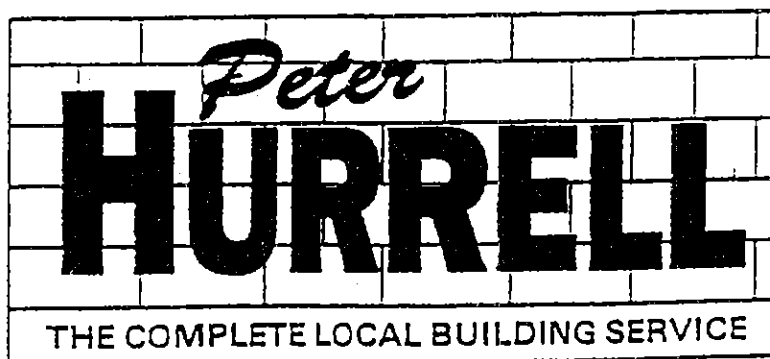
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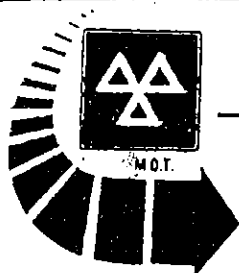
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GOODBYE TO FRANCES, GORDON & FAMILY

May we wish you everything that's good in the years ahead. We will miss you very much in Thurlestone parish, and you carry with you our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us, and for the many kindnesses shown, during all the years you have been here.

ALL SAINTS PRIMARY

Congratulations are the order of the day for Thurlestone village school, which received a very good report from Ofsted. *Well done Headmaster, staff, pupils and governors!*

BURGLARIES

A timely reminder comes from Kingsbridge Police. Summer is here again and the warmer weather invites us to open doors and windows. They remind us that this also provides an open invitation for the opportunist thief. Remember to **lock doors** and **shut all windows** when you go out. As an added precaution keep doors locked and windows shut in unattended parts of the building - even when you are on the premises.

THE AVON LANTERN

The away match of the annual golf fixtures against local rivals Bigbury took place on Sunday 28th June. With the home side running out victors by six matches to four, Thurlestone captain **David Parsons** was unable to retain - and return with - the **Avon Lantern**. This now rests atop the Bigbury Trophy cabinet, where it will remain - at least until the date of the return match, which is scheduled for Sunday 20th September!

BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Bantham club was host to the Devon Juniors Surf Life Saving Championships on 11th July. Five teams travelled from all corners of the county to take part - Dawlish Warren,

Challaborough, Saunton Sands, Teignmouth and Woolacombe. The appalling weather sadly forced the proceedings to be brought to a halt. So far as it went, Woolacombe was in the lead but another date will be fixed for completion. Watch this space!

On Sunday 2nd August the Club is holding an **Open Day** at the clubhouse. There will be all sorts of attractions to interest every member of the family. An excellent chance to meet the members - and support the Club.

FLOWERS GALORE

The Horticultural Show congratulates **Tricia Millman** for coming first in the containers class of the show with her hanging basket. **Shirley Chapman** was a close second with a tub and Tricia (again!) was third with a pedestal container. All were judged on site and the judges found the entries to be of very high quality - making their job even more difficult.

SPINNING A YARN

Thurlestone's **Sue Dwyer** is also to be congratulated as she was part of the South Hams Weavers Spinners & Dyers team who fought off countrywide and overseas competition to win the 1998 International Wool challenge trophy. Seven members, including Sue, spun the fleece and then knitted the yarn into a sweater, to a set pattern, in a record time of 6 hours 7 minutes.

PEARSON PRE-SCHOOL

Pearsons has a new supervisor, Denise Beagley, as Paula Rhymes has headed for a new challenge and the sunnier climate of Italy!

Mrs. Beagley, a very experienced pre-school leader, has had the immediate task of dealing with the Ofsted inspection, which is required by the education authorities, and we are happy to report that Pearsons passed with flying colours on all counts.

It has been a very good half year with nearly all places being taken and there is the possibility of more sessions being started in September. Credit for this successful state of affairs must go to the staff.

Normal fund-raising continues to ensure that Pearsons can run on a day-to-day basis, but there is an additional effort required to raise the money for a new building.

£12,000 is the estimate of what is required and our efforts started some 12 months ago with the recognition that a larger more up-to-date building would sustain the viability of Pearsons. Facilities for the children would be much enhanced while at the same time keeping pace with the demands of the education authorities.

With this in mind we took advantage of the SOMERFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY SCRATCH CARD SCHEME, and secured nomination by gathering 1160 signatures - and here may we thank Village Voice readers for their support. The happy outcome is that we are expecting a cheque for £960 shortly. Last

November Somerfields also auctioned a mountain bike over the local radio and a further £140 has been received.

Other fund-raisers have been a Valentine's line dance and grand draw. Many businesses contributed prizes but we were particularly grateful to the Grose family for giving us our star first prize - lunch for four at the Thurletone Hotel.

Joan Pearson, the Pearson's founder, whom many of you will know from the time she lived at Bantham, recently celebrated her Golding Wedding anniversary. All of us at Pearsons were overwhelmed by her generosity in suggesting to her guests that they donate to our new building project instead of buying gifts.

All Saints Fellowship, too, will be donating money to Pearsons from the sale of cream teas at the Rectory Barn this summer, for which we are most grateful. Paul Carpenter has also offered to help us with our project.

At the end of June the building fund should stand at about £5000 and we are presently applying for grants to supplement our own continuing fund-raising.

Thank you to anyone and everyone who has helped our efforts in any way for all the support and encouragement we have received. We are very appreciative.

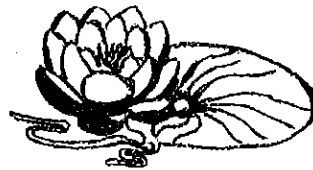
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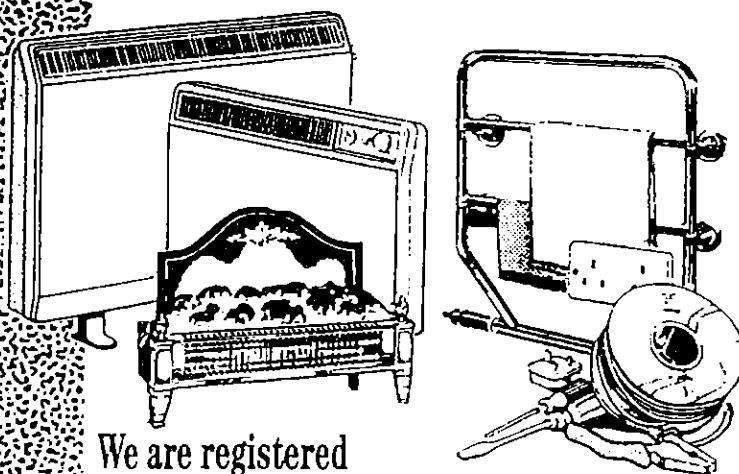
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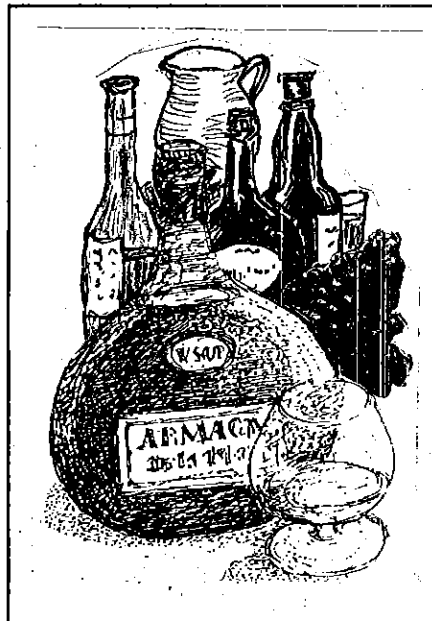
The last few weeks have passed at breakneck speed, with Horswell entrusted to family and friends, house-sitters and dog-sitters, whilst we try and squeeze a whole summer season into a month, cope with an endless stream of visitors, maintain some semblance of order in the garden, and daydream about catching up on our sleep.

France at least was sunny, not oppressed by Stygian gloom of overcast skies as we have been. As a country it seems to have flourished in recent years. It appears prosperous and full of vitality. The pace of life, if possible, seemed even quicker than here. Certainly the traffic moves faster.

Swirling round the Etoile in Paris, ten cars deep in rush-hour traffic, I noticed one of my American passengers had disappeared. I had last seen her only seconds before, when a large Citroen estate, seemingly determined to make headway through the side of our car, stopped just a Gitane paper away from certain impact. But then, distracted by the tour bus bearing down on our right flank and accelerating hard to squeeze into a momentarily open gap, I lost sight of her. Edging an incredibly pushy Peugeot off my left bumper and breathing in to avoid the car on my right, I worked my way through a hundred potential collisions to the Champs Elysees. There I resumed my role of Tour Guide and, in an attempt to encourage my passengers to abandon the crash positions they had assumed and enjoy

the view, continued my discourse on the various sites that we passed. I was answered by weak groans from under the trembling coat in the footwell beside me. Not until we'd circumnavigated the city twice in an attempt to find our exit from the Peripherique, an operation which brought my map reader (map upside down, "Sorry, I've dropped my glasses. What was that name again?") perilously close to being dumped off in the Place de la Guillotine, did my missing companion re-emerge, pale and wide-eyed from under her coat to utter the words "Just wait 'til I tell the folks back home!" What would she tell? That I'd driven five hundred miles to show them Paris - or that she'd found two sweet papers and an old Barclaycard receipt under the mat? We bought postcards so that she'd know where she'd been.

Fortunately the rest of our brief stay in France was less stressful. Lunch with friends in the Loire Valley was a full day event with so many courses and different wines one wondered if there would ever be an end to their generous hospitality. I was reminded how, as a girl, when I had stayed at their farm, on Sundays the whole family would travel from miles around, on foot, in cars, on bicycles and tractors, all bringing food for a huge noisy family party. Grandmere, with busy work-chapped hands, would toil over an ancient stove whilst Grandpere, his white moustache yellowed in one corner from the ever-present Gauloise clenched between his teeth, would open bottles of his 'special' wines and brandies.



These were the ones which had been lowered in crates into the millstream beside the house and hidden in a deep pool under the waterwheel throughout the war, to be raised again on VE Day by way of celebration. His eyes would twinkle and, as the bottles were emptied, the stories became wilder and the barracking noisier.....until eventually Grandmere would sweep all the men out into the courtyard with her long-handled broom, leaving the women to gossip and clear away the debris.

At Giverny, Monet's garden was a profusion of colour, vibrant and gay. It was wonderful to see the waterlilies on the lake and the green bridge festooned in wisteria made famous in so many of his paintings. People of all nationalities swarmed through the gardens, bright as butterflies, fluttering and hovering between the flowers. The sound of motor-drives of expensive cameras filled the air. Time to leave and head homewards for a few days in St.Ives and a visit to the Scilly Isles.

Whereas Monet was driven by the desire to capture the quality of light, Walter Langley, founder of the Newlyn School of Artists, was interested in portraying the lives of simple working people, particularly fisherfolk, capturing the sadness and harshness of everyday life. At the Penlee Gallery in Penzance we saw a magnificent collection of his works with sad, emotive titles such as "But men must work and women must weep" or "The tender grace of a day that is dead will ne'er come back to me". After the sunshine and joie de vivre of Monet we were back to the gloom of our English summer.

The diversity of other people's creativity is always an inspiration. The gardens on Tresco did not exist 150 years ago and yet now, a sub-tropical wonderland of plants

from South Africa, New Zealand and Madeira has evolved from the original plantings in bare rock. Brilliant flowers, monstrous agaves and towering echiums gave dramatic scale and height to a truly magical place.

The Minack Theatre is another remarkable achievement. To have created an amphitheatre, perched on the side of the cliffs, open to the elements and with the ocean as a backdrop, was a brave undertaking for anyone. Let alone a woman. Especially in an English climate. And yet the dedication of Rowena Cade has created an experience which is breathtakingly memorable. For me, Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" has never had more charm than on that cool June evening with moonlight glittering on the water and the cold night air seeping slowly through my body.

Whatever the weather, there are so many wonderful English traditions that tell us it's summer even when the skies are grey and overcast. We've shivered at Henley, been rained on at the Royal Show, enjoyed picnics and peaches, strawberries and champagne, fetes and family holidays, punting down the Cam watching the lawned gardens and historic colleges slide slowly by, choral evensong in Kings College Chapel, and choristers who sing like angels running home with their gowns flying and top hats tumbling off in the chase.

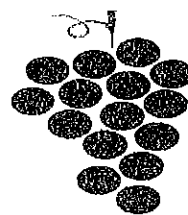
Claude Monet echoes my thoughts when in his letter to his friend Bazille he writes "Every day I discover more and more beautiful things. It's enough to drive one mad; I have such a desire to do everything, my head's bursting with it".

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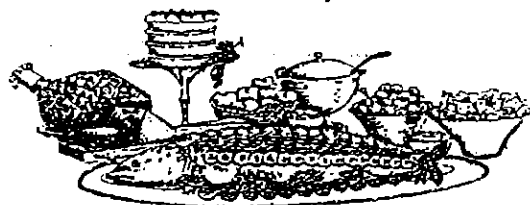
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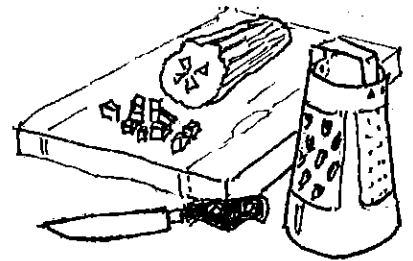
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CUCUMBER MOUSSE

Half an ounce (1 packet) gelatine
dissolved in 6 tablespoons of hot water
6 tablespoons of Hellman's mayonnaise
4 tablespoons of double cream
4 tablespoons of lemon juice
and a teaspoon of grated rind
1 tablespoon of white wine vinegar
1 large grated cucumber
2 crushed cloves of garlic
Salt and ground black pepper to taste



Mix together all the ingredients and check the seasoning. Pour mixture into a souffle dish and put it into the fridge to chill until it is set. There it is - simple!

LEMON MOUSSE



Half an ounce (1 packet) gelatine
dissolved in 6 tablespoons of hot water
1 level tablespoon of cornflour
2 large eggs
4 ounces sugar
Half a pint of milk
Grated rind and juice of two lemons
Toasted flaked almonds to decorate

Separate the eggs and beat the yolks with two ounces of the sugar, the cornflour and a little of the milk. Warm the rest of the milk, pour it on to the yolks, stir thoroughly and return the custard to the saucepan, stirring it over a low heat until it thickens. Allow it to cool slightly and stir in the lemon juice and rind and the gelatine. Chill the mixture in the fridge until it is on the point of setting, then fold in the egg whites which you have beaten with the remaining sugar until they are stiff. Pour the mousse into a souffle dish, chill until completely set and scatter the flaked almonds on top.

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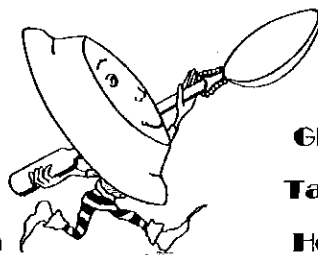
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NEWS FROM THE W.I.

FAREWELL TO WYN

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to **Wyn Cousins**, who is moving away. We will always be most appreciative of the support and encouragement Wyn gave to her local WI, particularly during her Presidency. We send to her and Peter our warmest good wishes and a reminder - which we're sure they won't need - to keep in touch with the many friends they have here.

SPEAKERS

A jolly folk musical afternoon was brought to the June meeting by **Ian Marshall** from Tavistock, and was something of a contrast to **Dr.E.Hamlyn's** much more sombre talk in July on food allergies!

Vice-President **Val Brown** took the chair in July as President **Dorothy Candy** was away using the Denman College bursary. Dorothy returned filled with enthusiasm for her first Denman experience, and paid glowing tributes to everything - and everyone - encountered there.

PATIENT SUPPORT

The cheese & wine evening and local artists' exhibition was well supported by members and non-members, and the groups at both Kingsbridge and Salcombe Health Centres benefited to the tune of £150 each. Thanks are due to the artists who loaned their pictures - and to all the helpers.

GARDEN LUNCH

This year's lunch took place in much better weather than 1997's as members were able to go out into **Rosemary MacKay's** attractive garden and hold their annual feast. Thank you again Rosemary! Thanks also go to the

skilled cooks, and the strawberry pickers!

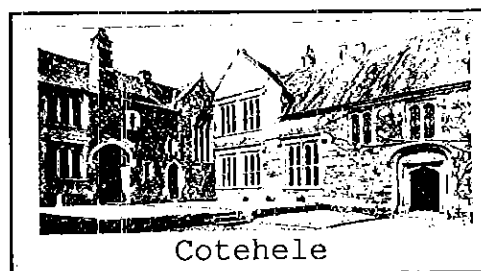
OVERBECKS GARDEN

A private showing of this lovely high summer garden was given to members, friends and husbands by **Tony Murdoch** on the evening of the 22 July, after which some dispersed to various local hostelrys to round off the day.

LOOKING FORWARD

We don't have a meeting in August, but the WI will rally round and run the cake stall at the **Parish Hall Fair** on 29th August. Members, don't forget to produce loads of goodies as we want a super stall!

A visit to **Cotehele** is planned for Sunday 13th September. Leaving Thurlestone by coach at 9.30 am, we sail from Plymouth up the Tamar and at the other end will board the coach again and be taken to this delightful National Trust property.



We return by coach at 4.00 pm. This visit is open to non-members and the cost is £8.00 for the boat and coach. Pay entrance fee on arrival. Contact **Pat Clarke** on 561982.

The Loddiswell Inn is the venue for the next gathering of the Lunch Out group on Thursday 24th September 1998.

The next monthly meeting is at 2.30 pm on Thursday 10th September, when the speaker will be from **Derriford's** breast care unit.

POSTBAG

Dear Editor

This is my farewell letter! I would like to thank you all for your many years of loyal support. It has been much appreciated by myself and my family over the 24 years I have served the villages of Thurlestone, Bantham & Buckland.

It has been a pleasure for myself and my staff - to all of whom I am very grateful - to build up a personal yet businesslike relationship. Many of you I consider my friends as well as customers. For your friendship and support, and the cards, gifts, and messages of goodwill you have sent me, I thank you most sincerely.

The round will continue more or less as before and will be run by Dartmouth Dairies (Bill Bruckner and his staff) to whom I send all best wishes. I have every confidence that they will continue to look after you all. Many, many thanks again.

Peter Bromfield

Dear Editor

We wish to thank all those kind folk who contributed to our magnificent retirement gift, and for all those good wishes in the cards with which we have been surrounded. We are delighted that our "thank you" does not have to be accompanied by a "goodbye".

Joyce & Peter Stephens

Dear Editor

I was able to give a cheque for almost £500 to the Primrose Appeal following

the coffee morning on the 20 June. Thanks are due to all the people who helped in any way. In particular I am most grateful to Len Hubbard who gave us a lovely watercolour of the Avon Estuary, (specially painted for the appeal and showing the primroses in spring) and to the WI who displayed it and sold raffle tickets for us.

Nikki Manisty of Bowringsleigh, the local organiser, has asked me to pass on the Appeal's most grateful thanks to all who helped in this much-needed fund-raising.

Joan Lane

Dear Editor

In about one-and-a-half hours the Coffee Morning on May 30th, in aid of St. Luke's Hospice, raised £921. A great success, and we should like to give very special thanks to the members of the team for their enthusiasm and hard work, and to the parish residents who spent their money so willingly.

Jo Parkin & Lindy Price

Dear Editor

The results of our recent Open Gardens week-end in aid of South Milton village hall exceeded our wildest dreams - and delighted our Treasurer!

May we send our thanks via *Village Voice* to all our friends from Thurlestone who came over and supported us.

Daphne Osmond

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WEATHER WAG

by Jan Turner

Sometimes I feel sorry for the North American continent; it seems to have more than its fair share of Meteorological disadvantages.

Now it's Florida's turn to experience extremes of bad weather, a fiercely hot spell resulting in forest fires. Many people have lost their homes, many animals, birds and thousands of insects have perished and large tracts of land have been laid bare. Thank goodness for the North Atlantic Drift which caresses our shores and for the most part keeps our weather more equable, if not reliable.

Recently we experienced "muddy" rain! On Saturday 20th June we woke to find the cars covered in a patchwork of dust - pinky in colour. The windows were smeared with the same pink, and leaves in the garden had little pink spots of powder at each drip point. It is not a very rare occurrence and always happens when there is an unusually warm southerly wind, which originates over the Sahara Desert in North Africa. Fierce storms drive the fine sandy particles high into the atmosphere where, along with water droplets, they travel north along the edge of a high-pressure area spread out over Europe.

This time we lay at the western flank with lower pressure to our west, enough to produce some active weather. A shower or two overnight was enough to cleanse the air and bring the dust down. The car washes in Plymouth were VERY busy. My brother-in-law gave up trying to get into one after going to 5 different places, and came home to use a bucket and brush. This was the warmest day bar one for the year, and humidity was very high too. Not a very comfortable heat, so we repaired indoors with iced drinks to a shaded living room.

Don't know what's happened to the warm weather since. I hope it's waiting for the school holidays, to give the children a lovely summer.

At about the same time, the Western Morning News reported tidal surges of about two to three feet on the Penryn River near Falmouth and at Port Isaac in North Cornwall. These surges are a sudden rise of water level. They are more usual on the east coast of the British Isles, which is straighter, and long swells of water can develop during a deep depression.

On our coast there are many promontories which break up the surges, but the air pressure became very low quite quickly and the water rose to compensate. Added to that a strong southerly wind, Force 6-7, got up. This drove the water before it and into the constricted paths of the estuaries. On the Exe at Exmouth, the Exeter Canoe Club's annual race was exciting to say the least, with six boats sinking just after the start. Lifeboats were launched and everyone was rescued but only four boats finished. Temperatures were high everywhere, between 22° and 28°C. The hottest place was at Chivenor in North Devon.

Some recent research claims that the sun is to blame for climatic changes over the centuries. Many people believe that sunspot activity (cool spots on the sun's surface) coincides with alterations in the general weather patterns. What with El Nino, sunspots, man's misuse of resources and now LA NINA, the mind boggles at what the future may hold. Exciting isn't it?

The Sunday Times on June 28th ran an article by two journalists which suggests that, having experienced the worst that El Nino could throw at us (freak temperatures, floods, fire, and ice storms), we now face the sequel - La Nina (little girl). In this situation everything is reversed, cold water predominates over the central Pacific making the S.E. trade winds blow more fiercely than usual and creating heavy storms over S.E. Asia and Australia, where flooding will occur. Peru has droughts, Brazil has a real threat of flooding, hurricanes

are stronger and more frequent over South East U.S.A., monsoons over India heavier than usual in the next few weeks, and Britain could face storms and blizzards as winter progresses.

Evidence for these doom-laden predictions comes from experience and readings from oceanic temperature buoys in the Pacific. American Tropical Ocean Sensor Array (TAO) has revealed an 8°C fall in just 30 days last month. Nothing like this dramatic drop has been seen before. El Nino changes to La Nina in just one month. In all, this phenomenon can

be just as devastating, eg. 66% higher probability of hurricanes hitting the S.E coast of the U.S.A. On the positive side, the Peruvian fishermen will have their fish stocks replenished as the nutrients well up with the cold water from deep down in the ocean. So watch out for this "little girl" version of weather changes - and no comments from the editor re the so-called changeable nature of the female *homo sapiens*.

Just make sure your oil tanks are full and you've got a good spade in your car!!

WEATHER STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1998

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTALS Quarter	1998
RAINFALL mm					
Monthly Total	79.7	15.77	74.38	169.85	323.77
Days of Rain	25	7	16	48	81
Wettest Day	16 th 8.45	31 st 9.09	6 th 14.56	6 th June	6 th June
A Rain Day = 0.2mm					
TEMPERATURE C					
Monthly Average	9.5	15.3	15.6	13.46	11.03
Highest Temperature	2 nd 17.4	17 th 26.8	20 th 26.2	26.8	
Lowest Temperature	12 th -0.9	3 rd 2.4	4 th 60	-0.9	
WIND DIRECTION					
West	13	7	24	44	90
East	13	22	6	41	80
North	3	1	0	1	5
South	1	1	0	4	6
Wind Speed mph					
Strongest Gust	3 rd 60	31 st 50	9 th 50	60	88
Days Below 5mph	0	0	0	0	
SUNNIEST DAY					
Number of Hours	13.1	15.36	15.6		
Date	26 th	17 th	16 th		
Cumulative Total	153.9	241.3	194.4	589.6	877.3

HM COASTGUARD SERVICE IN THE SOUTH HAMS



Back in January, members of PROBUS enjoyed an interesting talk on the Coastguard Service, given by our local man at Kingsbridge, Bill Marsh. Our itinerant reporter was on hand to dangle massive inducements in return for an article for Village Voice...

CHANGING CORPORATE LIVERY

Residents may have noticed that their local Coastguards have a different look about them this year. The familiar dark blue bodywork and bright yellow roofs of their coastal response vehicles have been enhanced with yellow bonnet panels and yellow chequered stripes along their length. To make things even clearer, the vehicles now have COASTGUARD written in 'mirror' writing across the bonnet where it can easily be seen in a driver's rear-view mirror. Rescue Team members are also having the Auxiliary Coastguard lettering on their blue overalls and 'dayglo' yellow coats changed to the HM Coastguard logo - part of a campaign to raise the profile of the coastal-rescue side of the Service.

RESPONSIBILITIES

HM Coastguard is the Search & Rescue arm of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, an executive agency of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. It is responsible *inter alia* for the co-ordination of all civil search & rescue in UK waters.

Vessels in distress are handled by the Maritime Rescue Centre at Brixham, which is also the operational centre for the Brixham Coastguard District. This extends from Exmouth in the east to Mevagissey in the west, and includes three Coastguard Sectors, guarded by a number of individual Rescue Teams. Thurlestone itself falls within the Hope Cove area, with Bigbury taking over to the west of the River Avon. Together with Dartmouth, Prawle and Yealm, these stations

and their five Rescue Teams come under the control of a Sector Manager - a full time regular officer - at Kingsbridge. He is responsible for providing the teams' equipment, training and administration, and plays a pro-active role with the public in promoting sea safety. He also liaises with the police, RNLI, local councils and other emergency services.

In addition to its co-ordinating role, HM Coastguard is also responsible for searching for people at risk on the coast and shoreline. Coastguards investigate reports of chemicals or ordnance washed ashore and, if there is a public hazard, they will guard the site until the Fire Service or Royal Navy bomb squad can deal with it. They monitor oil pollution of sea and shoreline, and carry out patrols to keep the Service's local knowledge up to date. There is a commitment to reach any part of an operational area in 30 minutes, and to have a Rescue Team fully capable of carrying out a rescue within an hour. These targets are met on 99% of occasions.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

We turn now to the 'set up' at Hope Cove, and how it relates to local residents in the Thurlestone area. Although the size of the Rescue Team there is smaller than in years gone by, it is more than made up for by their skills and the availability of modern equipment. As with other teams, the members are all volunteer Coastguards (previously known as Auxiliaries), of whom there are around 4500 nationally. They are recruited locally from those: able to drop what they are

doing at a moment's notice; with aptitude over a wide range of tasks; and willing to give their time for very modest rewards.

The Hope Cove team of 15 is larger than the normal 11 because they also operate an inshore rescue boat, one of only four in the UK specifically used for sea rescue as opposed to those patrolling marinas, estuaries, etc. The rescue boat can be launched at any time during daylight hours, and is often used to provide the first response to inshore emergencies, in close liaison with the RLNI lifeboats from Salcombe and Plymouth. For example, minor incidents in Bigbury Bay can be quickly resolved, leaving the lifeboats free to deal with more serious events, yet fully in the picture and ready to bring their greater resources to bear if needed.

The team is provided with full cliff-rescue equipment, including portable winch and searchlight generator, carried in a four-wheel-drive Landrover and trailer. This enables them to cover anywhere from Kingsbridge to Aveton Gifford. Training has to be comprehensive enough to deal with tricky cliff rescues, setting up radio communications with vessels at sea or rescue units of other services, clearing crowded beaches to allow helicopters to land or interviewing worried parents when small children go missing. Some skills have to be learnt and constantly practised; others are matters of innate temperament - calmness under pressure, ability to deal sensitively with distressed people, common sense in solving problems and having regard to their own safety and that of others in hazardous situations. We are indeed fortunate in having such people, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to find the right people living and working in the right places. We are therefore pleased to hear from potential recruits for this vital service.

A TYPICAL INCIDENT

On a fine Sunday afternoon in May, the Coastguard Rescue Centre at Brixham was informed by the Police Control Room in Exeter that a four-year-old boy in the care of an older sister was missing from the beach at Bigbury-on-Sea and had not been seen for an hour. Rescue teams from Bigbury and Hope Cove were immediately alerted by pagers activated by the Brixham Centre. Within 10 minutes, the former was searching the rocks and foreshore at Bigbury-on-Sea and Sedgewell Beach while the latter's rescue boat soon arrived to search the mouth of the Avon and around Burgh Island.

Meanwhile, the Sector Manager was called to the scene from Prawle, to take command and liaise with police at the Bigbury-on-Sea car park and their duty Inspector from Ivybridge. The Brixham Centre also contacted the Bantham Surf Lifesaving Club who deployed lifeguards to launch their own rescue boat. A Search & Rescue helicopter, taking a sick diver from Looe to Plymouth's Derriford Hospital, was asked to attend and the Salcombe Lifeboat was brought to instant readiness.

Forty minutes after the first alert, lifeguards in the Bantham rescue boat spotted the child toddling along the west bank of the Avon. He was picked up and handed over to the nearby Coastguard search team who took him back to the beach at Bigbury. The Sector Manager was able to pass the good news to the police and the boy's sister, whereupon the emergency services were able to stand down.

This relatively minor incident had involved four police officers, seventeen coastguards, five lifeguards, a Royal Navy helicopter, two inshore rescue boats, an offshore lifeboat and a Coastguard Rescue Centre 30 miles away - at no cost to the family!

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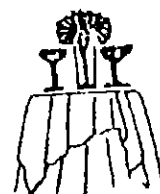


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In the first year 's' will replace the soft 'c'. Certainly this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard 'c' will be dropped in favour of the 'k'. This should klear up konfusen and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome 'ph' will be replased with the 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be ekspected to reach the stage

where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double leters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent 'e' in the languag is disgraseful and it should go away.

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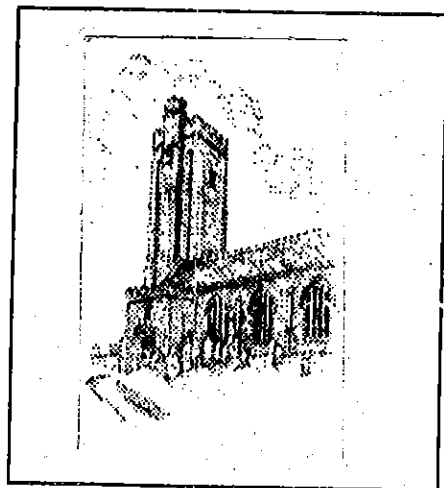
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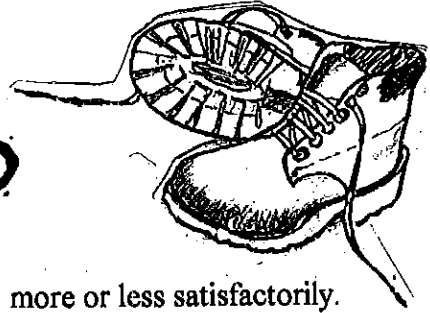
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TRAMP



1 The only disadvantage about starting a walk at the Slapton Ley nature trail is the limited car parking space and even the twelve canny walkers from Thurlestone using as few cars as is comfortable for twelve people and one largish dog had some difficulty in finding room. However, the 20th May was a lovely, sunny morning and we set off cheerfully along the path by the Ley. It was pleasantly shady amongst the trees and those who knew how to identify birds, identified them, and some who thought they could recognise wild plants didn't, and everyone admired the beautiful yellow flags growing by the water.

Near Deer Bridge the path joins the road which we followed as far as Watergate. Then came the first long climb up the track to Pittaford - in the heat. It was round about Alston Wash that the first distant rumblings of hunger made themselves heard but our leader skilfully quelled any faint signs of revolt by promising that a mere 20 minutes further on there was a far more scenic spot for our picnic. No empty promise, that: it was most agreeable sitting looking down over a field towards a pond suitably decorated with ducks. It quite made us forget the stiffish climb we had made to get there, just beyond Harleston Farm.

It was down then, for a change, to Battle Ford and by way of lanes and bridle tracks, some sunny, some shady, many uphill, some down, we arrived again at Watergate and retraced our steps to Slapton. A most satisfying walk.

P.B.

2 Oddly, it was again car parking that was really the only problem on the first walk in June, starting at Dartmouth, and for a while there was a certain amount of indecision before this

was resolved, more or less satisfactorily. However, not particularly behind schedule, the twelve of us were soon crossing the river on the lower ferry and, once in Kingswear, strode vigorously out in the direction of the coast path beneath a grey sky which let fall one or two heavy drops of rain. We turned inland, passed Brownstone and Coleton Farm and arrived in record time at Coleton Fishacre. We allowed ourselves a half hour or so to wander through the gardens, enjoying their beauty and tranquillity and discovering some interesting and exotic plants.

We met up again in the lower garden in a green glade equipped with a convenient bench which everyone politely left to everyone else. Most of us sat on the ground for our picnic.

The weather was beginning to look decidedly more cheerful and, by the time we had joined the coastal path, the sun had come out. It was only here that we fully appreciated what our leader, in his description of the walk, had meant by "easy going". Typical of most south-west coastal paths this one was extraordinarily flat wherever it was not climbing or descending abruptly, which it did most of the time. This gave us a good opportunity to turn round to admire the views which were magnificent.

Colonel Jones's Ride offered a welcome respite before more descents and climbs. A first steep climb brought us back to the track we had left in the morning, and thence back to the ferry.

This six-mile walk would certainly have been just that, had someone thought to exalt every valley and make the rough places plain. Luckily it was not so dull and nearer eight miles in fact, far more worthwhile and in keeping with TRAMP's high standards.

P.B.

3 Our 17th June walk from Mary Tavy, led by John and Christine Wilson of Newton Ferrers, proved that having an eye-catching web site is the only way these days of getting world wide publicity. How else would a small Devon village walking group draw on walkers from New Zealand, Canada and far away Cornwall?

The weather wasn't encouraging when we set out from Mary Tavy on a steady climb up Smeardon Down before descending into the Tavy valley to follow river and leat up to Hill Bridge View. Once more we climbed another hill and noting that the weather was beginning to deteriorate we stopped for a quick lunch and comfort stop before descending to the small village of Zoar.

A stretch of road-walking took us past the Elephant's Nest at Hornden, with the three from the 'colonies' saying rude things about English Licensing Laws. Having passed the pub there was nothing left but to return to Mary Tavy.

We all agreed it had been a very enjoyable eight miles, particularly as none of us had done this walk before. And the weather relented - very little rain fell.

R.P.

4 Canada Day, 1st July, and most appropriately our group included Thurlestone's own Canadians, Cheryl and Paul White. There were nine walkers but no dogs. We met at Stonehouse and took the ferry to the Cornish shore, from where our small but dedicated band of Tramp International set out for Cawsand by bus. It was only 11 am and this, our third method of transport since leaving home, was proving the most popular yet. The upstairs front seats provided an ideal spot from which to view countryside, estuary and people's gardens.

Arriving in Cawsand we were joined by

another intrepid Tramp and, our company thus complete, off we set around Rame Head to Whitsand Bay. Although it was a little misty we thought, with the eye of faith, we could see Thurlestone golf course!

There was much to admire of the flora and fauna of Cornwall along the way. The latter was almost entirely represented by holiday-makers' dogs and various large and furry caterpillars. During our picnic break we were entertained by two Royal Navy ships carrying out manoeuvres in the bay.

After lunch we set off once more for the ferry back to Plymouth by way of Cawsand, the icecream shop, Kingsand and the gardens at Mount Edgcumbe. We said our farewells to Paul and Cheryl since they were shortly off back home to Canada. We look forward to seeing them again next June.

This was a really delightful and varied walk.

I.F. & S.W.

5 When our 15th July walk was planned, in darkest January, it seemed a good idea to have a leisurely walk through the Flete Estate (permission granted) to Mothecombe beach and have a swim. We set out in our usual summer gales and rains, but by the time we got to the car park in Holbeton it was "not raining".

We had allowed for a high tide for swimming so had to have our picnic at 11.30 am in order to allow the tide to go down enough to scramble over the rocks to Mothecombe beach. Sketching, not swimming, was the order of the day. What beautiful colours there are in the rocks on the Erme-side part of the walk to the actual beach.

All in all, another very pleasant day's tramp!

R.M.

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THINKING OF RETIRING TO THURLESTONE?

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You feel as Christian did in the Pilgrims' Progress when the roll containing his belongings fell from his shoulders and freed him from the cares of the world. Then you find that your brand new home has to be put in order and the domestic chores and shopping need sorting out. Ah well, your time is your own.

The natives are obviously friendly and you start to nod to any passers-by you recognise. Then some function comes along, perhaps a party at the hotel or in connection with the church or school, and you seize the chance to meet people.

For some, this is where the difficulties begin. After an uproarious evening, you feel you know everybody. Then in the following days you meet some of them in the village, or rather you think you do. You don't remember whether you met them at the party or not, and if you did you cannot remember who they are. Instinctively you learn to greet strangers with a non-committal look which can mean either recognition or non-recognition - or both. It is a technique for conveying opposites simultaneously; once you have mastered it, greeting people becomes much simpler.

Next you are invited into people's homes for a drink, which you reciprocate. You gain in confidence, little realising that you are but part of a sorting-out process which seeks to separate the wheat from the chaff. Whether you eventually become wheat or chaff you never find out because every resident has his

or her ideas of who's wheat and who's chaff - and they keep their opinions to themselves.

By this time you begin to realise that, like Gaul, Thurlestone is divided into three parts. First and foremost is the community at large, some workers and many retired. Then there are the golfers - and the farmers.

A newcomer would be well-advised to study all three. What should be your attitude to the community at large? You want to contribute to the life of the place, preferably without losing too much of your recently-gained freedom. You proceed to bandy civilities with come who may, and soon you find you are being swept into alternative pastimes at a pace you are unable to control.

The gardeners get at you, then the bridge-players and the organisers of good works. You do not know what to do, and soon you have lost half your spare time to them because you do not like saying no. At this stage it is best to sit down quietly and think before you lose the lot.

Then you suddenly remember the golfers and the farmers. Where do they come in? The golfers are easy because they look after themselves; they take up a lot of room and they have their own rituals. You either play or you don't. Non-golfers should remember that directly or indirectly golf makes a very considerable contribution to the prosperity of the parish and indeed to the district. It is the principal reason why many people spend their retirement in Thurlestone and it has a splendid golf course of its own.

Few new residents know anything about farming, most of them having spent their working lives at a desk or in a car in London or the Midlands. They wake on a bright

sunny morning and see a whole lot of large dark red cows, bigger than any they have seen before. They wonder what kind they are and where they come from. Then they see a flock of sheep with their young, and are relieved to see some animals with which they are familiar. This is about as far as most of them get.

Those who take the trouble to go down to the Kingsbridge cattle market are soon much better informed. They find that the large cattle are South Devons which produce good meat and milk; they are comparatively docile and have a fine pedigree behind them. They flourish in North and South America, and South Africa but hit snags in Australia because of their size. The breed is seen at its best at the annual Devon County Show.

Moving on to the market itself, would-be residents find some farmers bringing down their cattle for auction and others shepherding about a dozen sheep each which they lead into a row of small enclosures, into which they also climb, to await the auctioneer. These beasts roughly represent the needs of the nearby South Hams until the next auction. They reach the local shops in due course whence housewives buy their choice bits and take them back to Thurlestone.

Ignorant would-be residents, thinking they have seen the life cycles from the cradle to

the grave, feel they now understand farming, which of course they don't. There is more to it than that; raising crops and maintaining machinery for instance, but they have seen enough of animals for the time being.

Newcomers might then look around to see what else is on offer, fishing for instance. They soon find it is virtually impossible in Thurlestone and Bantham without a boat of their own, but they manage to catch a few mackerel off Hope Cove. They explore the beautiful countryside as far as Plymouth and Torquay and up to Dartmoor and decide the South Hams is the place for them.

By this time they have lived in Thurlestone for a year, they have seen the seasons through and learnt that if you don't like rain you don't live in Devon. Anyway, what's a little rain? If you get wet you soon dry out. Give them another year to consolidate. By then the husband will be fully occupied in the ways he wishes, whether or not some of them do not amount to more than a row of beans - e.g. The Times crossword - and he has his pals.

The wife may take a little longer to settle because she thinks much of her family and how far away they are - or seem to be. In the end Thurlestone wins and there is surely no more delightful place in which to live!

Neville Oswald

ANSWERS TO WORD - SEARCHES

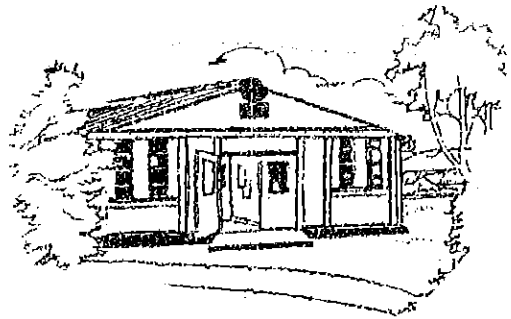
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WORD - SEARCH TWO

ANSWER = THAMES

THURLESTONE PARISH HALL



The Hall chairman, Rowland Cole, reports:

ANNUAL AUTUMN FAIR

This is the big annual fund-raising effort, organised by the committee, and will be held on **SATURDAY 29th AUGUST**, at the hall, starting **2.30 pm**. It is the occasion when we rely on all the parish organisations making regular use of the hall to join in and run a stall, but if you are not a member of such a group please help by a contribution of any sort - cakes and baked goods, preserves, garden produce, unwanted gifts, bottles (anything from lemonade to champagne), bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, donations, and so on.

It is of course vital that we have 'customers', so please come along and join in the fun. The parish hall belongs to all of us and we all need to make a special effort to keep it in good condition. Without our hall so many of the fund-raising events for good causes which are held in our parish every year could not take place. **So let's make this annual event in aid of the upkeep of our hall really worthwhile.** Please contact **Rowland Cole** on 561006 if you would be willing to offer goods or if you have any queries.

PAINTING AND DECORATING

The next work to be tackled at the hall is interior painting, with the hope that the outside can be a follow-on job.

HALL SECRETARY

It is with regret we report the resignation of **Linda Gray**, due to other commitments, and we take the opportunity to thank her for her work during the past year. We are happy to

say that **Gillian Marshall** has kindly agreed to do the job and she will be free to take over soon.

MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF THE HALL

You will have seen in the previous issue a reminder about supporting your Parish Hall by making the fullest possible use of it for all kinds of events. We are fortunate to have such a good communal building but, as we've said above, its maintenance requires adequate funding..... so we're keen to hire it out as often as possible! You can help us by making the facilities at our hall as widely known as possible.

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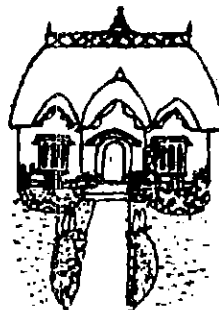
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Tues 11th	Barbecue-on-the-Green, 6.00 pm	
Wed 12th	Tennis Club AGM, Clubhouse Pavilion, 6.00 pm	
Fri 14th	F.O.T.C. Summer Dance, Thurlestone Hotel,	
Tues 19th	TRAMP, Holne, O Brook	
Sat 29th	Parish Hall Annual Fair, 2.30 pm	
SEPTEMBER		
Wed 2nd	TRAMP, Haytor & Lustleigh	
Tues 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm	
Thur 10th	W.L., Parish Hall, 2.30 pm	
Sun 13th	Cotehele visit - coach & river - 9.30 am from Parish Hall	
Wed 16th	TRAMP,	
Thur 24th	W.I. lunch out - Loddiswell Inn	
Fri 25th	Harvest Supper, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm	
OCTOBER		
Thur 1st	Conservatives Bridge, Thurlestone Hotel, 6.30 for 7.00 pm	
Tues 6th	Basil Smallman Music Lectures start, Dodbrooke Hall, 2.30 pm	
Thur 8th	W.L., Parish Hall, 2.30 pm	
Tues 13th	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm	
Wed 14th	TRAMP, Dartington, Staverton	
Mon 26th	St. Crispin Fair, Parish Hall, 10.30 am	
NOVEMBER		
Wed 4th	TRAMP, Harberton	
Sat 14th	NSPCC Bridge, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm	
Sat 28th	Conservatives Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 10.30 am	
DECEMBER		
Sat 5th	NSPCC Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 10.30 am	
Tues 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm	
Wed 9th	TRAMP Christmas Walk, Ashprington	

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BRIDGE CLUBS 7 pm Parish Hall Wednesdays Fridays	Contact Mary Fulford-Smith Contact Dorothy Stone	842467 560708
CHURCHWARDENS	Michael Chipman Liz Webb	562013 560090
COFFEE TIME (Rectory Barn) Thursdays, 10.30 - 11.30 October-May.	Contact Liz Webb	560090
FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH	Contact Kendall McDonald	560239
THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB	Secretary, Dick Marston Contact Lindsey Fletcher	560405 560157
TENNIS SECTION	Contact Brenda Murch	560487
KEEP FIT Tuesdays, 10 - 11.30 Parish Hall	Contact John Lonsdale	560742
HORTICULTURAL SHOW (annual)	Contact Philip Candy	560857
PROBUS	Contact Ron Parkin	561215
TRAMP (Thurstone Ramblers)	Contact Tricia Millman	560788
W. I. Second Thursday monthly (ex. August) 2.30 pm Parish Hall	to be announced	
RECTOR		
PARISH COUNCIL Chairman Vice-Chairman Parish Clerk District Councillor County Councillor Members	Peter Hurrell Veronica White John Lonsdale Maryn Grose Simon Day John Dayment David Grose Charles Mitchellmore Geoffrey Sidston Derrick Yeoman	560496 560236 560742 560396 560396 691212 560295 560375 560802 560695 560697

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HEALTH CENTRES	Kingsbridge Salcombe	833551 842284
MILK DELIVERY	R. Bruckner & Son	01803- 832801
NEWSPAPERS	Thurstone Village Store Open weekdays 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am - 10.00 am	560211
PARISH HALL Chairman Bookings	Rowland Cole Joan Lane	561006 560158
POST OFFICES / SHOPS Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am - 1pm Postal collections 10.30 am and 4.25 pm Monday-Friday 10.30 am Saturday; 11 am Sunday	Thurstone	560624
Open daily 9 am - 1 pm and 2 - 5.30 pm (Summer - exc. Wed pm) OPEN 9 am - 12.30 pm (Winter) Postal collections 9.30 am and 4.10 pm Monday-Friday 9.30 am Saturday; 11 am Sunday	Bantham SUNDAYS	560645
POLICE Emergency (life threatened, persons injured, offenders nearby etc.) Central Switchboard (admin. matters or service, department or police station) Force Enquiry Centre (non-urgent - 24 hours a day) (reporting a crime or other incident, asking for information or advice) Confidential information		999 0990-7 77-444 0990-7 00-400 0800-5 55-111
RUBBISH COLLECTION	Thursday (Friday in Bank Hol Monday weeks)	
BUSES (Western National) Wednesdays only: No. 161 Bantham Buckland Thurstone Church South Milton Kingsbridge Quay	Weds & Fri No. 162 10.35 am 10.38 am 10.46 am 10.55 am 11.05 am 10.10 am	Weds only No. 161 13.25 pm 13.35 pm 13.44 pm 13.52 pm 13.55 pm Weds & Fridays No. 162 12.15 pm 17.40 13.35 pm 12.31 pm 17.56 13.52 pm -
Travellers only the 9.53 am from Thurstone to Kingsbridge goes on to Modbury and connects to Plymouth. Return from Plymouth (Bus Station) at 4.30 pm arriving Thurstone at 5.56 pm		
GARAGE (Blight Engineering) LIBRARY (Mobile Library calls alternate Wednesdays)	11.10 - 11.30am 11.35 - 11.45am 12.20 - 12.35pm Bantham Thurstone Church Thurstone Church	Maurice Blight 560220 Kingsbridge 852315 11.50 - 12.15pm 12.40 - 12.50pm Thurstone Parish Hall Thurstone Sands

The Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays. See dates on Diary page overleaf.

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