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The eclipse is now a mere eleven days away, but the number of visitors already lengthening the queues at Somerfield's is a pointer to what we may expect for this highlight (?) of the 1999 tourist season. Relative freeloading throughout the parish has never been so popular. And the Village Shop is hard put to maintain its liquor stocks as the celebrations get under way with a vengeance.

The impact on Thurlestone, while significant, is thankfully only temporary. Much more permanent will be the outcome of the present negotiations over the redevelopment of the Rectory site in the heart of the village. Statements by both the Parish Council and the developers, Ash Mill, on the current plans are included in this issue. It could well be important for residents, if they feel strongly one way or another about the future of the Rectory site, to make their views known to their Parish Councillors without delay. There may not be much time left.

Meantime, check your emergency stores and essential supplies lists against the impending invasion. But above all, make sure that you - and those staying with you - have read, understood, and follow the official advice about eye-protection when observing the eclipse. As with the Rectory site, carelessness or impatience could well lead to permanent damage.

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# THE STORY BEHIND OUR COVER PICTURE

by Kendall McDonald

*On 24th September 1999 we come to the 227th anniversary of a not-very-nice day in the history of this parish!*

On that day in the Year of Our Lord 1772 the winds went mad and so did the inhabitants - not only of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone, but all those who lived for miles around. The cause of their madness was greed and, despite the hurricane gusts of the on-shore wind, they rushed out of their houses and fought their way down to the seashore by Thurlestone Rock.

What they did there you can see in Len Hubbard's striking front cover for this edition of Village Voice.

The ship wrecked on Thurlestone Rock, shown in the picture, was the barque called "*Chanteloupe*". Its master, **Captain Michael Tobin**, was homeward-bound for London from the British colony of Grenada in the West Indies, with a cargo of sugar, coffee, rum, Madeira wine, seven passengers and thirteen crew.

By the time she struck the Rock there were 5,000 people waiting for her - the cliffs and shore were black with them. But they were not there to help; loot was what they were after. As the waves of the great storm smashed the ship to pieces, the looters were too busy to stretch out a hand to help. Not even to the only woman aboard, who was heavily pregnant.

After the wreck, tales circulated saying that the woman passenger was Mrs Burke, wife of the brother of the famous orator Edmund Burke. They said that she had dressed herself in her finest clothes and all her jewellery in the belief that if she reached the shore alive the locals would realise that she was a person of importance and would save her. They said, too, that she was alive but the people who pulled her from the surf thought she was dead and cut off her fingers

to get her rings and ripped her ears to get her earrings. And that when they realised she was alive they buried her under the sand.

A ghastly tale, but what really happened was only slightly less so. A Customs officer from Dartmouth who was called to the scene was obviously still shocked by what he saw on Thurlestone Sands when he wrote the following to a friend:

*"Am just returned from a Barbarian Country, by which I mean that I have been five days absent from Dartmouth to the Westward about twenty miles, on a most melancholy Affair... Out of twenty Persons only one was saved, which was the second Mate. There were twelve of the Bodies washed on Shore during my Stay, and the inhuman Country People stip'd them quite naked and left them on the Rocks..."*

*"It was really dangerous to be among such Wretches - There were between 4 and 5,000 Persons assembled, most of whom for the Sake of a little Pelf, would be guilty of the greatest Acts of Cruelty: I do assure you that I could wish to see one half of them hanged on the Cliffs, for Example to the rest."*

*"The Lady was seen hanging by one Arm to a Rock, and no Person would go to save her, tho' there was not the least Danger: She was with Child and near her Time - Those that washed on Shore we took Care to have buried in Thurlestone Churchyard."*

There is no sign of those graves in the churchyard today; slate gravestones of that age split and are almost always impossible to decipher. So perhaps we should place a wreath on the anniversary of the wreck on the cannon, mounted by the bus shelter opposite the Post Office. Local divers raised this gun from the "*Chanteloupe*" seven years ago and presented it to the parish.

# *When they closed the road through Thurlestone,*

*way back at the end of June, it created all sorts of problems, but it also made many of us parishioners think hard about our lives.*

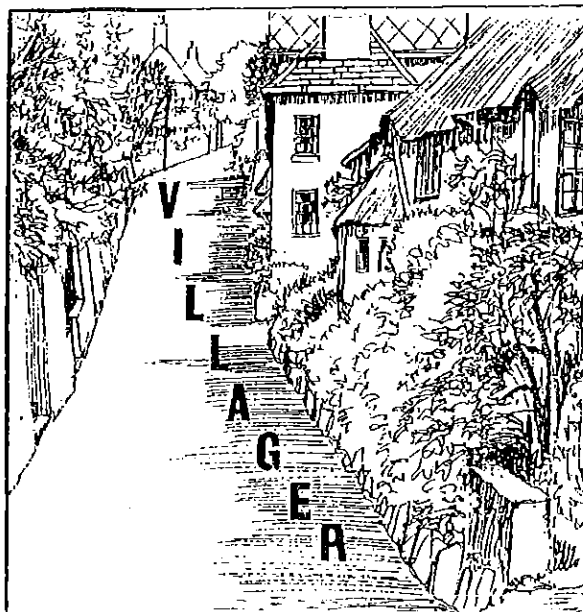
I don't mean that we thought the number of idiots in the world had increased, because some drivers, even of massive lorries, obviously believed that the "Road Closed" signs did not apply to them. But I do mean that all of us thought how quiet it was, how peaceful, how lovely. Why, we could almost hear ourselves think!

It was so pleasant that one of our most distinguished resident ladies said *"It ought to be like this always - we should make all the villages pedestrian precincts"*. Well, now... is that a good idea? First reactions from villagers were all sorts of variations on *"Yes please, please"*, but then the doubts crept in. Would all cars be banned? Elderly residents started to worry about getting to the pub, shop, or even driving to their own front door.

Would those disabled-driver scooters - growing in popularity in the parish - still be able to stage their daily version of the Monaco Grand Prix? Would residents have to have special "I LIVE HERE" badges? Golfers who went ballistic at the very idea of any restriction on their access to the 19th Hole were slightly mollified by the Thurlestone GC's promise of special park-and-ride buses with racks for their clubs.

All of which opens up other areas of concern. Will there have to be special under-road tunnels, like badger runs, for Old Meadonians on the Thurlestone By-Pass as it cuts a swathe through the Mead to the Links Roundabout?

How soon can the South Milton Flyover be completed? Will the Clanacombe Toll Road, with its Shuttle-style tunnel under both the Bucklands and Bantham be big enough to cope with diverted traffic to the Ham?



Will the park-and-ride underground car parks at Stidston's Corner and Dayment's Dell be large enough to absorb the holiday-making traffic? Will walkers be any less of an eyesore than they were when safely locked up in their cars? In an unusually tough attitude to planning permissions, South Hams District Councillors are expressing slight concern at the effect all this may have on this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

However, there are some real advantages and traffic-calming measures will not then be needed in our villages. There will be no need for the traffic lights proposed for the Bantham turn at Thurlestone and the other set at Aunemouth Cross. Nor will other lights at West Buckland, planned to cause maximum delays at the top of Sudden Death, get planning permission. And I hear that the recent request for traffic-slowing chicanes in the villages of our parish will not now be considered by the Devon CC Highways Department.

*Things, you see, are not all bad....but I'd get your walking boots out just in case!*

# Village News Round-Up

## EVANS MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

The directors of **Evans Estates** celebrated the forthcoming millennium in style with a buffet lunch in Bantham on 27th June.

The sun shone as **Gill and Tony Goddard** and **Michael Toll** greeted invited guests on arrival at the marquee, where over 70 people enjoyed delicious food, wine, and good company. Tribute was paid to the foresight of the late **Commander Evans**, who set up Evans Estates in 1920 to safeguard the future of the area from the depredations of developers, and to the diligence of today's directors in upholding his ideals.

Bygone Bantham was the subject of a large display of old photographs, with a fun quiz "Who is in the Photograph?". Long-time Bantham residents **Bert and Rosemary Jeffery** were awarded first prize. The notice-boards provided great interest and fun as guests crowded round trying to recall names and occasions from the past.

**Louise Appleby** played attractive classical guitar music throughout the reception and lunch. Following lunch, stand-up comedian **Tony Beard**, the "Widcombe Wag" and well-known Devon broadcaster, contributed an hilarious half-hour entertainment to round off a very happy occasion.

*A book of photos taken during the lunch celebrations is available at the Bantham shop for those who would like to see them and order en-prints.*

## SOUTH HAMS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TRUST

This Trust was set up in 1993 by the Lions Club (supported by other service clubs and organisation in the South Hams) with the

object of providing specialised equipment for the handicapped and disabled, thus allowing them to live a little more comfortably and independently in their own homes.

Financial support comes from service clubs and donations from other charities and individuals. The Trust takes its projects from Social Services and other sources.

**Peter Mills**, the Trust's secretary, writes *"Recently, the size and effectiveness of our management committee has been reduced by the retirement of two of our Trustees. In Thurlestone, I know, you have a wealth of talented people who are not tarnished by the more general malaise of belief that individual service to members of the community is no longer necessary, being a function of our 'nanny' state."*

The Trust is seeking to recruit two people to become active members of the management committee and to assist them in running this niche in the health service. *"The commitment required is not arduous or time-consuming and need not become a burden"*, Peter continues. Ring him on 01548-856976 if you would like to talk to him about it.

## HOPPER BUS

*"Leave the car, to go far,  
It's much less fuss to take the bus"*  
(Acknowledgement to Emily Worth, aged 9)

The 162 service is now running several times each day, until 25th September, to Hope Cove and Thurlestone, and will also call at Soar and Bolberry Down during weekends and school holidays. The 159 service from Kingsbridge to Beesands, Start Point, East Prawle and East Portlemouth, will run four times daily, every day, also until 25th September. The TIC has timetables.

## ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

**Lindy Price** and **Jo Parkin** want to thank everyone who played any part in helping to make a success of the recent Coffee Morning in aid of St Luke's. *"In spite of the atrocious weather the magnificent sum of £918 was raised for the Hospice"* they report.

## OLD FRIENDS & PAST RESIDENTS

Two great friends returned in June to their old stamping-grounds in the parish - **Doris Lee** (Court Park) and **Joan Pearson** (Wragmoor). Whilst living here, their husbands served together as sidesmen at All Saints, Thurlestone.

They all moved to pastures new some 20 years ago and Joan now writes from her home at Upton-Upon-Severn, Worcestershire *"Doris and I still meet regularly. Recently I had heard from many Devon friends when my husband, John, died. I wanted to see them all again, so whilst Doris and I were having a short holiday in Thurlestone we invited them to the hotel one evening!*

*We did so enjoy meeting friends, former neighbours, those running the Pearson Pre-School, some parents of my nursery-school children, and one of my 'old boys', now in his twenties! It was an evening of such friendship and affection.*

*Next day I visited Pearson Pre-School. An extension is being built during the summer holidays and I've been asked to re-visit in September when all is completed. Thus I have a good reason to return to this beautiful part of Devon".*

## SILVERSTONE IN THURLESTONE?

It has been rumoured that on 30th August, as an extra Bank Holiday attraction, there will be an electric-buggy race down, or maybe up, Thurlestone village street. Since there is now a considerable number of these practical and environmentally-friendly vehicles in the

village (at least six now and they seem to increase daily), this should prove a really thrilling event, one not to be missed...the race of the millennium. Further information is expected nearer the time.

## NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Congratulations to **Kit Marshall**, who has just been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council following the May elections.

## FAREWELL TO MIKE & JOY

**Mike and Joy Blackwell** took leave of the parish at the end of June and have gone to live in a village near Hungerford. Mike, under the pseudonym of "Citizen", reported on Parish Council meetings for VV as well as being our stalwart proof reader. He will be much missed. We send best wishes to them both for good health and happiness in their new surroundings. **Tom Trender** has very kindly undertaken the task of proof-reading.

## NATIONAL COASTWATCH PICTURE

A watercolour painting of the cliff-top look-out point at Bolberry, now manned by National Coastwatch Institution volunteers, has been presented to them by artist **Len Hubbard**. Prints of this very attractive picture are for sale at £10.00 and the original is being raffled to raise funds for the NCI. (Thousands of pounds have been raised this way over the years for charities, due to Len's generosity)

Contact **Jane Shadbolt** on 01548-511349.

## FISH 'N' CHIPS

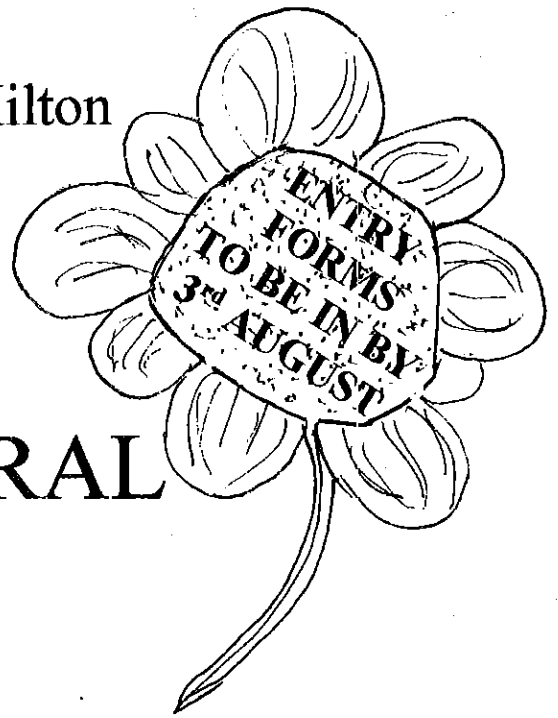
Why not take advantage occasionally of the visiting Fish & Chip van for an easy supper? It is in Thurlestone every other Wednesday from 5.00 to 6.30 pm, outside the school.

## FARMERS' MARKET, KINGSBRIDGE

**N.B.** Now postponed to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Enquiries to: **Carol Trant**, 01803-861267.

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# MILLENNIUM VIDEO NEARS COMPLETION!

The project is now in the final stages of editing, and such a wealth of visual material has been filmed that the video is going to be twice as long as originally planned - two cassettes of up to one hour each.

David Smeeton, the project co-ordinator, says *"The support of those who have been 'Angels' and donated £12 in advance to the project has been invaluable. Without the 'Angels' we could not have completed the project. Though we have received generous grants from the Arts Council of England, Shell Better Britain Campaign, Villages in Action, Rural Action for the Environment, and from several local sponsors, including the Thurlestone Hotel and the development companies now building in the village, the support from residents and visitors has been vital, and magnificent"*.

So far, those who have become 'Angels' have donated £3,879 to the project and in return are guaranteed a video. If you are not already an 'Angel' now is the time to become one, for when the video is finally produced in November-December 1999 there will

almost certainly be an upward review of the price. So, for a bargain £12 now you are guaranteed a double-pack video.

The *"Land of the Five Beaches"* tells the story of the parish - Thurlestone, Bantham and Buckland - from earliest times, through the days of shipwreck and smuggling, the changes at the turn of the century, life in the village in bygone years and in more recent times, and the changes now afoot. It also looks ahead to the challenges to come in the next Millennium.

It will be a visual chronicle that everyone who loves the parish will want to have and pass on to the next generation, in the hope that they, in their turn, will conserve the best of our environment and the social vitality of the people here for many years to come.

Get your 'Angel' form now! Copies are available from the Village Inn, The Sloop, Thurlestone shop, Burwood Gallery and the Thurlestone Hotel. Or ring Phil Deare on 01548-560378

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## PARISH COUNCIL : NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 1999

### POLICE

The next Police Liaison Meeting, to be held in Yealmpton, 28th June, would be attended by Councillor Charles Mitchelmore.

### HOMEFIELD FARMHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The road would be closed, during the day, for a week from 1st June. Traffic lights would be in operation for the following two weeks. Concern was expressed at the lack of notice, and absence of warning signs on approach roads beyond the village.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The new District Councillor, Mrs Carolyn Steen, was unable to attend. It was reported that she has been appointed to the SHDC committees on Policy, Housing, Environment and Health.

### OPEN FORUM

It was pointed out that some matters of interest to parishioners only came to light after the Open Forum. It was agreed to bear this in mind when drawing up future agenda.

### CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

This matter, to fill the vacancy left after the election on 6th May, would be discussed in closed session.

### DOG FOULING

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 came into force on the 5th April. It requires any person in control of a dog which fouls land to which the public has access to clean up after it.

*[Village Voice, at the request of the Parish Council, includes two of the South Hams District Council's posters in this issue]*

## Public Meeting to discuss proposed Rectory developments held on 19th July 1999, 7.30 pm

Some 41 parishioners attended the public meeting which preceded the Parish Council meeting on 19th July 1999, to hear about proposed developments at the former Rectory site. The planning application is now with the South Hams District Council, and the Parish Council has been asked for its views.

**The Diocese will respond favourably to the provision of alternative meeting-hall accommodation [to replace the Rectory Barn facility] if planning application was successful. The developers also expressed willingness to make a financial contribution in similar circumstances.**

The meeting provided an opportunity for interested members of the public to inspect the plans, and to put questions to **Mr Simon Friend** of Ash Mill Developments, their architect **Mr J. Newcombe**, and **Mr B. Grigg** of the Diocese Parsonages Committee.

*After lengthy discussion, Parish Council chairman **Peter Hurrell** asked those parishioners present if they were in favour of the application.*

*Twenty-eight voted "YES". Five voted "NO", and there were nine abstentions.*

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## PARISH COUNCIL : NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 1999

This immediately followed the public meeting at which the plans for the development of the Rectory site were discussed. 21 people were present.

### POLICE

**Inspector Sumner** reminded residents to secure doors and windows even when at home (as this was how burglars gained entry last year), to continue being vigilant and to phone the police to report anyone or anything looking suspicious or "out of place". On Total Eclipse Day, the entire force will be on duty.

**John Crawford**. She outlined the work of the District Council committees on which she now served, and reported that the District Council was trying to get Plymouth to accept more of the new housing requirement, and the establishment of a new settlement, instead of enlarging existing settlements.

### PLANNING

Amongst other applications, the proposed development at the Rectory was referred to briefly and would be discussed at a closed session.

### PARISH HALL

Preliminary plans for hall alterations were to hand, which the council would discuss in closed session. The hall would run an Autumn Fair on 11th September, and the Parish Council would provide the raffle.

### ECLIPSE

Eclipse Co-ordinator **Janet Marsden** wished to be kept advised of any events taking place here during August.

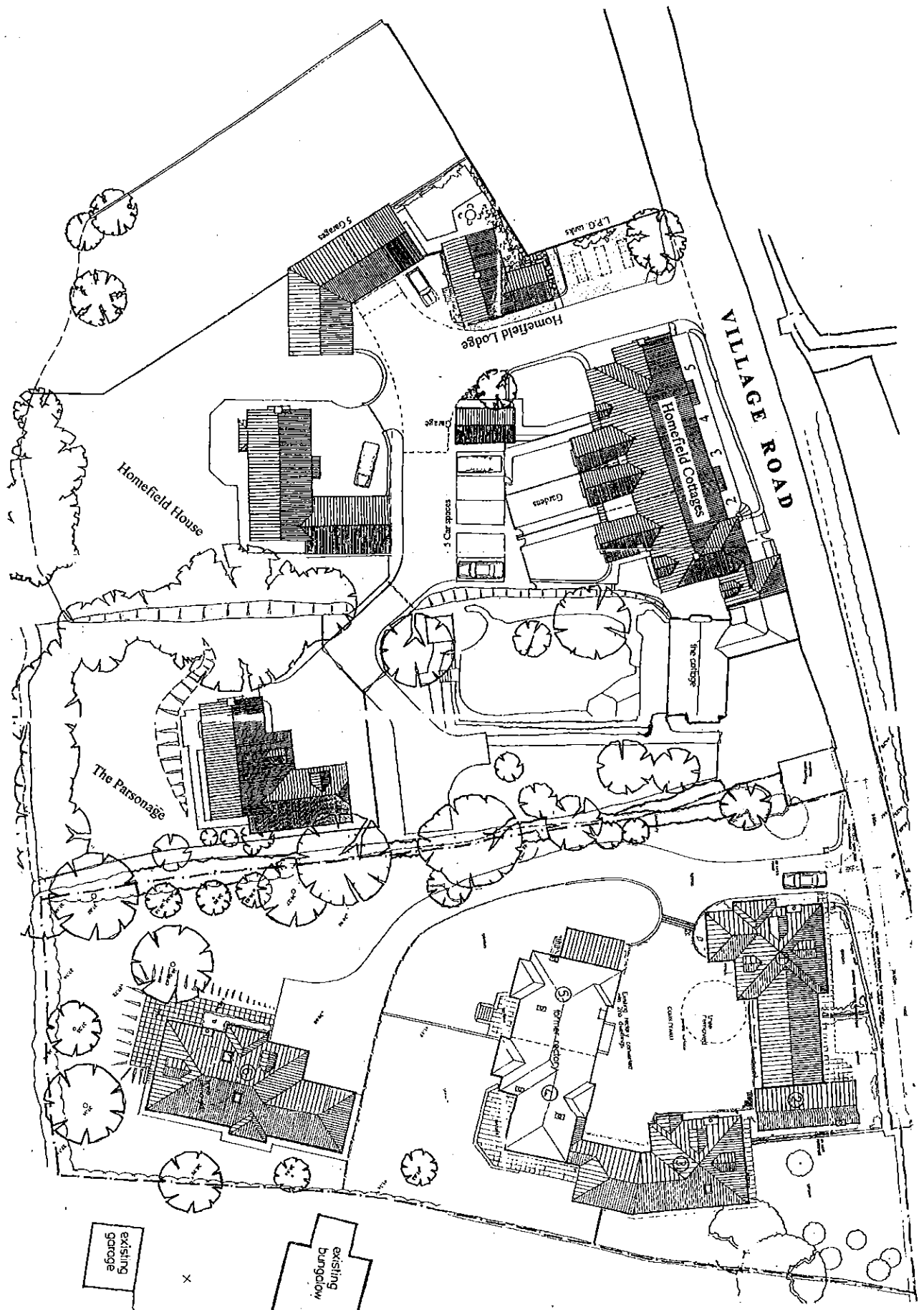
### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

**Carolyn Steen** thanked everyone for the welcome. She paid tribute to her predecessor **Martyn Grose** and to her electoral opponent,

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 14th September 1999, at 7.30 pm.

# RECTORY (+ HOMEFIELD ) PROPOSAL COMBINED SITE PLAN



# PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO RECTORY DEVELOPMENT PLANS

On 20th July 1999 the following letter was sent from the Parish Council

## Thurlestone Parish Council

A. Robinson Esq.  
Chief Planning Officer  
South Hams District Council

20 July 1999

Dear Mr Robinson

**Re : Planning Application 55/1081/99/F**

*Conversion of former Rectory into two dwellings and construction of four new dwellings, The Rectory, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge - Ash Mill Developments*

Please note, this Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of over-development of the site.

The Parish Council would support the application to divide the former Rectory into two dwellings, but the creation of four other units on the site would create too great a density of housing.

Traffic flow problems. The present intensity of traffic passing through the area, together with vehicles using every possible space to park, would be aggravated by the vehicles connected with this proposal.

The proposed widening of the entrance to the site would, in theory, improve visibility but, in reality, may only serve to provide a car-parking opportunity.

A public meeting was held immediately prior to the parish Council meeting on 19.7.99, when the above plans were presented to the parishioners by the developer, his architect, and a church representative. A vote was taken on the acceptability of the proposals, when approximately 28 voted "yes", 5 voted "no" and 9 abstained. There were 42 parishioners present.

Yours sincerely

John R Lonsdale  
Clerk to the Council

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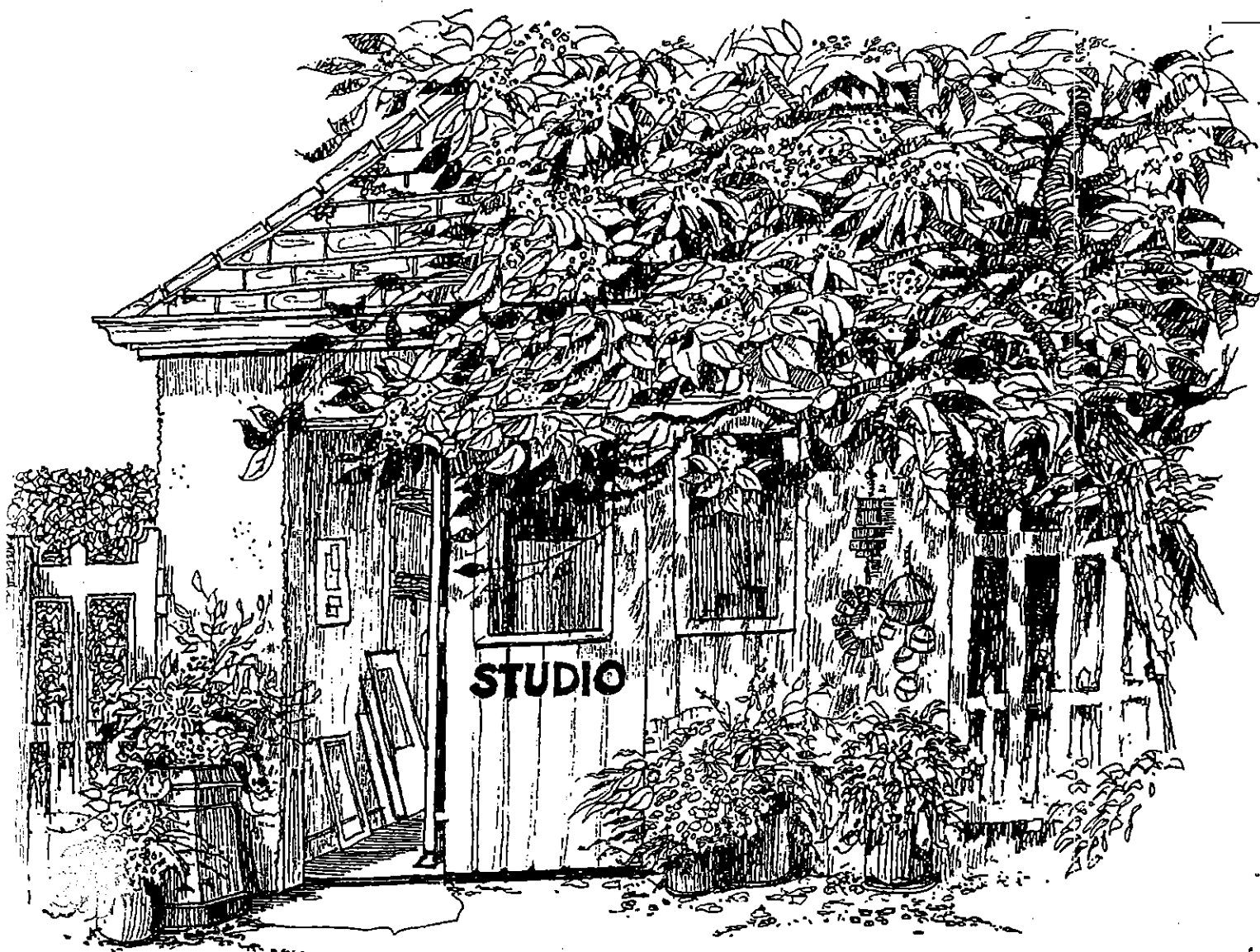
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# POSTBAG

Dear Editor

## Proposed development at the Rectory

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th July was an extremely worthwhile time for my colleagues and me. Over the last few weeks I have heard many comments, second or third hand, about the proposals to redevelop The Rectory. It was extremely helpful to listen to a cross-section of views expressed directly from those who were present.

As I said on the evening, I am only too aware of the sensitivity of this issue and despite most people's view of developers, Ash Mill does care deeply about building thoughtfully designed homes. We are very proud of the scheme at Homefield. I know that the scale of development the village has seen has been unusually large, and I apologise for the hassle and frustrations that our construction works have caused. I am confident that, on completion, the cottages at Homefield will blend in with the village character as if they had always been there.

We were not the only developer offered The Rectory, but were delighted that the Diocese chose Ash Mill to provide the parish with what will be a fabulous new Rectory and sold us The Rectory. Most people understand that the current Rectory is a tired building in need of a new lease of life. In addition, a seven-bedroom house with nearly an acre of garden in a central village location is unsuitable to most prospective purchasers. The Rectory site is ready for change and the reality is that if it had not been Ash Mill who acquired it for development, some other developer would have.

We have always sought to be completely open and up-front about our plans and at a very early stage asked if we could present our ideas for the property to the Parish Council. We did this back in early March before we had even exchanged contracts with the Diocese. It was obviously very important to us that we had a sense of local

support for our proposals before committing ourselves to the deal. We certainly came away from that meeting with the impression that we had a majority of support.

As a result, our plans for The Rectory did not change from that time. When we made the application very recently it was for the same scheme of converting the current Rectory into two, building three properties in the roadside gardens in a courtyard arrangement and one detached property in the lower garden. The new properties are designed with those who are retiring very much in mind and to reflect the style of the current Rectory.

We were more than happy to present our proposals to an open Parish Meeting when requested to do so. The event itself presented us with some challenging views, but we were also extremely encouraged by the number of positive comments made about the scheme. We left before a vote was taken but understand that there was a clear two-thirds majority support for the scheme with understandable reservations about some of the detailing. It was, therefore, a complete surprise to us that those Parish Councillors who were present should vote not to support the scheme, despite this public show of support and given that, in the four months since March, I was never led to believe that the Council support previously shown had changed in any significant way.

It leaves us in a rather awkward position. We now know that there is local support, but not Parish Council support. Of course we are pressing on with the application. I only hope that if we are not successful and have to sell, almost inevitably to another developer, then the Parish Council's decision will not have been a contributing factor - that would seem a great shame for all those who took the time and trouble to attend on Monday evening.

Simon Friend  
Ash Mill Developments

Dear Editor

Missing Photographs

On 17 July last year I loaned some 1920s photographs of Clanacombe for reproduction on the Millennium Video. In spite of a verbal request at the showing of the film 'rushes' on 29th November, and a letter to the filmmaker on 1st March 1999, my original pictures have not been returned to me.

May I, through Village Voice, ask anyone who also lent photographs, and the filming team, to search diligently.

*These pictures, which I extracted from my "Family File" must be somewhere, and I want them back where they belong.*

Anne Jenkins  
Burnt House

Dear Editor

NSPCC

Many thanks to Joyce and Pip Wilson of "Skerries" who kindly hosted a coffee morning, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in their lovely garden.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all the generous people who helped to make it a success. £565 was raised, and the charity is most grateful.

Janet Fraser  
I Meadcombe

Dear Editor

Grockles

I have been fascinated by the correspondence concerning "Grockles". Your learned contributors and indeed leading dictionaries give us meaning to the word but none of them have been able to trace the origin nor indeed pinpoint the source.

I would draw a parallel with the well known, even in England, Latin American word "Gringo" which means "English speaking foreigner". This 19th century word is derived from English sailors visiting the ports of South America who, on leaving taverns late at night, could be heard singing in strenuous voice "Green grow the rushes oh". Hence the natives called them "Green-Grows" with the later derivation "Gringo".

Research indicates that the original "Grockles" also found similar comfort in Devon taverns and after sampling good Devon Scrumpy would break into their favourite song "Cockles and Mussels". Hence the locals started calling them "Cockles" which with their gruff Devonian voices soon became "Grockles".

This would also pinpoint the original Grockle as being an Irish sailor and only more recently with the advent of the roofless car has the Midlands region become the main source of Grockles.

I trust this clarifies the word once and for all,

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# HORSWELL DIARY

At last Summer has arrived. Our feathered muezzins in their treetop minarets wake us early with their strident call to morning prayer. Warm stillness and a misty dawn show promise of another cloudless day. I try to keep my eyes closed against the light but dogs are clamouring for their early morning swim and my husband flaps a swimsuit above my comatose body to test for signs of life.

I'm tempted to react like a bull to a matador's cape but instead am offered a welcome cup of tea, the latest news bulletin and a weather report. In minutes I am careering down to the beach with a carload of yelping over-excited dogs. Any thoughts that I may still be dreaming are instantly dispelled by the sea's cold waters but, once in, the difficulty is to drag oneself back to the realities of the day ahead. Even the dogs hang back for one last swim or one last throw of the stick before we reluctantly trundle home for breakfast, smelling of salt and seaweed.

By now the peafowl have swept down from their night-time roosts and are strolling around the garden looking for food. Ducky, bossy as ever, waddles along beside them quacking instructions, his chest puffed out and the feathers on his deformed wing sticking up like a swagger-stick under a sergeant-major's arm. One day the long-suffering peafowl had obviously had enough of his persistent attention and turned on him, pecking him cruelly. Fearing for poor Ducky's life we chased them away. To our amazement Ducky immediately rallied and waddled at speed after the largest cock-bird, grabbing the end of his sweeping tail feathers with his beak. Looking utterly amazed the peacock let out a loud squawk and, high-stepping through the long grass, started to run away. Unabashed, Ducky hung on tightly, stuck his little orange feet out at a defiant angle and allowed himself to be towed around the orchard like a water-skier in a rough sea!

Recently the woods have been scented with the smell of fox. Dogs and peafowl sound

the alarm when he's about and occasionally we see one hurrying guiltily through the garden. We hope always that the peafowl will fly away in time, or stay up in their roosts but, sadly, poor Jemima was unlucky. She of the sweet temperament and brief sojourn on Thurlestone church tower. Proudly nursing her fluffy little pea-chicks she was no match for our wily dawn raider. To the horrified shrieks of the other birds, M. Reynard dragged her away, leaving a swathe of feathers and four pathetic little chicks as a tragic memorial to her cruel demise.

We loved Jemima. She was sweet and shy and beautiful and a wonderful mother. She watched over her chicks constantly, allowing them to sleep nestled out of sight in the soft downy feathers beneath her wings. When awake she walked them around her domain, showing them their boundaries, where to find food and water and how to trust humans and dogs. She guided them with a series of simple clicking noises and always placed herself between them and any potential danger. She stayed with the three survivors of last year's brood right up until this year's mating season, guiding, teaching and protecting them all year. She died protecting this year's little family and all our feeding and care will never be able to compensate for Jemima's loving wisdom.

The garden is awash with roses making the surrounding disarray look almost intentional. Mauve-blue clematis tangle with pale pink roses and tumble through grey trellises. Green tentacles of wisteria and jasmine reach out to lasso tall spires of delphinium, phlox and campanula. Islands of pale catmint, dark lavender and pink cranesbill geraniums float on a foaming sea of lime green alchemilla mollis. Close one eye and it looks a dream. Open both and the workload is daunting.

Childhood memories of stately cedars on pale lawns silvered by moonlight have, for years, inspired the desire to plant a cedar of our own. But where? To find sufficient

space to do justice to its wide-spreading branches is surprisingly difficult. The search for the perfect spot is rapidly degenerating into a typical divorce-inducing marital dispute, akin to picture-hanging, reversing the car, picking up boat moorings or discussing the mother-in-law. In fact the mother-in-law has been "discussed" quite a lot lately as it was she who so generously gave us the tree in question!

No tree has been in and out of the ground more times than this. I've discovered that the words *"Actually, darling....."*, when preceded by a difficult but perfectly executed tree planting, can bring me closer to God than any other words in the English language. Apparently just as the last spadeful of earth is sprinkled around the plant, a strange shifty sideways look takes

over my face, like that of a spectator at Wimbledon, as I eye up a possible improvement to the selected site, visually weighing one position against the other. This, I am told, is then followed (just as the soil is tamped into place, the aching back straightened, and the tools put away) by *"Actually, darling.....I think it might look better a little to the left/right, not much, just a couple of inches/feet/yards.....honestly, darling, not far"*.

I understand that I should be grateful that the next hole that is dug is not 18" by 5' 4" with a headstone inscribed with my name. But don't worry. I should not be in it but *.....actually.... a few inches/feet/yards to the left/right!*

**Prunella Dart**

## **Jazz Evening - 17 July**

Elegant palms, soft shoe shuffle to a smooth blues sax, jazzed up jiving to crazy rhythms, picnic hampers that would put Fortnum and Masons to shame, and fine wines elegantly served. Were we in New Orleans, Henley, or Las Vegas? No, we were at the Village Hall Jazz Night.

Some fifty lively souls danced and enjoyed the jazz provided by the Little Big Band comprising David Barrow harmonising on guitar, Reg Chapman on throaty sax, Pete Stirk with a nimble bass, and deft drumming at the rear by John Potter.

Elegant crockery and tantalising smells emerged from picnic hampers and the bar staffed by Bill Clarke and Ian Fraser allowed the dancers to keep their thirsts well quenched. Lindsey Fletcher provided the decor with exotic palm fronds from her own garden and Gillian Marshall co-ordinated the event and showed off her wizardry on the word-processor with award winning posters. Joan Lane (wo)manned the selling of raffle tickets (and also won a prize for her efforts!), Rowland Cole, Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, stage-managed the draw with his usual aplomb. The evening raised a fine total of £399 for the Parish Hall funds and a great time was had by all...let's have some more.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and all those who supported this event.

**K.Marshall**

# Pat Machin's

# 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.

### CLUES

1. A Spanish region
2. A rambling account
3. A small fowl
4. Film city
5. A bride's outfit
6. An Atlantic island
7. A dance
8. A musical instrument
9. A leg of cooked chicken
10. A legendary sword
11. An oven
12. A girl's name
13. An antelope
14. A wild flower
15. An event
16. A lawyer
17. A sensational play
18. Put in a trance
19. A cheese
20. Thankfulness
21. ???

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## WORD-SEARCH TWO

Find the tools, some old-fashioned (listed on the right), in the grid below. Their names may be found written up, down, to the left, to the right, or even diagonally. Once all the tools have been found the remaining letters read L to R downwards will give the name of another tool.

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### TOOLS

AWL, AXE, BIT, HOE, SAW, ADZE,  
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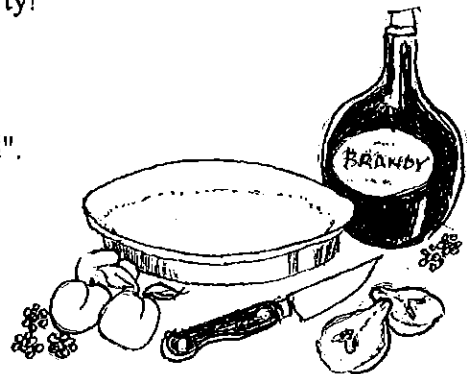
*Part of the joy of summer holidays in France is in eating those delicious fruit tarts, beautifully and tantalisingly presented in the window of every patisserie.*

## TARTE DE FRUITS

They are not as difficult to make as one might suppose and, with a base of *creme patissiere*, can make a little fruit go a long way! Home-made shortcrust pastry is best but you can always buy pre-cooked pastry cases in the supermarkets if time is short. Aim for the 'plain' ones without sugar in them. Any raw or cooked fruit will do for the topping, but at this time of year use raspberries if you have any left in the garden, or red and blackcurrants, sliced peaches, or blackberries. Arrange the fruit decoratively on top of the pastry. The French sometimes go further and divide the top of the tart into four sections, each one with a different fruit - very stylish if you want to cut a dash at a dinner party!

### Ingredients

1. A plain pastry case which has been baked "blind".
2. For the *creme patissiere* you will need:
  - 5 egg yolks
  - 3 ozs granulated sugar
  - 2 ozs flour
  - 2 ozs butter
  - Three quarters of a pint of boiling milk
  - Flavouring to suit the fruit, eg vanilla, chocolate, lemon etc.
3. For the glaze you will need:
  - 1 tablespoon brandy
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 6 ozs home-made jam, sieved



### Preparation

Put eggs and sugar into a saucepan and beat them with an electric beater. Add the flour and then the boiling milk in which you have melted the butter. Keep beating as you put the pan over a low heat to cook the flour and thicken the custard. Cook for three minutes, remove pan from heat, beat in any flavouring and leave to cool before you use it. Meanwhile, boil the ingredients for the glaze together and paint the bottom of your pastry case with a little of it. Leave it to dry. Spread the cooled custard evenly on top. Arrange the raw or cooked fruit attractively over the custard and paint on the remaining glaze. Chill the tart until you are ready to use it.

*And then.....c'est magnifique!*

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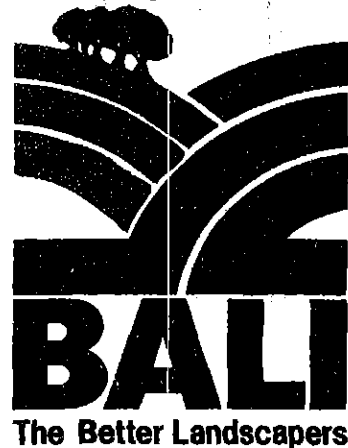
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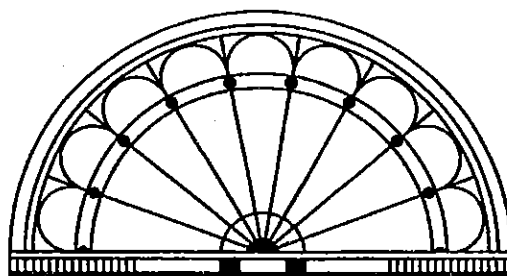
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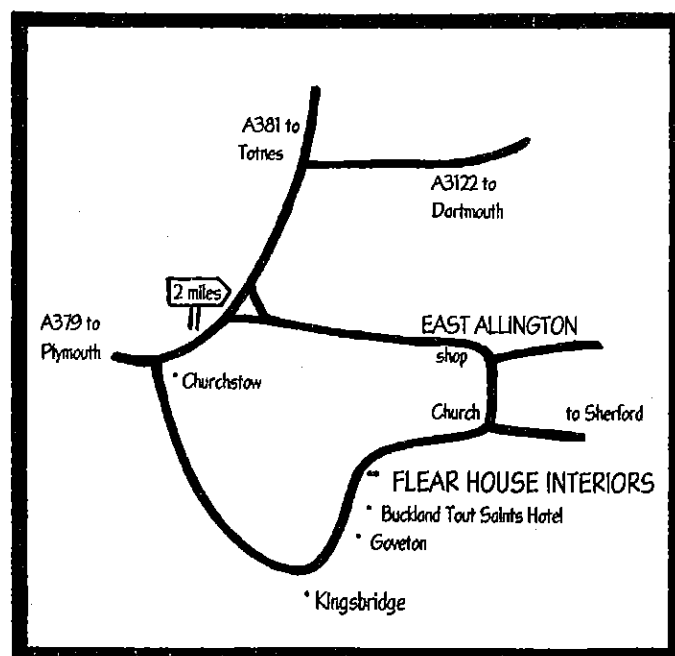
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# HARRY HUGGINS IN CRETE RETREAT

We went to Crete: talked into it, not that much talking was needed, by Mike and Joan. Some - many - will know her as one-time chairman and now programme secretary of the South Hams group of the National Trust. They had a fortnight there in 1998, liked it and booked for a month in 1999.

They stayed at Stavros apartments, by the beach at Gerani, about 12 kilometres west of Hania, or Chania: the signposts spell it Xavia. Fine apartments, pool and a good taverna on site. But we didn't want to go there. Beautiful friendships have dissolved when people have holidayed together. So we picked a place a bit inland, about 5 kilometres away. Near enough to meet, far enough not to impinge on them.

We went on 4th May. Too late, really. The birding and flower tour companies go at the end of March and finish mid-April. By May most of the migrant birds have gone through - Crete is an important staging-post between north Africa and southern Europe - and many of the flowers are done. But we wanted to fly to Hania, which is at the western end of the island, and that was the day the flights began.

We went with an outfit called 'Simply Crete' (now part of Thomson, but it wasn't when we booked). Their lasses were marvellous: they met us at the airport, found us a trolley, and walked us to where our car was to be picked up.

A car was part of the deal. Class A was a little Fiat buzz-box. We paid more to have a Renault Clio (the people who had the buzz-boxes said they were good to drive but after a couple of hours it was hell riding in one).

In the event no Clio, of course, but the man said we could choose between an Opel Corsa and a Mitsubishi Lancer, which was a good deal bigger. I asked which he suggested. He said the Lancer would be better when we had an accident. When, he said. Not if.

Perhaps he thought I looked incompetent. More likely he was thinking of the Greek drivers. We saw only one who drove sensibly, and that was the doctor. He knew from experience what resulted from their spirited driving, which was hand on the horn and pass everything. But we saw no accidents, and no road-rage either. They never had time to feel frustrated.

When we planned the expedition, Mike undertook to guide us through Hania. The airport is to the east, where we were going was to the west, and the only way from one to the other was through the city, with its narrow crowded streets and Greek drivers. We were to follow his car. Why we never thought of taking Joan into ours, as pilot, I do not recall. But it did not matter. In 1998 you had to go through, there was no other way, but by 1999 they had completed the large chunk of what they called the National Highway, which was to run from end-to-end of the island. And it bypassed Hania. I insisted on going on that. Mike seemed disappointed.

Near Gerani, where they stayed, the new road ended and we were on the old coast road - well, about a kilometre inland - built up and crowded for nearly all its length. We left them near their apartment and went on to ours at Xamoudohori, a couple of kilometres inland from the coast road. Yanni's Retreat, it was called. Yanni was born in Hania, made

his pile in America and, like many Greek gentlemen, retired to his native heath.

It was a block of eight little houses, each one room up and one down, with a small covered patio outside. There was a taverna, where Yanni would pour you out a beer and do an evening meal provided you asked for it in advance. We ate there sometimes, but found it came a bit late and a bit oily - we preferred to drive down to a taverna by the main road.

There was a truly magnificent swimming pool (even this wimp swam in it every day), and a sunbathing place at the end. Most of that had a roof, to shelter us from the sun - we needed it much of the time

Danni, the 'Simply Crete' girl who came every few days to make sure we were still happy, remarked to Mike and Joan that she hoped we did not mind creepy-crawlies. With good reason. In the walls were big green lizards, and geckos came out of the lamp fittings at night. There were millipedes everywhere - we didn't care much for those. And when we got back to our hotel in Manchester to spend the night before driving home, a great black beetle ran out of our luggage. If it was accompanied by another of the opposite sex maybe an infestation has started by now.

To the south we looked across the foothills to the White Mountains, their peaks covered in snow. A Danish gentleman tried to have us believe the white stuff was white rock - no way could there be snow at such a low altitude (though they didn't seem low when you drove to them). I didn't like to tell him to pull the other leg, that had the bell on. But when the weather started to hot up the white began to disappear and the rivers rose.

To the north you looked out from the swimming pool over a valley and low rolling hills to the sea. Folks, the raptor view-point at Handon Forest has nothing on Yanni's

Retreat. On the first day we saw a Golden Eagle being mobbed by two Black Kites. Nesting in an olive grove were long-legged Buzzards. No, we couldn't really tell the difference from our Buzzards. When we swam in the pool (only once was there another person in it), Swallows splashed in to drink and bathe. In the roof of the sun shelter were Italian Sparrow. Our male House Sparrows in Britain have grey tops to their heads. These had all red heads. In all the bushes and olive trees Sardinian Warblers chattered harshly. The ladies are nondescript-looking little brown things. The gentlemen were greyish with black heads and vivid red eyes. If you see one in our parish, please ring me and reverse the charges.

Just down the road was the village church, a new-looking building with a handsome dome. I don't know how many people went inside. They didn't need to because the services were broadcast and you could hear them for miles. I am not into the Greek Orthodox liturgy, but they seemed to chant a duet, which lasted for a very long time. On another day there was a sermon - well, I suppose it was a sermon, it was all Greek to me. They tell me that people buying the new houses close to Thurstone Church are being asked to covenant that they won't object to the sound of bells. I reckon they should be asked to covenant also that they won't object to the sound of services. I know they are not broadcast now. But one day the parson might want to.

Mike and Joan ferried us into Hania - then we would know the way to go and where to park, wouldn't we? I said "Yes Mike" and decided that driving there was not for me. We found it interesting, very; narrow crowded streets, horses with hats on at the quay. We went to the covered market - all open stalls with cheese, fish, olives, fruit, and stew bubbling away in huge cauldrons. Overhead were beams; on the beams stood

pigeons, and we all know what pigeons do.

In Britain the 'prod-noses' would have closed it down years ago. In Hania no one seemed to care and no one seemed any the worse for what went on. We said we have to follow EU regulations. The locals said so did they, but they didn't! I suppose that when you have been ruled by Turks for four hundred years, and by Venetians for centuries before that, you are so accustomed to thumbing noses at authority that a few thousand bureaucrats in Brussels haven't a hope. After the market we repaired to their favourite taverna, once a soap factory which burned down. They now serve food and drinks and there you sit with just the sky above you. I don't know what happens when it rains. Maybe it never does.

They took us also for a quick skirmish round the birding sites near Gerani, followed by a visit to another favourite taverna, out on a peninsula called Rodopou, a mountainous place which sticks out to the north. Four beers and the lady brought a little plate of stew, with small rusks, and four forks. Rabbit, a bit bony, but very tasty. June went to the loo, she said no door, no flush, no airwick, but honeysuckle all round and a wonderful view.

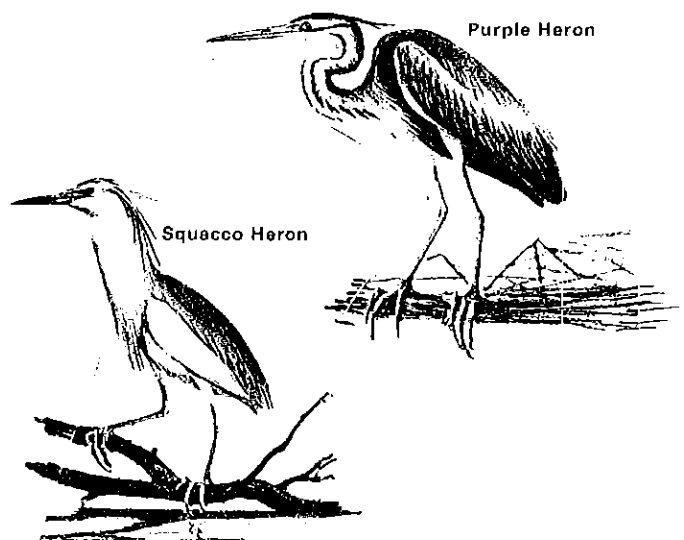
Thereafter we birded and botanised on our own. A couple of hours driving, much of it round hairpin bends, took us into the White Mountains to the south. A Lammergeier, the great bone-cracking vulture, was what we wanted to see. We found Griffon Vultures, and Choughs, and little Serins jingling in the trees, but Lammergeier eluded us.

For many the high-point of going to Crete was the walk through the Samaria Gorge, finishing on the south coast. If you stayed near the north coast, as most did, you joined a coach at 5.45 am. A couple of hours' riding took you to the head of the gorge. You

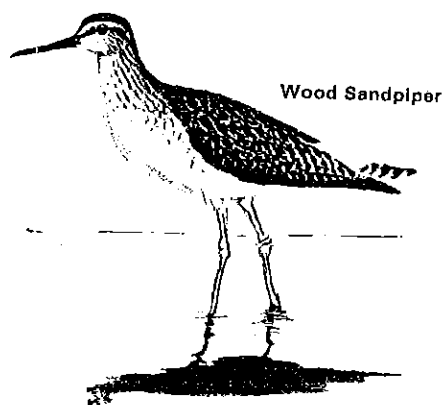
stumbled down steps and over boulders for 18 kilometres and came out at the bottom whence a boat took you along the coast to where there was a road and your waiting coach. You got back to the north coast at about 8 pm. Needless to say this wimp had no intention of attempting it (the folks who did came back exhausted). To go to the top and gaze down into the abyss was scary enough.

Our highlight was a reservoir at Agia, about half-an-hour's drive from Yanni's. It was on the way to the mountains and we went there nearly every day, sometimes twice. Surrounded by trees and high reeds, it didn't look like a reservoir, and there was a constantly-changing cast of characters.

Most of the water surface had a thick coating of green weed, near the bank where we stood it was mostly black and smelled revolting, but whatever the colour there were swarms of insects which were a feast for the migrant birds passing through. Lifers for us were Little Crakes, like tiny Moorhens, the male blue and the female light brown. They were shy and we had only distant views. It was the same with the Herons; there were Grey ones, like those which nest by the Avon estuary. There were Purple and Squacco Herons, both very rare vagrants to Britain.

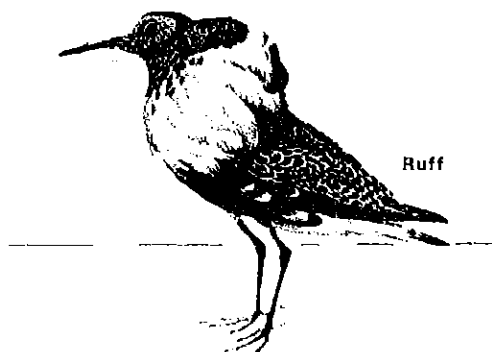


One day we estimated over a thousand Swifts (they came close); next day they had all gone and instead there were some Alpine Swifts, much bigger and with white tummies. By contrast to the Herons, many of the small wading birds were very tame and ran about on the weed almost under our feet. There were Wood Sandpipers - about once every

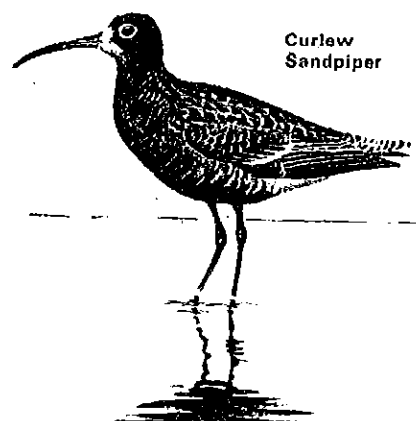


three years we get one opposite the golf club. At Agia one day there were over a hundred.

There were Ruffs, or perhaps they were Reeves, the ladies, because they didn't have



big feathery collars as springtime males should. There were a few Curlew Sandpipers. We see the occasional one in autumn on the beach at South Milton. They are very similar to the much commoner Dunlin, but more elegant - longer neck, tail and legs. The name "Curlew" is rather a misnomer, because they are much smaller than Curlews and the downward curve of their beaks is very slight - in fact quite difficult to see. The South Milton ones are always juveniles, hatched the same spring, pale grey things. The ones at



Ayia were brilliant coppery red, spangled with silver - their breeding plumage and in fact camouflage to conceal them in the vegetation of the high Arctic, where they nest.

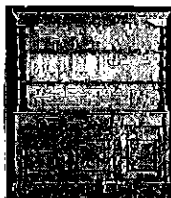
Come the time to leave and Danni was full of dire warnings about taking the car back to the airport. Each policeman is set a total of fines he must take each year (well, so she said). Later it would be too hot to go out, so in the early months they were out to nick everyone they could. A favourite ploy of the police was pinching people who stopped outside the departure building because they would 'brass up' quickly rather than risk missing their flight.

She need not have worried. As we drew up a 'Simply Crete' lady trotted up with a trolley for our luggage. I had been concerned as to where I would have to take the car to hand it back. In the event, no bother: The car hire man wandered out of the shade, inspected his vehicle for dents (no more than when we started with it) and seemed quite unperturbed by the mess we were leaving in it - mostly pollen and foliage from where we had parked it among Yanni's olive trees.

*He drove it away and that, for us, was Crete.*

**Harry Huggins**

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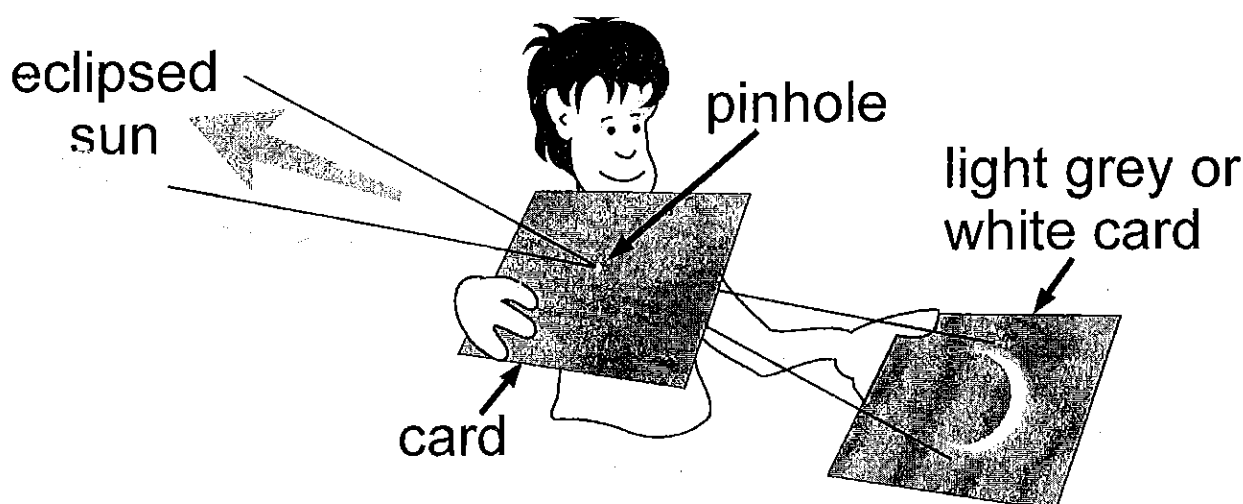
## VIEWING THE ECLIPSE

*"PROTECT YOUR EYES"* is the best piece of advice given for 11th August when the Total Eclipse takes place! The only safe way to observe the sun, says the College of Optometrists, is **indirectly by projection**. This can be done inexpensively and below is information and a diagram copied from the South Hams District Council's eclipse information leaflet.



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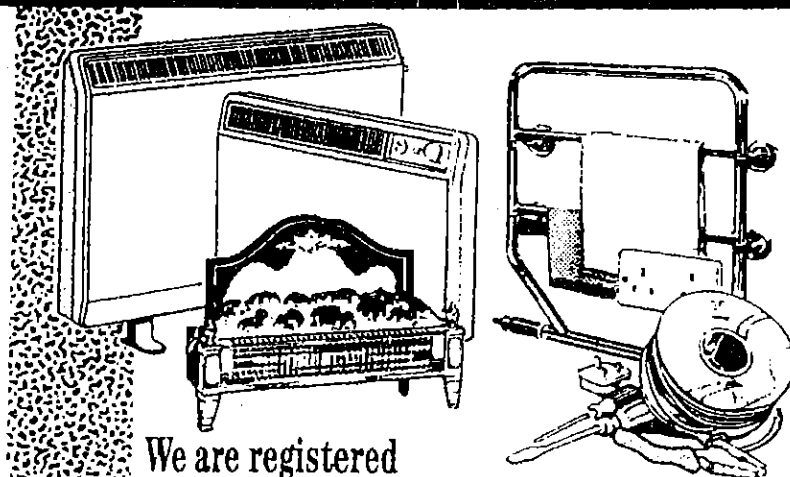


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**Rosemary MacKay**

## EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS

by David Guterson (Bloomsbury £16.99)

This is by the author of "Snow Falling on Cedars" which I reviewed in these columns some time ago. For a first novel the latter was quite exceptional and if you did not read it then you should read it now as it is out in paperback. He was a schoolteacher when he wrote it, had great difficulty in finding a publisher, but it became a best-seller and that one book has made him a millionaire.

But back to the new novel! This concerns the adventures of a doctor with terminal cancer who sets out on a hunting trip intending to commit suicide, but he gets so involved helping other people in trouble that he doesn't get the chance to end his life.

It sounds a bit morbid but it isn't, as David Guterson is an expert in depicting colourful characters in meticulous detail, and his descriptions of the wild and beautiful countryside are fascinating. There are flashbacks to the doctor's youth and, once again, there is the love story and a war element. This time it is in wartime Italy when some of the terrible sights he saw made him want to become a doctor.

Not *quite* as good as "Snow Falling" but still an excellent book and a good read.

**Geoff Wilkinson**

## VIRGIN EARTH

by Phillipa Gregory (Harper Collins £17.99)

This book is the sequel to "Earthly Joys" - reviewed in the last issue - and describes the chequered life of John Tradescant's son, also John. It is probably the better book and the descriptions of his adventures in Virginia are fascinating. It is most interesting both from historical and botanical standpoints, as it goes into rather more detail than we were given at school!

**Geoff Wilkinson**

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# FROM THE BIRD ON THE ROOF

## Changing Landscapes

Looking from the high vantage point of Court Park Road in Thurlestone towards South Milton and the coastline, we see a checkerboard effect in the fields which changes as every month passes.

One week there appeared to be a field of rich green potato plant foliage which changed colour in the next week to brown over the whole field and its adjacent hedgerows. On closer examination the foliage was withered. Do we know what will be the effect on the potatoes beneath the banked-up furrows which will be harvested later?

For some weeks, on the road to Kingsbridge, we have observed what appears to be a "set aside" field conforming to an EC directive. This could have been a veritable wild life domain during this season but, unfortunately, the similar dreaded exfoliation weed killer has been used, making it a virtual desert to invertebrate life. Where are the butterflies, the bumble bees, the wild bees, the gnats, the common beetles, the ladybirds, the horse flies and the hordes of insect life on which our much-loved wild birds feed?

The Royal Society for the Preservation of Birds (RSPB) has appealed to us for support to aid research into why numbers of many birds once common in Britain are now in decline. Song thrushes are down by 52%, turtle doves by 62%, tree sparrows by 87%. Skylarks have suffered the most with around one million pairs lost in the past 25 years.

The balance of life in the countryside is being compromised without the checks and balances of yesteryear. The current genetically modified food debate grinds on inexorably, in company with the dire predictions of pessimists in the last year of the millennium. Have they also a point of opinion to be reasonably considered?

## Garden Rubbish

A letter to the Western Morning News some weeks ago highlighted the ever-increasing rubbish menace in the rural environment. So far, those

with large cars and/or trailers are not debarred from the recycling facilities at Torr Quarry, providing the system is not abused by professional gardeners ..... which is not the case at the Newton Abbot facility, which bars larger size vehicles and their accompanying trailers.

A round trip from Thurlestone to Torr Quarry involves 11.5 miles, the quickest, and shortest, route being via Churchstow. What a waste of fuel. Those with the largest gardens are among the most frequent visitors, some of whom are restricted by covenant under incineration clauses in their deeds. *(Do I hear this threatens to be a burning issue at the next annual meeting of the Mead Property Owners Association? No, I'm only joking!)*

Should there be another solution, especially since the "one-off" annual skip in the village has been discontinued? (see the last edition of Village Voice and the report of the Parish Council on fiscal matters). The existing Chelston Meadow waste tip beside the upper tidal reaches of the Plym is growing alarmingly, as if it is in competition with the china clay spoil heaps on Dartmoor and in the hinterland of St. Austell in Cornwall. Our rubbish goes there willy-nilly - just see how many "yellow bin lorries" pass you whilst you make your way to Plymouth!

Just heard that (on Wednesdays) green waste, such as grass cuttings and small hedge trimmings, can be taken for disposal at the Kingsbridge Cattle Market car-park (Ropewalk) between 2 pm and 7 pm. The South Hams District Council is running this as a trial since it is very concerned at the amount of garden waste which is left for collection along with the domestic waste. This trial scheme will operate until 1st October. The waste thus collected will be turned into compost rather than being sent to landfill sites via the domestic waste collection.

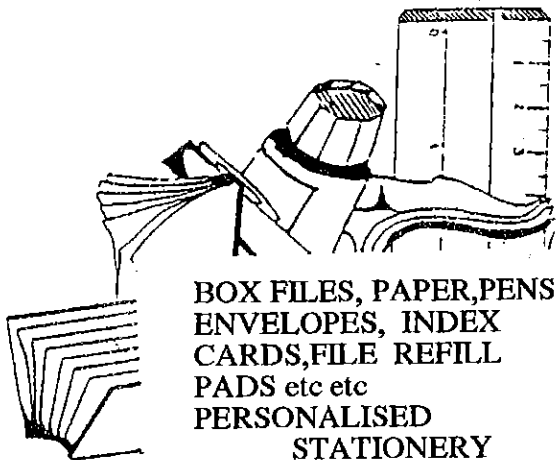
**THIS SCHEME WILL NOT OPERATE ON ECLIPSE DAY, WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST!**

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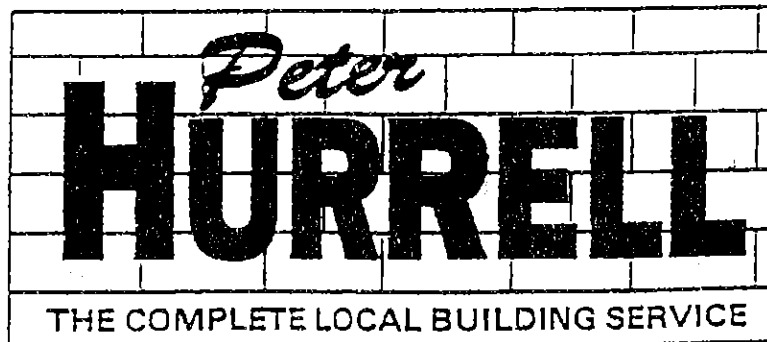


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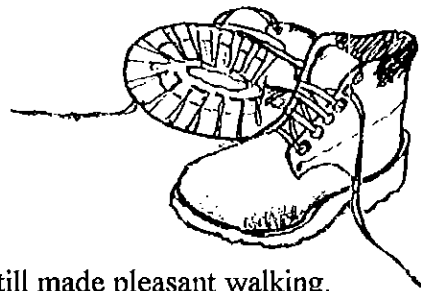
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It's Sharon's leaving do so join us for a tinnie to send her on her travels !

# TRAMP



**1** Our resourceful leader was not a whit dismayed (at least, not particularly) when, at the very outset of the first walk in May, there was a slight hitch. The ferryman who was to take us across the Dart had problems with his boat on the other side and would not be over for at least half an hour. She decided therefore to do the walk the other way round, hoping that the ferryman's duty towards the returning schoolchildren would have produced a miracle by the afternoon.

Thus it was that our select band of eight, dogless, possibly on account of the nautical element of the walk, set off back through Dittisham and then across the fields and into the woods where, as we came down the track towards the head of Old Mill Creek, it began to rain - but got no further than that.

Our leader, useful pamphlet in hand, was making sure we missed no interesting feature along our route. By the time we were passing through Townstal there was more than a hint of sun. Lunch down in Dartmouth was variously something with a lot of chips from the cafe, but eaten outside in the fairly fresh air, or genuine picnics on the benches nearby or in the park. Note that the hand-washing facilities there (and this is no euphemism) are worth experiencing.

We crossed to Kingswear, now only seven of us, on the passenger ferry, the larger successor of that diligent pair the "*Sir Humphrey Gilbert*" and the "*Sir Adrian Gilbert*" who used, long ago, to carry out the service. To begin with we walked along by the railway, hoping desperately but in vain to see a train, and then followed the Dart Valley Trail alternately through and then skirting the woods. Unfortunately the path had, in places, undergone 'improvement' but despite its

ravaged look it still made pleasant walking. As we were going down the road from Higher Greenway towards the ferry we met the ferryman driving away, seemingly. However, he was not going home but fetching the schoolchildren and would be back in ten minutes. The ten minutes were longer than we had anticipated and the schoolchildren less numerous - just two. Back in Dittisham we returned to the car park, cutting through by way of the alleyways behind the beautiful blossoming gardens. It had been an interesting and undemanding walk which many of us had never done before - just right for the beginning of May.

**Pam Brewster**

**2** On May 26th Roy Travis led a band of 11 keen walkers on South Dartmoor. We started at Moor Cross in a light drizzle, headed north, then west towards the Abbot's Way. We continued in much-improving weather until we sighted the Avon Dam reservoir. It was north again until we managed to cross a stream where lunch was taken on a grassy patch in sunshine.

After lunch we travelled south along the western side of the Avon Dam and, continuing south, we reached Shipley Bridge. It had been quite heavy going due to the type of terrain. A certain amount of tiredness was creeping in so two of the members took a short cut of two and a half miles back to the cars while the others walked on through Didworthy and then Lutton, refreshed in the knowledge that cars were coming to meet them. All in all it was an enjoyable walk, although close on twelve miles over tiring ground caused us all to remember our ages - particularly the following morning!

**Derek Yeoman**

**3** For the first walk in June it was just six of us who set off from Kingsbridge Rugby Club, clearly an elite. First over the fields and down a steep slope which we should later have to climb back up. We walked briskly and then crossed Bowcombe Creek over the highly picturesque stone bridge, rejoicing to see such expanses of estuarine mud.

Paths across another field or two soon brought us to the road leading to West Charleton, which we did not go down; that would have been cheating. Our route was through the fields, round the Grange, down into the valley and into the village that way, and then out to the creek.

It was not only to a great extent fortuitous but also fortunate that the tide was low as this was the walk that had been planned and neither wading nor swimming came into our calculations. Thus we were able to follow the waterline until the point where the field path runs close to the creek.

By the time we reached Frogmore the pangs of hunger were, apparently, beginning to be felt but our lunch had still to be earned. Before we found a suitable sunny spot where the unusually tall vegetation did not block out the view, we had to climb a steep and stony

track. From there it was not far down to the bridge over the creek. The steep field was, if anything, even steeper than when we went down it earlier but, once on the level, we were soon back at the cars.

**Pam Brewster**

**4** One of the group's favourite Dartmoor walks - crossing and recrossing the East and West Dart and Swincombe rivers over seven sets of stepping stones - was undertaken on 23rd June. This walk can only be considered after a long dry spell, and this year we were lucky. Twenty members with four dogs met at Dartmeet on a day which, in the end, turned out much better than forecast with only a suggestion of dampness on a few occasions. The temperature was perfect for walking.

The walk, approximately ten miles, took in Comberstone, Huccaby, Hexworthy, Swincombe, Sherberton, Dunna Bridge, Laughter Tor and Babeny before returning to Dartmeet. We crossed seven sets of stepping stones without loss or, to the best of my knowledge, a wet foot. A very enjoyable walk which will no doubt be repeated.

**Derek Yeoman**

## Pat Machin's **Duzzle Corner** - Wordsearch Answers

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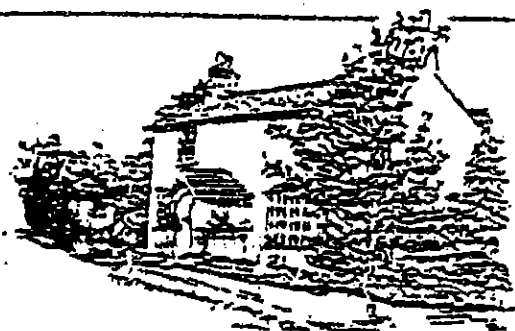
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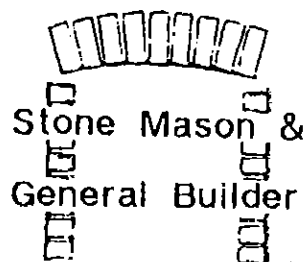
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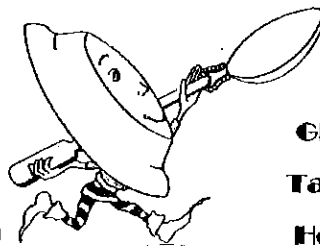
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# WEATHER WAG

by Jan Turner

Moscow has been in the news lately. Today, July 5th, *The Times* has on its front page an article with the title "*Moscow has weather to die for*". The title can be misleading (unless you are encouraged by journalistic licence to read about the worst side of life).

In fact the article is about weather and how it is affecting the lives of ordinary Muscovites in the most extreme way. As we are continually being made aware, weather patterns over our planet are behaving in somewhat wayward and contrary ways, producing phenomena for which we are not altogether prepared. Muscovites are struggling to cope with summer temperatures way, way above the normal with, in some cases, quite disastrous consequences.

In my last article I began to explain about the varying General Climatic regions, and I'll continue with one or two as they hit the headlines - or maybe a reader might like to ask about a particular area and its weather pattern.

This time the type is named **Continental**. There is more than one in this category and today's is "**Humid Continental - with cold winters**". The area that Moscow falls into occurs only in the Northern Hemisphere (i.e., between 40 and 60 degrees N). At the same latitude in the Southern Hemisphere there is only ocean. You might think that we are included, but it is only lands that extend eastwards from Eastern Europe to approximately 90 degrees E.

Similar areas exist on the Eastern side of North America, extending westward to

the Rockies, and a small area in the Far East of Asia around Japan and Korea and extending westwards to approximately 12 degrees E. Get your atlas out and have a look (oops, I sound like a teacher!). Normally, these areas are used to mild to warm summers with a little thundery rain, and long cold winters with a little snow.

In June, July and August temperatures for Moscow are around 15° - 17° C with rainfall averaging about 57 mm per month. We've had 49 mm, much less than last year, so Moscow is somewhere in between. This year there is much less rainfall and this month the temperatures have been much higher - a somewhat uncomfortable 32° - 35° C (the low 90s F) - so June has been very, very hot. Recently the temperature in London was 23° C (73° F) and Moscow 29° C (84° F).

Most of the area we are looking at extends into the interior of the continents, so there is no oceanic influence to keep temperatures in an equable state. The people living in this vast area occupy dwellings built more for keeping the cold out and the heat in. The American area is peopled by a more affluent population, who have air conditioning for the summer and central heating for the winter.

Muscovites on the whole are not so lucky. Most live in small high-rise flats - almost windowless to keep the heat in during the long winter - that become stifling in such hot weather. Electric fans provide little respite. Moscow is not well blessed with extensive parks and lakes; pollution from traffic is severe; and a national tendency to liberal amounts of alcohol doesn't help the situation. This

year Muscovites are resorting to swimming in any place where there is enough water, whether or not it is clean or indeed safe, just to get away from the heat. 140 of them have already drowned this year. Even murders are being committed in disputes over the escape or relief from the heat (e.g., going out into the heat to buy a cold drink).

Today (well, this afternoon), the sun is beautiful. I see some folks who have been on the beach are now returning after a relatively short time. (It must be too hot or there is a sea breeze). Anyway, they are all safe and going home for a nice cuppa. Below is an analysis of weather statistics for January to June 1999. If you've still got last year's figures it is makes an interesting comparison. April was not so wet but there were more rain

days. May was much wetter and only two more rain days! June, much drier but quite a few days counting as rain days. Average temperatures were down by 1°C. Our prevailing westerlies seem to be now returning, thank goodness, and not with quite so much gusto. The sunshine is interesting in that there were more sunshine hours last year because May was so fine and dry, and therefore had more clear skies and sunshine. The night-time temperature was lower because of the clear skies. Radiation brought temperatures down (e.g., 2.4°C) and there may have been a ground frost that day.

*I wonder as I write if this evening has brought any respite for the Muscovites.*

Jan Turner

### WEATHER STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1999

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	QUARTER
<b>RAINFALL (mm)</b>				
Monthly Total	93.07	40.04	49.19	189.23
Days of Rain (ie < 0.2mm)	18	9	12	39
Wettest Day	22/23rd =28.7mm	29/30th =19.3mm	28/29th =14.3mm	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>TEMPERATURE (°C)</b>				
Monthly Average	10.8	14.6	15.1	13.5
Highest Temperature	19.8	22.6	23.5	23.5
Lowest Temperature	-0.6	6.4	6.0	-0.6
<b>WIND DIRECTION</b>				
West	17	14	24	55
East	9	14	6	29
North	1	0	0	1
South	3	3	0	6
<b>WIND SPEED (mph)</b>				
Strongest Gust	54	44	42	54
Days below 5mph	0	0	2	2
<b>SUNNIEST DAY</b>				
Number of hours	13.48	13.91	15.43	15.43
Date	29 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> June
Month Total	159.9	181.3	221.4	562.6

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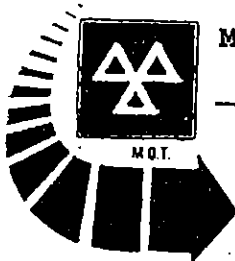
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# WI NEWS



## CHANGE OF VENUE

The Parish Hall was the polling station for the Euro elections on the same date as our June meeting, so we all decamped to the Hotel where we had an enjoyable time listening to **David Wilson** from Sherford talking again about bee-keeping.

## GARDEN LUNCH

Yet again **Rosemary MacKay** threw open her home for another highly-enjoyable summer lunch in early July. Unfortunately the weather wasn't good enough for eating outside but a good time was had by all. Warm thanks were expressed to our hostess. The lone strawberry picker, **Pam Brewster**, was also thanked for her hard work which ensured we had a delicious finish to the meal!

The profit of £43 will be donated to the Parish Hall funds.

## PRIMROSE WALK

The exercise round the coastline didn't do wonders for our waistlines as it was followed by supper at the Village Inn. However, a nice sum of money was raised for the Primrose Appeal and a jolly time was had by all.

## JULY MEETING

**Rosemary Dunant** and **Lillian Bancroft** were visitors in July, and we look forward to welcoming them as members in due course. **Sheila Phillips** was the guest speaker telling us all about the Pengelly Caves at Buckfastleigh

Members were urged to attend the public meeting at the Parish Hall on the 19th July when the subject of the redevelopment of the Rectory site would be discussed with representatives of the Diocese, Parish

Council and Ash Mill, the developers.

Attention was drawn to articles in the national press about the WI's recent report *"The Changing Village"* which urges the Government to get tough on rural crime and vandalism which they say is threatening to destroy the quality of life in villages in England and Wales. More than 70% of rural communities have no regular police presence. Based on a survey of 8000 WI branches, the report also calls for Government action to improve rural transport, housing, medical facilities and shops. To quote the new national chairman of the WI, **Helen Carey** *"The purpose of the WI has always been to improve the quality of life of our communities. We must take up this challenge"*.

## WI MARKET IN KINGSBRIDGE

This is open each Wednesday at Kingsbridge Town Hall, 8.15 am to noon, but on August 11th it will be eclipsed by the Total Eclipse!

**It will not open that day, but will instead open the previous Monday 9th August at the KINGSBRIDGE MARKET HALL, Fore Street at the same time.**

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## MILLENNIUM WALL-HANGING

The design is now complete, and the next step is a visit to Tavistock to purchase the material. Work commences in September.

## NEXT MEETING

WI recommences for the autumn-winter season on Thursday 9th September when **Captain Trinick** of East Prawle will talk about "Banana Boats".

# PEARSON PRE-SCHOOL

I am writing this on behalf of the Pearson pre-school committee to let readers know how things have been progressing over the last year.

As I am sure you will be aware, we have for some time been seeking an opportunity to provide more space for the children who come to Pearsons. The pre-school committee have organised various fund-raising events and prize draws and have received great support from children's parents and their families.

We originally hoped to be able to have a new building but gradually realised that, due to the cost, this option would be far beyond our reach. We have therefore chosen to have an extension built on the old building - which may surprise some readers who recall that the building is the same one that Mr & Mrs Pearson used when they started "Pearson Nursery" back in 1974!

Although the fund-raising for our "Building Appeal" over the last two and a half years has raised nearly £7,000, which we consider to be a terrific effort by a relatively small pre-school, we need £13,000. We have applied for grants from any trust or association which might view our plans sympathetically, but so far we have not been successful.

Another problem is that children are only at Pearsons for about eighteen months and the

committee, made up of volunteer parents, is therefore changing periodically. Under these

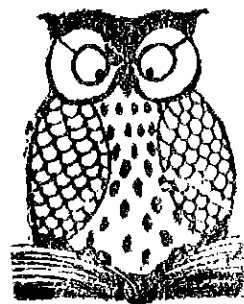
circumstances it is difficult to maintain the momentum of a big ongoing fund-raising project, particularly when many of the children at Pearson's will have moved on to primary school by the time we solve our space problem. As a last resort the committee has decided to obtain a bank loan and get our extension build.

The work will take place during this year's summer holiday; we are expecting it to commence on 26th July, to be completed in time for the start of the autumn term. We very much hope that it will not cause too much inconvenience to residents.

This is a step forward for Pearson. It is a time when we are particularly grateful to everyone in Thurlestone and South Milton who has supported us in our efforts and tolerated our extra traffic .... and dawdling infants!

*We aim to provide learning and fun in a safe and stimulating environment and extra space can only add to the children's enjoyment. It will be a great start to the new millennium for Pearsons!*

**Liz Taylor**  
**Committee Secretary**



**PEARSON**

## AND MORE BLOOPERS!

*Further extracts from "The History of the World According to Student Bloopers", dug out for us by Jane Marston from Richard Lederer's book. This time the subject is the Renaissance:*

"The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenburg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper. The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abbess on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen". As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "Hurrah". Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo."



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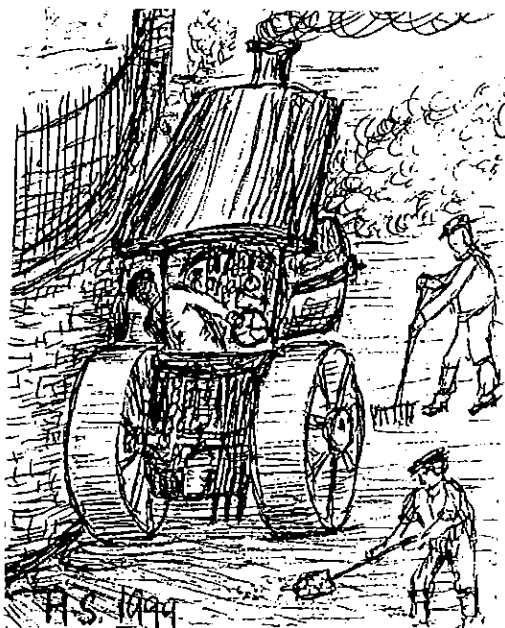
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# Roadmenders 70 Years Ago

*(Following his article in the previous issue, Hubert Snowdon writes about the old road-menders working in the parish 70 years ago)*

Today's roads have largely developed from the tracks made by ancient peoples. Ever since, men have improved them by adding stones to make a hard surface on the mud so the roads were passable in all weathers. Until fairly recently this was done with hand tools only but nowadays good road surfaces are taken for granted and big machines both crush stones on site at the quarries and lay ready-tarred chippings on roads.

When at school I watched George Break, a relative of the Robins family, steam-roll the road outside the school. Thirty years later, in the 1950s, I watched him steam-roll round the steep bends of Brook hill (1 in 3.5).



The roller was heavy, probably 11 tons. It was a remarkable feat of skill, in particular avoiding walls! Brook Hill and Kerse Hill were amongst the last stretches of parish road to be covered by tarmac.

Much of the rock in Thurlestone parish is soft shale and, where exposed on roads, wears smooth and becomes very slippery when wet. Road men picked grooves about ten inches apart to help stop persons and

animals from falling. The last place I saw these grooves was opposite Brook Cottage, near the hedge, where tarmac had worn off, exposing them to view. West Buckland had several such spots.

I recall George Break stopping the roller on the very steep corner of Brook Hill. The weight of the machine caused the tarmac to bulge a little further down the hill and these bulges can still be seen. The wall was never so much as touched.

In the early 1900s barges carrying lumps of Plymouth limestone sailed to our beaches and anchored there at high tide. Local men went aboard and heaved, by hand, the large lumps over-board into the water at low tide. The stones were loaded into horse-drawn carts and taken to convenient road-side dumping places. Here, men with hammers broke the big lumps into smaller ones, about the size of a child's fist.

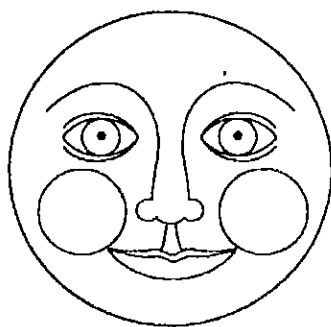
When I was at school at Thurlestone I saw these men at work, but by then, the 1920s, stones were brought by steam lorry. Some of the dumping sites for this stone included an area by the barn beside the parish church - now the new shop; at Clanacombe Head, Kerse Cross, opposite Buckland Farm, outside the Ham gate, at Chuck-a-Cheese Lane, and at Aune Cross. The men knelt or sat, hammering the stones into small pieces. Their knees were padded with sacking, their fingers and thumbs wrapped with rags. A Council assessor then came, measured the cracked heaps by the cube not by the hours worked, and paid the men accordingly.

Who were these hardy road-makers? They were the great-grandfathers of many of us and their names are on the gravestones in our churchyard. We have them to thank for the foundations under the present tarmac. By their physical strength, with only hand tools, they achieved much.

*When you walk home clean-shod - spare a thought for these energetic forefathers who laboured to help build Thurlestone.*

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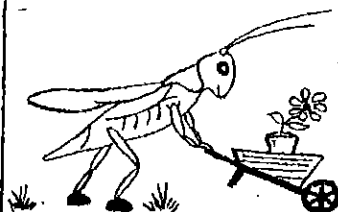
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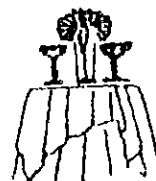


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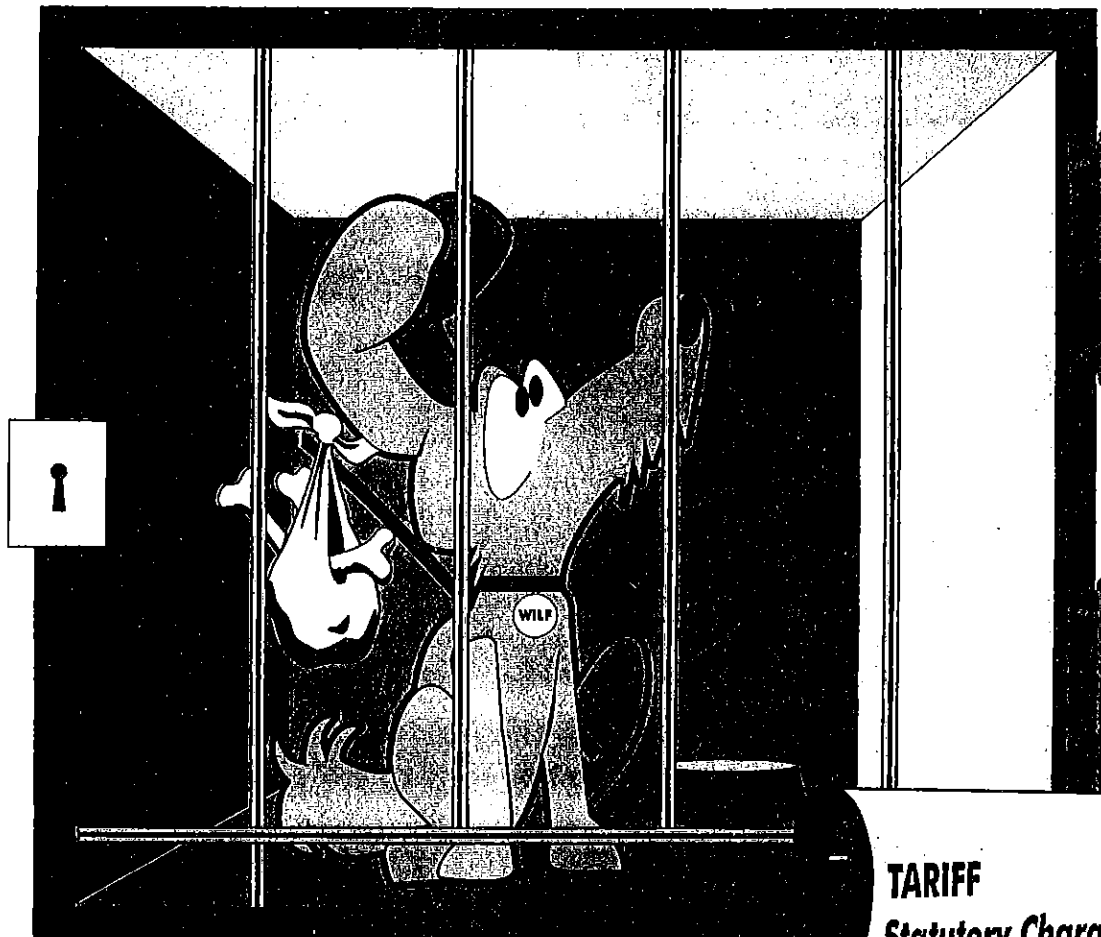
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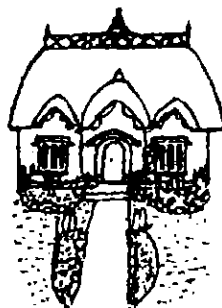
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 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Eclipse Lecture, Parish Hall, 2.30 and 7.30 pm  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Barbecue, Village Green, 6.00 pm  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Eclipse Fun-day, S. Milton Village Hall, 10.30 - 3.30 pm  
 Masked Ball, Thurlestone Hotel, 9.00 pm  
 TRAMP - South Dartmoor

## SEPTEMBER

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> TRAMP - Lustleigh Cleave  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Banana Boats)  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Autumn Fair, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm  
 Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> TRAMP - South Dartmoor

## OCTOBER

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Basil Smallman Music lecture, Dodbrooke Hall, 2.30 pm  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> TRAMP - Capton, Cornworthy  
 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Langage Farm Dairy)  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm

## NOVEMBER

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> TRAMP, S.Milton, S. Huish, and Hope Cove  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> WI Annual Meeting, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm  
 Sat 13<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Bridge, Parish Hall (details later)  
 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Conservatives Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 10.30 am

## DECEMBER

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Christmas Bazaar (details later)

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LIBRARY	(Mobile Library calls alternate Wednesdays)	Kingsbridge	852315
11.35 - 11.45am 12.20 - 12.35pm	Buckland Old Chapel Thurlestone Church	Bantham Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone Sands	11.50 - 12.15pm 12.40 - 12.50pm



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