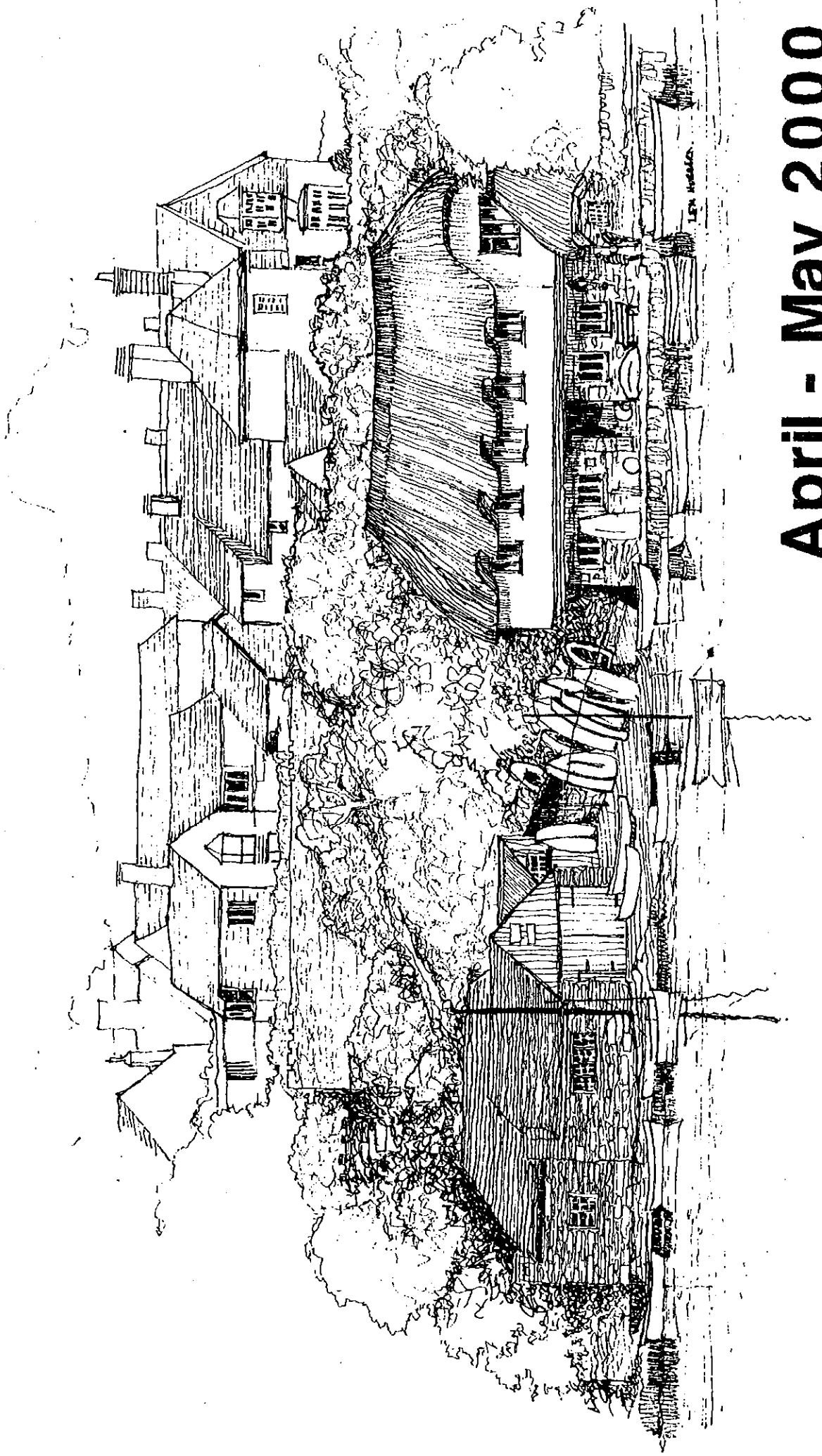


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The lack of Government support for British farmers means that all of us, all country dwellers, must, so to speak, put our hands to the plough.

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Don't be fobbed off by those weasel words "processed in Britain"; that is merely a cover-up to enable meats raised by the Continental sewage pit method to slip into the patriotic shopper's basket.

Without farms, and farmers, this parish would become a wasteland, so don't buy your meat and two veg, fruit and cheese from any other country.

Except the West Country, of course.

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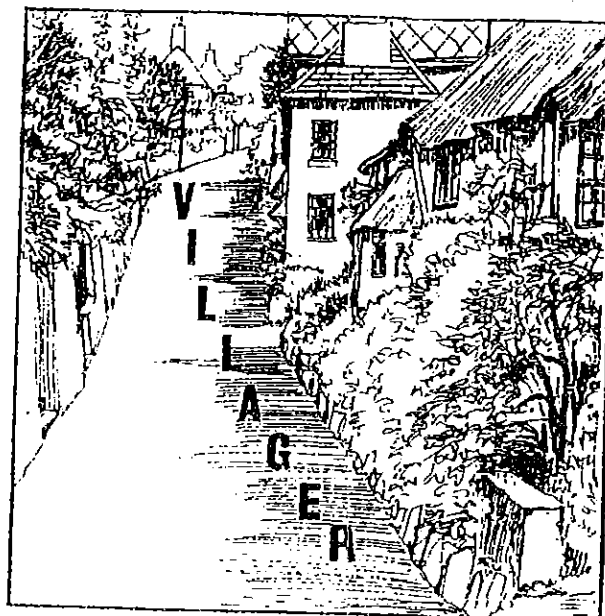
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# **WORLD CUP TO BE HOSTED BY THURLESTONE!**



If you think that is a wild thought, you have obviously not been following the sporting news. Well, perhaps "World Cup" is stretching it a bit, but as the creation of a brand-new football field for the parish draws ever closer, new access to soccer thrills is bound to open up for locals.

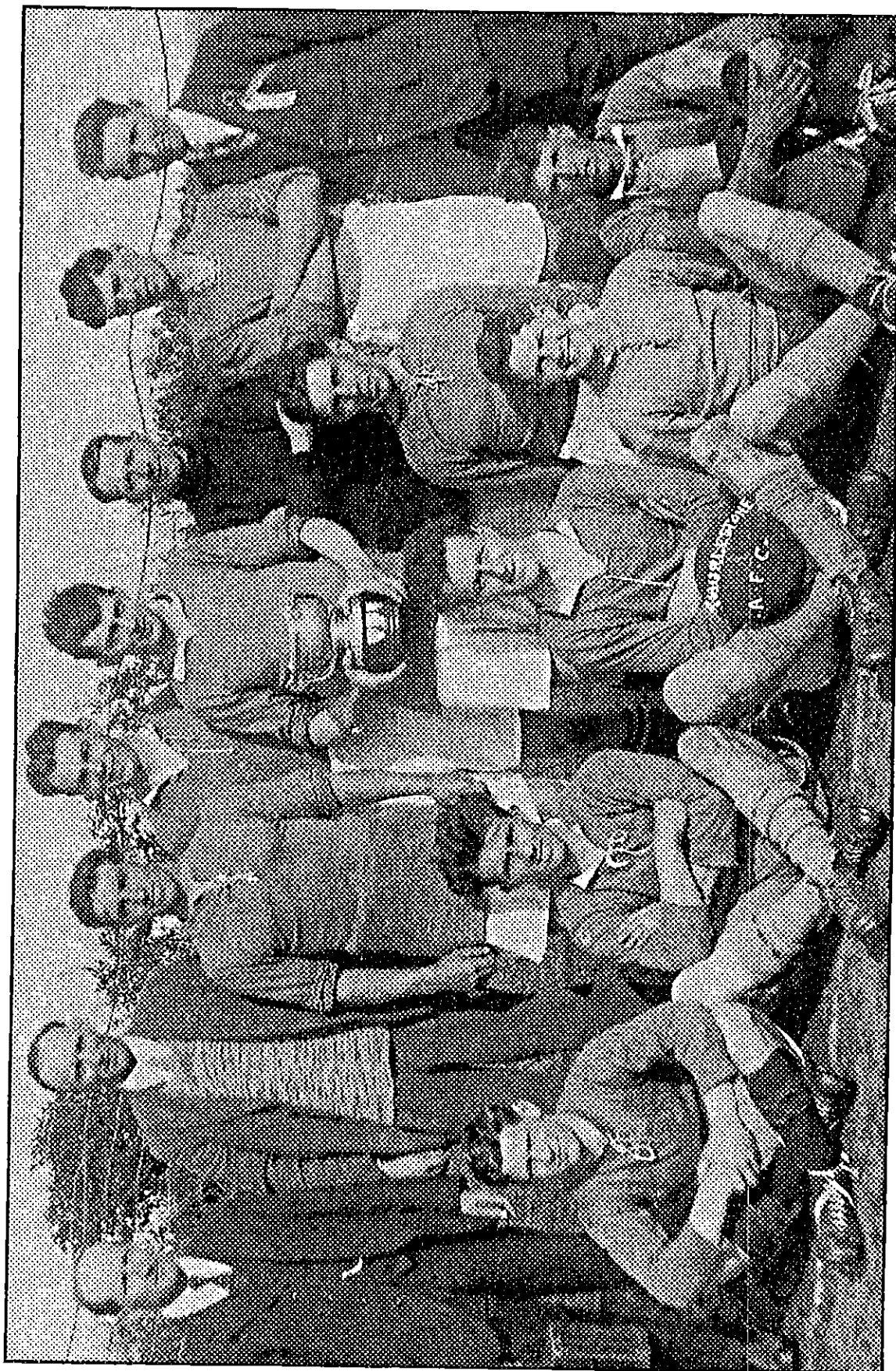
Haven't you heard? Where have you been? The fact is that Evans Estates and the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council are collaborating on plans for a football pitch in the field behind All Saints Church, together with a church car-park and an extension of the graveyard to provide more permanent parking.

Now, perhaps you are wondering where are Thurlestone, Buckland or Bantham World Cup soccer teams at this very moment? Older residents will recall that at one time Thurlestone F.C. used to have a changing room at the back of the village hall, but in more recent times the team disbanded.

Do not rush it. First step is to get the playing field big enough to fit in a football pitch. Once you have the pitch our champion team will emerge from the ranks of youngsters in the parish and from the footballing tyros of the school.

Of course, for the World Cup our team will have to be strengthened by experienced dirty players and so I shall be starting a new fund to raise the millions we expect to spend on transfer fees to import some stud-and-elbow Continental exponents of the noble art of close contact soccer. Full details of the Villager World Cup Wildlife Football Fund will be in later editions.

But that is all in the future. First Thurlestone A.F.C will rise again from home grown talent. We have done it before as you will see from the historic picture opposite, kindly sent to me by Vic Morgan, son of Bill Morgan, the Thurlestone builder, who was



## WE WON THE CUP!

**THURLESTONE A.F.C. SOUTH DEVON WINNERS OF THE HARVEY CUP 1926-1927**

Back row: (left to right) 1. The referee? 2. Bill Morgan (Hon.sec.) 3. Bill Hoskin 4. ? Hannaford 5. Charlie Bevil  
 6. Sam Harvey 7. Bill Coombes 8. Wallace Jeffery. Middle row (kneeling) Wilf Cheddar. Front row: 10. Jimmy Knight  
 11. Fred Moore 12. Eric Stidston (Captain) 13. Albert Snowdon 14. Jeff Mitchelmore.

## Villager continued

Hon. Secretary of Thurlestone A.F.C. when they won the famous Harvey Cup in 1926-27.

In his letter with the photo, Vic Morgan says that he hopes all the names are right - if anyone has any corrections, I will pass them on to him at his present home in St. Austell. He couldn't identify the first man on the left of the back row, but thinks he might be a visiting official. He is not sure either where the cup final was played. Thurlestone at one time used to play on a pitch almost exactly opposite Maurice Blight's garage, but Vic Morgan remembers as a boy in the late 1930's games being played on another pitch in a field to the North-East of Huxton Cross.

The Morgans were a very sporting family. Vic's father, William Morgan ("Bill"), was Hon. Sec. of Thurlestone A.F.C. for many years while he carried on his builder's business at Sunny Ridge near the top of the village. Wallace Jeffrey and Charles Bevill both worked for him at one time.

Bill Morgan sold Sunny Ridge in 1950. He moved to Totnes where he became Hon. Treasurer of Totnes Rugby Club and his wife was Chairman of their Supporters Club. Not surprisingly Vic Morgan played rugby for Totnes right after leaving school in 1945 and played for them until 1963.

With such sporting prowess as part of Thurlestone's history, I was interested to note that Eric Stidston was not only captain of the Cup winning team in the photograph, but was also a very accomplished cricketer, playing for Kingsbridge. Which reminds me, perhaps we'd better make space for a cricket pitch too. "Thurlestone Skittle West Indies" sounds good. Well, we couldn't do any worse than the present national team, now could we?

## PARISH HALL NEWS



The Hall A.G.M. will be held on April 10, at 7.30pm in the Hall. If you have any views on the proposed changes, or any ideas to add, please come along to the meeting and tell everyone. If you can't make the meeting, Parish Hall Chairman Rowland Cole would like you to write to him with your thoughts. His address is Joseph's Garden, Buckland. Hall hiring fees will be just one of the items on the AGM agenda.

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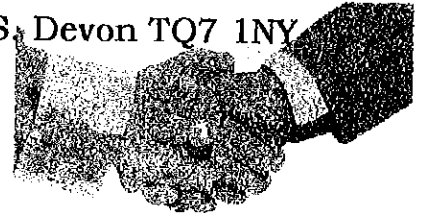
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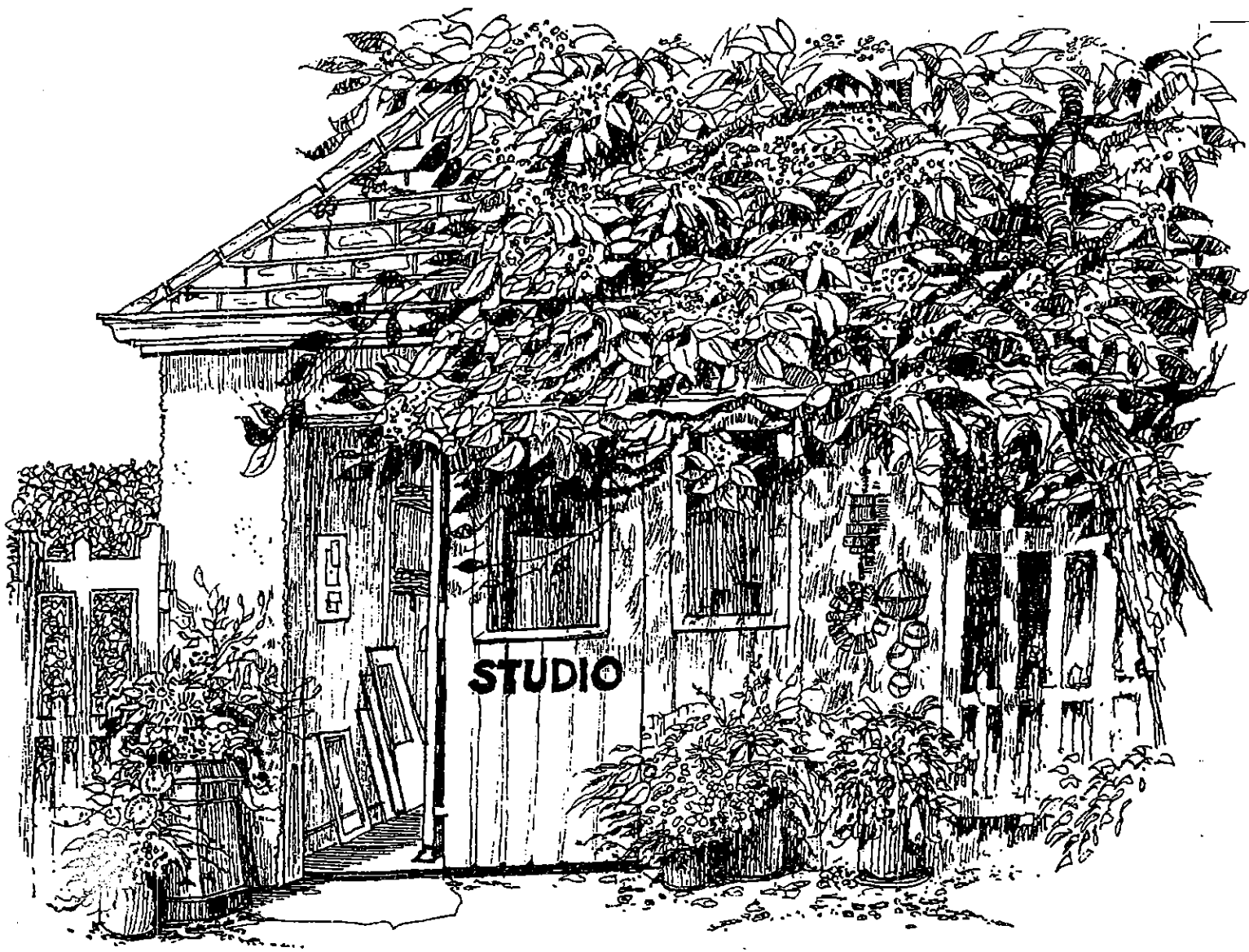
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# LOCAL MAN IS 58th IN LIST OF BRITAIN'S RICHEST MEN

By Our Business Editor

Ronnie Frost, whose family have had a holiday home in Thurlestone Parish for more than 30 years, is named 58th equal in a *Sunday Times* list of Britain's richest men.

Frost, the owner of the Hays transport and business services group, appears in the newspaper's "Rich List 2000" and is said to be worth £420 million. This new rating puts him on a par with Lord Lloyd-Webber and Lord Rothschild. It also lifts him from 87th equal with £250 million in the same paper's list last year.

In a recent similar listing this year, this time by the *Mail on Sunday*, Ronnie Frost was placed 29 places lower with just £320 million at 87th equal.

## Ben Remembered

Stokenham Garden Society have invited representatives of the Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show to take part in the new BEN HORN MEMORIAL QUIZ on Tuesday, May 9, at 7.30pm in Stokenham Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Details from Show Secretary John Lonsdale (560742).

## SHOP in UPGRADE

Dry-cleaning collection, photocopying and fax facilities have been added to services at Thurlestone's shop

## River Watch

Latest news about the Avon Estuary and all that moves on it will be given at the AGM of the Avon Conservation Association to be held in Aveton Gifford Hall on Friday April 14 at 7.30pm.

## Customs Impound Video for Porno Check

Customs officers in Hong Kong impounded copies of the "Land of Five Beaches", some of the many copies of the parish video which have been sent abroad.

Officials said they needed to check the videos carefully for pornographic scenes. However after viewing it up to the smuggling sequence, they let it in!

At the same time the video has been praised by the Arts Council of England as "a very high quality product"

Some 900 videos have now been distributed. In this country, copies have been given to all local schools and museums. Copies are still available at the Burwood Gallery, the Village Shop, the Thurlestone Hotel, the Sloop Inn and the Bantham shop.

**Get Gardening,** Village Voice's new column for greenfingers, begins in this edition.

News...News...News...News...News...News...News....

# No Start for Starter Homes

**Parish Council Told Contract Must Go Out for Tender Yet Again. Houses delayed to 2001.**

**News Special from Citizen**

Rumours that building was about to start on the Seaview Terrace Starter Homes in Thurlestone have been rife since before Christmas. Building it was said was due to start in April or at the latest by July.

At the March Council meeting in the Parish Hall those hopes were dashed. The rumours seem to have been right in part. They said that the contract had been awarded to South West Co-op and so it was. But South West Co-op have now announced that they are unable to meet the Thurlestone parish commitment.

Angry parishioners heard that this means that the whole process has to start again with new tenders being sought for the project. The Council meeting was told that this will undoubtedly put the whole concept back at least a year.

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## **Albert Jordan**

Village Voice is sad to report the death of Bert Jordan. He, Ruth, and daughter Sarah, moved to Thurlestone in 1975 from Solihull, where Mr. Jordan was for many years a local councillor. A keen sportsman, he played squash, golf, snooker, swam, ski-ed and fished. He served on the committees of the Kingsbridge Conservative Club and the Thurlestone Golf Club.

He served with the R.A.F. in World War Two. He flew an amazing variety of aircraft - Spitfires, Hurricanes, Magisters, Tiger Moths, Oxforbs, Blenheims I and V, Lysanders, Whitleys, Ansons and Wellingtons. At one time he was stationed in Takoradi, West Africa, test-flying the Spitfires which were assembled there, before ferrying them on to the war zone in Egypt - a journey that could take up to five days with numerous stops for fuel.

According to a friend's address at his funeral service, Bert Jordan would barter with the locals before taking off on such a trip for exotic snake skins, which he would conceal in the fuselage and, on arrival in Egypt, sell at a considerable profit. This provided a "nest-egg" which helped him start up his business on demob!

**News Exclusive: £600 raised in 3hrs+**

# **DOZEE-DOE SWINGERS IN PARISH HALL 'ORGY'**

## **Any More Bright Ideas?**

Rowland Cole, the Thurlestone Parish Hall Chairman, is already looking forward to the next event to raise funds.

"Has anyone got any other exciting recipes for further stimulating evenings in our parish hall? We need them to keep it going" he said

**Special report from our gossip columnist**

Take 80 shapely dancers in jeans, Western shirts and neckties. Add in a few sombreros. Stir in three-pieces of the famous Mrs.Crotty's Ceilidh Band.

Lace this with the anguished cries of a "caller" trying to keep it all moving in the right direction - and you've got wall-to-wall barn dancing super style.

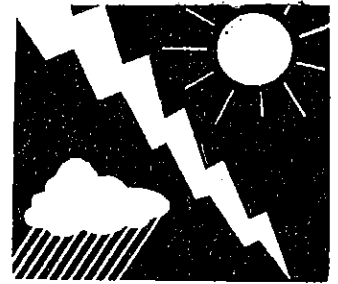
The music attracted dozee-doe dancers from all sorts of unexpected places. To join the backbone of Thurlestonians, Bucklanders and Banthamites, they even came from such out of the way places as South Milton and Malborough! Longest distance travelled goes to a couple from Nottingham, would you believe it?

Mrs.Crotty's band from Totnes were greatly appreciated for their expertise in keeping the whole fevered scrum moving along the right lines. Bill Clarke was thanked loquaciously for standing up to the onslaught on the bar, the W.I were toasted for the food (ploughmans to go with barn, geddit!), and similar praise was heaped on Pat and John Crawford for organising the whole splendid affair.

Not all left tired but empty-handed. I spotted the Perratons, the Deares and the Vauxhalls with the prizes they won - invitations to dine out in some of the divine local restaurants. How lucky can some people be! All in all, it was quite a night in the old village hall, raising nearly £600 in an orgy of dancing lasting just three and a half hours.

# WEATHER WAG

by Jan Turner



Did you get to Totnes to see Pete Goss and his team launch their catamaran 'Team Phillips'? Perhaps you went the previous Tuesday and didn't see it launched. How the weather can influence the best laid plans of mice and men! Having looked at the television on the Tuesday and been there on Saturday, I can understand only too well the dilemma they faced. On the other hand, it was only to be expected if one just thought about the wind and its effect on the simplest of objects, let alone a huge monster like Team Phillips. Basically, the correct decision was made, safety-first and all that (the insurance company weren't taking any risks). However, the conditions on Saturday 4th. of March were absolutely ideal, sunny and calm with a seasonal nip in the air. I, along with many of you, wish them every success and look forward to using the 'Net' to follow the race. I shall resist the temptation to write about weather at sea as it seems to be tempting fate to talk about rogue waves and icebergs.

In a previous issue I have mentioned humidity, relative or not. During this year so far the rates of relative humidity have been high for much of the time. You will remember that it is a calculated measurement of temperatures, one from an ordinary thermometer and one from the same type alongside it but with a cotton wick wrapped around the bulb and the other end in a bottle of water. These temperatures are then observed and the calculation referred to a table where the difference is read in percentage form.

We can observe humidity for ourselves in several simple experiences. When water vapour, normally invisible, comes into direct contact with a cold surface the water droplets condense to form a film of bigger droplets that become visible. A recent good example of this was on the night of February 25th. when many of you arrived at the Village Hall, South Milton. When you went through the door, those wearing glasses became 'blind', all had to remove their glasses and wipe them dry, allow them to warm up in the sultry atmosphere, and then replace them on the nose! The air had become quite sticky, as it does outside in the summer when conditions are right. This is when our bodies have to do a cooling job on us, and our sweating mechanism comes into play, enabling the body to be cooled by evaporation. With us, the system is activated by our inbuilt energy supply; in the physical world it is the wind passing over the wet cotton that caused the evaporation. Latent heat in the passing air enables the temperature on the wet bulb to register a lower reading than the dry one. On a moist autumn day the dry bulb temperature might be 12.0 degrees C and the wet bulb 11.5 degrees C, which (after a simple calculation) would indicate a relative humidity of 93%. On a dry, sunny spring day the readings might be 12.0 and 7.0 degrees C, which would indicate a relative humidity of 43%. On the latter occasion the evaporation is proceeding more quickly simply because the air has plenty of moisture-carrying capacity unused. This is what we would call a 'good drying day', for those who have not abandoned the washing line for the tumble dryer. In Britain, 100% humidity is not uncommon and values below 30% occur quite rarely, tending to come with spring or summer south-easterly winds. An average would be about 63%. How many of us have collected fir-cones or seaweed to show weather trends or even had a little Mr. & Mrs. Weather who popped out of their wee houses according to the weather. They are not reliable but are fun to have and watch!

In my book by Dick File, he tells about 'Condensation Problems'. On the last weekend of June 1987, cool weather was followed by a sudden transition to a moisture-laden south-westerly airflow. The results were interesting. Cars were difficult to start, squash court walls ran with moisture and steel objects were subject to flash rusting. Perhaps most peculiar of all was the story of a plumber in Norfolk who was inundated with telephone calls from people who thought that they had leaking cisterns and pipes. On examination, these apparent leaks were, in reality, condensation problems. Living in this area we know all about these things. Not many of us are without a can of WD40 which helps to start wet engines (unless you have a diesel I hear you mutter). We've got one and it's a relief to know that the car will start on a wet, muggy morning.

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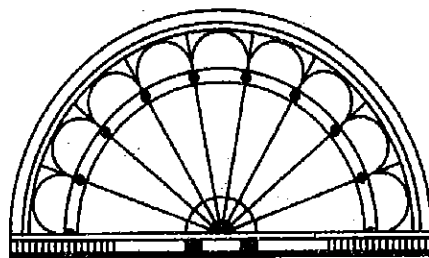
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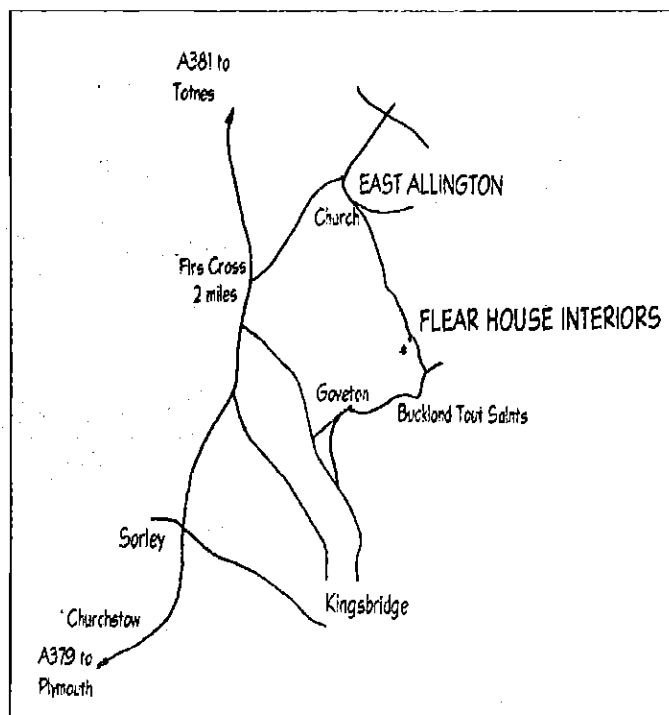
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# LETTER OF THE DAY

Bruxelles, 4.1.2000

Chère Madame,

A recent protocol in the Official Journal of the European Commission has disclosed that a contract has been let by the Energy Directorate General to a Franco-German conglomerate, Schnyder Krupp KG, to build a series of proto-type tidal barrages around the coast of the British Isles. We understand that one of the sites selected is Thurlestone Sands. The advantage of such a location is obvious because for much of the year there is a strong tidal surge and because there is no danger of coastal shipping being obstructed by the turbines.

It is estimated that, when completed, the Barrage could generate as much as 1.6 megawatts of electricity by a process which is completely friendly to the environment. A spokes-person for the company's PR department explained that every attempt would be made to make the installation an attractive feature of the South Hams landscape. The design selected envisages capturing the ebb and flow of the tide between the Books and Thurlestone Rock. A power station, which is to be encapsulated in a Dome, will be erected on the Books which will be built up to form a break-water in the bay. Leasfoot will thus become a major water-sports centre with special provision for international water-skiing championships.

Beside the power station Dome, there will be a underwater viewing platform featuring marine life around the wreck of the Louis Scheid and the petrified forest. There will also be a five star restaurant offering an international cuisine featuring sea-bass, local lobster and crab. Links are planned from a helicopter deck with the Channel Islands and the French Coast, thus enhancing the tourism potential of our Village. We understand that an approach will shortly be made to acquire the Golf Club as part of this tourism complex. An offer to replace the church peal of bells with a timed carillon playing Ode to Joy has been turned down by the PCC.

Power generated by the Barrage will make it possible to illuminate the Thurlestone Rock by night and we will never again experience an interruption in our power supplies. The Barrage will also power a 275 m. water jet intended to rival Geneva, and give us a well deserved place in the Guinness Book of Records. A line of pylons will carry the power generated up the valley of the Lea to the Kingsbridge sub-station. As an additional sweetener for the people of Thurlestone, the operating company will provide a free cable connection to a wide range of late night continental television programmes.

Representatives of Schnyder Krupp and of their Austrian design engineers, Vaterland GmbH, will visit the Village shortly to give us further details of the planning application which they will be submitting to Totnes. This however will largely be related to the pylons; the main installation on the Books has already been approved by the Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions under Regulation 2000 No.666 (Reduction of Fossil Fuel Emissions, Emergency Powers). Your correspondent learns that Schnyder Krupp are actively looking at the possibility of acquiring the Rectory as the head-quarters for their operating company.

Sincèrement,

Jean Crawford  
Bureau des Étrangers Bureaucratique

A FURTHER SELECTION FROM OUR

# POSTBAG...

Dear Madam,

The argument as to whether we should have been celebrating the new Millennium at the beginning of this year or wait for next year had been long and hard-fought until we were all totally confused.

To temper down the party, I suggested we adjourn for a good Devonshire Cream Tea and blow me down if an argument didn't start all over again. To wit: "In a traditional Devon Cream Tea which do you put on the scone first, the cream or the jam?" The argument grew quite acrimonious with many clottish arguments being put forward. To my commenting that the cream went on first otherwise you wouldn't get enough on the scone, the retort came that it was obvious that I ate too much cream anyway, a remark I found particularly below, or above, the belt.

I would appreciate a definitive answer to this weighty controversy (the which comes first not the belt problem) as it is obviously of the utmost importance that the Villages are united on this far reaching subject before the all-knowing grockles begin their annual onslaught and start dictating to us on our treasured traditions. I look forward to comments and rulings.

*CRISTOBAL MARISCAL, Piedrahueca.*

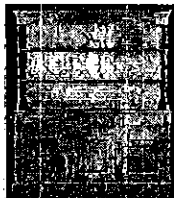
Dear Madam Editor,

May I, through your pages, give my thanks to all those dear friends in and around the village who have been of such great help in my recent time in hospital and in Thurlestone Court. Their visits, concern and encouragement have meant so much to me and to Eddie. I am now at home and would welcome visits. As I write Eddie has not yet joined me, but I hope that we may once again be able to be together, as we have been for the past 66 years.

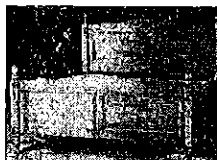
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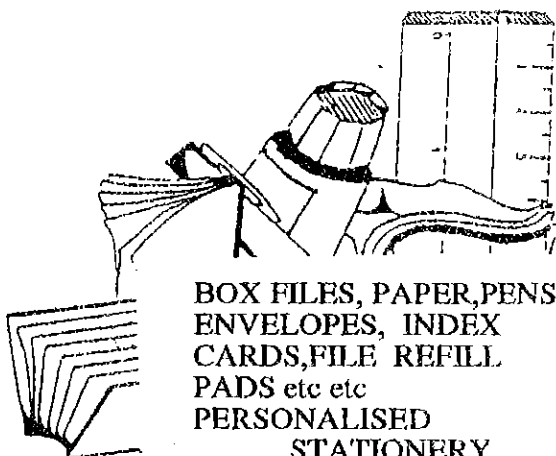
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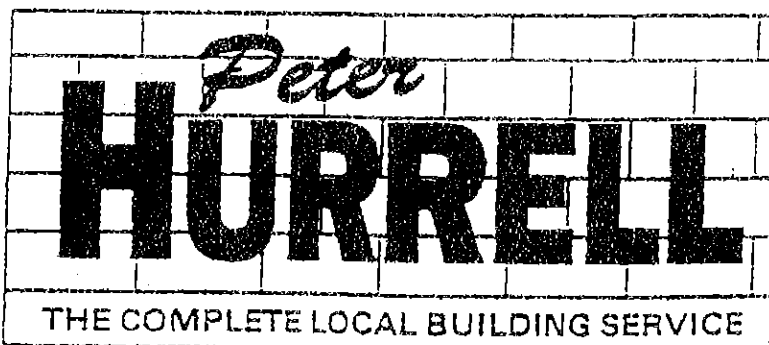


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# How my father finally went over the top. HARRY HUGGINS remembers it well...

My mother is buried in Ireland. No, she was not Irish, a proper Kentish Maid she was born. I am sure I don't have to remind you that Kentish Maids, and Men, are born west of the Medway. Maids and Men of Kent hail from east of the river, and to remember which is which, you recall that Kentish Maids are nearer Kentish Town.

They were on holiday. I believe there is some evidence that, if you are going to hand in your dinner pail, there is a slightly greater chance of it's happening when you are on holiday. More food, more drink, more excitement, more stress. In her case the latter, travelling with my father.

I ought to explain that he collected butterflies and moths. Latterly, it was just moths because he had got all the butterflies. Lepidopterists of his generation collected only what was caught in Britain, although if a foreigner came their way they took it, provided they thought it had got here under it's own steam, like Painted Ladies and Red Admirals do every year.

He didn't do it for a living - he worked in a bank. When he was a young man, in the early part of the last century, there was no way of making a living from natural history.

It would be wrong to call him a fanatic. That is much too mild and laid-back a word to express the fervour with which he applied himself to his collecting. When he died the whole of his collections - butterflies, moths, slugs and snails - went to the Natural History Museum at South Kensington, who were glad to have them: they told me they had prepared a space for them because they knew he couldn't last much longer.

It follows, therefore, that wherever they went on holiday it was to collect moths. For a number of years they went to the Isles of Scilly, to Tresco. That meant train from Essex to London, train to Penzance, the 'Scillonian' to St. Mary's, and open motor boat to Tresco. Eventually, my long-suffering mother kicked. It was the open motor boat bit that decided her. No helicopters in those days, some time in the fifties. No hotel on Tresco either, you stayed in a guest house. The boats were quite big, a bit like the Lady Liz, but without her cabin in the middle. You got the wind and the rain, and probably some spray as well.

It is quite fun to go off with a mob of twitchers in one of these boats, provided you have a waterproof hat, a sound cagoule and waterproof trousers. My mother had none of those, she was elderly and bumbly, and encumbered with luggage. No wonder she kicked. The surprise is that she ever agreed to go more than once.

So then he decided on the far west coast of southern Ireland - Dingle. The Dingle Peninsula is one of the bits of land which stick out into the Atlantic from the south of Ireland. This peninsula is the one which sticks out the furthest to the west, and Dingle town is near the western end of it. To get there they took the train to London, train to Fishguard, ferry to Cork, train to Tralee and bus to Dingle.

After her death we tried to get him to go to a hotel in Suffolk, where we could pop him down and later collect him. He just said that there was nothing there he wanted - end of conversation. He told everyone, especially himself, that to have a month in a hotel gave her a

good rest. Sometimes she got it - one year she never stirred outside for the whole month because the rain never stopped for the whole month.

I cannot begin to calculate the number of times when, as a young thing, I went out with him. In the winter shooting rabbits, partridges, pigeons, in the summer scampering around farmers' fields after butterflies or stopping out three quarters of the night catching moths. Frequently, he complained how ill he felt (all his life he enjoyed bad health) but no one took any notice of that. He would climb up and down almost vertical cliffs catching moths, or be landed on some remote islet. Nothing untoward ever happened - well, once he shot the dog, but she recovered.

But go for a family day out in the car and it was not if but when he would do something daft. Like the time he was sitting with a glass of beer in his hand. He leaned forward to watch a bird and poured the beer down inside the top of his britches. Knee britches, laced tight below the knee but cut very loose in the waist, as was the fashion when they were made, in the nineteen twenties most likely.

Or the time, in the late 1940s this was, when we were fishing in a big reservoir near Colchester. It was crossed by a road on a causeway that had fairly steep sloping concrete sides, not difficult to walk on but you had to be careful. You stood just above the level of the water and, using a very light rod and one of the newfangled fixed spool reels, you cast out a lure. I did this. He got in too much of a muddle with the reel, which was not user friendly. You cast out and reeled in and cast out and reeled in. When you had done this a few hundred times there came an enormous resistance on the line: you thought you had hooked the bottom, but you had been taken by a pike which, after a shorter or longer struggle, you reeled in near enough to be hauled out with a landing net, or gaff if it was a big one.

One day, when I was doing this, he walked into a nearby reed bed and got his wellies muddy. So when he came back to the causeway he stood in the water on one foot and kicked with the other. Below water level the concrete was very slippery, his feet went from underneath him and he sat down in the water. The more he struggled the deeper he slid.

My mother had taken the dog for a little walk. When she turned to come back she saw him sitting motionless, with the water up to his chest. This was January. She said to herself "Oh well, he always said he had a weak heart. I shall be a widow now, but I must be calm". But as she got nearer she heard him swearing, at everything in general and me in particular, for not getting him out faster. How this was accomplished I cannot remember, but I suppose the landing net, or maybe the gaff, came into it somewhere. Anyway, it was curtains for our day's fishing, because although I had taken a change of clothes in case of such an event, he refused to take off his trousers and long woolly pants at the side of the road.

Once, when on their way to Ireland, he announced at Paddington that really he was too ill to continue. My mother was wise to that. She told him to look after the luggage and give her the tickets. When asked why, she said "to arrange for the journey home, of course". He recovered miraculously.

That time she survived but the strain of such goings on must have told and on a later occasion she was struck down in their hotel. I suppose nowadays there would be all the trauma of

bringing home the remains. Not then. It seemed quite natural to bury her in Dingle cemetery along with the two or three other Protestants who happened to have passed on there.

June and I went for the funeral and to bring my father home. We flew to Cork and drove a car from there to Dingle. He made sure that when the formalities were completed we drove round some of the local beauty spots - plenty of those - and we saw some Choughs, like Jackdaws with red bills and legs. They are pretty rare now, gone from Cornwall and most of Britain, but there are still good numbers in the west of Ireland.

He announced that when his turn came ( it didn't for a good many years) he wanted his ashes put into her grave. I explained that we would throw him off Southend pier, near to where he lived, and if he was wanted in Ireland he would float there. After all, if Cornish Saints could cross the sea on millstones or leaves from trees, what was proposed was not much to ask.

He didn't really care for that suggestion and when the time did come we put him in his urn in a cosy corner of the garage and followed a policy of masterly inaction. I did not fancy driving the car all through England and Wales and then across Ireland. To add weight to the argument, when we travelled back on the ferry after the funeral they lowered the cars into the hold, slung in nets, and then drove the cattle amongst them. That was a long time ago.

But several years later June found that you could fly from Plymouth to Cork for £99 return. That was different. The young travel agent lady fixed it all up for us, flight to Cork, pick up a hire car there, vouchers for stays in farm b. and bs, and a book listing all the farmhouses that did b. and bs.

Off we set from Plymouth, armed of course with our binoculars and father in a Tupperware pot - the urn was too heavy. In less than an hour we were at Cork airport and driving a little car through a labyrinth of roads to find our way towards the west coast. The suburbs of Cork city stretch now as far as the airport (they didn't when we flew there before) and they were making a new and so far badly signed ring road. But we managed to find the way, and to our first b. and b., not far from Tralee.

Murphy's Farmhouse they called it, run by the good Mrs. Murphy. At the end of the lane was Murphy's Bar, which sold, of course, Murphy's Stout, too sweet for our tastes. Since we went there we have seen the place twice on television, each time when someone was touring the Dingle peninsula with a donkey. We saw no donkeys, but the farm cows gazed into the dining room while we were eating.

At what point a farmhouse b. and b. stops and a hotel begins I do not know, but this one had fourteen en suite letting bedrooms, the aforesaid dining room and a lounge of sorts - not intended seriously to be used we thought. The walls were lined with signed photographs of cardinals and there were two books to read: a history of the famine as it affected a small area in the centre of Ireland. It was interesting to see that the population trebled after the potato was introduced, to a level far higher than could be fed without it. The famine was a disaster waiting to happen. The other book was a life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. I think she was the Queen thereof, at some remote mediaeval time. At the age of seventeen she felt good works coming on and took the usual vows, including chastity, apparently with the full consent of her husband. Presumably that monarch was having a bit on the side, such being the practice of royalty throughout the ages.

The travel agent lady said dinner at the b. and b. was £12.50. She said she would book it for us for the first night but she was sure we could do better elsewhere on subsequent nights. You might here in Devon, but not there you couldn't.

Discreetly, we left father in the car - Mrs. Murphy was very sweet and very pious; we felt she would hardly approve of our bringing ashes indoors.

We had serious reservations about putting him in with my mother. We were sure that if we crept into the cemetery and just popped him in we would be caught. If we tried to do it officially there would have to be permission from all sorts of authorities and probably a service too, all of which would take longer than we had available.

So we drove out to Slea Head, whither he had taken us, or rather we had taken him, when we went to Dingle for the funeral. That is on the westernmost tip of the peninsula, with nothing between it and America except the Blasket Islands. Great Blasket was inhabited permanently until fairly recently, but not any more, though I think some people camp out there during the summer. We could see Inishvickillane, one of the farthest islands. My father had been in the habit of bribing a fisherman to put him ashore there to catch moths. What would have happened if the weather had blown up while he was there I do not know, but it never did. Nor do I know who owned it then. I don't suppose he did either, and I am sure he didn't care. If necessary he could talk his way out of almost anything and if he couldn't he just pretended to be deaf. More recently, Inishvickillane belonged to Charles Haughey, the former Irish Taoiseach. It is a pity they never met. My father had a photographic memory, an intimate knowledge of Irish history and, like Haughey, was a bit over the top. They would have got on famously.

At Slea Head the road runs along the top of a high cliff, with just a low wall to stop cars from plunging off. We leaned over the wall and trickled him gently down.



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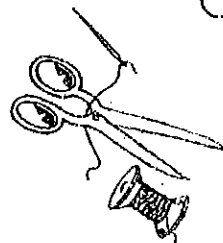
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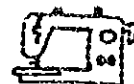
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## **LARK RISE TO CANDLEFORD**

**Flora Thompson**

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## **BLUE AT THE MIZZEN.**

**Patrick O'Brian**

The author died just after I finished reading his final masterpiece.

In it, Captain Jack Aubrey of the *Surprise* leaves the Mediterranean for the dangerous and inhospitable shores of Chile, which is in the throes of revolution and political unrest.

Dr. Maturin, the ship's doctor, meets an old flame, the Governor's widow. She too is an ardent ornithologist and due to a mishap in a mangrove swamp it culminates in mixed nude birdwatching. With the utmost decorum of course! **GW.**

## **DRIVING OVER LEMONS**

**Chris Stewart**

An account of the author's purchase of a remote mountain farm to the south of Granada, which he runs with the help of his wife. Peasant farming seems an odd choice for a former rock band drummer. The book's title comes from a Spanish estate agent's instructions to him not to avoid fallen lemons on the road..."Drive over lemons!" Very entertaining reading. **PM.**

## **BETWEEN THE WOODS AND THE WATER**

**Patrick Leigh Fermor**

Having read an appreciation of the talents of this author, written on his 85th birthday by the Duchess of Devonshire, I searched the library for one of his books. This one is the second about his journey on foot to Greece. Not having money - and not wishing to put out the pleas and appeals for sponsorship of today's youth - he walked!

I find this book quite magical. I cannot skip a word. For instance, his writing about Hungarian shepherds, their feet swathed in insulating layers of white felt as they winter it out until the arrival of the first cuckoo, is spell-binding. **RM.**

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The lengthening days and the sight of lambs and daffodils assure us that Spring has arrived. No time, therefore, to sit back if we are to have the garden we dreamed about all winter!

But don't go mad and put your back out by engaging in too much strenuous activity all at once - gradually ease yourself in. An hour (or even half an hour if you are pressed for time) every day will be far less damaging than trying to do too much at once.

Here are a few reminders for the weeks ahead:

1. Take off the spent heads from bulbs but keep the leaves intact for at least six weeks after flowering before removing them.
2. Late flowering bulbs, such as alliums and gladioli, can now be put in. Herbaceous perennials can be split to make new plants.
3. Prune early-flowering shrubs such as forsythia, flowering currant and winter viburnum as they finish blooming, cutting out the thick woody stems to ground level, leaving the pliant younger ones. Old and neglected shrubs can often be revitalised at this time by cutting them down completely, thus allowing new young shoots to sprout from the base, followed by the application of a little fertiliser.
4. Established roses should have a dose of rose fertiliser raked, or hoed in during early April. When they have started into growth, apply a mulch of organic material on well-soaked soil around their base.
5. Annuals can be sown in-situ when the soil gets sufficiently warm. They make attractive 'fillers' in a border.
6. Last, but not least, a reminder **NOT TO BUY BEDDING PLANTS TOO SOON!** The middle of May is time enough to get them in. The soil needs to be warm to keep them "coming on". If their growth is checked by cold they will not recover to make good healthy specimens.

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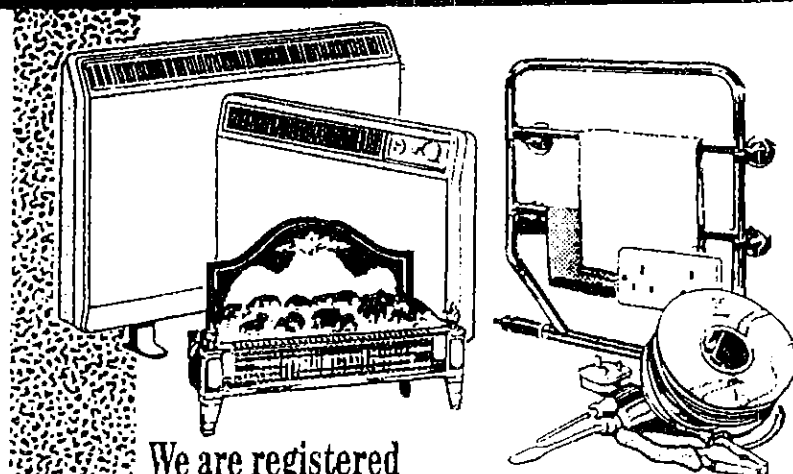
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# Prunella Dart's HORSWELL DIARY

The ghosts of Horswell obviously felt we'd been away for too long. They are possessive of our time, feeding on our energy to keep their home alive. No longer able to perform the physical tasks to maintain the beauty of their earthly paradise they look to us, the current guardians of their sanctuary, to toil and tidy, protect and preserve their status quo.

Unsettled by our long departure they have made their feelings known. Instead of the usual smile that greets us as we hasten up the drive, the house looked sullen, unforgiving, the grounds wintry, littered with debris from passing storms.

Rooms that had been unused in our absence lay thick with dust, sprinkled with dead flies. Salt laden raindrops smeared the windows and spiders' webs laced their frames.

Blocked drains had required massive subterranean explorations. These in turn had disturbed a hitherto unknown population of mice, who by way of reprisals ransacked the larder. Ratman was called; bait was laid. The resulting odour became so vile and pungent it swamped our senses, stifling our breath with its venomous stench.

Dogs, already missing their walks with Marge, lay low in their baskets watching us with reproachful eyes, whilst peafowl plucked desultorily at remaining snowdrops snapping their stems.

Our home seemed lifeless; tired. I felt it waiting to feed on our energy, waiting for us to breathe it back to life.

Forty-eight hours earlier I had been walking along a white sand beach, huge turquoise rollers crashing beside me, dissolving in warm frothing foam around my feet. I'd walked back along paths of perfumed gardenias to eat mango and pineapple for breakfast with friends. I wanted to turn back the clock, run away, leave the grey sky, the cold wind, the vile smell, the grumpy ghosts. Run before they seeped into me; stole all the sunshine I'd got stored up inside.

They read my mind, panicking that their energy supply might slip from their grasp, determined not to let me go. They released all the microbes they had kept from me over Christmas. Then, they had wanted to keep me fit and healthy. They love a good party. Lights, candles, hustle, bustle, laughter and chatter are all high-octane energy for them to feast on. But now it was different. For several days they kept me weak and pathetic in my bed, stealing my energy whilst I slept.

Knowing I lay dreaming of Australian sunshine they turned their poisonous breath on my husband, to occupy me with his care.

Gradually, as the rhythm of the days fell into a familiar pattern, the ghosts relaxed their anxious vigil and returned to their shadows, feeling guilty perhaps for their tantrums and doubts that we would return.

Like a child shyly seeking forgiveness by offering to share its favourite toys, each day we were presented with a new and delightful treasure to remind us of the special beauty here. We were shown the apple-blossom-blossoms of early clematis, purple crocus and pale pink bluebells, croaking jackdaws dropping twigs down the chimney pots and a blackbird's nest in the old box hedge.

The sun came out, vast patches of blue sky nudging away the gloomy grey. The lawns were mown releasing the delicious scent of fresh cut hay from the coumarin oil in the sweet vernal grass. The window cleaner arrived, more welcome and unexpected than the first cuckoo, to wipe away the winter's tears and restore the house's smiling face. The foetid smell disappeared and busy hands brought back the sparkle to dusty rooms, filling them with daffodils and the scent of polish.

Outside the camellias are a profusion of pinks and reds. Some are single like large dog roses, exposing a cluster of golden stamens in their open palms. Others are frilled and fancy like a ballerina's skirt. Exotic magnolias have burst out from their drab brown disguise revealing a seductive display of milky white flesh.

Primroses form pale yellow cushions of dew-fresh blooms around the base of woodland trees and dark sweet violets shelter beneath their green umbrellas. On mossy banks fritillaries of white and mauve hold up their fragile bells and erythronia like dainty witches' hats rise up from darkly freckled leaves. At night the quarter moon shines so clear and bright one fears a frost yet revels in her beauty. The sky glitters with a million constellations - a textbook of astronomy.

In the morning one could be forgiven for thinking the whole galaxy has fallen to earth as yellow daffodils twinkle like golden stars in the darkness of the woods, and pale anemones like asterisks attract the watchful eye. Squirrels chase small songbirds from their peanuts. They ooze over the bird table like big grey slugs to hang by a tail and grab the feeders that swing below. We chase them away and wait for the return of our long-tailed tits, blue tits, coal tits, greenfinch, robins and woodpeckers.

The peacocks' new tails are fully grown now and they look magnificent - easily eight inches wide when fully displayed. We have taken all the younger birds to Paignton Zoo where they will be able to fly freely among the other animals and roost at night in tall trees. Our remaining three birds - Imran, Genghis and Betty - are so much a part of our family now we would hate to lose them, but we are rather hoping that Betty is past the breeding age.

My husband has resumed his affair with Otter Nurseries (or is it Rose who works there?), returning with carloads of camellias so one can only conclude he is well on the road to recovery from his two hip operations, which is a huge relief.

So the dogs have stacked their "Bring Back Marge" placards in a corner and gone back to chasing squirrels and disappearing down rabbit holes. Ducky's in love with a visiting Mallard, days spent gardening are beginning to show results, and the Spring sunshine seems here to stay. At last some semblance of normality seems to be restored and all the spirits here at Horswell are once again in harmony and at peace.

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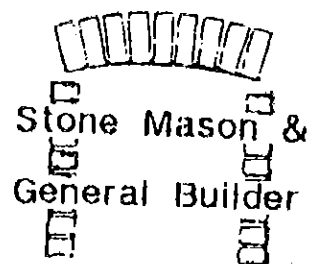
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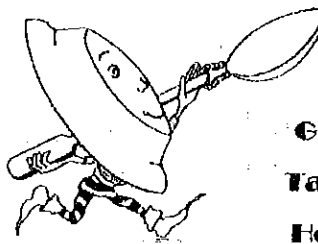
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## **CITIZEN MAKES A PERSONAL REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEET OF 14/3/2000.**

**This was almost a meeting that didn't happen. Just before the start time there wasn't a quorum, but fortunately up the hill came Councillor David Grose. Not to have held the meeting would have been a pity, if only because our District Councillor was present for the first time for some time.**

**PARISH HALL:** Rowland Cole, the Hall Chairman told us that the Barn Dance raised £600 (see V.V. newspages) and this tied in nicely when he added that a planning application had been submitted for the proposed improvements.

**HIGHWAYS:** Concern was raised regarding road surfaces in the Parish; the Clerk was asked to write to the D.C.C. requesting a meeting.

**SCHOOL PARKING:** Letters are being sent to both the Headmaster and the Playgroup asking them to request the very few, who feel the yellow markings outside are reserved for their use and not for the safety of children arriving by coach, to respect the markings and their accepted meaning.

**WAR MEMORIAL GREEN:** Various alternatives are being costed for the continuation of the footpath from the cobble stones to Swallows thus completing a well-used path in a dangerous part of the village.

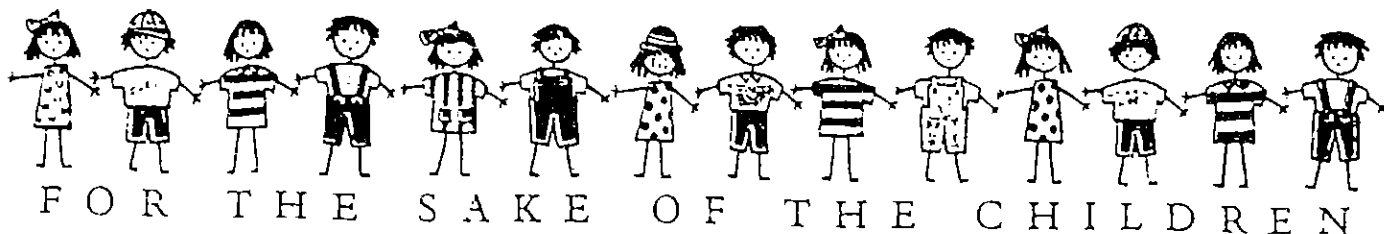
**POSSIBLE RECREATION AREA:** A hot discussion about the layout, availability and cost of land needed to meet the various demands for extension of the graveyard, church car park and football pitch (see Villager) took place. It was decided to defer any decision about further moves until the full Council could meet.

### **SEAVIEW STARTER HOMES:**

Rumours have been going round the village for some weeks that the contract had been awarded and work would start in July. Only part of this is correct. The contract was awarded to South-West Co-op, but they have stated they are unable to meet the commitment so the whole process of going out to tender has to start again. They will be built one day, but will there be any youngsters in the parish by then who come up to the required criteria or will we have outsiders thrust upon us?

**CAR PARKING CHARGES:** The SHDC proudly told us that they have managed to keep the increase in Council Tax to 0.9%, but they have increased parking charges between 25% and 50% depending on the time required. My interpretation of the forms issued with demands was that they have made over £500,000 profit on car/boat parking. Is this what is called "Taxing by Stealth"?

**NEXT MEETING:** Is the Annual Parish Meeting on 18/4/2000. This is an event worth coming to as there are a number of outside speakers from Totnes and Devon County. See you there.



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# PUZZLE CORNER

## Puzzle One - Word Pairs.

From the list of words, take out two which go with each other to answer a clue. This will remove 40, leaving just one. What is it?

### Clues:

- a) European capital
- b) Two go with pane
- c) Two joined to bus
- d) A kind of apple
- e) Two sorts of egg
- f) Novel by George Eliot
- g) Two sporting cups
- h) A dog
- i) Two anagrams
- j) A bees hair doer
- k) An airport
- l) A sort of cheese
- m) Two go with brain.
- n) Two royals
- o) London tube
- p) AM
- q) A mythical transport
- r) Two electrical devices
- s) A help in the garden
- t) Two drinks.

### Words:

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Mad      | 22. Granny     |
| 2. Rid      | 23. Ground     |
| 3. Row      | 24. Middle     |
| 4. Comb     | 25. Walker     |
| 5. Hock     | 26. Window     |
| 6. Stop     | 27. Blanket    |
| 7. Fence    | 28. Poached    |
| 8. Flush    | 29. Spaniel    |
| 9. Heath    | 30. Trolley    |
| 10. Honey   | 31. Washing    |
| 11. Magic   | 32. Predator   |
| 12. March   | 33. Scrambled  |
| 13. Smith   | 34. Teardrop   |
| 14. Storm   | 35. Wightman   |
| 15. Under   | 36. Amplitude  |
| 16. Wheel   | 37. Lambrusco  |
| 17. Barrow  | 38. Yardstick  |
| 18. Carpet  | 39. Commission |
| 19. Cocker  | 40. Gloucester |
| 20. Counter | 41. Modulation |
| 21. Double  |                |

## PUZZLE TWO: MISSING LINK

Find the missing link between these pairs. Each word has four letters. The first letter of each word in order, spells out a local beauty spot...

Swimming (.....) Robe  
Cross (.....) Draft  
Fur (.....) Player  
Dutch (.....) Stormer  
Speak (.....) Going  
Mist (.....) Ling  
Arm (.....) Rained  
Light (.....) Book

Compact (.....) Jockey  
Col (.....) Elf  
Piece (.....) Sharing  
Mare's (.....) Egg

You'll find all the answers nearer to the back of this edition.

May be it's too late now for snow in Thurlestone this year, but in 1963...

# SNOW GOOSE!

We were happily eating Boxing Day lunch at Yealmpton. A little sleepily after the previous day's turkey. There had been a sharp frost during the night and it was now dark and cloudy with a wind whipping across the garden. Too dark for comfort as we were due at Thurlestone for tea. The first flurries of snow came at half past two, quickly turning into a more determined attempt to cover the ground. It was time to move.

We packed our two young children into the well worn Austin 1800, and with the windscreen wipers working hard, set off Eastwards. The road was already white and soon the markings had disappeared. If any other cars had passed this way they had left no trace. By the time we passed Flete gate the visibility was down to twenty yards and the wheels were digging deeply into the wet snow. A mile from Modbury the car faltered, stuttered forward for fifty yards and died. It clearly wasn't going to start again easily. Darkness was falling and the two children were frightened. No cars on the road and not a light to be seen. Hugh took a decision. "I'm an engineer and will try to start the car". Sally waited to hear her part. "Would you walk to Modbury to see if Stevens Garage is open, and get help". Without questioning whether this was a sensible thing to do, she tied a scarf tightly round her head and set off into the snow. Within twenty yards she was lost to sight. "Will we ever see Mummy again?", said Jane, and burst into tears.

Hugh opened the bonnet. What an idiotic place to put the distributor! Caked with wet snow. Take off the cap, wipe the inside, clean the rotor arm, wipe the plug leads and the tops of the plugs - Damn!, the engine's hot. Tell the children that we do know what we're doing and Mummy's alright (I hope). After fifteen minutes of frantic wiping and trying to keep the snow off the engine the car agrees to start. Drive gently but firmly towards Modbury to find a solitary figure, almost entirely covered in snow, fast approaching Stevens garage - which was closed. Sally gets back into the car, grateful to see her children again, but hard words are said. We reach Thurlestone without further mishap. By now the blizzard had set in properly and the snow was carol-like, deep and crisp and even. How glad we were to see the lights of Tamarisk.

The storm raged all night and by morning the power lines were down. No lights, no electric stove. But the house had several open fireplaces and lots of wood. We carefully opened the front door. The snow was piled against it, and in the lane it was almost three feet deep. We waded up to the telephone box to find that the Kingsbridge road had disappeared for the snow was level with the tops of the hedges. It was fairyland or an Alpine village; bright, frosty and quiet. The children couldn't understand that sledging was impossible as the snow was too deep.

There was a goose in the frig, though by this time it was colder in the garden than it was in the frig. Even the most ingenious of engineers couldn't think of a way of roasting a goose on an open fire. Suddenly we remembered - Admiral Sir Lance and Lady Peel, two doors away, had an Aga. The telephones still worked. Of course they would cook our goose! Get out the sledge, tie the goose on and off we went. Three hours later, wrap the roasted goose in blankets, back on the sledge and run back with it. Quite delicious.

Hugh was due back at the barracks at Chatham on January 2nd. By then the roads to Plymouth and Kingsbridge had been opened but the AA reported that the roads across Salisbury Plain were impassable or extremely dangerous. For once British Rail were helpful. Yes, there was a car ferry train from Plymouth to London Olympia, but passengers had to travel on the normal services. To the surprise of my colleagues, I reported for duty on January 2nd, leaving the family in Devonshire and the car to the mercy of BR. A week later they came up by train. I telephoned Olympia. The car had arrived but they actually didn't know where it was. Perhaps I could come up and find it. Searching a snow covered marshalling yard is not easy, but it was there. At last, the family and the car were reunited.

## Hugh and Sally Stafford

The Staffords, who live in Wells, were recalling for Village Voice their adventures in the snowstorm of 1963 when Sally's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Hosking, lived at Tamarisk in Court Park Lane for 20 years up to 1972. The Staffords are now part owners with other members of their family of West View, only 100 yards from Tamarisk.

# THURLESTONE PARISH QUIZ

## 2ND PART

51. Where was the shooting range built?  
1. *Thurlestone Lea* 2. *Mill Pool meadows* 3. *Buckland meadows*
52. What happened to the range after WWI?  
1. *It relapsed and repaired for WW2 but not used*  
2. *A mens' club room built in place*  
3. *Both of 1 and 2*
53. How did Reynolds Park and North Upton Children get to Thurlestone school?  
1. *Donkey cart* 2. *Rode Ponies* 3. *They walked*
54. Where did the east window in the present school come from?  
1. *Thurlestone Church* 2. *South Huish ruined church* 3. *Clanacombe House*
55. Where were malt houses?  
1. *Now Wisteria Cottages, Buckland*  
2. *Langmans Cante Court barn*  
3. *Behind the Sloop Inn*
56. Ingenious boy Jim Inch built two small water wheels at?  
1. *By Bantham stepping stones and A Moore's meadow*  
2. *Buckland brook and Mill pool*  
3. *At Clanacombe.*
57. Jim's father Arthur Inch was?  
1. *Bantham fisherman* 2. *Sloop Innkeeper* 3. *Coastguard*
58. Three ex-Welsh miners of those enlarging the golf course c. 1928 married here?  
1. *B Dicks, W Peplar, B Davis*  
2. *T Mathews, A Coward, W Peplar*  
3. *B Davis, W Peplar and A Coward*
59. Where did three model T Fords end their days?  
1. *Behind Dent's garage* 2. *A Moore's orchard* 3. *Sloop Inn garden*
60. Brixham fishmonger, Mr Partridge's T Ford van ran away and crashed?  
1. *On Brook hill* 2. *Clanacombe hill* 3. *Thurlestone to Buckland hill*
61. What retired farmer built four of the houses opposite the school?  
1. *Mr H Northey* 2. *Mr Huxham* 3. *Mr Dufty*
62. Where did that farmer farm?  
1. *Elson & Worthy* 2. *Langmans & Nth Upton* 3. *Higher Aunemouth & Nth Upton*
63. Why did building in Thurlestone become favoured than in Buckland?  
1. *Electricity available*  
2. *Buckland thought bad for TB*  
3. *Busses to Kingsbridge started*
64. Who was invested as 'Sheriff' of Bantham by regular visitors?  
1. *Mr Jack Henson* 2. *Mr Jack Sherriff* 3. *Mr Jack Woodley*
65. What was the 'Sheriff' penalty caught not wearing his badge?  
1. *Bought the catcher a drink* 2. *One shilling in the RNLI box* 3. *Doffed cap*
66. How did Mrs Haynes, Kingsbridge, get to photograph Buckland fire in 1880?  
1. *With the horse fire engine* 2. *Her own pony trap* 3. *By bicycle*



67. Why was Wragmore field steep path made?
  1. *For coastguard use*
  2. *WWI Troop training*
  3. *Black Death decreed shortest route to churchyard from Bantham*
68. Which educated ladies ran the weekly library in Bantham Hall 1930s?
  1. *Mrs MacBrearty & niece*
  2. *Miss Dickson & Miss Ide*
  3. *Two Miss Valpy sisters*
69. Where did Mr Fred Wishaw, writer, live?
  1. *The old school*
  2. *Hill Crest*
  3. *Cutaway bungalow in Inchbalds drive*
70. Where was an up and down saw pit in Thurlestone?
  1. *W Morgan's yard*
  2. *Beside Vine Cottage*
  3. *The Old Rectory*
71. What bachelor carpenter worked it?
  1. *Harry Snowdon*
  2. *Jack Jeffery*
  3. *Jack Snowdon*
72. Where did Mrs Cox live with her bulldogs?
  1. *Higher Aunemouth farm-house*
  2. *Aune Cross Cottage*
  3. *Buckland Park*
73. What action ended Bantham regatta for a time in early 1900s?
  1. *A drowning accident*
  2. *A live duck was pulled to pieces*
  3. *A fight*
74. Where did parishioners first hear farm worker 'Sam' play his saw?
  1. *The Rifle Club room*
  2. *Bantham Hall*
  3. *The Wesleyan Chapel*
75. What did these names have in common: Fellowes, Edgecombe, Crispin and Snowdon?
  1. *Interrelated*
  2. *Choir masters*
  3. *Played the church organ*
76. Major Grindley, visitor to Buckland Farm, organised what event in 1930s?
  1. *Pony trek to Dartmoor*
  2. *Horse Gymkhana on Bantham beach*
  3. *Churchstow Sports*
77. Which hot cob ran away with a visitor jumping Ham gate and others?
  1. *John Woodley's Brandy*
  2. *John Ingram's Tommy*
  3. *F Snowdon's Prudence*
78. Which two Buckland worthies played fiddles at church and functions?
  1. *Harry Sherriff and Landlord Hannaford*
  2. *John Foale and Sam Broad*
  3. *R Moore and son*
79. What kind of trees grew at Daddy's Pipe corner before road widening?
  1. *Elms*
  2. *Sycamore*
  3. *Ash pollards*
80. W Burgoyne and family at Clanacombe obtained milk before deliveries by
  1. *Keeping a cow*
  2. *Keeping goats*
  3. *Keeping milk sheep*
81. Who ran a school at Burnt House, Buckland in 1920s-1930s?
  1. *Miss Sealey & Miss Kaley*
  2. *Mr & Mrs Sutton*
  3. *Mr & Mrs Jenkins*
82. How was the ferryman at Bantham summoned from Bigbury side of R Avon?
  1. *By a bell*
  2. *Shouting through a megaphone*
  3. *Banging an iron triangle*
83. The most salmon netted at Bantham on one tide recorded was
  1. *36*
  2. *49*
  3. *57*
84. Ernest Snowdon summoned the salmon net crew each tide and gained a nickname
  1. *Captain*
  2. *Foreman*
  3. *Bosun*
85. E Snowdon's wife Emily also acquired a name for
  1. *Teas at their house*
  2. *School tea parties*
  3. *Her sewing*
86. What WWI sergeant first attempted to drill L.D.Vs later HomeGuard?
  1. *Mr Joe Elliot*
  2. *Mr Jim Stear*
  3. *Mr W Edgecombe*
87. Where in WW2 did the Home Guard have a look-out hut?
  1. *On the golf course*
  2. *Kerse Cross*
  3. *On the church tower*

88. In WW2 where did the Auxiliary Fire Service garage a vehicle and trailer pump?  
1. *Thurlestone Hotel* 2. *Barton Brow* 3. *In Cutaway drive*
89. In WW2 important commodities washed ashore on our beaches  
1. *Rationed soap, tinned meat, dried egg* 2. *D-day pontoons* 3. *All of these*
90. Where did bombs definitely drop in the parish in WW2?  
1. *On the cliffs* 2. *In fields by Clanacombe House* 3. *Whitley Farm fields*
91. What exhibition took place in Bantham Hall in 1953?  
1. *Village history 2000 BC to 1953 AD*  
2. *Paintings by Dickson & Hewett*  
3. *One hundred years of village crafts*
92. In WW2 which were the first troops to arrive in Thurlestone?  
1. *The Royal Marines* 2. *The Buffs* 3. *The Black Watch*
93. What happened to the Commanding Officer RMOCTU Thurlestone on VE Day?  
1. *He was accidentally shot* 2. *His burial* 3. *His marriage at the church*
94. In which year did Thurlestone Golf Club celebrate its centenary?  
1. *1990* 2. *1994* 3. *1997*
95. In which year was Queen Victoria restored to view at the school?  
1. *1998* 2. *1997* 3. *1996*
96. What is the name of the video film produced for the Millennium?  
1. *Thurlestone Tales*  
2. *Land of the Five Beaches*  
3. *South Hams Stories*
97. A scheme towards hospitalisation costs at Kingsbridge in 1930s was?  
1. *One penny per week* 2. *Sixpence per week* 3. *One shilling per week*
98. In 1931 Agricultural wages at thirty two shillings per week went  
1. *Down 6 pence per week* 2. *Up 6 pence per week* 3. *Up one shilling per week*
99. About 1930 bus fare from Thurlestone to Kingsbridge was  
1. *6 pence, 10p return* 2. *8 pence, 14p return* 3. *One shilling, 20p return*
100. Which Christmas did Thurlestone wake up to a white blizzard?  
1. *1881* 2. *1891* 3. *1927*

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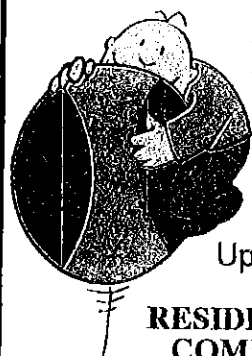
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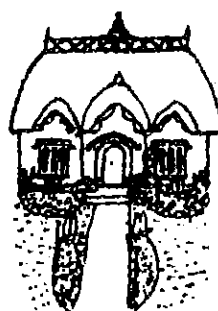
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## SMOKED HADDOCK STARTERS

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For those who are wary of the yellow dye, many fishmongers now sell haddock which is not dyed and is only slightly browned by the smoking process. The choice is ours! The recipes that follow are a bit more adventurous. Either will serve six people as starters or would make a light lunch for two or three. The smokiness of the fish marries well with cheese and the apple in the first recipe lends an interesting tartness. You can add chopped parsley to the fish mixture in the tart and sprinkle some cheese on top before you cook it if you wish

### Smoked Haddock and Apple

6 ounces of cooked, flaked, smoked haddock  
6 ounces of cooking apples, diced and slightly cooked in butter  
2 ounces of cooked prawns  
ground black pepper

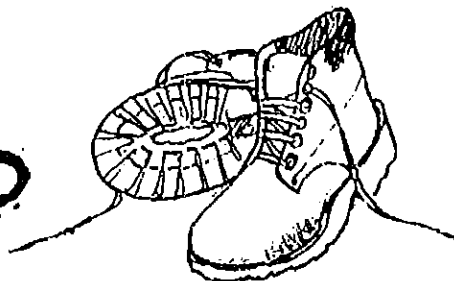
Divide the above between six ramekin dishes, grind over a little black pepper and spoon two tablespoonsful of cream over each one, sprinkling over a little grated Gruyere cheese. Place the ramekins on a baking sheet in the oven and bake for 20 minutes or so at 160C, (325F, Gas3). They are good served with toast as they are quite rich.

### Smoked Fish Tart

One pastry case, baked blind  
4 ounces of smoked haddock  
lemon juice and pepper  
2 eggs and 2 egg yolks  
5 fluid ounces each of milk and double cream

Cut the fish into small pieces, making sure you remove any bones. Spread it over the base of your pastry case and sprinkle it with lemon juice and black pepper. (Beware of adding salt as the fish will already be very salty). Beat together the eggs, yolks, milk and cream and pour the mixture gently over the fish. Lift the tart onto a baking sheet and place it in the middle of the oven. Bake it for 20 to 30 minutes at 160C ((325F, Gas 3) until the filling has set and the top is golden brown. Cut the tart into as many slices as you wish and serve it with a small helping of dressed lettuce, tomatoes or baby spinach leaves.

# TRAMP



## FEBRUARY

It was chilly at Mattiscombe Cross, our starting place for the February walk. Due to the cold wind fourteen of us and one dog set off, without lingering, down the lane towards Torcross. It would have been too unenterprising, dull, quick and, moreover, against the strict principles of TRAMP, to have gone straight there along the road.

We very soon turned off and followed the path that leads by Widdicombe House, out to the cliff path and from there to Torcross. It is easy walking along the track by the Ley and the nature track on the other side is only a bit bumpy, tree roots being the main hazard.

The Tower Inn at Slapton was our lunchtime destination, where we were joined by two injured members of the group. We had a friendly welcome from the relatively new proprietors whose first venture of this kind it is. They came from up north in Oxfordshire. We were served with a goodly bowl of substantial and delicious soup. Must go there again.

After lunch we made our way down to Deer Bridge and by lane and finally by track we arrived, as planned, in Chillington. Exactly where in Chillington, though, was not abundantly clear. We cheated and asked someone and found we were near the new health centre. Your correspondent should have known as she delivers Meals-on-Wheels there regularly but it looks different when you are walking and not distracted by strong smells of lunch emanating from the box on the back seat of the car.

Adhering strictly to the rules of TRAMP, we took a circuitous route back to Mattiscombe Cross. We thanked and congratulated our deputy leader who, despite having greatness thrust upon him at the last minute as the official leader had foolishly fallen off a ladder and done something nasty to a toe, had given us an enjoyable walk.

## MARCH

We were a modest number on this occasion - seven only but a high proportion of dog - one; this at the last moment to the great relief of the leader, who had been granted permission to take dogs, on a lead, through the Flete Estate.

We set off down from Mothecombe car park and then out on to the cliff path. It was a sunny day and it was not until we came out on to the cliffs that we realised the strength of the wind - the sort of wind that, if you are unwise enough to raise your leg to take a step, catches it and causes it to land in a totally unexpected place (generally across the other) which makes walking difficult.

We battled cheerfully on, nonetheless, rejoicing in the sun and the blue sea until we turned from the cliffs to walk through Carswell Farm (permission sought and gracefully granted).

After this it was mostly lanes except for the path over the fields to Borough Farm to reach Holbeton for lunch. At this point the leader basely abandoned the rest of the party to the capable hands of one of the halt and lame of February now, happily, recovered (the other, even more basely had fled to Egypt. Their route took then down through the woods, along the estuary and back to the car park. They have since been seen in Thurlestone so, presumably, got back without mishap.

Pam Brewster



# FROM THE BIRD ON THE ROOF

## Chocolate Chip Cookies

OR

*"Why Engineers DON'T write Cookbooks"*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1.) 523.35 cm<sup>3</sup> gluten
- 2.) 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> NAHCO<sub>3</sub>
- 3.) 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> refined halite
- 4.) 236 cm<sup>3</sup> partially hydrogenated tallow triglyceride
- 5.) 177.45 cm<sup>3</sup> crystalline C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>
- 6.) 177.45 cm<sup>3</sup> unrefined C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>
- 7.) 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> methyl ether of protocatechuic aldehyde
- 8.) Two calcium carbonate-encapsulated avian albumen-coated protein ovoids
- 9.) 473.2cm<sup>3</sup> theobroma cacao 10.) 236cm<sup>3</sup> de-encapsulated legume meats (sieve size#10)

### METHOD

To a 2-L jacketed round reactor vessel (reactor#1) with an overall heat transfer coefficient of about 100 Btu/F0ft<sup>2</sup>-hr, add ingredients one,two and three with constant agitation.

In a second 2-L reactor vessel with a radial flow impeller operating at 100 rpm, add ingredients four,five, six and seven until the mixture is homogenous.

To reactor #2, add ingredient eight, followed by three equal volumes of the homogenous mixture in reactor #1.

Additionally, add ingredient nine and ten slowly, with constant agitation. Care must be taken at this point in the reaction to control any temperature rise that may be the result of an exothermic reaction. Using a screw extruder attached to a #4 nodulizer, place the mixture piece-meal on a 316SS sheet (800 x 600 mm).

Heat in a 460K oven for a period of time that is in agreement with Frank & Johnston's first order rate expression (see JACOS,21.55), or until golden brown.

Once the reaction is complete, place the sheet on a 25C heat-transfer table, allowing the product to come to equilibrium.

### DISCLAIMER

The above unsolicited contribution was received by e-mail. We deny any consequences of following the 'ingredients' or the 'method'.



## ALL THE ANSWERS:



Answers to the 100 Question Parish Quiz. The first 50 questions appeared in the February-March issue. The second part with the remaining 50 questions is in this issue. All 100 answers are given here.

**First Part.** Question 1 - Answer 3; 2-1; 3-3; 4-3; 5-2; 6-1; 7-1; 8-2; 9-3; 10-3; 11-2; 12-1; 13-1; 14-2; 15-2; 16-3; 17-3; 18-3; 19-3; 20-1; 21-3; 22-3; 23-1; 24-2; 25-1; 26-1; 27-3; 28-2; 29-2; 30-3; 31-2; 32-3; 33-1; 34-1; 35-1; 36-1; 37-1; 38-2; 39-3; 40-2; 41-2; 42-2; 43-2; 44-2; 45-3; 46-2; 47-1; 48-3; 49-1; 50-1.

**Second Part.** 51-3; 52-3; 53-3; 54-1; 55-1; 56-1; 57-2; 58-3; 59-2; 60-3; 61-3; 62-2; 63-2; 64-1; 65-1; 66-2; 67-3; 68-3; 69-3; 70-2; 71-1; 72-1; 73-2; 74-3; 75-3; 76-2; 77-1; 78-2; 79-3; 80-2; 81-2; 82-3; 83-1; 84-3; 85-1; 86-1; 87-2; 88-3; 89-3; 90-2; 91-1; 92-3; 93-2; 94-3; 95-1; 96-2; 97-1; 98-1; 99-2; 100-3.

Answers to Pat Machin's Puzzle Corner:

**Word Pairs:** a) 1+ 2; b) 20 + 26; c) 6 + 30; d) 22 + 13; e) 28 + 33; f) 24 + 12; g) 25 + 35; h) 19 + 29; i) 32 + 34; j) 10 + 4; k) 9 + 3; l) 21 + 40; m) 14 + 31; n) 8 + 39; o) 15 + 23; p) 36 + 41; q) 11 + 18; r) 7 + 27; s) 16 + 17; t) 5 + 37...leaving "Yardstick".

**Missing Link:** Bath, Over, Long, Barn, Easy, Rust, Rest, Year, Disc, Ours, Work, Nest...giving "Bolberry Down".

# WI NEWS



Thurlestone & West Buckland WI goes from strength to strength with 60 members. Can we make it 80 to celebrate the 80th. Birthday of the Devon Federation of WI's I wonder? We have much to enjoy in the months ahead - as will be seen under the heading "Looking Forward".

## FEBRUARY

We mourned the death of long-standing member and former President, Evelyn Spear and also of Brenda Marshall of Stokenham, a skilled needle woman and tutor who was well known to us. The speaker in February was Eileen Arnold who gave a fascinating talk on "Historic Gardens".

## MARCH

We learned the technique of Swedish Massage....with extra-virgin olive oil and a very good humoured volunteer body, Wendy Neukirchen. We also inaugurated the Elsie Brewster Award, in honour of a much-loved former member. The first recipient was Joan Booth who entered a superb silk box.

## MILLENNIUM

Behind the scenes we have a brilliant team working on a millennium tapestry depicting the parish, which will eventually be hung in the Parish Hall. The writers amongst our membership are also keeping a "millennium diary" throughout the year recording village and WI events, which should make interesting reading in years to come!

## LOOKING FORWARD

The April meeting promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable treat, as local musicians Basil Smallman and Judith Reynolds (piano and violin) will be joined by tenor Stephen Robinson, and will be taking us on a musical visit to European cities. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS, so if you would like to join us at 3pm we would be delighted to welcome you.

Further events include:

3rd. April, Sea Coast Group meeting, 7.30 at the Parish Hall. Our guests are from South Milton, Salcombe and West Alvington WIs. Harry Potter will be the speaker, Val Brown is organising the entertainment and supper will follow.

10th. April, Spring Council Meeting, Exeter University. This all-day county event is always interesting to attend. Coach from the Quay.

13th. April, monthly meeting - 2.30pm at the Hall (guests at 3pm).

18th. April, visit to Slapton Ley.

19th. April, resolutions meeting at Ivybridge, 10.30am. Experts will share their knowledge on resolutions for the National Federation Triennial General Meeting. Subjects: Benefit payments at local post offices; Funding of children's hospices; Attention received by stroke victims.

18th. May, visit to Hill House Nursery, Landscope - enjoy (and perhaps buy!) unusual plants for greenhouse and garden, followed by tea.

15th./21st. June, visit to Pengelly Caves.

Late July (details later), visit to Langage Dairy Farm, Plympton.

## FINALLY

One of our members was the 2000th customer of the day at Somerfields in March, winning her purchases for that day free of charge. Fortunately, she had gone in to buy more than a half-pound of butter!



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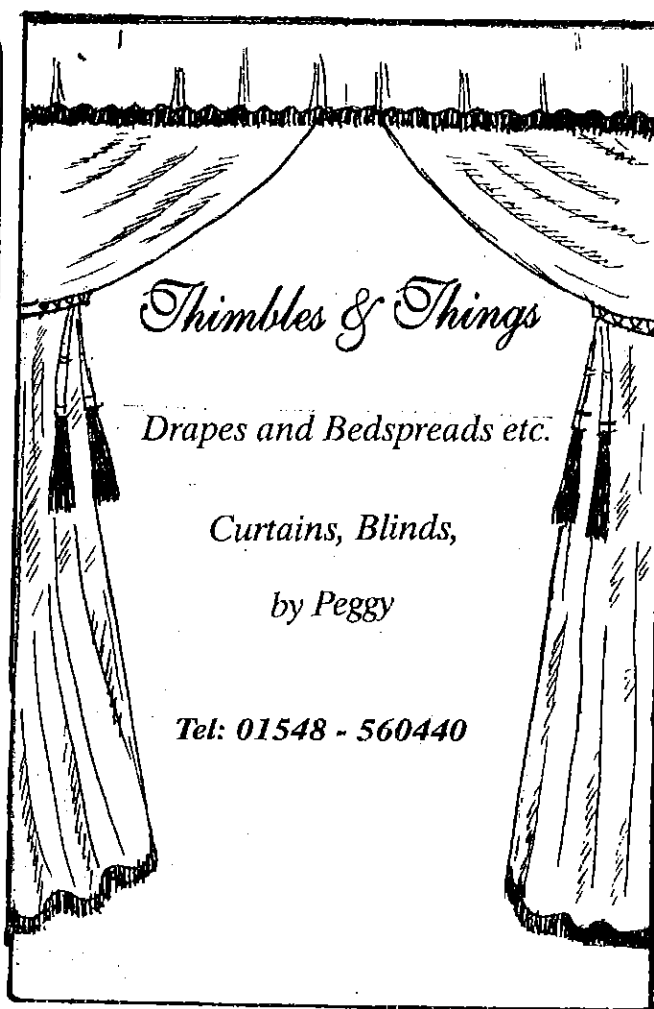
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**Churchwardens: Michael Chipman 562013 & Liz Webb 560090**

## from Dringhouses to Dibley?

I was flattered, of course, to think that I might have the talent of Dawn French, but appalled at the thought that I might have either her figure or her gender. And what did such a remark imply about the 'grockle's' perception of village life in South Hams. Was I to be condemned to living and working with an Alice Tinker as Church sacristan or battling with a David Horton on the Parish Council, or, worst of all, trying to make sense of a "no, no, no, no, yes " character whose name escapes me?

Since our arrival in Thurlestone we have rejoiced repeatedly in the welcome we have received, in the friendship we have been offered and in the very able (dare I say sophisticated) leadership of both Church and village we have observed.

I just hope I can play my full part. Most of all, I should like people of all ages, and of any faith or none, to feel that I am available to them should they ever think that I can be of service.

Alternatively, I am, believe it or not, in Church most Sunday mornings.

One last note. I am on a low fat diet so I can't eat chocolate, not even Terry's.



If anyone would like communion at home, or would like someone remembered in the prayers at Church, please let me know. It is important that anyone to be prayed for should know, and be happy about it.



At a recent PCC Meeting it was decided that the whole of the collection taken in church at a funeral service should be donated to a charity nominated by the family, if that is their wish.



## Thurlestone Church Services

Every Sunday  
Every Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION  
8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION  
11.10 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST  
11.10 a.m. MATINS

## Family Services

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist	9.30 a.m.	SOUTH MILTON
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Procession & Family Service meet Parish Hall car park at 10.45 a.m.	11.10 a.m.	THURLESTONE
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Sunday Egg Service	9.30 a.m.	SOUTH MILTON
May 8 <sup>th</sup>		11.10 a.m.	THURLESTONE

## Special Service

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	A Service in Celebration of Marriage	11.10 a.m.	THURLESTONE
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Joint Parishes Eucharist	7.30 p.m.	THURLESTONE
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Good Friday Last Hour Meditation	2.00 p.m.	THURLESTONE
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Sunday Sung Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.	THURLESTONE
	Easter Sunday Festal Eucharist	11.10 a.m.	THURLESTONE



## A Service in Celebration of Marriage

**SUNDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 11.10 A.M. IN THURLESTONE CHURCH**

**Everyone is welcome & there will be an opportunity to reaffirm your wedding vows, if you wish to do so.**

## Election of Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

THURSDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30 P.M. IN THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

followed by wine & nibbles and a chance to meet our new Priest in Charge, Canon Andrew Girling.



## All Saints Fellowship

THURSDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 2.30 P.M. IN THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

***"Home thoughts from Abroad" with Tom Gilkes***

Contact Liz Webb, Rosemary Chipman (562013), Evelyn Snowdon (560623) or Jan Turner (560354) for a lift.

## Coffee-Time

EVERY MONDAY 10.30 ~ 11.30 a.m. THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

Why not join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat? We should be very pleased to see you. Our new Priest in Charge, Andrew Girling, hopes to be there when he can, so this is also an opportunity to meet him.



## Coffee at Thurlestone Court

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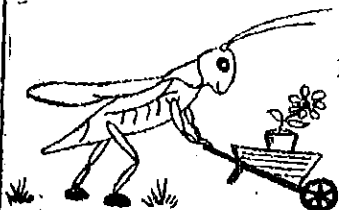
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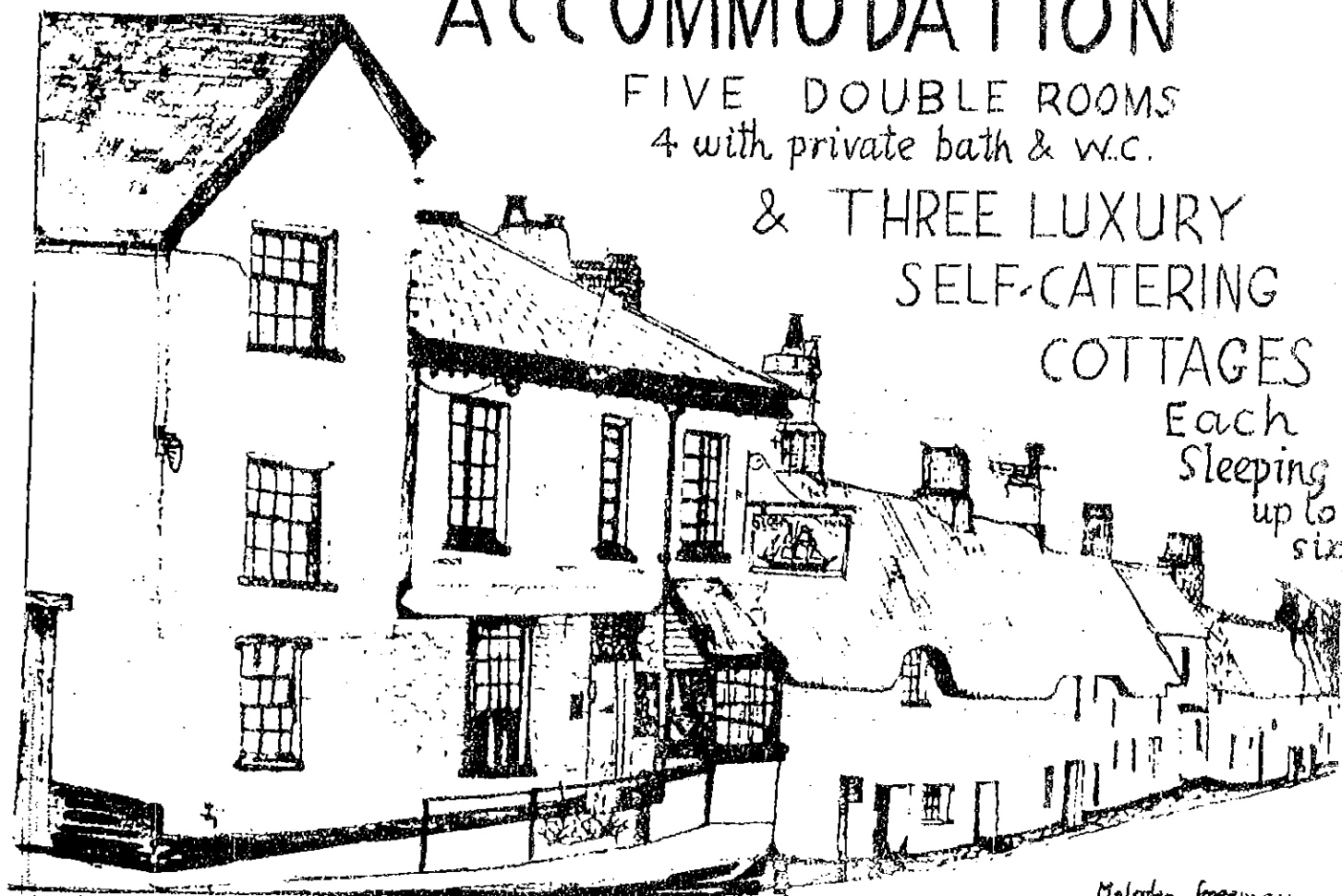
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