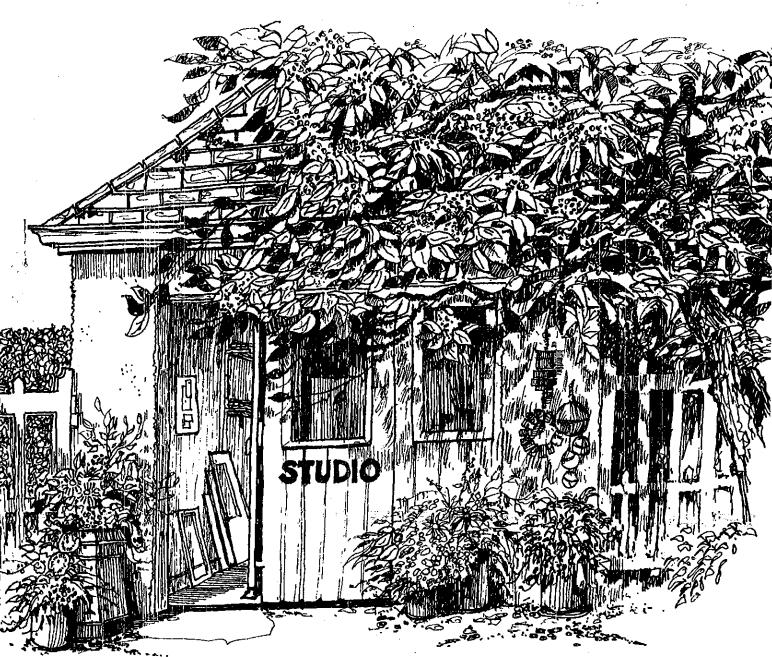
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It has been a good year so far for the whingeing Pom. Euro 2000, our bid for the World Cup, the cost of the Dome (you can create your own list), have all given us opportunities for counting our failures rather than our blessings. Even the weather continues to be somewhat perverse.

Village Voice, however, remains confident about the present - and optimistic about the future. The parish has managed its first seven months of the millennium pretty well, and sales of the video Land of the Five Beaches have exceeded expectations. We have no doubt that the collective energies and abilities of our parishioners, and their elected representatives, will be able to cope with whatever issues and problems may lie in store for us.

The new buildings have assimilated well into the village environment, and it seems that the planners will not be easily swayed into accepting proposals that would spoil the essential character of our villages. For this we can be thankful indeed.

This 104th edition has, we hope, much to interest you. We also hope that you will not allow us to become too complacent about our community magazine, and tell us if there are any new features that you would like to see included in our format. We welcome our fair share of whinge.

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BAD DAY AT SHAG ROCK?

The Avon (you may call it Aune if you'm very old) has been part of Thurlestone parish since parishes began. Before that it was part of "Torlestan" manor, which William the Conqueror gave in 1068 to his favourite army commander, Juhel, together with another 107 Devon manors, as a reward for putting down any resistance there might have been from King Harold's loyal forces in the south-west. Juhel, by the way, built that castle at Totnes.

The Aune (well, I'm old enough to call it that) is vastly important to a major part of the parish, particularly of course to the residents of Bantham and Buckland. Young "yotties" learn to sail on it and oldies potter on it. It is important, too, to the part-timers who have holiday homes on its banks. And judging by the huge number of photographs and postcards of Jenkins' Quay sent all over the world, it is a major tourist attraction.

Gone are the days when Bantham was a thriving little port for coastal trading vessels and had its own pilot to bring in the larger ships. Then big sailing barges took cargo such as coal on up-river from Bantham Quay to Aveton Gifford. Up to the middle 1800's it was also the base for a fleet of pilchard fishing boats, whose crews built a little village of their own at Aunemouth and exported their catch all over Europe.

The Avon estuary today is strictly non-commercial, but is highly prized for its usual tranquillity, its sheltered boating and its wild life, particularly herons. Much of this peace is protected by Evans Estates, who own land from the mouth of the Avon up river on the north bank to Doctor's Wood and to Stadbury Plantation on the southern side. On their river banks the Estates control fishing, shooting and boating activities with a harbourmaster, Neill Schroeter, and base in the thatched Bantham Boathouse built by Commander Evans in 1936 to commemorate the accession of George VI.



But before any Old Bigburian writes in to say that their parish covers the north-western bank of the Avon, please note that I didn't say that Thurlestone parish covered all of the river and its banks. That would be foolish as everyone knows that Prince Charles and the Duchy of Cornwall own the Avon river bed. Well, the central part anyway is very definitely Royal mud.

Now all this peace faces a new threat. Some of you will have noticed that the Aune Conservation Association, which had gone all quiet in recent years, has now taken on a new lease of life and is conserving away like mad. Many of you in fact will have received a questionnaire from the ACA asking if you would like a ban on (a) water skiing; (b) jet skis; or (c) both.

Water skiing for those not able to get about much any more is allowed by bye-law, with certain restrictions, from near Shag Rock (by the lime kiln in Stiddicombe Creek) to Doctor's Wood. The more recent intruder, the jet ski, is governed at present only by the general speed limit on the river of eight knots - though there is spin-doctor talk of an Act of

Parliament to control them all along our coasts and rivers.

The ACA wanted to find out the feelings of South Hams residents about these uses of the river. The residents responded with 185 replies.

You will be all of a quiver now to hear the results of this referendum. I can tell you that only one person wanted water-skiing banned but not jet skis! 45 residents wanted jet-skis banned but not water-skiing. The rest of you called a plague on both their houses and wanted both banned.

Despite the residents' obvious desires any action will be long delayed. The Aune Conservation Association would, at least, like to see a bye-law banning jet-skis on the estuary and feel that the results of their questionnaire give them at least the moral right to press for such action.

However, British jet-skiers, and jet-ski manufacturers, are busy now campaigning against any countrywide ban, denying any danger to other water users, saying that harassment of wildlife has never taken place anywhere, and that reports in newspapers of them chasing seals, dolphins and seabirds are just a load of rubbish.

I'm sure there are such people as good, kind, quiet, wildlife-loving jet skiers, but until they come along it seems you'd like the Avon closed to them.

By the way, there is another discussion going on locally about the Avon. And this is the question: How far up river does the river bed belong to Prince Charles? In the wilder parts, where Loddiswellians lurk, one owner rejects the Royal rights and says that all of the river is his - both banks and the bottom in between. On this debate the ACA is remarkably silent. One wrong word of course might mean that they will never be the Royal Aune Conservation Association.

Shame, the R.A.C.A.. sounds like the sort of up-market organisation we'd all like to belong to......

Villager

CHURCH MILITANT?

In an article in the Western Morning News, Tuesday 27th June 2000, on the return to Plymouth from Sierra Leone of the 600 Royal Marines of 42 Commando, the following sentence appeared:

"They have now handed over to a small British military training force from the Royal Anglicans"

[Does this suggest they may have been kitted out from Government Surplice Stores? Ed]

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

By Citizen

Meeting 12th June 2000

The Chairman, Councillor P. Hurrell, Councillors D. Grose, K. Marshall and District Councillor Mrs C. Steen all sent apologies for absence.

Traffic Congestion.

Traffic congestion caused at peak holiday times, particularly on Thurlestone's main street between the former village store and the Old Rectory, was discussed. Plans were being drawn up, in conjunction with the South Hams District Council, to ease the problem and these will be discussed at a special public meeting to be called later. The plans would be published beforehand in Village Voice, a copy of which would be delivered to every house in the parish, including holiday homes.

Parking outside the school.

Parents continue to drop off and pick up children from the school or the nursery and leave their cars in the space outside the school allocated to the school bus. Children's lives could be at risk if this situation continues. The school to be approached again and the police may be asked to intervene.

District Councillor.

Mrs Steen says that instead of attending all parish council meetings, which she finds "unworkable", she will in future hold "surgeries" every other month so anyone wishing to see her can make an appointment in advance. Our parish council and the others involved do not like this idea and have advised Mrs Steen accordingly.

Planning.

The Parish Hall has submitted plans to carry out improvements and the latest application to develop the Rectory site has been rejected on the grounds of over-development of site, traffic hazard and destruction of trees, all of which would be detrimental to the village.

Meeting 17th July 2000

Councillors D Yeoman and K Marshall sent apologies for absence.

First Time Sewerage Application.

The problem of sewage in the Buckland stream will be discussed at the parish council meeting on September 11th, 7.30pm, at the parish hall. It is important that all the house owners in Buckland who may be involved should attend.

Traffic congestion.

A meeting has been fixed for September 4th, 7.30pm at the parish hall, when Mr P. Hookham of the SHDC will discuss plans drawn up to try and solve the problem and give residents the opportunity to express their views. [Plans elsewhere in this issue].

District Councillor.

Mrs Steen emphasised the importance of the District Council's "Best Value" exercise, in which every department in Totnes has to look at every service they offer to ensure that not only is it effective but that tenders for the work give the best possible value.

Seaview Terrace development.

As the original successful company tendering dropped out, a meeting is being arranged to which all those interested in obtaining one of the houses should attend, even if it is only to register interest. At present the District Council feel that not enough people are concerned.

Parking outside the Post Office Stores.

At present some cars are encroaching on what is supposed to be the footpath. Matter to be discussed 4th September.

School Pond.

Formed as a nature project several years ago, the pond on the playing field is now considered very dangerous. The matter to be referred to the school governors.

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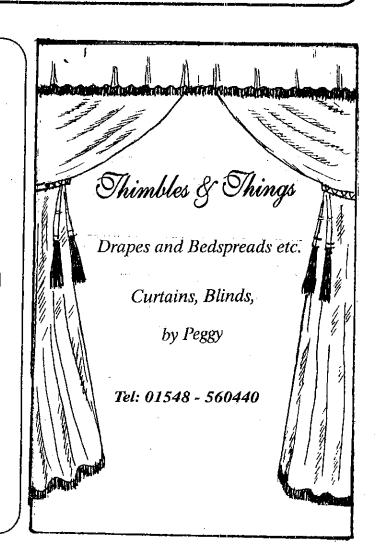
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MILLENNIUM MUGS IS YOUR NAME ON THE LIST?

Calling all young people under the age of 17 on 31st December 2000

To celebrate the Millennium, all young people living in the parish of Thurlestone will receive a special Millennium Mug some time during the Christmas holiday. Those of you who have seen the South Milton mug will know that they are a very attractive keepsake and Thurlestone is using the same manufacturer. Kendall McDonald has prepared a potted history for the base, all three villages will be represented in some form, and the names of the children living in the parish as at 31st December 2000 will be listed.

The printing and artwork will be in dark olive green to complement the gold on the rim and the creamy colour of the bone china. They will be available to purchase but as yet we do not know the price. If you wish to place an order please do so by phoning the number below or contact any Parish Councillor about it.

To enable the Parish Council to proceed we need the names of all children resident in the parish. Would you, therefore, please check the list below to make sure that, if eligible, you are on it and, if you are, that your name has been spelt correctly. Either way, please let Mrs White have any corrections as soon as possible and no later than 15th August. We have to get all the details to the manufacturers of the mugs by the end of August in order to have them in time for Christmas.

Apologies to those of you whose names are not listed - it is not intentional!

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BANTHAM

Charlotte Katie and Tom Hurrell Kimberley Pollard Andrew Simmons Grace Surrey

BUCKLAND

Luke and Neal Cunningham Emily and Bethany Hurrell Holly Norris Anna Sullivan Adam and Laura Sutton Abigail Walters Jack Way (+ 1) Lauren Yeoman

NEW TRAFFIC ORDER FOR THURLESTONE?

Peter Hookham, Traffic Engineer for Ivybridge Local Services Group, Devon County Council, writes:

I was asked to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the way forward on a new Traffic Order (yellow lines) to control parking on the main road through the village. This meeting took place on a very pleasant but busy day in June. It was a perfect time to observe some of the traffic flow problems within the village.

I have spoken with the parish before, at an evening at the end of last year, and have been impressed with the level of thought that has gone on behind the scenes since that time.

The map associated with this text [opposite] indicates the proposals put forward by the Parish Council and supported by the County Council. The proposal is to advertise a new Traffic Regulation Order to introduce double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) and to enhance pedestrian safety with the provision of a 'virtual footway' (a white line approximately one metre from the edge of carriageway), at the locations shown.

These measures are considered necessary on the grounds of road safety which affects **ALL** road users. We all must remember that the moment we are out of our cars we become pedestrians!

This matter is to be discussed at an evening meeting in the autumn [now fixed for Monday 4th September, 7.30pm at the Parish Hall]. If the parish wish to proceed, an Order will be prepared and advertised with a view to the lines being marked next year before the spring.

P.O.T.S. PICNIC

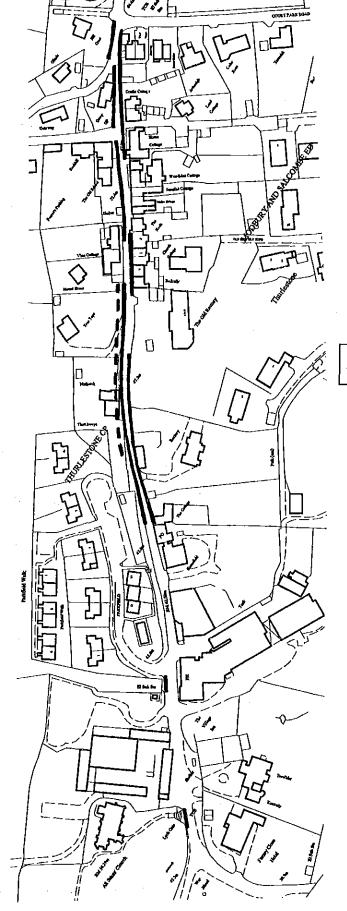
(Advance Notice)

P.O.T.S. will be sending invitations to a Millennium Picnic on Sunday 10th September to all children of the Parish who were attending Thurlestone School on 18th July 2000 and to their younger brothers and sisters.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Thurlestone



Proposed virtual footway line - SERE TRANS COME



Proposed double yellow lines -

POSTBAG

Dear Editor

May I please respond to Basil Fox's recent letter about the plight of our farming community.

It is of course true that we - like our American cousins, incidentally - subsidise our farming industry heavily. Very little of this subsidy goes to our local farmers most of whom are too small to set land aside and who farm fields which are ill-suited to arable crops for which the big subsidies are paid. In fact almost all the subsidy goes to the broad acre farms of eastern England and to the agro-chemical companies.

As to the wasteland, I would invite your readers to take a trip to East Allington where they can see for themselves what a devastating effect on the countryside - and eventually on the fertility of the land - "modern, efficient" farming methods can wreak.

Being very much a senior citizen, I can just remember the neglect of the countryside between the wars. Then, as now, we had a Government committed to "market forces" and low cost (imported) food, and by 1939 we had a landscape of burdock, thistles and nettles. No one ever suggested that the German U-boat fleet would come to be based at St Nazaire.

When in the summer of 1940 my mother returned from the Sudan, she took me to visit friends and neighbours of the family, who included Sir Michael O'Dwyer's* son-in-law, then a director of Dorman Long. I remember him saying at dinner that evening that if we

continued to lose our merchant fleet at the current rate, there would be nothing left of it by the spring. We came close to starvation that winter.

Change is inevitable and to be welcomed; without the current crisis we would probably not have the development of the enormously successful Farmers' Markets, but I have never been much of an enthusiast for the market forces argument.

John Crawford Thurlestone

* O'Dwyer, assassinated by a Sikh in London in 1940, was a former captain and member of Thurlestone Golf Club. He had been Lt Governor of the Punjab during the time of the Amritsar massacre.

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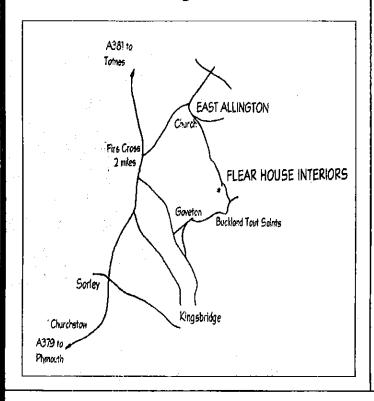
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Village News Round-Up

Goodbye Terry & Jim

To our sorrow a valuable duo from the Village Voice production team has retired, Jim Woodrow and his wife Terry. They have worked with us since the magazine went under "new" management when Kendall & Penny McDonald relinquished its production.

They were always to be depended upon for sound advice, encouragement and ideas and will be particularly remembered by the team for their great support when we took the momentous decision to break away from being slaves to the old inky duplicators and branch out into something more modern. Happily they will always be ready to lend us their hands again in times of scarcity of numbers in the Print Room. Thank you, Terry & Jim, from all at Village Voice. We wish you a long and happy "retirement".

Mr September

2000 AD will go down as the year of cheeky calendars, what with the pictures of the ladies of the Yorkshire WI who tastefully bared bits of their anatomy for charity and the younger South Devon farmers, including Eric Palmer of Whitley, doing almost the same for their "Meet British Beef" calendar!

Eric, the calendar's 'Mr September', had some fun recently as a result of the calendar. He was one of fifty, picked from all over the country, to enter the annual Bachelor of the Year competition run by the women's magazine 'Company'. An all-expenses-paid trip to London, a photography session and a great night out at a club in Leicester Square were arranged. Their hostess was tv's Cat Deely (the young men's dream girl I understand) and it was she who included Eric in her 'top ten' men to be photographed on a

double-page spread in the Sun.

He rubbed shoulders with a number of young, ambitious minor celebrities (the chap who plays Mike Baldwin's son in Coronation Street for instance). Sad to report the phone poll conducted later by the magazine following their publication of the entrants' photographs did not chose Eric as winner - but he had a very interesting time. To quote him "I took advantage of the free bar - but I also suffered in the morning"!

A Brazilian television crew also came to Whitley as a result of the calendar and filmed him at work on the farm. Alas, he will not be able to see the results - which will form part of a popular daily programme in Brazil - as it will only be shown in Brazil.

Bantham Surf Life Savers

When you visit the Sloop Inn look out for a painting by **Dick Brough** of the view from the golf club's 12th fairway towards the 11th green and the sea. He has kindly donated the picture to the BSLSC's fund-raising for its new clubhouse. Raffle tickets for the painting are on sale at £10 each and there are also limited edition (200) framed prints on sale at £35 each. Each purchase of a print will automatically be entered into the draw for the original.

Music Lectures start again

Ten WEA lectures will be given by **Professor Basil Smallman** at Dodbrooke Church Hall, Church Road, Kingsbridge, each Tuesday afternoon from 2.15 to 3.45, starting Tuesday 3rd October 2000.

Illustrated by substantial excerpts from six major operas (Mozart: Figaro, Weber Der

Freischutz, Verdi Falstaff, Puccini Gianni Schicchi, R. Strauss Capriccio, and Britten Peter Grimes), the lectures will investigate, within an historical framework, the numerous ingenious ways in which composers have sought to reconcile the competing demands of music and drama. Basil says "Everyone is welcome to come, no previous knowledge is necessary and no burdensome demands will be made" and even promises that "enjoyment is guaranteed"!

The fee is £28,50 for the ten sessions.

Sewerage treatment for West Buckland

Yes or no to application for First Time Sewerage Treatment for West Buckland? A decision on this issue will be made at the Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 11th September 2000 at the Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. If this matter is of importance to you then it is vital that you attend.

South Hams Hospital League of Friends

Eileen Perraton and Jeanne Barton were delighted that as a result of their running a Bathroom Stall they were able to contribute over £200 to the £1500 raised overall at the League's recent "Fair on the Square". They are particularly keen to thank all the kind people who contributed to the success of their work, saying that the money raised "will help to buy much-needed equipment to improve our hospital even further and perhaps save some patients the long journey into Plymouth". Well done, say all of us.

Millennium Mugs

In this issue you will see an important notice about the Millennium Mugs which the Parish Council will be presenting to children living in the parish who will be under the age of 17 on 21st December 2000. Seek it out and act upon it if a member of your family qualifies!

Michael rides again

The British Heart Foundation are again to benefit from Michael Allen's 1000+ miles sponsored cycle ride, over 16 days, from John o' Groats to Lands End. He set off from Dunnet Head in fog but the weather on the way down was quite pleasant with only occasional day-time light rain to contend with. "The roads in Scotland are not as hilly as people think" said Michael but added "Devon and Cornwall are definitely the hilliest counties to cycle in!"

When he completes his collection he hopes the sum will be in the region of £5000. He wants particularly to thank the residents of Thurlestone for their wonderful generosity over the years that he has been doing charity rides. He is also grateful to Ian and Joan Lyons for acting as his "support vehicle".

Parish Year End Accounts

The Parish Council's full detailed accounts for the year ending 31st March 2000 have been prepared professionally to meet accounting regulation requirements - but unfortunately run to 19 pages! To save costs parishioners suggested at a recent Parish Council meeting that if copies of the Income and Expenditure accounts only could be published in Village Voice this would meet most needs. These have now been prepared on two pages, and can be found later on in this issue.

John Lonsdale, the Parish Clerk, is keen to stress that the full accounts are available for anyone to inspect.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

Parishioners who like occasionally to attend these meetings should note that they will be no longer held on **Tuesdays** but will be held on **Mondays** instead.

See Diary at back for future dates.

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| 30.04.99 | S.H.D.C | 2485.63 | | | | 2485.63 | | |
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| 10.09.99 | Lloyds | 0.10 | 0.10 | | | | | |
| 11,10,99 | Lloyds | 0.32 | 0.32 | | | | | |
| 27.10.99 | HMC & E | 71.25 | | | | | 71.25 | |
| 30.10.99 | S.H.D.C. | 2485.62 | | | | 2485.62 | | |
| 08.11.99 | Dividend | 55.48 | | 55,48 | | | | |
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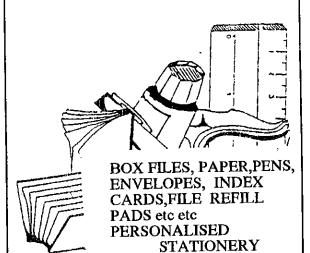
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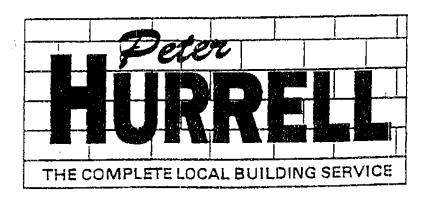
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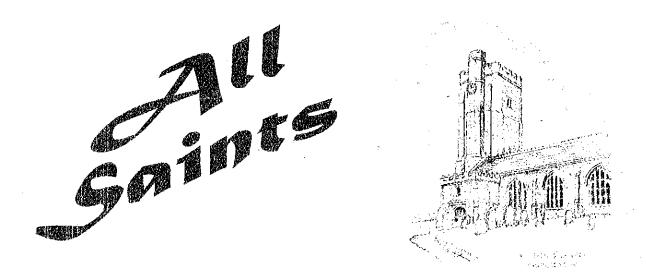




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ANDREW GIRLING WRITES: Church-goers live longer - Official

It was music to any Rector's ears. The National Institute of Healthcare research has published a report which, in effect, suggests that you might keep more healthy by going to Church than by going to the leisure centre.

The analysis of 42 research studies investigating the role of religion in health-care has established that regular attendance at Church is related to a significantly longer life. Those who never attended Church had nearly twice the risk of death in the following 9 years as did those who attended more than once a week.

The report discovered, for example, that weekly worshippers have lower blood pressure, fewer heart attacks, are less likely to get cancer, will be less depressed and are unlikely to be obese.

The report, however, can only speculate on the reasons for these facts. Is it, perhaps, because church-goers tend to be more disciplined? Or is it because they seem to be more content? A recent Gallup poll in America compared those defining themselves as 'low in spiritual commitment' with those who described themselves as 'highly spiritual'. The latter were twice as likely to be 'very happy'.

Can I make my own speculations for all this? My top 3 suggestions would, I think, be:

- 1. Church-going provides a fellowship of care and support for those who belong.
- 2. The experience of forgiveness and acceptance frees people from stress and anxiety.
- 3. Christian faith gives meaning and purpose to our lives which is both positive and life enhancing.

If you would like to suggest other possible reasons, I would be interested to hear them. If you would like to conduct your own experiment, I would be delighted to welcome you to Church.

Andrew Girling

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Fête, particularly Patrick Holloway, who organised the whole event, and David and Scilla Grose, who kindly lent their garden as a venue, and thank you also to all those who supported the Fête. After a very hot week it was rather disappointing to wake on the Saturday morning to a howling gale! However this had the benefit of not being beach weather and so we had a record number through the gates which resulted in a grand total of £3100, which was £800 more than last year. Thank you all very much for your support.



ll Saints

Thurlestone Church Services

Every Sunday **Every Thursday** August 6th & 20th August 27th

8.00 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

8.30 a,m.

HOLY COMMUNION

11.10 a.m.

PARISH EUCHARIST

11.10 a.m.

MATINS

Special & Family Services

August 13th 11,10 a.m.

Family Service

September 22nd 7.00 p.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by the Harvest Supper (see below)

September 24th 11.10 a.m. Harvest Eucharist

New Pattern of Sunday Church Services

Beginning in September and for six months experiment there will be a new monthly pattern of Sunday church services at both Thurlestone and South Milton Churches:

1ST SUNDAY

FAMILY SERVICE TOGETHER at alternate churches,

Sept 3rd

10.30 a.m Thurlestone

Oct 1st 9.30 a.m. South Milton

Evening Prayer/Holy Communion at church not hosting Family Service Oct 1st 6.00 p.m. Thurlestone

Sept 3rd

6.00 p.m. South Milton

SOUTH MILTON 9.30 A.M.

2ND SUNDAY (SEPT. 10TH)

Family Communion

THURLESTONE 11.10 A.M.

3RD SUNDAY (SEPT. 17TH)

Matins

Matins

4TH SUNDAY (SEPT. 24TH)

Parish Eucharist

Family Communion

5TH SUNDAY

Parish Eucharist

Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist

Informal Service of Praise at 6.00pm at alternate churches.

EVERY SUNDAY EVERY THURSDAY Thurlestone 8.00am Holy Communion

Thurlestone 8.30am Holy Communion

Barbecue-on-the-Green

FRIDAY AUGUST 11TH

6.00 P.M.

VILLAGE GREEN

Hot Dogs & Burgers ~ Stalls ~ Sideshows

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1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 4TH

NOON ~ 1.30 P.M. PARISH HALL

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy soup and a ploughman's lunch in exchange for a donation towards the new crib figures for the church.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Barvest Supper

SEPTEMBER 22ND 7.00 P.M.

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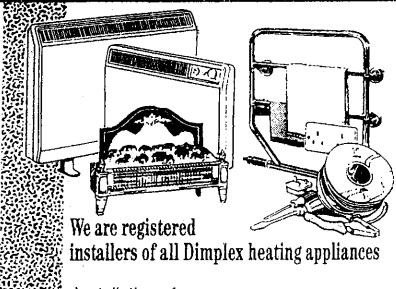
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One

- (1) First letter of alphabet = A
- (2) French the

=LA

(3) Boy

- =LAD
- (4) A valley
- (5) Distributes cards
- (6) Criticised severely
- (7) Makes wider or larger
- (8) Cut off from society
- (9) Displace

Three

- (1) Five hundred
- (2) Road (abbr.)
- (3) German the
- (4) Challenge
- (5) Class (US)
- (6) Plot of land for growing
- (7) Make insane
- (8) Spanish nobleman
- (9) Places in danger

Two

- (1) East
- (2) French and
- (3) A number
- (4) Dispatched
- (5) Points of a fork
- (6) Not spreading
- (7) Enrols in the army
- (8) Outward bulges
- (9) Absolutely necessary

Four

- (1) One hundred
- (2) Account (abbr.)
- (3) Vehicle
- (4) Contest of speed
- (5) Tended
- (6) Discovered
- (7) Brought into existence
- (8) Put into a new form
- (9) Violate a sacred place

WEATHER WAG



I have decided to blind you with figures this time (you might like to turn over now!). Having said that, there are some quite interesting trends beginning to develop. Like all my figures they are slightly suspect because there are so few, but we can all decide how we view them.

There is not much to choose from where total rainfall is concerned, just the distribution over the months. The temperature is a fraction higher this year at this time, but it is the wind direction which I find most intriguing. After all the years of recording a majority of easterlies, we are or seem to be returning to our more normal westerlies. I am also recording more due south winds. Most of these are evidenced in the series of depressions that seem ever-present. The strength of the wind is lower so far this year - give it time I hear you say, there's a chance yet. June with 158.5 hours of sunshine was, excepting 1997, the dullest June since 1995 when I was able to record sunshine hours, and compares with 221.4 hours in 1999. At the end of last time's notes I said something like "Here's to the hot summer to follow". Hmm, something has gone wrong so far. Still, it saves going out to water the garden every evening.

Talking of water, rain, etc. what about the flash flooding during recent weeks when poor old Falmouth suffered? It never ceases to catch us unawares! The area which flooded in Falmouth had never been affected before. The drainage system simply could not cope with the volume of water that fell in the area over a very short time. Somewhere in the Lake District received their month's allocation in 12 or so hours. One of my postman friends said that last week he went to Exeter with the mail during the evening. Fine and dry as far as Harbertonford then torrential rain to Exeter and back but in Kingsbridge it had been a lovely, fine sunny evening.

How much store do you place on St.Swithin? It is his day next Saturday, 15th July and the forecast is not too good.* Personally I blame the temperate latitude jet stream. It has thrown a wobbly in a southerly direction. It should be further north but there is no real rhyme or reason

for the shift south. It is affected by the subtropical jet stream which circles the earth at about the Tropic of Cancer latitude. So the two of them have conspired to shower us with rain and blanket us with high cloud.

Our areas of low pressure (depressions) originate over the warm seas of the Atlantic drift (Gulf Stream) off the east coast of North America. They drift along the westerlies towards the North West until they are under the jet stream, then they begin to join up to form the bigger depressions that work their way in a wavy formation towards the British Isles. Then they meet us as obstacles and vent their vengeance!

In The Times today there are explanations of how this happens which give a very good idea of our weather pattern at the moment. Also you will be able to understand how the eastern Mediterranean is experiencing a vicious heat-wave, with all that that can inflict upon the inhabitants. We are in the middle of two areas of high pressure so we are under the battle ground as it were. (I've saved the article so if you are interested please let me know and I'll hand it over to you to read).

July is short of weather lore, with just two dates being singled out in my reference book. One of these is 6th July (old midsummer day according to the pre-1752 calendar):

If you hear the cuckoo after old midsummer day

Ere the end of the year your death dues you'll pay

The other is of course St. Swithin's Day, 15th July

St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain; St.Swithin's Day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

* [St. Swithin's Day 2000 was fine. Perhaps we'll now have some summery weather!]

Jan Turner

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NEWS FROM THE WI



That Handelap

Our President, Pat Clarke, was there at Wembley for the WIs big Triennial General Meeting and witnessed at first hand Tony Blair's by now infamous speech to the 10,000 members present and their reaction to it. The WI has always taken a non-party political and non-sectarian stance, which it guards jealously, so immediately members thought the speech was getting decidedly party-political the inevitable happened. The WI has never had such ongoing publicity in all its 85 years of existence in Britain - except perhaps when The Calendar came out in January! Oh yes, nearly forgot in the excitement, the resolutions became mandates.

Out and About

The Good as New sale enabled us to give £100 to the Macmillan Nurses Fund.

Pengelly Caves and Langage Farm were on the list of places visited over the past couple of months and the outings were both enjoyable and informative. Lunch in Rosemary Mackay's garden was enjoyed by 32 members and has become a much looked-forward-to annual event. The profit of £68 is to be donated to the Parish Hall maintenance funds. Rosemary, the cooks and the strawberry-pickers were warmly thanked.

Solange

A lot of us remember Solange Hodge, our French member. She returned to her native land - living in the Dordogne - and sent us a letter saying how she still misses Thurlestone WI as the French have no equivalent. She gives us a cordial invitation to visit her if we find ourselves in her vicinity. Whilst she was over there recently Pam Brewster popped in to see her and was given a very warm welcome.

Cakes please

Cakes and baked goods are needed for our stall at the Parish Hall Autumn Fair on 16th September. If you can provide anything please contact **Pat Clarke** (561982)

Millennium Wall Hanging

Work on this is proceeding apace with every member expected to do at least one stitch. Timid or reluctant sewers would have their hands and needles held for them! Anyone interested in trying their hand or in seeing what its all about should pop into Val Brown's any Monday afternoon from 2.30pm. A cheese & wine will be put on at the Parish Hall on Saturday 30th September at 7 pm to show off the work.

Speakers

In June **Dr Barbara Lees'** talk was called "Satellites and what they see - or the Eye in the Sky". She gave a brief but comprehensive outline of how satellites are able to scan the world, by imaging, showing such things as cloud and weather patterns, rain forests, farmland, sea depths and temperatures, fault lines in the earth's crust, gas pipe-lines, and even swarms of locusts!

In July there was a complete contrast as **Tessa Amies** showed us something very down-to-earth - how she sets about repairing and restoring china. There will be no meeting in August.

The September speaker is from the District Council, giving us an update on recycling.

We welcome visitors warmly to any of our meetings and events - the dates are in the back of Village Voice - just drop in and see us.

A TALE OF PLUSES AND MINUSES

Part two

Dashed were our hopes of lighting a nice cheering fire; dashed our hopes of preparing a meal. The living room was cluttered from front door to back. Almost everything from the floors and walls of the kitchen and shower room was piled and scattered all over the floor. The lavatory was nestling up against the kitchen sink by the back door; the fridge and stove by the front door covered by odds and ends; the middle was totally covered by the new kitchen flooring. The water pipes gaped open. The place was clearly uninhabitable. It would have to be a hotel.

With rage in our hearts we drove down to the village and were warmly greeted by M. and Mme. Tallet at the hotel. After listening with suitable expressions of sympathy and horror to our sad tale they told us, when we asked for a room, that they had retired at Christmas. There was, they thought, still the Hotel de la Poste in the next door village which might be open. At this point I became totally feeble and asked M. Tallet to ring them for me. To our relief they had a room but if we were wanting a meal could we go at once as it was getting late.

It had been our thought to go and murder Mel the builder first, but the prospect of a room and meal was more appealing. A definite plus. Homicide would have to wait. It was a lovely room, all mod cons, fairly recently refurbished, distinctly more luxurious than my own residence. During dinner Monique the proprietress - who knew the story by now - came conspiratorially to tell us that Mel was in fact even then in the bar. Perhaps he had come to see me? This was unlikely.

A moment later she was back because Mel looked as if he were about to leave. I downed tools, rushed into the bar and confronted him. He looked satisfyingly

horrified. By the end of the interview, watched with interest by the people behind the bar, he had promised to ring me in the morning to let me know if he had found us somewhere else to stay because a week in a hotel was an expense I had not reckoned on, though, to be honest, I don't think we really cared any more. It transpired, moreover, that Mel was no longer in the same house. It was lucky we hadn't gone to find him.

The next day was largely pluses. Clearly the purchase of instant food for clandestine consumption in our hotel bedroom was a priority. When we returned to the hotel from our expedition, Mel was on the phone at that very moment. Not surprisingly he had not found anywhere for us to stay but I extracted the promise from him that he would start work again, not the next day, Friday, but on Monday. He would be there at nine. I had to settle for that.

Then something really providential occurred. On a whim, as we were on our way to the hovel, I decided to see if some English friends were in residence. They were and were delighted to see us. Our plight horrified them and though they had no spare room they insisted that we should seek refuge with them, whenever the charms of the hotel room began to pall, and have a cup of tea. They even gave us a house key so we could get in if they weren't there and turned on a spare fridge for our use.

By now we were totally reckless and went off to book a meal at a farm restaurant for the next day. It had to be lunch as they were fully booked for the evening. That lunch was up to standard. You cannot complain about a menu which comprises an aperitif, good peasant-style soup, terrine, a substantial meat and vegetables main course, and a copious cheese-board. The dessert was a kind of omelette -cum-pancake served straight from the pan, its sugary surface liberally doused with eau-de-vie and flamed. Coffee and liqueur, bread and wine were included in the price of around £6.50!

Happily replete we went off to explore the village, as it was a lovely sunny afternoon. Back in the car I drove off over a slight bump....and the exhaust, silencer, and everything fell off with a nasty crash. At least it didn't entirely fall off. It was still held on by a bit of rubber which we couldn't get offnot until, tired of waiting for the garage man to arrive and of sitting on the war memorial reading our books, Jenny, armed with a ballpoint pen and vast determination, managed to prise it off. We roared away to the garage in our village, arriving before they closed. They could do the repair but not before Monday because they nad to get the parts. We were hoping to leave on Tuesday.

We roared around for the next two days - to the supermarket to stock up on the essential contraband, to the hovel to tidy up as much as we could, to our friends' home for a cup of tea. No one objected to the noise.

Mel, in fact, arrived on Monday morning. We could scarcely believe it. It was then that everything became complicated again. We agreed that the electric wiring needed renovation; the system was archaic in 1975. The electrician was contacted, came and assessed the situation, was a bit shattered to learn that we were hoping to leave early the next day but had the estimate ready by 6 pm. The car was ready too.

It didn't seem that there could be any more problems. I even remembered to tell the hotel people that we might be late back as we were off to have yet another restaurant meal, a final fling, so we weren't locked out. However, I had omitted to mention that we wanted to leave early in the morning - and we found ourselves locked in. Jenny, ever resourceful, discovered that one of the doors was quite easy to open. Unfortunately this set the burglar alarm off. One way, I suppose, to wake the owners albeit a trifle drastic. Thus we made our rather shame-faced escape.

Thereafter no more minuses, definitely all pluses: a good journey to Le Havre; hotel room waiting, just; a calm crossing; safely back to Thurlestone.

However, I have a sneaking feeling that all is not yet well over there. I have borrowed a tent.

Pam Brewster

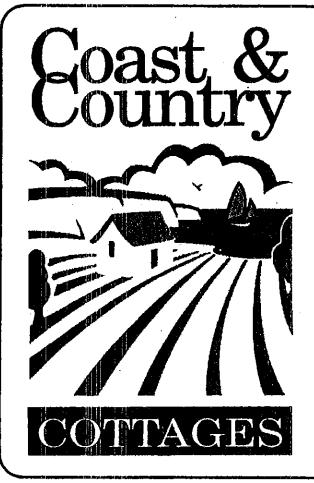
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HARRY AT HIS WITS' END

My friend the excellent Gordon Waterhouse wrote in his piece in the Gazette that I call Bar-tailed Godwits "Barwits". So I do, and a lot of other people do too.

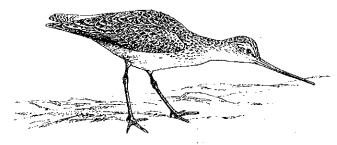
Many activities have a language of their own. Think of the sailing man. When he talks about his mainsheet any landlubber would be forgiven for thinking he means a sail. No way - he means the bit of rope which he uses to control his mainsail.

Birdwatchers have terms of their own. If I hear of a rare bird, and go to see it, and don't see it, I have dipped out. If you go to see it. and you do see it, you have gripped me off! Likewise bird names. Meadow Pipits are mipits. Long-tailed Tits are lottics. The lady Lesser Crested Tern who appeared each summer for years on the Farne Islands (married to a Sandwich Tern) was Elsie, needless to say. How these names arose is pretty obvious. Less so why a Thrush Nightingale should be called a sprosser. For me it is irrelevant, it is a bird of eastern Europe and Russia (where I have no intention ever of going) and a very rare vagrant to Britain. I don't expect to see one. I would not recognise it if I did.

There is a valid reason for these abbreviations. A good birdwatcher carries a notebook. Well, he should. That, and his binoculars, and his pair of ears are the most useful things he can take into the field. Though if you meet birders in the field few seem to be writing down what they see. Maybe they have good memories. But for those that want to make a note, shortening a name helps. There is a bit more to it than that. Birders (and other people) like to have a private language. Knowing the names and expressions they use shows you include yourself in the IN group. Elitism? Yes it is and however much we may deny it most of us like a bit of that. I am not really IN. because I don't know enough of the names.

As well as the Bar-tailed Godwits, in Britain we get Black-tailed Godwits ("Blackwits") but we can forget about them. In winter plumage, which is how we usually see them, both species are brown. In summer Blackwits have red necks and upper breasts. Gentlemen Barwits go brick red all over except for some grey feathers on their wings. The ladies remain much less colourful. In winter the two species are very hard to tell apart unless they fly. At the beginning of May a bird stayed for four days on Farmer Stidston's grass in Thurlestone valley. Not eating grass, but digging things out of it. One day we decided it was a Barwit and put it down in the book as such. Next day we were equally convinced it was a Blackwit. We got thoroughly confused as to what to put in the book.

It is easy enough when they have summer feathers but when they are in winter plumage and just standing or walking about you can really only tell them apart by the length of their legs. Barwit has slightly shorter legs and its "knees" (corresponding to our ankles, which is why they face the wrong way - a bird's real knees are up under its feathers) are only just below its body. Blackwit has much longer legs and shows a good length of leg between its "knees" and its underneath.



Bar-tailed Godwit

Had this bird in the valley condescended to show us its wing pattern there would not have been any difficulty. But it just stood. No problem when they fly. Barwits are all brown, slightly darker towards the ends of their wings, and have a whiteish wedge up their backs. Blackwits show a brilliant white



wing-bar right across each wing and a square white patch on their tails ending in a broad black tip.

Blackwits nest in a band right across northern Europe, sometimes a few in East Anglia and maybe some on the Somerset Levels. We saw them in Holland, where they were breeding in grass fields beside the roads. A bulb field tour was what we were on at the time - £23 each, all in, for five days. The price shows how long ago that was. Holiday company and airline both went broke soon after. Two of those five days were spent coming and going, but as we flew from Southend to Amsterdam travelling over did not take very long. They drove us in a coach through much of Holland. We had 25 minutes in the Rijksmusem (just long enough to find 'The Nightwatch') and a bit over an hour at Keukenhof, the real show place, but of course hours of time in the emporia which sold tat. On the flight home the pilot got lost, but fortunately one of the air hostesses saw a buoy in the Thames estuary and told him where he was. Happy days!

Black-tailed Godwit breeds in temperate Europe, and in a broad band across Russia. It winters in Africa, south of the Sahara and in northern India. The books shows that some get as far as Australia.

By contrast, Bar-tailed Godwit is much more extreme. As a migrant it does not go to the lengths that Arctic Tern does: that nests mostly in the high Arctic and winters among

the pack ice around Antarctica. To do that you have got to fly some 12,500 miles each way. But Barwit does something like it. It breeds on the tundra of Siberia and goes for the winter as far south as there is any land - well, except Antarctica.

I reckon that for difficulty the Barwits have it worse than the terns. The latter fly mostly over water. If they feel hungry they can splosh in and catch a fish or two. The Barwits live by sucking things up out of mud, and the number of places where there is suitable mud is limited.

What track they follow when flying north from Africa I do not know. Each year, however, at the end of April and beginning of May we hope for strong easterly winds...with mixed feelings, because they make it cold when it ought to be getting warm. Take this year. In the last few days of April and into May it began to blow from the north-east. Perfect! I sat by the window - I am good at that - and waited. Mid-afternoon is the time. On 2nd May I had my reward. A flurry of wings near the golf club. Eighty large waders, brown with no wing bars. They might have been Whimbrels, which are the right size and colour and come at the right time. But these had straight bills. Whimbrels' curve down. Barwits. In from the sea, they flew up the valley and were gone. Friends who work the Kingsbridge estuary saw none so these must have gone on northwards.

The track these birds want to follow to take them from Africa to the tundra must be more to the east, and it is only when they get drifted west by easterly winds that we see them. We don't see them every year, I suppose because it doesn't blow from the east at the right time every year. These were the first since 1993. The most I have a note of was 600 in 1984.

These numbers are peanuts to what they get in New Zealand. Our New Zealand wildlife book reckons they get up to 100,000 wintering in the islands. Wintering because they have gone south away from the northern winter. But of course they find summer again there. When we went we didn't see such numbers but at the time we were there they were well scattered. June's Kiwi relations told us of the enormous numbers that appear in the Kaipara harbour, a huge shallow inlet a bit north of Auckland. They gather there before setting off north. We missed the build up as we had already gone north when it started.

To fly from Siberia, where they breed, to New Zealand must be well over 10,000 miles. It is thought they do it in three or four hops. Before they set off they eat enough to double their body weight. It all goes on as fat and as they fly it is consumed as energy, like an aeroplane using fuel. When we left Singapore to fly to Auckland, the Chinese captain told us he had 120 tons of fuel on board. After each step of the journey the fat is all used up. Then they must put down to replace it.

As waders go Barwits are big and strong. But smaller ones do this New Zealand thing. There is a large inlet south of Auckland called the Firth of Thames (because it put Captain Cook in mind of the Thames estuary). We saw some Barwits there, the same species as come here but just a little bigger. We also saw much smaller things - Red-necked Stint, no more than Sparrow-sized, Curlew Sandpiper and Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, both only slightly larger. All breed in Siberia and some find their way to New Zealand.

The ornithologists are worried. There is plenty of space in Siberia. There is lots of room to winter in New Zealand, in places like Kaipara harbour and Firth of Thames which have huge sandy flats where the birds can feed, but what happens at Japan, Malaysia, the Indonesian Islands, the stopping-off places where they must feed up for the next leg of their journey?

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The first two of the recipes below can be used as light lunch or supper dishes with some new potatoes and a salad, and they also make useful starters if you cook them in individual ramekins. The salad is quite rich, so a little goes a long way.

Courgettes en cocottes

Ilb courgettes Quarter pint each of cream and Greek yoghurt 3 tablesp. Tarragon vinegar Parmesan cheese 2 teasp. Sugar 1 large egg

Grate the courgettes with their peel on. Dissolve the sugar in the vinegar and stir it into the courgettes. Leave them for half an hour and then Tip them into a shallow dish squeeze them dry.

Beat the cream, yoghurt and egg together and stir into the courgettes. Pour mixture into a gratin dish or into ramekins, and sprinkle the Parmesan on top.

Bake at 200C (400F, Gas 6) for 20 minutes or so until lightly browned.

Courgettes with Boursin

11b courgettes 125g. Boursin cheese (cheaper supermarket varieties are fine) Fresh or dried thyme

Cut the unpeeled courgettes into rounds and saute them gently for 15 minutes in a little oil with the lid on the

or ramekins and sprinkle on some thyme. Dot pieces of cheese all over the top. spreading it where you can.

With oven settings as for Courgettes en cocottes, cook them for about 20 minutes until the cheese is nicely browned.

Courgette & Carrot Salad

8 ozs. Courgettes 8 ozs. Carrots 2 ozs. Pumpkin seeds 2 ozs. Sunflower seeds

Dressing:

1 tablesp. Walnut oil 2 tablesp. Salad oil 1 tablesp. Lemon juice 1 tablesp. Orange juice Salt & pepper

Mix dressing ingredients together thoroughly. Dry roast the seeds and grate the vegetables. Toss the seeds and the vegetables in the dressing and divide into salad bowls.

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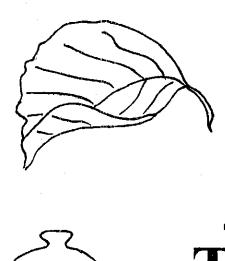
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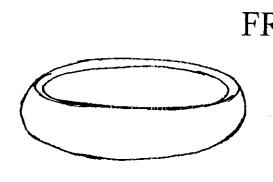
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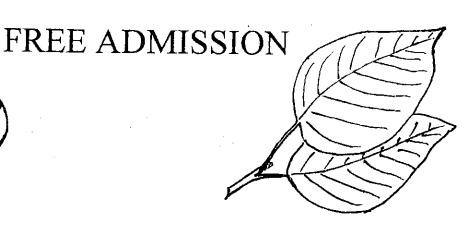
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The ladies of Thurlestone Golf Club really celebrated this event in style - even though the "weather god" seemed to be a man that day! We started our preparations months ago. We collected old photographs, exchanged stories with members of yesteryear, ordered the champagne, the cake was made and iced and the prizes ordered well in advance.

At 4 am on the day I looked out of the window on to a dismal weather scene. I went back to bed as it was still another four hours before we were off! At 7.15 am I arrived at the Golf Club. Visibility was poor to say the least and panic was starting to set in. Must make a quick decision and stick with it. Advice was coming thick and fast from all the waiting ladies. Decision taken - we would play 11 holes with a shot-gun being fired at 8 am. My long-suffering husband had agreed to fire the gun and, bless him, he even dressed up in 1900s gear.

My partner and I stood near the tee and waited for the signal (my partner was "our" Joan - Mrs Joan Mackenzie, chairman of the DCLGA Centenary Committee). Our playing partners were Penny Hine, my Vice-Captain,

and Rona Burgoyne. Then we were off-down into the fog. Thank goodness the rest of the ladies could not see our tee shots. Our game progressed with much laughter, one lost ball and lots of fun.

Game over, the great transformation into period dress took place - Joan became Lois Yarde-Buller - she looked splendid. Most of the ladies put on period costumes and enjoyed being photographed. A magnificent brunch followed, supplied by our stewardess Joan Booth.

Then the formal part of the day commenced speeches by Club Captain Julian Tregelles, Joan Mackenzie, and finally a toast to the DCLGA by Club President Roger Morgan. The champagne and birthday cake followed. As Lady Captain I received on behalf of our members the centenary plate and a special present for Thurlestone Golf Club from Joan Mackenzie - a picture of Lois Yarde-Buller.

Altogether a real Thurlestone day, so much fun and laughter. Who says the fun has gone out of golf? Not the ladies of Thurlestone Golf Club! At 5 pm the sun shone - it had been a wonderful day!

Palairet Progress

Thurlestone's men too have been performing well. They moved resolutely into the quarter finals of the Millennium Palairet competition with a convincing 4 - 1 win over Yelverton at Exeter Golf Club, and now meet Woodbury at Tavistock on Sunday 30th July. This date is too close to publication for Village Voice to include the result in this issue, but we wish the team all the best and a successful outcome, which would see them into Finals Day.

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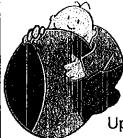
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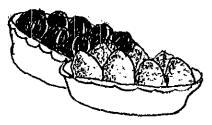
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The "man in pink" mustered his harem for an early ferry to Roscoff and off we set for the Vendee venture. We made our first stop at the medieval town of Dinan. Here we stayed in a strange B&B, run on a shoestring by and English couple, he a retired hairdresser, she had been a 'financial consultant'. Dinner, served after they had put the children to bed, was pub grub.

Our man in pink (hence known as mip) allowed us the morning to explore the medieval town, ending our cultural tour with a trip to the patisserie to fortify our journey to the Vendee. A stop was made at an 'aire' for usual reasons - but some of the party declined the hole in the floor. Three days were spent exploring the Vendee, well guided by the host and hostess - mip and "Madame Patisserie". (Picnics and outings were always supplemented with the urgings of you know who for you know what).

We stayed on a farm and it was interesting to see diversification French style. Not able to live without subsidies, they produced specially fed lamb for a specialist market, they catered for an increasing crop of B&B tourists and produced pheasant eggs, collected daily from pens, and then sent off for hatching and rearing ready for the Duke of Edinburgh's record bags!

The highlight of the Vendee was the Puy de Fou - no, not an up market Disneyland but acres of land devoted to illustrating the life and times of this country area. There were magnificent displays of falconry with over sixteen birds of prey of all shapes and sizes whirling over and around our heads. There were displays of craft and re-enactments of past wars and other historic events. Then a finale of 2000 people, lasers, and fireworks, and the most incredible animals parading

like well-trained soldiers among all the melee - pigs on parade, geese in groups, bulls, cows and all.

On to Chemonceau and the chateau, in a deluge. The flowers were out of this world. Leonardo in the Clois Luce. Then the intrepid four set off to Giverny - Monet's ponds were packed with water lilies in full flower. We spent the night in a chateau, going in behind a large coachload of Germans. We had rooms in the annexe (the Germans got there first!) but a most delectable gourmet dinner. The Germans had their tour meals separated by glass from the class!

The Bayeux Tapestry was taken in before going off to Caen where, as usual, we circled the town several times before finding the memorial to the D-Day landings. This was so very moving, so clearly laid out, so terrible to imagine the fear and courage of all our services and the horrors of that time for the citizens of Caen. Patisseries as usual on the beach at Arramanche, the American cemetery nearby. We are nearly at the end of our odyssey.

Cherbourg and Trouville are best passed over. Every traffic light turned to red as mip arrived in his car, and every road seemed one-way but not the way we wanted to go, and so we went round and round and round to our last gourmet meal in France - Macdonalds!

Congratulations to our stalwart driver, to stalwart Sheila who achieved it all - and her orange badge gave us right royal passage - and to good old Honda who didn't give us any hiccups!

Rosemary MacKay

HORSWEID DIARY

From the far side of the lawn our herbaceous border looks a sugar-spun confection of pale pinks and blues, greys, greens and white. Trailing clematis scatter butterfly kisses of purple and mauve across trellises laden with blue solanum and pink sweet peas. Roses and jasmine sway together like lovers, their fingers entwined, each in the other's hair. Jealously, wisteria insinuates her lithe and supple body between them, using the wind to tug and prise them apart. From that distance the devastation wrought by plagues of rabbits cannot be seen. Even the docks and willow herb add to the charming profusion of leaf and flower.

I should be out there weeding and wonder why I permit myself such neglect. I blame it on the continuing gloom of our long-awaited summer. My energy is solar-powered. Without blue skies and sunshine my batteries are running low. As I write, mist and clouds hang heavily above the trees with rain and cold winds forecast for the coming week.

It was the same weather in France. We celebrated my husband's birthday in the Loire Valley with all the family - eight adults and eight children from eighteen month old twins upwards. Everyone made a huge fuss of the Birthday Boy and the hotel created the most exquisite cake especially for him. Cutting into such creative perfection seemed as wantonly destructive as defacing a canvas by Watteau or Fragonard. No wonder they say the English abroad are vandals.

Remembering the glum reaction to one rather practical birthday gift - a dozen fruit trees that then required planting in rock-hard soil and watering for the rest of the summer - I felt that this year a little whimsical inclulgence might be more readily appreciated. So I gave him that most useful of presents, an item which no gentleman should ever be without, a solid silver boiled egg cutter! Particularly useful in France where they neither eat boiled eggs for breakfast nor serve them upright in egg cups! Nevertheless, he was delighted.

Mechanised egg decapitation is about as far down the line as my husband is prepared to venture in this modern world of high technology. Although, in a moment of inspired generosity, he had bought me a computer for my birthday, it was an action which it would appear he now regrets. Not only does it occupy half his desk but he undoubtedly regards it as the enemy - an alien intruder that has taken over his wife's brain with the same ruthless speed and efficiency with which he can now lobotomise an egg. Whilst, as yet, he has not broken into a full frontal feathered fandango, he clearly views its presence with the same alarm and aggression as an angry peacock defending its territory.

"How", he asks, "despite all the hype, is it actually going to improve our lives?" I wax lyrical about e-mail, e-purchasing, information highways, word-processing, household accounts, etc. "Yes", but does it DO anything?". "What do you mean?" "Well, does it cook, make beds, do the shopping or clean the house?". (This is male-speak for "You are wasting time. Now that you have Tiny to talk to, I am neglected"). "But darling, it's so exciting. Look! I've had e-mails from Brisbane, Perth, New Caledonia, Egypt, Washington, Auckland...." "Pwooof!" (For the uninitiated "Pwooof" is male-speak for "B------ [bother] the rest of the world, the dogs need a walk".) It's a powerful expression, used in extreme conditions and guaranteed to send a mouse scurrying to the Log-off or Shut-down icon immediately.

Actually, dog walking is a rather pleasant alternative at this time of the year. The lanes are full of moths and insects, and butterflies dance over the hedgerows. The verges are tall with meadowsweet, hogweed and wild yellow mustard, whilst purple vetch and sweet white honeysuckle tangle with the dog roses on the briar. Abo's slow and painful progress gives me ample time to search for four-leafed clovers, a childhood obsession I've never been able to lose. I seem to find them with unnatural ease and feel, irrationally, that for me they truly are

harbingers of good fortune. At home they fall from books where they have lain pressed and half-forgotten between the pages. If not really 'lucky' in themselves perhaps they just remind me to be grateful for all the little miracles that come my way.

Thinking of miracles, several years ago when Abo was a young, sleek gun-dog, he and his litter brother, Alfie, slipped away from the farm where my husband had been working, for a spot of illicit duck hunting. They did not return and could not be found. It was a black wintry night and pouring with rain. Eventually we called the police to report them missing. Almost immediately they called back to say that a shiny black dog had been killed on a busy main road and was causing an obstruction. We were just leaving the house when the telephone rang again. It was the police to say that a second dog had been hit and was presumed dead, and again was obstructing the speeding traffic. They agreed to meet us there.

I think we drove the hour-long journey in fifteen minutes, praying that it was all a big mistake and could not be true. On arrival the police protected us from the oncoming traffic, the reflective stripes on their car garish in the headlights, as we searched for the bodies. We found a large pool of dark blood near the side of the road, but no dogs. Perhaps they are still alive, I ventured, maybe only stunned? The

policemen shook their heads kindly. It was not possible. Their reports said otherwise. The hectic speed of the continuous traffic made me realise I was clutching at straws.

They suggested we came back in the daylight. We drove slowly home. The whole way back I railed at God, berating Him for this injustice. I was so disgusted with Him I swore I'd never talk to Him again. And who was He anyway to let a thing like this happen? If He was so blooming marvellous He'd better make them both alive again.

Nobby, one of our farm managers, a man of few words and with a giant's heart, offered to go instead of us. He knew the area well. He rang mid-morning to say he'd found Alfie. My heart sank. I asked if he was badly injured. The answer was yes, a terrible head wound. At least, I thought, death would have been quick. I asked him to bring Alfie home. I wanted to bury him under the apple tree in the garden where he'd be close to me. Nobby replied that the dog was already in the back of his van. That, amazingly, he'd jumped in "no trouble at all!" "Jumped? You mean he's alive?" "Oh yes", said Nobby, "so's the other one. I found them asleep in the barn".

Miracles do happen - sometimes when you least expect them!

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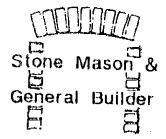
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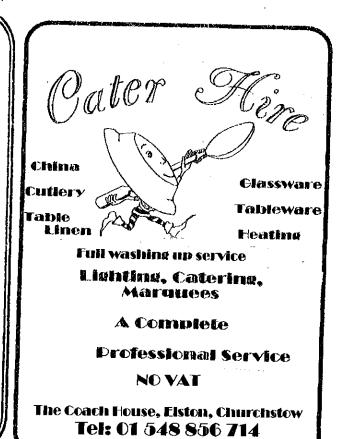
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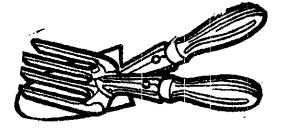
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IN YOUR GARDEN



When do gardeners get a chance to sit back and admire their gardens?

The answer is "not often enough", but probably August and September afford a few more opportunities than most of the warmer months.

Although we can perhaps ease off a bit more at this time of year there are some things that will not take a great deal of time or energy but which will amply reward the effort, such as dead-heading border flowers and shrubs, hoeing to keep down weeds, liquid-feeding container plants and of course watering. It's also one of the good times to take cuttings of some of your favourite things - lavender, rambling roses, hydrangeas.

Start thinking of next spring and go out and buy yourself some bulbs, which should be put in as soon as possible whilst the soil is still warm. Tulip bulbs, however, appreciate November planting - so there is time yet. If you intend to use an area from which you have just removed summer bedding, fork in a little bonemeal at the rate of two ounces per square yard before replanting.

You can also make a sowing outdoors in September of such hardy annuals as pot marigolds (calendula), love-in-a-mist (nigella), and Californian poppies (eschscholzia). At the same time, if you have a cold greenhouse or conservatory, cornflowers, godetia and clarkia can be sown in pots where they will bring colour in April and May.

Rose blackspot is a problem in this part of the world, due to the unpolluted atmosphere they say, and it has been a particular nuisance in my garden this year. Picking off the affected leaves and collecting those lying on the soil around the base of the plant and disposing of them and any prunings by putting in the dustbin or burning is a must if your roses are to avoid the perpetuation of this disease. Accompany this by spraying and feeding and mulching two or three times a year. This will keep the plant healthy, vigorous, and thus better able to fight off attacks. There are disease-resistant varieties of roses - rosa rugosa for instance - which are worth looking for.

Have a critical look at your herbaceous borders and your garden in general at this time of year and make a note now of how things can be improved by replanting come the autumn. Visit other gardens to get fresh ideas.

The great thing about a good garden is that it is never static but changes year by year with fresh plantings.

Be bold and resolute and remove or prune those things which have outgrown their position or which are deteriorating in vigour, but don't waste too much time or money on trying to grow things which, after several attempts, do not appear to flourish in your garden. Stick with the ones that are happy with what your garden conditions provide.

On Saturday 5th August the 22nd annual Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show will be held at the village hall, South Milton, from 2.30 pm. It is always a colourful and enjoyable event and if you are keen on your garden it's an excellent way of seeing what others produce in theirs and of having a chat with fellow-enthusiasts.

Why not make a date to go over there and enjoy a nice cup of tea whilst admiring the produce? Go on, mark it in your diary or on your calendar right away.

Ladybird

<u>COOUENE</u>

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J K Rowling

When I first entered my second childhood I read the first Harry Potter book, was hooked and polished off the next two books with their scarred boy hero in next to no time. In fact I had no idea I could read so fast. All three books were exciting and cracking fun. Nice slim volumes and easy to handle under the bedclothes.

Not so this fourth book of Harry Potter's adventures at Hogwarts Academy. It is of Gone with the Wind size - 636 pp - and almost too heavy to handle either over or under the sheets. If I have another criticism - yes, I enjoyed it almost as much as the others - it would be that it is too long and that the violence has been cranked up a notch, perhaps to appeal to more adult readers, though children as we all know are little vampires at heart.

Of course, I am not going to give away the plot, except to say that Lord Voldemort is back with Harry Potter's murder much in mind. And that footy-fans should read the chapter about the Quidditch World Cup Final with particular care. If you think Brussels was rough, wait until you read about wizard hooligans on the loose after the Ireland-Bulgaria Quidditch game!

KM

Judas Child by Carol O'Connell

A taut, gripping novel set in small-town America which marries murder mystery and an intricate allegorical tale of redemption and forgiveness. Carol O'Connell's prose is elegant, lyrical and the plot daring and climactic.

The novel is peopled with a cast of intriguing characters from the small girl, Sadie Green, a

genuine original, to the young investigator, Rouge Kendall, who has a tragic past. This is the author's fifth novel and I shall now be anxious to read the previous four.

MH

Hotel Paradise

by Martha Grimes

To those of you who enjoy "the thriller" Martha Grimes may be a well-known exponent of the genre. This book, although revolving around the mysterious death of a young girl forty years ago, is not really that.

It is a delightful read with beautiful prose from the first-personal narrative of a twelve year old girl who is the detective and catalyst in this novel. Again of small- town America but farther south and more insular.

MH

Chocolat

by Joanne Harris

The heroine of the story, Vianne Rocher, arrives in town with her small daughter and opens a 'chocolate boutique' almost opposite the church. The locals have experienced nothing like it before and the shop-cum-café quickly becomes for some a place of indulgent pilgrimage. The parish priest, Father Reynaud, considers Vianne and her establishment a serious threat to his flock with the temptations she offers, particularly her plans for an Easter Chocolate Festival at the start of Lent, the time of self-denial.

Vianne and Reynaud's voices alternate in the chapters as the author paints a vivid picture, showing great insight and humour. Chocolate is an unusual topic for a novel, but this is an unusual, magically written and mouth-watering book!

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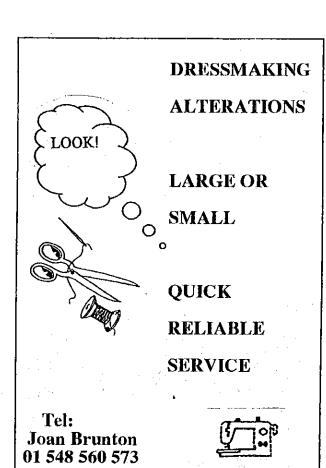
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in thick mist. At this point two of the party thought they had better leave us and take a shorter route home with the excuse that they had to be sure to be back by 3.30 pm but I suppose they did not trust the leader's ability to cross the down on a compass bearing. How mistaken they were! We arrived unerringly at the right spot - navigating from misty bush to misty bush. Thus we arrived safely at Meavy and being an hour later than planned the leader relented and relaxed the strict summer rules. So we stopped and had a drink at the pub - and our picnic while we were about it.

Refreshed, we strode on through the woods, on to Lovaton, over the fields to the startling stile with the sheer drop on the far side, and to Marchant's Cross, the significance of which we can never remember. Passing Yeo Farm we rejoiced to see that the early seventeenth century house which last time was in imminent danger of crumbling into ruins, had been beautifully restored.

Our next pause was at Sheepstor where those who had not seen it went to inspect the "Rajah" of Sarawak's tomb. Large and imposing, it was constructed in a most inappropriate ruddy stone.

The rest of us chatted to a man who was exercising his pack of six aged dogs in a field over the road. We left the road again shortly, skirted Burrator Plantation, crossed the edge of the moor below Sheeps Tor, surprisingly found the right path down through Narrator Plantation to the road and thence back to the cars.

It had all turned out very satisfactorily.

Pam Brewster

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The weather experts forecast a perfect June day - and this time they were one hundred per cent correct, as the sun shone all day long with a light breeze to help us on our way.

Eighteen Tramps, plus three dogs, assembled at Malborough car park. We made our way to Higher Collaton through a beautiful valley to Maryknowle, crossing a freshly cut hayfield and two stiles before re-grouping at Batson Cross. We continued down to Batson where we were joined by a late starter with another dog.

Following the estuary around Snapes Point, we eventually arrived at Lincombe and scrambled over a rather dilapidated stile (a touch of the Johnny Weismuller jungle swinging) and lowered ourselves down to the beach for a mile race against the incoming tide to Blanks Mill Bridge, where we had our picnic with legs dangling over the bridge - bliss!

After lunch we climbed through more fields with superb views of the Kingsbridge Estuary on our left. By-passing Ilton Castle Farm we crossed over two more stiles (fourteen in all during the walk) and went on to Higher Batson up a rather steep hill through Batson Cross following the track to Hanger Mill. We met two workmen who had just finished cutting the rough track with strimmers (about half a mile). Good news for those of our party wearing shorts, who might otherwise have had a problem with nettle stings.

Leaving Hanger Mill the path ran beside a stream and up another valley, passing Lower Collaton and so back to our starting point. In total just under ten miles with no complaints and many happy faces!

[I have since heard that one of our visiting lady members from Toronto had a quick shower on her return to Thurlestone, and then went off to Kingsbridge to play in a team tennis match that lasted three hours. They breed them tough in the old colonies!]

No doubt the rest of us were back home with our feet up pushing out the zzzzzs and dreaming of our perfect day!

Bob Nicholls



From various directions, and by various means, thirteen walkers - and of course one dog - finally gathered at the Dartmouth passenger ferry to cross over to

Kingswear. It was a pleasant enough morning, not quite sunny, but our leader - wisely as it turned out - decided that since the forecast was not good for the afternoon we would do the walk in the reverse direction, so that the coastal stretch would come in the morning.

Doing a walk in reverse is always interesting because everything looks so different the other way round. You can easily go wrong. In fact, before we had really left Kingswear some of us misinterpreted a notice and walked, unwittingly, through some private property. The other few, obviously brighter and more observant, took the narrow, more arduous but undoubtedly RIGHT way.

We carried on, re-united now, towards the cliffs where the views were beautiful even on a sunless day, and then down (and up) through the woods. Not an easy path, that, very much a switchback. When we stopped for lunch above Pudcombe Cove rain was already beginning to fall but we were sheltered by a great conifer. The drips that eventually penetrated the canopy made us feel that these were not ideal conditions for walking slowly up through Coleton Fishacre gardens to admire their beauty.

We decided it would be an ideal opportunity to visit the house and add a praiseworthy cultural element to our day. This is a vist that must be recommended - gloriously nostalgic for those who experienced the Art Deco style of furnishing. One could have lingered longer. The dog owners were banned from the house (and the garden to be honest, but the dog is small and portable).

They were never seen again but have been sighted since our return. Others, who had only recently visited the house, whiled away a moment or two in the newly-refurbished and quite impressive tea-rooms.

It was really quite wet by the time we left but the return route was straightforward enough - a stretch of road, some easy tracks, and just one rather rocky path, slippery by now. We caught the ferry back to Dartmouth and returned to our chosen means of transport. A most successful tramp, thanks to our leader's foresight and, in a way, to the rain.

This was a walk that nearly did not happen, very nearly. When two or three of us were gathered together at the Parish Hall we decided it would be madness to set off deliberately to go for a

walk on the moors in a thick mist. So almost all the potential participants were contacted; we dispersed. Then the sun nearly came out, the sea re-appeared. Again almost everyone was contacted and five of us sandwiched into one car and set off rather later than planned.

The journey to our starting point, Norsworthy Bridge, took slightly longer than planned, too, owing to the leader's inaccurate recollection of how get there. Not surprisingly by this time the four, plus dog, who had been waiting for us, had become impatient and decided to go it alone but fortunately took the same (wrong) road along which we came.

Thereafter all went smoothly - up through the woods, along the Devonport Leat (which at this point really looks as if it is flowing downhill, which is not always the case) and along to Yennodon Down which was veiled

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There are also a number of telephone enquiry services offering information on bus services within Devon plus timetable publications.

| The DevonBus Enquiry line will provide timetable information on local bus services within Devon 17.00 Monday - Friday | 01392 382800 and is open 08.30 - |
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| National Express Coach Services | 08705 808080 |
| . National Rail Enquiries | 08457 484950 |
| North and Mid Devon - First Red Bus | 01271 345444 |
| Exeter, East and Mid Devon ~ Stagecoach Devon | 01392 427711 |
| Newton Abbot and Teignbridge - Stagecoach Devon | 01803 664500 |
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You can also find us on line at www.devon-cc.gov.uk/devonbus/or e-mail us at devonbus@devon-cc.gov.uk



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DOG FOULING

So that parishioners will be acquainted with the law on dog fouling, the South Hams District Council's Dog Warden has written the following:

The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 has been in force for some 12 months now. It requires a dog owner (or person in charge of the dog) to clean up after the dog if it fouls any area to which the public has access. Punishment for non-compliance is a fixed penalty fine of £25, payable within 14 days. Failure to pay can result in prosecution for which the maximum fine upon conviction is £1000.

Certain areas are not covered by the Act and these are:

- a) any land where the public does not have access
- b) roads with a speed limit of more than 40mph and land running alongside
- c) land used for agriculture
- d) land which is predominantly woodland, marshland or heath
- e) rural common land

Dog fouling must be picked up and disposed of from beaches, car parks, road, pavements and footpaths in the Thurlestone area.

To encourage this the Dog Warden will place explanatory leaflets and free 'poop scoop' bags in the local Post Office if you wish. Disposal of dog faeces can be in litter bins or household dustbins provided it is double-bagged. [NB - not the green bin].

Any dog seen in the parish which is not under the close supervision of the person in charge of the animal may be treated as a stray and removed by the Dog Warden, thereby incurring a fee of up to £45.

It is an offence for a dog not to carry an identity disc on its collar.

Please help to keep your village clean and tidy. Do not allow your dog to stray and always carry and use a dog 'poop scoop'.

Should anyone require any further help or advice, or if anyone has a specific problem relating to dogs, or if you witness an offence, the Dog Warden can be contacted on 01803-1234 (extension 126).

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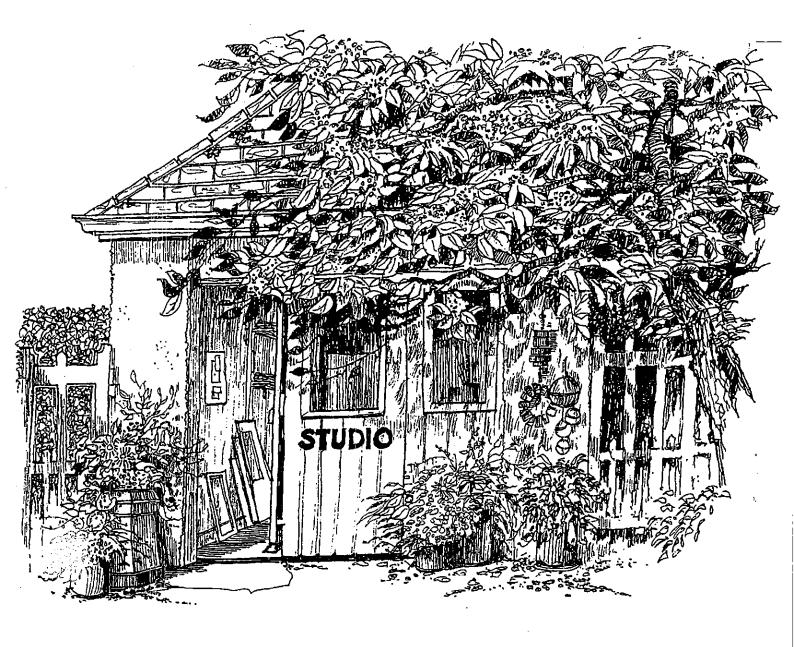


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| Fri 6th Thurlestone Hotel 9-hole Golf Competition (see inside) Mon 10th Parish Council Meeting 7 30 pm Parish Hall |
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| DECEMBER Mon 11 th Wed 13 th | Wed 8th Thur 9th Mon 13th |
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| Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm Parish Hall TRAMP - Christmas Walk | TRAMP WI Annual Meeting, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm Parish Hall |

NOVEMBER

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

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| MILK DELIVERY | R. Bruckner & Son 01803-832801 | 103 |
| VILLAGE SHOPS Thurlestone Village Shop Bartham Village Shop | M, T, W, T, F, 8.00 am - 5.30 pm 561917 Sat, 8.00 am 4.00 pm Sun, 8.30 am 4.00 pm (See Post Office) 560645 | £ # £ |
| PARISH HALL Chairman Bookings | Rowland Cole 561006 Joan Lanc 560158 | 906 |
| POST OFFICES | Thurlestone P.O. 561917 | 117 |
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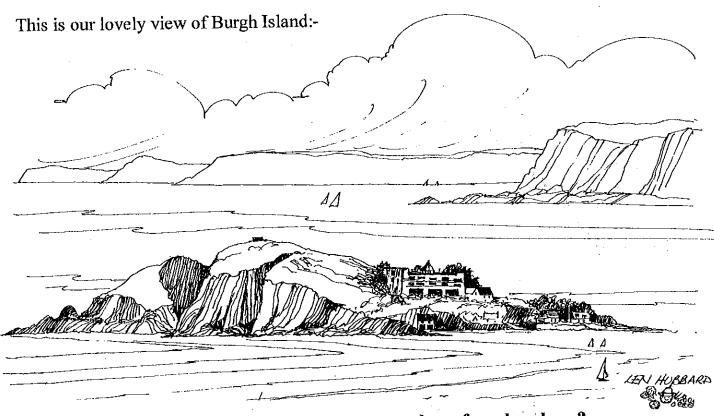
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