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Quite an exciting little period recently, what with petrol blockades and panic buying at the grocers. Still, it probably didn't do our Post Office Stores any harm, and if you had no petrol there were always the Olympics to be watched round the clock on TV. Could that be the cause of the outbreak of drooping eyelid in Thurlestone of late?

This issue has its share of excitements, too, with Villager recounting his wartime experience, and our postbag well-filled with brickbats this month.

Sadiy we have said goodbye to David and Diana Smeeton, who are following the Olympics to Oz, but planning to stay somewhat longer there. David's legacy to our parish - Land of the Five Beaches - has truly ensured his place in our memory and was surely the "gold medal" contribution to our Millennium festivities.

To conclude on a domestic note, Mike Taylor has decided to relinquish his role as the Village Voice distribution supremo for Thurlestone, and we are therefore in need of someone to take over this position. *Any volunteers out there?*

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What did you do in the Great Grockle War, Grandpa?

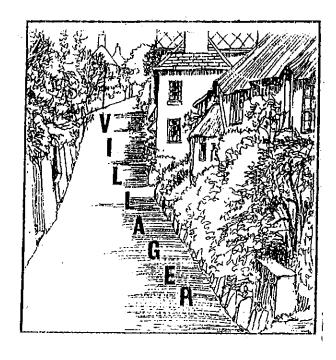
I was there, boy. I was there. Pull up a chair and let me teli you war stories. Sitting comfortably? Then let us begin.

There was a bit of a phoney war at first, as I recall. But as soon as we had got those builders' huge lorries out of the way and the Eclipse had let us down we really got back to the usual hostilities. Hand-to-hand stuff you might say.

Yes, it was the holiday home owners, the holiday-makers, the whole Grockle Army against the rest of us. Course we was outnumbered, specially in that wicked month of August. Cars were parked everywhere and things often got so bad that, though it will sound incredible to you youngsters, it took us an extra two minutes to get down Thurlestone bill for a round of golf. Oh, it was bad I can tell you.

So bad in fact that this year, after all those Grockles had retreated back to their homes up-country, we put together a daring battle plan and got a traffic engineer from Devon County Council to help us with the tricky bits. Then we all went to a briefing in our HQ which you know as the Parish Hall. You've heard of the Glorious Fourth of September? Well this was it.

You know about the plan, 'spect they told you all about it in history lessons at the School. Well, yes, that's right - we were going to splash oodles of double-yellow paint up and down the village street and put up notices in front gardens on poles, or pinned to listed building walls, forbidding anyone to park their people-carriers on pain of finding whopping great fines on stickers on their windscreens.



Course, we had back up. These sticky bomb raids were to be carried out once a month by specially trained police hit squads, led by our fearless Inspector Patrick. Yes, I know the Inspector is on record as saying that he liked parked cars, and that they were the best traffic calmers in the world.....but that was a couple of months ago when we were trying to stop cars speeding down the street. As you can see, we're very flexible.

Added to all that we had a secret weapon, specially designed for us by the man from you-know-where. Well, it's not so secret now....well, yes, it was a virtual pavement. You probably know all about such things being as how you use computers at school. Yes, that's right, I know a virtual pavement isn't a real one, but it was the best we could do at the time, and it gave us the chance to slosh more paint about - a dirty great white line a metre out into the road - and although it didn't have any legal reality, we reckoned it would force those Grocklewagons right into the middle of the road and cause a real

blockage, specially when you'd got yellow lines or cars coming the other way.

You thought what? No, no, that's not what the war was all about. We didn't want to clear the road for traffic. Last thing we wanted, all those Grockles speeding down through the village. No, what we wanted was to stop as much parking as possible so that those Grockles wouldn't come down here any more - getting in the way as they do of our golf and other time-honoured country activities, like going to church.

The Glorious Fourth....what a night that was for war stories! You won't believe me but we heard about some people with holiday homes actually bringing down two cars.

Two! One for him to get here from the office, the other for her and the five children and all their surf boards and buckets and spades. Just shows you how these people live - could well afford to go somewhere else, like abroad and bother them instead of us.

And that wasn't the worst of it - we were told too about one house which sleeps eight had brought seven cars. Yes, seven! Well, no, they didn't actually park in the village street, they parked them all off the road in their grounds, but it just shows the kind of people we're dealing with, doesn't it? Gotta be stopped.

And do you know there was a woman driver at our Glorious Fourth meeting who had actually come face-to-face with a lorry and he couldn't use his wing-mirrors to reverse! Another Thurlestone trooper reported that he had spotted two big Land Rover Discovery cars in the road outside one holiday home and added, rather enviously, that they also parked a Mercedes there. A Mercedes too! We all gasped in horror.

Then someone raised the safety issue and someone asked for the casualty lists for the village street. Well, the big brass from Devon HQ mumbled a bit about this, seems

there weren't any to be found in police records but he expected that was because the police didn't log all accidents. Well, shades of Notting Hill Carnival. We expect Inspector Patrick to come down pretty hard on that - when he can break away from sticking parking notices on windscreens that is. But a veteran of the village saved the day by recalling a small boy who had been hurt by a car when he ran out into the road about 20 years ago.

And talking of casualties, one of the more caring members of our troops asked if some residents weren't going to be penalised by all this vandalism - sorry, all those beautiful yellow lines - and the Big Brass looked all Tony Blair and said that sadly they were, but cheered us all up by saying you can't make a mess of a village without someone getting hurt - or even upset.

And to show you how tough we were, we approved the decision that those double-yellow line should be active all year round. It seems you could apply them only during the summer but, for some reason which seemed a bit glossed over, we were told we weren't going to be allowed to have that and were going for the full Monty.

And so we trooped out into the usual Thurlestone blackout, happy with the thought that all those Grockles who park in the main street were due for one heck of a shock when they try to come down and park on us next summer. And if they don't surrender then, they will when we impose a 20-mile an hour speed limit. That's our next plan. To do that by law you have to build traffic-slowing measures like chicanes, roundabouts, one-ways and squeezes.

What fun! We'll stop 'em dead in our tracks.

Oh, what a lovely war!

Villager

Village News Round-Up

Golf Day on 6th October

Regrettably this event, which was being run by Thurlestone Conservative Association and details of which appeared in the August edition of Village Voice, has been cancelled.

Children's Millennium Picnic

John and Pat Crawford send us this report: "Sunday September 10th dawned a beautiful day and prayers had been answered for the Parish of Thurlestone Society's Millennium Picnic for the younger children of the parish. This was an 'old-fashioned' occasion with competitive games, donkey rides, ice-cream delivered from a wheelbarrow and blood-curdling story telling! Our thanks go to:

- # Mr & Mrs Sparrow and their tenant, Mr Vic Adams, who let us use their field
- # Mr Rob Berryman of Whitlocksworthy who delivered and collected 20 bales of straw
- # The residents of the parish whose donations paid for the donkey-rides and contributed to the cost of Tony Gee's amazing tales
- # The members of the WI, and to Val Brown, Gillian Marshall and Joan Lane who supplied and distributed copious picnic boxes
- # Our Rector who joined in all the fun and helped in the organisation of the site.
- # The parents and their beautifully-behaved children which made the occasion a memorable success."

Off to Australia

Picnics seem all the rage! Another picnic, this time an 'Australian' one, was enjoyed in a crowded parish hall as friends of Diana and David Smeeton gathered to wish them both lots of happiness in what will be their

new country from the beginning of October. As the Smeetons said, they didn't want any sad goodbyes but hoped lots of their Thurlestone friends would come and visit them. David has accepted the post of Village Voice's Australia correspondent, so we'll no doubt be kept in touch with all their latest adventures. Our splendid parish video will always remind us of them both, and of the great contribution that David made to our community.

Their new address is:
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St Luke's Hospice

Jo Parkin tells us that she and Lindy Price, on behalf of the Thurlestone Friends of the Hospice, have recently had a meeting with Jonathan Farnhill, the Hospice Director of Funding, and his assistant. Mr Farnhill requested the meeting so that the local committee could work with him and his helpers to promote the super Christmas Fair which the Hospice will be holding on Wednesday 8th November at the Thurlestone Hotel. (See separate notice)

There will be an especially good raffle, with really good prizes, which it is hoped will have great support. As well as all the lovely stalls the Hospice will provide, Jo and Lindy are running a "Christmas home-made" stall with locally produced seasonal food - mince-pies, cakes and other traditional goodies - for you to buy and freeze or otherwise squirrel away to lessen your cooking chores at Christmas! If you can provide anything along these lines, Jo (561215) or Lindy (560768) would be delighted to hear from you. And they really look forward to seeing you there.

NSPCC

27th July seems a long way back, but a coffee morning held on that date, in the garden of Swallows, raised the wonderful sum of over £550. The local committee would like to say "thank you" to Audrey and Martyn Grose for their kindness in loaning their home for the occasion and to everyone else who was involved for their help and support.

Bantham Surf Life Savers

Village Voice, in the previous issue, misled readers about the picture **Dick Bruff** kindly donated to the BSLS. Sorry!

There is not in fact a general raffle - unframed prints are available at £10 each, framed ones at £35 and eventually all print purchasers' names go into a draw for the original painting. Apologies, too, for misspelling Mr Bruff's name as "Brough". Anyway, we hope you'll go over to the Sloop to have a look at the original and buy a print to help swell the club's building fund.

A generous parish

Joan Galloway has written to say "It never ceases to amaze me how generous the people of Thurlestone are as regards fund-raising; so much goes on and the results always seem increasingly good.

I wonder if it would be of interest to people if VV gave a running total each month. If you ask organisers to write in after any fund-raising event you could have a running total without any names being involved - or of course each event could be listed...."

[From the VV issues of the past year, more than £11,000 has been raised according to reported events. It is undoubtedly more as not every fundraising result is made known to us. In addition, the Bantham Surf Life Saving Club raised £30,000 from a single event. Ed.]

Parish of Thurlestone Society (POTS)

Chairman Len Hubbard says that since the launch of the video POTS have not been idle!

As well as aiding the successful children's Millennium Picnic, reported elsewhere in this issue, POTS has funded the repair of the old Bantham water point at a cost of £200. Although Nigel Hurrell has looked after it and planted it for several years it has been structurally damaged on more than one occasion by careless drivers. However, it is now in good repair once more and will be replanted anew.

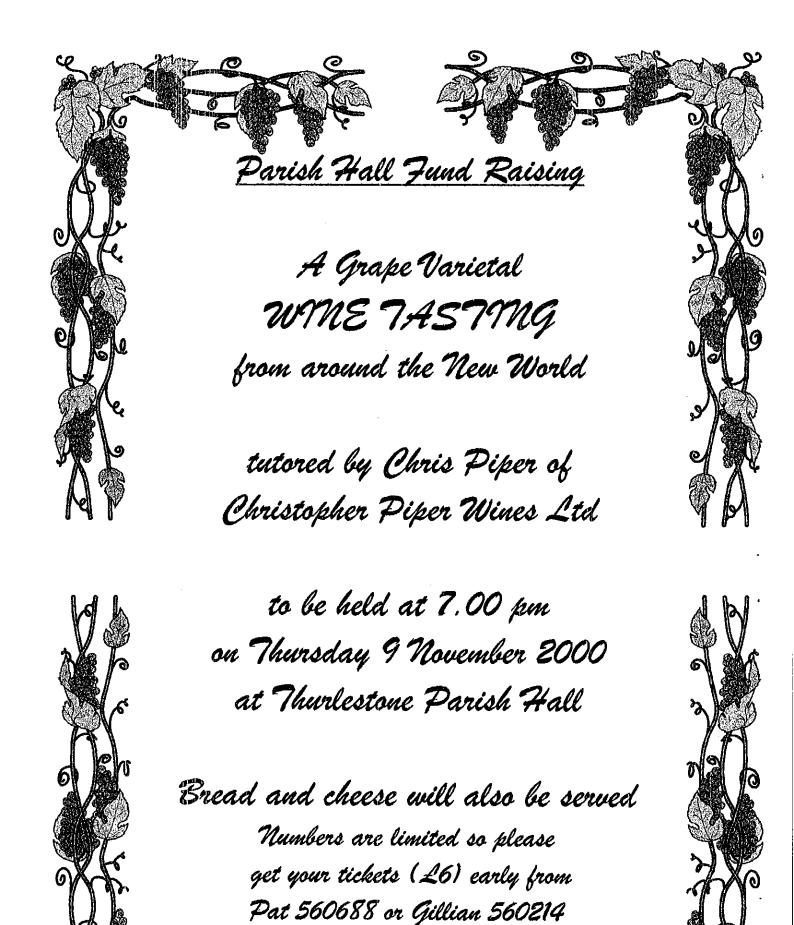
You will find this delightful little reminder of our parish past on the very steep hill at West Buckland, and illustrated on our front cover.

Parish Hall

The annual Autumn Fair on 16th September raised £528 for hall maintenance funds. **Rowland Cole**, chairman of trustees, said it was good to see the hall filled with enthusiastic stall holders, representing all the parish organisations which use the hall, and eager buyers. He was delighted with the results of everyone's generosity, and would like to say "thank you" to all who made this possible.

Martyn Grose, as reported in February Village Voice, has taken on the role of fundraising for the planned alterations and additions to the hall. Over the coming months there will be events in which it is hoped all parishioners will join to raise the money to fund these improvements to our local meeting place and to bring it up to the mark. If there is a will it can be done - we all know how good our local inhabitants are at raising funds for all sorts of charities.

The next event is a **Wine Tasting**, to be held on Thursday 9th November, at 7.00 pm at the Parish Hall. See separate notice for all the details elsewhere in this issue.



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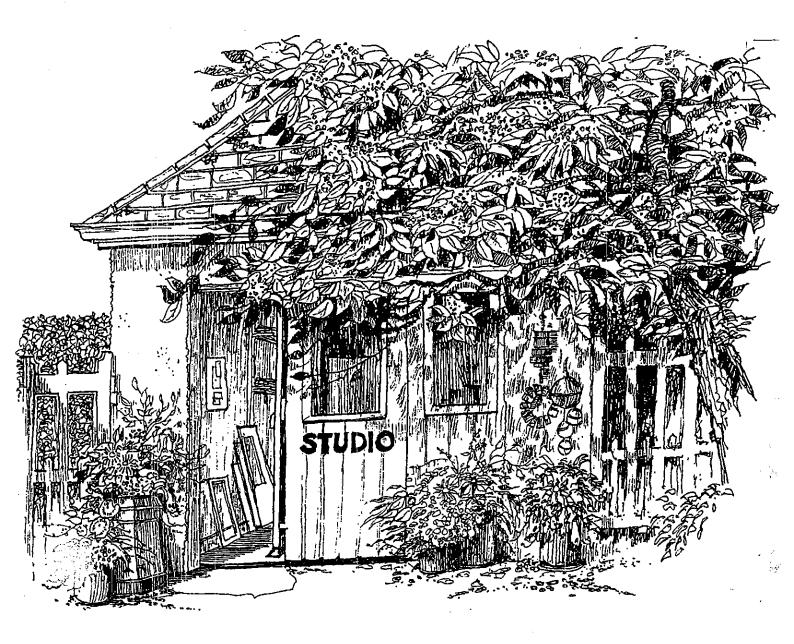


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Dear Editor

Farewell Thurlestone - Hello Australia!

In any community there are special people and Thurlestone, Bantham and Buckland have a very large number of them. People who have become friends, and very special to us, in the five years since we moved here.

If our circumstances had been different we would have stayed with you all in "God's Waiting Room" and shared your love and care in this amazingly beautiful part of England. Our greatest regret is that we cannot take all of you with us to Australia!

We do so hope that many of you will visit the Perth area in Western Australia. You will be very welcome - bring all the gossip! We will let you know when we have settled into our new home, which we expect to be located in Mandurah (that's Aborigine for "The Meeting Place"!)

To all of you, and especially those of you who may not be able to make the flight out to see us in Oz, we say thank you for making us so welcome. We have enjoyed your company. We have many happy memories. If we were to be flung out of Australia as 'unwelcome immigrants', then we will say hello again - and hopefully find you will let us pick up where we left off.

David & Diana Smeeton

Dear Editor

Parish Council Reports

"Citizen's" comments on the meeting of Thurlestone Parish Council in the recent Village Voice were necessarily brief and for this reason may have conveyed an incorrect impression of my views. May I elucidate?

My suggestions as to surgeries were that they should be in addition to, not substitutes for, existing means of communication. It is obviously not possible for everybody to attend every meeting of the parish council. Some may not be able to attend through disability, or they may be diffident about expressing their views at public meetings. For whatever reason, they have a right to have their opinions heard. They might even have something useful to say.

To those people who object to surgeries, and don't like my proposal, may I point out that the process of giving everyone a chance of a hearing has a name: it's called democracy.

Whether by means of surgeries or by writing to me at Falconers, Moult Hill, Salcombe TQ8 8LF, I want to hear of people's needs and opinions - how else can they be adequately represented?

"Citizen" also mentioned my reference to the District Council's 'Best Value' exercise. This is actually a part of the Government's initiatives in respect of local authorities who are required to ensure good value for rate-payers' money by means of, among other things, consultation. Meeting, through surgeries, local people who have a point to make seems as good a way as any of consulting, even though some apparently disapprove of the idea. I want to know people's ideas and wishes for their own locality directly.

My next point concerns Sea View Terrace development. This is a long-standing question. My own view is simple and unequivocal: that the site should be developed entirely for social housing, and that the Council should get on with it as soon as possible by going out to tender to Housing Associations who may be interested in developing the site.

In view, however, of the problems over the development of this site that have arisen over the years, I have asked for one of the officers from

the South Hams District Council to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the position as soon as possible.

Carolyn Steen
District Councillor

talks he intends to give, probably starting early in 2001 at a venue to be arranged. May his audience be plentiful and, of course, healthy!

A.B.Lever Thurlestone (Name and address supplied)

Dear Editor

The Good News

Andrew Girling writes in the August-September issue of Village Voice that the church, which is used to proclaiming Good News, has itself received good news from an unexpected direction. Apparently the National Institute of Healthcare 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 Rector speculated why this should be so, and gives three suggestions. He also invites us to suggest other possible reasons. This raises so many questions that I am surprised this National Institute of Healthcare revelation has not attracted more interest in the national press.

Have the sizes of church congregations increased since the news broke? Which of the various Christian denominations are proving most successful? Is it bad news for the share prices of leisure companies?

There is also, of course, a serious aspect to this matter and I feel sure that the Rector would prefer that we considered it in that light. Christians rightly attach great importance to the healing and the personal wellbeing that is open to all who invite Christ into their lives. St Paul tells us that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. All these fruits are conducive to enjoying better physical and mental health. Healing and personal wellbeing are but two of the 'feel good' factors which might result in churchgoers attaining longer life.

There are many other factors and hopefully Andrew Girling will address some of these in the

Dear Editor

Work of a District Councillor

Your Parish Council report of the meeting of June 12th raises interesting questions regarding the attendance of District Councillors at Parish meetings. Parish Councillors do many hours of unpaid work on behalf of the local communities. Until recently District Councillors were paid a small basic allowance, which was supposed to cover all expenses for local work, but accepted attendance at up to four Parish Council meetings per month as a necessary unpaid duty.

In the recent review of members' allowances, however, District Councillors voted themselves a massive increase in basic allowances from £488 to £3000 per year. Even allowing for the abolition of attendance allowances, this represents a large increase in remuneration, and with the adoption of a "cabinet system" committee work has been drastically reduced.

Electors are entitled to ask what the new increases are meant to cover. The answer given is for District Councillors to do more work in their wards. Parish Councillors are absolutely right to insist that the District Councillors should attend their meetings.

If District Councillors sideline those dedicated groups of people who represent grassroots democracy this can only add to the apathy and cynicism currently shown towards our politicians. This is a matter of grave concern to us all.

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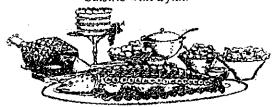
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SENSIBLE PARKING

("Citizen" reports on the Public Meeting at Thurlestone Parish Hall on 4th September 2000.)

Peter Hurrell, Chairman of the Parish Council, arranged the meeting so that the problem of chaotic parking in the centre of Thurlestone, particularly during the peak holiday season, could be discussed and, hopefully, a solution arrived at. Presenting the proposal was Peter Hookham, Traffic Engineer for Ivybridge Local Services Group.

Some fifty parishioners attended, giving an indication of the strength of feeling on this subject. Mr Hookham presented the proposal as published in the last issue of Village Voice. (To ensure complete coverage of interested parties, a copy was also delivered to the holiday homes in Main Street). It would probably be fair to say that the majority of those present were not enthusiastic about seeing double yellow lines, and accompanying signs, ruining the appearance of this most attractive, and muchphotographed, part of Thurlestone. It was hoped that an alternative solution could be found - even going so far as to scrap the whole idea and let sleeping dogs lie, bearing in mind that the so-called chaos only lasted three weeks this year.

It became obvious to most of those present that the meeting was no more than a PR exercise - and that there was no intention to discuss any alternative ideas.

Very reluctantly those present voted in favour of yellow lining, it being pointed out that were the scheme not implemented a child might be killed, or an emergency vehicle prevented from attending a fire or picking up a very sick person for transfer to hospital.

A suggestion was made that the scheme be delayed until the car parking arrangements for the 12/18 surplus cars had been sorted out, either by the parish hall committee agreeing that their private car park could be

used for the overflow, or the completion of work on the proposed car park behind the church. Of course the church would have to agree to its being used for this purpose - particularly on Sundays and other occasions when the church was in use. This idea was met with the comment that "Roads are built for the passage of vehicles and pedestrians and not for parking. It is up to the car owner to find a lawful place to park".

The meeting was pleased to hear that a 20mph speed limit was being progressed, extending some 100/150 metres either side of the school. It was also felt this should be extended throughout the village but this is not so easy to achieve. Chicanes and sleeping policemen to slow traffic flow were not recommended as experience shows that both of them produce more problems than they solve. The feeling after the meeting was one of disappointment as "nothing was discussed".

Incidentally, double yellow lines do not mean "no parking at all". We were informed that in law a reasonable time is allowed for loading and unloading, so the sight of visitors with trolleys trundling up and down Main Street filled with luggage - or perhaps an enterprising farmer running a service with tractor and trailer between either or both possible car parks - is not on the agenda.

The "Virtual Footpath" between Mount Stone and the existing raised footpath was discussed. We were told that all motorists should know that a solid white line should not be crossed and therefore it should be perfectly safe for us to walk in the metrewide strip reserved for pedestrians.

Personally, I will continue to flatten myself against the hedge!

Citizen

REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2000

(Apologies were received from District Councillor Mrs C.Steen and Inspector Patrick.)

First Time Sewerage Application

The handful of 'regulars' who attend Parish Council meetings had their numbers swelled considerably by a large contingent of parishioners from Buckland (or, as the chairman put it, to satisfy the purists, "Clanacombe, East Buckland and West Buckland").

The reason for this increased interest was that, after some 20 years of asking, work is hopefully going to start on a first time sewerage system for Buckland. The Parish Council have been asked to make an official application as recent tests have shown the stream to be heavily polluted.

Questions were raised as follows:

1. What sort of timing was envisaged?

No firm answer could be given until a reply to the Council's application was received.

2. Would individual householders be charged?

The answer was a firm YES, followed by a suggested amount of £100.

3. Would water rates be increased?

Again the answer was a firm YES as sewerage disposal would become the water company's responsibility, but this cost should be offset by any present costs involved in disposal.

4. Would one be forced to join the scheme?

The answer was NO, but should the householder be found, at a later date, to be causing pollution they would then be asked to comply and this would cost a lot more than the initial charge.

5. Would the rew scheme open the floodgates to housing development?

The answer was that this was thought unlikely as the present plan covers up to the year 2011 and no new developments were shown on this as far as was known.

There were no more questions. A show of hands was called for which indicated unanimous agreement to the scheme. At this point a number of the Buckland

parishioners left and more general matters were then discussed.

School

This year some sixteen pupils will be attending Kingsbridge Upper School from Thurlestone. In the interests of road safety they have been asked to wait for the bus on the pavement outside the village school and not in the road as at present.

Recreational Area

Plans are progressing satisfactorily. The Council have been asked to deposit £2831.75 with our solicitors as an assurance to the vendors that their costs will be met.

War Memorial site

The Council have been assured that the paving slabs on the footpath will be laid by the end of the month.

Seaview Housing project

In sending her apologies Mrs Steen said she had arranged for Mr Andrew Fiske, the District Council's Housing Resources & Development Manager, to attend the next parish meeting on 9th October to discuss this matter. It is understood that approval for a mixed development, public/privately owned properties, will be sought and it is the strongly-held view of all those at the meeting, both councillors and public, that this was definitely <u>not</u> the original intention.

Proposed double-yellow lines

The proposal was put to the Parish Councillors and passed unanimously. No chance was given to the public to comment, so yellow lining is to be imposed on us with all the inconvenience they will cause to property owners directly affected.

(See separate report elsewhere in this issue)

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th October, 2000.

Citizen

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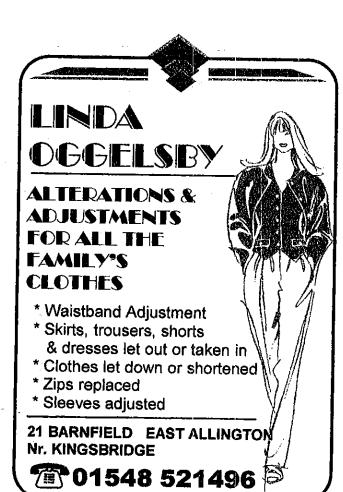
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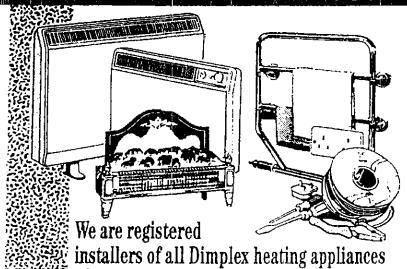
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SHAG ROCK REVISITED

by Hugh Croad Chairman, Aune Valley Waterski Club

Having read the piece in August's edition entitled "Bad day at Shag Rock" by Villager, I thought your readers might appreciate hearing the other side of the argument about water skiing on the Avon, if only in the interests of good British fairness!

Villager set some rules for us in the last edition of Village Voice. His article entitled 'Bad day at Shag Rock' allowed one to call the River Avon "The Aune" if "you'm very old". Well I be, and so be many of my colleagues in our Club - the Aune Valley Waterski Club!

And this is really my first point; water skiing has been enjoyed on the river for at least 30 years by some of our members (so that tells you how old some of us really are). It's a complete misconception to call water skiing a 'new threat', or lumping it in with jet-skiing to imply that it is undertaken by tearaway youngsters (if you'd seen the grey hair and wrinkles at our recent Club meeting you'd know what I mean!).

As Villager also says, water skiing is only allowed on the river within the terms of the bye-law passed in 1987. This restricts the area used for skiing, and the only boats allowed to exceed the 8-knot speed limit even in this ski area are those to which the Harbour Master at Salcombe has given a written Consent and boat number. Because of the value the Harbour Master places on the Ski Club policing its own members, Consents to exceed the speed limit are currently only given to members of the Ski Club. Indeed, the Harbour Master has stated that the Avon River Patrol's job is made much easier by the professional attitude of our members.

Examples of the ways in which the Club and the Harbour Office work together include an agreement to restrict the number of boats in the Club (and therefore with Consents), and voluntary financial contributions from Club funds to the SHDC costs of running the river Patrol - every year since the Patrol started.

Villager mentions the role of Evans Estates in protecting the peace of the estuary, particularly its sheltered boating, the wild life (especially the herons) and the general tranquillity of the area. Readers will probably not be surprised, therefore, to learn that Evans Estates have recently decreed that water skiing should be banned on the Avon and that they will do all in their power to achieve this. As an example, they have already demanded that the Ski Club should remove its training course of buoys half-way up the ski area, a course which has been in existence since 1986 and which is vital for teaching our junior members to improve to competition level.

This attitude, though, is in strict opposition to the facts about water skiing. The ski club is affiliated to the national governing body, British Waterski, who themselves are accredited by Sport England (previously the Sports Council). British Waterski have conducted extensive research into the supposed environmental effects of the sport; their conclusions were that, properly controlled, the presence of water skiing does no harm to the local ecology and, in some situations, the aeration of a fast moving propeller actually improves water quality by oxygenation and breakdown of pollution. (If you got dunked in the Avon as often as I do you'd definitely see this as a plus!).

A fast moving ski boat planing across the water generally creates less wash than a slower craft travelling by displacement. And our Club boats are limited by agreement with

the Harbour Office to a maximum engine size to minimise noise.

Well maybe we would say this, wouldn't we? But what about the report from **Devon**Wildlife commissioned by the South Hams
District Council? This found no detrimental
environmental effects of water skiing on the
River Avon. The main cause of concern for
the heron population was the decline of
certain pine tree species along the riverbank.

As I said before, our Club members could scarcely be described as teenage tearaways. Many of us are just as interested in the environment and conservation as the next man. We already have one member who is also a long-standing member of the Aune Conservation Association, and several more of our members have applied to join it this

summer. We intend to work hard with the SHDC and other bodies within the Forum proposed under the Estuary Management Plan.

But again, don't take my word for it! Ask yourself instead why several hundred people in the South Hams recently agreed with the following statement: "We the undersigned support water-skiing on the River Avon provided that it is carried out under the jurisdiction of the Aune Valley Water Ski Club and with the consent of the Harbour Master at Salcombe."

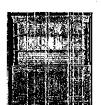
Maybe because, this time, all the facts were put before them rather than the misconceptions.

Hugh Croad

SOME REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS HARD TO LEARN

The bandage was wound around the wound The farm was used to produce produce The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse We must polish the Polish furniture He could lead if he would get the lead out The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes I did not object to the object The insurance was invalid for the invalid There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row They were too *close* to the door to *close* it The buck does funny things when the does are present A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow The wind was too strong to wind the sail After a number of injections my jaw got number Upon seeing a tear in the painting, I shed a tear I had to subject the subject to a series of tests How can I intimate this to my intimate friend

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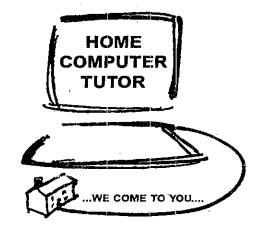
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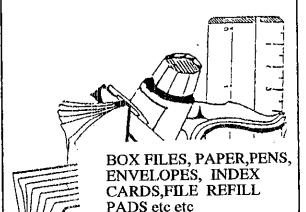
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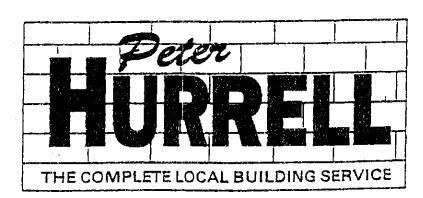


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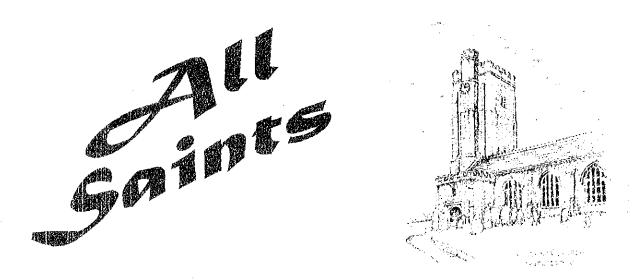




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Andrew Girling writes: **Petrol and the Planet**

The crisis is over. Petrol is back in the pumps. So we can now all jump back into our cars and every time we need to go anywhere we can start up the engine and tear around polluting the atmosphere and damaging the environment, without a care in the world.

I say 'we' advisedly, because in the country we are all so dependent on the motorcar for essential transport that there is often little alternative.

Yet in all the recent blockade of oil depots and the political repercussions that have followed from it, there is a danger that the 'green' argument is being forgotten.

In the long term, it is a crisis of far greater significance, that the very continuation of our planet and life as we know it is being threatened.

Like it or not, high prices for petrol have already contributed to the reduction of pollution and encouraged the design of energy efficient cars and the wider use of public transport. (travelling by train has roughly half the environmental cost per passenger mile compared with car journeys). Locally, it's good for health, builds up the community and deters burglars, if those who are able to, walk or cycle around the village. Dare I say it, it also relieves parking problems!

Of course, hauliers, farmers and all those whose livelihood is dependent on fuel must be protected and compensated, and there are signs that the government is addressing this issue. There needs to be a serious improvement in public transport in rural areas. But if we fail to heed the 'green' lobby, we shall, in time, inflict on our children, if not on ourselves, a crisis of such proportions that we shall have to call on the imagery of the Old Testament prophets of doom to describe it.

God has given man the huge responsibility of the care of his world. At the moment we are making a fair mess of it because we have failed to heed the priorities he gave us. Market forces are always stronger than idealism, however important it may be. The care of the environment and the needs of the community should take absolute priority over our individual convenience, even if it is costly.

At times it seems to me that only God can give us the motivation to overrule our naturally selfish inclinations and to follow his way to saving the planet for future generations.



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THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Held at South Milton this year on the first Saturday in August, the show went very well, and **John Lonsdale** the Show secretary reports that there were more entries and entrants than ever. Principal winners were **Tony Church** of Bantham (18 classes and 4 cups) and **David Coward** of West Buckland (13 classes and 3 cups).

There were also some excellent paintings, handicrafts, flower arrangements, culinary delights and imaginative children's exhibits which provided plenty for visitors to see.

A new trophy in memory of the late and much-loved **Ben Horn** (the show's former President) was presented by his son, **Jim Horn**, who had travelled with his wife all the way from East Sussex to do the honours. Its first recipient was David Coward, winner of the shallot and onion classes. Jim also opened the lovely, newly-created, Ben Horn memorial garden at South Milton village hall and enjoyed the opportunity of seeing old friends.

David Coward, Show chairman, thanked all the entrants, the visitors, and his hard-working committee, saying "The outcome made all the energy put into the event worthwhile by providing another day for all to enjoy".

Cup winners

Yeo Cup,	D.Coward	Derrick Yeoman Cup,	Kate Pope
Amateur fruit & vegetable,	D.Coward	Oswald junior Cup,	Kate Harrison
Wray Cup,	Derrick Yeoman	Oswald senior Cup,	Alice Henderson
Open fruit & vegetable,	T.Church	Doris Tyler Trophy,	Angela Ford
Cut flowers & pot plants,	C.Atkin	Domestic,	Lyn Gunning
Marshall Cup,	T.Church	Doris Jackson Trophy,	Joan Booth
Chapman Bowl,	T.Church	Handicrafts,	Lyn Gunning
President's Tankard,	Kate Hubbard	South Milton Resident,	Heather McKillop
Flower Arrangement,	Heather McKillop	Thurlestone Resident,	Tony Church

Awards of Merit

David Coward in the Amateur fruit & vegetable classes; Derrick Yeoman in the Open fruit & vegetable classes; Susan Dwyer in the cut flowers and pot plants classes; Lyn Gunning in the cookery & baking classes; Kate Pope in the children 7-10 classes.

Annual General Meeting

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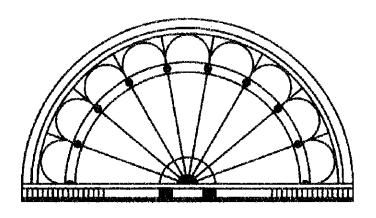


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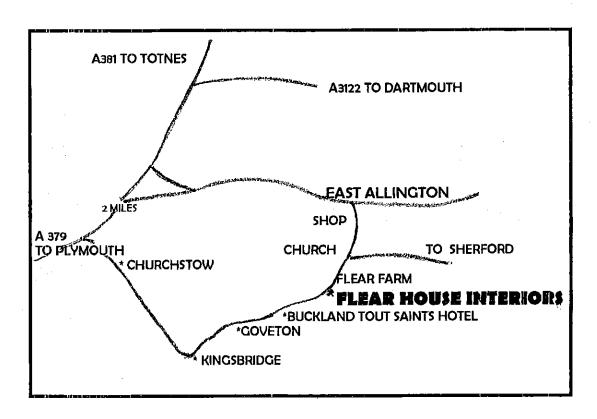
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HORSWELL DIARY

OK, so maybe I should not have poked fun at my husband's dislike of computers nor his penchant for lobotomy.

Retribution was swift and unexpected, silencing my cyberfriend, Tiny, as effectively as a Russian doctor's syringe. As a result, poor Tiny has suffered a complete nervous breakdown and acute brain damage.

How was I to know my husband had friends in such high places? Even so, I do think a bolt of lightning might have been a little extreme.

So here I am, packing up my traumatised new friend and sending him back to his maker for major brain surgery and a new modern implant - none of which I may say (surprise, surprise) is covered by BUPA or whichever health scheme we purchased with him. Our lack of communication is lonely and distressing. We had been getting on so well; too well, my husband might say, almost inseparable. Now, suddenly, poor Tiny cannot even remember his name and seems in such a deeply catatonic state that he is totally unaware of my anxious vigil. I've even tried playing him his favourite CDs in the hope of some glimmer of recognition, but to no avail.

Fortunately there are no waiting lists at the Tiny hospital and parts are available - thus making me re-assess my feelings about cloning. His return home is scheduled for next week, hopefully having made a full recovery.

Guests from France arrive today, so I have been busy preparing a guest bedroom. The four-poster bed has been made up with our best lace-edged linen and all cobwebs and flies removed from the light fittings and high ceilings. I'm assuming that since they are on honeymoon the ceilings may come under more detailed inspection than usual. Apart from lavender-scented sheets, thick fluffy towels, fresh soaps, perfumed candles and fragrant flowers, I am wondering what else I can provide to make their honeymoon suite more sumptuous. If they were English

a well-stocked drinks tray and a good selection of novels would surely suffice. But, alas, they are French - causing my mind to boggle at the possibilities.

Looking for inspiration, I recall those classic black-and-white art movies of my student days in Paris - films in which torrid love affairs, recorded in grainy celluloid, tantalised the cinematographic voyeur with their slow-moving eroticism. Brief, hesitant, words laden with meaning, such as "I love you", "He's found out", "He's got a gun", "I cannot leave you" would be punctuated by long tension-filled pauses and lingering camera shots of lipstick-ringed cigarettes burning to ash beside a half-finished glass of wine.....whilst mindrops slithered slowly down the window pane. It was always afternoon, always in someone else's apartment, always a sense of impending departure and always raining. Rain. That's my missing ingredient!

Personally, I don't think rain is remotely romantic. During our recent week in Ireland it rained every day, transforming the scenery into watery landscapes with lakes, mountains and peat bogs etched against dark thunderous skies. We sheltered in simple farmhouses bright with flowers and crumbling stately piles filled with glorious Georgian antiques. Fortunately everywhere we went, from Dublin to Connemara, the welcome was warm and gracious, easily compensating for the chilly mists that seeped into our bones. We returned home to find our house-sitters stretched out on our new terrace, sipping gins and tonics in the sun, wondering briefly why we'd ever

Summer, if we've actually had one, seems to have been a see-saw event veering between drought and deluge. The garden has never been greener but flowers are now in short supply and signs of the changing season are beginning to appear. Voles are busy extending their labyrinthine tunnels beneath the lawn and badgers dig for cranefly larvae under the cork oak tree. Conkers, like a spiked gladiator's helmet, bristle on the

chestnut trees and, overnight, mushrooms push their snowy domes through the dewladen grass.

High on the TV aerial house martins, jittery with excitement, surf the net for travel information and discuss their flight plans in high-pitched voices. Buzzards mewl and swoop above the trees and jackdaws squabble on the chimney-pots. Tawny owls pierce the night with their strident call and a watery halo around the moon speaks of rain.

In the lanes, herb Robert, cranesbill and the yellow spires of common toadflax try to brighten the dowdy hedgerows, whilst pink and white striped cones of bindweed trail

through yarrow, plantains, docks and thyme like strings of gaily-painted fairy lights. Yet all their efforts cannot conceal the rusting dinginess of approaching autumn.

Thinking of autumn, I forgot to say that our honeymooning couple are both in their late seventies, which surely proves that life is not without its surprises. They said when they met it was a real "coup de foudre" - literally a "clap of thunder" or a "bolt of lightning".

Could this mean my computer is not braindamaged at all, but has simply fallen in love?

Prunella Dart

An Alphabet for Churchgoers

by Louise Boxhall

Adore the Creator of the Universe, and ask for his blessing Believe He is present in our lives, and that He loves us Celebrate the birth, life and resurrection of Jesus Christ Donate money and time to God's service Encourage others when they are despondent Follow Jesus for He said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" Give praise at all times and in all places Help those who are searching to find the meaning of life Intercede for others and for ourselves lust be still and know the Lord is with us Keep Holy the Sabbath Day Listen to God's Word, for the Bible is a blueprint for our lives Mourn with those who grieve Note that no one, however sinful, is turned away Offer ourselves in service and invite the Holy Spirit to empower us Pray, for prayer is a conversation with God Quietly seek His Face Remember to praise the Lord always Spread the Good News at every opportunity Trust in the Lord, and receive Communion at His Table Unite in songs of praise Voice our fears to a Listening Father

Voice our fears to a Listening Father
Welcome everyone without exception to the services throughout the year
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WORD-SEARCH ONE

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

- 1. A Canadian river
- 2. Old German parliament
- 3. A marsh bird
- 4. General agreement
- 5. A remote place/African city
- 6. A horse-racing course
- 7. A pedantic teacher
- 8. A type of biscuit
- 9. Study of earth's features
- 10. A tough light plastic
- 11. Lively, brisk
- 12. Tennis centre
- 13. A metallic element
- 14. Name of a hen
- 15. A N.I. protestant
- 16. A pantomine character
- 17. Extremely beautiful
- 18. Type of carpet
- 19. A breed of cattle
- 20. A twelve sided figure
- 21. ???

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WORD-SEARCH TWO

Find the words associated with sport or games (listed right) in the grid below. The names may be found written up, down, to the left, to the right, or even diagonally. Once all the words have been found the remaining letters read L to R & downwards spell out another sport

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BILLIARDS, WRESTLING

WI NEWS



September speaker

Judging by the full parish hall, members were keen to get started again with their WI activities for the coming months. The speaker was Verity Palk, the District Council's waste treatment officer, who had a fascinating story to tell of what happens to that baked bean tin or plastic bottle once they have been dropped into the green bin to start their recycling journey.

Fleecy fabric, heavy wood substitute, compost bins, or new tin cans are just some of the many things our green salvage can eventually become. It is hoped that within five years 25% of all household collections will be of green bin material.

What's been happening?

- # President Pat Clarke thanked the members who had made possible our entry into the co-operative competition at Kingsbridge Show Joan Booth, Pat Macdonald, Mary Tregilles, Sheila Ward and Jean Yeoman.
- # The parish hall trustees had sent a thank you letter for the £68 we contributed to hall funds as a result of our garden lunch, saying they appreciated the WI's ongoing support.
- # Jax Auster and Monica Dickins had taken a course on *The Shires & Spires of Oxford* at the WI's residential college, Denman, an experience they thoroughly enjoyed. They urged all members to go and take one of the many courses on offer there should an opportunity arise
- # A visit to the Princetown Visitors Centre by seven members (and three husbands)

- to Join forty other WI members on a guided walk on Dartmoor was enjoyed by all the participants.
- # The cake stall at the parish hall Autumn Fair did well.
- # Pat Crawford thanked us for providing a goodly supply of food for the Children's Millennium Picnie

Things to come

- # The needlework which has been going on these past few months on the Millennium Wall-hanging will be on view at the Cheese & Wine evening being to be held on Saturday 30th September, It will also be the occasion for an entertainment in the form of a Val Brown humorous sketch!
- # Arrangements are being made for a Mixed Crafts day some time in November so keep an eye out and an ear open for further information.
- # Three members are entering the WI county golf competition at Fingle Glen on October 5th and we wish them well.
- # The next pub lunch outing will be to the Old Inn, Malborough, on Thursday, 19th October.

Next Meeting

This will be on Thursday 12th October, at 2.30 pm in the parish hall, when the speaker is Janet Beveridge on 'Colour and Image'.

If you are not a WI member but would like to come to hear this speaker - and/or to see what we get up to - you will be made most welcome.

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HARRY HUGGINS DOES THE ALGARVE IN STYLE

We met this couple in the big Albufera nature reserve, in Mallorca. I was standing in the Angel of the North position while June demonstrated on my back and outstretched arms the upperwing pattern of a Booted Eagle. They said to us that Mallorca in November, which is what this was, was good but the Algarve was better and why didn't we go there?

The Algarve? Surely there is nothing there but golf and sunbathing. Neither in our line. But we had read in Birdwatching magazine that there is good birding, had in fact thought years before of going, but couldn't decide where to stay, which is ridiculous because most of the Algarve is places to stay.

But recently Arlequin Press (yes, Arlequin, not Harlequin) brought out a new edition of their Birdwatching Guide to the Algarve. A guide must be up-to-date. Places change, swamps are drained, sites are built on, and sometimes they even find a new birding place. Arlequin do a number of these guides. The one for Mallorca is our bible when we are there; when we went to Crete we took the one for that island. They are only 40/50 pages, with another 10 pages for a checklist of the birds you might see: slim enough to take into the field. We met a young lady who pulled up her tee-shirt and dragged her guide to Mallorca out of her knickers.

So we bought the Algarve guide. The authors suggest staying in Faro. The coastline is long, 150 kilometres or so, the birding sites are spread all along it, so it is a good idea to be somewhere in the middle, which Faro is. If you don't fancy Faro, which we didn't, there are places just to the west, Quinto do Lago or Vale do Lobo. Very pleasant, but very expensive. There seemed to be nowhere to the east of Faro until you got very close to the Spanish

border. Then we found that an outfit called Style (we had never heard of it) went to a new hotel, the Riu Falesia, on the outskirts of Olbas d'Agua (Eye of the Sea). This is a little fishing village, west of Faro etc., not quite as far west as Albufeira. There are still fishermen, and boats drawn up on the beach. Behind is the inevitable concrete jungle. It would do us, not quite in the middle of the Algarve, but near enough. What was more, we could fly from Exeter (we hadn't had that luxury for years) on the 1st of April, and that was the best migration time.

You must have a car, because the birding places are far apart. The hotel is only a short drive to the N125, which runs the length of the Algarve and which you have to use to get to anywhere. The most dangerous road in Europe, that is what it was called. I could name some in Crete which are worse! It has been improved, and traffic lights put in at the hairiest crossroads.

Many, most, birders self-cater - they say it makes them freer. We say that going out at about nine and coming back in the late afternoon is quite free enough for us, thank you. Herself reckons she has catered for us for 53 years; when we had our sailing holidays, which was always, for years and years, she cooked on a primus stove, and now when we are on holiday someone else is going to do the cooking and make the beds!

A minibus took us from the airport to the hotel. As we rode along we were filled with dismay and thought "Heavens, what have we done?" It was all built up, the traffic seethed, and some of the roads were appalling. We felt happier when we got there. The hotel is right on the cliff top and you walk out of the garden down a barranco - in Bournemouth they would call it a chine - to a fabulous sandy beach running to the west

as a far as we could see. We didn't linger there, why should we who live in the Land of the Five Beaches? But the *barranco* held



Turtle Doves, a Cuckoo, Sardinian Warblers (the gents have black heads and red eyes) and we heard a Tawny Owl.

The hotel was seriously good. Our room was huge. The staff were genial and efficient. They fed us like lords - well, better than lords to judge by Sir Roy Strong's grumbling about the food when the Queen Mother entertained him to lunch. We never saw our room lady, but she played little games with us, like making butterflies with our face flannels in the bath.

They had had nine weeks of drought. It broke with heavy rain on the night we arrived. In fact, we didn't mind, because all the flowers came. There were fields red with poppies and one huge area was vivid yellow with Bermuda buttercups - a pretty little thing from South Africa which they can't get rid of once they have got it. We are safe in Britain, it is too cold for it.

A man brought our car, and in the pouring rain we set off for Quinta do Lago, dedicated to golf and then golf and then golf. There were pine trees, masses of them, obviously there before the golf. Among them we saw our first lifer of the trip, Azure-winged Magpie. Lots of them, in fact. They are bright perky little chaps, smaller than our Magpie, with black caps, vivid blue wings and tails, and pinky-brown bodies.

These magpies are odd. There is a population here in Portugal and nearby parts

of Spain. There is another population in China. None in between. There are two theories. One, that once they were all over, and the ones in the middle were expunged by a ice age. The other, that seafarers brought them home to Portugal from the far east because they made jolly pets in cages - like parrots. Whence they got out and prospered. It happens. Somewhere to the west of London there is a free-living and very successful colony of Ring-necked Parakeets which have got out, or been let out. Africa and southern Asia is where they come from. We used to have them in Essex, saw them in our garden at Clacton sometimes, but fruit farmers shot them all because they ripped up apples to get to the pips.

Below Quinto do Lago, past six roundabouts and lots of golf courses, there is a car park on the shore of the Ria Formosa, a bit of water which separates a large sandbank offshore that extends past Faro and westwards nearly to the Spanish border. A very fancy car park, shelters over the top to keep off the sun. I expected to pay but no one came for money. The rain stopped and the sun came out - sun and showers were the pattern of our holiday. We walked to the west along the foreshore, below a fairway. Grey Plovers, Little Egrets, Little Stints and lively little crabs with one little claw and one huge one. They ran about on the mud but each dived down its burrow when I tried to get near with the camera.

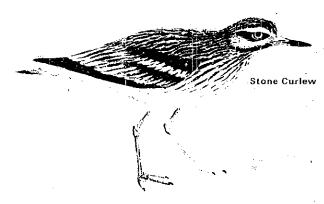
A path veered inland, among pine trees, and we came to a large reedy lake, Lago do Sao Lourenco. Artificial, made when they built the golf course. A fairway ran along one side. Across that was the house I would like to rent, the sort of place they show in the TV holiday programmes - only £1000 a week each for ten sharing. That rules me out. But I don't suppose the birds on the lake paid anything - a Little Grebe, a Cattle Egret in the middle of a reed bed, a Little Bittern, which is a tiny heron, not much bigger than a Blackbird. There were Red-crested Pochards, diving ducks. The ladies are just brown but the gents are very flamboyant -

brown and white bodies and bright red heads with golden topknots. And there were Purple Gallinules, like huge Moorhens, June always calls them Pukekos - that is what they are called in New Zealand which is where we first saw them.

At Silves, a bit inland and to the west of where we stayed, there is a castle, with the town clustered below it: this was the capital of the Moors, who ruled in these parts for hundreds of years. The book says it is frequented by Lesser Kestrels, gregarious little fellows which are smaller than our Kestrels, and Alpine Swifts, bigger than ours and with white tummies. We saw none, we supposed not arrived from Africa yet, but a pair of White Storks had a nest on a factory chimney within photographing distance - we saw a number of nests; this was the only one near enough.

Our favourite place was a marsh near Pera, across the river from Armacao de Pera. You drove through Pera village, narrow streets, ghastly blind corners, then along sandy tracks which, with the rain, were seas of mud (good old hired carl). You came to a car park inside sand dunes with the sea on the other side. Once we sat in the car for the whole day because it was blowing a gale (it blew half a gale or more for most of our holiday). To leave the car was to get sand-blasted! Even so, we counted 40 species - here in Devon, considered good for birds, you have difficulty in finding more than 30 in a day.

With the rain the marsh was flooded and attracted migrants. If you went a few weeks later it would have dried out, the passage birds would have gone and there would be nothing to see. There were Purple Herons, which looked brown, Spoonbills, a Glossy Ibis (heron family but looks like a purple curlew), lots of waders, thousands of Swallows and House Martins feeding on the teeming mozzies, and Purple Gallinules with chicks. A Stone Curlew, like a big brown plover, flew up beside the car and in the



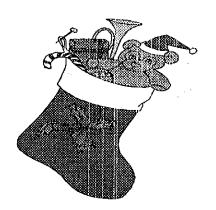
surrounding fields of barley (nearly ready to harvest, this in early April) we heard Quails - we never saw one, you don't, but they say repeatedly "wet my lips". Growing in the sand dunes were tiny irises, and snowflakes - little nodding white things - and broomrapes - spikes of flowers with no leaves which are parasites on other plants.

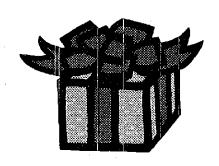
Except for the town of Silves and the barranco by the hotel, nearly all our birding places were marshy/watery ones. The birds love such areas, and so do watchers because the birds can be seen - contrast for example the Yarner Wood reserve, near Bovey Tracey: it teems with wildlife, yet you can walk around it and not see a thing. What they call not seeing the wood for the trees.

We enjoyed the hotel, and the flowers, and the birds - of which we saw well over 100 species in all. But we would not have wanted to go there unless we could do the birding. Style had sent one other couple with us - we called them 'The Toby Jugs' after the café they run in Bridport - but they were bored stiff after a week and longed to go home. Equally we would not want to be there except at migration time - when you read in the paper that it is 86 degrees in Faro you realise everywhere must be dried up and there would be neither birds nor flowers to see.

But for a 'one-off', yes, the couple in Mallorca were right, it was well worth going.

Harry Huggins



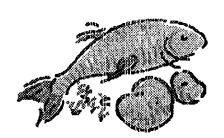


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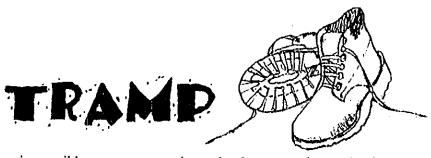
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It would have been impossible to be anything other than completely happy at the end of this second July walk. Not only was it an interesting variation

on a theme, not too demanding moreover, but the weather was perfect, sunny almost all day. The nine of us from Thurlestone met our two leaders, and two welcome newcomers with their two dogs, at our starting point, Grenofen Bridge.

To begin with we followed the Walkham River as far as its confluence with the Tavy, where we took the track up through the woods and out over a short stretch of moor. We passed some happy campers who had parked their caravans at an idyllic spot (on a fine day, at any rate), looking out over the valley to the distant moors. Then tracks and fields and we came down to Buckland Monachorum.

Here the pub exerted so strong a magnetic pull than nearly everyone was drawn in; almost, one felt, against their will. One person, who must have been made of some non-magnetic substance, decided to renew acquaintance with the church instead. This is a splendid, light and lofty, mostly 15th century building with a beautiful roof decorated by carved oak figures of angels, each playing a different musical instrument. There is a great deal to look at, even the "modern" stained glass windows are worth studying.

After the pause for refreshment (this was not lunch), we walked up beside the Garden House grounds and out on to the fields. Here, in the welcome shade of some trees, we had our picnic. Tracks, field paths and a short stretch of lane brought us back into the woods where our leader, deliberately ignoring the proper path and clearly thinking we had had too easy a time, led us up a rather

steep earthy embankment to the track of the dismantled railway. This, after a bit, ended in a sort of precipice (perhaps there was once a bridge?) In fact the slope was easy enough to walk down and we were back by the Walkham River. These riverside paths were particularly popular with the black, waterloving, dog who took frequent dips. This was the final lap and we arrived back at the car park very happy, and not too tired.

Pam Brewster

Ten of us, plus one eager dog, set off from the Swallerton Gate car-park below Hound Tor, for our first walk in August. We

paused for a moment or two at Jay's Grave to hear her sad tale and then we took the path towards Natworthy Manor and so on to the moor.

As we strode out over Hamel Down beneath a grey sky, the strengthening and, even for August, decidedly chilly breeze, our leader rejoiced that it was not too hot, just ideal for walking, but she felt the view would be improved by a bit of sun. Obligingly the sun peered feebly through the clouds and then, almost immediately, withdrew again. We passed the memorial to the four young airmen whose crippled bomber did not quite make it back to base.

Beyond Hamel Down Beacon the path began to go down again and just above Widecombe we found a spot, slightly sheltered from the wind, for our picnic. One member of the group was beginning to feel that she would rejoice if the temperature were a little less ideal for walking. Views of hot soup and hot coffee rose before her eyes. Quite soon we started again on the downward path - to Widecombe where the temptation of two

most sinful ice creams, one a 99, the other horror of horrors - with clotted cream on top,
proved too much for two of us. We did not
have to go far up the steep road out of the
village before turning off along the lane
leading once more on to the moor and back
to our starting point. Cups of tea served in
cheerful pottery mugs seemed an appropriate
form of refreshment, though ice creams still
had their charms.

A few of us had done this walk before, but this did not in the least diminish our enjoyment for it's a walk well worth repeating. If, as they threaten, this was our leaders' swan song - as leaders - then it could not have been a more harmonious one. Thank you, **Stuart and Audrey**, for the dozens of splendid walks you have worked out and led for so many years!

Pam Brewster

Ten of us, plus one dog new to our walks, had managed to drag ourselves away from the mandatory August visitors to our "seaside homes" and to put our own pleasure first. The

weather was ideal for a walk around part of

the South West Coastal Path. Starting at Down Thomas, parking was by kind permission of "The Hart sisters, Susan and Mary" as they are known locally.

The views, first of all over all Plymouth Sound and later over the Yealm estuary, could not have been bettered anywhere in the world. The Mediterranean-blue sea spattered with white horses by the very strong easterly wind, together with the white sails of yachts fighting to maintain a steady course in the gusts, made the walk one of the most enjoyable for a long while. But lunch, taken overlooking Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, was spoilt for some of us by the local wasps taking a fancy to banana sandwiches!

The return walk was across fields via Knighton, where we strongly resisted a visit to the local hostelry. We skirted round Langdon Court Hotel grounds and very soon we were back in Down Thomas where some of the weaker-willed amongst us were unable to resist an ice cream.

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Derek Yeoman

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GW

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DUTCH APPLE PUDDING

APPLE HAT

Ingredients

8 ozs plain flour

4 ozs suet

8 tablespoons golden syrup

2 lbs cooking apples, peeled & sliced

Juice and rind of a lemon

3 ozs demerara sugar

A little cold water

Ingredients

8 ozs s.r. flour

4 ozs suet

3 or 4 cloves

2 lbs cooking apples, peeled & sliced

2 ozs soft brown sugar

Juice and rind of a lemon

A little cold water

Method

Grease a very deep pie dish. Mix flour and suet to a dough with the water and knead it gently on a floured board. Cut off a third for a lid and roll the rest out to line the pie dish. Press it gently against the sides of the dish, then fill it with the apples.

Roll out the remaining pastry for the lid, dampen the edges, and place it on top of the apples, pressing the edges together so that the apples are sealed in. Make sure the pudding is below the top of the dish. Spoon the syrup all over the top and then scatter the demerara over it.

Make an incision in the middle of the pudding, put it in the oven and bake it 45 minutes at 180C (350F, Gas 4) until the top is quite crunchy.

Method

Grease a one and a half pint pudding basin and proceed as in the recipe above, lining it with the pastry and filling with the apples, lemon, cloves and sugar. Roll out the pastry for the lid and put it on top as above.

Cut out a circle of foil or greaseproof paper and tie it loosely on top. Put the pudding into a large saucepan with enough water to come half way up the side of the basin and simmer it for one and a half hours.

Remove the foil or paper, run a knife carefully found the inside of the basin and turn the pudding on to a warm dish. Be careful - the juice may run out from inside! Cut it into slices to serve it.

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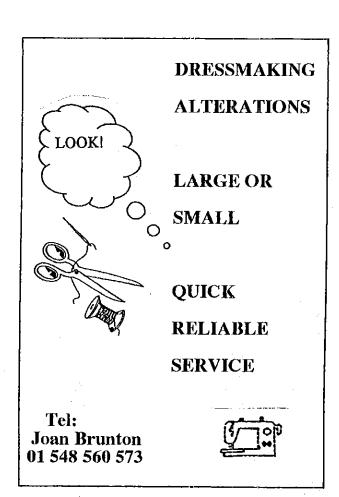
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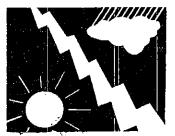
Well, St Swithin did us proud, more or less didn't he? The 40 days were not too bad after all.

At least there was little rain anyway and temperatures were quite good in the early part of August. Our Fetes and the Show all had lovely days - if a little breezy. Even August Bank holiday was a lovely day when South Milton had their Village Hall fun day.

I had a phone call from one Joe Haines of Carnival Films wanting to know about the weather pattern for this week or ten days over the years. He is involved with the filming of the Poirot TV films. I had to say that overall the weather was good, if perhaps overcast. Today 14th Sept has been dismal, so I hurry up the road head down as they have their base on the car park at the top.

Do you think that the temperatures have been higher this year, well the summer months at least? They have in fact been marginally higher even though we have had much high thin cloud. I think that this is no bad thing. The ozone layer over the South Pole has been depleted to a much greater degree this year. The hole has reached the tip of South America for the first time.

This is really quite alarming because of the effect on the Antarctic ice layer. It is melting at an unprecedented rate with all the consequences. Huge areas of the ice shelves that surround the continent are melting to breakaway point and moving away from the mother shelf. The effect on the immediate environment can be, and no doubt will be, devastating. The same effect is happening in the Arctic and this is much more serious as it is nearer to large areas of inhabited land. The presence of large icebergs in the north Atlantic will affect the ecology of the sea and our exploitation of its resources will be



curtailed (eg. a reduction of fish stocks as the temperature of the water changes).

Along our shores it seems that the seas are definitely becoming warmer, and more species of fish usually found only in tropical or in semi - tropical waters are being identified. Today I read an article which criticises people who are harassing dolphins found in our in-shore waters, or even in harbours. I suppose they have always been around our shores but not in such numbers or seen so frequently. There must be a shift in the temperature, which brings their food source nearer to us.

How many of you think about this 'warming up' and, if you do, what can we do about it? It really is a hard problem to solve. Personally I think there is no solving it, but trying to adjust to a changing situation without trying to alter it just to suit us.

Hasn't the hurricane season been quiet this year so far? I guess that the West Indies has breathed a sigh of relief. There's still time yet, but it's unlikely a huge one will build now. Have you seen the Perfect Storm yet? The computer graphics were stunning and out of this world. The Andrea Gail was swamped by an enormous rogue wave against which she had no chance. These waves are freaks of nature. My book by Paul Simon quotes several well-documented incidents where a huge wave was encountered.

"On the night of 6-7 February 1933 the US Navy ship Ramapo was steaming across the North Pacific when a typhoon slammed into it at 78mph (126 kms ph). Then it faced a monster from the sea. An estimated 112 foot (34mts) tall wave, as tall as a four-storey office block, rose up out of the sea and

smashed down onto the ship. By some sort of miracle the Ramapo was not sunk. The biggest actually recorded wave was 65 feet and 5 inches (20.4mts) from trough to crest which took fifteen seconds to pass a weather ship lying close to the track of a hurricane in 1961.

On 5th February 1987, the Fish-n-Fool fishing boat was anchored off the Californian coast at San Diego. Without warning a 20ft(6mtr) wave rushed out of nowhere and turned the boat over like a toy. Only two out of twelve people aboard survived. In the same year two Cornish anglers were plucked off rocks on the Cornish Coast and washed out to sea. One survived."

Several school children were washed away in similar circumstances a few years ago. Even large ships can be damaged by these rogues. The Queen Mary was swamped by one in 1942 and in 1974 a monster struck a supertanker and ripped off a chunk of her bow.

I regularly watch the sea through binoculars or my telescope and never cease to be in awe of its changing temperament. The effect of offshore breezes and the onset of a squall on

the surface behaviour of the sea is forever a wonder and never to be ignored, you do so at your peril if you are out in a boat or just enjoying a float around on an air-bed.

September is Michaelmas tide, geese feature in the folklore, there should a fat one ready for the table. Today 14th is known as "The Devil's Nutting Day" or Holy Rood Day, so I hope you have not been picking nuts today. St. Matthew's Day on Sept 22nd is one of three days in the month which rule the weather for October, November and December.

Two sayings for the month 'Grey mists at dawn, the day will be warm.' And 'Dew in the night, next day will be bright', are surprisingly accurate.

To all you bee-keepers out there, 'Saint Matthew, shut up the bee, 'so get your hives prepared for the winter months.

I must say that I am looking forward to some Autumnal weather, I am fed up with high humidity and puffy warm winds, roll on the first frosts and a crystal clear air-stream!

Jan Turner

Pat Machin's Duzzle Corner - Wordsearch Answers

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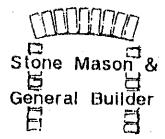
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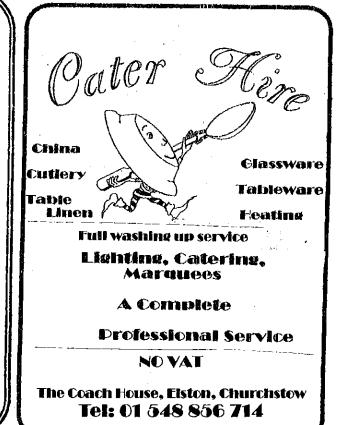
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MORE PLUS THAN MINUS

(Pam Brewster concludes her story with Part Three)

When I next arrived outside the gate of the hovel a great pile of fallen plum tree branches and twigs, not very tastefully garnished with bits of builder's rubbish, lay in the middle of the garden. There were two enormous chunks of tree trunk lying heavily nearby, a heap of stones and something I couldn't immediately identify was covering most of the path. My heart sank; I knew that the house would still be as chaotic as when we left it in April.

For a moment or two I sat in the car, not daring to look. Then I told myself sternly that I could hardly go on sitting there for the next ten days. I made my way to the front door, over what turned out to be the living room carpet, and peered in. My joy was indescribable! All was neat and tidy and the furniture back in place on the uncarpeted floor. I went in and glanced to the right, into the kitchen. Everything was in order, beautiful walnut flooring, all the water pipes reconnected. In the bathroom beyond there was a tiled floor, the lavatory where it should be again and, on the wall, a huge electric water heater. New light switches and electric points everywhere.

Suddenly filled with energy, I flung everything out of the car, rearranged the kitchen furniture - and then rearranged it all back again to how it had always been - and rolled up the carpet in case it rained. It was just a bit depressing to find the splendid water heater did not work, although its little green light was winking away, and the gas stove had nothing to connect it to the gas - which made cooking supper a challenge.

Next morning, however, Mel and his henchmen arrived, smiling, marvelling at my lack of faith....wanting his cheque. The carpet was in the garden, he explained, because he had washed it and had left it there to dry. He rapidly organised me into buying the connector for the stove, and the electrician into coming to deal with the water heater. He left me to put the carpet back. Soon everything returned to its usual calm.

Not for long, though. A few days later the amazing silence of the evening was shattered, along with my eardrums, by the strident sound of a very raucous French pop song. At first I thought it was some jollification down in the village but realised it was far too loud and came from the house of some fairly new neighbours over the way. After it had been played at undiminished volume two or three times, I went out to investigate. There was the neighbour sitting on his garden wall in the light of the wide-open windows of his house.

Bellowing above the din, he asked me if I liked his music. I shouted in reply that I wasn't too keen, and that it would be better if it were less loud. When, however, I then refused to have a drink with him, he seemed to take offence. Coming nearer, he accused me, rather irrelevantly I felt, of having killed Joan of Arc. I said that in fact I hadn't personally. He replied that it was the English anyway, which was all the same thing. Repeating my request to turn the sound down a little, I began to go back towards my garden.

Calling me a name which no one should call anyone, let alone a respectable English lady, he told me to wait, came out and, pointing angrily at a hole in his wall, accused me of being responsible for it, albeit indirectly. I was guilty of one or two other crimes as well, apparently. He emphasised his point by walloping me on the back in a decidedly unfriendly way, which almost sent me flying. Telling him at the top of my voice that he was no gentleman, I retreated with as much

dignity as I could, clad as I was in a somewhat unglamorous butcher's apron. However, after a few more repeats of the song the volume was turned down a little, though the song was played for nearly an hour longer. Then all was blissful silence again.

Before going off for a few days to visit friends, I dragged the pile of stones under the roof of the bread oven at the side of the garden. Mel said he would try to get rid of the wood before I got back. When I got back it was still there. I wasn't surprised. I spent two afternoons and a morning depriving Mel of the pleasure of carting it away and I now have enough kindling and morning wood stowed away to last me several years!

I invited my real neighbours in for dessert one evening, but that was not the roaring success it sometimes is. To begin with, only Rene and Lydie came; their son Christian, having toiled all day in the heat of the son, had retired to bed exhausted. Then, later, a flash of lightning announced the approach of a storm. Lydie is terrified of thunderstorms and could not take her leave fast enough but Rene, with malice aforethought, insisted on telling through to the end a long story of a spectacular storm that he and Christian had once been caught in - and only then let her escape. Still, I had to a certain extent returned their hospitality. The day before I started for home they asked me to Sunday lunch.....

So I left the hovel in reasonably good order, but it does not guarantee that is how I shall find it next time.

Pam Brewster

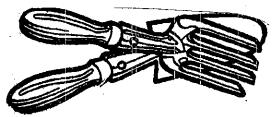
You too can speak Chinese!

Lon Parkin has sent us the following useful expressions, recently picked up via e-mail

Al Gano Mai Ne Ar U Wan Tut Dum Gai Gun Pao Ver Hu Flung Dung? Hu Yu Hal Ding Kum Hia Lao Ze Lin China Shat Gat Tal No Bae Be Tai Ne Po Ne Ten Olna Ba Wan Bum Lung Yu Mai Te Tan Wa Shine Kab Wat So Dim? Wai Yu Shao Ting?

I bumped into the coffee table A gay liberation greeting A studid person An ancient Chinese invention Which one of you fertilized the field? Are you harbouring a fugitive? Approach me Not very good An illegal execution A bashful person A premature Infant A small horse Serving drinks to people A person with TB Your holiday has agreed with you Cleaning an automobile Are you trying to save electricity? There is no reason to raise your voice

IN YOUR GARDEN



Getting the garden ready to face winter should be occupying the energies of gardeners in the next month or so.

Removal of the spent top growth on border plants - most of which are now looking very tired after a difficult growing year - works wonders for the general appearance of the garden and has almost the same effect of that first lawn cut in the spring! Don't be too drastic with pentstemons though, just tidy them up. If you are a lawn enthusiast, now is the time to rake off any matted grass cuttings and scarify the grassed area before applying an *autumn* lawn dressing (which does not have the same composition as a spring dressing).

Clear away summer bedding plants as soon as you can and replace them with winter-flowering ones such as polyanthus or pansies, plus wallflowers, forget-me-not and bulbs of course. A visit to a local garden centre now will give you lots of ideas. Fork a little bonemeal into the ground before replanting

A slight shortening of long growths on roses (not a full-scale pruning) will help prevent their rocking in the soil when those winter gales blow. Check on any tree ties too and replace if weak. Remove all spent vegetable crops and turn the soil before the first frosts so the soil will have broken down nicely by spring. We are lucky in this part of Devon for dahlia tubers can safely be left in the ground over winter - and so we are saved yet another gardening chore!

Autumn Ladies Tresses, tiny wild orchids, have been flowering well in some lawns in the parish, bringing great joy to the gardeners concerned, and their visitors, and providing an excellent excuse for not mowing. By now, of course, grass does not need quite so much cutting.

Birds are very much part of our gardens and we all like to feed them, particularly in winter. However, in the latest issue of "Wild Devon", the magazine of the Devon Wildlife Trust, the following article appeared. Permission has been given to us by the Trust to reproduce it here.

PEANUT DANGER FOR WILD BIRDS!

This year has been exceptionally poor for peanut crops, with all major peanutgrowing areas reporting high levels of aflotoxin contamination.

Aflotoxin is a deadly toxin that is fatal for birds and virtually all peanuts entering the UK and Europe are contaminated to a greater or lesser extent. This winter it will be much safer to avoid using peanuts altogether for feeding birds, squirrels or badgers.

There are plenty of other foods available, such as flower seeds, oats, millet and corn, but please don't risk our wild birds by feeding them peanuts this year.

The DWT shop in Harlequins Shopping Centre, Exeter, currently has a stock of CJ Wildbird Foods triple-tested peanuts which are safe....but stocks are limited.

Ladybird

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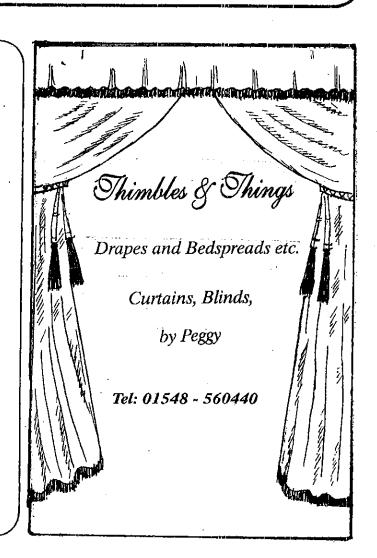
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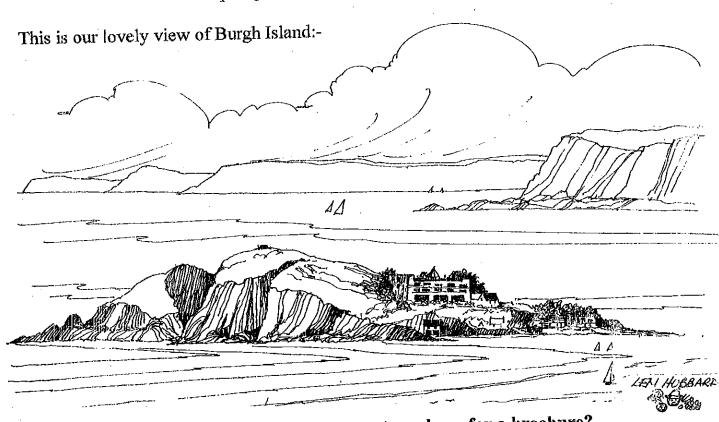
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