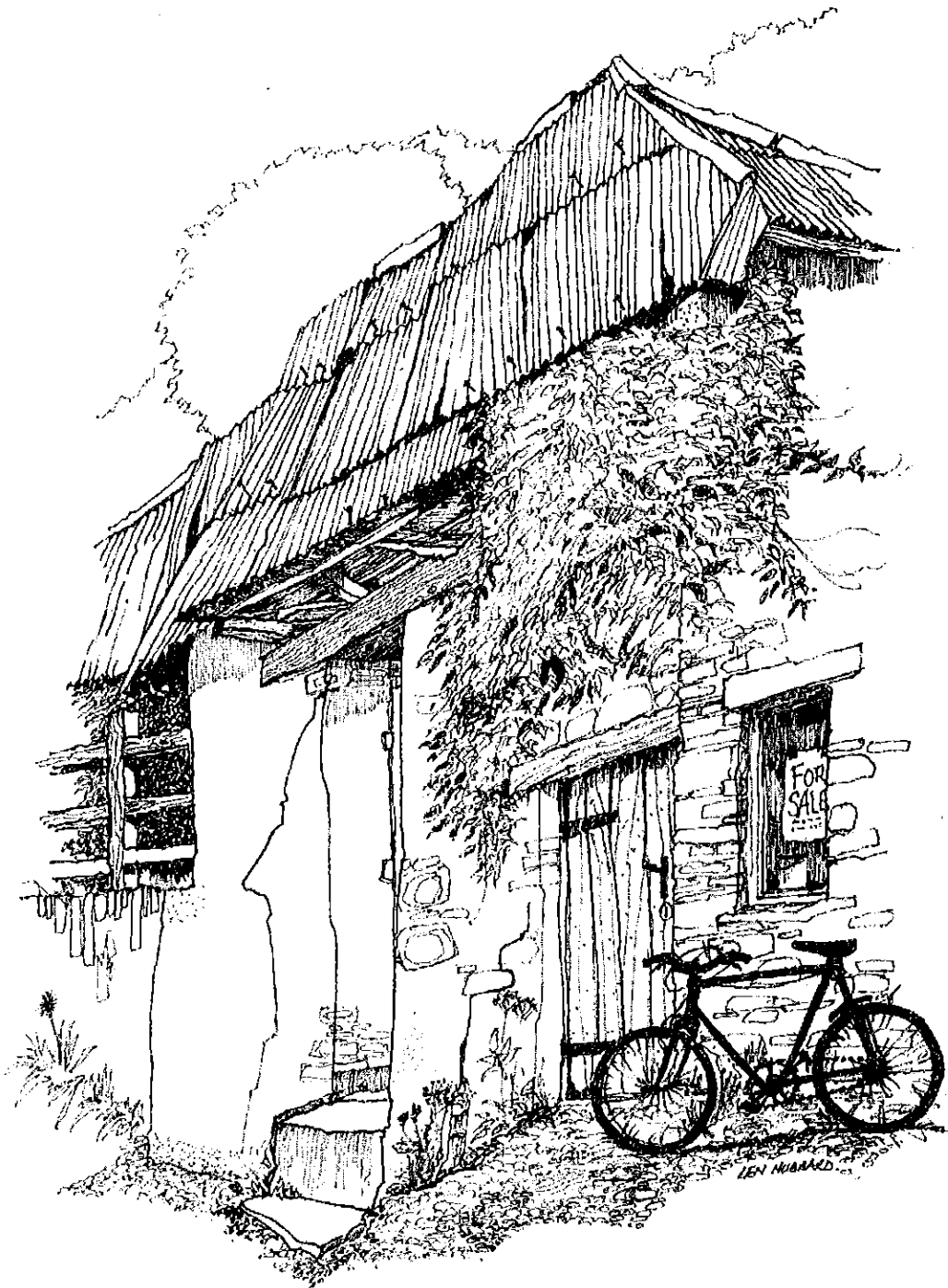


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It's quite a problem. Can we afford to have the Olympic Games as well as a new parish hall? Just how far can Thurlestone pockets be stretched?

Well, at least the members of our Bridge Clubs are in no doubt. In addition to making a regular 50p per head contribution at every club bridge evening, the Wednesday and Friday club committees and their members decided to step up the fund-raising effort by running a special drive on Saturday 17th May at the hall. They encouraged a full turnout of fifteen tables to participate, and all the members set about preparing a really good cold buffet supper. *It looked more like a banquet at the Guildhall than a buffet at the Parish Hall.* And with a free glass of wine too! As if that wasn't enough, these same members donated a huge number of raffle prizes which swelled the total takings up to a splendid £505. And as everyone there had a jolly good evening into the bargain, Master of Ceremonies David Cooke was moved to hint that there might be more such evenings to come.

This is exactly the kind of support the fund-raising organisers need, and the enthusiastic efforts of the Bridge Clubs demonstrate just what can be done when a community cause is taken to heart. All the members weighed in with contributions to make the evening a success, and it is clear that they are determined to "come up trumps" and raise a good "deal" of money for a new Hall.

So now then, non Bridge players, it's your turn to play. There are lots of events listed in this issue that you can support. Let's keep the money rolling in!

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LOR LUMME!

WHAT A SPLENDID LETTER!

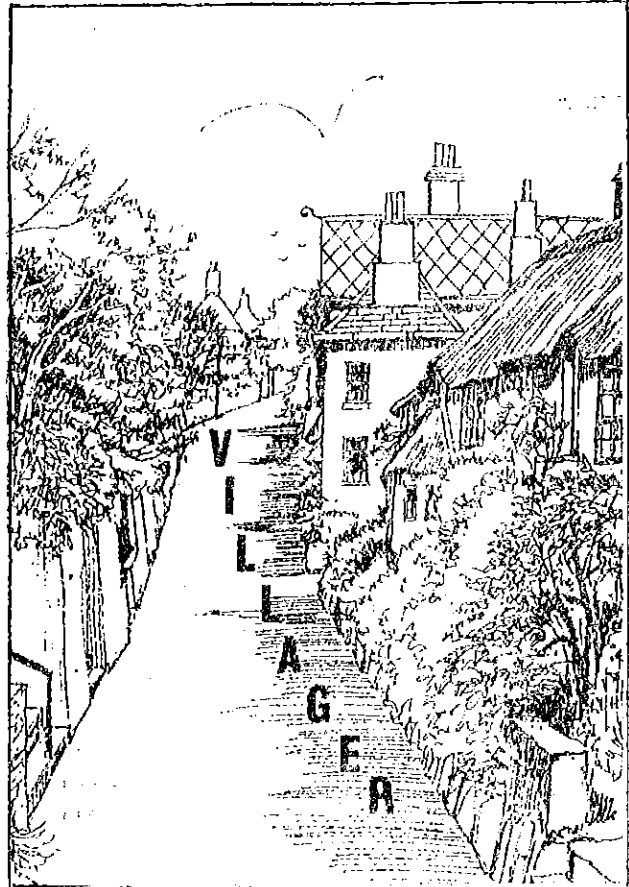
Thank you all for your encouraging letters. There is nothing - but absolutely nothing - that eggs Villager on more than a tidal wave of support in the postbag.

Unless it is the very special letter that I found on the doormat the day after the last Village Voice hit the streets.

In my piece about fund-raising for the new Parish Hall, you will remember I told you about a London policeman, William Kendall Hill, who, when he retired from patrolling Jack the Ripper's Whitechapel, hung up his truncheons and returned home to a quieter life in Thurlestone.

After his home-coming, William Hill was soon known in the parish as "Lor Lumme" - he used this Devon-burred form of "Lord Love Me" on most occasions to express surprise or pleasure - and was swiftly elected to the Parish Council. As befits an ex-policeman, he was used as a guard at fetes and other special events to count and protect the takings.

After the tables used for the fête stalls were hauled back to the schoolhouse (then situated opposite 'Trethurle') and the bunting rolled up and put away until the following year,



Lor Lumme Hill would carry the proceeds of fêtes and the like through the archway to 'Woodbine', his cottage in the village. There he would sit at the big table in the kitchen to count.... "Lor Lumme, one, Lor Lumme, two..." in between taking big sips of local farm cider from his - and only his - huge mug, which also doubled as his special tea cup, with a plate for a saucer.

All of which brings me back to the special letter. The address at the top was 'Woodbine Cottage', and the letter read as follows:

Dear Villager

Following the tradition of 'Lor Lumme', P.C. William K Hill, but without a truncheon!

On behalf of 'Woodbine' please accept this cheque for £1000 to boost the funds for our new Parish Hall!

*Sincerely,
Terry Gavourin.*

There in the envelope was a cheque for £1000. As I looked at this incredibly generous gift, I couldn't help exclaiming "Lor Lumme"! And I have no doubt that P.C. William Hill, as he looked down from his beat in Policemen's Heaven at Mrs Gavourin writing that big cheque in what had once been his kitchen, could not have stayed silent either. They say that so loud and long were his "Lor Lummies" that he was charged with disturbing the heavenly peace. He was acquitted of course.

So thanks from Lor Lumme and the parish to Mrs Gavourin, who sent her cheque, she tells me, to encourage others in the parish to support the new Parish Hall and reach for their cheque books too. And so we all should. Lor Lumme, let's do it now!

And now to something very different. A competition no less, but one I fear you can't, even with your local knowledge, win. I am indebted to the Daily Mail for the following description in that paper's travel

pages of the place where you live. But where are the beaches described as Thurlestone North and South? This is what the paper said about them:

"TURNER painted the famous Thurlestone Rock that juts out of the sea in this area of outstanding natural beauty. The two wide beaches never feel overcrowded although they're very popular with families. A small village nearby has a pub and shops.

Should you fancy something a little more exclusive, the South West Coast Path crosses the beach and leads you to Devon's most chic spot, the sailing town of Salcombe.

THE CROWD: Daring, sporty types - scuba divers, snorkellers and wind-surfers - head for the north beach. The sand (albeit rough) of south beach attracts local families laden with windbreaks, buckets and spades. Children love scrambling among the rock pools at low tide"

Now where do you think we are? Villager will happily donate a tenner to the Parish Hall fund if anyone can give the real names of Thurlestone North and South beaches, and supply evidence from that account in the paper to back up their choice.

Letters to the Editor, please, swiftly - before the turn of the tide.

Villager

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

14th April 2003

A Report by Citizen

ATTENDANCE

It was very encouraging to see so many members representing all the villages of the parish at this year's meeting. It was disappointing that two of the speakers were, at the last minute, unable to attend - **Sir Simon Day**, our Devon County Councillor, and **Ms Roz Love** of the South West Coastal Path Service. *We were not therefore able to hear from Sir Simon the reasons for the considerable increase in our Council Tax this year* - nor from Ms Love regarding the Coastal Footpath Service plans to cover their Silver Jubilee. The remaining three speakers - **Mrs Carolyn Steen**, District Councillor, **Inspector Singer**, of Devon & Cornwall Police, and **Rowland Cole**, the Parish Hall chairman - more than made up for the absentees.

GENERAL POINTS

The parish precept for the year would be £5327, fractionally up on last year. The playing field was not definitely a dead duck, as Evans Estate had been in contact - but don't hold your breath. The Seaview Starter Homes development was on time and the hoped-for completion by August 2003 was as near certain as anything can be. The church barbecue will be held on the memorial ground again this year. **Councillor Stidston** has told the chairman it was his intention to improve the visibility at Kerse Cross in the near future.

POLICE PROBLEMS

Inspector Singer, Devon & Cornwall Police, gave us a very honest approach to the present situation. Yes, crime figures had increased by 30% - but this was due in the main to the new reporting system; every incident has now to be recorded, whether a complaint has been received or not. A typical example was

given - every punch-up viewed on CCTV had to be recorded, even if the fight broke up and the participants departed peacefully with no complaint being made.

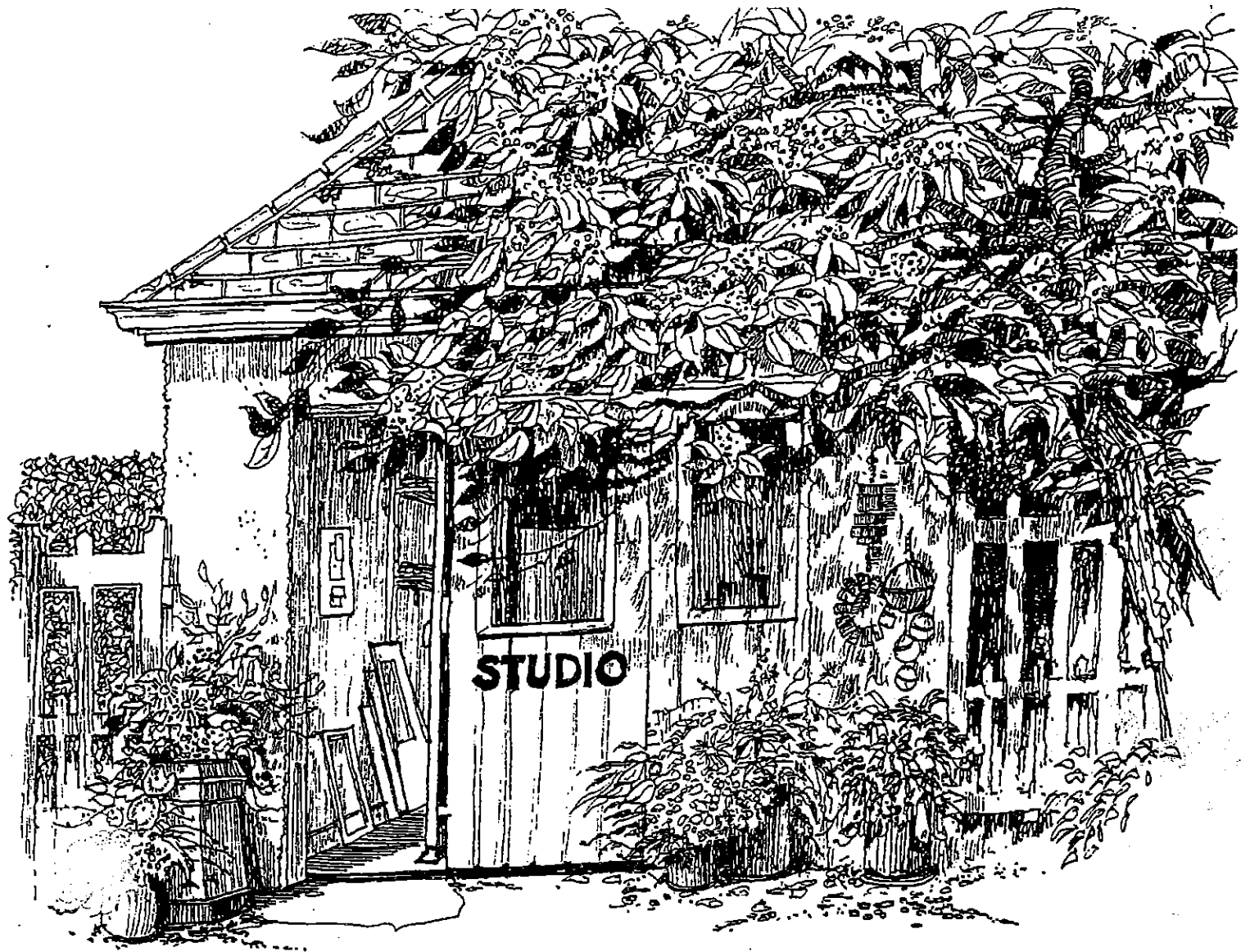
He went on to highlight the problems arising from the general objection to radio aerials being erected to improve communications between the three emergency services. He gave a number of examples, including the number of 'dead areas' in our part of the world where transmission is impossible, and the congestion being caused at the main switchboard because of the time it takes to answer even the simplest call, such as to check a car registration number.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mrs Carolyn Steen confirmed that she was not standing for re-election to the District Council in May. She gave us a progress report on the Seaview development, and two cheering bits of news regarding this - first, that priority would be given to local people, irrespective of points, and secondly, that these homes would remain council-owned in perpetuity.

NEW PARISH HALL

Finally, **Rowland Cole** updated us on the situation regarding the new Parish Hall. The total cost is now estimated to be in the region of £300,000. Capital currently available is £60,000 - so a lot of money has to be raised through gifts, fund-raising events and grants (and the latter are becoming harder and harder to obtain). He listed many fund-raising events in the pipeline. [*These are listed elsewhere throughout this issue. Ed*]. We all want a new Parish Hall, so it is up to everybody to do their very best to raise money, in any and every way possible providing it's legal!



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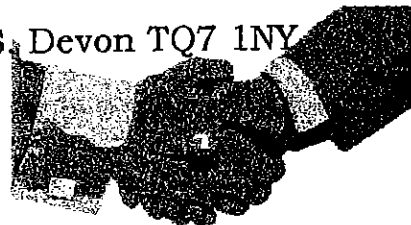
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Parish Council Meeting

12th May 2003

News and Views by Citizen

NEW FACES, NEW JOBS

At the first meeting since the Parish Council elections on the 5th May, a number of new faces were to be seen and certain job changes made. **Peter Hurrell** stood down after 23 years as chairman and **Kit Marshall** was elected to replace him. **Peter Hurrell** will act as vice-chairman (in place of **Veronica White** who is moving from Thurlestone), and will also be the council's representative on the Parish Hall committee.

Charles Mitchelmore's return to the council was warmly welcomed. He will take over as Police Liaison representative and also Tree Warden for Thurlestone. **John Crawford** retains this responsibility for Bantham and Buckland. **Andrew Rhymes** would be the Council's representative on the school Board of Governors. Two important newcomers were welcomed - **Shonaugh Rankin**, our District Councillor, and **Gill Calvert**, who replaces **John Lonsdale** as Parish Clerk.

Kit Marshall's first duty was to thank **Peter Hurrell** for his many years of excellent service to the parish. **Veronica White's** great contribution to the Council, and **John Lonsdale's** hard work as Clerk, were also acknowledged. All were given appropriate and warm applause.

FOOTPATHS

The poor state of the Post Office Lane road surface had been discussed and it was hoped action would take place in the near future to improve the situation. It was also suggested that the barriers on the Coastal Path marking the dangerous areas were inadequate, but it was thought the present barriers were sufficient at the moment as the cliffs were eroding so quickly that to replace them now would be a waste of money.

SCHOOL

A Devon County Council representative will be talking to the children on road safety and the suggestion that children are dropped off in Court Park and escorted where necessary in a "virtual crocodile or school bus" to the school. This may become a necessity by next summer if the Parish Hall car park is closed to allow work to start on the new Hall, which may take as long as six months.

BEACH CLEANING

The District Auditors have informed the District Council that it is illegal for them to clean private beaches - namely Leasfoot, Yarmer, Broad Sands and Bantham. It was accepted that Bantham could come under this category but not the others. Meetings of Golf Club, District Council and Parish Council representatives will be taking place to clarify the situation.

RECREATION FIELD

There is a very slight possibility that a solution can be found to the stalemate in discussions between Evans Estates and the Parish Council, but there is not a lot of hope unless Evans Estates are prepared to alter a number of clauses. If these discussions fail, then the church will have to negotiate on its own for the car park facility.

BANTHAM STREAM & OTHER POLLUTANTS

As South West Water is due to attend to the stream's pollution problem in 2004, a reminder will be sent to them. The Environment Agency also to be asked to check the efficiency, or otherwise, of the sewage arrangements of properties discharging into the River Avon.

Village News Round-Up

ELECTION RESULTS

The following Parish Councillors were elected in May, the number of votes each gained are shown in brackets:

Peter Hurrell	(344)
David Grose	(323)
Charles Mitchelmore	(291)
Neil Girling	(288)
Geoffrey Stidston	(284)
Christopher Marshall	(246)
Andrew Rhymes	(229)

Shonaugh Rankin was elected as our new District Councillor.

Villager Voice offers congratulations to our Councillors and thanks them for the time and effort they put into their voluntary work. We wish them a successful term of office.

TOP MARKS!

South Hams Hospital has been awarded top marks in patient environment assessments for the second year running. In the four categories involved - cleanliness, catering, patient privacy and dignity - our local hospital has achieved full marks! A spokesman said *"The hospital benefits greatly from the support of the South Hams Hospital League of Friends, which has recently donated two vacuum cleaners....."*

Parish residents **Jeanne Barton** and **Eileen Perraton**, will be running their usual Bathroom Stall at the League of Friends summer fund-raising fete on the Quay at Kingsbridge (10 am to 1 pm) on Saturday 28th June. They are appealing to their friends in the parish to donate "bathroom" goodies to sell - soap, scent, talc, hand cream, body lotion, shampoo, etc., (i.e., any toiletries you find in a bathroom). Contact Jeanne on 560864 and Eileen on 560407.

Please lend your support and help to keep our South Hams Hospital up there amongst the winners!

NSPCC

Monica Dickins, chairman of the local NSPCC branch, wishes to thank Village Voice for its help in publicising the Spring Clearance

Sale in April. This event was successful to the tune of £366, and they would like to express their appreciation to the many kind people who donated goods, money and their time to help, as well as the supporters who came along as customers! Their next event will be a coffee morning on Thursday 17th July, 10.30 am at Rockhill, by courtesy of **Judith Le Grice**.

CORRESPONDENT WANTED

Kingsbridge Gazette are looking for enthusiastic people with a real interest in the life of their communities to become Village Correspondents. Readers of the Gazette will have seen the new feature in which local correspondents from many local villages each contribute a regular column of news-items about their village activities.

Anyone willing to fulfil this role on behalf of Thurlestone, Buckland, and Bantham should contact **Jenny Francis** on 561858 for further details.

PLANT SALE

Thurlestone & S. Milton Horticultural Show are delighted that their recent plant sale raised over £500. **David Coward**, show chairman, said "Our plant sale is held once a year, and this is what pays for the show to be staged each August. Show entry fees alone would not cover our costs, so we all work hard during the year raising plants to keep the show going - as so many people enjoy coming to view as well as exhibiting". **There will be a new trophy this year for the best novice vegetable grower who has never before won a cup at the Show.** This will be on Saturday 2nd August, at Thurlestone. Schedules are now available at the Shop and the organisers are hopeful that they will attract record entries this year.

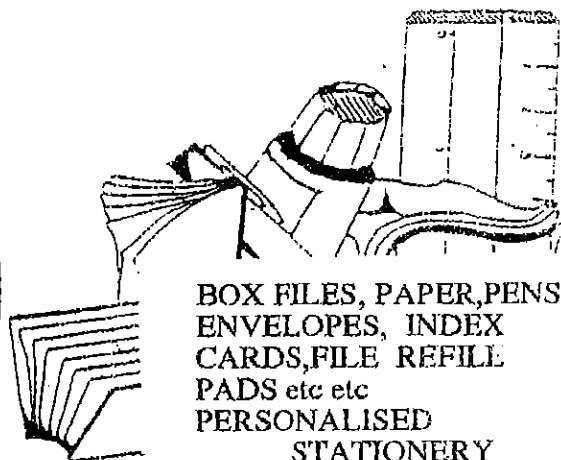
ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

Lindy Price and **Jo Parkin** wish to say a big 'thank you' to all those who helped support the bridge evening in the Parish Hall on 26th April held in aid of St Luke's Hospice. This raised a magnificent sum of £1,221.20. Thanks go to the players, those who bought raffle tickets, and the organising committee. Great!

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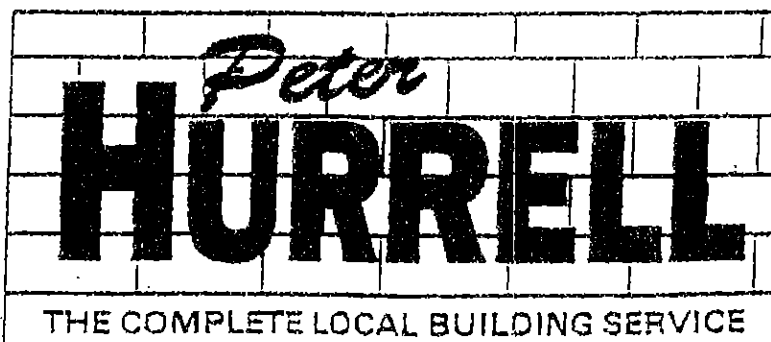
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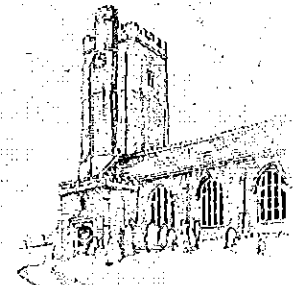
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ANDREW GIRLING WRITES:

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Recent correspondence in The Times, has focused on the persistence of people's belief in God in a scientific age. This letter from a scientist and Fellow of St. Edmunds College Cambridge I found compelling. I wonder if you do?

Dear Sir, I rather like Therion Ware's description of the dominant religious belief of the U.K. as being 'a vague, unarticulated deism' and suspect that this is close to the truth.

Mr Ware, as an atheist, wonders why this residual belief in a deity has persisted. My own faith in human nature might appear excessive, but I believe that human beings are at heart rational and that on the whole they like to seek reasons for things, including reasons for their own existence.

We are living in a universe which has to be both vast and old in order to render human existence feasible (for example, only in supernova - exploding stars - could the elements essential for life be synthesised). Our bodies are composed of animated star dust. The cosmological constants of the Universe are finely tuned in such a way that life on planet earth is rendered possible. The existence of such a Universe, and of us as relational beings within its vastness, is a very old phenomenon that demands an explanation.

In the scientific community we are used to looking for explanations for things that draw together different pieces of data and render them coherent. The Christian message with its idea of a personal God who has intentions for his universe, and for us within it, is consistent with the universe that we actually observe. It does look as though we are meant to be here, rendering atheism less plausible.

Sincerely yours, DENIS ALEXANDER

Those of us who are Christians, go on from that belief in a personal God, to affirm that the Creator of the Universe revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ so that human beings could respond to him and understand something of his purpose for their lives. Much of the gospel message is that our lives have meaning and purpose in the love of God and his plan for his creation. To discover that is to discover a whole new value to our existence.

I wonder if you agree.

Andrew



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JUNE 15 TH	TRINITY SUNDAY	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 11.10 a.m. Family Communion (CW) 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong at West Alvington
JUNE 22 ND		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW) 11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW)
JUNE 29 TH		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP) 11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW) 6.00 p.m. Informal Praise Service
JULY 6 TH		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP) 10.30 a.m. Joint Morning Worship for All Ages & Baptism
JULY 13 TH		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW) 11.10 a.m. Matins (BCP)
JULY 20 TH		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP) 11.10 a.m. Family Communion (CW) 6.00 p.m. <i>Hymns & Songs of Praise</i> by stream in Buckland
JULY 27 TH		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW) 11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW)
AUGUST 3 RD		8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP) 11.10 a.m. Morning Worship for All Ages

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

CW = Common Worship

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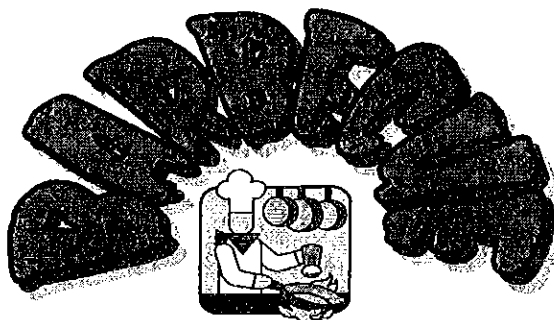
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1. Turkish swords
2. Refined food
3. Dish of cooked apple
4. Musical tapes
5. A company of musicians
6. Used as a Lie Detector
7. A spin in a ballet
8. A good storyteller
9. North Yorkshire spa
10. Utter loss or ruin
11. Criteria
12. "..... is bliss"
13. The stone age
14. A very unusual person
15. The child of Necessity
16. Causes stiff, painful joints
17. The period 1837 - 1901
18. Site of Blenheim Palace
19. Ancient Mariner's bird
20. One of Cromwell's lot!
21. ???

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| 3. What would you be likely to do with a scallion? | 8. Who was the author of "The Grapes of Wrath"? |
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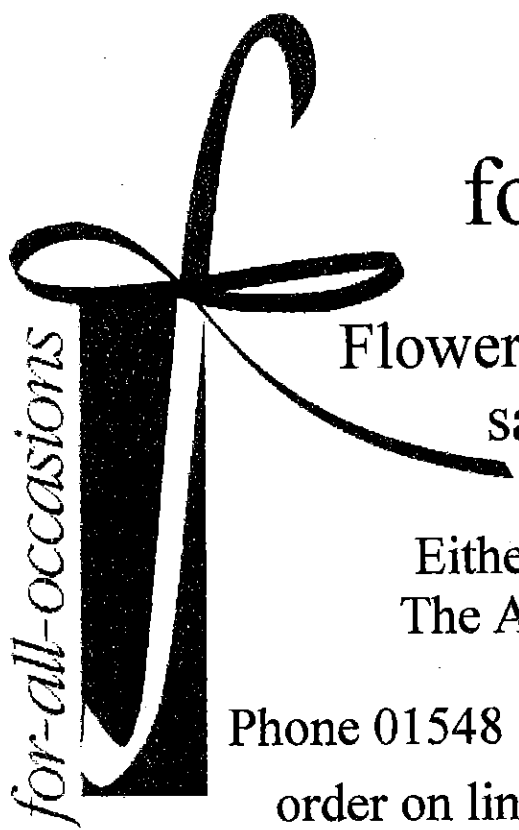
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PARISH HALL NEWS



Message from the Chairman

There are so many parishioners and second home owners giving much time, effort and most generous contributions to our fund raising campaign for the new Hall that it would be very remiss of me not to express, on behalf of the Parish Hall committee, my gratitude and appreciation to all these benefactors. At the time of writing this (mid-April) we have received just over £18,000 in donations, including £13,500 from Bantham Sailing Club and three donations of £1,000 each. It is clear many residents are already very active in organising and supporting the ongoing fund-raising activities, as you will pick up from other pages in this edition of Village Voice. Can I please urge all parishioners to support these efforts by taking part and becoming involved?

The Parish Hall Questionnaire

We had a good response. Over 25% of the forms were completed, which provides a reliable statistical picture of what services and activities everyone would like to see in a new hall. An analysis of the results is shown below. The table shows that education and entertainment rated highly and that an Information Technology facility, developed from 'Teamakers' activities, would be popular. There is considerable interest in the 'services' potentially available to develop the concept of a community centre for the parish. People want more help and the opportunity to widen their interests near at hand rather than have to cope with problems of transport and distant access ability. The relatively low score for sports probably reflects the fact that we have existing sporting facilities both at the Golf Club and at the Thurlestone Hotel. However, we believe that the wish to see more sporting activities is particularly strong amongst the young.

Parish Hall Questionnaire - Number of Mentions for Suggested Activities					
Item	No.	Item	No.	Item	No.
Music	82	Quiz Nights	59	Whist	40
Plays	80	Anniversaries	59	Badminton	37
Harvest Supper	74	Chiropody	59	Pool Table	32
Local/Natural History	70	Pantomimes	57	Veterinary	29
Lunch Club	66	Films	55	Softball Tennis	23
Birthday Parties	66	Elderly Care	54	Indoor Cricket	14
Adult Education	66	Christenings	49	Basketball	13
Talks	66	Pension/Benefits	49	Football	10
IT Facility	63	Wedding Receptions	45		
Gardening	61	Medical	44	All others	11

These results have been incorporated into a written proposal being submitted in the very near future to the Lottery people. We are grateful to all those who took the trouble to reply, particularly to those who expressed a willingness to help with the campaign for the new hall.

The Smarties Campaign

Treasurer, Bill Clarke, tells us there has been an excellent response so far to the Smarties campaign with over £500 being collected, included in which have been several 'double-tubers'. He is anticipating further good news soon as all those with nearly-filled tubes find the outstanding 20p pieces needed to reach the top of the tube!

PARISH HALL NEWS

Annual General Meeting, 28th April

There was a fairly good attendance of parishioners, and the existing officers were all re-elected - Rowland Cole, Chairman; Bill Clarke, Treasurer; and Gillian Marshall, Secretary. The Chairman thanked his two fellow-officers for their great support during the course of the year. Appreciation was also expressed to Martyn Grose and David Houghton, who were spear-heading the Lottery application, Veronica White who had organised the **Smarties** campaign, and of course Malcolm Northmore who has done all the design work and made the various planning applications. Pat Crawford the Bookings Secretary, Caretaker Ray Tavender, and all the representatives that made up the committee were not forgotten in the list of thanks. It was with sadness that leave was taken of Veronica White - her place will be filled by Peter Hurrell. Veronica (our **Smarties** Queen) received a surprise parting gift of a zipped fleece jacket, emblazoned with the **Smarties** coat-of-arms, kindly donated by Nestlé!

GIFT AID

Thanks to help and advice given by Alan Chapman and Graham Worrall, we have now been accepted for 'Gift Aid' by the Inland Revenue, which means that all donations (**including the Smarties campaign**) by UK tax payers can be notified by us to the Revenue, and we will receive back from the tax man **a further 28p for every £1.00 donated.** Higher tax payers can claim further tax relief in their self-assessment tax return. We will be contacting past donors in the hope that they will be minded to assist in this way.

Providing that you pay income tax (or Capital Gains Tax) all your donations can now be tax effective by completing the declaration below, and returning it (together with any donation) to any Parish Hall committee member or to the Treasurer: Bill Clarke, 22 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3TB. Further forms are available from Bill Clarke.



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FUND-RAISING FOR THE NEW PARISH HALL

NOTE THESE DATES - SUPPORT THESE EVENTS!

① **Saturday 31st May, 6.30 to 8.30 pm**

Exhibition by artist Jennifer Johnson and the Thursday Art Group, Parish Hall. Finger buffet & wine. Sale of paintings and cards. Launch of the Grand Summer Raffle. Enquiries to Jeanne Barton (560864) *[Thursday Art Group]*

② **Saturday 21st June, 7.00 pm**

Kingsmen concert, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 to include a glass of wine. Ring 560214 (Gillian Marshall) or 561006 (Rowland Cole) *['Kingsmen' resident in the parish]*

③ **Monday 11th August, 5.00 pm to 7.45 pm**

Piano Recital by Alexander Winter (3rd year student Trinity College of Music, studying under Philip Fowke) at the Parish Hall. Works by Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. Interval with refreshments. Tickets £6.00 from Louise Boxhall (560410), Eileen Perraton (560407) and Liz Webb (560090) *[Parochial Church Council]*

④ **Saturday 16th August, 2.30 pm**

Grand Summer Fete at Swallows (by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Martyn Grose). All the fun of the fair - don't miss it! Further details in the next edition *[Parish Hall committee]*

⑤ **Sunday 17th August, 10.30 am**

Sponsored walks (round parish boundaries) with shorter walks too - see separate page

⑥ **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September, 7.30 pm**

Thurlestone parish archive photographs - Peter Hurrell's wonderful collection of slides made from old photographs taken in the parish from the late 1800s to the twentieth century. Tickets £2.00 each (Pat Macdonald 560436) available later - see next edition. During the daytime on these dates there will be an arts exhibition 'Aspects of the parish' organised by POTS to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the SW Coastal Foot Path. Tea, coffee and cake will be served by the WI during the day *[POTS and the WI]*

⑦ **Saturday 22nd November, 7.30 pm**

Bird Talk by Arthur Livett - details later *[Keep Fit Group]*

⑧ **December (date to be fixed, probably a Saturday)**

Quiz Night, under the expert guidance of Mike & Brenda Jones - a repeat of the highly enjoyable event last December *[Parish Hall Committee]*

⑨ The WI has chosen the new Parish Hall fund as its 'charity for the year'. The first of their planned events is a **sweepstake** on who will be the 2003 Wimbledon Men's Singles champion. Profits from their **garden lunch** will follow in July and there will be other events.

⑩ **20th Century Prize Quiz** (Entry Forms available July & August) *[Mary Hugo]*

During the course of the year there will be further events to add to your diary, but even more ideas, events, and initiatives will be needed for us to reach our fund-raising target. All these activities are developing a great community spirit - just join in and have fun raising funds!

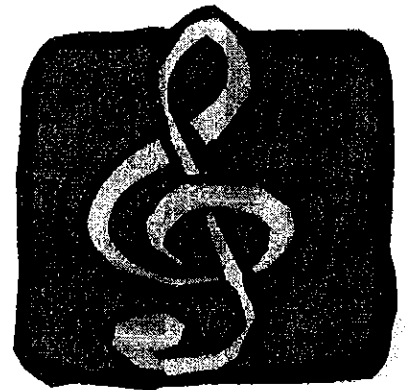


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POSTBAG

Dear Editor

May I express through Village Voice (which I miss!) many, many thanks to all my friends and former neighbours on Yarmer Estate, who so kindly sent me the most beautiful white jasmine plant? I have given it place-of-honour in the porch here at Rockbeare for everyone to see.

**Connie Hughes
Rockbeare Hill
Rockbeare EX5 2EZ**

Dear Editor

Well done to the Parish of Thurlestone Society (POTS) and the Thurlestonians who compiled the two new walk leaflets. You have pleased an old local!

More than one organisation has in the past accused me of being too critical but, I assure them all, it is done with genuine concern. Thurlestone parish has an exciting history if uncovered. Now, with the ability for deeper research into that history, two enchanting three-dimensional pictures of Thurlestone's past have been revealed. A visitor arriving here would perhaps just see the surface (with fortunately much of the original beauty of the place left intact), but the two new leaflets - with their little romanticising - would make me want to do the walks.

Many thanks indeed for such excellent publications.

**Hubert Snowdon
Totnes**

Dear Editor

In expressing sympathy for the sentiments in the letter from Adrian Masters in the last issue of Village Voice, due to the two

months gap between issues it is suggested that not many readers will have remembered the detail of the unfortunate, unnecessary, if not provocative opinionated comments by Villager regarding bread.

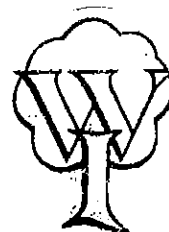
Many of your readers are becoming tired of the innuendo, misplaced mischievous humour and facts, which are not always correct, in the articles written by Villager. If personal and often divisive opinions are expressed in those articles, it is considered they should be in the individual's name rather than hiding behind a nom-de-plume. There being no editorial disclaimer from the content of any published article, it is suggested that editorial policy should be to encourage harmony in the village and to discourage conflict. There are enough problems in the world without highlighting local differences.

So, Villager, if you are not prepared to stick your head above the parapet, live up to the name of Villager and avoid controversial comment which continues to divide opinion in the village rather than unites. There are many excellent articles of wide-ranging interest and comment in Village Voice, and long may they continue to help in giving a balanced view of village and rural affairs.

**Graham S.Worrall
Beech Lawn
Thurlestone**

[A column under the pen-name "Villager" has been a permanent feature of Village Voice for more than twenty years, though authored by a number of different pens. Its remit is to provide an informed commentary on village affairs, with a wryly humorous approach - even to serious matters. We believe that readers have been, and are, well served by this column, and that the great majority enjoy both its tone and content. Ed.]

NEWS FROM THE WI



Speakers

Lutena Miller from Aveton Gifford came in April to talk on 'Digging up my Roots'. Even the members who had been looking forward to a talk about gardening were not disappointed, for here was an excellent speaker who kept us fascinated by her story of persistence, and success, in following up some missing pieces of her family tree.

Later in the month we hosted the Sea Coast Group meeting with WI members from South Milton, Salcombe and West Alvington joining in a happy social evening with supper and wine. **Rod Farrell**, a Royal Marine musician for twenty-four years (for seven of which he was aboard the royal yacht as pianist) told us about his service experiences. He had been a bit dubious about the merits of the Parish Hall piano, but he eventually overcame his slight reluctance to perform on the instrument and ended with a rousing piano medley.

Resolutions

May is the month when the WI nationally focusses on the topics to be put forward as resolutions at the National Federation's General Meeting in June. This year the subjects were :

from North Yorkshire - **children's diets, exercise and health** (increasing obesity and diet-related health problems);

from Cumbria - **vocational training** (promoting modern apprenticeship schemes);

from Norfolk - **care of older people** (ensuring that facilities and services are available, irrespective of their means).

After presentation by **Judith Le Grice**, **Jan Trender** and **Rosemary Durant**, a 'yes' was given to all three.

Winners

The Pam and Elsie Brewster paper-weight awards were given to Pat Crawford for an upholstered chair and Julie Hanham for a teddy bear. The draw for the Denman College bursary was made, and Heather Hickey was the lucky winner.

Spring Council

Eleven members boarded the coach at Kingsbridge bound for Exeter University's Great Hall, where they had an excellent 'WI away day', during the course of which they were much entertained by the main speaker, **Gyles Brandreth**.

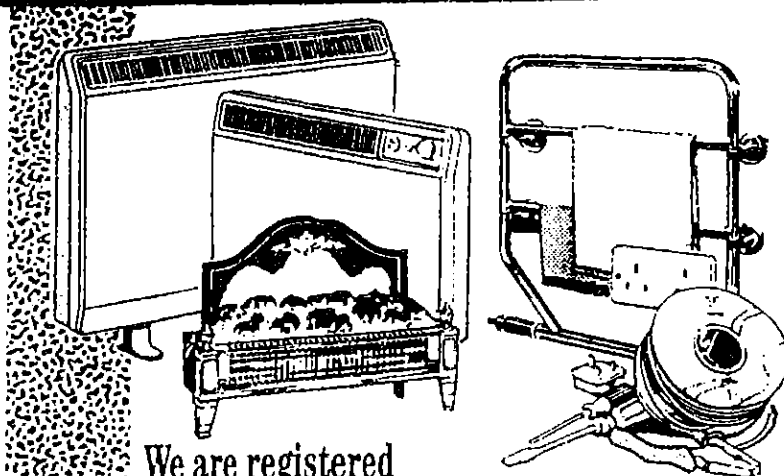
Events

On 29th May there would be a visit by some members to the Salcombe Chocolate Factory and on the 3rd July a garden lunch would be at the home of **Rosemary Mackay**. This would also be the time Thurlestone WI celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding in the old Rifle Room at Bantham. There will be a special raffle to raise money for the new Parish Hall and the profit from the lunch, the price of which will be slightly raised this year, will also be donated to this cause. **Jo Parkin** appealed for cakes and baked goods for the WI cake stall at the Summer Fete on 16th August at Swallows.

Looking ahead

The speaker on 12th June is going to be **Pam Wigfall**, from Stoke Gabriel, who will talk about the use of organic food, while on 10th July the subject of **Meg Horton's** talk will be the poet John Betjeman. Thurlestone WI meets on the second Thursday of each month (ex August) and any reader is welcome to come along about 3.00 pm to listen to our speaker of the day.

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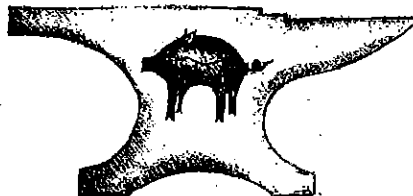
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Students were provided with a two-ring loose leaf binder in which to collect course materials, and printed copies of the course manual for each topic covered were supplied at the end of each session.

A third group of more experienced users made up the class on 14th May for "*E-mail & the Internet*". This was chosen by Devon County Council as the venue for their launch of the national scheme "Get Started" to promote wider usage of computers and the Internet. The leader of the County Council, **Christine Channon**, together with **Owen Masters** (County Council), explained the aims and objectives of the national campaign and the Devon county-wide programme to promote it. **Shonaugh Rankin** (District Council), **Kit Marshall** (Parish Council Chairman), and **Alun Williams** (Headmaster) were also present, and a DCC Internet tutor, **Sarah Elliott**, took the class through an introduction and practical demonstration of the resources and information that can be accessed on-line via the Internet.

At the end of the session, BBC Devon Radio recorded a brief interview with founder Teamaker **Robin Macdonald** which was broadcast by the station the next morning.

Following the school half-term break, Teamakers classes will resume on Wednesday 4th June for seven weeks, during which time there will be further courses covering word-processing and spreadsheets.

Anyone wishing to join a class, or act as a mentor, is invited to contact **Robin Macdonald** on 560436 or **Chris White** on 560505.



Pic by Chris Saville. Left to right: Kit Marshall (Parish Council Chairman), Shonaugh Rankin (District Councillor), Robin Macdonald (Teamakers), Lindy Price (Student), Owen Masters (DCC), Alun Williams (Headmaster)

BOOKSHELF

Girl from the South

by Joanna Trollope
(Black Swan £6.99)

Although I generally like Joanna Trollope's novels, I did not read this when it was first published because a rather critical review put me off! In my estimation the review was quite wrong, and I consider this to be one of the best books she has written.

As usual it is a story of the relationships between the opposite sexes which she treats in a very profound and sensitive manner with considerable pathos. One cannot help but become involved in the circumstances which confront the various characters and their success, or failure, in resolving the problems of their love affairs. This is an engrossing novel which is a delight to read.

G.W.

Surface Tension

by Joanna Hines
(Simon & Schuster £10.00)

This novel is a psychological thriller set originally in the long, hot, summer of 1976. Six friends share an idyllic few months at Gray's Orchard but their endless days of art, love and abandonment come to a brutal end when one of the group is murdered.

Twenty years later, Gus's wife (twenty years his junior) realises how little she knows about his past when his Australian niece comes to visit - and Gus's behaviour and attitude threatens to wreck their marriage. Carol's determination to unlock the mystery leads her into danger and despair perhaps the past is always best left dead and buried. However, in this case I am delighted that Carol embarked on her voyage of discovery as the result is a gripping, well-written and entertaining book. This is the first of her novels that I have read, but it will certainly not be the last!

M.H.

The Birth of Venus

Sarah Dunant
(Little Brown £12.99)

You *must* read this book, though I hesitate to review it because I am aware that I cannot do it justice. If you liked '*Girl with a Pearl Earring*' and '*Miss Garnet's Angel*' you will like this book, but it is a much more powerful novel than the first two.

It is profound, passionate, sensual, fascinating, gripping, alarming and charming, beautifully written and very well researched. It tells the life story of a young girl who was born in Florence amid the wars, tyranny and oppression of the 15th century. I won't enlarge on the wonderful story - read it and be entranced.

G.W.

The Heartbreaker

Susan Howatch
(Little Brown £10.99)

I had been looking forward to the new book by this popular author, but was sadly disappointed by her latest offering and could only get as far as page 31 of its 503 pages before I gave up in disgust.

I dare not say what I really think of it, but certainly would not buy it...and begrudge the 80p I paid to order it from the library!

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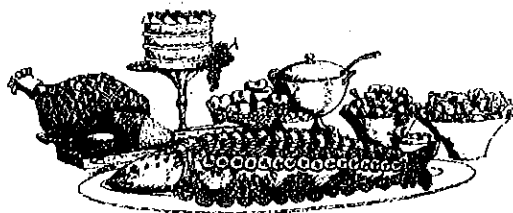
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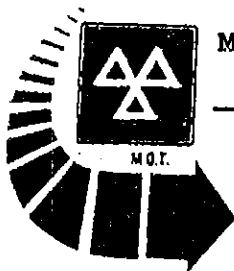
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HORSWELL DIARY

London has changed. In shops expensive purchases are now overshadowed by the watchful glare of omnipresent store detectives, and on the streets, despite the plethora of exotic clothes for sale, the dress is uniformly drab, with even the smallest flash of gold jewellery eliciting mean and hungry looks. Waiters, shop assistants and bus conductors seem all to be immigrants of eastern European origins. Even the purveyors of tourist souvenirs sell their gaudy wares with barely a word of English evident during the transaction, and the Union Jacks decorating their stalls unashamedly proclaim that they are "Made in China".

The congestion charge has so reduced the number of private vehicles on the streets that the atmosphere is strangely impersonal with none of the noisy "buzz" of the old confusion. There may be less traffic, but the traffic that remains seems slower than ever, enabling taxi drivers with a philosophical bent to warm at length to their theme.

My cabbie was not a happy man.

"It's disgustin'", he shouts over his shoulder as he tries to simultaneously out-manoeuvre a Mercedes full of Arabs and a double-decker bus.

"Wot these politicians are doin' to this country. Givin' it away, that's wot they're doin', giving away everything our fathers fought for, everything that makes all these blooming foreigners want to come here in the first place! It's the end of our democracy and we can't do a thing about it. They don't listen. We're impotent. That's wot I feel. Impotent!"

The bus and the Mercedes converge, squeezing us to a shuddering halt.

"Best blooming country in the world and they want to give it all away. Tell us we've got to become part of the United States of Europe. Wot for? Wot have they ever done for us?"

The lights change and the tirade continues.

"You know what? They're giving these asylum seekers a car allowance now."

"They are?" I venture, clinging on to my seat as we swirl around Hyde Park Comer and rattle down the Mall.

"Yeab. And some of them have clubbed together and bought themselves a bloomin' Range Rover haven't they. No one ever gave me a bloomin' Range Rover, did they? And I've worked here all me bloomin' life!"

We slice through the newly pedestrianised Trafalgar Square, past the queues for the Titian exhibition at the National and the barriers of continuing road works and slip gratefully into the calm of Whitehall and the sanctuary of the Farmer's Club.

"What's the answer?" I ask as I pay my fare

"Dunno", he replies "It's too late, innit? It's not our country any more, innit? Nab! It belongs to them, the politicians. They don't care about us anymore. They do just what they like. Me and the Missus we can't take any more. As soon as our Julie's finished her Master's degree we're off, leaving."

"Where will you go?" I ask.

"Spain, we've already got a house there. It's not about the Euro, is it? It's about the quality of life."

And he's right. It is not about the Euro, it's about all that accompanies it - the irrevocable changes to our way of life that are being made without our consent: changes so extreme that they undermine the democracy of this country and hand power to an unelected body of European Commissioners; power that affects our freedom and security, our homes and our pensions; power which once given no future English government can ever regain.

Historically London was always a haven for villains and thieves. For centuries pick-pockets and con-men have been adept at creating a diversion to distract attention from their sleight of hand. But this time it is more serious. It is our politicians who are using smoke and mirrors, relying on the current brouhaha about the Euro to distract our attention from the greatest deceit of all time.

Thankfully at home, in rural Horswellia, life continues in its usual pattern for this time of year: Too much rain and too little sun. Too many weeds and too few flowers. Too much to do and too little time. And, as always, visitors are imminent.

Whereas some gardens are famous for their hostas or their collection of clematis, ours at the moment must house the finest collection of nettles and docks in the South West. Primarily a Spring garden, now that the rhododendron, azaleas, camellias, magnolia and cherry blossoms are over everything looks decidedly green. Infuriatingly we must wait for the daffodils, primroses and bluebells to die back before we can cut the long grass where they have flowered. The weeds take unfair advantage of our hesitation and tempt us to attack them with the strimmer before it is time, but we have learned that it is best to wait.

The rabbits still plague the herbaceous borders, devouring any plant we fail to surround with wire, but with a little warmth to swell the buds the peonies, iris and roses should soon be flowering, and the lime green froth of alchemilla mollis begin to overflow the blue cat-mint, pink geranium and London Pride. Behind them an ancient wisteria festoons the wall with long racemes of purplish blue. Beneath, a snake coils slowly through the trellis and slithers towards its hole under the roots, barely distinguishable in thickness and in colour from the grey and woody stems.

Around the pond variegated hostas, blue iris and white dicentra look pretty against the dark purple leaves of blue prunella and citrus euphorbia. By the waterfall the new fronds of the Tasmanian Fern Trees are

beginning to uncurl and the gunnera are already holding out their giant leaves to catch the rain. Beyond, brilliant candelabra primulas and white zantedeschia compete with a pretty variegated pond weed that threatens to invade the entire area, and on the island six drakes snooze uneasily dreaming of foxes or of finding a mate.

A few weeks ago we were rewarded with the idyllic sight of a small deer tiptoeing around the back of the pond. We watched it slowly make its way along the path, grazing amongst the primroses, quite untroubled by our presence. It was a magical scene and we felt privileged to have been visited by something so lovely.

When there is so much beauty to be found in the world around us one wonders why so many modern artists seem inspired only by all that is squalid and degenerate. The Saatchi collection now housed in Red Ken's palace, City Hall, beside the great wheel of the London Eye, typifies all that is ugly. Even the shock value which attracted so much attention when they first appeared at the Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy has faded into a sad statement of a soulless culture.

The formaldehyde of Damien Hirst's pickled animals is growing cloudy, their grey flesh beginning to decompose and the menace of the Myra Hindley portrait painted with children's hand-prints is tempered by the knowledge that she can no longer do us harm. In the gloomy surroundings of City Hall, Tracy Emin's 'Unmade Bed' is even more sordid than I had remembered, and Mueck's stark sculptures of the human form, although brilliant in technique, seemed tragically vulnerable and remote.

No wonder Mr Saatchi wanted to rid his home of this depressing collection. Compared to the vibrant artistry of the paintings by Titian that still delight today's art lovers four hundred years after they were painted, this collection is surely redundant.

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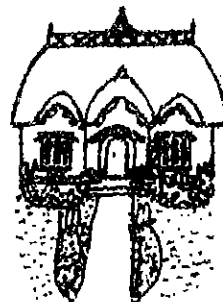
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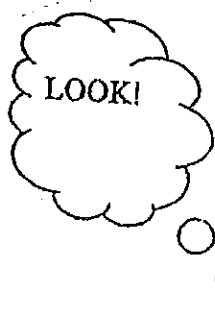
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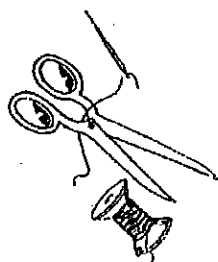
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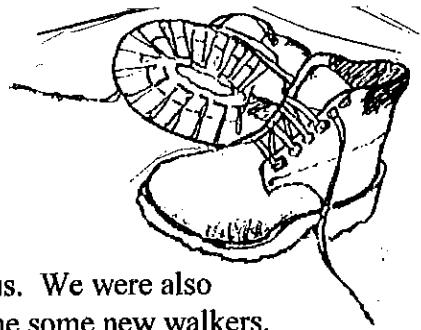
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1 On April 9th an accident on the A38 caused traffic to be diverted, and meant that it took some of us longer than we had intended to reach the start of our walk at Plym Bridge. However, all fifteen of us and the dog arrived eventually and we set off up-river, following the path beside the Plym. It was cold to begin with, but good weather for walking and dry underfoot, which is always a bonus. The river looked beautiful, flowing over rocks under the still-wintery trees, and at one point a heron flapped lazily upstream ahead of us.

At the lunch break we were entertained by a large group of young students and their leaders who were crossing part of the river on ropes. The nautically-minded among our group identified the method as a "bosun's chair". We admired the tasteful pale blue helmets worn by the agile group.

Much refreshed, we set out again. The sun was out and our walk, having been gently uphill in the morning, now became gently downhill for most of the afternoon. Glorious views, and then the adventurous students again, this time abseiling from a viaduct.

Then we came to the place where the peregrines are nesting. Most of us had seen the report on 'Spotlight' and we were all delighted to be able to watch the nest and birds through a telescope and binoculars provided by the wardens - volunteers who are guarding the site. So with some mixed feelings - delighted to be helped to see these marvellous birds, but sad that it should be necessary nowadays to guard them from people - we came back to our cars and made for home.

A lovely walk, marvellous scenery, and exciting happenings which made it a most

unusual outing for us. We were also delighted to welcome some new walkers. We wish a speedy recovery to the members of our group who were absent through illness.

S.W.

2 It was a perfect day on the 14th April for the first of our short walks, introduced to encourage new members. Sixteen of us met at East Soar car park, five of whom were new to our group, and one of our original members rejoined as he felt he could manage the four and a half miles. In addition we had two dogs, again old friends who returned to the fold.

The walk took us by field paths to the Coastal Path, where we turned eastwards and headed towards Bolt Head. The views were perfect, and new to one of our walkers. We had a short break to allow some of our members, including an eight year old, to investigate the WW2 blockhouse on the cliff top and then it was down hill into Starehole Bay for a coffee break.

A walk around the cliff, or coffin, path (as it was once known), below Sharpitor, took us to the road leading to the NT property. We then walked up the hill, past the house, which took us to a gate and footpath leading over fields - full of young lambs and their mothers - back to the cars. The walk was completed by 12.30 pm, as planned, which allowed those with afternoon plans to return home in good time. We can only hope that future 'shorties' will be as fortunate with the weather!

D.M. & E.S.Y.

3 For the second of our short walks, on Thursday 8th May, eighteen of us, including four new lady members, plus two dogs, met at Loddiswell Station and, although the forecast had not been good, the weather was perfect.

Following the path along the east side of the river, enjoying the spring flowers at their best, we made our way to Topsham Bridge and crossed the river. We proceeded along the west bank and climbed a small hill towards Crannacombe. Unfortunately the farmer had diverted the paths so, after a short stop to admire the wonderful view of the valley, we returned to Topsham Bridge - where we sat on the wall and enjoyed our coffee break. Going back along the river, enjoying friendly chat, it was not long before we arrived again at the station. We were home in time for lunch. The walk was about 4.5 miles. Everyone enjoyed themselves, so why not join us on our next venture?

B.N.

4 On the 14th May ten of us (no dogs this time) set off along the Dart Valley - in reverse. We started from Dittisham, with stunning views of the Dart to our left. After a steep climb from Old Mill Creek we arrived at Townstal and descended into Dartmouth via Brown's Hill steps into Foss Street. Lunch was in picnic form at the Bandstand Gardens - though some of our party enjoyed the liquid refreshment provided by The Castle Hotel nearby. We then took the passenger ferry to Kingswear and so on to Greenway via Long Wood, where the bluebells were still in bloom. Finally we arrived at Greenway (the former home of Agatha Christie) where tea with cake was enjoyed by all the party. Another trip on the ferry - from Greenway to Dittisham - took us back to our start. We were fortunate that brilliant sunshine accompanied us throughout - in a week of very changeable weather.

T.W.

5 Another short walk started from the Parish Hall car park on 23rd May, but this time there was an overcast sky with light rain falling. We decided to 'go for it' and hope that the weather would improve for our circular short walk by the river from Dartington.

Our faith was rewarded, and we enjoyed a dry morning with sunny spells. Having joined up with two more walkers, plus dog, we set off from the Cider Press Centre. Pixie Dell, a collection of gnomes (plus a life-size model cow!), beside the railway track to Staverton, provided some light relief, as did the passing of the steam train, twice, during the walk.

Just before our break for coffee, the group was amazed to come across a picnic table, with lace tablecloth, a few yards off the path. Sadly, the leader could take no credit for this provision, and it remained a mystery. We then ascended through the woods and over the ridge back towards the Cider Press Centre in warm sunshine. Before returning, some of the group availed themselves of a short 'shopportunity' at the Centre.

This was the third of our short walks and we were pleased to welcome some new 'regulars' who had been undaunted by the poor weather outlook initially.

T.W.

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Rosemary Mackay reports on a Visit to the Tri-Centenary celebrations

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Our tour took place over five relentless days of sight-seeing, organised by our local National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) group. I would not have wanted it any other way as there was so much to see. We were there on the 1st May but not a leaf had burst on the trees although it was light until 10 pm. The Russians are celebrating three hundred years of the city so all is in incredibly tip-top condition for the event.

On the Sunday we visited St Nicholas Cathedral to witness the service. Crowds of people were listening very intently to the intoning of a priest with a magnificent voice. On looking down to the altar one saw gold - gold - gold for about fifty feet, culminating in the host. The choir had heavenly singing voices. One of our party reckoned it was more impressive than the Vatican. For this ex-Presbyterian writerwow!

We went to palaces, churches and buildings, each one more glorious than the last it would seem, and then on to The Hermitage. Our guides, a wonderful husband-and-wife team who accompanied us all the time, said it became rather like a railway station later in the year. I thought, once or twice, that our party seemed to be setting off alarm systems - but it was hearing aids sending out whistles!

The Summer Palace, about fifteen miles away, and the Catherine Palace - the latter having the longest facade of any palace anywhere - were more than stunning. They had all been restored since they were severely trashed during the Siege of Leningrad in World War Two.

The siege, on the outskirts of the city, lasted ninety-eight weeks and cost two million lives and during this time, we learned, bread was made of sawdust, bran, and glue with a little flour added. The craftsmen who did the restoration work to recreate these wonderful buildings earned a pittance but are now able to 'name their price' all over the world.

The extravagance of successive Tsars' creations are a legacy to the world, but at what cost to the Russian people.

No wonder we still have our modest little Queen!

Puzzle Page - Answers

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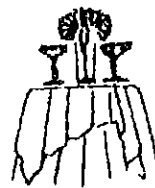
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HARRY HUGGINS HAS LEARNED BY BITTERN EXPERIENCE

When I was a brat our house contained a Hoopoe and a Bittern, both stuffed and in glass cases. There had been other things, but these lacked rarity and local interest and were disposed of. In times past people went in for trophies: if they were rich they had on the wall heads of stags, antelopes and such, which they had killed. If you didn't have their money there were glass cases with ducks, fishes, etc. Such things are no longer fashionable, and if you did shoot something you wanted to preserve I don't know where you would go for a taxidermist - there is none listed in the Plymouth Yellow Pages.

I think the Hoopoe and the Bittern must have come from my grandfather's house, maybe before he died. He lived in Gravesend in a dark, miserable, establishment - all dark paint and scratchy leather furniture - though to the horror of my frugal-minded parents he did keep an electric light burning in the hall - about 20 watts I think. There were lots more birds in glass cases which must have gone on the bonfire after he died. I can't say I enjoyed going there, except just once. I went alone, must have been in my late teens, and the only time I was ever there without my parents. I don't know whether all teenagers were tightly tied to their parents' apron string in those days - this one certainly was. Being completely devoid of money had a lot to do with it. Maybe I was just off to enlist in the RAF.

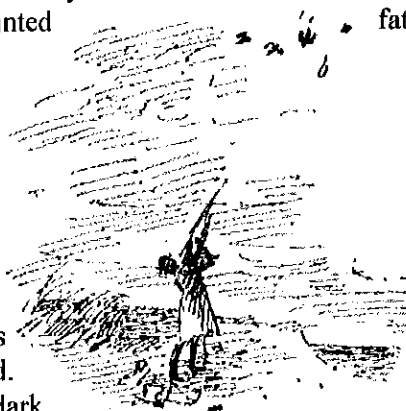
He entertained me to lunch. His housekeeper brought in a brace of roast partridges. He plonked one on my plate and the other on his. A whole partridge to myself! Not that they were that big. A live one weighs a bit under a pound, in 'new money' a little less than 400g, and that includes the bits you don't eat - head and neck, insides, feet and of course there is a skeleton. But when my father brought them home from his shooting activities (in those days they were plentiful), we had one amongst the three of us -

father, mother and self - and probably there was a little bit left over. Little wonder he and I were emaciated creatures. My mother was less so, but she probably ate things she told no one about.

At one time my grandfather had owned a farm, on the north Kent marshes close to the Medway, not far in fact from the place at Cliffe where they talk of this new airport. He sold it in the early 1920s. A few years before he died my

father expressed a wish to see the family farm again and we drove him thither.

He recognised all the old places, said the farm was just round the next corner. Round the corner we went, to find not a farm but a huge power station. Grandfather didn't farm; at some earlier stage the family had gone off to Gravesend, about twenty miles away, where he lived on the rent and capital which my father always thought ought to have been his.

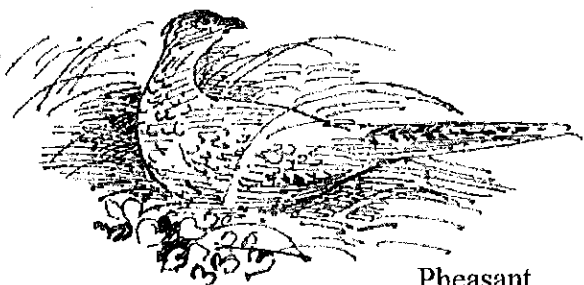


As long as he had the farm, grandfather used to invite his cronies to go shooting, and after it was sold he rented shooting on other farms so their parties could continue. Rough shooting, as they called it, was cheap between the wars. There was no gamekeeper, of course, no rearing of things to be shot, but rabbits, hares, partridges looked after themselves and there were plenty of them. If there was none you had no shooting. Full stop. The old fellow didn't carry a gun himself (I suspect he wasn't a very good shot). But he stumped around and told the others what to do. There was no driving as at modern pheasant shoots, so no beaters to pay. You walked things up - in line abreast, twenty or thirty yards apart, much closer in thick cover like potatoes. As long as you stayed in line you were unlikely to be shot. Once grandfather got well behind and my father shot him through the ear - which event took a lot of living down.

I have no idea how often they had their shooting days, but for years my father could not go - as a junior bank clerk he was always working and of course it was unthinkable to shoot on Sundays. Eventually he did persuade my grandfather to go

out on Boxing Days. The old fellow didn't like that - said that was the day when men shot starlings outside public houses. The starlings were a cheap substitute for pigeons. People shoot now at clay pigeons - things like miniature frisbees, but in days of yore it was at real live pigeons which were let out of traps and were shot at with special shotguns which threw a dense pattern of shot, to bring the birds down before they got beyond a boundary line. I can't find reference to these pigeons in any of my books, they must have been domesticated birds, like the ones in Trafalgar Square. No doubt any that were missed when let out of the traps just went back to their loft and lived to be shot at another day.

Very very occasionally my father came home with a pheasant. They were always roasted, he loved roast pheasant. All right if it was a young hen. Often it was an old cock, all gold and red,



with spurs nearly an inch long, and as tough as the proverbial old boots. A pheasant can fly, but prefers to run: as a runner Paula Radcliffe has nothing on an old cock pheasant. He has sinews in his legs like steel wires - and as edible. My mother used to wedge a bird's feet in something and heave on the body until the sinews pulled out. Yes, she was strong. One day one was duly roasted, we ate a little of it and the remains were put on a shelf above the steps down to the cellar - houses had cellars in those days. The cat did the impossible and got up to the shelf. It didn't get far with the bird, far too tough for a mere cat. But it was well chewed and, as far as I can recall (this was over seventy-five years ago), my mother threw it away. My June would have scrubbed it well under the tap, stewed what was left with pearl barley and lots of vegetables and it would have been nicer than when roasted.

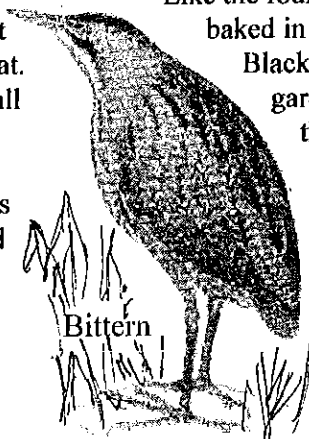
The usual fate of birds in glass cages is to be eaten up by caterpillars of moths and beetles. My father had a large and important collection of moths and butterflies which were equally

vulnerable so was expert at keeping predators at bay. I used to threaten that when he died I would sell the collection and buy a sailing boat. Didn't, of course, it all went to the Natural History Museum. Anyway, I had the sailing boat by then, the small ocean racer one always dreams about.

The Hoopoe was said to have been shot at Rochester; until quite recently being shot was the fate of any rarity which turned up. It is a southern European species, spreads in fact right across the Old World. In winter many move to Africa but you will always find a few in Mallorca and such places. Come spring, they move back north and some always overshoot. Bird Watching magazine said that on 27th February there were four on the Isles of Scilly and a couple in Cornwall. June found one once on the grassy hill above the National Trust's little café at South Milton Sands. Bill Oddie wrote "It is common knowledge that Hoopoes are only ever seen on vicars' lawns....". There was one in Thurlestone a few years back. I can't remember whose lawn it was on, but it was not the Rector's.*

When on the ground, Hoopoe is not all that distinctive. It is, I suppose, about the size of a Blackbird, but has large, blunt black and white wings and pinkish-cinnamon head, mantle and breast. When airborne it looks like a huge butterfly. Bittern is a heron, pale brown with darker stripes, and a little smaller than the familiar Grey Heron but bigger and more compact than a Little Egret. I don't think they have ever been that common: when they did those huge banquets for kings and bishops in early mediaeval times Bittern, at 1/8d. was one of the most expensive items. They served up things which would be strange to our tastes.

Like the four and twenty Blackbirds baked in a pie. Were those the Blackbirds which shriek in our gardens? It has been suggested they were really Cormorant squabs, fed on regurgitated fish. You must have had a strong stomach to eat those. But they would have been far more nutritious and full of flavour than modern Blackbirds!



In recent years draining of

the reed beds in which they live has destroyed much of the Bitterns' habitat. The RSPB is now buying farm land and turning it into reed bed to try to get them to multiply. They are said to boom - a far-carrying noise likened to the sound you make by blowing across the neck of an empty bottle. People say they can tell how many there are by listening for booming males - fewer than twenty in Britain at a recent count. Our Bittern is said to have been shot at Dartford, or somewhere near. Maybe in the early 1900s or earlier. I don't suppose there are any there now, no place left for them. But if you want to see one, try one of the big reed-bed reserves - Leighton Moss in Lancashire, Minsmere in Suffolk, or Westwood Marsh, by Walberswick, just to the north of Minsmere. Go in late spring or early summer when they have to be active feeding large young in the nest. If you are lucky you will see one fly. They have to be pretty mobile then, when they are bringing in food. Otherwise they just creep about in the reeds.

But they do pop up. Once, in the early 1970s, we went in our sailing boat to Aldeburgh. The entrance to the river system there is not for the faint-hearted - you go in at Shingle Street, eleven miles to the south, amid boiling waves and shingle knolls. The rising tide swirls you up river, just as when you leave you have to let it whirl you out. To walk the dog we ambled along the track of the old railways line (now murdered like the one to Kingsbridge). This one ran north to Leiston and on to Saxmundham, where it joined the line to Lowestoft.

About a mile from Aldeburgh is an RSPB reserve called North Warren. Mostly sandy grassy heath, but there is a wet bit with reeds and water courses. We talked to a gentleman there who worked for the Anglian waterworks, and asked him if there were any Bitterns. He said he had worked there twenty years and had never seen one. The words weren't out of his mouth when one flew up - we almost had to catch him to stop him falling in his own river!

Nearer home, about seven years ago we took friends to Lopwell Dam, which South West Water built across the Tavy to make a reservoir. We were sitting in the car at the car park, when across the river a Bittern flew up out of the salt marsh below the dam to a reed bed in the fresh water above. Then only last year a friend of June's and her husband (and dog) were at

Slapton Ley. They are prodigious walkers. It came on to rain and to shelter they went into the little birdwatching hide under the trees, just past Stokeley fruit farm. The lady espied a brown bird creep away through the reeds and told her husband it was a Bittern. He didn't believe her but she has a good memory for things. She described it in detail to June, and she was right.

Nearer home still, last February, June was gazing out of the window through the telescope. We do a lot of that. In the flooded valley below Thurlestone, there have been Little Grebes, Little Egrets, Grey Herons, Mute Swans, the odd Whooper Swan, Widgeons, Teals, Shovelers and many more sorts. In mid-April there were Mallard ducklings - and a Heron hunting for them. On this occasion she saw a brown bird in the reeds on a little island: brown, with darker stripes on its head, which was towards her. It turned and crept off through the reeds before I could dash for my turn at the telescope.

A Bittern, and right on our doorstep!

Harry Huggins

[In the early 1980s, before she and Charles emigrated to Australia, former Thurlestonian Jeanette Bickford told me she had seen hoopoes in her garden at Court Park. Ed.]*

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Readers will remember that way back in February the Parish of Thurlestone Society (POTS) undertook to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the South West Coast Path, along with all the other villages through which part of the Path runs. Our parish contribution will be held over the weekend of the 13th and 14th September 2003. In the meantime, POTS has set about organising interesting events for the two days - something for everyone - amongst which are the following.

*** An exhibition at the Parish Hall - "Aspects of the Parish"**

Paintings, photographs, the delightful **Len Hubbard** line-drawings that have made up Village Voice covers for several years and other items, the work of local amateur and professional artists as well as children. The WI has kindly said it would serve teas, coffees, and cakes during the two days.

*** Two shortish guided walks**

One will take place on Saturday morning (13th), the other on Sunday afternoon (14th). Following part of the Path, these are being organised by **TRAMP**. The **Village Inn** is willing to serve special reduced-price lunches for walkers (either at the start of a walk or at the end!).

*** The Peter Hurrell collection of old Thurlestone parish photographs**

Some of these wonderful pictures date back to the late 1800s, with commentary by Peter on the subjects. This is an event not to be missed, and tickets will be on sale later for the **two evening showings** at £2.00 each, which will be donated to the new Parish Hall fund.

*We would like to give all you artists in the parish a reminder about material for the exhibition,
full details of which were given in the April Village Voice.*

If you would like a copy of the requirements or any other information, please contact:

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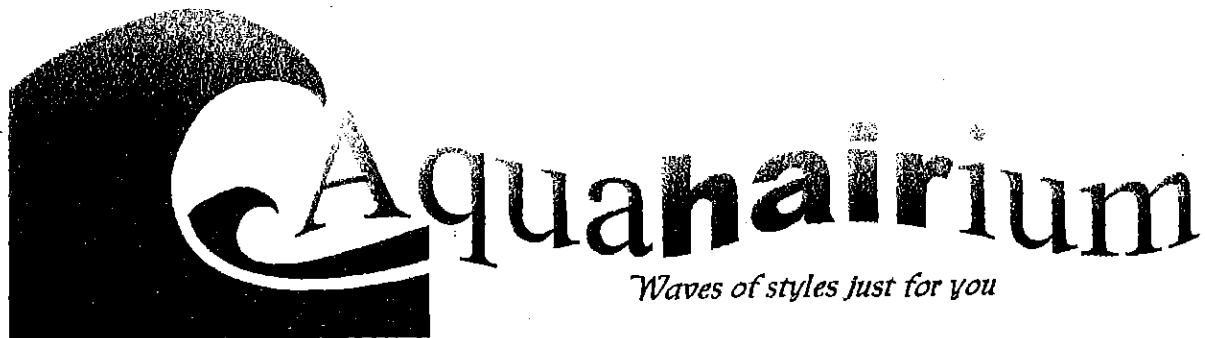
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Ingredients

2lb ripe tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped
1 large onion, peeled and finely grated
2 garlic cloves crushed with a half teaspoon salt
Bottle tomato juice (Libby's is very good!)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt and freshly-ground black pepper
Garnish: Half a peeled diced cucumber + yellow or orange pepper, seeded and diced.
French bread, brushed with oil on both sides with oil before toasting

Method

Puree tomatoes in blender. Transfer to large oval bowl and add onion and garlic
Stir in lemon juice, olive oil, tomato juice and seasoning. Chill thoroughly
Garnish with the cucumber and pepper and serve with French bread croutons

CREAM OF WATERCRESS

Ingredients

2 ozs butter
2 bunches watercress, roughly chopped. Reserve some whole leaves for garnish
1 medium potato and 1 medium onion, both peeled and chopped
Three-quarters pint chicken stock
Small carton single cream Quarter pint milk
Salt and freshly-ground black pepper

Method

Melt butter in saucepan
Add onion and potato, cover and cook gently until soft (about 3-4 minutes)
Stir in stock and seasoning and bring to boil
Add one bunch of watercress, cover pan and simmer for half an hour
Cool, then puree soup adding second bunch watercress (gives a good bright colour)
Stir in milk and cream and chill thoroughly
Check seasoning and serve with crusty bread and the watercress garnish

If the weather becomes less summery, this can be served HOT!



At the Bridge Table



My last article promised to discuss systems for indicating to partner your preference for the lead of a particular suit and suggested that it was vital for all partnerships to have an agreed system for the meaning of discards.

One system is simply to discard cards you do not want and leave partner to infer the suit you do want. A natural extension of this idea is the **McKenney** signal (in the USA it is known as **Lavinthal**). It is based on the reasonable proposition that it is normally more efficient to discard from a suit that you *don't* want led than to signal with a high card in the suit you *do* want led. A discard therefore says "Don't lead this suit. If my discard is a low card - lead the lower-ranking of the other two suits". And vice versa.

In the example (right) the contract is 3NT and West leads the 2 of Clubs to the Jack and King. South returns the Jack of Diamonds and continues the suit, West winning the third round with the Ace. Clearly East does not wish to part with either a Spade or a Heart, so he discards a Club, using the 3 (a low card) to ask partner to lead a Heart (i.e., the lower of the other two suits). This example also illustrates the benefit of West holding up his Ace of Diamonds until the third round - it enables his partner to signal by way of discard which suit he wants led.

The **McKenney suit preference** signal is not limited to discards, and additionally comes into use in a slightly different way when defending suit contracts. Here the principle is that in leading a suit or following to a lead, you can show which suit you want returned by either playing a *higher card than necessary* to ask for the higher-ranking of the other two side-suits, or playing a low card to ask for the lower suit.

In the example (right) against a contract of 4 Spades, West leads the 3 of Diamonds. Correctly reading his partner for a single Diamond, East immediately plays his Ace and returns *the 8* for him to ruff. This high card indicates that his quick entry is in Hearts - the higher-ranking of the other two suits (excluding trumps) - and West can then obtain another ruff to defeat the contract.

Although **McKenney** was devised as a solution to problems of the above type it can be further extended, and another example will appear in my next article. But do not get carried away with using **McKenney**. When you use a suit preference signal make sure that it is unmistakable (and understandable) to partner.

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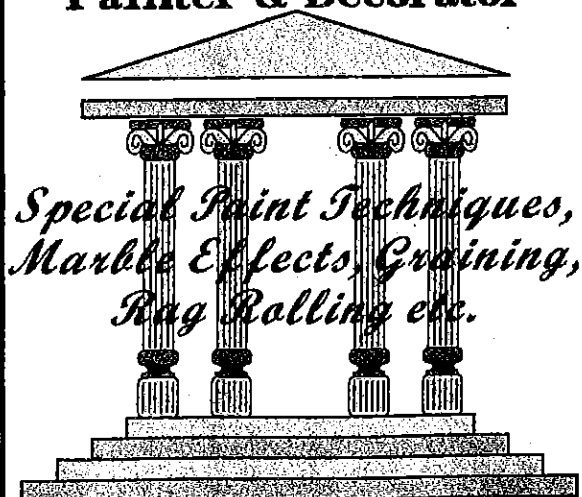
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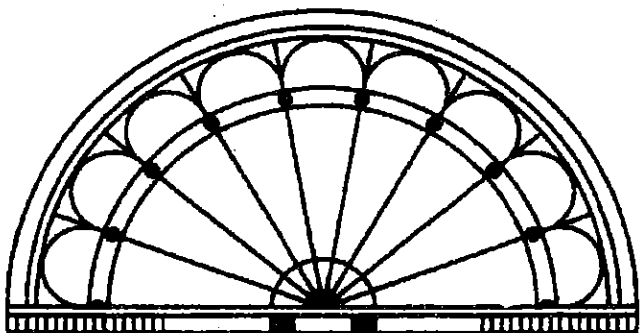
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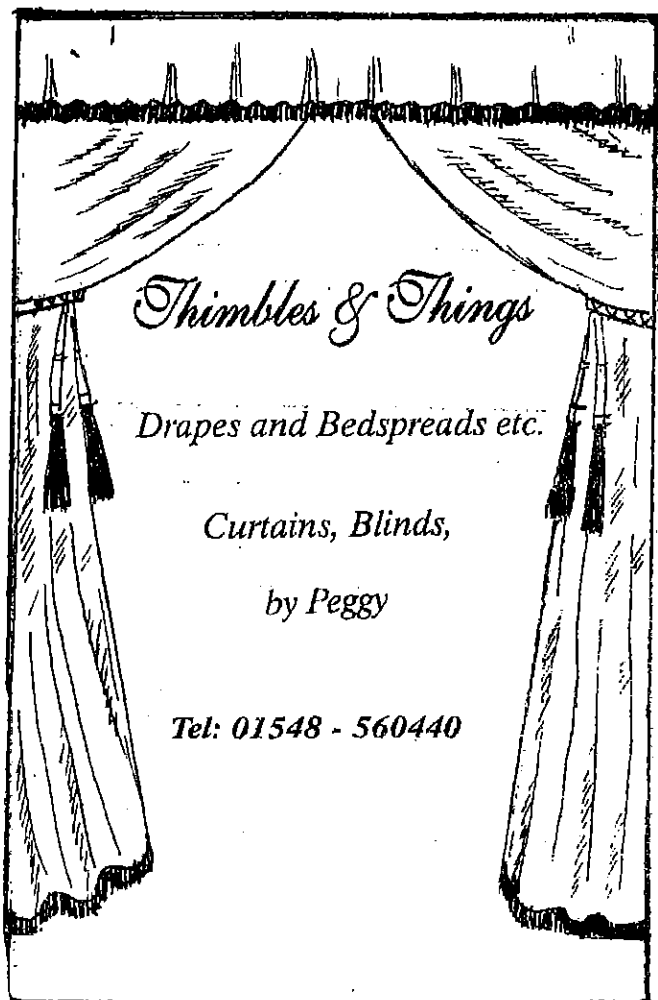
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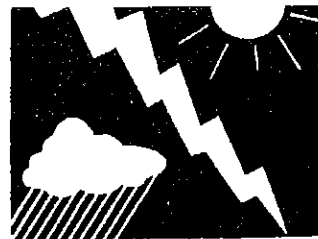
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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner



Lately we have been experiencing strong winds, too strong for the time of year. Top speed so far this month is 60 mph, with other days well above the level of those in the previous two years.

Where we live the wind is perhaps the main influence on our well being. Up in the village it can be delightful, a gentle breeze just sounding at the top of the trees, while down here at Beach Cottage there is a howling gale blowing in off the sea. A couple of weeks ago, when such a wind was blowing, I went out to help a visitor open her car door and a gust blew my glasses off my face and broke the frame. Fortunately the lens remained intact. That has never happened before, and it was not a *huge* gust. If only we could harness that power.....wouldn't it be wonderful?

There has been talk about the pros and cons of Wind Generated power. It certainly caused consternation among those who might find a Wind Farm in their back yard, so to speak. Wind power has been very important to the British. In the past, there were 10,000 of the traditional four-bladed sail windmills, with dusty millers making flour from corn. A few of these still remain, as revered, enchanting relics from those simple, wind-powered days. When coal came along to displace the creaking, whirring mills (so picturesque but so stationary when the winds failed to blow), they were quietly neglected and their millers abandoned them for work elsewhere.

Today, and in the not too distant future, the wind could become very important, especially if the British Wind Energy Association has its way. Britain is positioned in a windy quarter, being the first obstacle to be encountered as the westerlies power in from the Atlantic. As a result we actually possess more than half the total wind resource of continental Europe. The BWEA has advocated that 6% of Britain's energy demand in 2010 should be met by several thousand offshore and land-based turbines.

An article I saw recently showed huge turbines anchored to the sea floor hundreds of feet high

with a system of harnessing power from the sea with only a small tower-like structure visible on the surface. So could we see wind turbines in the shallower seas, and wave machines in deeper areas? Either way the resource is renewable and desirable, but oh so costly for the amount of electricity produced. The CO₂ producing power stations continue to produce most of our power, and cheaply, and seem likely to continue to do so for some time yet. How do you feel about having a set of 10 turbines at the top of Thurstlestone in the fields along the Kingsbridge road, or 20 out in Bigbury Bay, or 10 on Bolberry Down?

While wind power is non-polluting, it can also be visibly and audibly disturbing.

The turbines do have some disadvantages, which arise from our inconsistent wind here in Britain. The winds can be erratic; sometimes none at all, or they can be blowing a severe gale. The turbines will not turn until 15 mph has been reached, and they shut down if the winds are too strong for fear of over-heating. They cannot be geared up to boost supply when we most need it.

Whatever the virtues of renewable energy in the form of Wind-farms they will have a long rough ride to be incorporated into the landscape as easily as the 10,000 windmills did in the past. Surprisingly, by the end of the 20th century Europe as a whole had surpassed even the wind energy industry's own targets. In 1999 alone wind-generated electricity rose by 30%, mainly due to expansion in Germany, Spain, Denmark, Holland and Italy. According to the European Wind Energy Association this growth meant that wind capacity had increased to 8,900 megawatts - equivalent to the output from four major power stations, whether conventional or nuclear. The EWEA believes that capacity will be 100,000 megawatts by 2020, thus supplying about 10% of Europe's needs.

The evidence is there, but is there the heart or the financial support to push forward with the enterprise? Maybe public opinion will in the end prove the deciding factor.

IN YOUR GARDEN



Not so much "In Your Garden" as in someone else's this time! When, in my estimation, the loveliest season of the year as far as gardens are concerned is upon us, it is just the time for garden-visiting. Yes, have a rest from your labours and take yourself off to inspect the work of someone who proudly opens his/her verdant acreage to the admiring (sometimes critical!) gaze of the public and get ideas for your own plot at the same time. A glance through the free yellow booklet *Devon Gardens open for Charity* shows some fairly close ones:

Southcombe House, Widecombe-in-the-Moor,
Five gardens at Bovey Tracey,
Kingston House, Staverton,
Mothecombe House, nr Holbeton,
Collepardo, 3 Keyberry Park, Newton Abbot,
The Lodge, Hartley Avenue, Mannamead,
Riversbridge, Dartmouth,
Weighbridge Ldg. Longbridge Rd. Ply'ton,
Inglewood, 81 Court Road, Newton Ferrers,
The African Gdn, 96 Wasdale Gdns, Estover,
W T Jinkin Trust Garden, Coleridge Road, Plymouth,

1st & 15th June, 2-5 pm (01364-621365)
7th & 8th June, 2-6 pm - details in village
15th June & 6th July, 2-6 pm (01803-762235)
15th June, 2-5 pm (01752-830444)
22nd & 25th June, 11-5 pm
22nd June & 27th July, 2-5 pm (01752-220849)
15th & 22nd June, 2-6 pm - near Blackpool Sands
22nd June & 22nd July 1-6 pm (01752-261585)
29th June and 20th July, 2-5 pm
18th, 26th, 27th July, 10-4pm (01752-301402)
18th July, 12-4 pm

There is not room here to give details of how to reach these places, so get yourself a copy of the yellow booklet from local nurseries and garden centres. It is advisable, where phone numbers are available, to ring before your visit in case of changes.

If you don't want to travel, television is due to offer some interesting viewing of Devon and Cornwall gardens. On Friday 6th June (BBC 2) *The Flying Gardener*, Chris Beardshaw, takes the thousands of miles of Devon's hedges as inspiration for his programme and drops in at Rosemoor and Antony House. Then on Friday 27th June, the same programme, (again in Devon and Cornwall), is about gardening in exposed areas - in particular a Plymouth harbour-side garden. The new gardening programme on television on Fridays, with Monty Don in the role of Head Gardener, shows promise. So far, no decking, blue paint, unnatural-looking water features or strange metal objects - just good practical gardening stuff!

No doubt many of you will know of the recent concerns being expressed about dwindling numbers of bumble-bees, partly due to traditional nectar-bearing flowers being often replaced by modern hybrids. Large faced pansies, petunias and Mexican salvias do not produce nectar, but planting such things as lavender, rosemary, yarrow, and hardy geraniums helps to make up the deficit.

Keep the pots you have now planted up for summer colour well watered and fed, the hoe going, and the weeds down. I don't think any garden of mine will ever be totally weed-free so, long ago, I decided it's a good idea to plant things closely, not leaving much room for weeds and making them much less noticeable. Besides, if you are too keen to be perfect you sometimes miss the bounty of self-sown seedlings. There is something very attractive about the way plants often find just the right spots for their seeds, setting themselves in perfect and natural-looking sites. I think the only exception to this is in the kitchen garden, where vegetables don't like any competition from weeds. But forget the weeds for a bit - relax and enjoy your own garden, and others' too!

Ladybird

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Wed 11th TRAMP, Kingston / Ringmore
 Thur 12th WL Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Organic Food)
 Fri 13th PROBUS Lunch, Thurlestone Hotel (Antarctica)
 Fri 20th TRAMP Short Walk, Noss Mayo
 Sat 21st KINGSMEN CONCERT, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
 Mon 23rd Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
 Wed 25th TRAMP, Capton
 Sat 28th S.H.Hospital Fair, Kingsbridge Quay, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

JULY

Thur 3rd WL Garden Lunch, 12.30 for 1.00pm (Glenlyon)
 Sat 5th School Summer Fair & Balloon Race, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm
 Thur 10th WL Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (John Betjeman)
 Fri 11th PROBUS Lunch, Thurlestone Hotel, (Oceans & the Future)
 Mon 14th TRAMP Short Walk, Dartmouth Castle
 Thur 17th NSPCC Coffee Morning, Rockhill, 10.30 am
 Sat 19th Conservative Croquet & Cream Tea, Kennedy, 3.00 pm
 Sun 20th "Songs of Praise", Buckland, 6.00 pm
 Mon 21st Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
 Wed 23rd TRAMP, Walk/Swim!
 Sat 26th S.Milton Church Fete, Brook House, 2.30 pm

AUGUST

Fri 1st Church Barbecue on the Green, 6.00 pm
 Sat 2nd Horticultural Show, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
 Mon 11th Piano Recital, Parish Hall, 5.00 pm
 Wed 13th TRAMP (TBA)
 Sat 16th Summer Fete, Swallows, 2.30 pm (for Parish Hall)
 Sun 17th Sponsored Walk, Parish Hall, 10.30 am
 Thur 21st TRAMP Short Walk, East Prawle
 Wed 27th TRAMP, Malborough

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BRIDGE CLUBS 7 p.m. Parish Hall Wednesdays and Fridays	Contact Dorothy Stone	560708
CHURCHWARDENS	Contact Graham Worrall Liz Webb	562016 560090
COFFEE TIME (Parish Hall) Mondays, 10.30 - 11.30	Contact Liz Webb	560090
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THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB	Secretary / Manager, John Scott	560405
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PROBUS	Contact Tom Trender	560893
TRAMP (Thurlestone Ramblers)	Contact Graham Durant	560007
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The Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays. See dates on Diary page overleaf.

DIRECTORY

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MILK DELIVERY	R. Bruckner & Son	01803 - 832801
VILLAGE SHOP Thurlestone Village Shop	M. T. Th. F. Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday,	8.00 am - 5.30 pm 8.00 am - 3.00 pm 8.00 am - 2.00 pm 8.30 am - 2.00 pm
PARISH HALL Chairman Bookings	Rowland Cole Pat Crawford	561006 560688
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POLICE Emergency Non-emergency Municom users	999 01392 - 452935	08705-777-444 Confidential information 0800-555-111
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GARAGE (Blight Engineering)	Maurice Blight	560220
KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY (Mobile Library calls alternate Wednesdays from 4 th June)		852315
11.35 - 11.45am Buckland Old Chapel	11.50 - 12.15pm Thurlestone Parish Hall	
12.20 - 12.30pm Thurlestone Church	12.35 - 12.45pm Thurlestone Sands	
MOBILE FISH & CHIP VAN		

Calls alternate Wednesdays from 4th June 2003, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, outside All Saints Primary school.



The Village Inn

Thurlestone

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June / July Diary

Sunday 1st June

Live Music with
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Friday 6th June

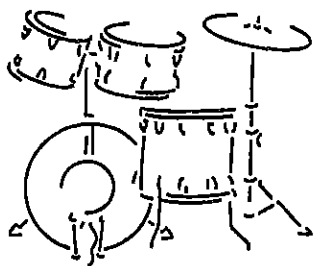
music from
"Nick T"

Saturday 7th June

Morris Men

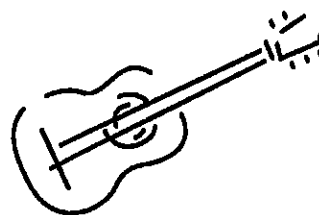
Thursday 12th June

The ever popular
Howard Jones



Friday 20th June

music from
"Al Black"



Friday 4th July

The musical Duo
"The Guitar Factory"

Friday 11th July

music from
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