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It's been a pretty good summer, one way and another. The weather gods have smiled, the beaches have been packed, and the farmers - for once - have had a bounteous harvest with cereal prices to match.

The gardens have been a riot of colour, blooming away merrily, with bees and butterflies making hay too while the sun shines.

Even the South Hams District Council has now got into the act, and is planning to brighten up our Autumn with a sparkling multi-coloured arrangement. Pausing only for a moment to cast aside our beloved green bins (though "we will not be removing them unless you ask us to"), the SHDC is now about to provide us with ORANGE, WHITE, and BLUE sacks for our recyclables. (Could they not have gone the extra patriotic mile and made them RED, WHITE, and BLUE?)

The green bins will recycle no more. Their next load will be their last. In the name of more efficient recycling, and with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> October, everyone will get the sack.

The SHDC is certainly setting out its stall in the recycling field. Have you been down to their new centre at Torr Quarry? It's a genuine four star set-up, with an internal roundabout to boot. So if you were wondering where your increased Council Tax was going, you can stop worrying. At least some of it is being recycled.

But what to do now with your redundant green bin? Suggestions, please, preferably on a recycled postcard, for our next Postbag.

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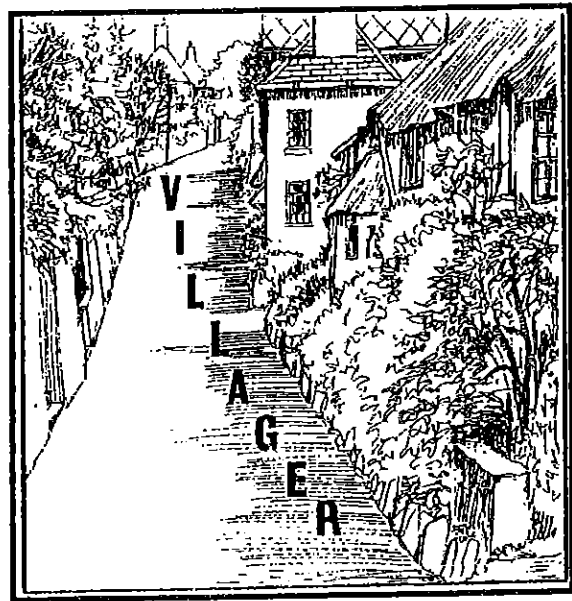
*The swallows and swifts are nearly all gone, but one big question still hangs in the air over the parish. What are we going to do about next summer's invasion?*

Yes, that is the question - what are we going to do to be saved from Midsummer Madness as Chelsea Tractors pour in to block our lanes and sit in queues steaming up our village streets with a haze of exhaust fumes? Is mass evacuation the only answer to the growing threat of these tourist attacks? In that case where, you may well ask, should we be evacuated?

The only peaceful spots in the parish during the heat wave and invasion just passed were West Buckland (though once you got in, you could never get out), and certain sections of the Mead, though it is true that some frustrated beach-hunters drove that way in search of a short cut to the sea. Add to all that misery that it really was too darned hot. Perhaps such heat does not follow from year to year, and it may be that the only thing which will put us back on track to the tranquil days of yore is for next summer to be positively Siberian. However, as we are all such lovely kind people we would not wish that on any tourist trying to escape from his urban horror to capture in a short break some of the joys of our country living.

The trouble, of course, with being such lovely kind people is that we will have put Thurlestone Parish on the tourist map, and word of mouth from our visitors will soon spread right across the country. Then we shall be in an even worse mess with even more tourists discovering how kind we are and how lovely the land we inhabit.

*We shall be, if we are not careful, the Blackpool of Devon.*



We can't say that we weren't warned. Our most distinguished parish councillor uttered at a parish meeting long before the coming of the Big Heat these dire words: "*Thurlestone is full!*" He was advising us against taking part in an internet tourist campaign to lure more tourists down here. How right he was. Thurlestone and Bantham this summer were not just full, but overflowing. And it was then abundantly clear that the rolling English drunkard who made the rolling English lanes hereabouts had not allowed for sharing his lanes with Chelsea farmers and their tractors.

As those summer jams tend to fade from our memories, we must ask ourselves was it really that bad. Yes, it was. We know it was because those huge jams and noisy mobs even silenced our resident amateur traffic warden ladies, whom we rely on to monitor speeding cars through the villages. This Spring they told assembled residents at a council meeting that the double yellow lines had been a failure and traffic was going much faster than before the yellow peril and its asinine accessory, the virtual pavement. This Autumn our ladies are speechless.

So what can we do to be saved? No talk of 20 mph or traffic humps, traffic lights, or other traffic calming this time. Those who care deeply about the parish realise that something more radical than road signs are required. They have put forward the following suggestions:

- 1 All three villages should be pedestrianised with access only to residents' cars and scooters of the disabled. Deliveries to hotels, pubs and shops to be restricted to special times and to vans and small lorries not exceeding 3cwt. Dustcarts to be exempt from these restrictions.
- 2 Thurlestone village to be by-passed by using Court Park, extended on through the Mead to a new exit created near the Golf Club loos.
- 3 A parish one-way system to be introduced. One way in to Thurlestone only from Piers Cottage. One way out via the new Mead by-pass and Upton to Heddeswell Cross to the Salcombe-Kingsbridge road. Access to Thurlestone Rock and Thurlestone Sands only via South Milton and signposts on A381 to make this clear. Bantham approach only to be made from Bantham Cross and out via a new roundabout to be created at Clanacombe. Sudden Death to be closed to all except West Buckland residents.
- 4 Fields suitable for park-and-ride to become parish property, by compulsory purchase if necessary. Small tourist only buses to be run from park-and-ride sites to beaches or bus stops on outskirts of villages. Cars parked at park-and-ride sites to be limited to 100 per day. When the parks full, other cars to be moved on out of the parish.
- 5 New church meeting room, if completed, to be taken over by parish as secure holding for illegal access parkers. It could also house "Holy Joe's Caff" which will provide an instant coffee service to parents who

are waiting to recover their children, last seen happy-clapping on beaches.

- 6 Parish Hall to be used during season and all school holidays for special magistrates court hearings of cases of illegal entry to the parish and any other infringements of the identity card regulations by parish asylum seekers. Parish councillors to act as wardens and carry out magistrates' deportation orders across the parish bounds.
- 7 Golfers, holiday home owners, their clients, window cleaners, builders, hotel and pub staff and other essentials will have to apply for special season passes from the Parish Hall. Such passes to be valid for one season only and to be produced on demand from anyone in authority.
- 8 Proceeds from park-and-ride to be used to fund a Thurlestone Parish Private Police Force. TPPPF officers will patrol the parish, maintain good order, and help with deportations.

Villager does not, of course, support all such draconian suggestions, but it is clear that something will have to be done. It has also been suggested that, as Thurlestone and Bantham have become so noisy, all cottages should be given Government grants for fitting double-glazing and air conditioning despite the fact that they are all listed buildings. That surely shows how bad things have got.

*Have you a "Hell in the Hams" story for Village Voice?*

If so the Editor would like to hear from you. Any suggestions from readers about how to make summer in the parish more enjoyable for both residents and visitors would also be welcome. *Remember.....next summer is now only nine months away.*

***Villager***

# Parish Council Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> September 2003

*News and Views by Citizen*

Regretfully I was unable to attend this meeting, but I have managed to glean information from both those that did and from the minutes of the meeting.

## Sea View

The most welcome news was that at last the Sea View development has been completed and on 4<sup>th</sup> September those lucky enough to be allocated one of the bungalows picked up their keys. According to the records, the first official mention of this project was in 1985, although I know that well before that date rumours were circulating. Just think .... those born in 1985 would now be entitled to apply for one of them!

## Recreation Ground

The topic of the Recreation Ground still rumbles on - the costs associated with this project have now been received. Because of the sensitive nature of the discussions, the Council went into closed session after the meeting but the figure under discussion is believed to be around £4,000.

## Buckland Stream

South West Water have acknowledged (at last) that there is pollution in the Buckland Stream and that action must be taken to clear it up. Further meetings have been arranged to ensure that a solution is found.

## Public Phone Boxes

British Telecom have been investigating the use given to their telephone boxes in a village situation, and have come to the conclusion that the one at the top of Post Office Lane in Thurlestone is insufficiently used to justify the cost of maintenance. During the 42-day consultation period,

anyone may write to BT if they have objections, outlining their reasons. Details are on view in the phone box.

## Parish Clerk

The final matter brought to the attention of the meeting was that **Gillian Calvert** has resigned from her post as Parish Clerk. Anyone interested in taking on this job should contact **Kit Marshall**, Chairman. Details of the job may be seen at the Post Office, the Pump House, and are also given below.

I will be at the next meeting so more detailed views of the proceedings will be included.

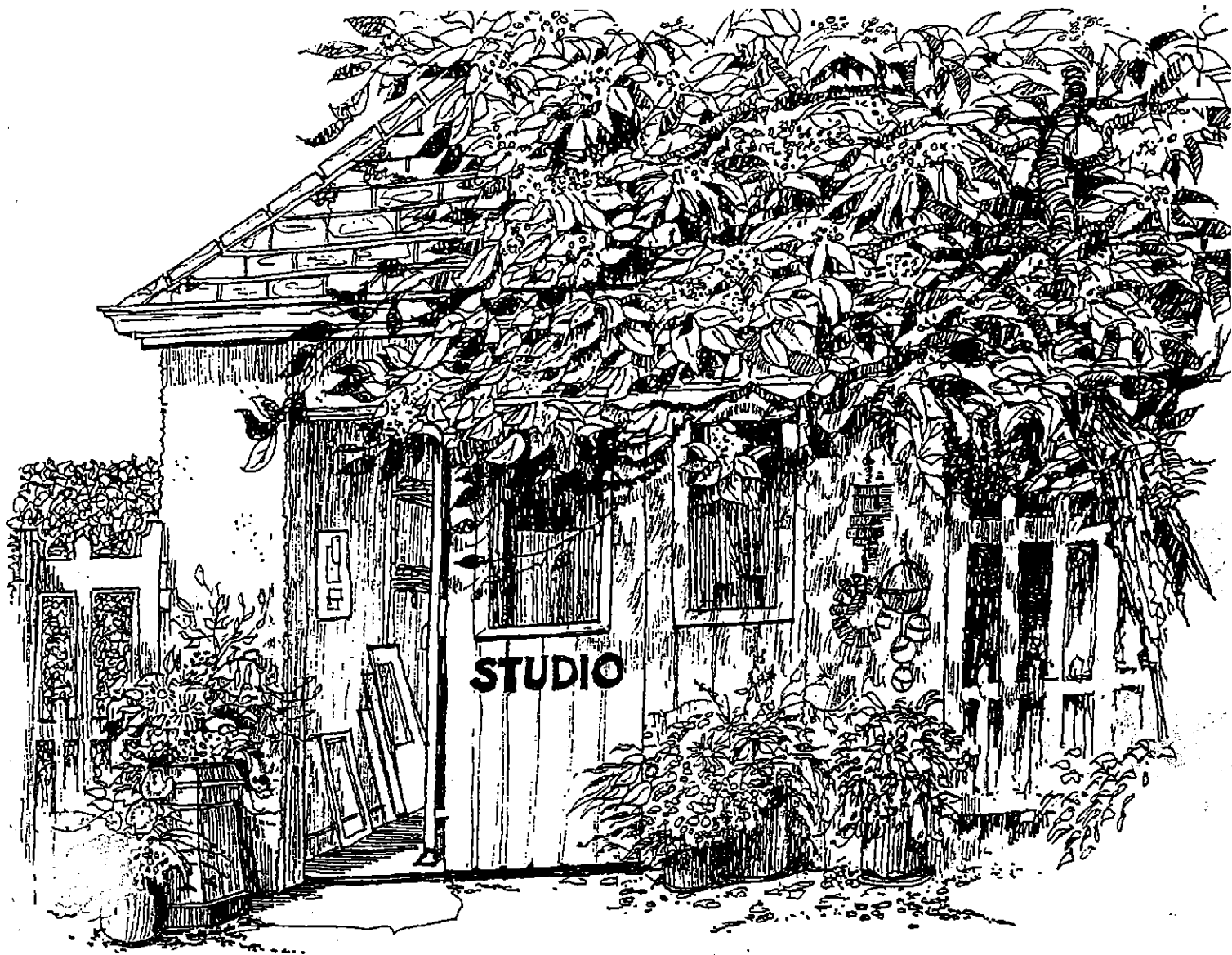
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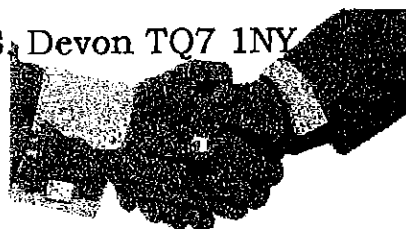
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# PARISH HALL NEWS

By Rowland Cole



## Fund-Raising

Much has been written about the Parish Hall's fund-raising campaign by my good friend "Villager" in previous editions of Village Voice, and I am greatly indebted to him for supporting our efforts and indeed for introducing us all to his illustrious forebear Lor Lumme Hill!

August in particular has witnessed an enormous amount of support for the new Hall's funding. Parishioners and parish groups have organised and held events in the Hall and - apart from being both popular and enjoyable - have raised significant sums of money for our cause to date. Those who have given so generously (be it in time, skill, financial resources, property, or in whatever form) are thanked most sincerely.

You may remember that in the previous (August/September) issue of Village Voice we reported that the new Parish Hall building fund stood at £63,500. This figure was, in fact, the grand total of all the Parish Hall's money, which includes not only the funds being raised for a new building, but also funds from all other sources (e.g., existing investments, letting income, etc).

As it is difficult to draw an exact line between funds exclusively for a new building, and total funds, we will continue to report the figure of the **total funds**, as this will be a consistent and true indication of the overall position.

Today it shows a great leap forward to £82,000 - with further sums promised from two local organisations before the year end. There are also a number of additional fund-raising events which are planned between now and Christmas!

A summary of the latest fund-raising, as well as the overall up-to-date financial picture at the time of going to print, prepared by our Treasurer, Bill Clarke, is set out on the next page. Our fund-raising must continue and be unflagging because we will need a considerably larger sum of money than we currently have, and there is no *guarantee* that grant-awarding bodies such as the Lottery will provide all, or indeed any part of, our shortfall.

**Thurlestone parish deserves a Parish Hall of which it can be proud, and I am confident that with the sustained effort, undimmed enthusiasm, and patience of the residents of Thurlestone, Bantham and Buckland, our goal can eventually be reached. Let us not falter. It may be a long slog, but Rome wasn't built in a day!**

## Regular Saving

The filled Smarties tubes continue to roll in. Some of our residents are on second and third tubes - I believe there is one resident who has completed no fewer than five! If you feel encouraged, after filling your first tube, to go for a second (third or fourth), please apply to Pat Macdonald for another free tube, as the scheme is ongoing (telephone 01548-560436).

Like the Bridge Club players' regular weekly contributions, this is a way in which the fund-raising campaign can be sustained throughout the year, and maintain its momentum through to our eventual goal, supplemented by the various excellent "one-off" events that residents' ingenuity, imagination, and enthusiasm continue to devise.

# PARISH HALL FUNDS

By Bill Clarke



## TOTAL FUNDS UPDATE

The Funds now stand at

**£81,964**

The following contributions have been received this year to date:

Bantham Bash 2002 (Bantham Sailing Club)	£13,500.00	
Thursday Art Group exhibition	237.60	
Kingsmen Concert	398.00	
Lunch & Sweepstake (W.I.)	320.00	
Piano Recital (P.C.C.)	744.00	
Summer Fete at Swallows (Parish Hall Committee)	2,372.35	
Big Raffle (Parish Hall Committee)	944.50	
Sponsored Walk (David Houghton)	1,656.00	
Coffee Mornings August (P.C.C.)	40.19	
Film Shows (P.O.T.S.)	300.00	
Catering at Coast Path Weekend (W.I.)	83.00	
20 <sup>th</sup> Century Quiz (Mary Hugo/Friday Bridge Club)	387.00	
Smarties Tubes (Parish Hall Committee)	2,544.80	
Sale of goods	7.00	£23,534.44

Individual donations this year to date: £18,022.00

Total this year to date £41,556.44

Grand Total to date £81,964.66

## FORTHCOMING FUND-RAISING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 18**

**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**NOVEMBER 22**

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**DECEMBER 6**

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# Village News Round-Up

## Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to **Marta and Mark Knight** on the arrival of **Jamie**, born 25<sup>th</sup> August 2003 - a month earlier than expected!

Welcome also to all the new children who have recently come to live in the parish - on the Mead, in the Seaview development, and elsewhere - good to see you!

## The Sloop Inn

Many local people were shocked to hear that **Neil Girling** has sold The Sloop Inn at Bantham. Those who know him well, however, had known for some time that he was thinking of selling. And the reason...? *"Because I think that twenty-four years is long enough. Now I can have holidays, look after the garden of my cottage in West Buckland..."* But those who know him well know too that he won't be content to retire and do nothing. If you ask him outright about his future plans, he just smiles and mumbles about *"this and that"* and won't go into detail.

Neil bought The Sloop Inn at Bantham at a receiver's auction in 1980. Since then he has worked with very little time off to turn The Sloop from a run-down public house to the perfect village pub. He soon made The Sloop known for its good beer, excellent wine list and a menu that put it into the top ten pub-restaurants in the whole of the West Country. He soon had a name, too, for his generosity to local organisations and his support for local events.

Locals got so used to seeing Neil among his carefully-chosen staff behind the bar or in the restaurant, that it was easy to forget that you don't just suddenly start running a top inn. In Neil's case he started with a brewer's hotel chain and settled in Coventry where he managed a private hotel for seven years before snapping up The Sloop. He is

keeping the four holiday luxury apartments he had built behind the inn, and will continue to run them for the future. Bookings for these will still be taken by The Sloop. And sometimes you will find Neil sitting *in front* of The Sloop bar. He says that he is taking lessons on how to behave as a customer..(!)

## Postal Collections

We hear from Thurlestone Post Office that there is no official morning postal collection from their box. It is emptied in the morning most weekdays but the time is indeterminate. There is only one official weekday collection from the Post Office and that is at 4.25pm. It is interesting, too, to learn that whether you post in the morning or in the afternoon, both the 'unofficial' and the 'official' collections end up in Exeter for forward despatch at the same time in the early evening. So there is no need in future to break your neck to get your mail off by the morning post - it will not get to its destination any quicker!

Because the present wall post box at the Post Office is small, we are to have a freestanding red pillar box with enough capacity, and a large aperture, to take all our mail, even at Christmas, without (as sometimes happens now) the contents of the box spilling out. It will be placed at the corner of the building nearest the church - but at the time of writing the date for the changeover has not yet been revealed to our Post Office.

## Summer Fair at Swallows

The day dawned fair and remained so as **Audrey and Martyn Grose** threw open their lovely garden for this event. Some 300 people came through the gates and joined in the merry-making - the stalls, the games, and all the usual fun of the fair including (courtesy of **Eric and Helen Palmer** of Whitly Farm) 'Guess the weight of the Ram' competition! It was a happy and relaxed

occasion enjoyed by all who came. The Chairman and Committee of the Parish Hall particularly wish to thank all the people who put in such a considerable amount of work so cheerfully to make the event go with a swing, and especially to Mr & Mrs Grose. A grand total of £ 2,372 was raised, with a further £ 944 coming from the Big Raffle. Wonderful!

### Piano Recital

**Louise Boxhall** and the PCC are to be congratulated on the most enjoyable early evening concert they arranged at the Parish Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> August when third year Trinity College student **Alexander Winter** gave a piano recital to an appreciative audience of music-lovers. It was one of the hottest days of the year and most people went out into the cool of the car park to enjoy the delicious interval refreshments provided. A total of **£744** was raised and donated to the new Parish Hall building fund.

### Coast Path Weekend

The flawless weather on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> also helped to make the Parish of Thurlestone Society's weekend celebrating the Coast Path's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary a success. First, there was an art exhibition at which many local artists, photographers and other crafts-persons kindly loaned their work for display. Then there were two walks along the Path; the first to Hope Cove, led by **Graham Durant** on the Saturday, with **Derrick Yeoman** leading a second party on Sunday along the Path to Bantham, where **Wendy Bennetto** took over and (following the POTS trail map) showed everyone round Bantham and Buckland. Thanks must also go to the Village Inn for letting our walkers have lunch at a good discount. On both days the WI did sterling work at the Hall in providing teas, coffees and cake to the visitors. Their **£83** profit was donated to the Parish Hall funds.

On both the Saturday and Sunday evenings, **Peter Hurrell** showed his collection of unique parish archive photographs in slide

form and **Malcolm Le Grice** his film which was a compilation of aerial flight material and his own linking photography of our local coastline. There was also a delightful short film called "Hams" made by Malcolm and Judith's daughter, **Josephine**. The film show and the wine bar enabled POTS to give **£300** to the new Parish Hall fund. A jolly evening was had by all, despite occasional hold-ups which added to the fun and gave the audience extra time to have a chat! POTS has also recently donated **£1000** from its funds to the new Parish Hall.

### Focus on a Ford

Have you ever met anyone who has won one of the wonderful prizes frequently offered in national sales promotion draws? Well, now someone who is probably known to most people in the parish - **Pat Crawford** - has won a silver Ford Focus car in just such a draw. She qualified by requesting a motor insurance quote from Sainsburys the supermarket, and thought the letter telling her she had won was an elaborate practical joke by friends or family. However, the man from Sainsburys rang her and, yes, it was true. The gleaming new limousine is expected to be delivered early in October.

But watch out! Pat maintains that she will be driving squarely down the middle of the road in future, and is not prepared to scratch her brand new treasure by squeezing against the hedge! (Sainsbury's motor insurers might not be too pleased, either)

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## COFFEE MORNING

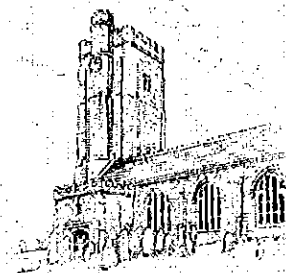
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**ANDREW GIRLING WRITES:**

## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

At 6.00 p.m. on **Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>** at Thurlestone, we shall be holding a Memorial Service, a service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of our departed loved ones. Can I invite you to come and take part? All of us have parents, spouses or family and friends who have been particularly important to us and whose memories we treasure. We hope that the service will enable us both to remember them and to give thanks for all that they gave us and shared with us.

During the service there will be an opportunity for those who wish to light a candle of remembrance. We shall also read aloud the names of the loved ones whose families would like us to do so. If you would like a loved one remembered by name please fill in the slip below and return to Andrew.

Simple symbolism and ceremony can be very powerful and express thoughts and feelings we find hard to put into words. In the past I have found similar services to be greatly appreciated and I hope this may help some of you on the difficult journey through bereavement and allow others to give thanks not only for their loved ones lives but also for the Christian hope of eternal life and the communion of saints.

**Every one will be most welcome.**

*Andrew*

### ZIMBA EVENING

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Zimba Evening in any way. Special thanks to Philip and Eileen Perraton for allowing us to use the marquee and to Geoffrey Stidston for the use of the field.

The result was a magnificent £1,900 to help the homeless and street children of Harare.

*Angela Ford, Gill Durden and Sue Girling*

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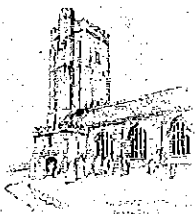
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# All Saints Diary

Churchwardens: Graham Worrall 562016 & Liz Webb 560090

## Church Services

You would be welcome at any services

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP)

11.10 a.m. Morning Worship for All ages

OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW)

11.10 a.m. Matins (BCP)

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

11.10 a.m. Family Communion (CW)

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW)

11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW)

6.00 p.m. Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP) (*No other services*)

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW)

11.10 a.m. Remembrance Sunday Service + wreath laying

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP)

11.10 a.m. Family Communion (CW)

NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (CW)

11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW)

NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said) (BCP)

11.10 a.m. Parish Eucharist (CW)

6.00 p.m. Benefice Advent Carol Service

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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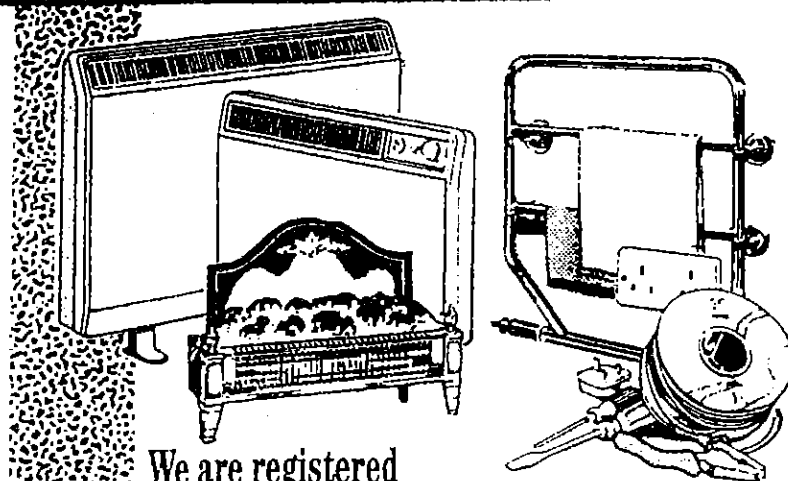
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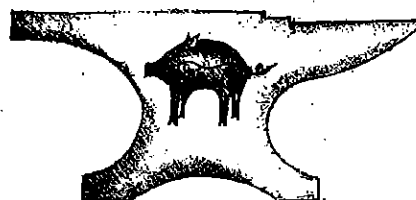
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# BOOKSHELF

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## **Wild Flowers of Britain & Ireland**

Marjorie Blamey, Richard & Alistair Fitter  
(Domino Guides - A & C Black £16.99)

This is wonderful new (April 2003) field guide and one that will be in constant use for many years to come with its new approach to cracking identification problems. Marjorie Blamey, who lives in Devon, has repainted the entire British and Irish flora, including trees, grasses and ferns. Although she is now 86, her illustrations - there are 5000 of them - are as magnificent as ever.

Richard Fitter, now aged 91, has produced a text that is reliable and user-friendly. He dispenses with the usual taxonomic order, emphasising key features to look for. For instance the huge family of asters he broadly re-arranges into "daisy-like", "thistle-like" and "dandelion-like" flowers, without straining their natural relationships too much. His son, Alistair, who is now Professor of Biology at the University of York, has also contributed the distribution maps - a great help.

This field guide is superb: in particular because of the good and radical ideas it uses to help with identification problems, and it describes and explains the key diagnostic features of difficult plants in a clearly understandable way.

This book is in a league of its own.

P.M.

## **Pompeii**

by Robert Harris  
(Random House £17.99)

There seems to have been a dearth of good new novels recently (despite the stimulus of the annual Booker prize coming round again) but this one has reversed the trend.

It is a wonderfully vivid and comprehensive account of the eruption of Vesuvius on 24<sup>th</sup> August AD 79, based on the events related by the young engineer in charge of the water supplies to the surrounding area. Although his interesting and entertaining tale is of course fictional, the events are factual and the novel reflects the considerable research undertaken by Robert Harris, who spent several holidays in the area before writing the book.

It was of special interest to me as I was on the slopes of Vesuvius when it erupted in 1944.

G.W.

[At the time of going to press we learn that the above novel is about to be serialised by the BBC in Radio 4's programme "*A Book at Bedtime*". It may even still be on air by the time you read this. Happy Listening! Ed.]

## **Sea Magic**

by Sara Macdonald  
(Harper Collins £5.99)

Long-buried family secrets are unearthed by young Lucy from papers she finds hidden in her grandfather's attic. These revelations throw light on events in her grandmother's early life and the repercussions they have had on her entire family.

The book's descriptive passages put one in mind of Rosamund Pilcher's writing - perhaps because it is largely set in Cornwall. I believe this is a first novel by this very competent writer. Be prepared for a most unusual plot - but one that will sustain your interest over quite a long read (the book runs to 551 pages). Just the thing for a long holiday in bad weather!

P.M.

## ARTHUR ILLINGWORTH 1930-2003

Arthur was born in December 1930 in West Hartlepool, where he spent a very happy childhood, the second of three brothers. Both his parents had lovely singing voices which Arthur, and his younger brother, Alan, inherited. Arthur sang in the school choirs and at fourteen years old was invited to sing with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society. From there he went on to sing in the Hartlepool Youth Choir, often doing solos, then the Baden Male Voice Choir in Switzerland, where much of the singing was in German, and eventually with the St Michael's Singers at Coventry Cathedral and the Rollerson Singers at Wilmslow.

Arthur was a real outdoor enthusiast and made his mark, both in school and as part of the Richardsons-Westgarth sports team, as an athlete. He was a county Rugby player and coach and an excellent cricketer - but he was particularly at home in the mountains. In 1955 he went to work for Brown Boveri in Switzerland, where he became an excellent skier - he skied many of today's resorts long before ski-lifts had arrived. He became an instructor purely by chance, and loved the exhilaration of the sport. He would have been very proud to have seen his only grandson skiing at the age of four.

Throughout his life Arthur was a keen walker and in the last few years spent many happy hours sauntering up Kinder Scout, Scafell Pike, Ingleborough and 'sharp edge' on Blancathra. From our home in Brussels he was always happy to go off walking in the Ardennes at weekends. In recent years he loved walking the Devon Coast Path in this idyllic corner of England.

Arthur enjoyed his career as a mechanical and marine engineer with Richardsons-Westgarth, Brown Boveri (Switzerland), Rolls Royce (Coventry), Australian Government in Canberra (marine), Chief Engineer with AOTC (British Engine, Manchester), EEC (Brussels) and adviser to the EU and CEOC (Europe).

Wherever he lived Arthur always tried to be involved in the community. Once retired, he was able to enjoy TRAMP, indoor bowls, the golf club and Thurlestone PROBUS Club of which he was chairman for two years.

Most importantly, Arthur was a great family man, a gentle and caring husband and, as a father of three boys and grandfather to one grandson, he was a kind and patient participant in every aspect of their lives. Whether separated by long distances, perhaps oceans apart, or together round the family dining table, he always managed to put a huge "sparkle" into the lives of the whole family.

Margaret Illingworth



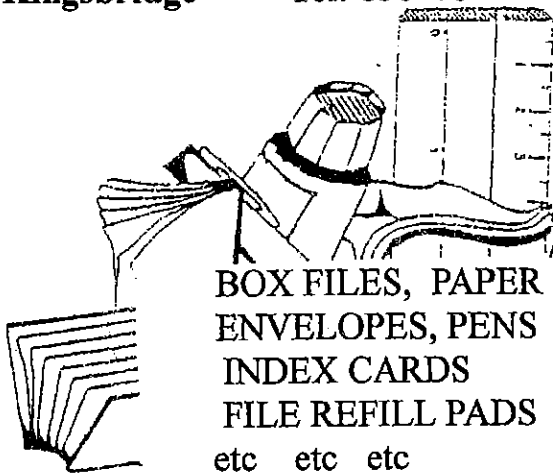
## RONALD & PAMELA JEPHCOTT

Members of both the Wednesday and the Friday Bridge Clubs were very sad to hear of the recent deaths of Pam and Ron, two long-standing members of the Clubs, who died within two weeks of each other in August. They will be missed not only by all the bridge players but also by their neighbours and their many friends in the area who will keep fond memories of both of them.

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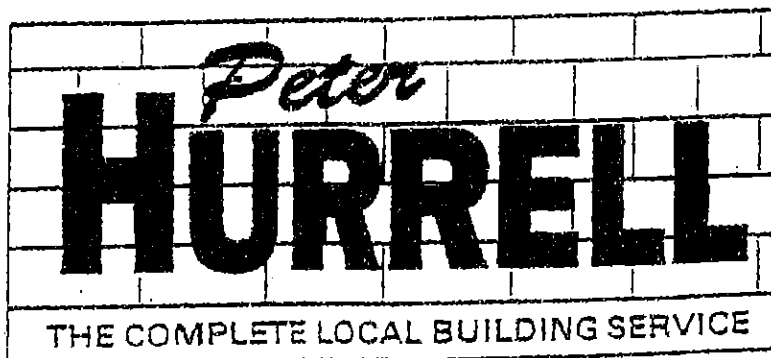
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# HARRY HUGGINS

## IS UP WITH THE LARK

This year on Anglesey they had a Black Lark; they called it the first for Britain. It made a brand new book - "A Concise History of Ornithology" - out of date already! Great excitement among the twitchers - they cancelled holidays or came back early (I wonder if their wives and girlfriends said "twitching is mostly a male disease"?). It was reckoned that 4000 people went to see it at the South Stack RSPB reserve on the island. If in July you happened to see a film on TV about Peregrines, South Stack was where the pair raised one young which fell into the sea and drowned. We went there once, then a miserable drag across the island. The map shows now a double road instead. I know people want to get to Holyhead, but why, oh why, if they can build that, cannot they build a bypass round Ermington?

At the reserve we looked for Choughs; I gazed all round the horizon with binoculars, moaned I could see nothing. Of course they were by my feet, eating sandwiches. There were Peregrines - the RSPB man in charge admitted as much but refused to tell us where. Perhaps I looked a desperate character who would climb down and steal chicks. But June chatted up a coach party from Burnley, or Bolton, or it may have been Bacup, and they told her the eyrie was just near enough to photograph.

Luckily this Black Lark was a male. The female, browner, would be far harder to recognise. He is a bit smaller than a Starling, black, with a yellowish bill. According to the books, they live in the middle of Asia and come west to winter as far as the north of the Black Sea. Just how one might get so far off course that it reached Anglesey is a puzzle, but with birds just about anything can happen. What has caused a stir is that this was one of the so-called "Hastings rarities" - all crossed off the British list of birds on grounds of fraud. Some thirty species in all. All had been subsequently restored to the list - except Black Lark.

All these rarities were supposed to have been shot between 1892 and 1930 in the vicinity of

Hastings and Romney Marsh. No doubt Romney Marsh has stayed much the same, but around Hastings there must have been much development for houses, roads and whatever. At the beginning of the last century, when all this happened, it was an area of small farms, allotments, market gardens and the odd estuary. Many men had guns - to keep off things like Jays, which love peas, and Woodpigeons, ditto with cabbages. No doubt if anything edible came their way they shot it for the pot, and if they got something unusual they took it to George Bristow, the local gunsmith and taxidermist in St Leonards, who gave them a pittance for it, stuffed and mounted it, and sold it on to a collector. Some gunners seem to have specialised in shooting things for Bristow and some birds were shot by ornithologists - you did then. They also took them to Bristow.

I use the term "ornithologist" because there is no other suitable word for the people around then. Today an ornithologist has a degree in biology or zoology and works for the RSPB or Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. In those days there was no WWT, the RSPB was a tiny more or less amateur thing, you couldn't make a living from natural history, as they called it then, and studying it was a hobby, not an occupation. My father, who was a very distinguished entomologist, used to go once a year to the Natural History Museum to identify the species of moth which its experts could not name: he worked in a bank. In Kent in those days there were some very well-known ornithologists, notably H F Witherby, publisher and owner of *British Birds* magazine, which dated back to the late nineteenth century, and later editor of the *Handbook of British Birds*, which appeared in four volumes in the late thirties and which we still consult today.

Thus in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century some 600 birds of around thirty species found their way into the records books. There were so many that Witherby and his friends often suspected fraud on Bristow's part, but it all seemed quite genuine. They tried to get more

information from him, they wanted to see the birds before he dealt with them, they wanted to know who brought them in. Mostly he seems to have ignored these requests, he was running a business. If he had a dead bird he could hardly keep it until one of the experts appeared. There were no telephones and little transport in those days. Nor would he disclose the names of his suppliers who were probably poaching when they shot whatever it was, and he would not want to jeopardise future business.

Anyway, George Bristow died at the age of 85 in 1947 and in the late 1950s a couple of experts decided to prove that all the records of birds which had passed through his hands were fraudulent. Birding people like to rubbish other folks' records. Especially the fanatical year listers. If you have seen a bird and I have dipped out, then you stand to have one more for the year than I will. So I do my best to prove your identification was wrong. It happened to us when we sailed in the Thames estuary. On occasion we saw a Gannet. The then leading ornithologist in the Southend-on-Sea area insisted we were mistaken. He said Gannets never came there. He had never been where we saw them, and anyway you can hardly make a mistake over a Gannet. But he wouldn't believe us. So these people waited until nearly everyone involved in the Hastings records was dead - one was not, Dr James Harrison, who wrote a book defending Bristow. I have a copy, signed by the author, which I found among my father's books, no doubt passed to him when a friend died, but it is such a muddle that one is hardly surprised that it had no impact.

The experts were James Ferguson Lees, editor at one time of *British Birds* magazine, about whom I know nothing. The other was Max Nicholson, who died recently at the age of 99. The RSPB described him as perhaps the most outstanding conservator the world has known - a founder of the *British Trust for Ornithology*, helped Peter Scott set up the *Wildfowl Trust*, involved in the creation of the *World Wildlife Fund*, Director General from 1952 to 1966 of what was then the *Nature Conservancy* (I think they call it *English Nature* now). I wonder how he found time for the research involved in this Hastings business. Perhaps he didn't.

They began with statistics. They got a statistician to take all the records in which

Bristow was concerned and compare them with those from adjacent areas. Of course, far more from Hastings and around, must be fraudulent! This ignores the fact that in some places there are far more birds than in others and there are far more people looking for them - think of the Isles of Scilly, the north Norfolk coast, Prawle Point.

Let us look at some statistics. Our statistics, of what we have seen in our garden here in Thurlestone, and in the airspace above, compared with what has been seen in adjacent gardens. Our garden only, so ignore the Whiskered Tern (tiny green finch, below the Hotel golf course) in August 1995. Serins bred in the garden of Furzey Close in the late 1970s. People thought they would colonise Britain like the Little Egrets have, but they didn't.

So for our list, rarities only. Black Stork (very very rare vagrant, probably from the forests of eastern Europe) in April 1985. Honey Buzzard (a few breed in Britain) in May 1998. Osprey (passage migrant) in April 1996. Woodcock (maybe not that uncommon, but you don't see them unless you go in woods with a good spaniel) in February 1991. Scops Owl heard January 1988 - they say "piu, piu, piu" ad nauseum. It is a very small owl, eats insects,



Scops Owl

should have been in Africa, but two days before there was a southerly gale and two days after there was a Painted Lady butterfly, also from Africa. A wind which could blow a Painted Lady could also blow a Scops Owl. But I didn't tell the county recorder! Wryneck (little brown woodpecker, comes to eat ants) in September



1992, 1993, 1995 and August 2000. Four Waxwings (erupt from eastern Europe, don't often get as far as us) in February 1996. Sub-alpine Warbler (very rare vagrant from the Mediterranean) in May 1986.

Meanwhile in adjacent gardens - nothing. Of course not, they didn't have a lady who knows her birds and spends her time in the garden or looking out of the window. But if you follow this statistician, because there was nothing in other gardens, all our records should be deleted!

So where had Bristow's birds come from? There weren't stringy sight records - they didn't like sight records in those days. They didn't have our superb binoculars, telescopes, cameras. Especially cameras. Today any real rarity is photographed by people who hope to sell their images to magazines and to other birders - the photograph of the Black Lark has, of course, appeared in *Bird Watching* magazine and no doubt in the others which I don't see. In those days to be believed you had to produce the corpse. But for all these records they had the corpses. Bristow stuffed them, usually mounted them, sometimes for collectors who had shot the birds themselves. Others he sold to museums and the like. That was how he made his living. The de-bunkers said "Coo, easy. Ships came in bringing the birds frozen in ice". How the birds got to the ships and how they then got from the ships to Bristow was never really explained.

I don't believe they could have been brought in like this. When we lived in Essex we had a friend, Terance James Bond, described in the latest RSPB catalogue of goodies as one of Britain's most celebrated bird painters. He is an artist of the 'paint every feather' school. For reference purposes he had (and still has, I suppose) an extensive library of bird skins, not stuffed and mounted - he is not a taxidermist - but in drawers in cabinets. He asked always that we send him any dead bird we found which was in good condition.

We sent him several, the latest being a young buzzard, killed by a car in Links Road, across the valley. Poor fellow, it was one of our very white ones, white below and quite pale brown on top. When he opened the parcel he thought that at last he had got his Osprey. He told us never to wrap a bird in polythene and never ever freeze it - to do so would make it impossible to skin.

Bristow must, of course, have been a highly proficient skinner and stuffer, but one has little doubt that frozen birds would have presented the greatest difficulty even to him.

I don't have books with all the records of birds new to Britain. Buying such things is a mug's game. If you purchase one, it is out of date before you get it home from the shop, because someone has found something new. Think of what the author of the new *Concise History of Ornithology* must have thought when the Black Lark appeared pretty well before the print on his book was dry. So my information comes from the review of that book in 'Birds Illustrated' magazine. It is that all the species discarded as Hastings rarities have now been recorded again in Britain. They were investigated because they seemed so improbable. But as all have been seen since, it is just as likely that the Hastings birds were genuine. Of course, at the time they were 'obtained' - which is the term they would have used then - the approach to birds was difference from that today. The Black Lark on Anglesey would never have been seen by 4000 people. The first one would have shot it and the others would have seen it, if at all, only when it was in a museum, stuffed.

There were many more birds to be seen in the early twentieth century - less land under bricks and mortar, less intensive farming, no chemicals on the land. They are not going to reinstate them in the records books now, but I for one think the Hastings rarities were perfectly valid.

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The trophies were presented by Show President **Patricia Macdonald**. A new award this year was a Novices Vegetable Cup which was won by **Derek Brown** as the exhibitor with the most points in the vegetable classes who had never won a cup in this section during the previous three years. **Mary Tregelles**, for the second year running, won the Kingsbridge Garden Shop flower arranging cup and the Top Vase competition sponsored by *Garden News*. **David Coward** not only won the Top Tray competition, he also won thirty classes in the vegetable section, collecting three trophies, while **Tony Church** won four cups and **Derek Brown** three. **Lyn Gunning** won the Cookery cup and **Ken Turner** won all the painting classes and thereby the Handicraft cup.

## List of cup winners

Ben Horn Memorial Cup (highest points shallots and onions)	David Coward
Yeo Cup (best vegetable entry, section A)	David Coward
Fruit & Vegetable amateur cup (winner section A)	David Coward
Wray Cup (best vegetable entry, Section B)	Tony Church
Fruit & Vegetable open cup (winner section B)	Tony Church
Cut Flowers & Pot Plants (winner section C)	Derek Brown
Marshall Cup (single rose bloom)	Mr Atkin
Chapman Bowl (highest points roses)	Tony Church
President's Tankard (Fuchsias)	Derek Brown
Garden Shop Cup (flower arranging)	Mary Tregelles
Under Sevens (best exhibit)	Emma Elliott
Oswald Union Cup (overall winner children's sections)	Katie Pope
White Cup (best exhibit senior children)	Jonathan Elliott
Oswald Senior Cup (overall winner senior children)	Kate Harrison
Doris Tyler (winner set recipe)	Jean Yeoman
Domestic Section Challenge Cup (Cookry)	Lyn Gunning
Doris Jackson (best sewn item)	Val Brown
Handicrafts Cup (overall winner)	Ken Turner
South Milton Resident Cup (highest no. of points)	Clare McKillop
Thurlestone Resident Cup (highest no. of points)	Tony Church
Novices Vegetable Cup	Derek Brown

The show was a great credit to both parishes and looked stunning. What gave particular pleasure to the Committee was the increase in the numbers entering the flower arranging classes this time, after several dubious years of "should we continue the flower arranging classes as support is so poor?" Happily this year support was good - long may it continue!

The Chairman, **David Coward**, and his committee warmly thank all the judges, entrants, carriers, stewards, and anyone who helped in any way. Particular thanks must be given to **Mary & Julian Tregelles** and their band of helpers who always put on a superb lunch for the judges, committee, and helpers on Show Day. Our Show is renowned for its luncheon throughout the judging world in this part of Devon!

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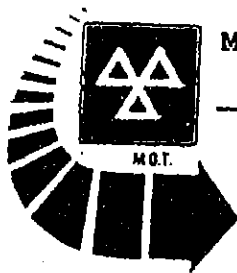
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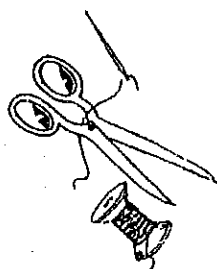
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# Puzzle Page

by Keith Farrelly

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## NINE-LETTER WORD-SEARCH

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. Rebuke severely
2. Very funny
3. Flash in the sky
4. Reduced
5. Tiller of soil
6. Folding seat
7. Clapped
8. "Hold the front page!"
9. Follows an earthquake
10. Popular Macartney song
11. Largest country in S America
12. ".....to accumulate"
13. Of the starry heavens
14. Remove, get rid of
15. Lake in Cumbria
16. Tempest in the desert
17. "A.....Night's Dream"
18. Courier
19. Public show, pageant
20. North Yorkshire spa
21. ???

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## TEN TEASERS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who was the author of the novel "Standfast"?</li> <li>2. Where would you find the Cameron Highlands?</li> <li>3. Which country will host the 2004 Olympic Games?</li> <li>4. What is the collective noun for a group of rooks?</li> <li>5. What city is known as "The Venice of the North"?</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. How many points has the compass?</li> <li>7. Who is the owner of Epping Forest?</li> <li>8. By what name is a "Love Apple" more usually known?</li> <li>9. What would you use a steelyard for?</li> <li>10. What was the christian name of Emily Bronte's brother?</li> </ol> |
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# KATES KITCHEN



This is a most impressive-looking light dessert. Now that raspberries are available all the year round, it can be made at any time out of season too! If you haven't got a soufflé dish, it can be done in a glass bowl and will still taste and look gorgeous. Serves 6 persons.

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  - \* 6 fresh eggs, medium size
  - \* 4 ozs caster sugar
  - \* 2 tablespoons powdered gelatine
  - \* 1 pint whipping cream
  - \* Slices of fresh lemon or star fruit
  - \* Optional extra: 3 ozs pistachio or walnuts, finely chopped, to press round the risen edge of the soufflé

### **Method:**

- Whisk lemon rind, egg yolks and caster sugar until light and creamy
- Pour lemon juice (about 7 tablespoons) into a small bowl. Sprinkle in the gelatine and leave to soak for 2-3 minutes
- Place bowl over pan of simmering water until gelatine is dissolved
- Stir into the whisked mixture
- Refrigerate; check very often to catch mixture as it just starts to set, and stir gently
- Whip cream lightly until it just holds its shape, then fold into the lemon mixture as it begins to thicken, using a metal spoon
- Whisk egg whites till they stand in soft peaks and carefully fold in as before
- Gently pour mixture into prepared dish
- Chill for at least four hours, or overnight
- Remove supporting paper and press (optional) chopped nuts round sides
- Decorate top with lemon or star fruit slices

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#### **Method**

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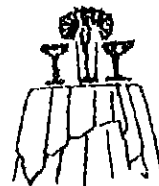


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# ***A DAM FUNNY BUSINESS!***

(This exchange of letters between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan, and a man named Ryan DeVries, was reported on the Internet, and is claimed to be authentic. Well, that's the view from the other side of the Pond. Ed.)

**SUBJECT: DEQ File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Montcalm County**

Dear Mr. DeVries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity:

**Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams  
across the outlet stream of Spring Pond.**

A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued.

Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams in the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2003.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action. We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**David L. Price, District Representative, Land and Water Management Division**

Now see over the page the actual response sent back by Mr. DeVries

Dear Mr. Price,

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Montcalm County

Your certified letter dated 12/17/02 has been handed to me to respond to.

I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget, Pierson, Michigan. A couple of beavers are in the process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skilful use of nature's building materials "debris." I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is: (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request? If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, annotated.

I have several concerns. My first concern is; aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling their dam names.

If you want the stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams). So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2003? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them then.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality (health) problem in the area. It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your step! (The bears are not careful where they dump!)

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

Thank you  
Ryan DeVries & The Dam Beavers

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# At the Bridge Table



In my recent articles about the use of McKenney suit preference signals I mentioned that, although such signals are vital to good defence, they need to be used with some care because they also give helpful information to the opposition. A partner who signals all the time can be worse than one who never signals! Here is an example.

The contract is 4 Hearts by South, and West starts with a low trump. South clears the trumps and plays three rounds of Clubs, ruffing the third in dummy. On this last trick East discards, and signals with the 10 of Spades. Prior to this discard, declarer had the problem of how to play the Spades, from which he needs at least one trick. Now he can be reasonably certain that the Ace is with East, and set up his King as a winner. East should throw a low Spade on the third round of clubs, and play low again when a Spade is led from dummy, so as to leave South with a complete guess as to whether he plays Jack or King. Of course, East's 10 of Spades could be a double bluff (!)...but who said bridge was an easy game?

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The usual way of resolving difficulties about how and when to signal is to think of defence signals as taking precedence in the following order:

1. show **attitude** to the suit led by partner by way of a **high** spot card to encourage and a **low** spot card to discourage
2. show **length** in the suit of the signal (i.e., whether an odd or even number of cards is held)
3. show **liking** or **dislike** for a different suit (i.e., suit preference as already described)

As an example of an attitude signal, the contract of the hand shown in our second example is **3 No Trumps**, and West leads the Queen of Hearts. Suppose that East - who is happy with the lead - drops only the four. South wins with the King, crosses to dummy with a Diamond and runs the 10 of Clubs. West takes this trick with his King, but is uncertain whether to continue Hearts. From his viewpoint, South may well have started with AK10(x) and if so, another Heart lead simply gives away another trick. Since the initial lead implied that West held QJ9x(x) - the usual lead from QJxx(x) would be a low card - East should have encouraged his partner to continue Hearts by playing the ten, and not the four. Then the defence could hardly go wrong.

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My next article will continue with the topics of **attitude** and **length** signals.

Victor

# T E A M A K E R S

Thurlestone Enthusiasts At Mouse And Keyboard Exercises for Recreational Satisfaction

## Autumn Programme

There was a very good response to the notice in the last issue of Village Voice inviting beginners and improvers to sign up for **computer classes** for the Autumn term.

With more than fifty people expressing interest in the courses on offer, it would have been impossible to cope with the demand on the basis of a single session per week. An urgent request went to the school to see if a second afternoon per week could be arranged. Fortunately, this proved to be possible, and so a new schedule was devised with courses for "Beginners" being held on Mondays, and courses for "Improvers" on Wednesdays, from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm, during school term times.

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## Family History Group

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22 Sep	WP 1	I & E
29 Sep	WP 1	WP
6 Oct	I & E 1	I & E
13 Oct	I & E 1	Fam. Hist
20 Oct	I & E 2	Dig. Im
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3 Nov	I & E 2	WP
10 Nov	Spr 1	Spr
17 Nov	Spr 2	Dig. Im
24 Nov	WP 2	Spr
1 Dec	WP 2	I & E

Class Key: WP = Word Processing  
I & E = Internet & E-mail  
Spr = Spreadsheets  
Dig. Im = Digital Imaging

group will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the school. Anyone wishing to join the group, or wanting to begin work on their own Family History is invited to come along.

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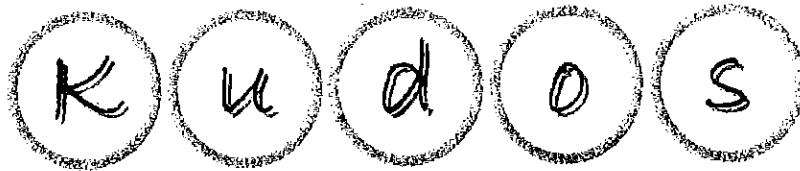
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# HORSWELL DIARY

The sight of quinces yellow and knobbly upon the tree has sent me back to the house for a basket. Already, in my mind's eye I can see them converted into semi-precious jewels: gleaming jars of rose-quartz nectar, fragrant and sweet as pollen to a bee.

I scour the house in search of my jelly-making bag and find it, like a moth in a chrysalis, jammed in the corner of a drawer. Over the years it has lost its pristine whiteness, dyed with fruits of every description. A clean replacement would probably be inexpensive but I prefer it as it is. There's history in this bag, the tradition of a jam-maker's art handed down from generation to generation, from my grandmother to me. I can see her now: cheeks pink from the heat of the stove, blue eyes twinkling beneath a haze of white hair as she stirs her sugared fruit around the pan.

It was a ritual, an annual rite of magic, an alchemy that witnessed as a child impressed itself upon my mind. I cannot carry the willow basket filled with fruit or hear the heavy clank of the preserving pan's handle without seeing my grandmother's hand upon it. Nor shall I see the rows of finished preserves without remembering her weary sigh of satisfaction and gentle look of quiet pride.

For me jam-making is a time for 'roots' and remembrance; a cosy, heart-warming occupation that celebrates the bounty of another year. Last week my mother helped me pick stones from 5kg of damsons. Our hands red-stained from their cooked juice, our backs aching as we stood at the kitchen worktop, we talked and reminisced and put the world to rights, enjoying each other's company.

It is more than simply making jam, it is about storing memories in a bottle. It is potting history in a jar. Many months from now just a single mouthful of that damson jam will enable us to dip into the past

as easily as a spoon into jelly, its taste dissolving on our tongues a sweet reminder of our happy day.

What a wonderful summer we have had! Hot sunshine and blue skies have distracted us from tawdry politics and boosted morale enabling us to relax and enjoy the things we hold dear: family and friends, our garden, the beach, the beauty of the countryside, being able to eat outside, warm starry nights, salads and shellfish and chilled rosé wine.

Despite the lack of rain the garden has remained amazingly lush and green. Only now are hints of drought and autumn creeping in: Spiders' webs fine-spun across the lawn, sparkling with morning dew; sycamore leaves dry and crisp, the first to fall, clattering through the branches; squirrels brazenly stealing nuts and leaving toothmarks in the pears that ripen on the tree. Colour is disappearing from the flower beds and hydrangea heads are turning brown. Beneath the trees woodland cyclamen are small this year and in the orchard fruits, though plentiful, lack their usual rain-swelled girth.

As ever there is work to be done, borders to tidy, plants to cut back, climbers to restrain, but the fine weather makes gardening a pleasure and the robin's autumn song gives us delightful recompense for the occasional grub or worm revealed by our efforts. The peafowl, having strewn their long tail-feathers untidily hither and thither, look neat and newly shorn. Contentedly they lie beside us in the sun, or trample through the lavender bushes snapping up the small white moths that dance, all too briefly, above their scented blooms.

England has been fortunate compared with those countries where the heat has been even more intense. Although parched in many areas, the countryside has been spared the ravages of forest fire that has

decimated vast areas of the South of France, and the furious strength of Hurricane Isabel currently raking the eastern seaboard of the United States. Whilst we have had to worry only about watering our plants others have suffered earth so dry it has created dust storms and sudden mini-tornados.

Our friends in the Loire Valley lost not only the roof off their barn but also 300 of their 400 walnut trees when a freak storm swirled through their property and tore up the trees by their roots.

For them it is a disaster beyond repair. They are elderly, and walnut trees are slow to establish. There is not time for them to see another harvest. The trees were not only their way of life, they were their pension fund. And now they are surrounded by acres of fallen tree trunks with tonnes of worthless unripe nuts scattered across the ground, the cost and effort of reparation too great for them to consider.

By September most of our visitors have returned to their homes and grand-children, endearingly self-conscious in their smart new uniforms, have come to terms with their first days back at school. But, as they say, "Nature abhors a vacuum" and already Horswell is host to visitors of a different kind.

Despite our best efforts to remove them, their persistence is remarkable: Every day we scoop crane flies and spiders from the walls and put them outside. Butterflies flap past our noses on invisible currents of air. They pause to alight on cushions or the backs of chairs then batter their wings against the window panes until we set them free. Bats play hide and seek, peering at us upside-down as they hang from the lampshades then swoop down the corridors with alarming speed. A robin flies around the kitchen to attract our attention then perches on the bread-bin awaiting crumbs, and as I write, a blackbird has just hopped into the room looking around him with a proprietorial air

At the moment we all seem to co-habit with relative ease but the moment is undoubtedly looming when the mice make their annual assault on the larder. It is then that we have to draw the line.

I have been feeling a little strange lately - for days I have been hearing the tune "We wish you a Merry Christmas" as I take the dogs for their morning walk along the beach. I find myself humming along to it and then singing out loud "And a Happy New Year!" Luckily seagulls are incapable of looking surprised, and the dogs have lived with me long enough to accept most of my behaviour as the norm. For a while I thought it might be a form of tinnitus, or perhaps advancing senility? Already we have cars with the registrations BIG TOE and EAR 1 calling at the house to administer treatments various. Dementia and men in white coats can surely not be far behind?

It is not something that you like to mention, is it? That you can hear music emanating from your left boot? So the eventual discovery of a small battery-operated device in my Father Christmas socks (a previously unworn present from the grand-children), came as a great relief.

I am still swimming four mornings a week. That is to say that my long-suffering husband prizes me out of bed at 6.30 am. and hands me the car keys. The car then negotiates the drive to Kingsbridge and half an hour after our arrival the pain is all over and I'm awake and it's time to come home for breakfast. At a minimum of half a mile a day it means that I have now swum a hundred (yes, 100!) miles, which for someone as dozy as me in the mornings is rather impressive.

It also means that should I ever happen to fall '*accidentally*' off the back of the cross-channel ferry I should stand a reasonably good chance of getting home before my husband can crack open the insurance policy!

Prunella Dart

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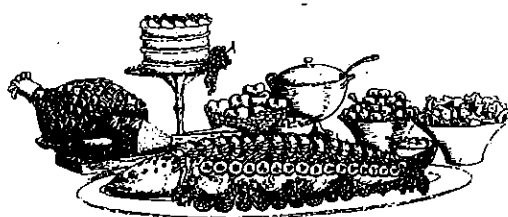


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**Dear Editor**

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Quiz

The quiz, an initiative of the Friday Bridge Club, proved a great success with residents and visitors alike. I have had several notes from contestants expressing their appreciation of the entertainment value for all the family.

I have received 77 completed sheets, of which only 39 were completely correct. Marking proved really interesting, as a number of entries were correct except for one error - Emily instead of Emmeline Pankhurst! As this mistake occurred for 1903, it cut the marking time considerably!

A magnificent 430 copies were sold, and my thanks go to everyone who contributed to this truly sterling effort - particularly the Village Stores, without whose help it would have been a small performance indeed. Many thanks to Christine, Sarah, Adrian and the rest of the staff. Thanks also to Village Voice in the guise of Pat and Robin Macdonald, and to Rosemary Mackay who did the printing. The Quiz would never have got off the ground without them.

Finally, as you will have deduced, the profit was **£380** for the new Parish Hall's fighting fund and the one lucky winner of the one and only £50.00 prize is **Valerie Court** of Waterhead, Aveton Gifford. Congratulations to her, and of course commiserations to the 38 unlucky losers.

**Mary Hugo  
Leonards Close**

**Dear Editor**

## Coast Path Weekend

Thank you to POTS, Len Hubbard and friends, for a very special weekend to celebrate 25 years

of the SW Coast Path. The exhibition was a treat - such talent, superb exhibits, loved it all. We enjoyed the films shown by Malcolm Le Grice, and Peter Hurrell's slides and commentary, so much that we attended the showings on both nights. Super lemon cake too, so thanks to the ladies of the WI - more walking needed!

Thanks again ..... and more please!

**George & Wendy Dawes  
Shepherd's Patch**

**Dear Editor**

## Public Rights of Way

The recent publicity about public rights of way has given parishioners an opportunity to review the usefulness of these rights in the parish. The original patterns were determined in an age when the links between settlements were quite different from those needed today.

One such 'missing link' is a right of way from Piper's Bench to the golf course. There is an existing right of way along the wall in the first field, but in the second it crosses the field diagonally downwards towards the Buckland stream. For many years I, for one, have walked unchallenged along the ridge of this field to the stile by the 12<sup>th</sup> tee, and thence by an established right of way to the graveyard. This route is the safest pedestrian route from the estates at the top of Thurlestone village to the church and the shop and, with the new development at the top of Seaview, it will become almost indispensable.

To get this footpath formalised as a right of way, we need a petition. I would like to hear from anyone who, like me, wants to protect their right to walk this path, connecting as it does the top of Thurlestone not only with the church and shop

but also, by the footpath along the edge of the golf course, with the Longstone and the Coast Path

**John Crawford  
Baidland**

**Dear Editor**

Double Thanks

My family and I would like to say a very sincere thank you to all the kind people of Thurlestone who sent so many 'Get Well' cards during Arthur's illness, and then the beautiful cards and letters of condolence.

Thank you also for the lovely flowers which were sent to our home and the generous donations to Arthur's memorial fund, which is to be shared between the Chestnut Appeal at Derriford Hospital and the Mustard Tree Macmillan Centre.

We also have to thank the nursing staff of both the Derriford and the South Hams Hospitals, with special thanks to Dr Mark Devlin, nurses and reception staff of Redfern Health Centre at

Salcombe for their exceptional kindness and care.

Very sincere thanks also to Reverend Andrew Girling for visiting Arthur (at home and in both hospitals); for all his help when Arthur died, and for assisting with all the arrangements. He helped to make a very sad day for us into a very special one.

Somewhat belatedly I would also like to thank all the kind friends and neighbours who sent cards and beautiful flowers and plants after my own several stays in hospital; and especially to those kind people who did so much to help Arthur and invited him to have meals with them when I was away in hospital. Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped with ironing, Hoovering, gardening, shopping and cooking, and also to everyone who popped in to see Arthur whether at home or in hospital.

All this help and kindness is so very much appreciated

**Margaret Illingworth  
Mead Drive**

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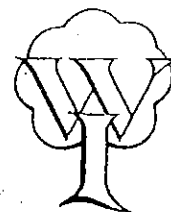
## ***Will You Lose Your Vote? Or be Fined?***

**Elizabeth Tucker**, the local Electoral Administrator, reminds us that to ensure our name appears on the Register of Electors we must complete and return, before the 15<sup>th</sup> October, the form that was sent to every household at the end of August. If you have not received one, contact the South Hams District Council Electoral Registration Office (01803-861244). *If this form is not completed and returned you may be liable for a fine of up to £1000.*

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# NEWS FROM THE WI



## September Meeting

A very well-filled Parish Hall heard **Mike Morris** from the National Coastwatch Institution at Prawle Point, accompanied by **Derrick Yeoman** the station manager and **Colin Small**, tell us of how and why the NCI was formed. Unpaid volunteers work 365 days of the year during daylight hours to keep a look-out around our coasts for any craft, or people, who may get into difficulties on or alongside the sea.

When HM Coastguard decided to close down its coastal lookouts on the grounds that modern boats and ships had modern radio communications, a group of mariners in Cornwall was not convinced that it was a good idea to do away with visual watches. They raised some money and reopened the lookout point at Bass Rock, and this was the signal for other local groups concerned about safety to do the same. 23 former HMCG stations have now been re-opened under the banner of the NCI. They are mostly along the south coast but are slowly spreading to other parts of Britain. These volunteers are fully trained by the NCI in liaison with HM Coastguard, the RNLI and the helicopter rescue services with whom they work closely. Recruits, male or female, are welcomed.

## Activities

Although there was no meeting in August, we were kept busy helping with the Parish Hall summer fair by running a cake stall which made £150. In prospect was the Coast Path's Silver Jubilee weekend organised by POTS, at which we provided tea, coffee and cakes on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September and donated the £83 profit to the new Parish Hall fund. All the kind cooks who provided the goodies are to be warmly thanked.

## A Resolution

**Judith Le Grice** has formulated a resolution on which she sought members' support: "*That this meeting urges HM Government to impose a tax on airline fuel*". One of the underlying principles of her wish to present this for consideration by the National Federation of WIs at their national meeting in June 2004 is that if there were such a tax the knock-on effect would be to push up airline ticket prices. This in turn would diminish the escalation of very cheap air fares and the consequent demands for yet more land for airports and their infrastructure on an already overcrowded island. The meeting agreed with this resolution by a majority vote, and Judith will now take this forward in the hope that it may be accepted for the final agenda and national consideration.

## In prospect

- # Our speaker for 9<sup>th</sup> October is **Joan Roberts** on *Flowers through the Alphabet*.
- # Several members plan to attend the county federation's Autumn Council Meeting at Torquay in October.
- # **Alice Foster** said she would demonstrate the *Art of Christmas Cracker Making* after the Annual Meeting in November.
- # There will be a special matinee showing of *Calendar Girls* for the WI at the Reel Cinema in Kingsbridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with an optional cream tea to follow! Members have to book their own tickets.
- # The Sea Coast Group's annual Christmas Carol service will be at Thurlestone Parish Church this year on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- # Our annual Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, preceded by a short business meeting.

We welcome visitors to all our meetings - just come along.

# 75 YEARS OF THE WI

In January 1928, forty-four of the women of Thurlestone parish gathered in the Rifle Room at Bantham for the first meeting of the newly-formed Thurlestone & West Buckland Women's Institute.

The WI had taken off in quite a big way in England and Wales, having originated in Canada in 1897 at a time when infant mortality was high. The death of one of the children of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless in Ontario - through what Adelaide considered to be her own ignorance - made her resolve to try and educate rural women, particularly mothers, saying "*A nation cannot rise above the level of its homes*".

The first WI in Britain was formed in 1915 at Llanfairpwll, Anglesey. At that time in Britain there were yawning holes of official unconcern through which many rural communities had fallen. With a WI established, what rural women had for the first time was an unprejudiced meeting place, a focal point at which they could voice their complaints, express their concern, give help together and make friends.

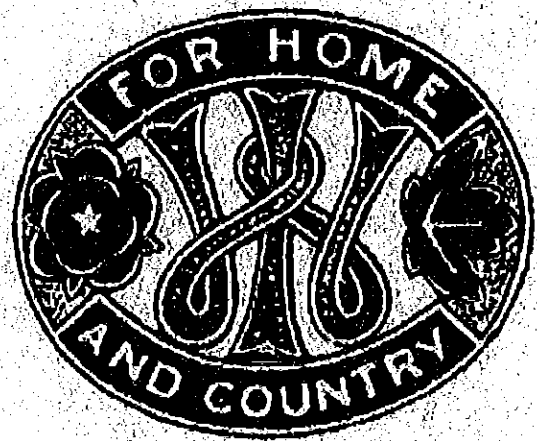
The WI was successful in crossing class barriers as well as those of religion and politics. Every year since that first WI in Britain, WIs in England and Wales have put forward resolutions at their national meetings on any topics which affect the social well being of women and their families. The NFWI is consulted, and listened to, by government departments and agencies and their opinions sought by many other organisations. It is a non-party political non-sectarian educational charity.

And so it was at the end of the 1920s, some ten years after the end of the Great War, that Thurlestone & West Buckland WI was founded. In 1928 the hire of the Rifle Room for meetings was 2s.0d, the lighting was by oil lamp, milk cost 2s.0d. or 1s.8d per

gallon depending on whether you went to Farmer Snowdon or to J E Sherriff's bakery at Bantham, while one pound of tea cost 3s.0d. from the general stores run by A Riley at Thurlestone.

The hire of a car from here to Aveton Gifford was 10s.0d. from The Bantham Garage (proprietor Stanley F Dent) and the coach fare to Loddiswell was 1s.6d. and to Powderham Castle 7s.3d. per head. We have in our scrap books some interesting old billheads from traders both in the parish and Kingsbridge from shops now long gone!

It was decided to take advantage of summer weather and have a champagne celebration at the annual garden lunch in July. Rosemary Mackay kindly loaned her house and garden once again. After our lunch, we drank a toast - "*To Thurlestone WI's 75 years*". And then another - "*To the next 75 years!*"



This is an earlier national emblem of the WI which has now been superseded by the new "Tree" logo which is shown at the top of the News from the WI page overleaf.

Our WI has flourished through thick and thin and today we have 66 members who come and enjoy the fun, friendship and learning offered by the WI.

**Pat Macdonald**



# Pick of the Pictures

By Hubert Snowdon

The beauty of Thurlestone was genuinely praised in my previous article for *Village Voice*. It is well known that the parish has many beauty spots and, quite unexpectedly, a couple of these have spurred me on to write again.

During our recent trauma of moving from a large house to a small flat (and the less said of that the better!), I came across some large volumes of *Beautiful Britain*, *Beautiful Devon* and the like. In them were coloured copies of old paintings of West Buckland as well as photographs - wonderfully picturesque rural scenes beloved of the artistically-minded Victorians and Edwardians. Our family possess a few of these efforts.

Two of the scenes are repeated often, with varying talent, in paintings or photographs. One of the better paintings is of the scene looking up West Buckland village with Old Farm House on the left and Pound Cottage on the right, with a tethered horse outside. But it is captioned "*A Scene at Thurlestone*". This was discussed with the Hosking family years ago but they couldn't place it in Thurlestone village. There was no doubt in my mind, as photos also proved it to be, that it was near my home where I played as a boy and worked as a man

The second painting was a view, outside our Langman's Farmhouse, of the road, showing thatched barns and thatched Seven Steps Cottage. Painted before my time, it had a rustic beauty difficult to find anywhere now. I had the luck to grow up among these two beauty spots, oblivious then to their national fame, just taking them for granted as home. Nevertheless, independent of that I grew to love the valley, never wished to leave it, and desired to carry on farming there.

This leads me on to the photo of Old Farm House and Tiddly Cot, since destroyed by

fire, with either the late Edgar or Ronald Edgecombe as a boy standing outside the gate. This photo, from the whole of the county, was selected to head the chapter on Devon in a *Beautiful England*. Yet more fame!

Tiddly Cot, one room down and one up, was the home of Sarah (Sally) Hearsey, sister to my grandfather William Snowdon. Another sister, Annie Jeffery, lived in the cottage - now enlarged - adjoining the east end of Old Farm House. Sarah, who died in 1933 (when I was fifteen years old) married coachman George Hearsey, and he died around 1905. Sadly their grave in Thurlestone is listed for disturbance. I strongly sympathise with Charles Mitchelmore's letter in the last edition of *Village Voice*.

Also in your last edition my attention was drawn to the piece headed "Devon Hedge Rebuilt". I repaired over many years miles of hedges on both Langmans and Clanacombe Farms. I was also a tutor of hedging skills for the *Devon Rural Skills Trust*. Always known locally as "turf hedges" I notice that the expression "Devon banks" is taking over.

The particular one you mentioned was referred to as being on the Bantham road and you had this old Bucklander perplexed. The steep hill was known to us as Thurlestone hill but to Thurlestonians as Buckland Hill! I happened to mention recently to a prominent Thurlestonian that Thurlestonians have no reason to descend the steep hill to Buckland unless to visit the Sloop Inn or to go sailing from Bantham. He agreed! So I suppose that is the reason why the rebuilt hedge is described as being on the Bantham road.

*I feel a little smug that, despite all the beauty spots in Devon, including Thurlestone village, my precious home bit of Buckland was the picture to head the Devon chapter.*

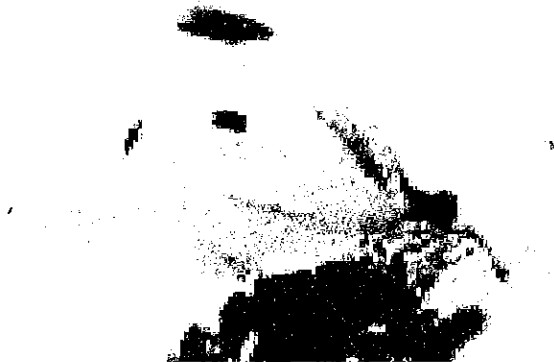
# BOUNTY HUNTING

by "Bird on the Roof"

Time was 1938. I was a little boy, amusing myself in my grandfather's garden in the Tamar Valley, having been set a task to catch cabbage-white butterflies.

I should explain that my grandfather, a wholesale vegetable and fruit merchant, had a productive enclosed garden with substantial walls on all sides. He grew delicious tomatoes in his large greenhouse, along with cucumbers and marrows, which were all watered with rainwater collected in a large galvanised butt. He also prided himself on a fine selection of vegetables and soft-fruit bushes. In one corner of his garden a good stand of bamboos sprouted profusely - there was no need to support the tomatoes with anything other than these canes (harvested the previous autumn).

I digress. Back to the butterflies and my task on a summer's day. A fine crop of cabbages beckoned, but the yellow caterpillars were wrecking their harvest potential. Cabbage-white butterflies were at work daily, laying their eggs underneath the luscious leaves. I remember my grandmother instructing me



to "catch as many butterflies as possible - without treading on the plants!" I forget the going rate but it was about one penny for every twenty caught. Not bad for a six-year-old who was accustomed to putting a penny on the collection plate on Sunday in the local Methodist chapel.

The rainwater butt teemed with gnat larvae. The Valley was renowned for gnats - midges to all those not familiar with the name - and many were the times I was 'eaten alive' during my school years. Nevertheless there were benefits for the abundant bird life in the summer skies which were alive with swifts, house-martins and swallows. Snails and slugs abounded in the garden and were controlled by the

many thrushes and occasional hedgehog - *not slug bait!* Frogs and toads were commonplace and had their rightful place in the garden. Wasps, honey-bees and bumble-bees were active 'doing their thing', collecting nectar and at the same time pollinating flowers all over the garden.

Rabbit meat was a staple part of our diet before the 1954 scourge of myxomatosis played havoc in the village. Milk was delivered by the farmer whose cows produced the milk, using a horse-drawn cart. Bread was delivered by the baker, using a pony and covered trap, all set out on clean slatted racks. Most farmers were still using horses until the end of World War Two and grey flies (horse flies) were commonplace. Woe betide anyone allergic to their silent approach and vicious bite - and its painful consequences.

Not everything was perfect in rural village life. Pulmonary tuberculosis was rampant in some families. One of my best friends was confined to a sanatorium for five years with a TB hip. The local doctor could only use the limited medicines then available to him and most of us survived. The local dentist could only extract troublesome teeth and replace them with vulcanite dentures.

From this preamble you could be forgiven for thinking I had lost the purpose of the article but I assure readers that this is a personal alert. Times have changed and all around us we have evidence that the natural food chain is being disturbed. In the South Hams our bird population has changed during the past twenty years. When did you last see a lark? Very few house martins are flying in the summer sky. Just a few house sparrows are feeding in our garden this year. And how many ladybirds did you see in the parish this season?

Over the past forty years potent insecticides have been part of a gardener's armoury. There are EU directives relating to garden chemicals, which will be of benefit to wildlife in the UK, coming into force at the beginning of 2004. Keep an eye open for news of them. Debate on genetically modified crops has been raging in recent times - fuelled on all sides by the mass media. In former times nature created a wonderful balance.

*Perhaps we meddle to our eventual cost?*

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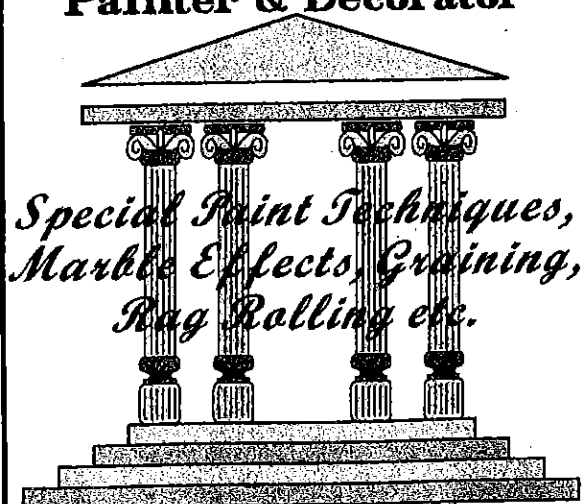
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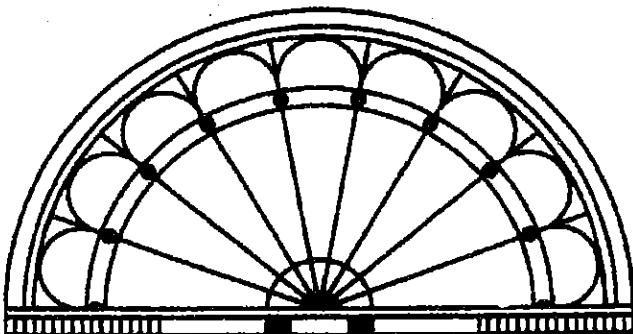
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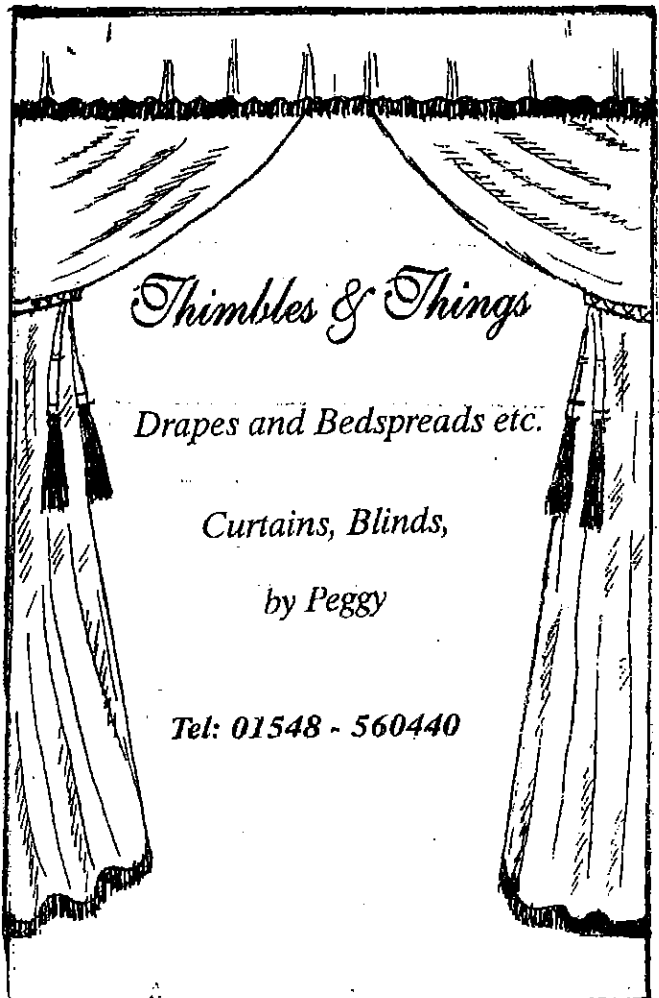
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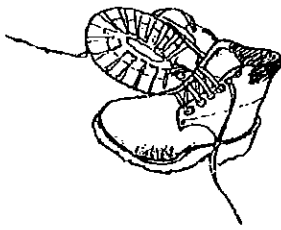
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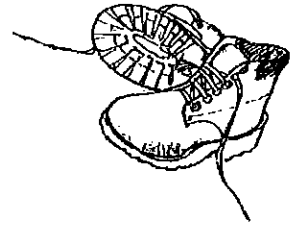
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# TRAMP



**1** Originally the walk on 23<sup>rd</sup> July had been planned for the Bigbury area, to include a swim at Bantham in order to humour Rosemary. However, the value of a 'recce' became apparent when three of us attempted the proposed route, only to come up against blocked paths and barbed wire - and to end up in a caravan site at Challaborough!

An alternative was hastily decided upon, and ten of us, plus one dog, set off on a local countryside walk, leaving cars behind at Thurlestone. After an easy stroll to West Buckland, the next part of the walk proved rather more challenging as we had to pass through fields with very overgrown and under-used footpaths. We succeeded in battling our way through and from there continued along a variety of tracks, lanes and farmland, enjoying the beauty and peace of the countryside which non-walkers so miss out on. The sight of hares gambolling on the hillside was a particular delight. From Huxton Cross we turned back past Whitley Farm and, after another climb, found a lovely picnic spot in fields overlooking Upton and South Milton

The forecast for the day had been decidedly ominous, so we felt very fortunate to have enjoyed reasonably good weather for the morning's walk. There was a light shower following our lunch break, but not bad enough to deter us as we continued on past South Milton church and into more farmland, where we had to pass through a field of very large and lively bullocks. The men of the party chivalrously (of course) kept them at bay as we made our escape.

As we carried on down to the coast the weather started to deteriorate, so we quietly decided to abandon the option of a swim at Thurlestone Sands (not that many people had actually planned to bathe!) and take a shorter route across the fields back to the village. We had a moment to pass through and admire the garden of one of our members but it was a wise decision as steady rain started to fall just after we reached home. The whole, slightly shortened, circuit had been about seven miles.

**2** We did one of our short walks on 21<sup>st</sup> August. After the recent heatwave it turned out to be the perfect temperature for our morning walk in the East Prawle area. Fifteen of us, including two visitors and two dogs made the most of the dramatic scenery along this stretch of coast.

We walked down to the Coast Path at Horsley Cove then west to the Prawle Point Coastwatch station. Here the visitors' centre provided an interesting browse before continuing to Elender Cove. After a drink break overlooking this scenic beach, we headed inland and returned to East Prawle along an easy bridle path. Most of the group then took advantage of the hospitality at the Pig's Nose Inn before returning home.

**T.W.**

**3** On 10<sup>th</sup> September nine members walked with us on what was a doubtful day weather-wise early on, but one that remained dry and warmish throughout the walk.

We started at Moor Gate and faced a two and a half mile uphill walk into a strong north-westerly wind across open moorland towards Pupers Hill

We were all very pleased when we arrived at the first turn-off point on the Two Moors Way. It was level and the wind was on our backs! A gentle then steeper hill walk took us to our sheltered lunch stop by a stream at Chalk Ford.

After lunch the walk continued to Scorrington where it was decided we would forego liquid refreshment and continue on our way to Coombe. A steep climb from Cullaforde Bridge took us on to the moor again, from where it was down hill back to the cars.

An enjoyable if strenuous walk which was particularly enjoyed by one of our members who had only previously been on one of our short walks!

**D. & S.Y.**

**C.H.**

# 4

This was the big one on 16<sup>th</sup> September - the Sponsored Walk in aid of the new Parish Hall building fund. It proved to be very enjoyable and £1,656 was raised.

Twenty-eight of us, plus eight dogs, set off from the Parish Hall in perfect walking weather and it was encouraging to see a number of holiday-makers with us as well as residents who do not normally walk with Tramp. The oldest participant requested that their name should not be mentioned, but the youngest - eleven year old **Andrew Russell** - not only led the way for the whole of the 6-and-a-half mile walk, but also raised a useful sum in sponsorship money. Let us all hope that such initiative will result in parents and other like-minded people considering setting up a 'Youth Club' on one or more evenings a week as and when the new Hall is built and facilities become available.

Our thanks go to **David Houghton** who first suggested the idea and organised the administrative side of the event as well as supplying the most welcome Bucks Fizz for all the successful walkers at the end. We would also like to thank **Pippa Woods** of Osborne Newton for allowing us not only to walk over part of her land but also for removing the electrified cattle fences - thus saving those with shorter legs from a moment to be remembered!

Last but by no means least - thanks to all the sponsors.

D.Y.

# 5

The last short walk of our summer programme came on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, a day later than the Sponsored Walk. It was an evening expedition and the weather

was perfect. 22 regular Tramps, newcomers, and summer visitors chatted their way round a circular walk from Bolberry Down to Inner Hope, back along the Ridgeway and up Sweethearts Lane (provoking comments) to the Port Light Hotel for an evening meal.

On the way we were able to look inside the tiny St Clement's Church at Hope Cove, which had thoughtfully been left open for visitors. Nor did we miss the evening's television as the many conversations en route amply covered our own content of *The Holiday Programme*, *Escape to the Country*, *A Place in the Sun*, *Gardeners World*, *The Antiques Roadshow* (NOT a reference to us) and of course the Very Local News!

Port Light Hotel, despite the short notice, did us proud with two long reserved tables in the restaurant and a full choice from the 'specials' and the evening menus. We seriously depleted the stocks of Jumbo Cod in the local waters. The evening lived up to our acronym - **Thurlestone Rambling Party (TRAMP)** and provided a successful conclusion to this year's Short Walks programme. This may well be extended to year-round next year "in response to popular demand"!

T.W.

## Puzzle Page - Answers

### WORDSEARCH

- |               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. CASTIGATE  | 2. HILARIOUS  | 3. LIGHTNING  | 4. CURTAILED  |
| 5. PLOUGHMAN  | 6. DECKCHAIR  | 7. APPLAUDED  | 8. NEWSPAPER  |
| 9. SHOCKWAVE  | 10. YESTERDAY | 11. ARGENTINA | 12. SPECULATE |
| 13. CELESTIAL | 14. ELIMINATE | 15. ULLSWATER | 16. SANDSTORM |
| 17. MIDSUMMER | 18. MESSENGER | 19. SPECTACLE | 20. HARROGATE |
| 21. ETIQUETTE |               |               |               |

### TEN TEASERS

- |                |            |               |                   |              |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. John Buchan | 3. Greece  | 5. Stockholm  | 7. City of London | 9. Weighing  |
| 2. Malaysia    | 4. A Beard | 6. Thirty-two | 8. Tomato         | 10. Branwell |

# THURLESTONE PARISH HALL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

## TWENTIETH CENTURY QUIZ - WHAT HAPPENED WHEN?

1900	<b>R of M</b>	The Relief of Mafeking
1901	<b>D of QV</b>	Death of Queen Victoria
1902	<b>ACD</b> writes <b>H</b> of the <b>B</b>	Arthur Conan Doyle writes Hound of the Baskervilles
1903	<b>EP</b> starts <b>SM</b>	Emmeline Pankhurst starts Suffragette Movement
1904	<b>TR</b> is the <b>USP</b>	Theodore Roosevelt is the United States President
1905	<b>AE</b> propounds the <b>T</b> of <b>R</b>	Albert Einstein propounds the Theory of Relativity
1906	<b>E</b> in <b>SF</b>	Earthquake in San Francisco
1907	<b>RBP</b> launches the <b>BSM</b>	Robert Baden Powell launches the Boy Scout Movement
1908	<b>OG</b> in <b>L</b>	Olympic Games in London
1909	<b>LB</b> crosses the <b>EC</b>	Louis Bleriot crosses the English Channel
1910	<b>D</b> of <b>KE</b> the <b>S</b>	Death of King Edward the Seventh
1911	<b>CS</b> sets out for the <b>SP</b>	Captain Scott sets out for the South Pole
1912	<b>S</b> of the <b>T</b>	Sinking of the Titanic
1913	<b>ED</b> killed by the <b>KH</b> at <b>E</b>	Emily Davison killed by the King's Horse at Epsom
1914	<b>AFF</b> murdered in <b>S</b>	Archduke Franz Ferdinand murdered in Sarajevo
1915	<b>C</b> resigns from the <b>C</b> over the <b>D</b>	Churchill resigns from the Cabinet over the Dardanelles
1916	<b>B</b> of <b>J</b>	Battle of Jutland
1917	The <b>BR</b> in <b>R</b>	The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia
1918	<b>E</b> of <b>TN</b> and his <b>F</b>	Execution of Tsar Nicholas and his Family
1919	<b>JD</b> wins the <b>WHBT</b>	Jack Dempsey wins the World Heavyweight Boxing Title
1920	<b>P</b> begins in the <b>US</b>	Prohibition begins in the United States
1921	<b>IFS</b> set up from <b>A-I</b> Treaty	Irish Free State set up from Anglo-Irish Treaty
1922	<b>T</b> of <b>T</b> discovered	Tomb of Tutankhamun discovered
1923	Opening of <b>WS</b>	Opening of Wembley Stadium
1924	<b>RM</b> becomes first <b>LPM</b>	Ramsay MacDonald becomes first Labour Prime Minister
1925	<b>C</b> declared a <b>BC</b>	Cyprus declared a British Colony
1926	<b>JLB</b> invents <b>T</b>	James Logie Baird invents Television

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## TWENTIETH CENTURY QUIZ - WHAT HAPPENED WHEN?

1927	<b>CL</b> flies the <b>A</b> in the <b>SOSL</b>	Charles Lindbergh flies the Atlantic in the Spirit Of St Louis
1928	<b>W</b> get the <b>V</b> in <b>B</b>	Women get the Vote in Britain
1929	<b>WSC</b>	Wall Street Crash
1930	<b>AJ</b> flies <b>S</b> from <b>L</b> to <b>A</b>	Amy Johnson flies Solo from London to Australia
1931	<b>AC</b> arrested for <b>TE</b>	Al Capone arrested for Tax Evasion
1932	The first <b>CM</b> by a <b>RM</b>	The first Christmas Message by a Reigning Monarch
1933	<b>AH</b> becomes <b>C</b> of <b>G</b>	Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany
1934	<b>B</b> and <b>C</b> killed by <b>P</b>	Bonnie and Clyde killed by Police
1935	<b>L</b> of <b>A</b> dies in <b>MCC</b>	Lawrence of Arabia dies in Motor Cycle Crash
1936	<b>A</b> of <b>E</b> the <b>E</b>	Abdication of Edward the Eighth
1937	<b>FW</b> invents the first <b>JE</b>	Frank Whittle invents the first Jet Engine
1938	<b>C</b> promises <b>PIOT</b> over <b>M</b>	Chamberlain promises Peace in our Time over Munich
1939	<b>GI</b> of <b>P</b> triggers <b>WWT</b>	German Invasion of Poland triggers World War Two
1940	<b>B</b> of <b>B</b>	Battle of Britain
1941	<b>J A</b> on <b>PH</b>	Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbour
1942	<b>B</b> of <b>EA</b> begins in <b>E</b>	Battle of El Alamein begins in Egypt
1943	<b>C, R &amp; S</b> meet in <b>T</b>	Churchill, Roosevelt & Stalin meet in Tehran
1944	<b>DDL</b> as <b>AIN</b>	D-Day Landings as Allies Invade Normandy
1945	<b>AB</b> dropped on <b>H</b> and <b>N</b>	Atom Bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
1946	<b>PC</b> in <b>P</b>	Peace Conference in Paris
1947	<b>LM</b> becomes <b>LV</b> of <b>I</b>	Lord Mountbatten becomes Last Viceroy of India
1948	<b>MG</b> killed in <b>ND</b>	Mahatma Gandhi killed in New Delhi
1949	<b>S</b> renamed <b>T</b>	Siam renamed Thailand
1950	The <b>A</b> began on the <b>R</b>	The Archers began on the Radio
1951	<b>F</b> of <b>B</b>	Festival of Britain
1952	<b>MM</b> atrocities in <b>K</b>	Mau Mau atrocities in Kenya
1953	<b>C</b> of <b>ME</b>	Conquest of Mount Everest



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## TWENTIETH CENTURY QUIZ - WHAT HAPPENED WHEN?

1954	<b>RB</b> runs the first <b>SFMM</b>	Roger Bannister runs the first Sub Four Minute Mile
1955	<b>RE</b> is the <b>LW</b> to be <b>E</b> in <b>B</b>	Ruth Ellis is the Last Woman to be Executed in Britain
1956	<b>SCC</b>	Suez Canal Crisis
1957	<b>R</b> conflict at <b>LR, A</b>	Racial conflict at Little Rock, Arkansas
1958	<b>EP D</b> into the <b>US A</b>	Elvis Presley Drafted into the United States Army
1959	<b>FC</b> takes over in <b>C</b>	Fidel Castro takes over in Cuba
1960	<b>NS</b> ends in <b>B</b>	National Service ends in Britain
1961	<b>F</b> ceases to be <b>LT</b>	Farthing ceases to be Legal Tender
1962	<b>DN</b> the first <b>JB</b> film	Doctor No the first James Bond film
1963	The <b>GTR</b>	The Great Train Robbery
1964	<b>CC</b> wins the <b>WHBC</b>	Cassius Clay wins the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship
1965	The <b>B</b> get the <b>MBE</b> at <b>BP</b>	The Beatles get the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) at Buckingham Palace
1966	<b>HW</b> and <b>IS</b> meet in <b>HMS T</b>	Harold Wilson and Ian Smith meet in HMS (Her Majesty's Ship) Tiger
1967	<b>I</b> wins the <b>SDW</b>	Israel wins the Six Day War
1968	<b>A</b> of <b>MLK</b>	Assassination of Martin Luther King
1969	<b>C</b> makes its <b>MF</b>	Concorde makes its Maiden Flight
1970	<b>V A</b> reduced from <b>T-O</b> to <b>E</b>	Voting Age reduced from Twenty-One to Eighteen
1971	<b>D</b>	Decimalisation
1972	<b>SJ</b> opened round <b>B</b>	Spaghetti Junction opened round Birmingham
1973	<b>B</b> joins the <b>CM</b>	Britain joins the Common Market
1974	<b>RN</b> quits over the <b>WS</b>	Richard Nixon quits over the Watergate Scandal
1975	<b>R</b> in <b>B</b> on <b>M</b> of the <b>EC</b>	Referendum in Britain on Membership of the European Community
1976	<b>B</b> and <b>I</b> end the <b>CW</b>	Britain and Iceland end the Cod War
1977	<b>QSJ</b>	Queen's Silver Jubilee
1978	<b>FTTB</b> born	First Test Tube Baby born

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## TWENTIETH CENTURY QUIZ - WHAT HAPPENED WHEN?

1979	<b>MT becomes B FWPM</b>	Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's First Woman Prime Minister
1980	<b>JL A in NY</b>	John Lennon Assassinated in New York
1981	<b>PC and LDS M</b>	Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer Marry
1982	<b>A seizes the FI</b>	Argentina seizes the Falkland Islands
1983	<b>NK becomes L of the LP</b>	Neil Kinnock becomes Leader of the Labour Party
1984	<b>T and D win GM at the WO</b>	Torvill and Dean win Gold Medals at the Winter Olympics
1985	<b>RW sunk</b>	Rainbow Warrior sunk
1986	<b>CD in the SU</b>	Chernobyl Disaster in the Soviet Union
1987	<b>H of FE D</b>	Herald of Free Enterprise Disaster
1988	<b>PAOR disaster</b>	Piper Alpha Oil Rig disaster
1989	<b>BW falls</b>	Berlin Wall falls
1990	<b>NM is R from P</b>	Nelson Mandela is Released from Prison
1991	<b>The GW</b>	The Gulf War
1992	<b>CP becomes the G of HK</b>	Chris Patten becomes the Governor of Hong Kong
1993	<b>BP opened to the P</b>	Buckingham Palace opened to the Public
1994	<b>FWP in the C of E</b>	First Woman Priest in the Church of England
1995	<b>NL causes C of BB</b>	Nick Leeson causes Collapse of Baring's Bank
1996	<b>DH wins MRWC</b>	Damon Hill wins Motor Racing World Championship
1997	<b>DPOW dies in CC in P</b>	Diana Princess of Wales dies in Car Crash in Paris
1998	<b>GFPA in I</b>	Good Friday Peace Accord in Ireland
1999	<b>MUFC win TT</b>	Manchester United Football Club win Three Trophies
2000	<b>QM reaches OH</b>	Queen Mother reaches One Hundred

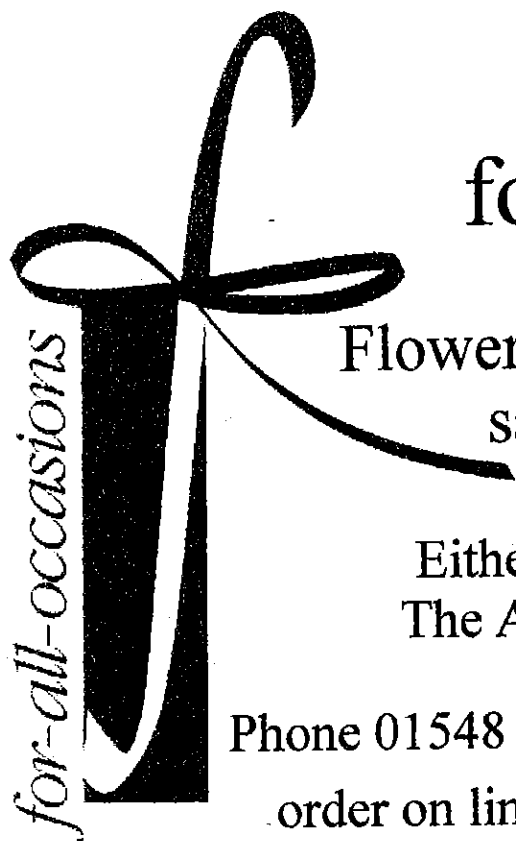
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 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> TRAMP, Erme Valley  
 Thur 9<sup>th</sup> WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Alphabet of Flowers)  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Probuss, Thurstone Hotel (Golf Competition)  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Bridge Evening, Parish Hall, 6.30 pm  
 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Last date for returning Electoral Register Forms  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning, Parish Hall, 10.30 am - noon  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> TRAMP, Lannacombe  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Aune Conservation lecture, Aveton Gifford Hall, 7.00 pm

## NOVEMBER

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> TRAMP, Bigbury  
 Thur 13<sup>th</sup> WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Annual Meeting)  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Probuss, (Ladies Luncheon) - History of Kingsbridge  
 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> "Birds of Antarctica" (Arthur Livett), Parish Hall, 7.30 pm

## DECEMBER

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> QUIZ NIGHT, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> TRAMP, Christmas Walk  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> WI Christmas Carol Service, Parish Church, 2.30 pm  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Probuss Christmas Lunch (History of London Underground)  
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Contact Pat Crawford	560688
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## TEAMMAKERS (Computer Club)

Mondays (beginners) & Wednesdays (improvers)	Contacts: Robin Macdonald	560436
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm, All Saints School, during school terms	Chris White	560505
	Graham Durant	560007

## HEALTH CENTRES

Kingsbridge	853551
Salcombe	842284

## MILK DELIVERY

R. Bruckner & Son	01803 - 832801
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## VILLAGE SHOP Thurlestone Village Shop

M, T, Th, F,	8.00 am - 5.30 pm	561917
Wednesday,	8.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Saturday,	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	
Sunday,	8.30 am - 1.00 pm	

## THURLESTONE POST OFFICE

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	9.00 am - 5.30pm	561917
Postal collections: 4.25 pm Monday - Friday, 10.30 am Saturday, 11.00 am Sunday	Wed, Sat	9.00 am - 1.00 pm

## POLICE

Emergency	999	Non-emergency calls	08705-777-444
Mainline users	01392 - 452935	Confidential information	0800-555-111

## RUBBISH COLLECTION

Thursday (But Friday in Bank Holiday/Monday weeks)	
Final Green Bin collection 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2003	
Coloured (Orange, White, Blue) Sack collections (recyclables) alternate Thursdays from 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2003	

## RECYCLING CENTRE (Torr Quarry Site, Jones Road)

Opening Hours (From 1 <sup>st</sup> October)	Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 4.30 pm	Saturday & Sunday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm
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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION LINE

For ALL bus, rail, or National Express Coach timetable information call TRAVELINE	0870 608 2 608
Open EVERY day (except Christmas Day)	7.00 am to 9.00 pm
DevonBus publications may be obtained by phoning 01392 382800 or by e-mail to devonbus@devon.gov.uk	

## GARAGE (Blight Engineering)

Maurice Blight	560220
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## KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY (Mobile Library calls alternate Wednesdays from 8<sup>th</sup> October)

11.15 - 11.30am	Bantam	852315
11.35 - 11.45am	Buckland Old Chapel	
12.20 - 12.30pm	Thurlestone Church	
12.35 - 12.45pm	Thurlestone Sands	

MOBILE FISH & CHIP VAN Alternate Wednesdays from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2003, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, outside school.



# The Village Inn

Thurlestone

Tel: 563525

## October Diary

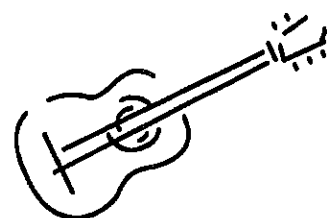
**Sunday 5th October**

**is JAZZ NIGHT**

Live Music with the

"Dixie Demons"

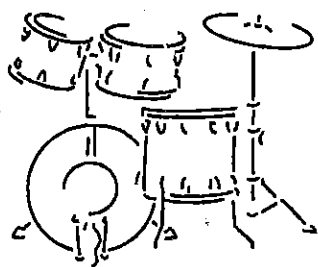
From 7.00pm



**Friday 10th October**

Live music with

"Al Black"



**TUESDAY NIGHT**

**IS QUIZ NIGHT!**

Come in and test your general knowledge  
or just have a good guess - starts 8.00pm

**We take this opportunity to welcome our  
New Chef - Mark Frith  
to the Village Inn**

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Prime Devon meats, Speciality Salads and a variety of Home  
— Prepared Dishes —

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