

# VILLAGE VOICE



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The onset of Autumn was heralded by the annual Parish Hall Fair, held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, which gave all our local organisations and clubs an opportunity to show what they could do, to encourage new members, and to raise a few bob for the Parish Hall Funds to boot. It was strongly supported, well attended, and everyone enjoyed a good time.

The attendance had clearly benefited from the temporary wooden signboard on the village green, made and erected by Derek Brown to publicise the event. Sadly, this 8ft long sign (having been in place for a couple of weeks) was uprooted and removed by vandals during the night before the Fair, as Derek himself discovered early the next morning. Whether this was the result of drunken high jinks, or petty opportunist thievery, is unknown - but this anti-social act was an affront to the community spirit of all those who, like Derek, had worked hard collectively to promote and run the event, *and it should not be ignored.*

Neighbourhood Watch members (indeed all residents) should look to their alertness in order to ensure that this kind of misbehaviour is neither condoned nor allowed to escalate here. Let vigilance be the watchword!

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# Parish Council Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> September 2006

*News and Views by Citizen*

**T**hank heavens, they've all gone home! And what a rotten lot they were: parking on our double yellow lines, shedding their litter on public green spaces, putting out black bags to feed the badgers, and baulking access to residents by the church-yard (one of them even parked his or her Chelsea tractor on the Village Green!).

Of course, we would hate for them **not** to come - and many of us do profit from their patronage. It's just that they disrupt our blissful rural idyll.

## Litter

The Parish Council is squaring up to the challenge (at least for next summer). Compared with the horrors of Salcombe, Rock or Newquay at the height of summer, we really get off very lightly, but we do have a parking problem and we find litter troublesome. Most of the litter accumulates round the bus shelter and the situation has got worse since Citizen attended the funeral of one of the public spirited ladies who voluntarily cleared it up, and since the District Council made it more difficult for volunteers to dispose of unsorted waste. The Parish has realistically put the clean-up during the summer season out to contract.

As for the badgers, it is actually an offence to put refuse out for collection on the wrong date and, just to make things easier, Waste Disposal Services are going to change the date and frequency of collection - second home owners, beware!

## Parking

The village has a parking problem, which has been made worse by the success of our New Parish Hall. Legal parking strips, such as Court Park road are not clearly indicated, nor

are the foot-paths linking the road to the village street and, unlike Bigbury-on-Sea, where an enterprising farmer is making a fortune by letting out a field for summer parking, our farming community has not so far made land available for this purpose. Anyway, enough is enough and access to Eddystone road, which belongs to the Parish, is to be reduced to one lane, at least for the summer months, by off-loading a rockery. That should fix them!

## Dead Tree

The dead sycamore tree is to get the chop, but it will not be known until the roots are up-rooted, whether a replacement can safely be planted on the same site. Cause of death must await the post mortem.

## Eco-frogs

Citizen was delighted to read in the press that the *Conservatoire du Littoral* is spear-heading a campaign on the other side of the Channel to stop coastal eco-systems from being vandalised by zealous mayors who concrete over their beaches. They point out that rotting seaweed and the odd dead sea-gull are all part of nature's plan. It looks as if ***Disgusted of Alton Trussel*** will have to restrict her holidays in future to Margate and Skegness.

## CSO appointment

And the village will soon have at its disposal the services of a Community Support Officer (CSO). It is unclear what his actual powers will be, but it occurs to Citizen that if we make him welcome, he could help to make the Village a better place for all of us.

***Perhaps he might start with those double yellow lines!***

*Citizen*

# PARISH HALL NEWS

By Chairman Ron Parkin



What a treat the music-lovers of Thurlestone enjoyed in August, at the concert by the Karema Quartet. All graduates of the Guildhall School of Music they are now pursuing their further musical studies across the musical world from Los Angeles and Vienna to Birmingham and London, and only come together as a quartet when the opportunity arises.

That it did so for our enjoyment is thanks entirely to Madeleine and David Radford, and particularly to daughter Thea who shared a room with violinist Mary Hofman at Cambridge. They master-minded the event, provided hospitality for the quartet, sold the tickets, manned the bar, and the poster designed by Thea would have romped home in any competition! The audience was simply transported, totally silent - not a sniffle nor a shuffle - by the beauty and emotion of the occasion, the technical brilliance of their playing and their evident feeling for and empathy with the music.

There are further musical feasts to come at the Parish Hall (see adverts elsewhere in this issue)

<b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>The Kingsmen</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>A Level music students from Kingsbridge Community College</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Gentle Jazz</b>

So many people in the parish evidently enjoy music in all its guises that the Hall committee has decided to hold a short meeting in the Yeo Room on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5 pm to canvas ideas on how we might develop that interest. Please come along and give us your thoughts.

Our thanks must go to John Crawford of the Aune Conservation Association for mounting three Monday evening lectures in August on local ecology and archaeology. Attendances at each averaged 50, and the digital projector on to the big screen once again proved perfect - particularly for illustrating the local landscape and wildlife with the Egret nesting and swooping across the screen during the intervals!

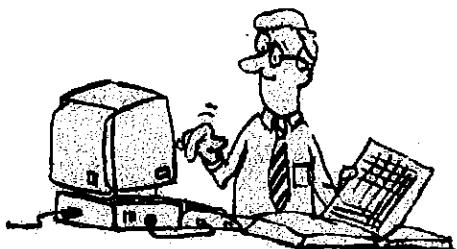
The quiz compiled by the late Sheila Sadler, marketed by Village Voice in her memory, has netted £237 for the Parish Hall as a result. We are most grateful for this welcome contribution.

The Parish Hall is proving a particularly good venue for the celebration of special occasions, particularly for private parties. How about during school holidays when the house is full of turbo-charged grandchildren and it's too wet for the beach? Softball in the Hall is a wonderful way of absorbing all that energy!

Finally, I am given to understand that another New Year's Eve party at the Hall is being planned by the organisers of last year's successful bash. Details will be released in the next Village Voice issue, but make a note in your diaries now - and be prepared for a scramble for tickets!

***Ron Parkin***

# TEAMAKERS



Computer training classes will resume in October in accordance with the timetable below, following a Registration session on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am to 12 noon. The Internet Café will continue every Wednesday, but for one hour only, from 2 to 3 pm. Classes for 2007 will be published later.

## Autumn Tuition Classes

Month                      October ----- November ----- December

Date                      4/10 - 11/10 - 18/10 - 25/10 - 1/11 -- 8/11 - 15/11 - 22/11 - 29/11 - 6/12

Wed 2 - 3 pm              Internet Café open one hour each week throughout this period  
 Wed 3 - 4 pm              Beginners classes for complete novices or first-timers (10 weeks)  
 Wed 4 - 5 pm              Cards class (5 weeks)              –              Word processing intermediate (5 weeks)

Date                      7/10 - 14/10 - 21/10 - 28/10 - 4/11 – 11/11 - 18/11 - 25/11 - 2/12 - 9/12

Sat 10 - 11 am              Refresher Basics (5 weeks) – Spreadsheet Basics (5 weeks)  
 Sat 11 - noon              Digital Imaging Basics (5 weeks) – Digital Imaging intermediate (5 wks)  
 Sat 12 - 1 pm              Individual hourly tuition on any subject or application (bookable)

Individual tuition on “e-mail and internet” will be available during Internet café hours for a maximum of four people, depending on the public demand level for the Internet Café, and the weekly availability of tutors.

To book an individual lesson on a Wednesday or Saturday, contact one of the tutors listed in the Parish Directory at the back of this issue.

- All tutorial classes are charged at £2 per hour
- All monies received go to Parish Hall Funds
- All tutors provide their services free
- All equipment provided by the Parish Hall
- Additional volunteer tutors would be welcome



# Village News Round-Up

## Congratulations

Congratulations go to **Stephanie** and **Herbie Adams** on the birth of a first grandchild, **Jack**, who was born to **Kate** and **Sean** on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, and weighed in at a bonny 8 lbs 12½ ozs.

## New Headmaster

Village Voice extends a warm Thurlestone welcome to **Philip Medway** as he takes over as Headmaster of All Saints school, wishing him success and happiness in his new post.

## Sheila Sadler's Quiz

This year's quiz has once again proved extremely popular with both residents and visitors. The answers and the names of those who submitted all-correct solutions appear elsewhere in this issue. Sales of the quiz produced the sum of **£237**, which has been handed to Parish Hall Treasurer, Patrick Stanley.

The impact of "browsing the internet" by means of Google and other search engines is evident from the variety of ingenious alternatives put forward as answers. It also underlines the serendipitous educational benefits of this kind of exercise. Although missing out on the first **British Legion Festival of Remembrance** in 1927, many quizzers were able to point to the first **Broadcast Live Football On Radio** in the same year (even noting it was 22 January - Arsenal v Sheffield United) - and deservedly scored for this answer!

Many requests have been received for this quiz to be continued as an annual event, and so plans are in hand for a 2007 quiz.

## Watch out for the Fuzz

Thurlestone Parish Councillor **Andrew (Timber-Jack) Rhymes** is leading a team of his friends in growing facial whiskers of

varying hues during September. The reason? To raise funds for the Everyman Male Cancer Campaign. By the time you read this, however, the big shave off will have taken place and you will be able to recognise our Councillor again. Even so, it won't be too late for your sponsorship contributions. Ring Andrew on 07866-696307

## Poolside Party

The 10<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of the Friends of Thurlestone Church was celebrated by a poolside party at the Thurlestone Hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. 103 residents and summer visitors attended a succulent barbecue, hosted by the Friends, and socialised to the music of the Dixie Demons band. Chairman of Friends, **Martyn Grose**, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support in a highly-successful fund-raising campaign, which has enrolled a large number of new members and will put the Parish Church Building Trust well on its way towards achieving its target of a £125,000 asset base in five years' time.

## Autumn Fair

**Stop Press News** - The sum raised at this event was reported by Parish Hall treasurer **Patrick Stanley** to be £811. Congratulations and thanks to all involved for such a splendid result!

## Wildlife Haven ?

Make a note that the Aune Conservation Association's annual public lecture will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October next, 7.30 pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall. The topic of "The Avon - a wildlife haven for the next generation?" will be discussed by a panel of speakers with the audience, and should be attractive to adults and children alike. Entry is free.

Contact **Dr Stuart Watts** on 01548-810373 or write to him at his e-mail address [sdmw@btopenworld.com](mailto:sdmw@btopenworld.com)

## Fire at the Sloop

Was it an over-zealous flambé, or sambocca, that set the kitchen alight at the Sloop last month? Whatever the cause, the blaze soon had local fire engines hard at work to contain the spread, and their fireman can take great credit for preventing the thatched cottages of Bantham from going up in smoke.

Normal service, as the saying goes, will be resumed as soon as possible - but it may be several more weeks before things are fully operational again. Well done, the emergency services - and also the local populace, who sprang into action to lend hands in many supportive ways.

## Under Fire at the Hotel?

Leader of the Opposition **David Cameron** was at Thurlestone in September to have lunch and talk to an audience of local supporters at the Thurlestone Hotel. While local TV covered the visit well enough, they did miss out on another motoring misfortune that befell the Tory leader.

At one point during his visit to the South Hams, his vehicular manoeuvrings incurred the wrath of one forthright Hope Cove lady of our acquaintance, who buttonholed the offender and delivered a full-frontal and blistering commentary on his driving at some length, blissfully unaware of the unfortunate recipient's identity. Listening to the people sure has its moments for some politicians.

## Christmas Decorations

**Lisa Davis** of Studio Flowers, Churchstow, will be doing Christmas floral and other decorative demonstrations at Malborough village hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, as a seasonal reminder. She will give us some new ideas and show the audience how they can do the things themselves at home and will also have on display the many kinds of floral decorations that you can order through her for Christmas.

A proportion of monies raised will be donated to the Asthma Association. Tea and coffee will be available. Tickets can be obtained in advance - please ring Lisa on 01548-854546 or 07855 321759 to enquire.

## Wheelie-Bin Day Change

A recent leaflet advises us that our collection day for wheelie-bins is now **MONDAY** instead of Thursday, effective from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September (Brown Bins and Recycling Sacks). Alternate weekly collections will continue from that date. If you haven't kept your leaflet, the dates are always given in the Parish Directory at the end of your copy of Village Voice.

## Sweet & Savoury

**Peter and Wendy Gornall** hosted an unusual cream tea at their home, Furzey Close, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Kingsbridge, on 15<sup>th</sup> September, to raise funds for the Children's Hospice South-West. Unusual because, as well as the traditional sweet scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, they had savoury scones with chilli jam and soured cream (delicious!).

Rotary and the Gornalls would particularly like to thank their helpers, those who attended, and the generous sponsors - Roddas (clotted cream), South Devon Chilli Farm (chilli jam) and Somerfields (strawberry jam and soured cream). Wendy says "*We had a fantastic response, a beautiful day, and raised over £600*". Well done - makes it all worthwhile!

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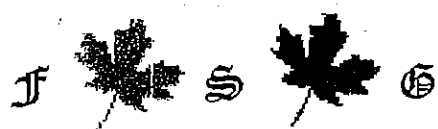
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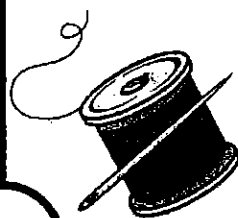
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*Andrew Girling writes:*

### **A LOAD OF RUBBISH**



Isn't it wonderful! As an expression of space research celebration, scientists have deliberately stirred the dust by crashing a redundant spaceship onto the moon. Even the moon now has an environmental problem because the inhabitants of earth have started dumping their rubbish there. Unless, of course, it is seen as a solution to some of our problems. Perhaps we could fill all of our old spaceships with our rubbish, suitably divided into different coloured bags, and send them off to the moon, thus creating a rubbish tip which would lighten our environmental problems. We could then forget all about it.

What a reflection on our society! We create far too much rubbish, not least by excessive food wrapping and then don't know what to do with it. Just polluting and wasting our environment. Every hour of the day and the night, the people of Britain throw away enough rubbish to fill the Albert Hall. Or to put it another way, each of us on average throws away twenty times our own body weight every year. Despite our brown bins and black bins and our blue and transparent sacks, we still face a terrifying crisis. Landfill sites are nearly full. They already threaten the health of those who live nearby. The alternative Incinerators cause goodness knows how much carbon emission. We are wasting valuable resources. Worst of all, we bury nuclear waste, which we do not know how to treat, deep in the ground, in the vain hope that future generations will be able to deal with it.

The columnist Richard Girling (no relative) puts it like this: 'We are a nation of slobs. Unimaginative, lazy, selfish, filthy in our habits and damn the consequences. If we had the choice we would not keep ourselves as pets'. I reflect on this every morning as I pick my way through the discarded cigarette ends on the path outside the Village Inn or drive through the festoons of litter on our roadsides. Not to mention getting my shoes stuck with chewing gum remnants whenever I go to Plymouth.

We have a God-given responsibility to care for our planet and, for that matter, for the moon. A responsibility, which for the most part we are still sadly and disgracefully neglecting.

I like the old Indian saying;

'We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children'.

*Andrew*

### **A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for the lives of our departed loved ones on Sunday October 29th at 6.00 p.m. in Thurlestone Church**

*Can we invite you to come and take part?*

If you would like a loved one remembered by name please fill in the slip below and return it to Andrew or place it in the envelope provided in church, where slips are also available. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to light a candle of remembrance.

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#### **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

I should like the following name(s) read out at the service on October 29th (please print):

Signed: .....

Please return to: Revd. Andrew Girling, The Rectory, Homefield, Thurlestone TQ7 3LF



# All Saints' Diary

Churchwardens: Liz Webb 560090 & Peter Williams 560672

**Everyone is welcome at all services,**  
which are at Thurlestone, unless Indicated otherwise

## Church Services

### Sundays

**Every Sunday**

**October 1**

**October 8**

**8.00am** Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> BCP, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> CW)

**11.10am** Harvest Thanksgiving\* followed by Harvest Lunch

**11.10am** Matins (BCP)

**6.00pm** Benefice Evensong (BCP) at South Milton

**October 15, November 19**

**11.10am** Family Communion (CW)

**October 22, 29, November 26**

**11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)

**October 29**

**6.00pm** Memorial Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

**November 5**

**10.30am** Benefice Operation Christmas Child Service\*

**November 12**

**11.10am** Remembrance Service\* and wreath laying

### Thursdays

**October 5, November 2**

**10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) at Bantham

BCP = Book of Common Prayer    CW = Common Worship    \* = change from normal pattern

**See Church Notice Boards for variations & more information**

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### 2007 & 2008 Calendars

A **2007 calendar** featuring the arrangements at the recent **Flower Festival** is on sale after services, in the Church Meeting Room or from Louise Boxhall (560410) or Liz Webb.

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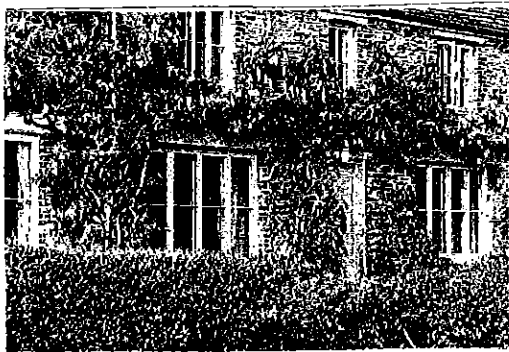
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# NEWS FROM THE WI



## September

Although we have August off, it was not an idle time for some of our members, as very early in September we once again took part in the Kingsbridge Show. Congratulations and thanks were expressed to the team of **Joan Booth, Pat Clarke, Alice Foster, Julie Hanham, Margaret Illingworth and Judith Le Grice** who entered on Thurlestone's behalf and gained marks very little lower than the first and runners-up, making us third in the well-supported WI Cooperative competition.

We also displayed our completed Story Sack for Kingsbridge Library children's section, basing our choice of book on *The Light-house Keeper's Rescue*, and this will be officially handed over to the library on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Mike Perriam** was a good speaker and 'shone new light' for some of us on the history, landscapes, wildlife and amazing beauty of Dartmoor. **Jo Odams** responded with the vote of thanks.

Members were reminded about the **Rotary Cream Tea** in aid of the Children's Hospice South West being held at Furzey Close on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. Contributions were also sought for the cake stall we are running at the Parish Hall **Autumn Fair** on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Beth Lee, Judith Reynolds and Pat Clarke** formed the last group to go to Denman College this year and enjoyed "A Capital Week-end" - learning about and visiting Christchurch (Oxford), Broughton Castle (Banbury), and Apsley House (London). Sounds like they *did* have a capital time at Denman too!

Last but not least, the lovely little needlework pictures of buildings and scenes from our parish has been made up into a colourful and

beautiful wall-hanging, which when framed will be presented to the Parish Hall. It was on display at the meeting for members to enjoy and admire. The work of a number of skilled needle-women, the end result has been worth the wait and **Joan Booth** was thanked for spear-heading the project.

## October

The next monthly meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October will have **Adrienne Blake** showing us what to do with that unexpected gift of flowers (perhaps purchased lovingly from the petrol-station forecourt!) and how to make the best/most of it.

## Forthcoming Dates

The Home Economics Area is running three events between now and Christmas.

### 1. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**Ginny Addison-Smith** (known to many of us as she was a former county chairman), is giving a cookery demonstration at Stoke Fleming village hall of "Food at Christmas". Pay at the door.

### 2. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

The presentation "Colour Me Beautiful", by **Viv Napper**, at the same venue, is by ticket only.

### 3. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (note new date)

At Charleton village hall the Area Coffee Morning will have its usual Christmas theme, demonstrations, a fabrics stall, and will also feature samples of what will be available at Area workshops next year.

## Christmas Lunch

The date has been fixed for 14<sup>th</sup> December. More details will be given later.

**Rehearsals for the singing group**  
Rock Hill on Fridays at 4 pm.

# The National Trust South Hams Centre

Our programme for October and November is:

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>16th October</b>  | A walk (approximately 4 miles) from Blackawton.<br>Details from Jill Baldry 01548 852374   |
| <b>27th October</b>  | Trip to Lytes Cary Manor<br>Late morning and lunch in pretty Somerton in Somerset,<br>then on to Lytes Cary, a charming Medieval manor house with<br>a 14 <sup>th</sup> century chapel and Tudor Great Hall. |
| <b>14th November</b> | The Railways of Dartmoor<br>An illustrated talk by Mike Perriam, an expert on the history of<br>Dartmoor. West Alvington Village Hall at 2.30pm.   |
| <b>24th November</b> | Skittles evening at East Ogwell<br>This is a very popular event and regularly contributes to the<br>funding we can give to the National Trust locally each year.   |

In addition to the above we have also arranged two wonderful musical events for December. On **Friday 8th December** the South Hams Centre joins with Overbecks to provide an evening of festive song with comical arrangements and readings by the stunning vocal quartet Nota Bene in the Edwardian Hall at Overbecks. On **Wednesday 13th December** we will go by coach to see and hear the Band of HR Royal Marines at Britannia Royal Naval College.

Membership is still only £2 per person per year. Call me on 561661 for application forms.

Neill Irwin, Chairman

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## November Beach Bequest

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Rumbustious retrievers plunge for the last thrown stone,  
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Here, where numberless cherished children have grown, flown  
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Fiona Drye, November 2nd, 2005



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# POSTBAG

**Dear Editor**

Four months ago we moved into the delightful village of Thurlestone, looking forward to a new life, having moved from Cheshire into semi-retirement by the sea.

All our dreams were shattered when I had a stroke at the beginning of July, which necessitated my going into Derriford Hospital for several weeks. I would like to express my thanks to all the people who rallied round to help my wife Sheila cope with the traumatic experience. We did not know many people on arrival but we do now!

I am at home now and recovering. It is a slow progress but hopefully I will be back to full health in a few months' time. We both love walking and the seaside environment which is why we came here.

Once again, many thanks to all our friends and neighbours who are helping with my recuperation.

**Mike Howell**  
29 Court Park

PS *If any reader would like to donate to the Stroke Association, they can do this through our son's website.*

*www.justgiving/jonhowell*

*He is running in the Great North Run on 1<sup>st</sup> October on behalf of the Stroke Association.*

**Dear Editor**

We visited Thurlestone for the second year in succession this July, and had enormous fun (and frustration!) and wasted a lot of time with your wonderful *Sheila Sadler's Quiz*.

I wonder if it would be possible to send me a copy of the answers to put us out of our misery? Many thanks.

**Sarah Armstrong**  
High Wycombe

**Dear Editor**

Redfern Health Centre, Salcombe

It was reported in the *Gazette* recently that the service for delivery of prescriptions has been extended as far as Kingsbridge by the Allied Pharmacy, Salcombe. Patients who find difficulty in obtaining their medicine or repeat prescriptions may ask the Health Centre to notify the Allied Pharmacy, or phone the chemists direct.

Regrettably, this service will not be any help to patients living beyond Kingsbridge, but is a compromise following the turning down of the application to open a dispensary in the Redfern Centre itself.

If there are any problems, please contact the Patient Advice & Liaison Service of the NHS - telephone number 01803-861829 or 01803-861967.

New volunteer car drivers are always needed by the Redfern Health Centre and if anyone can spare a little time, perhaps once a month, they would be warmly welcomed. Expenses are reimbursed and journeys only involve taking patients who have no transport of their own to the Redfern Health Centre for appointments, **NOT** to Derriford!

The Friends of Redfern Centre (FORC) are holding their Annual General Meeting at the Health Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm. All patients registered at the Redfern are automatically members of FORC and are most welcome to attend. The business of the meeting is short, and there is a chance to hear about all that has been going on during the year, and to see some of the pieces of equipment that have been purchased recently with donations received.

**Pat Brooks**  
Chairman  
Friends of Redfern Centre

# KATE'S



# KITCHEN

*It's apple time again and here is a nice way of incorporating them into a scrumptious pudding for the autumn days ahead. The recipe uses Bramleys but any other good cooking variety would be fine. You could also use tasty eating apples instead by just omitting the sugar.*

## ITALIAN BREAD PUDDING (Serves 4)

### • Ingredients

- 2 large Bramley apples
- 2 tablespoonsful medium white wine or cider
- Sugar to taste
- 3 slices day-old white bread
- 2 eggs
- 10 fl ozs (285ml) double cream (or Greek yoghurt if you would prefer it)
- Zest of 1 orange
- 2 ozs (55g) white granulated sugar
- Sprinkling of demerara sugar

### • Method

- Peel and slice apples, place in lightly buttered oven-proof dish
- Add wine/cider and sugar to taste
- Place bread strips on top
- Whisk lightly the eggs, cream, orange zest and sugar
- Pour over the bread, allow to soak for 30 mins
- Sprinkle demerara sugar over top for a caramelised finish
- Bake in a moderate oven for 20-25 minutes

*I can guarantee you will enjoy this luxurious but simple-to-make pudding!*

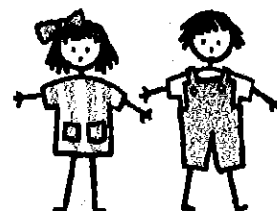
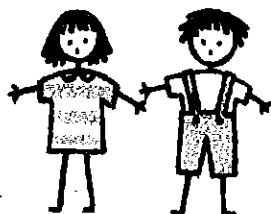
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# AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

*John Crawford reports on three Monday evening illustrated talks in the Parish Hall,*

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August

This was devoted to an update of research on the Avon and **Stuart Watts**, Chairman of Aune Conservation, explained the range of activities undertaken by them, including keeping the estuary clean of plastic entanglements which endanger wildlife. He also announced a successful bid for financial support from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) partnership, which has enabled ACA to commission a programme of farm visits to tackle the problem of 'diffuse pollution' in the estuary, and the prospect of further funding from Natural England to extend this approach to the entire catchment.

**John Peters** reported on the co-operative programme of research work now covering the whole of the Avon catchment. This has sprung from the ACA Estuary Siltation Research Project contracted to W S Atkins, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, and the AONB partnership. The contract let to Plymouth is just one of a series of studies that they are conducting into the impact of land management in the catchment.

Thanks to a wise decision to invest in enhanced ArcView software, John was able to illustrate aspects of the siltation research with map-overlays and, with AONB Unit help, to show three-dimensional projections on to the landscape.....as they say, every picture tells a story. John's presentation of river flows, the effect of the Avon Dam and the agricultural land use statistics prepared by DEFRA, led to a lively discussion, including a useful contribution from **Derek Brown** about the compensation regime which is a key component of the studies.

**Peter Marsh**, the Avon oyster farmer, was able to illustrate how a sound scientific approach - in his case to the problems of pollution - can bring about benefits to the whole estuary community. He and Stuart

Watts have identified one-by-one the polluted outfalls and, with the co-operation of all (the Environment Agency, residents, landowners, farmers, and Environmental Health), have made great strides towards a cleaner and healthier stream. This has benefited not only the oyster farm but also all those who bathe in (or fall into) the estuary waters.

He ended his talk with useful information about his oysters which, in the opinion of connoisseurs, are the best in Devon and some of the best in Europe, because the location of the oyster racks allows for a perfect balance between fresh and salt water necessary for a 'sweet' flavour. To prove his point an audience of 60 was invited to taste the quality 'au naturel' or 'au gratin' according to taste. There was little left to clean up "And this was scarcely odd / Because they'd eaten every one". The event contributed £150 towards the cost of the research programme.

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Andy Elliott**, a member of the SW Marine Archaeology Group, gave a two-part talk about the treasures discovered at the Prawle Point Dive site. First, he described the hoard of 468 Moroccan gold dinars bearing dates from 1107 to 1632. The venture on which the wrecked ship was sailing is still a mystery - piracy, trade, money-laundering we do not know. But why should the coin collection bear such diverse dates when dinars were normally re-minted with each successive dynasty? No other museum holds more than a handful of such dinars and it does not say much for the British Museum that they have refused to let the Salcombe Maritime Museum have even *one* piece of the collection found on Salcombe's doorstep. Other gold objects included a brooch identical to one worn by Mary Queen of Scots in one of her portraits (minus the central jewel), and some items marked MR (Maria Regina?).

He took us to another gully on the same site where, last year, a collection of bronze artefacts was found. These included a miniature loop-adze for decorative work, a hammer, a rapier (sharpened for purpose), a dagger and several axe heads (palstaves). No carbon remains survive although, thanks to the estuary fresh water stream, bronze and gold appear in mint condition. Using the Penard (comparative) dating system, a date of 1350-1150 BC has been attributed.

One object, of uncertain use, is only matched by finds in Sicily, suggesting that the bronze was being traded, presumably for tin, between the Mediterranean and the South Devon coasts about the time of the siege of Troy. When taken together with the tin ingots, thought because of their very high purity to be 'streamed' tin dating from pre-Roman times, which the SWMAG found at the mouth of the Erme, and the description of the streaming process and the trade route across Gaul by Diodorus Siculus, the case for identifying Diodorus' trading post on "...an island connected to the land at low tide" as being Burgh Island rather than St Michael's Mount, becomes ever more convincing.

On the same site the divers found a small gold torque which, when modelled by Andy's six year old daughter appears every bit as elegant as the Mycenaean head-dress modelled by Schliemann's wife. This also shows that our ancestors were vertically challenged and perhaps explains why, on the wall at Vindolanda, a Roman officer's wife refers to us as "Brittunculi".

If you missed this lecture you missed a treat - but at least remember when you read reports of the find in archaeological reviews you saw it first in Village Voice!

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

In the third and final lecture of the series, **Nigel Mortimer** the Marine Conservation Officer for the South Hams took us on a conducted tour of his magical under-water

world in the South Hams estuaries. He introduced us to devil crabs, star fish, sea cucumbers, sea squirts, sponges, corals, beautiful filter-feeding worms and a whole 'assortment of exotic aquatics which populate the diver's world. We also visited the eel-grass meadows which line parts of the foreshore, enlivened by the rising tide, and the salt marshes which are the glory of the Avon estuary.

The Avon does not have the under-water cliffs which provide a rich habitat for these creatures, but what it has is still largely unspoilt and is cared for by the ACA. Salcombe harbour, on the other hand is rich in these habitats and in the essential nutrients but suffers from the pressures of a boating fraternity, not all of whom respect their wonderful environment. Perhaps the greatest act of vandalism was to use the underwater cliffs off Scoble Point as a dumping ground for dredged mud, which shows no signs of shifting. However, Nigel and his team have created an artificial reef to replace the natural habitat and there the wonder-world has returned in great abundance.

Nigel concluded his talk with a description of the work he does to educate children in their estuarine heritage and to limit the damage from man-made pollutants - diesel oil, anti-fouling paints, phosphates and plastic litter. On the full splendour of the large screen at the Hall, Nigel's photographs - which included a visit to the Eddystone reef - were brilliant. Who needs an Eden Project when we have a natural wonder-world on our doorstep? The pity of it is that few of us have the skills to visit the habitat, but we still owe it to future generations, who may acquire the skills, to conserve it for them - and meanwhile we can enjoy it through the photography of others.

The intervals in all three lectures were enlivened by the projection of the Avon video "*Egret 2*" which is stunning when viewed on the wide screen.

***John Crawford***



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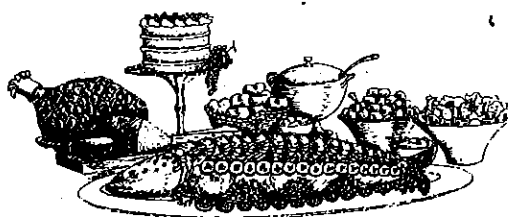


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# Memories of The Sloop Inn

By Hubert Snowdon

When I was a boy there was no car-park and no garages at the rear of The Sloop until Stanley Dent started the Bantham Garage there. A cobble-floored stable of two stalls and a trap linhay adjoined the inn, where the dining room and toilets are at present, with a communicating door into the premises.

As a small boy I could not understand why such a small village of a dozen or so fishermen's cottages at one end of the parish needed an inn. But it was not at the end of the world. In the days without motorcars, when travellers rode horses or walked and took the shortest routes, an inn was important. In Bantham's case it was important because of the little ferry crossing the River Avon, on the coastal route to Plymouth and beyond, and it was helpful to be able to stable your horse and get a room for yourself for the night before you crossed to the Bigbury side next day.

The Sloop once brewed its own White Ale and the old men told me they sometimes used to have to wait for their drink until the Excise men had been to assess the tax on it. I have been asked if I knew how to make it but this was apparently a secret recipe. I have heard that the ingredients included eggs, honey, even pigeons' dung .....and who knows what else! In more recent times I can well remember the complaints of village workers when the price of beer was increased from four pence to fourpence-halfpenny per pint!

My first recollection of a landlord is of a man called Hannaford, who also ran the smallholding attached to the inn, including West Down fields and barns. He retired and later lived with one of his sons on the smallholding of Harris Farm with Town Park Cottage. I was also great friends

with Jim, the son of Arthur Inch, another landlord. Jim was a year older than me and also attended Thurlestone School. An independent and wild boy, he ran out of school one time when the visiting dentist called out his name. Jim's mother died when he was still a youngster and he had a tough life with his father, who had taken to the bottle. But Jim had a very inventive mind and could not pass a rubbish dump without finding he could make something from some part of the deposited junk!

My family were seriously religious and despised those who regularly abused the demon drink, so I was warned to keep clear of such places as The Sloop.

*But here's hoping the inn will survive as a social gathering-place for good cheer..... or to drown your sorrows!*

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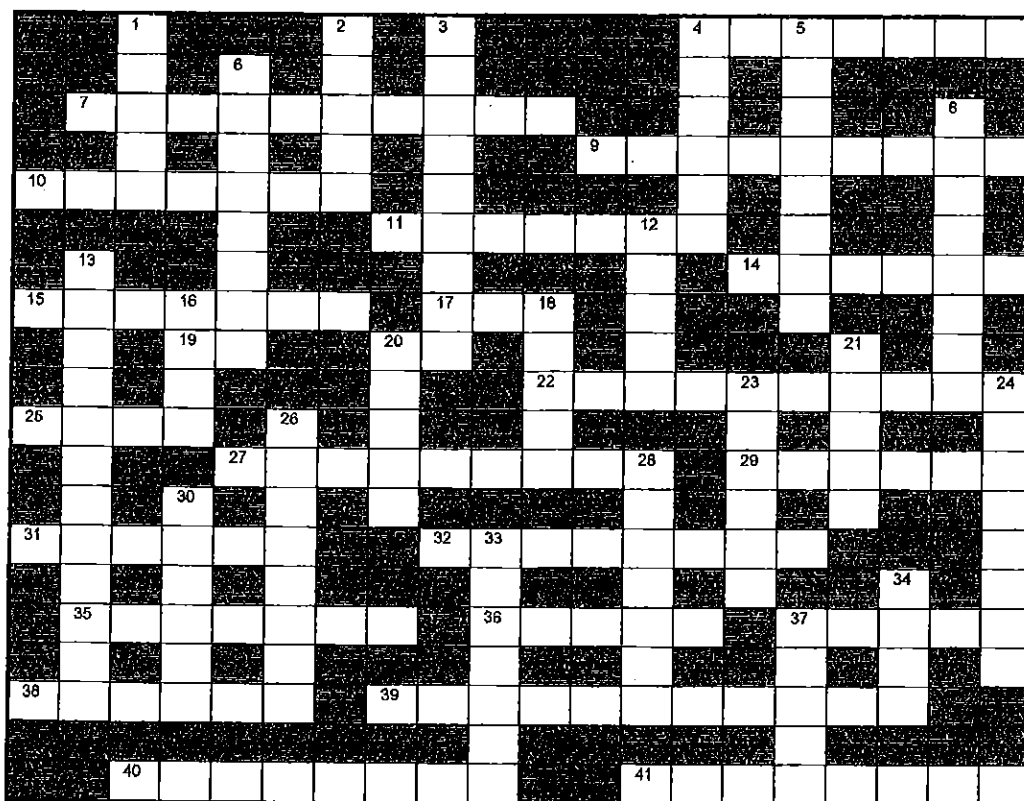
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Across:

- 4 South Devon village on the Avon estuary; once a major pilchard fishing port (7).
- 7 North Devon town, dating back to Saxon times and earlier; heyday in Edwardian period, southern terminus of Bristol Channel ferry services (10).
9. Now an up-market residential area in South Devon, once an important terminus of the Great Western Railway (9).
10. Focal town of the "English Riviera", birth-place of Agatha Christie (7).
11. Site of the former HMS Cambridge; adjacent coastal land recently acquired by National Trust (7).
14. With 24 down, site of catastrophic flash flood in 1952 (6).
15. Nth Cornish pebble beach about 2 miles S of Widemouth Bay(7).
17. Written record of a debt (3).
19. What Bradford is to the Avon, and Newcastle to the Tyne (2).
20. First person plural objective pronoun (2).
22. District of Plymouth, adjacent to the Cattewater and Hooe Lake (10).
25. Your grandfather's other daughter (4).
27. Devonshire coastal village until 1917 (9).
29. Second most common element in the atmosphere (6).
31. Savoury snack served with mustard (6).
32. Start Bay village once famous for its crabs, but now with cricketing connections (8).
35. Site of extensive sandy beach and golf course in Nth Devon (7).
36. Estuary and town in NE Scotland; not as fierce as it sounds (5).
37. Young game-bird or turkey (5).
38. Dried fruit (6).
39. Cultural heart of South West England (11).
40. Resort town in Dorset; nth terminus of St Malo hydrofoil (8).
41. Westerly facing harbour village in South Hams (4,4).

Down:

1. Type of renewable energy source (5).
2. That which -- nominally at least -- is ruled by a duke, for example Cornwall (5).
3. Dorset harbour town inhabited and made famous by the late John Fowles (4,5).
4. Form of castle prone only to small invaders (6).
5. Fashionable yachting harbour in South Hams (4,4).
6. Allegedly the largest village in England, overlooking Barnstaple Bay (8).
8. Another, even more fashionable yachting harbour in the South Hams (8).
12. Distinctively shaped sea shell. (5).
13. Seaside village in South Hams; northern terminus of stilted tractor service (7,2,3).
16. Class of person held in low esteem, rare -- though not unknown -- in 39 across (4).
18. Cornish coastal village 1½ miles north of Widemouth Bay (5).
20. Your grandfather's other daughter's husband (5).
21. Half-man; half-beast occasionally seen outside Village Inn (5).
23. North Devon beach resort, popular with surfers (6).
24. (see 14 across) (8).
26. South Devon resort; north-eastern terminus of a famous steam railway (8).
28. Dorset resort town at eastern end of the Isle of Purbeck (7).
30. Pongs (6).
33. Modern name for 13<sup>th</sup> century Pratteshuthe, a resort on the Exe estuary (7).
34. North Cornish resort; one of the termini of the former Atlantic Coast Express (4).
37. Dorset port with huge natural harbour (5).

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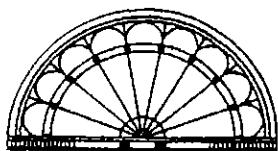
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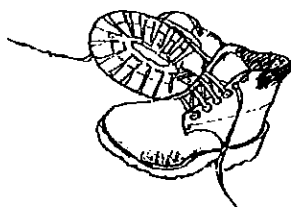
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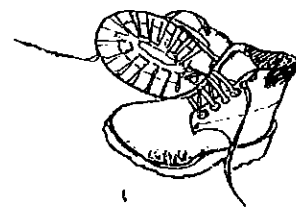


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# TRAMP



**1** Thursday 6th July was another hot, sunny day - summer 2006 will certainly feature in the record books!

Nine walkers and one dog set off from Overbecks on one of the most scenic rambles in the South Hams. We walked through Tor Woods, thence onto Bolt Head with fantastic views to the east. We continued along the coast path down to Starehole Cove, the Rags and north towards Salcombe Harbour, returning to Overbecks for a well deserved drink and light refreshment. The three lady visitors thoroughly enjoyed joining us for this mid-summer stroll.

PW

**2** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July we did one of the most beautiful walks, anywhere. We left from Down Thomas and walked the coastal path round to Wembury Point and back across the fields. The highlight was Wembury beach, where we stopped in the National Trust shop for refreshments.

We were seated in a tiny mini-amphitheatre outside, when four of the FATTEST ladies arrived and also sat outside. The lean and fit TRAMPS could not keep their eyes off them and came to the conclusion that they must be four sisters, two of whom were twins, as their bottoms were all the same size.

Thanks to Rodney for expert guidance.

RM

**3** A small group of walkers gathered on 17<sup>th</sup> July for a short walk along the relatively new section of coast path that runs from Strete to Stoke Fleming. Sadly our numbers had been somewhat depleted by illness and an understandable reluctance to walk in what had been unusually hot weather. Thankfully, bearing in mind that this particular stretch of the coast path is quite steep, there was a pleasantly cooling breeze and so we set forth with a spring in our step.

Our depleted numbers meant that not only were we minus our usual contingent of dogs, whose natural enthusiasm and energy was missed, but we also were down to only one man! Although this particular walk leader hates to admit it, the walk would not have got very far without our male companion, as the new style closures on the gates along the path defeated the spatial awareness of the ladies present. We did think the said male was rather overdoing male superiority when he also reached the top of a very sharp climb well ahead of the rest of the group but he took the teasing very well and so was forgiven.

Lunch was taken at the pub at Stoke Fleming where two Tramp members who were not well enough to walk were at least able to join us for lunch which was lovely and made for a very convivial hour whilst we recovered our strength over some nice baguettes.

Suitably fortified we completed the second half of the walk in good time. Whilst the views are not quite so good on the return journey, the new section of path means that Tramp now has a very pleasant additional short circular walk in its repertory and many of us thought it would be a good walk to take visitors on.

LM

**4** On July 26th, a small party of 6 walkers (including my son from Weybridge) left Thurlestone in three cars to drive up to Mary Tavy on Dartmoor, where we were to meet up with our leader for the day, Mary Chudleigh. A wide load on the A38 near Ivybridge had created a long queue of slow traffic so detours had to be taken by the three cars. We all took different routes and amazingly we all arrived in Mary Tavy within seconds of each other, where Mary and two friends were eagerly awaiting our arrival. It was the most beautiful day, perhaps one of the hottest of the year.

We headed off towards the village of Peter Tavy, where we turned to walk up to the moors via Combe Tors. It proved to be a

very long haul up the hill in the hot sunshine. There was no breeze to cool us down and frequent stops for drinks were required and to check that we all had insect repellent to ward off the horseflies. As we reached the open moors, we encountered numerous sheep (some were a very strange pink colour) and enjoyed wonderful views of White Tor. We continued up the track to Stephen's Grave - a little cross where Stephen had been buried after committing suicide following being crossed in love.

After yet another drink stop, we turned north and at long last we had found some breeze. The track now took us down towards Cudlipptown where we turned towards Hill Bridge, and after some road walking, we turned down to Hill Bridge Weir on the River Tavy. We crossed the river and walked up the hill through Creason Woods to our lunch stop by a Dartmoor leat (Raleigh's leat, I believe).

Leats were dug to carry water from streams and rivers on Dartmoor for both human and animal use, and to supply power for various industrial processes. Mary Tavy was a hive of industry in the 1800s, along with the Wheal Friendship mine which initially provided copper and later tin and arsenic. Larger leats carried water to Plymouth.

After lunch, we followed the leat for a while before joining a farm track which took us back to Horndon. Our leader had suggested that there could be a possible pub stop by making a short detour. When the decision had to be made, we were all in favour of the pub and between us we consumed pints of liquid in the back garden of the Elephant's Nest Pub. It was a very welcome stop.

The final part of the walk took us across fields where we had to negotiate a number of rather difficult stiles, a herd of cows which were blocking our path (Mary manfully used my walking stick to fend them off) and llamas grazing in a field. The end of the walk took us through the churchyard of Mary Tavy church and back to the cars.

We had had a wonderful days walk covering between 8 and 9 miles and my thanks go to Mary for leading us up onto such a wonderful part of Dartmoor.

LW

**5** On August 4th, our short walk attracted the largest turn out of the year with 19 walkers + a baby strapped on his Dad's back and 2 dogs. It was a local walk starting in Court Park and the weather was glorious.

We started with a walk down to the bottom of Kerse Lane where we branched off into the fields for a steep climb up the hill towards South Milton, and as we looked back, the views across Thurlestone were magnificent. At the top of the hill, we rejoined the road to South Milton where we had a lovely stroll through the village.

We turned into the road towards South Milton Sands (well that's what the National Trust call it) but almost immediately turned into a path through the undergrowth. Chris and I had "recce'd" this path the day before and decided that a certain amount of pruning of branches was required if TRAMP were to negotiate this path. We returned with our shears and set to work and was I glad! The Dad with the baby on his back would have had great difficulty getting through.

This path took us out onto farmland and we headed over the fields in the direction of the coast. Bess the dog had great fun jumping about in the wheat - hopefully the farmer wasn't watching. The footpath took us up the hill and again we had magnificent views over Thurlestone, South Milton and the coast. After negotiating a rather tricky double stile surrounded by nettles, we joined the track leading down to the coast at South Milton/Thurlestone Sands.

Here we were joined by another TRAMP member and her visitor making us 21 in total, and we followed the Coast Path back to Thurlestone. The Golf Club made an ideal refreshment stop for us, particularly as the Tennis Club were having a Charity Day. The Pimms at the Tennis Club went down very well and Duncan and his staff in the Golf Club did a magnificent job of producing 21 rounds of various sandwiches. I cannot thank you enough, Duncan. It was a really wonderful end to our walk.

LW

**6** On the calendar for the year, the walk on 9<sup>th</sup> August was to have been a highlight, for Roy and Marjorie Travis had invited



members of TRAMP to tea at their lovely house in Wrangaton after a walk in that area. In the event, several of us had to attend the funeral of Marjorie Travis, only 3 weeks before, on 17 July after a tragic accident when the two of them were felling a tree in their garden. This was where, for ten years, they had mounted a "Garden Opera" to which many people in Thurlestone were devotees.

It was felt that we should still walk in the same area, so 12 of us set off from the car park of Wrangaton Golf Club on 9 August; the leader having "satisfied" the Secretary of the Golf Club with regard to parking, for an open moorland walk of the kind that Roy and Marjorie used to lead. True to their example, the navigation was not always precise, but comfortable. High ground was reached for lunch, with a splendid view reaching to the coast and Plymouth Sound; and to cries of "Ooh" and "Aah" the leader then produced, from a cold bag rucksack, a bottle of bubbly and glasses so that all could toast his birthday girl wife.

The return walk began over the Two Moors Way, and then branched on to a line of Boundary Stones before joining the Golf Course again, in the same sunny, breezy weather we had enjoyed all day.

RP

**7** Monday 4th September started as a dull day with the threat of rain. However, that did not stop 14 walkers and one dog turn out for what proved to be a lovely walk around Noss Mayo. We parked in the car park by the tennis courts on the edge of Noss Mayo and set off up the road, which then turned into a track, towards the sea. This was the steepest part of the walk with a steady uphill climb of just under a mile until we reached the coast path.

We then turned west along the coast path and here, unlike many other sections of the South West coast Path, the route is relatively flat, as it follows the track built by Lord Revelstoke in the late 19th century, so that he could drive his horse and carriage around the seaward boundary of his estate to impress his friends.

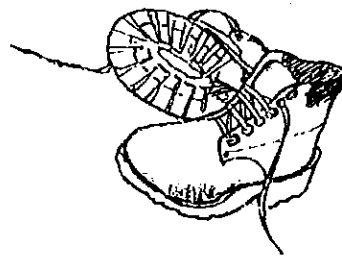
Bess, the dog, had great fun when she met up with another dog - they were chasing each other around. This encouraged one of our

walkers to start jogging along the path with Bess in hot pursuit. The weather was improving with every step.

The coastal section of the walk ended with fine views across to the Great Mewstone Rock, Wembury, and beyond to Rame Head. The Mewstone is an island which is now a sanctuary to thousands of sea birds. However, up until 2000, the island served as a target for small arms inshore firing from HMS Cambridge Gunnery Range. That naval shore station closed down recently.

The walk then follows along the side of the River Yealm, by Newton Creek and alongside Noss Creek. As we looked across Noss Creek to the other side, The Swan Inn beckoned us to come across. The tide was too high to take the short-cut across the creek but the extended walk around the end of the creek was well worth the effort and we all enjoyed a splendid lunch on the terrace of the Swan Inn overlooking the Yealm Estuary.

LW



## TRAMP

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#### October

5	Thurs	Short	Teignmouth
11	Wed	Long	Ugborough or Plym Trail
16	Mon	Short	Yealmpton
25	Wed	Long	Torcross Stokenham

#### November

8	Wed	Long	East Prawle
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#### December

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# HARRY HUGGINS REVELS IN THE LEVELS

Years ago I decided I wanted to get the Somerset levels out of my system. Three visits later they were still in it. For birds they are a winter place - ducks, Wigeons, Pintails and Mallards; there are waders and Lapwings, and Golden Plovers teem. We wanted to see what there was in high summer (in comparison, not much). Also we wanted to see the fairly new RSPB reserve at Ham Wall, about which information was starting to trickle through. So we chose a few days in early July, to look and, we hoped, be pampered.

The levels are about twelve miles by twelve, roughly the size of the South Hams, and situated between the Bristol Channel and Glastonbury. There was an inlet of the sea, it became marshes and they drained these to make farm land. All very low-lying. There are some bumps, which they call zoys, on which Ancient Britons lived, surrounded by water and swamps. King Alfred burned the cakes on one of those. A finger of higher ground, the Polden Hills, runs east to west across the middle. The A39 goes along that. So will you, if you want to go, or someone makes you go, to Clark's Village at Street.

We have never gone for the bit south of the Polden Hills. One snag there is that you have to leave your car in a lonely car park just off the A378, in Swell Wood, near the heronry where they pulled Bill Oddie up into the tree tops (which is where the herons nest), tied the rope and said "We're going now"!

North of the Polden Hills is the flood plain of the River Brue (which rises near Wincanton, way to the east); that is where peat comes from. Just north of Bridgwater when you drive up the M5 you cross a broad stretch of water signed "Huntspill River". It joins the Parrett estuary south of Highbridge. At one time it was probably winding, but has been straightened out, no doubt when they drained the levels, and has water all the time - there is a sluice where it meets the estuary. It runs east and west and a few miles inland there is another sluice.

There the river becomes the South Drain, much

narrower. That extends to somewhere near Glastonbury. I read they used to bring shipping to the town, pulled presumably by horses plodding along a tow-path. Beside the drain ran a railway line, from Highbridge to somewhere inland - no sign of that now except the occasional bridge and a level path to walk on. I suppose Dr Beeching did for it. Our "Where to watch birds" book calls the land west of Glastonbury the Avalon Marshes; I can't find any reference to that name on the OS map.

The exploited peat land extends for three miles or so on either side of the South Drain. Peat must have been taken out pretty slowly when all they had were shovels and wheelbarrows. But it became big business and extraction became open-cast mining. They are still taking it away despite what the late-lamented Geoff Hamilton said about substitutes; really there isn't one and if you are a grower wanting to produce good plants you are going to insist on peat.

Much of the digging has ceased because the peat is all gone, leaving deep holes. I don't doubt some local authority would like to get its paws on those, to put rubbish in. Luckily, it is still all too wet for that and in winter only continuous pumping keeps the whole area from flooding and even then it doesn't always succeed. So these holes are quite useless for anything except nature reserves, and for those they are excellent. English Nature controls some of it, the Somerset Wildlife Trust has more, and in the last few years the RSPB has got in on the act with its Ham Wall reserve.

That is what we wanted to see. We met the young lady in charge of it, but she was waiting to entertain a coach-load of children and we didn't like to bother her. So why Ham, and whether there is a wall is still a mystery to us. When we went the heatwave had started, that and thunderstorms. By way of diversity we went along the A30, Swampy's road. The M5 is very useful, especially if you compare what travel was like before it was there. But sometimes it is nice to avoid it. After Honiton the A30 is tedious but

it took us via Ilminster to Barrington Court (National Trust), where we ate our lunch in the shade of big trees. The Gertrude Jekyll gardens looked very sorry for themselves. Our new car has an outside thermometer - why I do not know for I drove for 60 years without one and never missed it - and when we came away from the car park it registered 42 degrees Celsius - which if you convert to Fahrenheit by doubling it and adding on 30 comes to over 100 degrees!

We found our hotel - it was little further going via Ilminster than up the M5. We have always had difficulty in finding somewhere to stay in the area. This time I did what I should have done in the first place - I went to the Kingsbridge Tourist Information Centre and the nice ladies gave me the address of their opposite numbers in Glastonbury who sent a little book with lots of small hotels, B&Bs and so on.

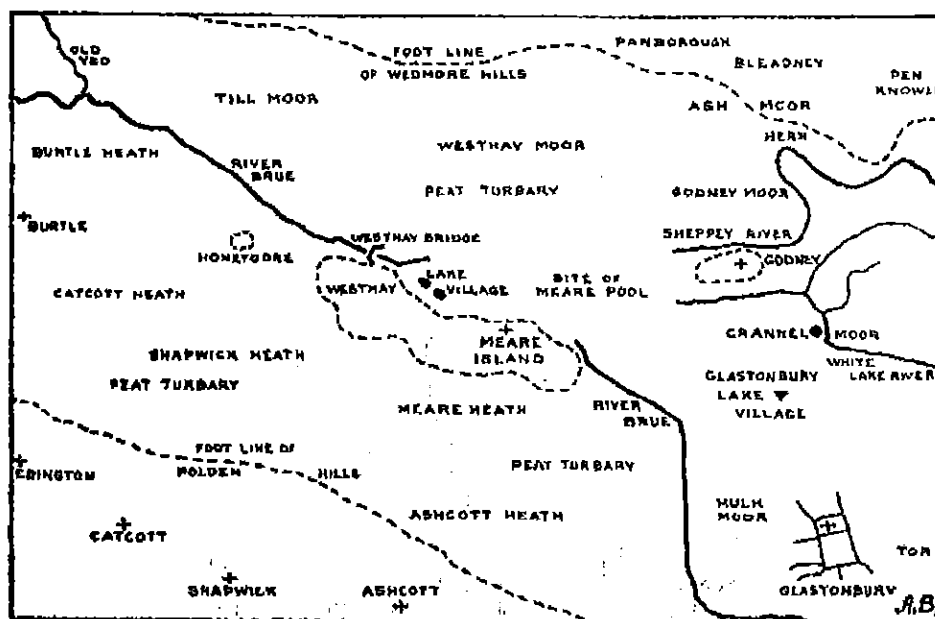
We chose one in Meare, right in the middle of where we wanted to explore. A fine old stone building; in the heat it was like a night storage heater and never cooled down. That wasn't its fault. There was a lift which can't have been original when the old house was built and must have come later, umpteenth hand. As is usual with small hotels in Britain, there was a problem over having a twin-bedded room and the one they gave us - the only one I suspect out of seven - was pokey.

To provide en-suite facilities they had carved a chunk out of the room. The shower screen didn't leak - but the electrics would give heart-attacks to the Health & Safety people if they ever saw them - TV, clock, trouser-press, kettle, it all worked except the bedside light, and they gave us a carafe of sherry. It all seemed a bit short of supplies (for a small hotel life must be pretty hard). One night I asked for a glass of

beer and was brought something called *Hobgoblin*. It was delightful. I have bought one at Somerfield to see if it tastes the same; it is maybe like when you go to a holiday wine-tasting. When you get a bottle of the stuff home it tastes filthy, nothing like what you tasted - which of course it isn't and you are a sucker if you thought it would be. Next evening, when I asked for another *Hobgoblin* there wasn't one. But they were very kind and helpful and had no problem in providing for June's dietary needs. The proprietor lady was away; and apart from the chef, the only permanent member of staff was a lass who said she was the waitress. In addition she appeared to be receptionist, bar maid, principal purchaser; when June asked for Rice Krispies she bought them by next breakfast time. By way of a sideline she was shackled up with the chef.

This village, Meare, appeared to be named after a mere, since drained, which provided fish for the abbot and his monks: with Glastonbury Abbey only about four miles to the east, it was all pretty ecclesiastical in the past. We thought it would be quiet, but it wasn't - the hotel was on the main street and that was a rat run for Glastonbury. They were pulling large trailer-loads of peat backwards and forwards. We thought it must be the same peat all the time.

The map shows the sites of lake villages only a few hundred yards from the hotel. One afternoon there was a thunderstorm with very heavy rains.



Sketch map by Arthur Bullied, LRCP, FSA

We got only the edge, but the drive outside the hotel was flooded about four inches deep. We realised how the lake-dwellers must have felt.

When we last looked for Ham Wall all we had for guidance was an article in *Bird Watching* magazine, written obviously by a man who had never been anywhere near. Maybe someone snarled at the magazine because later an article gave accurate details of some of the reserves. The RSPB has now produced leaflets, which we liberated from the hotel which seemed keen on the RSPB. There was a box of little pin badges for which you pay £1.00 to wear on hats, and one of the ladies seemed anxious that we should return in winter to see a huge Starling roost. Maybe. Often Thurlestone has one of its own and Slimbridge a stupendous one.

From Meare a road runs south to join the A39 at Ashcott, a quite outstanding village for getting lost in. Where this road crosses the South Drain, only just over a mile from our hotel, is a small car park for the nearby reserves. One of the good things about the area is that there are several of these little car parks. It is all pretty flat and often you can see without getting out of your vehicle, a boon if the weather is inclement - or if, like me, you are bone idle.

On our last visit we walked to the west along what had been the railway track - now just a good path beside the Drain. There are hides looking over open water and they say you can see otters. We have not met anyone who has. This time we tried to go the same way but were defeated by the heat.

But we did go to the east, to the Ham Wall reserve. There are five hundred acres of this, open water and reed beds, all reconstituted since peat extraction stopped. After half a mile we found three little hides, screens really. They had roofs but were otherwise open and what little breeze there was blew through, to our relief. You don't want elaborate hides. I can see the one at West Charleton marsh needs to be enclosed because you look up the marsh towards the village, and the other way out over the estuary. But too enclosed - and you get what happened at Beesands (or Widdicombe) ley. The Devon Bird Society spent over £6000 on a hide, only to have it hi-jacked by people, presumably the local youth, who go there to do

their drugs and things. You can't stop them, and if you did they would burn it down, which has happened to several hides.

We looked out over open water with reeds behind (much of them planted by hand). July is not a good time for birds, but there were Little Grebes, Moorhens with chicks. A Little Egret came and all the time there was an almost deafening chorus of frogs. The literature says they are Marsh Frogs, not a native species, but we assumed that because they do well they have been released for the Herons to eat and in the hope that Bitterns might also feed on them, Bitterns being the present RSPB cult bird. Shoals of little fish kept leaping out of the water, pursued no doubt by bigger fish and the Little Grebes. We have seldom seen so many dragonflies - hundreds if not thousands of them.

Whilst we were on the levels we saw lots of Whitethroats and heard many Cetti's Warblers. There were a couple of Marsh Harriers and a short-eared Owl flew over - not as big as a Buzzard but nearly, and the only owl which habitually flies by day. Otherwise we would have seen more birds by looking out of the window at home, and we certainly didn't see a Stoat. One scampered back and forth across our garden as I composed this.

But the lass at the hotel pampered us. I had three cooked breakfasts. Holidays only for those. Yes, we did go to Clark's Village - a very smart jacket for June and three shirts for me.

PS *The Somerfield Hobgoblin tasted the same at home - and yet it didn't. There wasn't the ambience of being under a shady umbrella in the hotel garden knowing that the girl would soon call us in for a dinner that June hadn't had to cook!*

**Harry Huggins**



# BOOKSHELF

## **Persian Fire**

by Tom Holland  
(Little Brown £20.00)

If you are at all interested in ancient history, this book is a must. It is wonderfully written by an extremely accomplished author who must have spent years of painstaking research.

It portrays the first struggle between East and West 2500 years ago, when the super-power that was Persia attempted to conquer Athens and Sparta. It vividly describes the charge of the Athenians at Marathon, Xerxes the King of Kings riding his chariot over a bridge of boats from Asia to Europe, and the heroic last stand of the Spartans at Thermopylae, together with numerous sea battles.

The descriptions of the spin, spying, treachery and corruption, plus the general aspects of life at that time are quite extraordinary and make for a superb book.

GW

## **The Almond Blossom Appreciation Society**

by Chris Stewart  
(Sort of Books £6.99)

This is the third of the three books Chris Stewart has written about life on his Spanish farm, El Valero, in the mountains south of Granada. I so much enjoyed the first, *Driving Over Lemons*, which received a British Book Award, that I could not resist buying this one. I now discover his second is called *A Parrot in the Pepper Tree* - a future reading treat!

The author's former life included a stint as a drummer in the rock group *Genesis*, being in a circus, going to China as a writer for the *Rough Guides* travel books, gaining a pilot's licence in Texas, taking a course on French cooking, and crewing a yacht in Greece. He then learnt how to shear sheep and, being able to speak Spanish well, decided to take on this farm. His three books to date tell us all about his adventures in rural Spain and his great sense of humour comes out clearly in the writings.

Time never hangs heavily for Chris and his family (wife Ana and teenage daughter Chloe). He is optimistic with a great enthusiasm for life, willing to help his neighbours out and to turn his hand to anything, which has undoubtedly led to his making many friends among the local people.

We can learn a lot about Spain and the Spanish from these enjoyable books!

PM

## **Love Over Scotland**

by Alexander McCall Smith  
(Polygon £14.99)

Yet another book, sequel to *44 Scotland Street* and *Espresso Tales*, by this prolific author. More harmless twaddle, of course, but such deliciously entertaining and amusing twaddle, with more of Bertie's fascinating exploits. A lovely mixture of philosophy, comedy, and satire, which makes it a very relaxing read.

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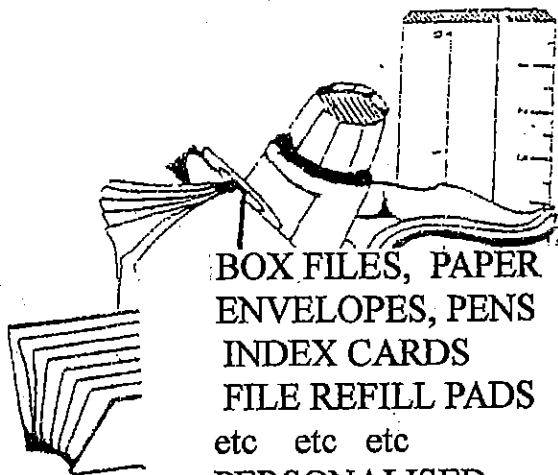
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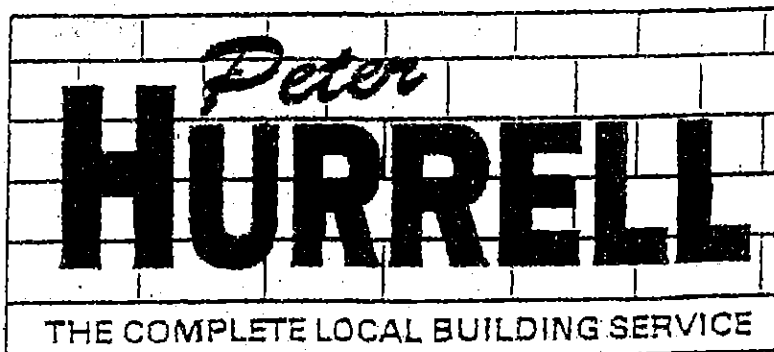
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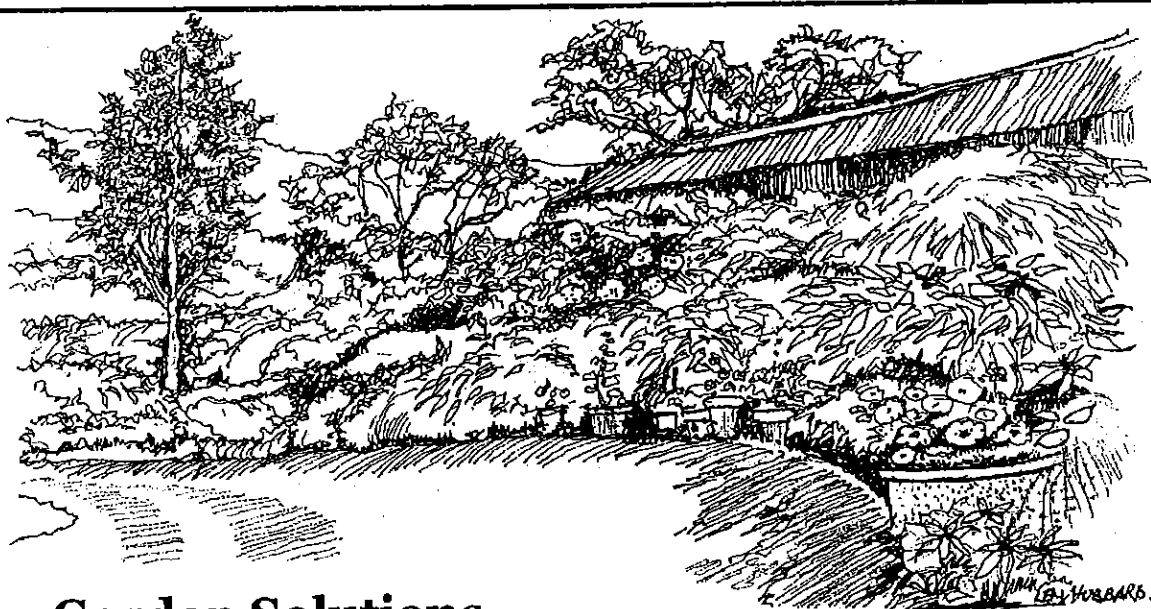


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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

The thermometer has certainly been working overtime since the last issue of Village Voice, with the warmest July since I began serious record-keeping back in 1995. Here, the average temperature for the month was 19.4°C. The nearest to this was in 1995 with an average of 18.94°C. Rainfall this year was 38mm with seven rain days but in 1995 it was 51.21 mm with ten rain days.

11 mm of this year's rain fell over South Milton church fete weekend - 7.6 mm recorded on Saturday am and 2.8 mm on Sunday. Then to finish off with a flourish, another 10 mm fell over Sunday 8.30 am to Monday 8.30 am. That is the last reasonable amount of rain that we have had to date - 11<sup>th</sup> September. Certainly the ground is very dry with only a few episodes of mist and the odd heavy dew night to refresh the plants, but the weeds still manage to flourish!

Last time I wrote about the discovery of methods of recording the temperature of the Air. The other two essential elements for working out the weather are **Barometric Pressure (BP)** and **Relative Humidity (RH)**. Philip Eden calls his item on BP "*As Light as Air*". BP is the downward pressure exerted by the air above us. For most of the time we are completely unaware of it, but in fact the first barometer was invented only a few years after the thermometer. Perhaps less surprising is the fact that Galileo was involved in both inventions.

He had been working on the way water pumps operated and had observed that, no matter how hard he had tried, it was impossible to raise water more than 10 metres (33 feet) above the original water level. He never did discover why and, after he died, one of his pupils, Evangelista Torricelli, went on to invent what was in effect a prototype barometer. He found out that air pressure will support mercury in a glass tube to a height of some 76 cm (30 inches) and he deduced that the difference between the 76 cm of mercury and the 10 metres of water was due to the different densities of the two fluids. He did this by filling a tube with mercury then inverting the open end into a bath of mercury under the surface. The level of the mercury fell, but not so far as to equalise with the level of the container. He had thus created the first sustained vacuum.

He concluded that the only thing that could be pushing the mercury up in the tube must be the pressure of the atmosphere on the surface of the mercury in the container.

For a long time BP was measured in the English-speaking world in '*inches of mercury*' and eventually in other European countries in centimetres or millimetres. But air actually exerts a downward force on the earth's surface, and pressure is officially defined as '*force per unit area*'. This proved to be more acceptable in the early twentieth century and as it would be more accurate to measure BP in these terms, so the *millibar* was introduced. This was in turn renamed '*hectopascal*' - one hundred pascals (so named after the seventeenth century French scientist, Blaise Pascal) and a pascal is defined as a pressure of '*one newton per square metre*'.

*"It will probably be several decades before weather forecasters finally relinquish their beloved millibars"* states Philip Eden - I think he may be right! Pascal went on to show that barometric air pressure decreases as you gain altitude and falls as you return to sea level.

The second of my topics, **Relative Humidity**, was almost more extensively covered by early experimenters (e.g., Robert Boyle 1627-91 and Jacques Alexandre Cesar Charles 1746-1823) than any of the other types of instrumentation. It is wide-ranging across the spectrum of Air, its composition, proportions, attributes and effects. Air is said to be moist or dry, according to whether its vapour pressure is near saturated level or well below. The more moist it is, the more readily a given amount of cooling produces condensation. I could record RH daily, using an instrument called a hygrometer. Instead, I use two temperatures - one from a dry thermometer, and one from a thermometer with the bulb covered in a wick which is constantly soaked in a reservoir of water. This allows the water to evaporate from around the bulb and gives a slightly lower reading. The difference between the readings is plotted on a table of prepared figures and the RH is read off as a percentage. So, in fact I am expressing the **actual vapour pressure** as a percentage of the **saturated vapour pressure** which would be possible at that air temperature. The human body is like a wet bulb

instrument which regulates excessive body temperature by means of evaporation of moisture. When we become hot and the air is dry, sweat glands work effectively and keep our body temperature in check. When the air is humid, evaporation does not take place fast enough to make us feel comfortable. Even at a higher temperature - e.g., 38°C (100°F) and RH at 50% - we are equally uncomfortable.

During the hot summer of 2003, a lot of people (particularly on the continent) died from heat stroke, in conditions in which it was impossible for some very old and the very young to cope. The body's thermal control failed, ending in death for these people. Fortunately in this country the RH is usually very bearable. It may vary between 60% and 95% on most days, with frequent occasions between 95% and 100%, but as low as 40% is rare, even in summer. 10% RH occurs so seldom that the lowest record is still

24<sup>th</sup> May 1901, when 9.5% was recorded at Parkstone, Dorset, at 16.00 hours GMT. As a matter of interest, there is sometimes a problem with Relative Humidity indoors. We find adverts for Humidifiers to hang on central heating radiators appearing quite regularly in the winter. "Certainly RH is materially affected by artificial heating systems. A person sitting comfortably indoors, normally clothed, is usually comfortable in an air temperature of 25°C (75°F) and RH of 50%" (*Edith Holford, Guinness Book of Weather Facts and Feats*).

I guess that by the time you are reading this it will have poured down in buckets. My water butts are empty now, so there can be no more watering except the tomatoes and the odd greenhouse plant or two.

*Make a note of the first frost when it comes - should be about 5<sup>th</sup> November!*

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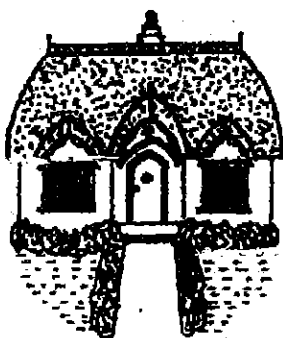
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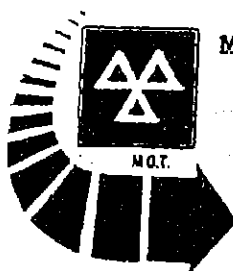
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# Thurlestone & South Milton 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Horticultural Show Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2006

Our show this year took place in Thurlestone's new Parish Hall with its excellent facilities, and it was a happy and enjoyable experience for everyone, not least for the many visitors who came along. **John Beven's** Powerpoint presentation on "*What the Judges look for*" on the big screen provided excellent pointers for future show-entrants. The "Story Sack", in the course of completion by Thurlestone WI for the children's section of Kingsbridge Library, was also on display.

Before the show opens to the public the committee entertains the judges, stewards and helpers to lunch - this year in the Yeo Room at the Hall. **Mary & Julian Tregelles** organise this, with their helpers. The high standards of our show lunch have become famous in the judging fraternity and this year was no exception!

Show stalwarts **David Coward**, **Tony Church** and **Derek Brown** won respectively 25 classes and 3 cups, 23 classes and 4 cups, and 18 classes and 3 cups. But it was nice to see so many new names amongst the winners, with the **Gilkes** family winning 5 classes and 3 cups and the **Durant** family 4 classes and 2 cups. The show judges remarked on the high standard of the exhibits in the show. The prizes were presented to the winners by the Show President, **Pat Macdonald**.

## The Awards

Ben Horn Memorial Cup	Highest points onions & shallots	D Coward
Yeo Cup	Best vegetable section A	D Coward
Fruit & Vegetable Amateur	Winner of section A	D Coward
Wray Cup	Best vegetable section B	D Brown
Fruit & Vegetable Open	Winner of section B	T Church
Cut Flowers & Pot Plants	Winner of section C	D Brown
Marshall Cup	Winner single rose bloom	T Church
Chapman Bowl	Highest points roses	T Church
President's Tankard	Fuchsia	D Brown
K' bridge Garden Shop Cup	Winner of section G	C McKillop
Under 7s Cup	Best exhibit	E Elliott
Derrick Yeoman Cup	Best junior children's	W Brown
Oswald Junior Cup	Overall winner of junior section	T Durant
White Cup	Best senior children's	L Durant
Oswald Senior Cup	Overall winner of senior section	C Gilkes & L Durant
Doris Tyler Trophy	Winner of set recipe	M Tregelles
Domestic Challenge Cup	Overall winner of section E	L Gunning & S Durant
Doris Jackson Trophy	Winner of sewing class 101	J Booth
Handicrafts Cup	Overall winner of section F	E Gilkes
Millman Cup	Best photograph	T Burr
South Milton Resident	Highest number of points in show	J Turner
Thurlestone Resident	Highest number of points in show	T Church
Novice Vegetable Cup	Highest number of points not having won in previous 3 years	A Collyer
Lyn Gunning Cookery Cup	Highest number of points not having won in previous 3 years	E Gilkes

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D Brown  
D Brown  
E Elliott  
W Brown  
P Townsend  
C Pope

**David Coward**, the Show chairman said "A big vote of thanks must go to my committee, the judges, stewards and helpers and particularly those residents of the two parishes whose wholehearted support of the show, and their enthusiasm, ensured its success".

For next year, however, to encourage Thurlestone and South Milton's very reluctant flower-arrangers (we had very few entries this year) we are hoping to scrap the awarding of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each floral art class and replace them with the RHS award system of Gold, Silver or Bronze to entries which achieve the appropriate standard. This will be take effect for next year's show. *It is very disappointing that within a parish which so recently produced 30+ beautiful*

*arrangements for the Flower Festival in June, only two of those arrangers put flower arrangements into our show in August!*

Residents of Bantham, Buckland, South Milton and Thurlestone we need you once again to fill South Milton Village Hall for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The show embraces a wide spectrum of interests, including art, cookery, carpentry, metalwork, knitting, sewing, photographs and flower arranging as well as the garden produce, so there is something for everyone. And remember that all adult classes are open to children who wish to enter them. They don't have to confine themselves to the children's classes.

**John Lonsdale**  
Show Secretary

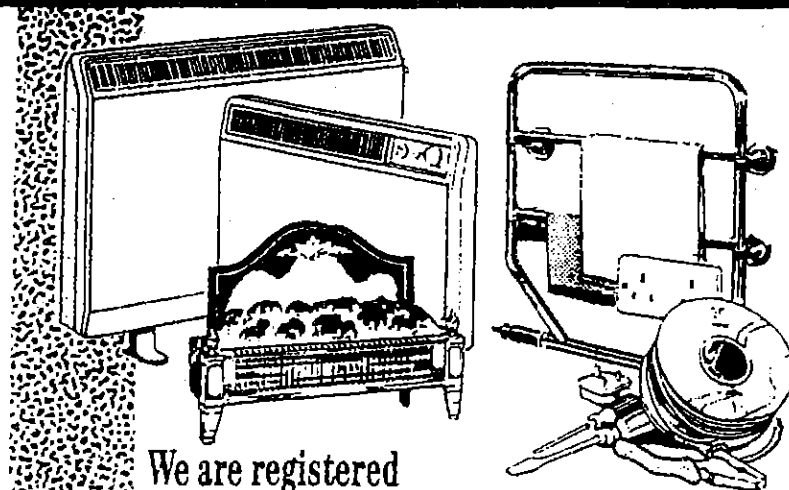
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## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Since my last newsletter the club has hosted two major golfing events within quick succession. The first was the Seniors' Open, which is in only its second year. It proved a great success, with a field stretching from early morning until late afternoon. Many thanks to **Ian Jones** who welcomed everybody, acting as official Starter for the whole day. The trophy was won by **Ron Henderson** from East Devon, and it was a shame he was not able to receive his prize in person as it is a magnificent trophy kindly donated by **Shona Wilson** during Eric's captaincy year. The Seniors' Open is becoming one of our major annual events. Many thanks to **Ron Bancroft, Dickie and Di Bird, and Mary Wilkes** for their organisational skills. There were many approving comments from the visitors both for the course and the event itself.

The next day the greens staff were up early again to prepare for the Canada Cup Open. This trophy was played in very difficult conditions (as was the Seniors' Open) and was won by the Thurlestone pairing of **David and Peter Eva**. Again the event was well supported and the course was prepared to a very high standard.

My main event has been the Captain's Prize. As well as competing against each other, the members have had to battle against the elements. Mist led to the postponement of my first day, and also tried to hinder the reorganised fixture. However, the majority of those taking part managed to dodge the early morning mist and played in some nice golfing conditions. **Peter Laughler**, our club professional, challenged the field to beat him on the sixth hole and raised over £200 towards my charity, Clic Sargent. Combined with the generosity of the members, that meant we raised something in the order of £450 on the day. Many thanks to all. The prizes were all cut glass crystal, except for the best net junior prize which was a Mizuno putter. The Captain's prize was won by

**Hugh Bodger** with a magnificent 45 points. Hugh is a new member who has entered as many events as he could since joining the club, so it is nice to see him doing so well. **Kevin Mingo** (72) won best gross; **Philip Pailthorpe** (42 pts) best Div 1; **Brian Munn** (41 pts) best Div 2; and **Ben Bromfield** (35pts) best net junior. Well done! And my thanks to you all for your support.

**Alec Esplin**

## LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

We have now reached the end of August and the first signs of autumn, and are looking back on the last two months which have been very enjoyable and full of activity.

The Silver Meeting (handicaps 0-20) was blessed with very good weather and the day was enjoyed by all, not least the post-golf excellent buffet produced by our chef, **Duncan Prowse**. The winner of the Dormer Scratch Sup, presented in the 1920s by Mrs Yeo, was **Helen Joyce** of Long Ashton club, who returned a score of 75 gross. The best local result was that of **Lindsey Fletcher** who won the Money Cup for the best scratch score by a Thurlestone member, with a gross score of 83. Lindsey continued her winning ways by becoming our Lady Champion once again, for the third year running. We shall have to practise harder to challenge her next year!

The 3-Ball Better Ball Open event, now in its second year, held at the end of July, was a huge success. It too was blessed with perfect weather, with 126 entrants from 26 clubs within Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Gloucester. Perhaps I had better explain for non-golfers that a 3BBB competition is when only the two better scores out of three count. Once again the top prize went to visitors - this time from Burnham & Berrow. The standard of golf was very high with no fewer than 12 holes in two. Those not playing well were able to enjoy the stunning and sparkling views of Thurlestone at its best. I hope that

everyone will come back again next year for another dose of Bigbury Bay.

A popular competition held in August each year is the Allcomers Cup - open, as the name suggests, to members and visitors alike. This was also blessed with a perfect day and was won for the second year running by **Sue Laugher** with an excellent score of net 67, five below par, reducing her handicap to 10. Watch out Lindsey Fletcher!

An innovation this year was my Captain's Charity Day, played for two beautiful glass rose bowls engraved with the Thurlestone crest, which had been given to us to raise money for charity by **Mr Harris** of Shaugh Prior on his retirement. My charity for the year is **Clic Sargent** and the astonishing total of £627 was raised. Everyone was more than generous and the amount included the fines I imposed on myself for organising it and on the winner for winning, as well as fines for three putts and visiting bunkers.

The competition was organised with a 9.00 am shot-gun start, which meant that there are players on every tee and everyone starts at the same time. The great benefit of this is that everyone comes in at the same time, so that all can have lunch together and attend the prize-giving. The competition was won by **Maureen Groves** and **Karin Morgan** with a terrific score of 47 points.

Autumn seems to be gathering speed and although all the inter-club matches are over for the year, we still have a lot to look forward to before winter grips us in its icy fingers. There is our Invitation Day, when members entertain guest from other clubs for the day and our Closed Meeting when, as the name suggests, we give ourselves all the prizes. There is also the luncheon for the past Lady Captains - an awe-inspiring group - as well as an Away Day for all those who have played in official team matches and their caddies. More of these in the next issue!

**Tish Mawhood**

## TENNIS SECTION NEWSLETTER

This season Andre Agassi retired, Roger Federer won Wimbledon for a fourth time and Andy Murray made it into the world's top 20. Thurlestone Tennis also continued to provide its own unique mix of past,

present and future.

Traditional club events were supplemented by new club tournaments and, thanks to **Nicky Came**, more friendly matches that ensured the club's 10 grass courts were virtually in constant use from the end of May.

The future health of Thurlestone tennis was evident in the scores of mini-tennis players signing up for **Janet Richardson's** coaching, and also in a new LTA sponsored event for intermediate juniors which we hosted in early July.

Our well-established weekly tournaments for Juniors, also run by Janet, and Ladies' and Mens' Doubles saw record levels of entrants. The Saturday Mixed Doubles events, run by **Roddy Hill**, saw record levels of cream teas and strawberries and cream, and I know the members would like to thank **Susie Hill et al** for their continued cheeriness in the face of mountains of washing-up.

July saw three new competitions introduced. The July Cup - a tournament for under 13's open to all comers was won by **Oli Streeter** and **Emma Nelmes**. The Lepere Cup for 14 - 18 year olds was won by brother and sister **Harry** and **May Millburn-Fryer**. This was followed by a family BBQ on Leasfoot Beach which over 80 people enjoyed. And finally for Mixed Doubles, **Barbara Woodhead** presented the Woodhead Cup to her granddaughter **Sally Woodhead** who was partnered by **James Newton**.

The well established club trophies were won by **Harry Blake** and **Sarah Recourt** (Egan Cup), **Charlie Adams** and **Hollie Leonard** (Leonard Cup) and **Martin Eyre** and **Caroline Newton** (Bryan-Brown Cup). A big thanks to all the players, spectators and helpers who took part in the highly successful charity day held on behalf of **CLIC Sargent**, this year's nominated Golf Club charity.

On behalf of all of the members, many thanks to **Lindsey Fletcher** and **Linda Cant** who stepped down as Chairperson and Treasurer of the tennis committee respectively. Both received mementos which were richly deserved, and they have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone. Finally, thanks also to **Duncan** and **Sarah Prowse** and all their staff who have looked after us all so well.

**Marc Lepere**  
Chairman

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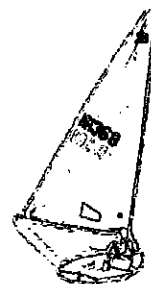
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# HORSWELL DIARY

It's morning. Bang! The bedroom door flies open and a tornado of black fur whirls across the room and on to my bed. Jack our Labrador has arrived, determined to be the first to see me awake. He bites my nose and licks my face while my husband leaves a welcome cup of tea and departs, closing the door behind him. As soon as the door clicks shut Jack leaps from the bed and selects a teddy bear from the sofa, choosing it with slow deliberation and conscious care. He brings it to me as a gift, springing onto the bed as if he were retrieving grouse from the heather. He then departs again to make a second selection for himself, returning to lie beside me, stretched out on his back, with his chosen teddy nestling between his paws – a picture of sweet doggy bliss. As the cartoonist Annie Tempest in *Country Life* magazine said recently beneath a depiction of a similar scene: *"There are times when it is good to have three in a marriage"*.

For all the dogs this 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is not only the harbinger of Autumn but a signal that walks to the beach can be resumed. The simple process of changing into Wellington boots triggers mass mayhem. Bertie steals one of my shoes and races around the room shaking it with mock ferocity, Jack scoops up his tennis ball and smiles at us with a broad neon yellow grin, and Milly snaps at our ankles yapping shrilly at her unruly flock.

Eventually we tumble out of the house and with shoe and ball restored to their rightful places we take to the lanes where in the words of the American poet John Wheelock *'sea-tang and honeysuckle perfume the air'* and the land *'slopes seaward, where the dunes go down echoing to the sea'*. He also speaks of *"The broad beach, sea wind and the sea's irregular rhythm, great dunes and their pale grass, and on the beach driftwood, tangle of bones, an occasional shell."* Whereas on our beach we are just as likely to find a litter of plastic,

the remains of a fisherman's net and the occasional abandoned flip flop.

Bertie, who cannot swim, is always first into the water, lowering himself in with a look of sublime contentment as the sea cools his thick fur. Then when thoroughly drenched he wanders off in search of a plastic bottle amongst the detritus of high tide. He likes the crinkly noise they make as he flattens them with his teeth. For the younger dogs the retrieving of sticks is a joint affair. Jack swims out in that fearless determined Labrador way whilst Millie barks instructions from the shallows.

Listening to Millie's shrill voice I feel like Professor Higgins wincing at Eliza's excruciating cockney vowels. Of course I know that dogs must bark. I do not want to deprive her of conversation, but I do wish she would modulate that ear-splitting tone of her voice. Remembering the scene from *My Fair Lady* I try to emulate the Professor:

"Now listen Millie: *'The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain'*".

"Yap-yap, yap-yap, yap yap yap yap yap yap!" she replies.

Hmm! I try again: *"In Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire....."*

(She watches me with bright curious eyes, turning her head questioningly from side to side)

*"..... Hurricanes Hardly Happen"*.

"Yelp!" she cries in defiance with a bark that would shatter the white cliffs of Dover.

I give up. Perhaps dog training classes should include elocution lessons in their curriculum.

A glut of apples and plums in the orchard

has kept me close to the Aga making chutney and jam, an excuse to stay indoors as the weather begins to cool. In the garden the soil is parched and dry with hydrangeas and box hedging showing serious signs of drought. A vast oak has unexpectedly shed an enormous bough, which in turn snapped off a branch from a neighbouring beech. Apparently, when there is a severe shortage of water, in order to survive mature trees will sacrifice their older, lower branches in order to maintain a flow of nutrients to the younger upper growth. Who says trees don't have feelings? Looking on the bright side, at least now we shall have plenty of wood to burn on our winter fires.

Recently an archaeologist has been researching the possible existence of an earlier mansion that preceded the current Horswell. From odd patches in the drought-dried lawn he believes that he has found evidence of a former terraced garden in keeping with a large Elizabethan home and this, backed up by architectural evidence in the layout of the house would seem to prove his case. Wheelock's poem goes on to describe just such a scene:

*'By the west window, in the soft dark  
the leaves of the sycamore stir gently,  
rustle, and are still  
....listening to a silence.  
The old house is full of ghosts,  
dear ghosts on stair and landing,  
in chamber and hall, garden and walk...  
where so much love dwelt for a little while  
...before it was taken by the tide.'*

I wonder what future archaeologists will make of our brief legacy.

Two buildings that will never be forgotten, especially at this time of year, are the twin towers in New York so savagely wrecked on 9/11. I fear for any future buildings on this site. The ghosts of death and fear and misery would surely filter through. And although they say that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, any building here would make a tempting target for history to repeat itself. Listen to the words of W.H.Auden:

*'I sit in one of the dives, on Fifty-second  
Street, uncertain and afraid as the clever  
hopes expire of a low dishonest decade:  
Waves of anger and fear circulate over  
the bright and darkened lands of the  
earth, obsessing our private lives; the  
unmentionable odour of death offends the  
September night.....'*

That was written about the events of another September, way back in 1939. And then later in the same poem his thoughts seem yet again to be amazingly appropriate for the troubled era in which we now live.

*'Faces along the bar cling to their  
average day: the lights must never go out,  
the music must always play. All the  
conventions conspire to make this fort  
assume the furniture of home, lest we  
should see where we are, lost in a  
haunted wood, children afraid of the  
night'.*

One of my abiding memories of Bertie on the beach will be the sight of him cavorting crazily on the edge of the sand, careless, seemingly unaware of the giant wave building behind him. The wind is ruffling his long fur, blowing it over his eyes as he tosses his empty plastic bottle repeatedly in the air, frolicking back and forth, a picture of insouciance. The developing wave grows dark and threatening, hanging over him now, snarling and curling its lip. I yell his name but know his deafness and the roar of the sea will exclude my words. And then just as the wave slams down, clanging shut like the jaws of a trap, Bertie scoops up his bottle and skips towards me out of harm's way, his big brown eyes smiling with mischief.

Perhaps in the face of the growing wave of world terrorism we too should be like Bertie. Far better that, than being reduced to Auden's children *'lost in a haunted wood, afraid of the night.'*

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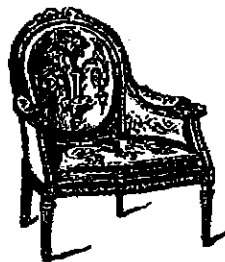
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# At the Bridge Table



All bridge players enjoy calling slams and then bringing them home. Here are two examples. In the first, where North/South were playing a strong No Trump of 15 to 17 points, the bidding was very short - with 1NT from South and 6 NT from his partner. With five solid tricks in the majors the objective is to play the minors in a way which maximises the chances of success. As Diamonds are stronger, this is the suit to try first. Happily the normal finesse with the Jack works, so you now know that you only need three Club tricks. Here there is a standard safety play. Lead to the King and back towards the Ace - 9 - 4. If West follows low, play the 9. If West plays either the Queen or 10, win with the Ace. If West shows out, win the Ace and lead towards the Jack. This brings the slam in, but note that if the Diamond finesse did not work you would need to try for four Club tricks by way of a second-round finesse of the Jack.

The second slam is an example of rather optimistic bidding, which went as follows:

W	N	E	S
			1 Spade
Pass	2 Clubs	Pass	2 Hearts
Pass	3 Spades	Pass	6 Spades

North correctly upgraded his hand on his second bid to force to game and South simply bid what he hoped he could make.

The opening lead of the King of Diamonds, taken with the Ace was not the best for declarer, who quickly saw that Heart ruffs would not get him home and that his only chance was to set up the Club suit. Even that would rely on both Spades and Clubs dividing 3 - 2, and although statistically that was only a 40% shot, today was his lucky day. In fact there were three related and sensible routes to success. First, immediately play three rounds of Clubs, throwing away the Diamond loser. Then win East's return, draw trumps (ending in dummy) and take the established three Club winners. This brings in 12 tricks via five Spades, one Heart, one Diamond and five Clubs.

Alternatively, two rounds of trumps could be taken before playing on Clubs. Lastly, there was perhaps the more attractive line of playing three rounds of Clubs and ruffing the third one high in hand. Then draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, and dump the losing Diamond on a winning Club. West may ruff but declarer can return to dummy with a Heart ruff to reach the remaining Club winners. All the alternatives work here, but they are always worth looking for.

Often people will say that you need x points to make a small slam and y points to make a grand. This is nonsense (eg, the second example above where North/South have only 24 high card points). The shape of the hands, particularly long suits, combined with key cards (aces and voids) is far more important. To emphasise this point, please see whether you can construct hands where North/South can make 6 Spades against any defence with a total of only 3 high card points divided between the two hands, and only one ten spot. Similarly, can you achieve 7 Spades with a total of 5 high card points? There are several possibilities and one example of each slam will appear in my next article. But I am sure your imaginations can rise to the task!

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# SHEILA SADLER'S 100 -YEAR QUIZ ANSWERS

## WHAT HAPPENED WHEN? ANNUAL QUIZ NUMBER FOUR

### Results

Several contestants came up with ingenious (and valid!) alternatives for some of the questions and were accordingly marked as correct. In the event, there were eight all-correct solutions received. The eight names (including one anonymous entry) went into the draw, which was made by production supremo Al Parker at the Village Voice committee meeting on 12th September. The lucky winner proved to be :

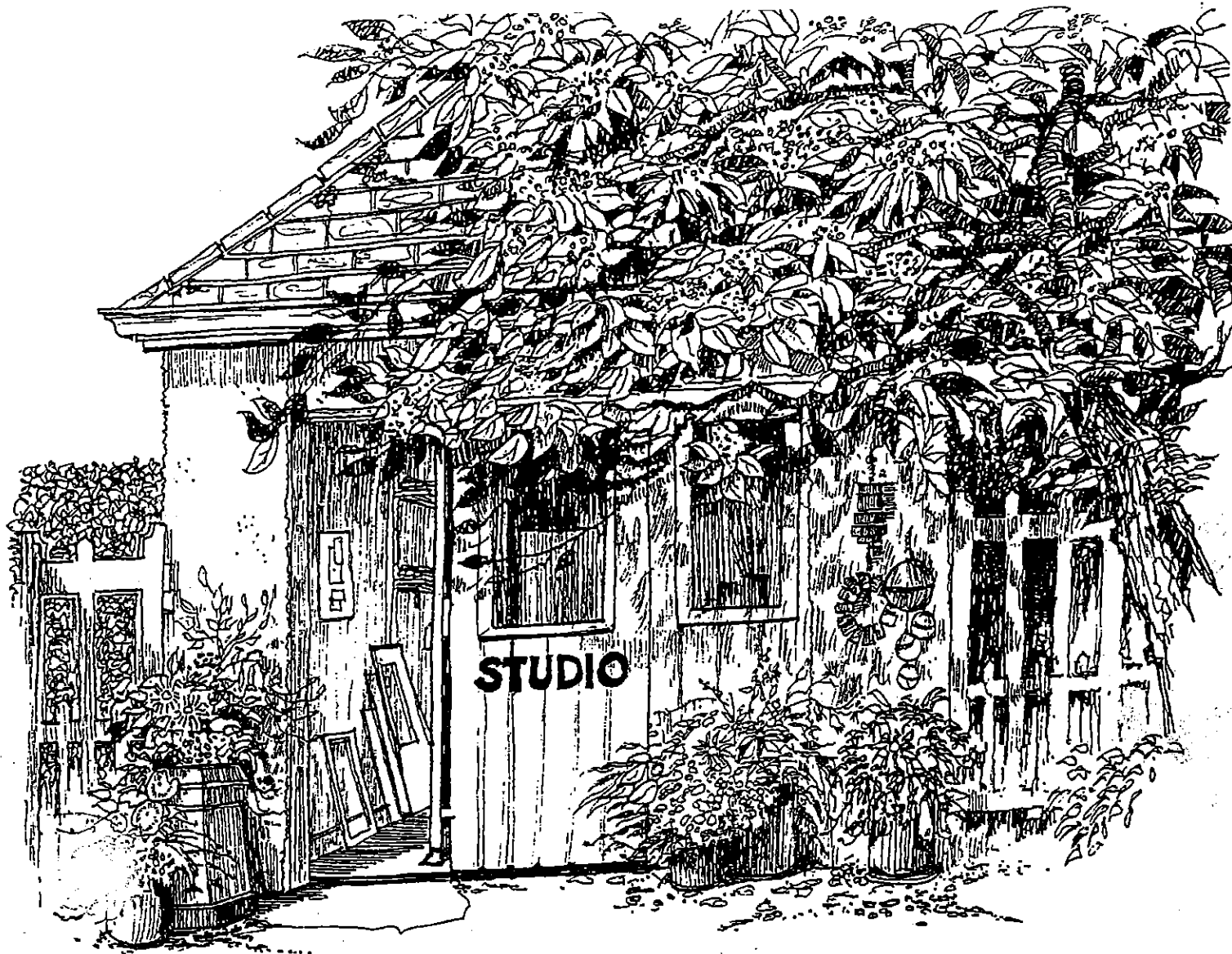
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The other all-correct entries came from "Anonymous", Mrs K J Bowden, Mrs J Gillan, Julian, Celina, & Barnaby Hamm, Kit & Gillian Marshall, Lisa White, and Tricia Wilson. Congratulations to all entrants on the very high standard achieved.. A really big thank you goes to **Sarah and the staff** at the Village Store for all their help once again in promoting and handling the Quiz right through their busiest season. Thanks, too, go to all those of you who purchased a Quiz, even if you weren't able to complete it. Better luck next time! *The net proceeds from the sale of the Quiz have realised £237 for the Parish Hall funds.*

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1912	Centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens	
1913	The first Chelsea Flower Show	
1914	Emmeline and Sylvia Pankhurst arrested	
1915	Womens Institute introduced in Britain	
1916	Battle of the Somme	
1917	Saxe-Coburg Gotha name changed to Windsor	
1918	Start of the Art Deco movement	
1919	The Forestry Commission established in UK	
1920	The "Tommy Gun" is patented	
1921	Charlie Chaplin stars in <b>The Kid</b>	
1922	Readers Digest first printed	
1923	The first Wembley Cup Final - West Ham Versus Bolton	
1924	George Gershwin composes <b>Rhapsody In Blue</b>	
1925	The Charleston is all the rage	
1926	John Logie Baird demonstrates Television for the first time	
1927	The first British Legion Festival Of Remembrance	
1928	Heinz Baked Beans launched	

1929	<b>The Pony Club</b> formed for children
1930	<b>John Masefield</b> succeeds <b>Robert Bridges</b> as <b>Poet Laureate</b>
1931	<b>Sadlers Wells</b> (now the <b>Royal Ballet</b> ) founded
1932	<b>Thomas Beecham</b> establishes the <b>London Philharmonic Orchestra</b>
1933	<b>Adolf Hitler</b> becomes <b>Chancellor of Germany</b>
1934	<b>Percy Shaw</b> patents the <b>Cats-Eye Reflector</b> for road safety
1935	The <b>Ramblers Association</b> is formed for country lovers
1936	<b>Reginald Joseph Mitchell</b> designs the <b>Spitfire</b>
1937	<b>Billy Butlin</b> opens his first <b>Holiday Camp</b>
1938	<b>Agatha Christie</b> and husband purchase <b>Greenaway</b> on the <b>River Dart</b>
1939	<b>Battle of the River Plate</b>
1940	<b>Local Defence Volunteers</b> formed
1941	Completion of the <b>Mount Rushmore Memorial</b> to <b>Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, &amp; Roosevelt</b>
1942	<b>William Temple</b> appointed <b>Archbishop of Canterbury</b>
1943	<b>For Whom The Bell Tolls</b> stars <b>Gary Cooper</b> and <b>Ingrid Bergman</b>
1944	<b>Glenn Miller</b> goes missing over the <b>English Channel</b>
1945	<b>Churchill, Roosevelt, &amp; Stalin</b> meet at the <b>Yalta Conference</b>
1946	Inaugural meeting of <b>United Nations General Assembly</b>
1947	Partition of <b>India</b> and <b>Pakistan</b>
1948	State of <b>Israel</b> created
1949	<b>De Havilland</b> build the <b>Concorde</b>
1950	<b>China</b> invades <b>Tibet</b>
1951	First production of <b>Electricity</b> by <b>Nuclear Power</b>
1952	<b>Contraceptive Pills</b> become available
1953	End of the war in <b>Korea</b>
1954	<b>Dylan Thomas</b> writes <b>Under Milk Wood</b>
1955	<b>Commercial Television</b> starts in <b>Britain</b>
1956	<b>Heartbreak Hotel</b> is a hit for <b>Elvis Presley</b>
1957	<b>Harold Macmillan</b> enters <b>Number Ten Downing Street</b>
1958	<b>Charles</b> becomes <b>Prince Of Wales</b>
1959	<b>Alec Issigonis</b> designs the <b>Mini</b>
1960	<b>Coronation Street</b> opens on <b>Granada Television</b>
1961	<b>Farthing</b> ceases to be <b>Legal Tender</b>
1962	<b>Consecration</b> of the new <b>Coventry Cathedral</b> after the blitz
1963	The <b>Great Train Robbery</b>
1964	<b>A Fistful Of Dollars</b> directed by <b>Sergio Leone</b>
1965	<b>Stanley Matthews</b> knighted aged 49
1966	<b>Arkle</b> wins a third successive <b>Cheltenham Gold Cup</b>
1967	<b>Suez Canal</b> closed for 8 years following <b>Six Day War</b>

1968	<b>Martin Luther King</b> assassinated by <b>James Earl Ray</b>
1969	<b>Bernadette Devlin</b> wins <b>Mid-Ulster</b> by-election
1970	<b>Ten Shilling Note</b> goes out of circulation
1971	Start of the <b>Open University</b>
1972	<b>Sir John Betjeman</b> appointed as <b>Poet Laureate</b>
1973	<b>That's Life</b> with <b>Esther Rantzen</b> begins a 21 year run
1974	Discovery of the <b>Terracotta Army</b> in <b>China</b>
1975	<b>Junko Tabei</b> is the first woman to climb <b>Mount Everest</b>
1976	<b>The Prince's Trust</b> set up to help young people
1977	Death of singers <b>Bing Crosby</b> , <b>Maria Callas</b> , and <b>Elvis Presley</b>
1978	<b>Cambridge</b> sink in the <b>University Boat Race</b>
1979	<b>Mother Theresa</b> awarded the <b>Nobel Peace Prize</b>
1980	The <b>Walkman</b> launched by <b>Sony</b>
1981	The <b>Right To Buy Council Houses</b> authorised by <b>Margaret Thatcher</b>
1982	' <b>Allo,'Allo</b> begins a long run
1983	Compulsory <b>Wearing of Seat Belts</b>
1984	Bomb at the <b>Conservative Party Conference</b> in <b>Brighton</b>
1985	<b>Mohamed Al Fayed</b> buys <b>Harrods</b>
1986	Nuclear explosion at <b>Chernobyl</b>
1987	Work starts on the <b>Channel Tunnel</b>
1988	<b>Lockerbie Air Disaster</b> in <b>Scotland</b>
1989	<b>Sky Television</b> launched in <b>Britain</b>
1990	<b>Iraq</b> invades <b>Kuwait</b>
1991	<b>Helen Sharman</b> is the first Briton in <b>Space</b>
1992	<b>Princess Royal</b> granted divorce from <b>Captain Mark Phillips</b>
1993	<b>Eritrea</b> becomes independent from <b>Ethiopia</b>
1994	<b>John Major</b> introduces the <b>National Lottery</b>
1995	<b>Jonathan Edwards</b> sets new world record in the <b>Triple Jump</b>
1996	World champion <b>Gary Kasparov</b> beats the <b>Deep Blue Supercomputer</b> in a match
1997	<b>Royal Yacht Britannia</b> is decommissioned
1998	<b>Google</b> enters the computer world
1999	<b>David Steel</b> is the first <b>Presiding Officer</b> of the <b>Scottish Parliament</b>
2000	Opening of the <b>Millennium Dome</b> and the <b>London Eye</b>
2001	<b>John Prescott</b> lashes out at <b>Craig Evans</b> in <b>Rhyl</b>
2002	<b>Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee</b>
2003	<b>England</b> win <b>Rugby Union World Cup</b> in <b>Australia</b>
2004	<b>110<sup>th</sup> Promenade Concert</b>
2005	After 18 years, <b>England</b> win back the <b>Ashes</b>



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## OCTOBER

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch, 11.10 am
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, long walk, Ugborough or Plym Trail
		Kingsmen Concert, Parish Hall, 8.00 pm
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup>	W1, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm ("Now you've got the flowers...")
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Mats for Children, Parish Hall, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP long walk, Torcross, Stokenham
		Aune Conservation public lecture, Parish Hall, 8 pm
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Mats for Children, Parish Hall, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

## NOVEMBER

Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, long walk, East Prawle
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	W1 annual meeting, elections, etc. Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke's Coffee Morning, Parish Hall, 10.30 am
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas flowers, Malborough Village Hall, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	Community College Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm

## DECEMBER

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Quiz Night, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Christmas walk, TBA
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	'Gentle Jazz', Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Thur	14 <sup>th</sup>	W1 Christmas Lunch - details later
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Party, Parish Hall - details later

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