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NIMBIES UNITE!

Thurlestone folk are broadly of independent mind and means. They are very ready to support worthy causes and charities. They delight in their coast and countryside, and value their village heritage and traditions. This is evident from their contributions to the millennium video, the funding for the Parish Hall, and the 2009 Parish Plan.

So when our three villages, or the Parish, come under threat, we should expect the response from within to be strong and well-ordered, and well led by the Parish Council. And indeed, the threat of inappropriate housing development at "Thatches" has been thoroughly well challenged by local individuals, and the Parish Council. Even so, planning authorities concluded that "*the volume of local opposition*" is insufficient to influence their decision (see inside).

Are we to tamely accept this slap in the face? Could this set a precedent, and open the floodgates for all kinds of inappropriate or speculative building projects? Surely it is not yet too late, nor the aspect too bleak, for the voice of Thurlestone to make itself heard. The planners have challenged "*the volume of local opposition*". Let us make it loud, and clear, and above all, collective - NIMBIES of Thurlestone, unite! There is work to be done here.

And let us not be distracted by inter-parochial rivalry over the designation of the shore-line, which will remain Canutely unaffected by local bickering. Our focus should be on the prevention of unnecessary and inappropriate damage to the fabric of our villages.

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It was reported at a recent Thurlestone Parish Council meeting that South Hams District Council are in the process of identifying future development sites within local villages, including Thurlestone.

Further investigation via the Internet has located the SHDC document "South Hams Local Development Framework (LDF) - Site Allocation Development Plan Documents". These include a series of 9 leaflets with No. 5 (Selecting Villages for Development) and No.8 (The Kingsbridge area) of particular relevance, and there are maps showing possible building sites. One of these maps identifies three potential sites *within Thurlestone village* - as shown on the plan opposite. All these, and other supporting documents, may be found on the SHDC website at www.southhams.gov.uk. For those without access to the Internet, extracts from these documents appear below.

In leaflet 5 (Selecting villages for development), the SHDC sets out an emerging likely distribution of development as follows:

Settlement Location	Approx number of dwellings	Affordable housing target	Employment land area
Chillington/Stokenham	50	55%	0.75 ha
Modbury	50	55%	0.75 ha
Salcombe	50	55%	0.75 ha
Yealmpton	50	55%	0.75 ha
Villages	400*	60%	

* To be shared according to need, sustainability, and site availability

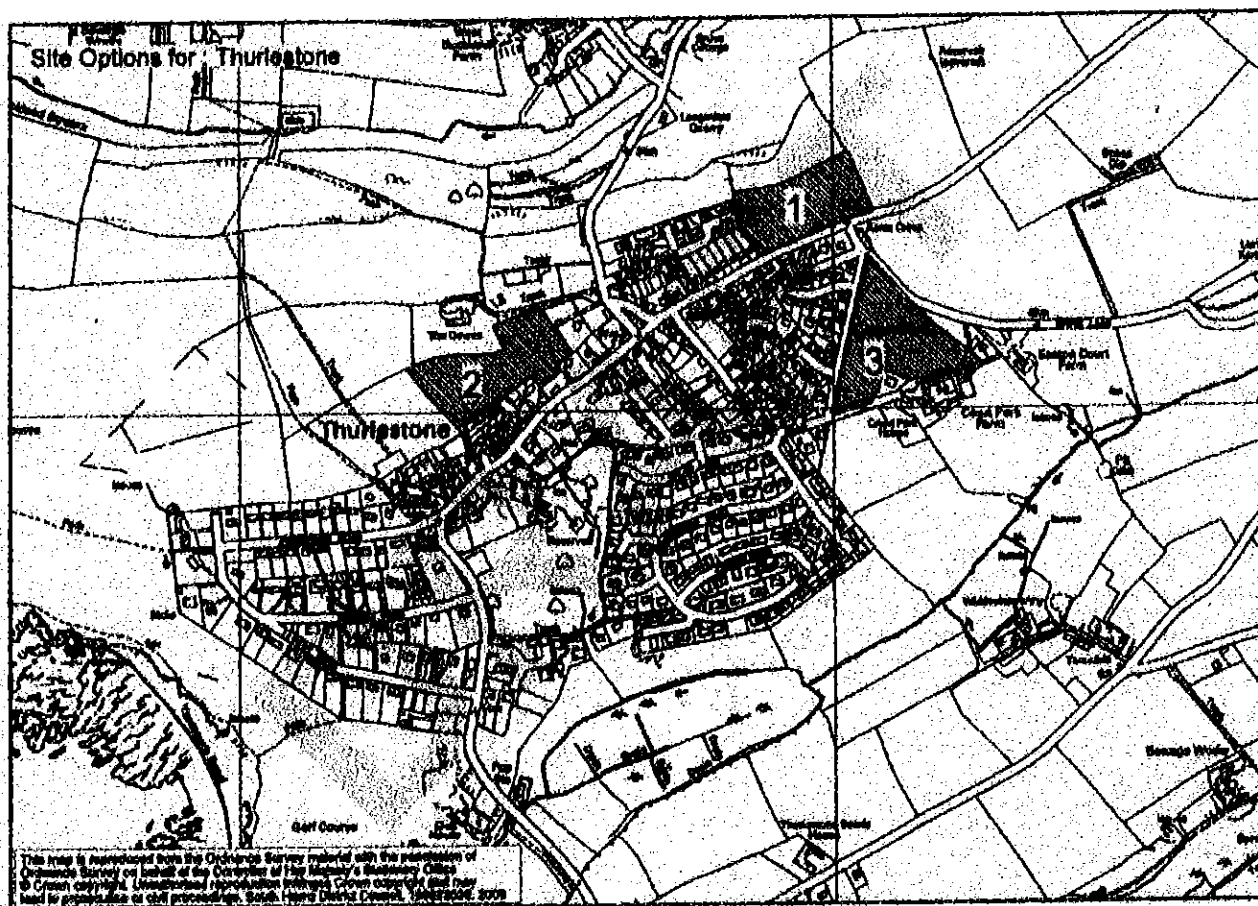
It further states that "Those villages with *a primary school and a village shop* are most likely to receive a site allocation, but this will depend upon need, sustainability and site availability, so not all such villages will necessarily receive an allocation and the size of the sites proposed will vary...."

16 South Hams villages, including Thurlestone, are listed as having a primary school and a village shop. It should be noted that Salcombe, which is also part of the LDF, has already had consultation with SHDC for clarification over their concerns, as recently reported in local newspapers.

All those who have any concerns regarding these developments should note that *the time originally allowed for local consultation has now officially passed*, and that the process of deciding site allocation and usage is now underway. The SHDC is intending to finalise and present its Pre-submission Publication in October 2009. The final plan will be aimed for submission to the Government in Spring 2010.

It is suggested that Thurlestone residents who have concerns, or who require clarification resulting from reviewing these documents, should urgently contact Mrs Jill Munn (560732) who will co-ordinate your responses. If sufficient interest is forthcoming, a public consultation will be urgently requested with the SHDC Advance Planning Officer.

Richard Swan
23 July 2009



Map of Thurlestone showing the three possible housing development sites

Editorial Comment

The accompanying article from **Richard Swan** was received as we were about to “go to press” with this issue of *Village Voice*. It was deemed sufficiently important, and urgent, however, to warrant a priority over some other articles we had lined up, which will now, with our apologies, be held over until the October issue.

The Parish Council (on summer recess) is not due to have its next meeting until Monday, 7 September, but it is aware of the importance of these housing proposals, and has already indicated its opposition to them as running counter to the Parish Plan. It therefore convened a special meeting of available Parish Councillors for the last week of July, and requested that a representative from SHDC Forward Planning should attend to clarify the situation. By then this magazine will have been printed. Pending further news or clarification, the Parish Council have welcomed Richard Swan’s initiative, and encourage parishioners to reflect to **Mrs Jill Munn** any concerns they may have about the proposals, as suggested.

The thrust of our own editorial foreword *Nimbies Unite* regarding the planning authorities response over “Thatches” - already finalised before we received Richard’s article - applies even more strongly here. The “consultation process” can prove something of a juggernaut unless people take the opportunity to make their views known. ***But better late than never - and better co-ordinated than not.***

Parish Hall News

By Chris White



Life at the Parish Hall continues to be busy, with regular activities and bookings for weddings and parties. We have continued our sociable fund-raising events with the *'Cream Tea & Roses'* at Lower Kerse on Sunday 21st June, when fortune favoured us with a glorious summer's day.

The **Parker-Swifts** (mainly Stephen I'm told) had laboured long and hard in their extensive garden which was looking at its best. Given the marvellous weather, around 80 people decided that the best thing they could do that day was to enjoy a top quality cream tea in wonderful surroundings. What a good choice they made and we thank them for supporting the Parish Hall in this way. It was also encouraging to see a good number of non-residents enjoying this hidden gem of Thurlestone. Many people went home clutching fine plants and attractive greetings cards thanks to the presence of **Amanda Hansford** and **Valerie Walker** respectively.

We are indebted to the **Parker-Swifts**, and thank them warmly, for so generously giving us the opportunity to share their garden for fund-raising. Thanks are also due to members of the Hall's committee, to **Colin Rogers** for transporting tables and chairs, to **Joan Booth** for help in the kitchen, and to **Rodney Stidston** for allowing us the use of his field for parking.

Our next event was another excuse for some lighthearted fun - at the **BBQ, Bowls & Boules** evening on Tuesday 28th July. This was an event we had hoped to hold last year, but circumstances led to a rather lengthy postponement (!) With a 6.00 pm start, there was plenty of time for a good turnout of parishioners and visitors to enjoy a jolly good evening, with succulent barbecued offerings courtesy of **Kit Marshall** and **David Houghton**. My thanks to all those who came along to contribute to the cause, and to those who helped to organise the entertainment and the refreshments.

Further on in the year there is a welcome return of the immensely talented **Karema Quartet**. Previously they have given us a concert in August but due to pressure of other diary commitments we will not be hearing them until Saturday 19th September, when we clearly have another huge classical musical treat in store. For tickets, please contact **Madeleine Radford** on 01548 - 560867.

The next Saturday afternoon, 26th September, will see our annual fund-raising by all the Hall's users at the **Autumn Fair**, so please come along and support that too.

On Saturday 10th October we will have the pleasure of an illustrated talk by **Peter Stafford** on *The Lost Gardens of Heligan*. He is generously offering a Family Entry Ticket to Heligan FREE to everyone attending, which would be valid to the end of 2010 and could be handed on to any member of the family or friends.

Stop Press

As we go to press comes great news from former Chairman **Ron Parkin**, who has negotiated another star musical attraction for Thurlestone in September.

The Catz Quintet, led by **Mark Simpson** (Young Musician of the Year, and BBC Proms/Guardian composer of the Year 2006), with **Jonathon Swinard** (Piano) will give a special concert at Thurlestone Parish Hall on **Tuesday 15th September** at 7.30 pm.

This is a really sensational musical coup for Thurlestone, and is sure to be a sell-out, especially with Jonathon Swinard's local connections. Details of the concert programme and tickets will be announced later.

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After we had printed this issue, we were able to include this extra page at the last minute to record the outcome of the Parish Council's meeting with representatives of the South Hams District Council Forward Planning Department. Here are the minutes of the meeting.

Thurlestone Parish Council

Short Meeting held on 28th July 2009 at 6.00pm at 4 Island View, Thurlestone

Present : Cllr Rhymes (Chairman), Cllrs Came, Hugo, Hurrell, Mitchelmore, Stidston.
Apologies : Cllr Marshall.

In Attendance : Phil Millard (Clerk)

Guests : James Doxford and Rebecca Black from Forward Planning Department SHDC.

Background

This meeting was arranged at short notice as some Parishioners had expressed concern regarding the Local Development Framework (LDF) published in May this year. Within this document is a map which identifies three potential sites within Thurlestone. The Forward Planning Department has to provide approximately 400 houses for the Villages. This has been narrowed down to 16 favoured villages which have both a school and a shop - this includes Thurlestone. This plan is up to 2016. SHDC can bring in other villages outside the 16 if demand is there for housing and they ask to be considered.

The Local Development Framework Report was circulated in May. There was a consultation period in May - June which gave Villages the chance to feed back their feelings regarding the proposals. We thought we had done this via District Cllr Rankin at our June Meeting. **In view of the road into the Village it was felt that no further development was wanted.**

Discussion

Two big problems were discussed. Firstly, the road into the Village - any increase in traffic would be very unwelcome as we already have problems. We would definitely not want to increase traffic through the Village. Secondly - the school has a capacity for 138 children and is full through to 2011.

James Doxford advised the meeting:

- # that if he had to be pinned down to numbers of houses then he would say between 15-30, of which 50-60% would have to be affordable housing.
- # that of the 3 sites proposed then probably **number one** would be favoured for this type of small development.
- # that the council do not buy the Land - they would find a developer and then they would negotiate with the land owner.
- # that if none of the sites is felt appropriate the council can suggest other site/sites if it wishes. For example, West Buckland could be considered, since all of the building over the recent past has been on the Thurlestone side.
- # that if asked whether they would consider 100% affordable housing - this is difficult as there is then no profit for the developer.

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With regard to the recent survey in Thurlestone parish (Parish Plan) the Parish Council felt that this gave clear indications about what the parish would want/not want - and these statistics were presented to the representatives:

Stay substantially the same - 59%
Have more families and young people - 39%
To have fewer second homes - 47%
Only have new homes that are affordable - 22%
Have a significant number of new buildings - 3%

If there is to be expansion in the parish should the new buildings be:

Within the existing development area - 69%
Infilling only - 19%
Only affordable housing - 25%

From this one could deduce that a fair number of parishioners would not be averse to more affordable housing, but there is a definite 'anti' to more second homes.

We would therefore want any project to be designated 'for residents only' and certainly require that it should be covenanted that no letting be allowed.

The SHDC are happy to give us say 7/10 days to give further feedback from parishioners' response to the Village Voice article from Richard Swan.

Conclusions

As a council we are open minded regarding the prospect of new housing and want to reflect the views of our parishioners - so we would welcome feedback whether it is for or against any development.

Please send your comments to Cllr A J Rhymes by e-mail to timberjack@hotmail.co.uk or in writing to **4 Island View, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NH** before Sunday 9th August. We will then collate your views and feed these back to SHDC Forward Planning Department.

Further Information

1. Your window of opportunity to express your views to the Chairman of the Parish Council on this matter, for inclusion in the Council's feedback to SHDC, will close on **Sunday 9th August**. **So this is your last chance.**
2. All details of the proposals can be found (!) on the **SHDC website** (www.southhams.gov.uk). Follow the links from **Home > Use interactive policy maps > Local Development Framework > Site allocation development plan documents**.
3. An Open Meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on a date to be advised later.
4. An update will be given at the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 7 September at 7.30 pm

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Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held on 8th June & 6th July 2009

News and views by Citizen

Attendance

At the **June** meeting there were seven Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, Shona Rankin our District Councillor, and seven members of the public present.

In **July** five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and six members of the public were present.

Open Forum

A member of the public asked why matters discussed in the Open Forum were not mentioned in the Council minutes. The Chairman replied that this was not official business and therefore not minuted.

Tree felling Warren hill

The saga of who owns what and who gave instructions as reported in the April/June issue of Village Voice continued at the June meeting, although it was reported that the Land Registry confirmed that Devon County Council owned the land to the west of the Thurlestone Hotel's fence.

In July an even more heated debate took place. It was reported by the Chairman that Devon County Council had stated that they were happy with the removal of the trees on their land and did not want to replace them. The Parish Council eventually agreed to write formally to the Thurlestone Hotel and DCC to ask if they will replace the felled trees as requested by members of the public. The Thurlestone Hotel will take action to kill off the adjacent Japanese Knotweed.

Cobbled Road by the Church

A sign has now been put up about parking restrictions but will be replaced by official signs provided by Parking Control Services who will collect fines from errant car parkers.

Swans on the Marsh

Another swan was recently killed when it flew into power lines at the western edge of the marsh, affecting local supplies.. The Parish Council will write to Western Power to ask for markers to be placed on the lines, to provide some protection for the swans, and to safeguard parishioners' power supply.

Feeding of gulls

Parishioners are again asked not to feed gulls as this creates a nuisance for those living nearby.

Satnavs

These are still causing problems, with lorries being directed to Thurlestone via Bantham, and Post Office Lane being listed as the main access to the Mead. The Parish Council is to write to the Highways Department to ask for width restriction signs on narrow roads.

Criminal damage and trespass

Where this occurs on a property the police should be informed.

Car parking

Cars are now being parked at the top of Court Park Road close to the junction of Main Street, and near the bend at the top of the hill, creating a hazard. Cars travelling up the hill have to move into the opposing lane, while cars travelling down the hill can find a car confronting them on the wrong side of the road. The Parish Council will refer this to P.C. Steve Mullen.

Grey posts on Warren Hill

Around ten posts have recently appeared, but no official news regarding their purpose has yet been received. [See *News Roundup*. Ed]

Definitive footpath map

Open discussions are forthcoming and dates will be published.

Dog bin

The Parish Council are to write to SHDC to ask for a bin to be located at the top of Main Street

Parish Hall

The car park fence posts have now been secured which will allow the lighting to be relocated on to the posts. The external fire doors are to be replaced.

Highways

The bollard knocked down by mis-routed lorries outside Councillor Peter Hurrell's property needs to be replaced. The Parish Council to write to the Highways Department

School

Letters have been sent to the Headmaster by the Parish Hall Chairman about use of the Hall's car park, and the problems being caused.

Building work is currently on hold whilst funds are topped up.

The access gates to the school playing field will be locked outside school time, because irresponsible people are using the field as a short cut and allowing their dogs to foul the grass.

Trees

Work at Grove Cottage, Buckland was refused. A Tree Warden has yet to be appointed.

Best Kept Village

Thurlestone has been judged! However, no comment had yet been received from the organisers.

Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Charles Mitchelmore and Parishioner Peter Roberts attended a meeting in Ivybridge the outcome of which will be

discussed at a later date.

District Councillors Report (June)

Unitary plan

Due by the end of July but the Government is in disarray. 67% in Devon are against any change with 12-15% for other combinations.

Recycling

Our District recycles 57% of our waste and is second highest in the county. Compost goes to Heathfield; newspapers go to Kent and are recycled in seven days; cans go to Llanelli. The clear and blue sacks are now collected in a 'crusher' lorry which can carry more than an open lorry. They are separated at Torr Quarry. There are now separate bins at Torr Quarry for hard plastics - BUT you have to take them there yourselves! Rubbish put out on the wrong days, especially holiday homes, is being ripped up. The Parish Council is to write to SHDC Waste department for a solution.

Future Housing

SHDC is looking for future building sites and they are considering possibilities to the east of Seaview, north of Parkfield, and land at Court Park. The Parish Council confirmed to the District Councillor their strong opposition to these proposals, as being quite out of line with our Parish Plan.

Police

Matt Blackmore, our former Police community support officer, has now joined the regular Police Force in Kingsbridge. (See News Roundup for an update. Ed).

Noise Complaint

A complaint has been received from a holiday resident on the Yarmer Estate about the Golf Club using a tractor at 6.20 a.m. on a Sunday and at 5.45 a.m. on the next Tuesday. The Parish Council is to write to the Golf Club about the noise disturbance.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 7th September, at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room.

Village News Round-Up

John Crawford Memorial

The John Crawford memorial bench is now in situ at the seaward end of Stiddicombe Wood, looking out over the river, a project organised by the Aune Conservation Association. This massive but comfortable bench, made by **Steve Baddeley** out of timber from the wood where it now sits, will - in the words of ACA chairman **Stuart Watts** - "*..offer walkers a chance to enjoy the quiet beauty of this favourite site and draw breath*".

Stuart would like to give special thanks to all those who donated money to make this project possible; to **Laurence Woodward** for arranging the construction and movement of the bench to the edge of the wood with the help of **David Dayment**; to **Ryan Hooper** and the staff of Evans Estates for preparing the ground and improving the view, and to those ACA volunteers who helped to manhandle the bench into its final home. He would also like to thank the Directors of Evans Estates for allowing the bench to be sited alongside the Avon Estuary Walk - a favourite spot for John and his family

Battle of the Thatches

We have been advised by **Malcolm Le Grice** that the appeal by the developers against SHDC's refusal of their planning application has failed. The government Planning Inspectorate report gives the following reasons:

a technicality that new and confused plans were submitted by the developers at the hearing

the harmful effect of removal of trees to make way for one house

an unacceptable loss of privacy to Mount Stone and Tree Tops

Though this was a victory, other aspects of the report appear to contemplate a two-house

development largely in the style proposed. Malcolm says that despite criticism at the hearing from John Chalmers, Colin Knight, and himself, the report shows absolutely no understanding of design issues. Most disturbing, the report recognises "*..the considerable local opposition to the scheme*", but concludes that "*the volume of opposition does not justify withholding permission*". In Malcolm's view, this lack of sensitivity to design matters and blatant disregard for local concern "*reveals a major flaw in the planning and appeal process which can only be challenged through the High Court*".

The developers will now need to make a new submission to SHDC and we can only hope that the Planning Department continues to hold the developers within very strict interpretation of planning requirements. "*Meanwhile*", Malcolm concludes, "*we will need to remain vigilant and do what we can to influence the developers in their choice of design and siting*".

No Parking Posts

A proliferation of posts has appeared on either side of Warren Hill, from the church towards the Golf Club and into South Milton. Some bear the sign "No Parking, 1 April - 30th September, 9 am to 6 pm".

This has prompted **Mrs Gillian Marshall** from Leaside to write to Area South Highways Management as follows:

"...This would insinuate that, outside these months and hours, one can park there. However, as the road is...extremely narrow, should anyone be foolish enough to park there it would totally block this main road. To the best of my knowledge no one has ever parked there....."

She goes on to say

"On the Thurlestone side alone I have counted no fewer than 22 of these posts in a very short distance, which are not only an eyesore but totally absurd - and I know they carry on along the road to South Milton as well.

Has the cost of putting up these irrelevant posts been worthwhile?

Do the villagers want them?

Do they serve a purpose?

The answers to all these questions is NO. There should be NO PARKING at all on this narrow part of the main road. Apart from obstructing everyday traffic, it would make access for emergency vehicles impossible. These posts and signs should be removed."

[Hear, hear, and well done, Gillian - we await developments with interest! Ed]

Thurlestone Sands

Our Parish Council have recently been approached by the Ordnance Survey to ask if there would be any objection to changing the name Thurlestone Sands to South Milton Sands. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th September, when this matter will be discussed in public, but in the meantime the Parish Clerk has responded to this enquiry on behalf of the Parish Council, reiterating its opposition to a change of name.

Police

Our Police Community Support Officer, **Matt Blackmore**, has now joined the regular Police Force. We send him our thanks for all the 'clinics' he has attended and the advice he has given at Parish Council meetings over the time he has been with us, and wish him every success in his new career. He has been succeeded by **Dave Gibson**, from Torquay, to whom we extend a warm welcome. His phone number is 08456 - 568637.

Beach Cleaning

In celebration of the dunes restoration, there is to be a big clean up at Thurlestone Sands,

near the new National Trust board-walks, on Thursday 20th August from 11 am to 1 pm. Making litter sculptures and running shoreline detective workshops is also on the cards, finishing with a sausage sizzle. Gloves will be provided. Booking is essential, and the contact number is 01752-346585

Then on the 19th/20th September the Marine Conservation Society is organising the **Beachwatch Big Weekend** to remove litter and debris from our beaches all over the UK. The Aune Conservation Association is appealing for volunteers for our local effort, which will be on **Sunday 20th September** at 2 pm at **Cockleridge**. Full details from chairman **Stuart Watts** on 01548 - 810373, or e-mail <sdmw2@btopenworld.com>.

Probus

Are you a retired business or professional man? Are you looking to enlarge your circle of friends? Why not join PROBUS, who meet once a month at the Thurlestone Hotel to listen to an interesting speaker and enjoy lunch? If you would like to know more, please contact any of the following officers: **Peter Thompson** (562202), **Tom Trender** (560893), **Bill Clarke** (561982), or **Richard Sherrington** (561943).

Lost!

Has anyone who uses the village shop dry cleaning service collected a skirt by mistake - Eastex tweed, predominantly pink? It could be accidentally hanging up amongst other items put away for the winter in your wardrobe! Please have a look and, if you find it, contact **Jo Parkin** on 561215.

Julian Lee

Thurlestone residents are once more indebted to **Julian Lee**, who has provided colourful plantings in Main Street. In addition to providing the plants he was kind enough to repair and restore the trough in Main Street which had been vandalised. We appreciate what you are doing to add to Thurlestone's attractions, Julian!

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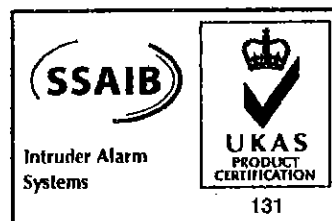


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LAY READER: Peter Gornall

Peter Gornall writes:

NEW AT THE RECTORY...



Welcome to the Rev Phil Osler and Janet, and Joan too, to the Rectory in Homefield. Thurlestone is really blessed to have a priest and family in residence again after less than a year without one. We need to value our blessings and see the opportunities presented by things not being the same as they used to be.

Part-time in the parishes, (with a "proper job" on Mondays and Tuesdays!), yet Priest-in-Charge of all four of the Benefice churches, it is another blessing that Phil is a master of organisation. Some Sunday mornings he has to negotiate the lanes very dexterously to lead services in different churches in quick succession. He gathers and monitors small teams to fulfil the needs for worship which he cannot possibly provide, and outreach which also is much more than one man's work. And he has been forging personal links with colleagues in both Kingsbridge and Salcombe because no one knows what the longer term future holds for us in a country of falling numbers in the ordained ministry.

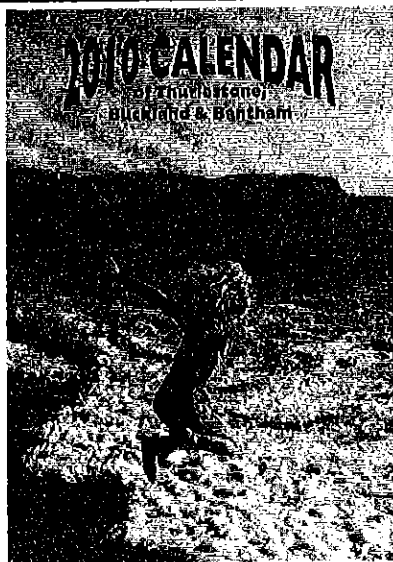
It is tempting to ruminate about the "old days" and the easy availability of full-time parish priests everywhere. Actually those were not the *real* old days, only a rather long interval between the early Church and now. In the early Church, absolutely everyone who could read and write would be considered a leader of some sort. Everyone who had insights and understanding of the problems of the world took some responsibility for the pastoral consequences, whether it was bereavement (there was plenty of that), sickness, fear of the mob, the misery of the common man's victim, or food and water shortages.

In the very earliest times the Christians, with no pretence to any social standing, were distinguished as a body of people who really cared for each other, even though there were rumours rife about the rites used in worship. The aim was to imitate day after day the example of the carpenter of Nazareth. The later centuries after Constantine of political and social life dominated by a powerful church hierarchy are over. The Church does still have an acknowledged role in many of our corporate acts of intent or remembrance, but it is quite another path along which the Thurlestone community (and Benefice colleagues) are being led. We are much closer now to how the early Church journeyed. Enriched by Phil's particular vision of travelling that path, we look forward to the blessings of new ways of bringing the carpenter's example to life here.

Every Blessing!

Peter

P S Phil does have time off from parish work on Mondays and Tuesdays, but he says that in a *real* emergency.....

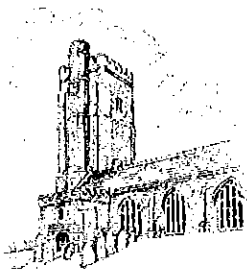


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Church Services

Sundays

Every Sunday

AUG. 2ND, SEPT. 6TH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH

SUNDAY AUG. 16TH, SEPT. 20TH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

SUNDAY AUG. 23RD, SEPT. 13TH

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH

SEPTEMBER 27TH

8.00am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th BCP, 2nd & 4th CW)

11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (*Fairtrade Stall*)

6.00pm Benefice Evensong (BCP) at South Milton

11.10am Morning Worship for All Ages

6.00pm Hymns & Songs of Praise in Buckland (see below)

11.10am Family Communion (CW)

6.00pm Benefice Talzé Service at Thurlestone

11.10am Matins (BCP)

11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Joint service with South Milton)

11.10am "Back to Church" Service

Weekdays

EVERY WED, THURS, FRI & SAT

8.30am Morning Prayer (sald)

THURSDAY AUG. 6TH, SEPT. 3RD

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Medium

No. 40

SUDOKU - A slip of the digit!

In the Medium No. 38 puzzle of our June issue, the number 3 in row 1 appeared in column 8 instead of column 9. Some readers were able to spot this and return a correct(ed) solution. We apologise for the error, and congratulate those who found ingenious ways to provide alternative solutions. Sadly, the limitations of the bin end in the Chateau Sudoku cellar allow for one prize only, which on this occasion goes to Polly Wyld of Mariners, Ilbert Road. All our puzzles are supplied by Wayne Gould, the original sudoku guru, but any transcription errors are entirely our own. Solutions, please, to 25 Mead Lane by 5 September. The usual plonk for the winner.

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Anne Elizabeth Jenkins

18th June 1918 - 12th June 2009

We are indebted to Malcolm Alexander for allowing us to publish these extracts from his address at Anne's funeral on the 26th June:

Anne was born on 18th June 1918 and was the daughter of Colonel Francis Jenkins, Coldstream Guards, and Margaret Campbell Fraser. Anne's sister, Margaret, the mother of David and Gwyn, had been born some three years earlier.

Anne's father had an impressive Army career and later joined the Colonial Service, during which time he was Assistant to the Governor in Barbados and later had a similar role supporting the Governor of Nigeria. Anne's mother was a professional dancer and appeared, mainly before WW1, on stage in the West End of London.

During Anne's early years in London her mother arranged for her to 'come out' as a debutante, in the days when being a debutante meant something. Anne passed it off, typically, saying "*Oh well, it wasn't a big deal!*"

Soon after the outbreak of WW2 Anne enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) and as a Corporal she analysed reconnaissance photographs and was involved with map-making. She was suitably modest about her achievements, saying "*Well, I was only an erk*"

For the last two years of the war she moved to Paris, based in Versailles. She said she had lots of fun and recalled those years with wistful looks, making passing reference to a young handsome Frenchman. In August 1944 she obtained special permission to be at the Arc de Triomphe when General de Gaulle and Churchill drove past to celebrate the liberation of the city, a memory she cherished.

Following the war, Anne trained as a dance teacher and then set up her own dance school

in North London. At this time Anne was living with her mother in one of the lovely terraces overlooking Regent's Park, but they were advised it was a good time to buy a house and so, in 1955, they moved to Golders Green and were our neighbours in West Heath Drive - the Golders Green Hippodrome was at one end of the road and Hampstead Heath at the other!

I first met Anne when I was aged 12. She was then a formidable lady, very much in her prime and could give the impression of being quite stern. As a youngster you were expected to do as you were told and she was a stickler for etiquette. Anne was the same age as my mother and they became close friends. She and her mother would come for drinks with us and her mother would reminisce with my grandfather about the theatre - they were of the same generation. I recall Anne using a rather elegant cigarette holder and 'gin-and-It' was the order of the day.

Dance and the theatre were in Anne's blood and she excelled at teaching, particularly ballet, her real passion. Her close friends included Joan Hardy, now living in Brighton and Shelagh Harbinson who managed to get to Anne's 90th birthday party last year. As her career progressed Anne had many opportunities to travel and frequently went to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa as an Examiner on behalf of the Royal Academy of Dance. Ahead of one of her long tours in New Zealand, newspaper headlines appeared "Anne E Jenkins Arrives". She made a great impact.

Soon after her mother died, about 1973, Anne sold the Golders Green house and 'retired' to Burnt House, in East Buckland.

I gather this had originally been a family 'holiday home' belonging to Anne's mother so, in a sense, she was returning home. [See footnote]. Cousin Lizzie lived in Bantham and Jenkins Boathouse was, I believe still in the family. Sailing, and just mucking about in boats, was all very different to life in suburban North London.

Gardening as we know became a very big part of Anne's life with herbaceous borders to die for, not to mention fruit cages and lovely trees and shrubs all around. She was a member of the Kingsbridge Gardening Society and shared her love of horticulture with many friends.

Anne was also a founder member of the Aune Conservation Association, long before conserving our natural habitat became more fashionable. When certain interests suggested that the River Avon would be good for water skiing, Anne and friends demonstrated very strongly, trying their level best to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the area. The Association has gone from strength to strength and is now involved with the whole length of the river from source to estuary. Anne would always fight her corner for the right cause.

Many of her friends travelled long distances to come and stay with her and there are lovely photo albums of the lively and fun parties held at Burnt House, especially at New Year. She was also a good cook. Spending time with Anne in recent months has given an insight into a very happy life. Anne was too modest to tell me any of the stories that I have now heard from her friends of her many kindnesses.

Anne grew old gracefully, only complaining that "*my feet aren't too bad, and they have covered a few miles*"! This did not deter her from enjoying life. Only two years ago she flew to France for a weekend with Christine and Tim, visiting many of the places in Paris where Anne had been posted during WW2. At Charles de Gaulle airport, they couldn't

get a wheelchair to the plane but being carried down the steps by two strong firemen was "*quite good fun*". She did not like hospitals, but did willingly go diving! Every week, for several months, Anne would go off to Derriford Hospital for a session in the decompression chamber there to improve her circulation. She came back with amusing stories about the other passengers on the submarine!

I was given strict instructions by one of her oldest friends, Joan Hardy, not to be too flowery or verbose in my tribute at the funeral ("Anne wouldn't like it"). But I do know Anne would want me to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who gave her so much support over recent years in many practical ways - with cleaning and keeping her magnificent garden in good order; to her faithful visitors, especially Peter, Nigel, Rowland and Linda and I am sure many others, to Shirley Tull and her husband Jonathan and mother-in-law Joan, and to cousin James. The love and support they gave made it possible for Anne to stay at Burnt House for as long as possible and to return there for her last days - which we knew was her wish.

How best can anyone try to sum up Anne's personality? We can thank God that Anne led a very full life, she loved people and was always genuinely interested in everyone she met and, as we all know, was so modest about her own achievements. She was indomitable, determined and tough. She amused us so much, so often, with her extremely dry sense of humour. For me she was one of the warmest people I have known - a steady, constant friend, very perceptive and supportive. We will all remember Anne in different ways - as aunt, cousin, friend - and especially that lovely welcoming smile.

[Anne's grandfather Henry Lionel Jenkins lived at Clanacombe House, where her father was born in 1878.]



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BANTHAM SAILING CLUB

Bantham Sailing Club was 're-floated' as an active club in 1975, and has sailed mainly traditional clinker-built wooden boats (Salcombe Yawls and Bantham Boats) around the beautiful Avon estuary. Its base is on Bantham Quay, on the estuary, where a new 'Finishing Flagpole' has been erected, along with a 'Distance Mark' on the opposite bank. Christened '*The Hughie Line*', it was officially opened on Saturday 1st August at midday by **Michael Toll**, a Director of Evans Estates and a lifelong friend of Hugh Cater.

It is dedicated to the memory of **Hugh Cater**, who was for many years Harbour Master at Bantham, and instrumental in the re-birth of the club back in 1975. From this point on, he and his wife, **Marilyn**, were very involved in every aspect of the club, culminating in his being elected Commodore, until his death in 2007.

On the same day that the club celebrated the opening of the '*The Hughie Line*', it also announced the creation of a new **annual bursary** supporting the Traditional Boat Building course at Falmouth Marine School. This one-year course has a national reputation for the quality and relevance of the training, so the award will assist in keeping such crafts alive and well in the South Hams. Based around learning the specialist skills relevant to traditional boat building, restoration and repair, it will be specifically awarded annually to a student of Kingsbridge Community College.

Roger Pope, the College principal said "*This is a fantastic example of the way in which the local community supports students of the college and an innovative and imaginative way of helping students to learn the skills*

that carry the traditions of the past into the future. We are enormously grateful to all the members of the Bantham Sailing Club for making this possible."

The principal of the Falmouth Marine School, **Tom Shaw**, says that "*Over the past five years the costs of resourcing this specialist course have increased year on year, and students have had to pay high fees to follow this training. It is excellent news that recent developments to the course have resulted in students under 19 years of age no longer having to pay fees. However, there are still significant costs for all those who have to live away from home and this would clearly be the case for anyone wishing to follow the course from Kingsbridge and South Devon. This bursary will therefore help potential students from South Devon with the costs of living away from home"*.

This new bursary was to a large degree inspired by Hughie's phenomenal skills as a master boat-builder and his legendary ability to sail around the estuary at twice the speed of anybody else! Bantham Sailing Club has a long and honourable tradition for raising money for good local causes, including some £100,000 in recent years on behalf of, among other projects, the construction of the Surf Life Savers Centre on Bantham beach and the new Thurlestone Parish Hall.

I hope this longer term charitable objective by the Club will make a significant contribution to local young people and traditional boat-building in the South Hams - a contribution from those who love the area and a worthy memorial to the craft of the late Hugh Cater.

Roger Smith, Commodore



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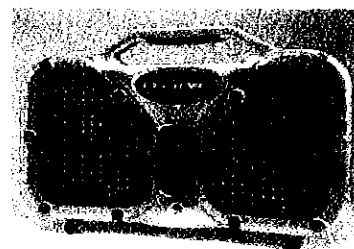
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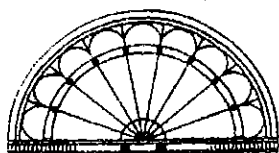


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POSTBAG

Dear Editor

London Marathon 2009

We unfortunately missed the deadline for publication in the June issue of *Village Voice*, and so our thanks to all the friends and sponsors of our run in the London Marathon are somewhat delayed. Together we raised £2105 which, after the addition of Gift Aid, will be in excess of £2500 - a fantastic total - thank you! This has been sent to SENSE, the charity which aids the deaf/blind.

The marathon was a wonderful experience. The weather was beautiful, the colours spectacular, and the atmosphere akin to that of a giant carnival. The million people lining the route were so enthusiastic and supportive that it renewed our faith in human nature. The organisation behind the scenes was well practised and faultless..... we should let them run the country!

As some of you may already know, Liz suffered a couple of bad injuries at the end of January and has been battling to regain fitness ever since, with physiotherapy, exercises and so on. Indeed the marathon was her first run since then, and perhaps it was not the best idea to tackle 26 miles, but we finished. All in all, it was a fantastic day, and many thanks again to all our supporters.

Liz & Graham Clack
Ley House, Thurlestone

Dear Editor

Memories of Thurlestone Past

My sister and I, and our nanny, Sarah, spent much of the first part of the war living in the village of Thurlestone. We stayed with the Snowdons in the white thatched cottage at the top of the hill, on the corner turning towards Bantham. The name has been changed, but it was called Snowdons for years.

Mr Snowdon had a huge whiskery moustache and looked rather like a French matelot - we felt his forbears must have come from France. Latterly, the villagers would see him sitting in the bus shelter, leaning on his stick, smoking a

pipe and watching the world go by. His wife was petite and round. After the war for some years she ran a tea room in her front garden. She was a lovely gentle lady.

The coastal path was barb-wired as it was forbidden to go on to the beach, which was mined. Sheep and sometimes cattle roamed on the course. The Thurlestone Hotel had been taken over by the Royal Marines. Every day we walked past the hotel and church, towards the Downs, and sat under a haystack whilst Sarah would read to us from "*The House at Pooh Corner*" or "*The Wind in the Willows*".

When passing the hotel, where Marines were lounging at the entrance, or sitting on the wall smoking, I knew that if I winked at them when passing we would get an ice-cream cornet. I was aged four at the time and my sister Ann was nine and bossy. As we left the Snowdons for our walk she would say to me "Pat, you are *not* to wink" Of course I winked - and we licked our way to the haystack!

How we loved Thurlestone. We return every year with our children, and now also with our grandchildren.

Pat Hill
West Sussex

Dear Editor

An evacuee remembers D-Day

On the evening of Monday 5th June 1944, I was playing cricket for Kingsbridge Grammar School for Boys at Thurlestone against the Royal Marines OCTU which was based at the Thurlestone Hotel. The pitch was also the parade ground, now the lower part of the 16th fairway on the golf course, on which there was a flagpole, the metal base of which remained for many years.

I do not remember the game, but while we were playing we saw many barrage balloons (used to prevent attack by low-flying aircraft) moving out of Plymouth and also out of Salcombe. Then we saw a large number of boats and realised that they were on their way to France and that the D-Day landings were imminent. But like Sir

Francis Drake, we continued with the game!

The South Hams was not a very safe place for an evacuee from London as the town was bombed several times. One bomb even hit the school and we had to move to the old school in Fore Street (now the Cookworthy Museum) for several months. Aveton Gifford church had a direct hit and Salcombe had more people killed per thousand than any other place in England. Some of the bunkers on the golf course were produced by bombs dropped from air craft returning after raids on Plymouth. The beaches were mined and scaffold poles were used to make defences against boats landing.

Yet it was a lovely place in which to have grown up and I eventually returned here to work and then to retire.

Al Parker
Mead Lane

Dear Editor

Thurlestone Sands

May I suggest that parishioners of South Milton and Thurlestone are barking up entirely the wrong tree in presenting their cases for the correct naming of Thurlestone Sands. The name has nothing to do with either Thurlestone or

South Milton parishes. Historically the sands take their name from the Thurl Stone. This rock for centuries has been a prominent and well known land/sea mark in the bay and lies but a mere 100 yards or so off the sands, and as such the name Thurlestone Sands makes the beach easily identified.

As I look out of my window whilst writing this, I note that this ancient stone is still in place so I see no reason to change the historic name.

Kit Marshall
Ilbert Road

Dear Editor

Bonfires

To all those who still light up. Smoking in public has been banned for over a year now, but some people are STILL lighting up....not cigarettes but bonfires!

Remember that some of us like to be able to enjoy the fresh air (day or night), have washing out on the line, have windows open, or friends around for an evening get together. So please, you bonfire-lighters, have consideration for your neighbours.

Kathy Norris
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Friday 4th September	Coach trip to Dartmouth and harbour cruise. Lunch at Dartmouth then embark for a cruise with views of the enigmatic Greenway estate.
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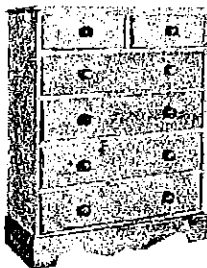
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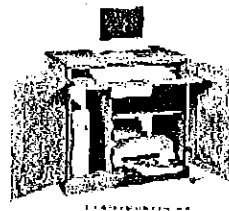
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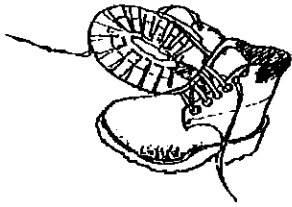
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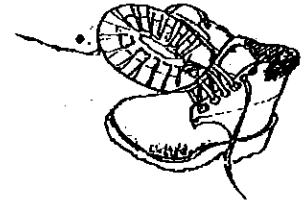
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TRAMP



1 On Monday 18th May a hardy group of nine walkers and one (occasionally well-behaved) dog gathered for a short walk of some four miles along the banks of the East Dart river at Dartmeet. The weather forecast was for a foul day - winds, rain and thunderstorms - but this proved a little pessimistic.

Of some concern to the leaders was the height of the river as this was to be crossed via stepping stones. Despite frequent showers we made leisurely progress up the valley as the route was rather wet underfoot with slippery rock and tree roots to be negotiated. As we crossed one tributary by an old clapper bridge, with the dog bravely leading the way, our leaders' thoughts centred on the stepping stone crossing over the main river, which seemed in quite strong flow, some 200 yards ahead!

Once again the (now very well behaved) dog led the way over the stepping stones. We all crossed safely to return down the valley through beautiful scenery, eventually getting back to the car park. Lunch was taken at the excellent Badgers Holt restaurant - hearty fare at a modest price. It was a delightful walk but perhaps not one to be undertaken in a period of wet weather!

Jan & Tim Poyser

2 The East Prawle circular walk is always undertaken at some point in the year. At 9+ miles and - more especially - with over 2000 feet of climbing involved along its length, it is one of our tougher walks. Nevertheless ten Tramp members (and one dog) met up outside Seaflowers on 29th May at 9:30 on a perfect Friday morning; cloudless sky and an easterly breeze to keep us cool. After the usual tedious drive to East Portlemouth via Frogmore - made worse by half-term week traffic - we arrived at Mill Bay National Trust car-park, already half full by 10.15 am, and set off along the higher level coast path.

The first half-hour is through pleasant woodland with occasional glimpses of South Sands and Overbecks across the water, but then we emerged on to the open cliff top with a view eastwards along most of our pre-lunch route. The breeze was welcome as we covered the 3½ miles of coastal switch-backs past the now-demolished Gara Rock Hotel, the terrace above Venerick's Cove, Gammon Head, and Elender Cove - all looking perfect with turquoise water. About 45 minutes of green lane and road walking beyond Elender brought us to The Pigs Nose at East Prawle for a lunch outside in the bright sun.

Four people (and the dog) peeled off after lunch and took the shorter road walk back to Mill Bay via Rickham, while the stalwarts crossed the Portlemouth peninsula via Vinivers Cross and Newhouse Cottages, before taking the quiet footpath down a grassy valley towards Goodshelter. An unfriendly farmer drove a herd of bullocks towards us at the top of this valley, and generally tried to dissuade us from using the footpath, but the bullocks snorted at us and gave way as we persevered and headed along the clearly marked footpath through a profusion of buttercups.

The tide was within an hour of low water, so we crossed the ford at Goodshelter and completed the walk along the estuary road back into East Portlemouth, where the beaches were crowded and the Venus Cafe had a queue stretching out into the road. We arrived back at Mill Bay at about 4.00 pm.

David Radford

3 John Wilson and his seven ladies met on Thursday 11th June to walk from Gara Bridge up the Avon valley to Bickham Bridge, Clunkamoor and back to the bridge through Coarsewell. Along the way we were set a couple of conundrums to think about. We also saw a llama, some Shetland ponies, a dead mole, dragon and damsel flies by the river, and finally a wonderful field of foxgloves where

the woodland had been cleared. It was a lovely summer day, and we thoroughly enjoyed both the walk and the opportunity to have our picnic lunch on the grassy bank of a babbling brook

Christine Hammer

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Friday 19th June found ten Tramps plus senior dog bound for Soar car park for a short walk around Bolt Head. We were pleased to welcome a new walker to our group on a fine day. Shortly after starting we passed through the grounds of Middle Soar, where the barn conversion now seem complete and very attractive. Reaching the coast path we turned east to Bolt Head and came across a photo-opportunity - a group of ponies with one stretched out full-length, sunbathing.

Shortly afterwards two members decided to scale the headland to investigate the site of the now-removed WW2 lookout building, and found there was no trace remaining of its existence. Onward to Sharp Tor compass point before the return - across fields filled with the song of skylarks - to the car park by the airstrip. This gentle walk proved an enjoyable way to pass a fine morning.

Sheila & Tony Ward

5

Midsummer's Day, the 24th June, and lovely sunshine for our walk on Dartmoor! The walk began on Devonport Leat just above Burrator Dam. We followed the

leat for 3.5 miles through lovely forest scenery with wonderful views of Burrator Reservoir and Sheeps Tor beyond, past huge clumps of fox-gloves at their colourful best, almost rubbing shoulders with Dartmoor ponies and their young foals. The leat then led us out on to the open moor, across the River Meavy on an aqueduct, and up past a cascade.

We diverted from the leat to have our lunch stop by Crazywell Pool from where we picked up a broad track which led us back to the reservoir at Norsworthy Bridge. We then followed a path round the southern perimeter of the reservoir (close to the water) back to the dam, where there was an ice-cream van to provide a nice reward!

Alastair Durden

6

The 'Bantham Stroll' took place on 6th July. It was a scintillating day with strong winds - enough to blow any cobwebs upwards and take them spiralling away.

About a dozen walkers ambled off from Thurlestone round to Bantham and up the Avon for coffee, buns and gossip at the Village Store. Thereafter we progressed further up the Avon and back across fields to Buckland to face the dreaded steep hill home to Thurlestone. What a sparkling day on which to show our two American guests our blue, blue sea, our beautiful coast and river valley!

Rosemary Mackay

Dartington Retirement Community Plan

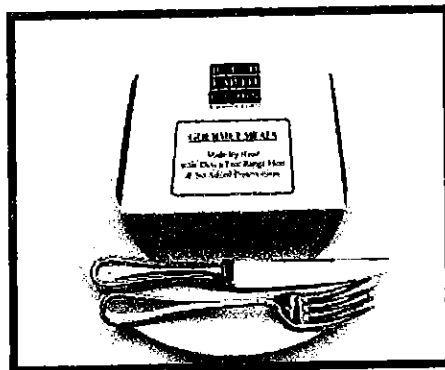
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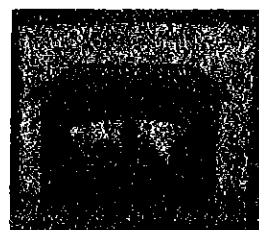
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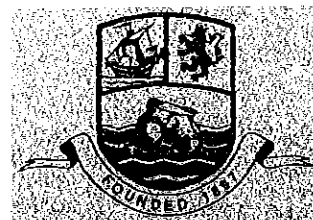
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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The unfortunate resignation of Nick Nicolson due to ill health has meant that I have become Captain sooner than I expected, and I have found the first couple of months very hectic. I have attended the first match of our Palairot team at Fingle Glen which we narrowly lost, then the Palairot Plate qualifier at Woodbury where we qualified in 3rd place and so will now proceed to the next round.

The mixed competitions have been great fun, starting with the Foundation trophy, which I played in with **Roberta Price** and **Rod Moore**. The winners were **Dick Marston**, **Mary Tregelles** and **Richard Webb** with 40 points, from **Hugh Bodger**, **Tish Mawhood** and **Eric Worrall**. The Club President **Mike Wadey** kindly came to play and present the trophy afterwards.

The Mixed Greensome Open took place at Thurlestone in June and the winners were; **Lesley Saffin** (Thurlestone) and **Roger Monson** (Bigbury) with 45 points, from **Mr and Mrs Post** (Royal Mid Surrey) with 43 points.

The mens 36 holes stableford Thurlestone Hotel cup competition resulted in a win for **Stuart Walsh** with 77 points, from his son **Josh Walsh** with 75 points, on countback from **Harry Millburn-Fryer** with 75 points. The Membland Trophy which was the 72 hole net score from the Thurlestone and Links Cups was 1st **Darrell Day** 283, 2nd **Alan Winrow** 284, 3rd **Kevin Mingo** 285.

The Seniors matches have been well supported both at home and away and have resulted in some good wins, followed by very

enjoyable meals afterwards, and plenty of conviviality.

Our club professional **Peter Laugher** has been successful in golf competitions, when he won the Virgin Atlantic PGA Pro-Am qualifier at Saunton. He and 19 year-old **Harry Milburn-Fryer** won an all-expenses trip to Turkey to play in the final later in the year. We wish them good luck.

David Wadey

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The weather has been very kind over May and June and we have not had to cancel any competitions or County or League matches. The Still Cup team, captained by **Tish Mawhood**, have completed their 6 matches with a good win over Tiverton. The Sheelah Creasy team, captained by **Linda Cant**, have a good record, playing 5 and winning 3 of their matches, and still have 3 matches to play. The President's team, captained by **Jo Crispin**, have completed their 6 matches and the Devon League team, captained by **Trish Cooper**, have completed 4 of their 6 matches. All Captains reported that their players have thoroughly enjoyed the season. The Vets team, captained by **Anne Seymour**, have won all 3 of their matches against Yelverton, Churston and Torquay. Well done all teams.

The Thurlestone Ladies proved themselves to be excellent fund raisers again this year by raising £720 for the Oncology Unit of Derriford Hospital in memory of **Iris Hardy**, who died of cancer 15 years ago. Her husband funded the prizes, and her niece **Linda Kendall** came down to play and present the prizes. This event was much

enjoyed by 72 ladies playing in a 4 Ball better ball competition, and was won by **Tish Mawhood** and **Mary Tregelles** with 40 pts from **Lesley Saffin** and **Heather Spencer** (39 pts). **Christine Langford**, who was the Ladies Welsh National golf team coach for 6 years, also played and held a golf clinic after the prize giving.

The weather for the ladies four ball team Open competition on the 3rd June could not have been better and the scores proved what could be achieved with sunny skies and light breezes. 160 ladies took part from 30 clubs from all over the West Country. The winners were **Kay King**, **Kath Mansell**, **Amanda Windsor** from Okehampton, and **Gill Davies** from Exminster with 86 points

The 36 hole ladies club championship only attracted 7 entries, as 36 holes in one day is beyond most ladies if they wish to be fit for the rest of the season. Unfortunately after a dry first round, the rain came down with a vengeance in the afternoon. The winner of the Scratch championship Oswald cup was **Jenny Roberts** with a gross 161, with **Alison Adams** in second place. The Ford Salver handicap prize went to one of our junior girls, 17 year old **Beth Peters** with a nett 146, with runner up **Gill Hicks**. 5 ladies reduced their handicaps in this competition. On the same day The Killard Leavey foursomes were hotly contested with the eventual winners **Midge Henderson** and **Gill Durden**, from **Val Pearce** and **Olwen Stone**.

The mixed match against Bigbury at home played in memory of **Elizabeth Buckingham** resulted in a win 9-2 for Thurlestone, so the Buckingham Bowl stays in our trophy cabinet for another year. We all enjoyed the meal afterwards. The Stableford and Jennifer Yeo Memorial Rose Bowl trophy in June had a good field, which was competed for in very windy conditions, and produced a very tight finish with the top four ladies all scoring 37 points. On countback the overall winner was **Liz Savery** who wins the Jennifer Yeo Memorial Rose Bowl.

Our Lady Vets team of **Shirley Worrall** and **Penny Hind** have done very well in the Vets Interclub Knockout competition. They had a bye in the 1st round then in the 2nd round they beat Dartmouth 5/4 at Torquay golf club and in the 3rd round they defeated Sidmouth 3/1 at Stover golf club. We wish them well when they play against Credition at Churston later in July.

The Lady Vets Handicap prize and Venerable Vets Wright and Burgoyne trophy was hotly contested on 1st July, with **Lynn Hicks** the eventual winner of the Vets prize, and **Ann Williams** the Venerable Vets trophy. The Stableford competition on that day saw one of the best stableford scores of the year, with **Fiona Jacobs** scoring 50 points and earning a 7 shot handicap reduction from 35 to 28.

Our chef and stewardess **Carmine** and **Pamela** have decided that golf club life was not for them and our new chef **Robbie Robinson** started at the end of June. We all wish him good luck in this new venture and look forward to sampling more of his excellent cooking. We also have a new Steward, **Ray Smith**, starting this month and wish him well. I hope the weather continues fine in July and August and that we will have more excellent golf.

Liz Line

JUNIORS' SECTION NEWSLETTER

We may not have had a British winner at Wimbledon this year - but the fine weather has heralded some great golf from our juniors.

In the West Devon League they played Elfordleigh away and won 3 matches to 2. In the 4 singles matches **Beth Peters** was first out and narrowly lost 3/1, **Laura Tregelles** won 3/1, **Jamie Johnson** lost 2/1, **Claire Harrison** won 1 up on the 18th and the foursome team of **Robert Came** and **Beth**

Yeoman won 2/1. **Lottie Holland** was reserve and played against the Elfordleigh reserve after the matches. The team had to play Elfordleigh again in the Strashleigh Cup, where 5 West Devon clubs compete against each other. On this occasion we lost - the winners were Wrangaton from Elfordleigh.

The junior team has also been in action against Staddon Heights at home. In perfect weather conditions with sunny skies the captain **Ted Taylor** (13) lost 4/3. **Beth Peters** (18) off 2nd lost on the 18th. However, she still had a score of 84 (66 net!). The other singles matches of **Laura Tregelles** (19) won 6/4, **Jamie Johnson** (21) won 5/3 and the foursome match of **Claire Harrison** (27) and **Tom Leach** (25) won 7/5. The overall result of 3 matches to 2 is the 2nd win for Thurlestone in the West Devon League this year and put us into the lead.

This win was followed by a third - this time against Bigbury at home. In typical July Devon weather (a mixture of sun, wind but sharp showers) our team played an all boys team and won 6½ points to ½. **Joshua Walsh** won 5/4 while twin **Ollie** won 3/2. **Jamie Johnson** won 4/2 and **Laura Tregelles** beat her opponent by 6/5. In the foursomes **Beth Yeoman** and **Lottie Holland** halved their match on the 18th. This win gives Thurlestone a guaranteed place in the league finals.

Windy conditions were certainly a feature when Kingsbridge Community College held their annual Open Golf competition, organised by teacher **Jackson Day**. There were 14 entries, 11 juniors from Thurlestone and 3 from Dartmouth golf club. **Claire Harrison** (29) had 41 points earning her a 2 shot reduction to 27 with 2nd place going to **Beth Yeoman** (34) with 36 points, and 3rd place to **Laura Tregelles** (19) with 35 points.

Our junior girls have also been having some success away from the boys winning trophies at the Devon County Girls championship at Tavistock. **Beth Yeoman** won the Shield

Trophy for the best nett score of 66 for under 15s, and **Laura Tregelles** won a goblet for the best gross score of 90, for under 15s. Beth also had her handicap cut to 31. Three other girls also had good scores with **Beth Peters** 75, **Claire Harrison** 78 and **Lottie Holland** had a score of 80.

Beth Peters braved atrocious weather to play in our 36 hole club championship. Although the first round was completed in relatively reasonable weather, the second round was played in lashing rain. Beth scored 87 in the first round and 95 in the second giving a total of 182 - good enough to win her the handicap prize of the Ford Salver with a nett 146.

The Adult and Junior foursomes knockout competition has been keenly contested. From the original 8 pairings it came down to a final between **Chris** and **Jamie Johnson** and **Robert Came** and **Janet Richardson**. The weather was kind - but the sun was outshone by the smiles on the faces of Robert & Janet after winning 4/3.

The chance to play golf in Abu Dhabi was the carrot to tempt our juniors when they played the June medal competition, which also doubled as the Daily Telegraph qualifier. Sunny weather brought out some fantastic scores. In the girls' competition **Beth Peters** won with a gross 87 and earned a handicap reduction to 16; **Lottie Holland** scored 96 with a handicap reduction to 30; **Beth Yeoman** scored 97 and a handicap reduction to 27. In the boys' competition **Josh Walsh** won with a gross 85; **Oliver Walsh** had 89 and a handicap reduction to 19; **Jamie Johnson** scored 88 and a handicap reduction to 18; **Robert Came** scored 96 and a handicap reduction to 27.

Josh and **Beth** now have their names and scores put forward but we will have to wait until September before the overall results of the qualifiers is known. Fingers crossed!

Pam St Leger



Baked Salmon with Ginger and Apricot stuffing

This is an adaptation of an ASDA recipe. It serves 10 and would suit a large gathering or it may be halved for a smaller number (adjust cooking times accordingly). You can also serve individual portions of salmon and the stuffing could be used as a topping.

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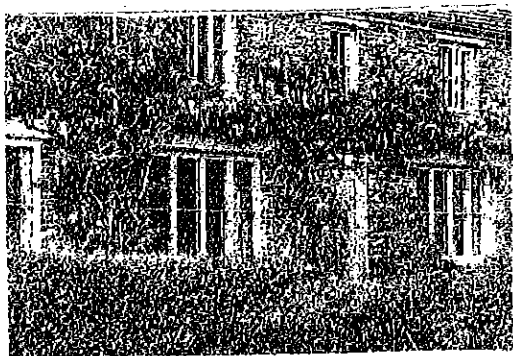
- ★ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ★ 1 small onion finely chopped
- ★ small bunch fresh coriander or parsley
- ★ 2cm (1in) piece ginger peeled and finely chopped
- ★ 100g (4oz) ready to eat dried apricots, chopped
- ★ juice and grated zest of 2 limes or 2 lemons
- ★ 1 medium egg, beaten
- ★ 250g (10oz) fresh breadcrumbs (brown or white bread)
- ★ 2.5 kg (5½ lb) whole salmon, filleted
- ★ 5 tablespoons white wine
- ★ salt and pepper

Preparation:

- ★ Heat oven 200°C / 180°C. Fan/Gas mark 6
- ★ Lightly oil a large sheet of foil and place on a baking tray. Place one salmon fillet (skin side down) on the oiled foil
- ★ Mix together onion, coriander, ginger, apricots, lime zest and juice, egg and breadcrumbs. Season well
- ★ Spread the stuffing over the fillet. Place the second fillet (skin side up) on top.
- ★ Tie in several places with kitchen string (strong cotton thread will do).
- ★ Brush skin with oil and sprinkle with salt (sea salt is best)
- ★ Pour wine around the fish, wrap the foil around the salmon to make a loose parcel and bake in the oven for 40 mins. Open the foil and return to oven for a further 10 mins. When cooked the skin will peel away easily.
- ★ Serve with small, new, buttered potatoes and a mixture of summer vegetables (e.g., fine beans, cherry tomatoes, courgettes, and small corn spears).

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compiled by Betty Rhymes

School's Out

School's out for summer - phew! What a busy time it has been. This has been proved by the articles printed in the local paper and since the last Village Voice I don't think a week has gone by without All Saints School being featured. It's covered missing golf balls, school fete, school concert, swimming gala, not to mention a certain cute 8-year old Thurlestone boy whose artistic talents won him national recognition! So what's the news? Read all about it here.

Fit for Learning

During June the pupils took part in two exciting weeks of activities. The school held a "Fit to Learn" week, showing children that physical activity is a life-long pursuit. The children shared in the sports and leisure experiences of parents and teachers - windsurfing, tae-kwondo, tap-dancing and line-dancing were just a few that they sampled. On the last day the pupils took part in their own sponsored triathlon organised by Thurlestone's own fifty something years young teacher who will undertake her first triathlon in Monaco in September, proving to all the youngsters that with determination and training you can achieve great things. The fun carried on into activities week. The older children (along with this raw residential recruit) set off to Bude for a week's adventure, whilst the year 4 children were treated to a night's stay at Overbecks. Those that remained at school took part in activities based around the sea, and were treated to a visit to the Aquarium. Fit for learning? I was fit to drop!

On Your Marks, Get Set - Go!

Our prayers were answered this year - the sun shone for the sports day and fete. Following the successful sports races (even though the yellow team failed in their bid to win again!) the fete was officially opened by Peter Gornall, who then presented a cheque on behalf of the church in aid of the school's rebuilding works. Thanks to the help of parishioners who found or donated golf balls to replace those that disappeared, the ball roll was able to take place. It is not only a big fund-raiser but it also causes great excitement.

All Saints has got Talent

All Saints took to the stage. First, a school concert which saw over 40 children (one third of the pupils) display their musical talents. Parents were treated to an array of performances including children playing the cello, guitar, violin, drums, and two tear-jerking solos sung by two talented girls. The children are very lucky to have the opportunity to learn these musical skills within school, and the evening allowed us all to appreciate their young talent.

This was followed by the school production "Lost in Time", a captivating musical full of song and dance which told the story of a time traveller's journey. The show was run wholly by parents, from writing to directing, lighting to costumes, singing to choreography. The dedication from these parents, together with the energy from the children, made this show a fantastic evening of entertainment.

Glory at Gala

Sporting talent has also shone through this term, which culminated in the Kingsbridge Fair week swimming gala held in the last week of term. For the first time in its history, All Saints took the winning podium, beating 9 other local primary schools in the process. Over 15 children made up the school team, taking part in various races. Three out of four of the Lawrence family from Bantham took part, with Ma and Pa Lawrence doing wonders in the parents' race (always thought there was something 'fishy' about them!)

Goodbye and Good Luck

Finally it was the end of term, which meant we said a sad farewell to the year 6 children, who will start at Kingsbridge Community College in September. We wish them well in the next stage of their education, in particular the five children from our parish - Jack Way, Max Cotterell, Tilly Durant, Katie Kendall and Rhiannon Chadwick. I have now completed my 'Year 1' at All Saints without being sent to stand outside Sir's office or being expelled. As said before, school's certainly better second time round! See you in the next school year for more All Saints antics.

Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1st September 2009. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB
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A more challenging quiz - for those long sunny afternoons on the beach

1. What is the oldest song ever to reach the UK Top Twenty?
2. Which novelist was born and died under Halley's Comet?
3. Which British sports car has been in continuous production since 1935?
4. In the song "The 12 days of Christmas" what is the total number of presents that I received?
5. What is a Rhinoceros's horn made from?
6. What is the shortest English word that contains the letters a,b,c,d,e and f?
7. Who is the "father" of Islam, Judaism and Christianity?
8. Which Rock Band was named after an old Aboriginal cold survival technique?
9. Is a Mormon man allowed to marry his widow's sister?
10. Which TV character was half man, half Vulcan?
11. Who do the Queens in a pack of cards represent?
12. What is the next number in this Fibonacci series..... 89, 144, 233, 377?
13. Name the Artist, Song, and Year of the first Number One in the UK Hit Parade
14. What is the oldest continuously inhabited City in the World?
15. Which letter comes next in this series..... M, T, W, T, F, S?
16. Which Film featured the "Blue Meanies"?
17. How many tentacles does a squid have?
18. Name the three kings who visited the baby Jesus
19. For whom were Blueberry Jelly Beans created?
20. What do you get if you divide 30 by a half?
21. What is the answer to Life, the Universe and Everything?
22. Which of Disney's seven dwarves wore glasses?
23. What colour is Yak's milk?
24. Which was the first country to give women the right to vote?
25. What was Gulliver's first name?
26. What is the World's southernmost national capital?
27. Which great inventor would only stay in hotel rooms whose number was divisible by 3?
28. Where was the World's first iron bridge built?
29. Who spoke the only word in the Mel Brooks film "Silent Movie"?
30. Which letter comes next in this series..... W, L, C, N, I, T?

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter Quiz:

1. Turtle Soup 2. Gum 3. Pall Mall 4. Bambi and Thumper 5. Gurdwara 6. Divorce 7. Wigan
8. Twilight Series 9. Don McClean 10. Lotus Elan 11. George W Bush 12. Mama Mia!
13. Business Secretary - Peter Mandelson 14. Hundred Billion 15. Iolanthe

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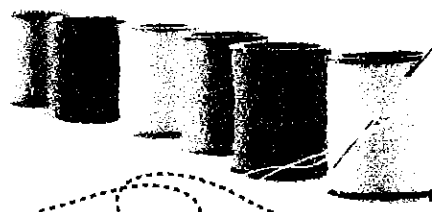
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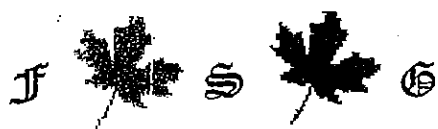
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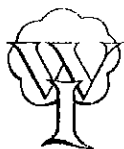

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WI NEWS



JUNE

Indian Head Massage was the subject of speaker **Karen Purdy**, who practises at Ringmore. Used extensively in India over very many years, it was not until 1995 that a clinic specialising in this ancient therapy was set up in London. Gradually more people have been trained in its use as an addition to the more traditional European massage techniques. **Val Lovatt** volunteered to undergo a session at Karen's gentle and soothing hands and said she enjoyed the experience and found it relaxing.

The Triangle Centre wrote to thank us for our contribution of £300 to their work and assure us the money will be used on South Hams patients. **Mary Johnson** and **Julie Hanham** were congratulated on their recent sponsored walk on the Flete estate, also in aid of the Triangle Centre and Macmillan Nurses, from which £155 was raised.

Judith Le Grice, our delegate for the NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall, gave a good report on the proceedings. The one resolution, expressing concern at the drastic world-wide reduction in numbers of bees, was passed with a huge majority.

JULY

The annual garden lunch on the 2nd July had a change of venue this year and was held chez **Val Brown** instead of at the home of **Rosemary Mackay** where it has been held for something like the past 15 years! Rosemary was warmly thanked for her wonderful hospitality throughout that time. With the theme of "Stars & Stripes" (it was so near to American Independence Day) members were urged to come in fancy dress, which they certainly did, much to everyone's enjoyment.

The speaker for July was **Ed Welch**, musician and composer, a graduate of Trinity

College of Music. His first work was in the London office of the giant movie makers United Artists, and an early contact with Spike Milligan set him on course to a career in providing title music and incidental music for both the large and small screens. He illustrated his excellent talk by showing snippets of films and tv shows for which he wrote music. These served to emphasise the importance of music to film, as it interprets mood and suspense like nothing else can. It must never interfere with dialogue, either by volume or use of the wrong musical instruments, and has to be timed exactly to fit each sequence. As he quoted, "*Music can't save a bad film, but it can make it better*"!

FUTURE EVENTS

20th August - a visit to **Silverhill WI** is on the cards for their summer quiz evening.

5th September - **Kingsbridge Show**. Come and see our entry in the "second time around" competition.

15th September - there will be a visit to look round the **Peninsula Medical Centre** in Plymouth, followed by lunch at the Jack Rabbit pub near Derriford Hospital. Time will not allow a visit to the gin distillery on the Barbican.

15th October - The DFWI autumn council meeting will be held at **Torquay**.

24th October - a fun **School Meals Supper** and entertainment will be held at the Parish Hall. Details in September.

Much to everyone's delight we heard that we had received confirmation in a call from **Highgrove House** that we could have a visit there in August. Sadly, they can only accommodate 25 at a time, so the 50+ names of all our members had to go into a draw - and naturally there were quite a few unlucky ones whose names were not drawn out.

HORSWELL DIARY

by Michael Dart

Rather like Rod Stewart, she is sailing, sailing, across the sea. The long-awaited odyssey is actually happening! They left the Mayflower marina on Wednesday night, 8th July, and a text message tells me that they have reached Tregastellion in Brittany, safe and sound. Prunella much enjoyed helming during the night crossing, a memorable experience.

Our entire family seem to be travelling at the moment. Daughter Sarah and her youngest daughter are climbing Kilimanjaro to raise money for a charity. The eldest grandson, having fooled the examiners yet again, is re-enacting the 'Grand Tour'. Number two grandson is busy swatting mosquitos in Iceland - or whatever else you do on a geography field course there - and his sister is singing in a choir in Vienna.

Some degree of normality has been restored by son Angus. Last week he spent a day at the Royal Show. Sadly this is to be the last show after 139 years. The first was held in Oxford and in 1949 my first visit to a 'Royal' was also at Oxford. Angus has now started harvest, cutting winter barley.

All this activity has shamed me into thinking that I cannot just sit here in Devon in morose contemplation. I must be positive. Perhaps I should even think, in these straitened times, of making some money. But how? With the holiday season here should I consider going into B&B? On second thoughts, not a good idea. I am approaching, if I have not already reached, Shakespeare's 'Seventh Age of Man', being currently the proud owner of both a hearing aid and false teeth.

I have a science degree, but certainly not in domestic science. The last time I tried my hand at cooking the kitchen had to be redecorated. Even in the boy-scouts I was taken off kitchen duty and assigned to looking after the latrines (I got a badge). Inspiration! How about a notice advertising "Half a bed to let" on the gatepost?

My very great friend is a female buzzard, and she is there. All winter long she waited for me in the early morning, on the lawn under the tulip tree. Waiting for me to give her a morning snack. She is now hidden in the summer foliage, but when I place the results of my ongoing campaign against grey squirrels, perhaps a rabbit, or even some past its 'sell-by' date chicken, for her to take - as if by magic, she is there.

I was recently trimming lawn edges, as is my wont, when I witnessed a wonderful sight. She swooped down on the grass near the pond, then rose like a helicopter in reverse with a grass snake in her talons. She landed again, and within an hour all that was left was the backbone, picked clean, the skin and the head.

But I digress. There was a fairly quick reaction to my notice. I had a morning visit from two ladies whom I observed not to be in the first flush of youth (shall we say mature?). They belonged to a religious organisation - I am far too discreet to disclose which - but I hasten to assure you that they were not from TRAMPS. They explained that on reading my notice they had come to save me. But after a quite amicable discussion, and a suitable donation from myself, we came to the mutual conclusion that I was beyond redemption. They then departed having received the usual perfunctory kiss on their cheeks - taking my notice with them.

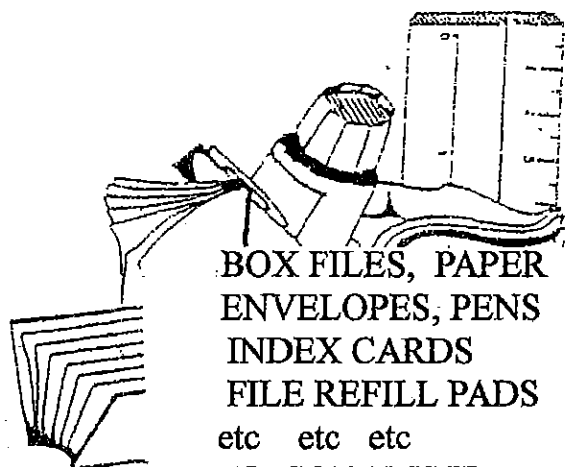
I was almost looking forward to two weeks of uninterrupted lawn-mowing, but friends have rung to ask if they could use Horswell as a staging post on their way to Cornwall. I only hope they like baked beans.

On a final and more serious note, I strongly advise that if you have any spare money you invest in pork-pie manufacturing industry shares. I can assure you that there have been unprecedented sales of late, and they are guaranteed to declare record dividends when they publish their next results!

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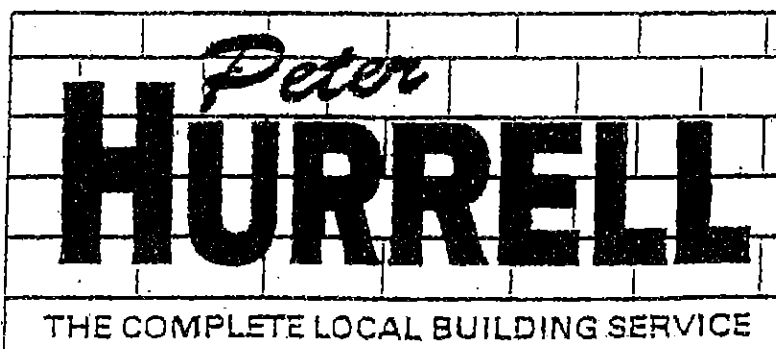
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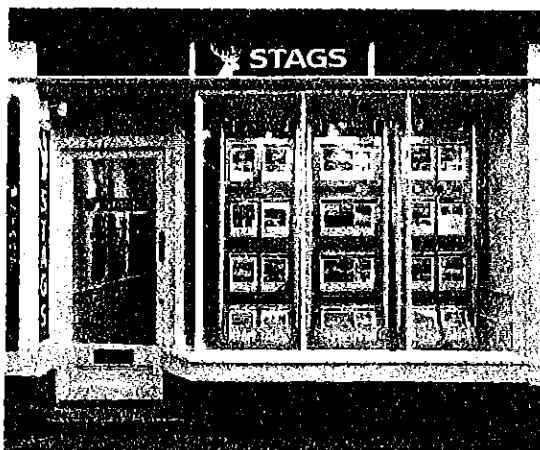
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Elcho of the '45

by Alice Wemyss

(The Saltire Society £9.99)

David Lord Elcho, heir to the 5th Earl of Wemyss, commanded Prince Charles Edward's cavalry during the latter's bid to win back the throne of his Stuart ancestors in 1745-46. Their relationship, which began in childhood, ended in blazing acrimony after the battle of Culloden with Elcho berating the Prince for needlessly abandoning his army.

Elcho was never pardoned for his role in the rebellion (though some Jacobites were) and, after escaping to France, was to spend the rest of his life in exile until his death in 1787, though he still managed to live in some style and had homes in Paris and Neuchatel.

During this time he wrote *A Short Account of the Affairs of Scotland in the Years 1744, 1745, 1746*, usually known as the *Narrative* (published in 1907), and also a *Journal* (as yet unpublished) covering his entire life and written in French. These have provided the basis for this biography by the late Hon Alice Wemyss. It presents an authentic picture of a man who was at the centre of one of Scottish history's greatest adventures, which included the last battle (though admittedly only a small action) fought in England - at Clifton Moor, near Penrith - on 18th December 1745.

Robin Macdonald

Spuds, Spam and Eating for Victory - Rationing in the Second World War

by Katherine Knight

(The History Press £12.99)

If you are over, say, 65, then reading this book will bring back some vivid memories. If you are under 65, then you will surely be full of wonder at how well the nation was

kept reasonably well fed and nourished throughout the war and succeeding years. I was only two in 1939, and so grew up thinking this was a fairly normal state of affairs - I *liked* dried egg fritters! Obviously I remember the dreary post-war years much more, but reading this book made me more aware of what exactly faced, firstly, the Ministry of Food people, who had to ensure the population had enough protein, vitamins and calories despite shortages and, secondly, the housewives trying to feed their families.

One lady from Jersey (which of course was far worse off than the rest of us) reports how they made a thick dark syrup from sugar beet which was used for sweetening puddings etc. and which the children loved. 112lbs of best root made 14-16lbs of syrup, and she calmly tells us that "we did half a hundredweight at a time usually". This involved scrubbing it well and then grating it. A long and careful process then followed to extract the syrup.

The book covers all aspects of rationing - allotments, industrial canteens, British Restaurants, WVS, Women's Land Army, the black market and much more. There is an excellent chapter on the Women's Institute, for once not simply condemning them to "Jam & Jerusalem" but pointing out their wider agenda. However, the WI did do a brilliant job with jam and preserving during the war years.

Carolyn Taylor

As an afterthought to this review, my husband has just glanced through the book and dismissed it as "all right - but repetitive". I spent the war years in the depths of Herefordshire with my mother and sister, in a cottage with no electricity and no running water. He spent the war years in Birmingham enduring constant bombing raids. Different perspectives!

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Barnacle Bill

by Maya Plass

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Our inter-tidal zone, where the land meets the sea, is an area that has always intrigued and fascinated me. The thing that never ceases to amaze me is that the more you know about life in the rock-pools the more intriguing and incredible it is. Even the most ordinary looking creature is extraordinary through its habits, feeding mechanisms and reproduction. They live in such a harsh environment – for what we experience seasonally in a year, they endure every 12 hours.

In one tidal cycle they have to survive extreme conditions. They go from being below the waves in a fairly constant cool temperature and salinity to having the tide dropping and, on a summer's day, the water in the pools heating up rapidly. The salinity increases as water evaporates and the amount of oxygen in the water drops as does the amount of food around them. Conversely, they have an increased pressure of predation in this now smaller environment. The tide rises and they have the fear of the waves smashing their bodies against the rocks. It is this unique and stressful environment which leads to some of the incredible habits and body shapes and structures of our intertidal creatures.

I love dolphins as much as the next person. If people are asked what their favourite marine creature is, many will say – dolphins, whales and seals. These are our iconic sea mammals and we feel a sort of spiritual connection with these intelligent and expressive animals. It's a shame that there is not more coverage of some of the smaller creatures, for although they may not have the expressive eyes and acrobatic skills they are none the less amazing animals. Let's take a look at the *barnacle*, for example. Barnacles are really quite incredible creatures that many people may curse when they walk over the rocks because of the sharp volcanic homes that they create.

Barnacles have an incredible life cycle. Being relatives of the crabs, lobsters and prawns, they are classified as "Cirripedia", and Darwin did much to clarify the classification, different body shapes, and various life cycles of the lowly and numerous barnacle species. He was the one to point out that they were not molluscs like mussels, periwinkles and other bivalves, but actually crustaceans.

They start off life as much of our marine intertidal animals do as a larval stage – but not just as one but two stages. It starts off as a "nauplius" a free swimming, one eyed planktonic creature. After several moults (just like a crab moults) it develops into the next more complex stage which is called a "cyprid" and here it searches out a place to call home. It uses structures called antennules, like antenna, to find a good spot to settle for the rest of its sedentary life. Once it has found the perfect spot it cements itself to the rock with its head...very strange behaviour. Once attached, the cyprid then creates a sturdy, rocky, volcanic looking home around its delicate body – this takes about 12 hours. Now, it looks like the barnacle that we all know.

Once settled, it starts its cyclical feeding on the high tide. Cirripedes means "curl footed" in Latin and it is this apparatus that it uses to scoop out tiny bits of food from the water. On the low tide to protect itself from predators it closes a trapdoor and rests in its own cool pool of water as the tide drops. But if it's stationary, then how does it reproduce with its neighbour? Well, this is yet another fascinating area of the barnacle life cycle.

With a long (largest relative to body size in the animal kingdom) extendable phallus the barnacle searches for a neighbouring female and fertilizes her externally. Once this has taken place the phallus then falls off! Once the fertilized eggs are "hatched" into the nauplius larvae they are released into the water column and so the life cycle begins again...amazing stuff! You might have thought the different life stages of a frog were amazing but what about that for a life cycle! So, next time you look at a barnacle this summer take a minute to think about the extraordinary lengths it has gone to get where it is!

And there we have it - a seemingly insignificant creature that has got to be respected for its incredible life cycle and fight against the odds for survival in this harsh and inter-tidal zone.

For more information, or if you have any questions on other inter-tidal topics, please contact me at: < info@learntosea.co.uk > or phone 07811- 349966.



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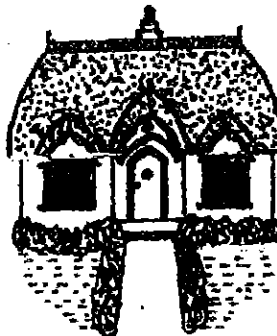
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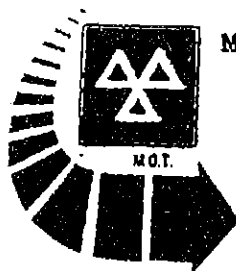
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At the Bridge Table



My last article based on Andrew Robson's series on common mistakes considered opener's rebid strategy when he has a six-four shape. The message was that he should do what comes cheapest. Thus with six hearts and four clubs (and a minimum opener) he opens 1 heart and rebids 2 hearts over 2 diamonds; but 2 clubs over 1 spade. But if the bidding goes 1 heart - 1 spade - 2 clubs, what is opener saying about his hand? Clearly he has four clubs, but has he shown more than four hearts or might he be just four-four in his two suits? The answer is that he has shown at least five hearts. With a four-four hand he would open/rebid no trumps (a 4441 shape is best rebidding no trumps when partner has responded in the singleton). His failure to bid no trumps therefore indicates an unbalanced hand with at least five-four shape. The general rule that an opener who bids two suits shows (at least) a 5-4 shape.

To put this the other way - as happened in the example shown here - a player should not bid a second suit of 4 cards unless he has at least 5 cards in his first suit. Here the bidding was-

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 Diamonds	Pass	4 Spades	All Pass

This goes astray because of South's 2 diamonds bid. North quite correctly assumed his partner was showing five (+) Spades and with his 3 card support and the values for game jumped to 4 Spades. As can be seen, with the spades dividing four-two this contract had no chance. However, if South's second bid had been the correct one of 2 no trumps, North would have responded 3 spades to give his partner the option of either 4 spades (should his shape be 5332) or 3 no trumps. The latter option was clearly the right one, with the probability of making an overtrick by way of forcing out the AK of Hearts.

Another mistake often occurs when opener has 16+ points - like the second hand shown - and makes a jump bid in a new suit. The point to remember is that a response from partner at the one level may show no more than six points, so opener needs a very good 18 or 19 points (not merely 16) before he jumps. The bidding was:

South	West	North	East
		1 Heart	Pass
1 Spade	Pass	3 Clubs	Pass
3 No Trumps	All Pass		

Clearly North's second call of 3 Clubs was an overbid. South assumed that it must show at least 18 points and went for the game in no trumps. In the event South received the Queen of Diamonds lead. He won with the King and, for want of anything better, led 4 of Spades to the Jack. West won King of Spades and continued with 9 of Diamonds.

Declarer won with the Ace, crossed to Queen of Clubs, then led 6 of Spades. East took his Ace and led Jack of Clubs. Declarer won with dummy's King, cashed Ace of Clubs but when West discarded (a Spade) cashed Ace of Hearts and resigned. *Down three!* If North's second bid had been the correct one of 2 Clubs - non-forcing despite the change of suit - South would have been happy to drop the bidding. In the final contract of 2 Clubs (by North), declarer wins 6 of Diamonds with the Ace, crosses to Ace of Hearts, trumps 2 of Hearts, crosses to King of Diamonds, trumps 3 of Hearts and later comes to AKQ of Clubs. *Contract made!* Just follow simple rules!

North		East	
♠	J53	♠	Q1097
♥	QJ75	♥	632
♦	54	♦	Q1087
♣	AKQ3	♣	108
West			
♠	86		
♥	AK84		
♦	J96		
♣	9765		

South	
♠	AK42
♥	109
♦	AK32
♣	J42

North		East	
♠	64	♠	A93
♥	A7532	♥	QJ96
♦	K5	♦	64
♣	AKQ3	♣	J1065
West			
♠	K1085		
♥	K104		
♦	QJ109		
♣	94		

South	
♠	QJ72
♥	8
♦	A8732
♣	872

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By Jan Turner

I've had a letter from Alistair Turner - still in Madagascar last week. In it he mentioned that we seemed to be having a poor summer. Up till then I felt that things had not been too bad, and certainly June was quite favourable. My station gave these results:

Rainfall - 21.7mm (1996 = 9.19mm)
2nd lowest since 1993

Temperature - 18.8°C (2005 = 19.4°C)
2nd highest av for month

Sunshine - 221.2hrs. (1996 = 301hrs)
4th highest number of hours

It was certainly rather dry and hot for most of the month. Most of the rain fell between 5th and 8th (16mm out of the total of 21mm) and there was none at all between 17th and 30th. We had some fierce East winds in the last week, 38mph top gust, but no rain. The top temperature was recorded on 1st June at 29°C, and the top daily mean at 19.4°C. on 30th June. Throughout the month the level of humidity was high - 94% most of the time. The most sunshine hours recorded was on 24th June at 16.6hrs. Two days showed none at all, and two other days less than an hour, all during the second week of the month. I think Alistair watches the general weather situation country-wide and we did have quite a lot of high cloud which looks bad on the TV screen but in reality it is quite pleasant.

Everything has changed this month, the Jet Stream has moved south and is directly over us and the near continent, drawing in the weather systems (that should be north of us around Iceland) to sit across us and much of Western Europe. It looks as though it is going to stay put for a while, so the weather situation is not looking too hopeful in the near future. Certainly Saturday 11th was a frightful day. No-one ventured on to the beach, not even in anoraks and wellies. They all went to Thurlestone Church Fete instead, held for the first time in the church, very

successfully too, even if a little crowded and hot. There is a very special atmosphere when the elements conspire against such an event, don't you think? The BBQ at South Milton went ahead in the garden of Hingston farm in much the same atmosphere of camaraderie. However, according to my friend Paul Simons, Northern US and Canada have hardly seen any sign of summer after weeks of rain. It seems that the Jet Stream is to blame there as well.

13th July. (Now you know how late I am in writing these notes.) Round about 7.00pm tonight the heavens opened and in some 20 minutes my gauge registered 11.5mm rainfall - about half of June's total. Just imagine it doing that every afternoon with musical accompaniment! Monsoon-affected areas wait for rain like that to come to relieve the dry months. This year some areas have had more than enough, while other areas have not had enough. India's monsoon rains are about 30% below average, whilst in Bangladesh there have been catastrophic flash floods and landslides with six people killed. In southern China, three days of rain such as we have just had has caused houses to collapse, flooded roads, ruined crops and left 100,000 people homeless. 20 people were killed there. Even Vietnam has had floods in the mountainous north killing 12 people.

To go to the other extreme, do you remember our summer of 1976. It began on July 3rd and for 10 weeks the sun shone continuously - except at night! The hottest day-average temperature was 35.9°C at Cheltenham on that day, so the standard was set! To quote the WK of S text "Roads melted, we shared baths, and day after day the news showed people queuing at standpipes, and reservoirs reduced to cracked mud paving." Burrator and Fernworthy were well featured locally. "For the first time in its 143-year history, the MCC at Lord's allows its members to remove their blazers - ties remain, obviously!"

For over a fortnight, temperatures exceeded 32°C (90°F) somewhere in Britain every day. By the first week of August water was running short, and a drought bill was rushed through Parliament. Mains water in South Wales was switched off between 7pm and 8am. Still the sun shone, the explanation being our old friend the "Blocking High" pressure area sitting over the British Isles. It diverted the weather systems north and south of us, and the Mediterranean had a lousy summer.

I'm not sure if we would like that situation to be a regular occurrence, but it might well be that in the future it will become the norm. To go back to 1976, Jim Callaghan appointed a minister for Drought on 24th August. This, along with the looming Bank Holiday was enough to cause a break in the weather. The heavens opened, and thunderstorms arrived on 29th, after which it just rained and rained - all through September (the wettest since 1918) and October (the wettest on record).

The consequences? Apart from incessant heath and forest fires, the Notting Hill Carnival riots at the end of August were blamed on the heat. The financial cost was £500 million worth of failed crops and £60 million worth of subsidence-related insurance claims from home owners living in clay areas (mostly in London). In 1977, a new National Water Authority was granted wide-ranging powers to co-ordinate national water management more effectively.

I was interested to see the results of the expedition to the Arctic to measure the thickness of the sea ice. Short of being unable to finish their time there, Pen Hadow and his team were, I think, dismayed by their findings. The fact that the ice was so thin compared with previous years' records was alarming. They had to swim much more than expected, their electric drill didn't work and all the bores had to be drilled by hand, and finally they had to leave early. Their findings have been backed up by NASA, whose new satellite measurements show sea ice in the Arctic is not just shrinking in area but also

thinning dramatically. The volume of older crucial sea ice in the Arctic has shrunk by 57% from late 2004 to 2008. That is losing more volume of ice than water in Lake Michigan. NASA scientist Jay Zwally blamed global warming and said rapidly shrinking sea ice in the Arctic warmed the rest of the globe indirectly (Western Morning News, 9/7/09).

During these last weeks I have had to lose the effects of my Solar heating while the new roof was put on. What a difference it made! No hot water unless I turned on my multi-cooker which heats the water as well as cooking. Just as well that it was restored within a few days. Then the sun shone, or temperatures rose, and water was piping hot all day again. No need for the oil-fired machine to go on unless I fancied something cooked! It is certainly to be recommended if you have the courage and wherewithal to take the plunge. My next door neighbours are having a system built in their new dwelling.

No need to water those plants in pots on the patio for a couple of days now. Just look after everything, as the Horticultural Show creeps nearer. Just our Church Fete to complete first! Let's hope it will be fine on 25th July. After two wet years on the trot (06 and 07) we need a couple of fine days for the Fete in the next two years. By the time you read this, if you do, you will know the result of the day's weather at South Milton. In the WK of S, the 25th July is celebrated by a sunny day when Bleriot flies the Channel and ends our centuries old Island Fortress status, protected by the greatest navy in the world. The military and political establishments are speechless!

Good gardening - watch those weeds and grass grow, ever demanding your attention while the vegetables and flowers grow happily on with the occasional feed and support. And don't forget to keep looking out for sun dogs and those green flashes in the evening sky.

Jan Turner

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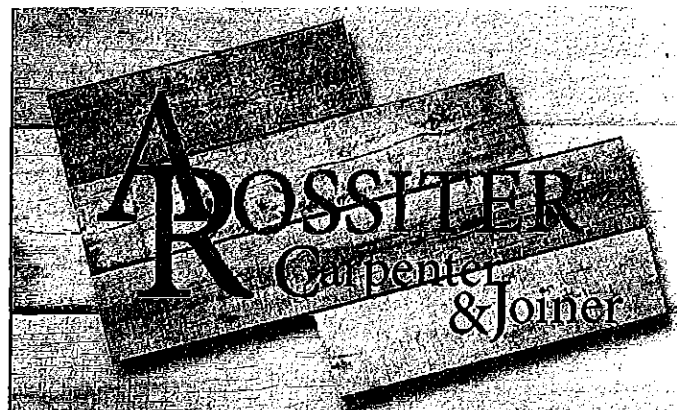
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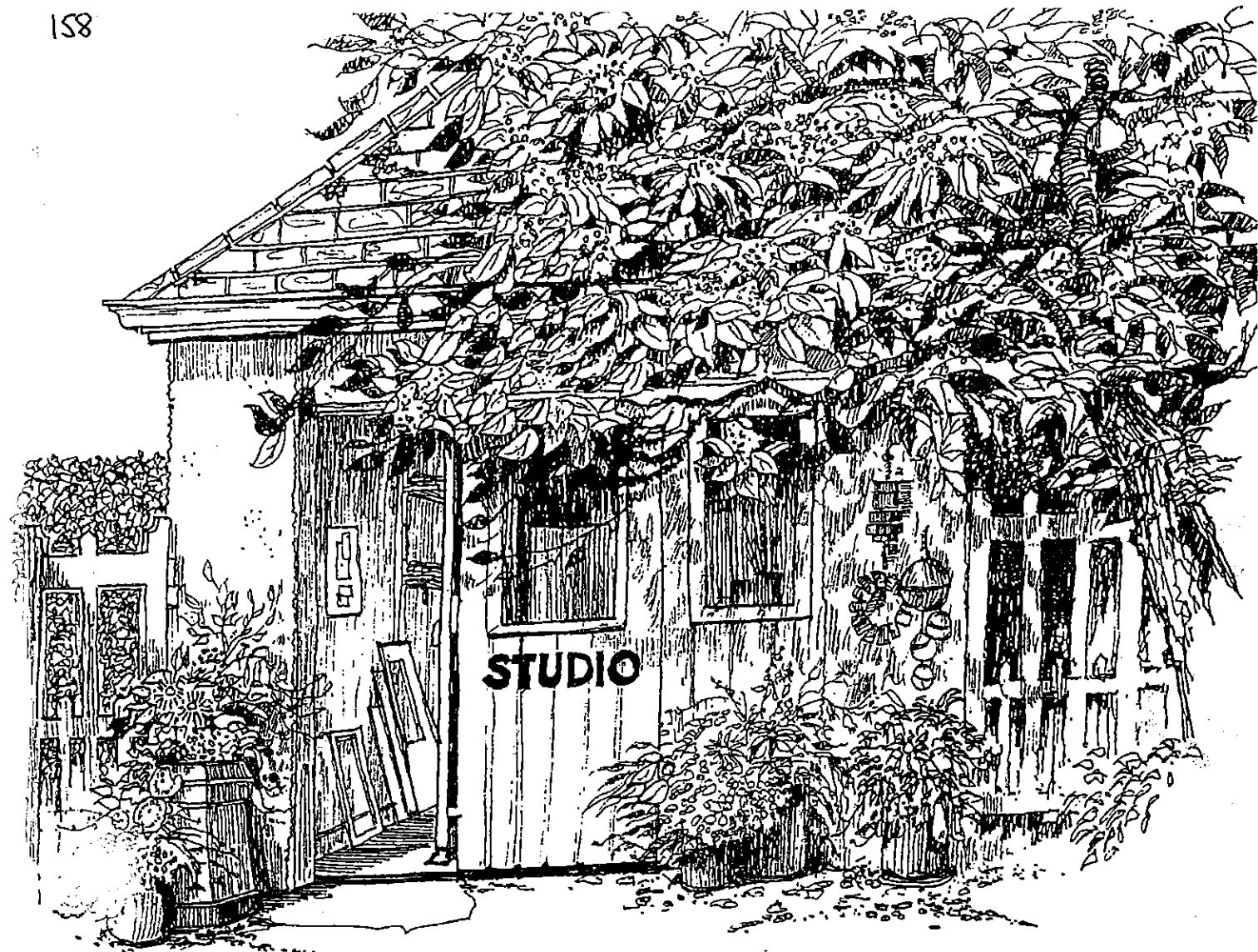
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