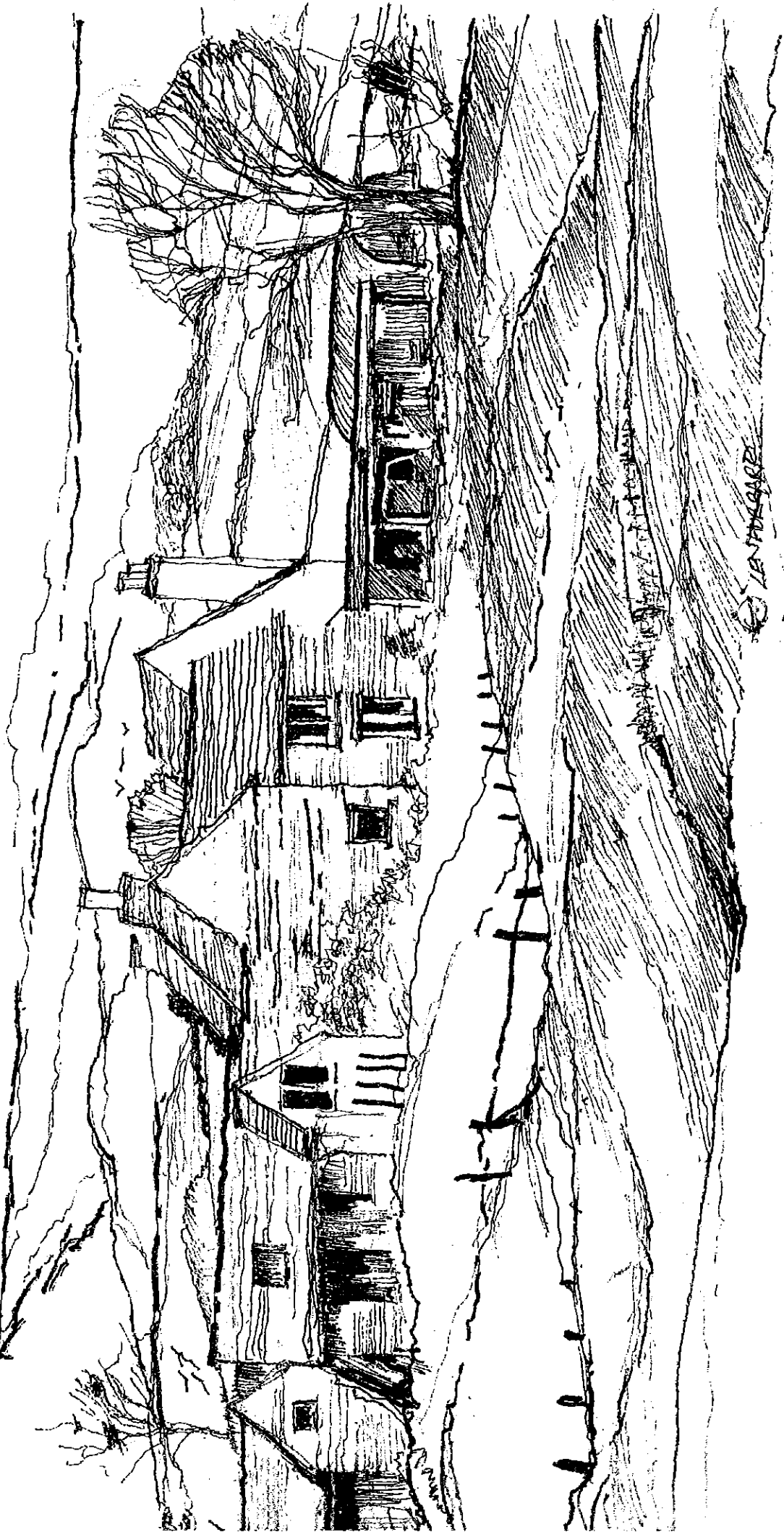


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**NOTES IN THE AIR**

*Notes linger in the air.....*as we recall the breathtaking musicianship and the sumptuous sounds of the Catz Wind Quintet and Karema String Quartet concerts in September, played to a packed Parish Hall. What a musical triumph for Thurlestone!

*Notes linger in the air.....*though a deafening silence hangs over the SHDC Local Development Framework housing plan for Thurlestone. This issue of Village Voice updates readers with two key letters on this topic. POTS comments dated 7 August to the Parish Council admirably reflect local opinion on the issues, while the Parish Council's letter of 15 August presents our official written response to the SHDC proposals. But what effect will they have?

*Notes linger in the air.....* but who calls the tune on the LDF plan? And when the SHDC finally reveal the details of their housing plan for Thurlestone, will we have any option but to face the music? The chances of re-writing the SHDC score by that time are likely to be minimal.

*And by way of an encore.....* we have hot news inside about Thurlestone's first Gold Medal award. Time, perhaps, to blow our own trumpet.

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# **PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY**

**5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3PB**

Councillor A Rhymes  
Chairman, Thurlestone Parish Council  
4 Island View

August 7th 2009

Dear Councillor. Rhymes,

## **Re Thurlestone LDF Proposals**

The Parish of Thurlestone Society could not, and would not argue against the provision of additional affordable housing in the Village, if it was clearly demonstrated that there was a need for such development to accommodate local families, who work locally. It is by no means clear that such demand exists, a view that is borne out by the fact that no attempt has been made to develop the site of the old Telephone Exchange, which our District Councillor proudly proclaimed had been secured for affordable housing, some years ago.

In the absence of such evidence, we have strong reservations about the LDF proposals for the following reasons.

1. The proposals appear to have been made as a result of a desk exercise, with no consideration of reality.
2. The existing road system serving the Village is already stretched beyond its capacity - and improving it would destroy the character of the AONB.
3. There is no evidence that the rest of the infrastructure, such as sewerage, could cope with more permanent residents, and plenty to suggest that it would struggle.
4. Employment opportunities in the area are very limited, and public transport virtually non-existent, so locating people here who needed to commute long distances to work would be unsustainable and contrary to, in their words, "enabling lifestyles geared to combating climate change".
5. The economics of any development would require that a large proportion of the houses were anything but affordable, whereas they should all be affordable or reserved for purchase by local people. Thurlestone has no need for more holiday homes.
6. The School, which appears to be the major reason for including Thurlestone in the LDF, is already oversubscribed, and short of space.
7. The proposals are contrary to the Parish Plan.

Having dealt with the reasons against any development, we would like to comment on the issues that should be addressed in the event that, as usual, the views of residents are totally ignored by SHDC, and the development proceeds.

We consider that Site 2 is the site with the highest potential to damage the AONB, with Site 3 a close second. Site 1 is the only one that should be considered, particularly in view of its location adjacent to Island View.

If any development proceeds, then the Parish Council should press for substantial Planning Gain for the benefit of the Village in the form of an area of Car Parking for use by the School, opposite the Garage, and a major investment in improving Broadband connectivity in the Village, to make home working a feasible reality.

Yours sincerely,  
**C.G.White**  
Chairman, Parish of Thurlestone Society

# THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Ms Rebecca Black  
Forward Planning Department  
South Hams District Council  
Follaton House, Totnes

15 August 2009

Dear Rebecca

## **Re: South Hams Local Development Framework (LDF) - Thurlestone**

Following our meeting on the 28 July 2009, the Council has now received the replies following the Village Voice request for parishioners' views and comments to add to our own.

The content was in the main similar to the Parish Plan's sentiments shared with you at the meeting. There is a considerable consensus of opinion in favour of a small amount of 'affordable housing' if covenanted in some way so they are sold for residential use in perpetuity. However, the practicalities are such that the **weight of opinion rests with the view that it is not possible or acceptable for Thurlestone to facilitate any additional housing.**

By far the largest areas of concern and objections received are based around the impact any development would have on the **traffic and the school**. I appreciate the Parish Council has already raised both of these points with you. However, I cannot overstate these issues.

The narrow approach road to the village is barely capable of handling the existing traffic, many hold ups currently take place, and the full impact of the Mead development (over 20 houses) has yet to be felt. Any road improvements necessary would seriously damage the character of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The availability of a school was a major reason for including Thurlestone in the original LDF proposals. However, it is currently at its capacity of 138 children, is short of space, and is forecast to remain full in the foreseeable future.

Other points made by parishioners include the excessive pressure of additional housing on the infrastructure such as sewerage; the lack of employment in the village, and the very limited public transport. No demand for additional housing to meet the needs of existing families in the parish was identified.

Since we had our discussions we have read that Councils are saying they are going to decrease the ratio of affordable houses in projects from 45% to 30%, which only worsens the situation..

**There is an extremely strong opinion within the parish that we cannot allow any form of increase to the number of second homes within the parish boundaries.**

You have already confirmed that our views will be taken into account and it would be useful to know briefly what happens in the next stage of the LDF process.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor A J Rhymes**  
**Chairman, Thurlestone Parish Council**

# Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

*News and views by Citizen*

Five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and twenty-one members of the public were present, but the District Councillor was not. Our new Police Community Support Officer, **Dave Gibson**, was welcomed for the first time and introduced to the meeting.

## OPEN FORUM

# **Bonfires** These are acceptable as long as they are not a nuisance to others.

# **'Thatches'** The planning appeal was turned down because of effects on adjoining properties and the trees, on which a 6-month tree preservation order has been placed. The design for the new buildings *did not* create any planning problems.

# **Road Signs** More than 60 signs have been sited on the road out of Thurlestone towards South Milton, prohibiting parking from April to September between 9 am and 6 pm but allowing it any time between October and March - on a narrow road where vehicles have never parked hitherto. The Parish Council have no record of a letter Devon County Council allege they wrote regarding these new signs. **Mr David Houghton** has pursued this matter and asked the Parish Council to obtain a copy from DCC of this letter and also find out how much taxpayers' money has been wasted on this project.

# **Swans** Warning discs have now been placed along the power lines which should prevent birds being killed in the valley and **Mrs Jill Munn** has e-mailed Western Power to thank them.

## HIGHWAYS

Devon County and the South Hams Councils to be asked to visit Buckland to investigate the damage caused by large sat-navigated lorries and to request width-restriction signs. Landowners will be asked to cut back hedges which are seriously encroaching on the lanes.

## FOOTPATHS & HERITAGE COAST

The high roadside grass bank at Merchants Field, along which children like to walk, presents great danger as they could easily fall off on to the main road and Parish Council to write to the owners. **Councillor Kit Marshall** attended the Public

Rights of Way meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August to request that the Eddystone Road footpath across the golf course be kept open. Extra dog poo bins are to be sought and ideas for best siting are needed.

## SCHOOL

Phase 4 of the building works is about to start. Three prospective pupils cannot be given places because the school is already full. The parents are to appeal.

## TREES

A new volunteer Tree Warden, **Mr Hal Plews**, was welcomed and thanked for taking on the role. In response to the Parish Council's letter to the Hotel about tree felling on Warren Hill, the Hotel are working on eradicating the Japanese Knotweed on the site before "looking at landscape options". The Parish Council do not wish to get involved as most of the land belongs to Devon County Council who are happy for the Hotel to do any necessary work.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A special meeting between the Parish Council and the SHDC Forward Planning department was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The SHDC are still prepared to consider further feedback from parishioners and will then be putting forward their formal proposals in December, after which there will be 6 weeks allowed for public comment and reaction. It is expected that a public meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at that time, with the date and details published in the December issue of Village Voice.

## POLICE

**Dave Gibson** said there were few crimes but some noisy mopeds! Cars parked at the top of Court park to be periodically checked by police - they must be 10 metres from the main road. The police had not heard about several kayaks stolen from Yarmer Beach during the first week in September and will investigate

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009, at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room.

# Parish Hall News



By Chris White

By the time this edition of *Village Voice* goes to print, I am confident that we will have enjoyed two splendid concerts from the **Catz Wind Quintet**, and the **Karema String Quartet**, featuring a range of composers from Liget to Poulenc, through Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven. Tickets for both concerts have been flying out of the door so, as I write, we are already assured of good audiences.

We are incredibly lucky to be able to attract such talent to our Hall, and **Madeleine and David Radford** and their daughter **Thea** were, as usual, responsible for arranging the **Karema** concert. The added bonus of the **Catz** concert, featuring the 2006 BBC Young Musician of the Year, **Mark Simpson**, was down to the dedication of our former Chairman **Ron Parkin**, who has taken the trouble to keep in touch with **Jonathon Swinard**. Between them, they cooked up a real treat. Ron was also instrumental (no pun intended) in organising, through the good offices of **Lincoln Shaw**, the excellent article in the *Gazette* which helped bring in an audience for both concerts from way beyond our normal boundaries. Add to all that the stunning artwork and programmes by **Thea Radford** and **John and June Beven** and success was assured. That's the community involvement that makes Thurlestone such a wonderful place to live.

Another event that will have happened by the time you read this is the **Parish Autumn Fair** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If past Fairs are anything to go by, it too will have been a huge success, with the regular Hall users, and many others contributing in one way or another to lots of interesting stalls and challenges. Did you try your hand at the *Nintendo Wil* in the Yeo Room? Another first for the Parish Hall's excellent audio-visual system.

Moving on to future events, we have **Peter Stafford** returning to talk about the Lost Gardens of Heligan on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is not just an interesting talk and progress report about

the restoration of a beautiful Cornish Victorian garden, but everyone attending will be given a free ticket (worth £23.50) for the whole family to visit the gardens any time in 2009/2010.

Then to our final event of the year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Do you dream of the nostalgic days of **Stephane Grappelli** and **Django Reinhardt**? Well, we have our very own **Stephane Grappelli**, in the form of virtuoso Dutch jazz violinist **Tim Kliphuis** coming to entertain us at an evening based round our ever popular "Bring your own food and wine" theme. He brings with him the outstanding gypsy jazz guitar maestro **Tony Oreshko**, and rhythm guitarist **Glen Hawkins**. I can do no better than quote from a newspaper review: "*Take Stephane Grappelli's Hot Gypsy Swing, add Celtic Folk traditionals, the odd Stevie Wonder hit and Classical themes of Bach, Grieg and Liszt and you have a 'swingy zingy' mix that's totally new but appeals to everyone.*" It promises to be lively and exciting, so don't miss it. More details of both events elsewhere in this edition of *Village Voice*.

I would like to close this page with a question. We have just endured another dismal wet summer, and some parishioners have livened up dreary days with their children and grandchildren by hiring the Hall for games of football, badminton, table tennis, etc. It has since been suggested that it would be helpful if the Hall could also be made available on soggy days for groups of local children to entertain themselves in a similar fashion. Well, yes it could be, so the questions are - (1) Are there any youngsters out there who would be interested in participating? and (2) Even more importantly in this age of CRB checks, are there any adults who would be prepared to supervise it?

Let me know, please, by phone to 560505 or by e-mail to [thurlestoneparishhall@themed.co.uk](mailto:thurlestoneparishhall@themed.co.uk).

Chris White

# Village News Round-Up

## What a Hoot

We are fortunate in this corner of the South Hams to attract some excellent musicians to perform. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October the vibrant young harp and flute duo HOOT will be visiting South Milton village hall to give a concert at 7.30 pm as part of the *Villages In Action* programme. Versatile musicians **Emma Wilkins** and **Helen McLeod** are in demand as orchestral and chamber musicians, having played at many prestigious venues including Edinburgh and Stirling Castles, the Scottish Parliament, and the Albert Hall, with the Scottish National Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Northern Sinfonia, and the Halle. Emma has also worked with the Scottish pop group Texas on their latest album, whilst Helen recently featured on the soundtrack of the highly acclaimed Gaelic film *Searched*. Their sensitive and enchanting playing will enthral you! Tickets at £6.50 (Children £4.50) from **Jenny Brown** on 562248.

## Keep Fit

As we go into autumn and winter, don't give up exercise and become a couch potato. Instead keep limber and go to the Tuesday morning exercise-to-music 'Keep Fit' classes which run from 10 until 11.30am every Tuesday at the Parish Hall. It is a small friendly group and they would love to have more people join them. It costs approximately £2 per session, depending on numbers. Contact **Karen Livett** on 560131.

## Fare Car

This is a new **wheel-chair accessible** transport service to Kingsbridge from surrounding villages, run privately but supported by Devon County Council. It operates from your home at Thurlestone on **Fridays**, arriving Kingsbridge at 10.30am and 11.30am and returning at 12.30pm and 1.30pm. Pick-up and drop-off points in Kingsbridge are the bus station and the top of Fore Street. **Journeys must be arranged in advance by phoning 01752-895658** any time between 8.00am and 5.00pm any day of the week but no later than 5.00pm the day before travel.

The cost is subsidised at £2.00 per single journey - no further reductions for pensioners, bus pass holders or children but under-5s travel free. Ring the number above for further details.

## Domestic Violence

Anyone who **suffers** domestic violence - threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) - from adults who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members, can get advice from a charity called the Domestic Violence & Abuse Service. They have a helpline - 01837-55228. Anyone who **perpetrates** domestic violence and who feels they would like to change their abusive behaviour can ring REPAIR on 07826-549113. One-to-one support is available as well as support groups and a counselling service. Volunteering opportunities for this service exist in south and west Devon. Please ring 01364-643866 for information.

## Connect

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Quayside Leisure Centre, 10am until 2pm, is the launch date for a new outreach service which aims to take public services out to local venues. This will make it easier for residents in the South Hams to access public and voluntary sectors and other services and to meet representatives from those bodies - for example, the police, Devon County Council, Citizens Advice Bureau, South West Water, Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Energy Action, to name a few. Events will be advertised well in advance but please ring **Kate Hamp** the Customer Services Manager at SHDC on 01803-861234 for more details.

## Blue Balloons Again

**Jane and Patrick Stanley** have just been made proud grandparents for the eighth time. A baby son weighing in at 7lb 9oz was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> September to **Debs and Tim** at their home near Bath. Congratulations and best wishes to all concerned. It will be an easy birthday to remember - 09.09.09.



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*All  
Saints*

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:**  
Rev. Phil Osler 560967

**Phil Osler writes:**



I don't know what age I was when I began to turn into my parents or maybe even my grandparents. I knew, however, that I had arrived there when I was told that, in order to keep up with my children's activities, I would really need to set up a 'Facebook' account on the Internet! Whatever happened to talking, meeting up and doing things together I asked and had truly arrived at that point that most of us reach when we start playing the old game 'Things Ain't What They Used to Be', a game that I suspect has been played by every older generation since we lived in caves!

Perhaps the positive points of meeting and working together were very much on my mind after our recent move to Thurlestone. Janet and I really appreciated the help we received as we moved in, from being fed and watered and having boxes unpacked to watching a team of people 'dog proof' the back garden for us. When we work together we get to know each other, support each other and can achieve much more than we can do alone. Difficult or boring tasks can be made more interesting. Christians have the picture of Jesus who did not work in isolation but in the company of a group of disciples, friends, supporters and, of course, his Father.

In a much smaller and more local context, I am sure that you will have noticed that our churchyard always looks so well maintained and cared for. This is not because we employ a good contractor, we simply couldn't afford that, it is because a group of volunteers meet on a Wednesday morning and work together on something that has a very satisfying end product. Working together makes the task fun – and there is coffee, biscuits and sausage rolls! Perhaps you could spare a few hours to join them in a task that helps to keep Thurlestone looking good? You would be assured of a warm welcome, so if you would like to talk more about it, please contact Churchwarden Graham Worrall.

When it comes to new technology, there is little to help us when it comes to keeping churchyards under control but in the end I came to the conclusion that I was perhaps being too negative with my youngsters. When your children live far away you can talk to them on-line and even see them through the video camera, you can see their photographs on 'Facebook'. You can book tickets and arrange travel so easily and you can even go fact finding for your sermon! With all its many dangers and the way that it can affect how we interact with each other, perhaps new technology still has many positive things to offer us.

*Phil*

***We should like to invite you to our***  
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I hope to be at the service on October 24th & should like the following name(s) read out

(please print): .....

Signed: .....

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# All Saints' Diary

**CHURCHWARDENS:** Liz Webb 560090 & Graham Worrall 562016

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

## Church Services

### Sundays

**Every Sunday**

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

**OCTOBER 4TH**

**11.10am** Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch  
**6.00pm** Benefice Evensong (BCP) at West Alvington

**OCTOBER 11TH**

**11.10am** Morning Worship for All Ages

**OCTOBER 18TH**

**11.10am** Stewardship Response Sunday Eucharist

**OCTOBER 25TH**

**11.10am** Bible Sunday Service

**NOVEMBER 1ST**

**11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)

**NOVEMBER 8TH**

**10.50am** Remembrance Service & laying of wreaths

**NOVEMBER 15TH**

**10.30am** Benefice Operation Christmas Child at Churchstow  
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**NOVEMBER 22ND**

**11.10am** Matins (BCP)

**NOVEMBER 29TH**

**6.00pm** Benefice Advent Carol Service at South Milton

### Weekdays

**EVERY WED, THURS, FRI & SAT** **8.30am** Morning Prayer (said)

**THURS OCT 1ST, NOV 5TH** **10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) at Bantham

**SAT OCTOBER 24TH** **6.00pm** Annual Thanksgiving & Remembrance Service

BCP: Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) CW: Common Worship (modern language)

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**THURS** (term time) **9.30am** *Under 5s* Contact: 560375/562417

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# The Progress of Maths Teaching

## 1. Teaching maths in 1970

A logger sells a truckload of timber for £100.  
His cost of production is  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the price.  
*What is his profit?*

## 2. Teaching Maths In 1980

A logger sells a truckload of timber for £100.  
His cost of production is 80% of the price.  
*What is his profit?*

## 3. Teaching Maths In 1990

A logger sells a truckload of timber for £100.  
His cost of production is £80.  
*How much was his profit?*

## 4. Teaching Maths In 2000

A logger sells a truckload of timber for £100.  
His cost of production is £80 and his profit is £20.  
*Your assignment: Underline the number 20.*

## 5. Teaching Maths In 2005

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands.

*Your assignment: Discuss how the birds and squirrels might feel as the logger cuts down their homes just for a measly profit of £20.*

## 6. Teaching Maths In 2009

A logger is arrested for trying to cut down a tree in case it may be offensive to Muslims or other religious groups not consulted in the felling licence. He is also fined a £100 as his chainsaw is in breach of Health and Safety legislation as it is deemed too dangerous and could cut something. He has used the chainsaw for over 20 years without incident. However, he does not have the correct certificate of competence and is therefore considered to be a recidivist and habitual criminal. His DNA is sampled and his details circulated throughout all government agencies.

He protests and is taken to court and fined another £100 because he is such an easy target. When he is released he returns to find gypsies have cut down half his wood to build a camp on his land. He tries to throw them off but is arrested, prosecuted for harassing an ethnic minority, imprisoned and fined a further £100. While he is in jail the gypsies cut down the rest of

his wood and sell it on the black market for £100 cash. They also have a leaving BBQ of squirrel and pheasant and depart leaving behind several tonnes of rubbish and asbestos sheeting. The forester on release is warned that failure to clear the fly tipped rubbish immediately at his own cost is an offence. He complains and is arrested for environmental pollution, breach of the peace and invoiced £12,000 plus VAT for safe disposal costs by a regulated government contractor.

*Your assignment: How many times is the logger going to have to be arrested and fined before he realises that he is never going to make £20 profit by hard work, give up, sign on the dole and live off the state for the rest of his life?*

## 7. Teaching Maths In 2010

A logger doesn't sell a lorry load of timber because he can't get a loan to buy a new lorry as his bank has spent all his and their money on a derivative of securitised debt related to sub-prime mortgages in Alabama and lost the lot with only some government money left to pay a few million pound bonuses to their senior directors and the traders who made the biggest losses. The logger struggles to pay the £1,200 road tax on his old lorry, but as it was built in the 1970s it no longer meets the emissions regulations and he is forced to scrap it.

Some Bulgarian loggers buy the lorry from the scrap merchant and put it back on the road. They undercut everyone on price for haulage and send their cash back home, while claiming unemployment benefit for themselves and their relatives. If questioned they speak no English and it is easier to deport them at the government's expense. Following their holiday back home they return to the UK with different names and fresh girls and start again. The logger protests, is accused of being a bigoted racist and, as his name is on the side of his old lorry, he is forced to pay £1,500 registration fees as a gang master.

The Government borrows more money to pay more to the bankers as bonuses are not cheap. The parliamentarians feel they are missing out and claim the difference on expenses and allowances.

*You do the maths.*

# sudoku

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## ***SUDOKU - The occasional alternative***

Our Wayne Gould Sudoku puzzles are claimed to be "fair" puzzles, which he defines as capable of solution by logic rather than guesswork, and therefore permit of only a single solution. However, it would appear that not all his puzzles pass his own test. In our last issue, puzzle no.40 admitted of several solutions, two of which were spotted by Maurice Nixon who, along with Gill Pollard and Val Palmer, submitted correct entries. The first name out of the hat on this occasion was that of Gill Pollard, Upton Grange, who wins our coveted specimen of oenophile's delight. Tough luck, Maurice, but keep trying. Entries by Guy Fawkes Day, please, to 25 Mead Lane. Another treasure from our cellars to be won!



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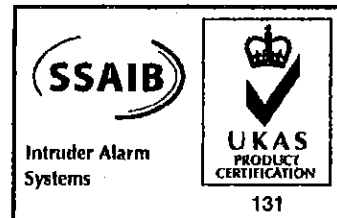
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# *Thurlestone Strikes Gold*

There is a lot of talk, even in sleepy non-athletic Thurlestone, about gold medals. So we weren't all that surprised to hear on our celebrated grapevine that one of our residents is in the running for a gold as he has just completed his half-century of books

Yes, that's right! Fifty real books. Not your pamphlet-thin kind, but proper mighty tomes, produced at the rate of at least one a year.

We hear too that at least three of the afore-mentioned well-bound books are much concerned with the history of the village and round about - one even devotes a whole chapter to the murderous women of the Mead who went in for a mass killing of Danish pirates who had taken possession of them, having first killed their husbands.

That was the reason that great bonfires were lit each year and much rejoicing was held on the Church land which was where the Danes had built their camp. The parties have died out now of course, as the word about these night-time activities made Thurlestone gentlemen very wary about dating ladies from the Mead.

However, the majority of the 50 books are not murder mysteries, though one or two novels have managed to work their way into the packed shelves. Most of the books are concerned with underwater life, which is why the British Sub-Aqua Club have used this prolific output as an excuse to award a fine gold medallion at their next big conference in London and use it to drag out from under his bushel the top author of the diving world and to honour him for "furthering international co-operation" among the world's divers with his books.

We think you might have guessed by now the name of our celebrated author. Yes, you're right. It is Kendall McDonald. Since 1952 he has dived the world's seas with his wife Penny, who has been his dive "buddy" in many deep down diving adventures, such as feeding sharks and getting knocked over by a six-foot monster which clearly found Penny in the way of the "scoff" being dropped down from the boat above.

Kendall has been Chairman of the BS-AC and is now a Vice-President of the Club. The Club's President today is Prince Charles, though we hear that Britain's divers have high hopes of either Prince William or Prince Harry taking over that leading role very soon.

Finally, we hear that Kendall's 51<sup>st</sup> book is off to the printers any day now. Its title is *Dive South Devon*. You won't be surprised to find in that 300-plus wreck guide that the wreck of the 6057 ton Belgian ship *Louis Sheid* is just down off Leasfoot beach. It is a good shallow dive for novices. Kendall enjoys watching them from his bedroom window!

# Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB  
or email: [cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk](mailto:cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk)

1. What effect did seeing Lady Godiva have on Peeping Tom?
2. What is the lowest number that can not be scored with a single dart on a dartboard?
3. Which T.V. family lived in Nelson Mandela House?
4. What kind of a creature is a Whippoorwill?
5. What did Monkee Mike Nesmith's Mother invent?
6. On which Island will you find Red Wharf Bay?
7. Who shot John Lennon?
8. Where is the only Test Cricket venue on the American Mainland?
9. What popular dog's name comes from the Latin "I Trust"?
10. In the Mabinogion which Castle was home to Pwll and Rhiannon?
11. In the Song "Surrey with the Fringe on Top" what were the shutters made of?
12. In what way does ZZ Top drummer Frank Beard differ from the rest of the band?
13. Which King was born in Pembroke Castle?
14. Name the worlds largest Rodent?
15. Where does Fireman Sam live?
16. What are the Queens middle names?
17. What was Merlin's owl called?
18. What is a squirrels home called?
19. Where did Arnie Sachnussen journey to?
20. Which Teletubbies are female?
21. Where, according to Wellington was The Battle of Waterloo won?
22. Name Dick Dastardly's dog.
23. What grows to 2 metres in Gippsland, Australia?
24. Which film inspired the band name 'Toto'?
25. How many men would you find on a dead man's chest?
26. Name the first person to sail alone around the world.
27. Which classical Coronation St character almost always wore a hairnet?
28. Which town is home to The Royal Mint?
29. Which movie star was born Marion Morrison?
30. Where would you find a Plimsoll Line?

## Solutions to the previous Grey Matter Quiz:

1. Rivers of Babylon by Boney M (Psalm 137) 2. Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) 3. Morgan 4/4 4. 364  
5. Hair 6. Feedback 7. Abraham 8. Three Dog Night 9. No (he's dead) 10. Mr Spock 11. Pallas, Judith,  
Rachel & Argine 12. 610 13. Al Martino, Here in my Heart, 1952 14. Damascus 15. S (Sunday) 16.  
Yellow Submarine 17. 10 18. Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar 19. Ronald Reagan 20. 60 21. 42 22. Doc  
23. Pink 24. New Zealand 25. Lemuel 26. Wellington 27. Nikola Tesla 28. Ironbridge, Coalbrookdale  
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# BUZZARD CATCHES PHALAROPE ... ... AND HARRY HUGGINS' ATTENTION

During the winter the *Daily Telegraph* showed a set of three photographs of a Buzzard taking a Grey Phalarope. The first image was of the Phalarope flying with the Buzzard in level flight behind. In the second, the Buzzard had its prey in its feet. The third had it flying off with its prey, still alive, held in one foot. We are not told at which point it killed the Phalarope - which it does by squeezing it with its strong feet. Quite effective.

When we had a golden Cocker spaniel for a shooting dog, there was never a mark on anything which she retrieved. But after a year or two we found that whatever she brought to us was always dead, even when it was a rabbit or a partridge which had not been shot - and that happened quite frequently. No, she did not chew things, she just crept up and seized them. Her soft mouth she had inherited; you cannot teach a dog not to chew things up. But as she was very small, a struggling rabbit could be difficult for her to manage and she must have discovered that if she squeezed something it went quiet! Which is what a Buzzard does. This capture of a flying bird was unusual because a Buzzard doesn't often do that sort of thing. It hopes for a vole, or a rabbit, or someone ploughing.

Badgers eat earthworms. A young gentleman who talked to Kingsbridge Natural History Society - I think his name was Dr Cheeseman - said he informed farmers that they were farming for badgers as the grassy field delighted them. Earthworms delight Buzzards also. They cannot dig for them like the badgers can, but a dozen or more will follow a plough, like the gulls.

Drive to Kingsbridge via West Alvington, and you will see maybe a couple of Buzzards sitting on electricity posts. One of my favourite ditties is "*See a Buzzard on a post, be a better day than most*". Another favourite (if you will excuse the digression), though not quite a ditty, is the one which says the commonest four words in a marriage are not "*Darling, I love you*" but "*You wash, I'll dry*"!

Usually the books show Buzzards as Vandyke brown above, paler below with, on the underwings, prominent brown carpal patches, where the wrists would be (a bird's wing is very like our arm). Our birds vary: some around our parish are sandy above and white below. There used to be one near Prawle Point which strangers insisted on reporting as a Short-toed Eagle - it was pale grey below with a dark head. At that time I don't think a Short-toed Eagle had ever been seen in Britain - they come from somewhere warmer and live mostly on snakes.

Sometimes folks see one of our pale Buzzards and think they have found an Osprey. But they look very different when they fly - an Osprey looks like a huge brown gull. Once, though, we did see one here in Thurlestone. We were entertaining a couple of birding friends when one flew past the window. The gentleman with us was quite uncanny. He had seen more sorts of birds than I can hope to. He had been to more places - Israel, Russia, Poland (when we asked him about that, he just said "*mosquitos*"), the West Indies. By the time of the Osprey his eyesight had gone but he still had a remarkable attraction for birds. We took them to Aveton Gifford and a Goshawk flew down the valley - like a big Sparrowhawk and very rare. We took them to Lopwell Dam, where the fresh water of the Tavy reaches the salt. There a Bittern flew up out of the reeds. Bittern is even rarer, a secretive heron, which they can census only by listening for booming males (it sounds like blowing over the top of an empty bottle). At that time it was reckoned there were only eleven booming males in Britain. There are probably no more now.

A year or so ago Wal died. He was a Buddhist. I didn't really know until we went to his funeral (one doesn't usually discuss people's religious persuasions with them). He was a gruff-voiced, very occasionally grumpy, Englishman, who had spent his war in minesweepers. He said he was not willing to kill but was willing to risk his own life. His last project had been the bird hide at

West Charleton Marsh. Mary took his ashes there to put in a secret hidy-hole. She said that as she did so she was watched by a Kingfisher. That must have been Wal in his next incarnation.

Buzzards don't only sit on posts. Often you will see one soaring over one of our valleys, going round and round on slightly upswept wings - dihedral, they called it when I served in the ranks. Frequently there will be two. The one with wings a bit broader at the base will be the lady. Buzzards don't vary in size like many birds of prey do - the lady Peregrine is called the falcon and her mate is the tiercel because he is a third smaller than she is. That makes it dangerous for him to bring food to the nest because a fully-grown but not yet fledged daughter might eat him. Lady Buzzards are in fact a bit more hefty than the males, but apart from the wing width that is not apparent when you see them together.

They will eat virtually anything animal. I don't think there are any vegetarians. The books talk about rabbits, voles, frogs. Looking through my record cards, I see a note about a Canada Goose which came to grief in Thurlestone valley. No, Buzzards didn't kill it. It flew into wires and was electrocuted - the fate which befell the father of the cygnets which were growing in the valley. By mid-July, about a month after he was killed, the original five were down to two, nor could one be very hopeful about their chances. We were told that by now the pen was nowhere to be seen. She had been a good mother but I imagine the strain of trying to look after the cygnets by herself proved too much for her. Not that she had to feed them - they should do that for themselves - but we wondered about the quality in this valley of the water-weed which they ate.

Once I saw a Buzzard with an auk - probably a Guillemot - on the cliff below Links Court. It could not have taken an active sea bird like a Guillemot and I suppose it found it oiled and moribund on the beach. If during the winter you stand on the road by the golf club you will see the heads of Snipes sticking up in the grass at the bottom of the valley. Sometimes you will see a Buzzard devouring one of those, which it must have seized as it crouched in the grass. In 1985 a pair nested, successfully, in the row of big old pine trees (they have all gone now) which ran

down to the loos opposite the golf club. We saw the parents catch a flying Woodpigeon. A big lady Sparrowhawk could do that, and so would a Goshawk. The Buzzards must have caught it as it sat eating the farmer's crops.

To turn now to the Grey Phalarope, the other, unwilling, participant in this story. It is quite a small wading bird. It is not easy to think of a suitable common comparison to give an idea of its size. I would have said Starling-sized. But although we get lots of those in winter, when they come from Europe, Starling is now quite a rare bird in summer. So I might say a little smaller than Blackbird-sized. If you are American you don't have Grey Phalaropes, you have Red Phalaropes. All the same bird. In America they name it for its summer plumage. Like many waders which breed in the far north, it turns red in summer to camouflage it in the tundra vegetation which is mostly red. We call it Grey because we see it in winter when it has moulted its summer coat and is going to spend its time on the sea.

Grey Phalaropes breed on the tundra of the far, far north. To winter they fly south to the ocean off the coast of Africa where the cold current from the Antarctic wells up to produce lots of plankton. The books refer to times when hundreds have been blown ashore in Britain by storms. Otherwise people don't see them much. At Thurlestone we used to find the odd one afloat off Leasfoot Beach - in October 1983 there were nine. South West Water's *Clean Sweep*, which did away with our nice outfall, put a stop to most of that and only the occasional one has appeared since. For a couple of days last November there was one on Lake Stidston.

For many species of bird, the male has the most resplendent plumage, like Peacocks do. In fact for many kinds the female, who does the domestic duties, is just a brown thing - in the hope of being safer when sitting on her nest. Look at our Mallards here in Thurlestone - the gent is a fine fellow with silvery body, bottle green head and curly feathers in his tail. But usually once he has mated with the female that is the end of it as far as he is concerned. For many birds the sexes look much the same. Some you can't tell apart. Take Robins. Some years ago

I read that one sex had the brown feathers in its forehead - where they meet the red - coming to a point. On the other sex they are rounded. I cannot remember which was which and it does not matter because, try as I might, I have never perceived any difference between any of them.

But for Phalaropes, nature is turned on its head. The lady has the most gaudy plumage: in the case of the Grey Phalarope the books show it as being *really* gaudy. The male is much duller. In their courtship she leads the revels - I am repeating what the books say, I have never been to where they court, and by the time they reach us here in Devon all are just silvery-grey. Courtship over, she lays a clutch of eggs and then scarpers. The rest is down to him.

In fact it makes good sense. Producing four large eggs places considerable strain on her resources, but he is fit and ready to do the incubating. He also looks after the chicks when they hatch, though he doesn't have to feed them - having come from large eggs they are ready to run about and feed themselves as soon as they are dry. All quite touching, except that when she goes off she will find another mate if she can and presumably repeat the process.

Back to these photographs of the Buzzard catching the Phalarope. You can photograph a bird of prey taking, or attempting to take, another bird. I have a picture of a Marsh Harrier after a Coot. On a little stretch of water in the great Albufera reserve in Mallorca. They had been at one another's throats for some little time before it occurred to me that I had a camera and might get a photograph. Which I did. The Coot rolled on to its back. It could do that as it was afloat. It lashed out with its feet. They say a Coot can scratch like a cat. This one did and the Marsh Harrier flew away!

I assume that when the photographer took his pictures he had already been watching the Phalarope. When the Buzzard swooped I would have stood with my mouth open. That man must have been either incredibly skilled, had incredibly good equipment or been incredibly lucky. All three, I would think!

**Harry Huggins**

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*By Betty Rhymes*

It is now mid-September, and I'm sitting outside in the glorious sunshine writing this report. We have all gone back to school..... and now summer has arrived. Good old British weather!

All Saints inmates have returned to school for the autumn term. The children are refreshed, recharged and raring to go. As for the teachers, well they have been up to all sorts during the holidays.....

We welcomed back Mrs Dawe who has returned from maternity leave to teach class 1a three days a week. We also welcome on board Helen Lawrence-King from Modbury, who will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs L-K is a very familiar face at the school, as she taught during all of last years as a supply teacher. We are very pleased she is no longer 'on parole' and has now become an All Saints inmate.

Class 3 have also seen a change in their teacher. The children and staff said goodbye to Miss Smith as they broke up for the school holidays. When we returned we were greeted by Mrs Phipps. July 25<sup>th</sup> was the day she married her finance, Tim, at his parents' farm in Oxford. They currently live at Sidmouth, where Tim works. He has recently qualified as a thatcher.

We wish the new Mr & Mrs every happiness for their future together.

One particular All Saints inmate (and a village one too) proved she is really made of strong stuff. Vicky Carpenter took up the challenge of a triathlon. Along with 1299 other competitors she undertook the Monaco 70.3 Ironman (70.3 miles = Half Ironman). She swam 1.9km, cycled 90km, and ran 21km on the Monaco Formula One circuit - all in the blistering heat of 86 degrees (unlike the conditions under which she had trained back in Blighty!). Not only did she complete this endurance test, but she did so in an incredible eight hours and five minutes. I don't feel it is my place to divulge this Iron Lady's age but if I tell you she has passed the half-century mark but has yet to collect her free bus pass, you will comprehend just how amazing her achievement is. So, move over Mrs Thatcher - Thurlestone has a new Iron Lady. Stand up Mrs C and take a bow.

We have now been back to school for two weeks and staff and children alike have settled back to their life 'inside'. I'm sure there will be lots to report to you in the next issue - news of what the children have been up to. Time now for me to go.....the Governor has just called "Lights Out"!

## **The National Trust South Hams Centre Programme for October and November 2009**

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| <b>Friday<br/>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>    | Coach trip to Greenway (NT). By midi-coach to Greenway House. The restoration project completed, this is now a local gem. As well as the house there is the lovely garden to enjoy. Refreshments available. |
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| <b>Friday<br/>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | Skittles Evening at East Oghwell. Our annual coach trip to "The Jolly Sailor" at East Oghwell, near Newton Abbot, for another entertaining skittles evening.  |

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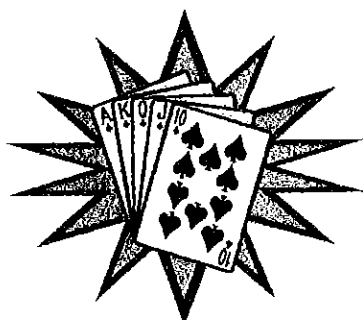
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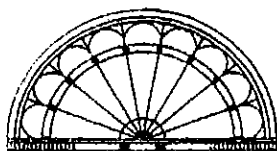
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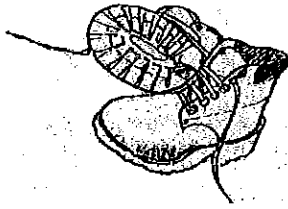
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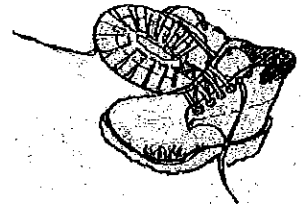
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# TRAMP



**1** In very changeable weather Tramps came up trumps once again! After a horrible Tuesday (as forecast) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July was dry and sunny, so there was a good turnout for this popular walk in the fields surrounding Modbury. In fact it was third time lucky on this occasion, with 16 starters who were all able to complete the ramble. Some will recall the events of a previous year, when four walkers managed to part company with the main group, and last year when rain set in during lunch, giving rise to an unanimous decision to abort the afternoon walk.

In the morning we passed Shilston Barton, where most of the construction/repairs appeared to have been completed, with just a few workmen and machines engaged in landscaping the grounds, etc. Then heading south again, via Shilston Bridge and Ayleston Cross, we soon turned west for Modbury and through the 1643 battlefields for a history lesson! Just south of Modbury we paused for a pleasant picnic lunch and a general gossip before the steep climb up to Little Modbury. Later on we looked for Bob and Kay Morley, but there was nobody at home. We turned again, following Ayleston Brook to Cottlass Farm and back along Runaway Lane and Barrack Road to our starting point at Modbury Recreation Ground, a walk of some 7.5 miles.

**Roger & Trisha Wilson**

**2** For a change, a late afternoon stroll, followed by a pub supper - how better to while away a summer Tuesday evening when there's no Quiz at the Village Inn?

On 21<sup>st</sup> July we set off from opposite the Sun Bay Hotel, taking the coastal path to Bolberry. At this stage our number included one young lady heavy with child, as they say, but she was obliged to turn back soon after. Gill Durden reports that Mother and Daughter are both now doing well (Chloe was born to Lydia on

16<sup>th</sup> August). After Bolberry we turned and headed back to Hope Cove, completing four miles before supper at the Hope & Anchor in the evening sunshine.

**Roger & Trisha Wilson**

**3** This walk was something of a puzzle, not having been undertaken for at least 13 years, and therefore not within the living memory of any current Tramp. But I tried to piece it together from just a list of place-names in the dog-eared card-index. What resulted - whether the original *Higher Lutton* walk or not - was a 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  mile circuit with 1500 feet of ascent, starting just behind South Brent, climbing Brent Hill, then skirting the southern edge of Dartmoor in a fine horseshoe around the River Avon and its tributary the Glaze Brook. Most of the circuit is along bridleways and footpaths, and the few stretches on roads are normally very quiet. We encountered only three cars all day.

Seven Tramp regulars and one regular Labrador turned out on a dry, if slightly overcast Friday morning on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Parking in the hamlet of Higher Lutton at 10.20 am, we made the stiff climb up on to Brent Hill - probably at 997 feet the highest point in the South Hams, outside the dome of Dartmoor itself. The view was excellent, around about 300 degrees of arc, blocked only by the moor itself behind us. The bridleway access off the hill was heavily overgrown, and we met the land-owner with a petrol hedge-trimmer clearing away some of the thicker brambles impeding our descent. He seemed pleased to realise that his efforts were being put to prompt use.

A pleasant walk down a green lane into Didworthy brought us to the Avon itself, and we soon climbed on the west side up on to the fringes of Dartmoor - once again with fine views southwards. Merrifield plantation,

enclosed with dry-stone walls, was at its best with hundreds of rowan trees laden with orange-red berries. After a picnic, sheltering from the first hints of a westerly drizzle at Ball Gate, we descended to the south-east via long green lanes with extensive views of the South Hams in front. The rain had held off, but an unmistakable mistiness towards Plymouth warned of worse weather approaching, so we curtailed our route by about 1½ miles and headed down into the village of Aish, and then re-crossed the Avon at the attractive Lydia Bridge, with its waterfalls. The full route would have added a loop through footpaths and fields to Owley and alongside the Glaze Brook. A final road-walk brought us back to the cars at Higher Lutton - still dry - by about 3:30 pm.

**David Radford**

**4** Our numbers were swelled by visitors from as far afield as Cheshire on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August when we gathered for a Brixton circular walk of about 4.5 miles.

We started from Steer Point Road and headed south, passing the cottages at Winston. After a while there were glimpses of Kitley House through the woods to the east. Thence the path followed close to the river, with Warren Point in sight on the other side of the creek.

It was not very long afterwards that we came across the track of the disused Plymouth to Yealmpton railway and the old bridge across Mudbank Lake. A little later we came to the brickworks and from there headed back north again via Cofflete and Otter Garden Centre, through Combe, and so back to our original starting point. To complete a pleasant morning lunch was taken at Yealmpton in the garden of the Rose & Crown.

**Roger & Trisha Wilson**

**5** On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September the day dawned cloudy with a cool east wind. The old leader arrived with his even older dog to find fourteen keen walkers including a natural

back marker and three sprightly cockers waiting. He led a car procession on an imaginative route to Down Thomas from

where the eight mile circular walk, starting along the coastal footpath, commenced.

As the group descended from their cars the wind dropped and the sun appeared and they were off - down to the coast, past the Mewstone and Heybrook Bay, and on to Wembury church. By now the back marker was swearing. The conversation could not have been that good at the back of the group, or perhaps they were prudish, because three left at this point and headed inland. Two more opted for large hot cappuccinos to recover, promising they would catch up eventually.

Down to ten we continued on along the most beautiful part of the walk towards Newton Ferrers, stopping at Warren Point for a well earned packed lunch in the shade, under a spreading chestnut tree, with a glorious view of the mouth of the Yealm. Wonderful!

The two cappuccinos surprisingly rejoined us and we headed inland. All had gone so well so far (apart from the volatile back marker). Then the hitherto immaculate leader made a small error and the group found themselves on Wembury FC football pitch. Lost? No, merely a small adjustment required, a map and specs borrowed, and we were on track again.

But group confidence had taken a blow and the leader started to receive verbal advice from a rather fearsome lady at the front of the group who had left her map in the car because she 'knew' the route. When he ignored this advice she swiftly gained a vote of no confidence and the group stood luddite in the middle of the road while the leader went searching for the route. Fortunately no traffic came and the old leader proved right.

Back on track, the old dog started to protest, and then collapse. Much concern. A lady produced a flask of what looked like gin, and others gave water and advice, despite the dog being stone deaf. Revived, the dog staggered on. The pace increased as the end of the walk came in sight, revealing that - fortunately - all the cars were still where they had been left.

Had anyone noticed that single yellow line?

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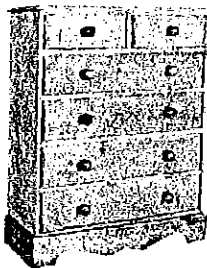
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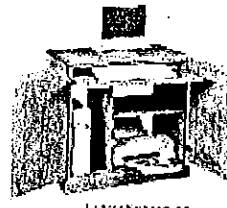
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# THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB

## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

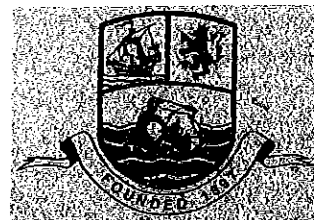
I have been fortunate in finding **John Laphorn** to act as my Vice Captain over the summer months and his support has been invaluable and good fun. We have had a good number of entries for the men's competitions and some excellent scores, especially from the junior boys; notably **Jamie Johnson** who won the Allcomers Cup with a nett 67, and **Robert Came** and **Tom Leach**, 2nd and 3rd in Division 2. The Prowse Salver this year was won by one of Thurlestone's many 'away' members, **Jonathon Britton**, with a nett 65, from **Jamie Johnson** and **Dick Marston**, both with a nett 67.

The Captain's Prize was very well supported with 90 men and juniors boys taking part and £520 was raised for St Luke's Hospice - thanks to **Peter Laugher's** challenge on the 6th hole. **Richard Webb** scored a splendid 42 points off a handicap of 8 to win the Captain's Prize. The juniors had their own special section prize which was just as well for their elders because several turned in impressive scores. **Jamie Johnson** won with 42 points.

It is pleasing to report that with the exception of the re-arranged match against RNGS all our fixtures have been played, and to my knowledge a good spirit has been on display throughout. It would seem that we still know how to entertain.

I would like to congratulate our junior team for winning the Roy Wood trophy at Stover golf club, beating Staddon Heights in the final. The trophy now will reside in our trophy cabinet for a year and hopefully we will be defending it again in 2010. Well done juniors, and thanks to the Junior organisers **Jeremy Taylor**, **Michael Peters**, **Pam St Leger** and **Liz Line**, who organised the team, and all the parents who transported them to matches.

The Captain's BBQ in August enjoyed good weather and 60 adults and juniors played a 4 Ball



team competition with 3 scores to count. As most of the juniors were under 16 they had to play in 2 junior teams and competed for a junior prize. Both teams came in with better scores than the adult teams, first junior team of **Oliver Walsh**, **Beth Yeoman**, **Ted Taylor** and **Callum Tollins** with 132 points. The first Adult team were Club President **Mike Wadey**, **Sue Laugher**, **Sally Rossiter** and **Brian Sheppard** with 127 points.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely BBQ, and Pimms bar afterwards with 40 other club members (social and tennis) joining in the fundraising. The raffle, buffet, and competition raised £400 which will be donated to St Luke's Hospice at the request of ex-club Captain **Nick Nicholson** who had to resign earlier in the year through ill health and who sadly passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> August. We shall all miss his humour and encouragement at the club, and send our sincere sympathy to his wife **Vera** and family.

**David Wadey**

## LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The summer months seem to have flown past very quickly, and the weather has been fairly reasonable apart from three Wednesdays that had to be cancelled and the competitions moved to another day. The 3 Ball Team Open was one of those nightmare days when the weather started off quite good but soon deteriorated into lashing rain and strong winds. **Terry Gibbons** the club secretary and I eventually made the decision at noon, when the greens flooded, to re-run this Open on 7th October, but the ladies still enjoyed the excellent buffet put on by our caterer **Robbie Robinson**. Only 3 ladies actually completed the 18 holes, most walked in after 4 or 5 holes. Anyway, it was a popular decision to re-run it in October.

The Ladies Silver and Bronze Open was well supported in July, 90 ladies from 20 different clubs from all over Devon enjoying a fine day

when the course was dry and the balls were running well. The winner of the Silver Scratch cup called the Dorner cup, was **Gill Whitehead** from Exeter with a gross 80. However, Gill (handicap 10) only just beat home player **Tish Mawhood** (12) who also had a gross 80, but Gill had a better back nine. Tish won the Money Cup for the best gross score of a Thurlestone player. The Silver handicap cup was won by **Susan Baxter** from Torquay. The Bronze Scratch cup was won by Thurlestone player **Sally Rossiter**, and the Bronze Handicap cup by **Vicky Topping** from Staddon Heights.

Lady Captain's day turned out to be dry and quite warm, although a bit windy. A shotgun start at 9.30 am saw 72 ladies competing in a greensome stableford competition with refreshments from St Austell Brewery providing a welcome break on the 10th hole, and a glass of Bucks Fizz when the ladies came in. The winners with an excellent score of 48 points were **Kay Morley** and **Ruth Hatton**. The prizes were Wildlife signed prints by **Neil Patey**, a Dartmouth artist and wildlife illustrator, which were appreciated by all the lady prizewinners judging by the letters of thanks I received afterwards.

In the Semi-final of the Vets Interclub knockout competition 4th round, **Penny Hind** and **Shirley Worrall** had a good win 8 & 6 over Crediton at Churston golf club. Penny and Shirley are now in the final on 24th September but will have to wait to see who they play. The Ladies v Gents match in July had a good field of 9 matches, and the Men's Captain **Dave Wadey** allowed the ladies to play off full handicap difference. The result was a win for the ladies by 5½ to 3½ and we all enjoyed refreshments afterwards and the presentation of the Wooden spoon by President **Mike Wadey**.

The ladies enjoyed lovely warm, sunny weather for the annual Allcomers Cup, and August medal. The Allcomers cup is open to weekly members as well as Home and Away members. The winner was a member who lives in Atlanta in the USA and only comes over with her family during the month of August. **Sally Woodhead**, playing off a 15 handicap, had a gross 82, nett 67. Second was home member; **Alison Adams** (11) with a nett 69. Sally was presented with the Allcomers Cup which was first presented 100 years ago. Needless to say it will not be making the trip to America

but will go safely back in the Thurlestone Trophy cabinet. However, Sally hopes to be back next year to defend the trophy.

In August we saw lots of pirates and bandits on the golf course as it was Lady Captain's Charity day in aid of the Children's Hospice South West. A shotgun start with a Canadian foursomes competition had good support, with professional **Peter Laugher** throwing down a challenge on the 1st hole to see who could get nearest the pin. He raised £63 on his challenge with only 8 ladies out of 48 beating him. The donations, the Pro's challenge, raffle, entry fees and mulligans raised £384 altogether, and a great day was enjoyed by all, with an excellent buffet and with the fancy dress judging after the golf. The winning team proved to be Vice Captain **Sue Esplin** and **Ann Williams** with 36 points. Fancy dress winners for best pirates were **Jenny Wright** and **Midge Henderson**.

The Mixed Greensome Competition for the Cancer Goblets held on Bank holiday Monday was an enjoyable day and was well supported and the winners with 46 points were **Lyn Hicks** and **Gerald Baker**, second were **Jane Edmonds** and **Mark Chapman** with 45 points. Sadly, the Ladies' Invitation day on 2<sup>nd</sup> September had to be reduced to 11 holes due to very heavy rain which came in during the late morning. It is a tribute to the fighting spirit of the ladies that most of the teams finished the 11 holes and were still in a good humour! They all enjoyed the hot buffet, and the winners with 26 points were **Shirley Worrall** with her partner **Caroline Baker** from Bigbury. In second place were **Liz Sharman** and her partner **Fay Stubbs** from Dartmouth with 25 points.

Finally, we were all so sorry to hear of the death of **Nick Nicholson** our Club Captain who had to resign earlier in the year due to ill health. Our sincere sympathy goes to **Vera** and her family at this sad time. We shall all miss Nick very much.

**Liz Line**

## JUNIORS' SECTION NEWSLETTER

Our juniors have had a great summer and indeed never seemed to be out of the news! The annual



Thurlestone Quaich competition at the end of July was an adult and junior competition consisting of greensome stableford golf, followed by 28 games of tennis (7 games against 4 other pairs). The two scores are added together, and the top 2 pairs have to play a final set of tennis. The 20 teams competed all day and the top pairs were **Hannah Woodhead** (an adult from USA but also with a base in Thurlestone) and **Sarah Recurt** (from France) and **Mike Beamish** and son **Charles**, both with 40 points. In an exciting final set of tennis Hannah and Sarah won 6/4. The trophy of the Quaich (a Scottish drinking vessel) was presented by **Judy Beecroft**.

The junior team beat Dartmouth at home 3-2, but sadly had to be content with a half against Yelverton. The match was abandoned half way through because of bad weather and the re-convened match finished with different players at a later date. We finished third in the West Devon Junior League which meant we qualified to play in the Championship finals at Stover. In the morning semi-finals Staddon Heights beat Dartmouth, and Thurlestone beat Wrangaton 3-2. **Josh Walsh** lost on the 18th, **Ted Taylor** lost 2&1, **Laura Tregelles** won 4&3, **Jamie Johnson** won 2&1 and the foursomes team of **Ollie Walsh** and **Tom Leach** won 6&4. After lunch the teams were back in action for the final and Thurlestone beat Staddon 4 -1 to win the Roy Wood trophy for the first time. **Jamie Johnson** won 2&1, **Laura Tregelles** won 8&7, **Lottie Holland** won 2&1, **Beth Yeoman** lost 2&1 and in the foursomes match **Claire Harrison** and **Ollie Walsh** won 8&7. The trophy will now reside in the Thurlestone cabinet for one year.

In the 2nd round of the Tamar cup against St Mellion at Staddon Heights we narrowly lost 2-1. The sun shone for the Devon Golf Union Junior Autumn meeting at Bigbury, and 10 of the Thurlestone juniors were entered. **Lottie Holland** (30) had a nett 65 to win the girls' handicap trophy. **Laura Tregelles** (17) had a nett 76, **Beth Peters** (16) had a nett 67, and. The boys scores were also very good with **Josh Walsh** (7) nett 69, **Jamie Johnson** (15) nett 69, **Callum Tollins** (28) nett 68, **Oliver Walsh** (14) nett 71, **Robert Came** (26) nett 77, and **Tom Leach** (23) nett 69.

The juniors have also been busy either playing with the adults or - with some major successes -

against the adults. In the WDJL Organisers and juniors team competition at Staddon Heights. **Michael Peters** and **Robert Came** had a stableford score of 33 points, and **Phil Holland** with **Charlotte** had a score of 36 points. Their combined score of 69 points put them in 4th place overall. The winners of the competition were Staddon Heights.

Playing against the adults two junior teams played in the Captain's Charity day and did well, both beating their adult opponents. The Juniors v the Club in a 4BBB matchplay resulted in a whitewash! **Ted Taylor** (junior captain) and **Laura Tregelles** beat **Dave Wadey** and **Liz Line** (Thurlestone captains). **Jamie Johnson** and **Beth Yeoman** beat **John Laphorn** and **Joyce Drummond**. **Claire Harrison** and **Cameron Wimble** beat **Ann Best** and **Hugh Bodger**. **Josh Walsh** and **Callum Tollins** beat **Jenny Roberts** and **Heather Spencer**. **Ollie Walsh** and **Robert Came** beat **Patrick** and **Jane Stanley**. The juniors were also complimented by **Dave Wadey** after the tea on their politeness and sportsmanship and he thought that the future of the club was in good hands.

Our junior girls have been doing well in the ladies' competitions. **Beth Peters** won the July medal and Betty Ord Cup with a gross 88, which also earned her a handicap reduction to 16. In the Allcomers Cup Medal competition **Laura Tregelles** had a gross 88 and **Beth Peters** a gross 89 placing them in 4th & 6th positions. In the Bronze division **Claire Harrison** had a gross 96 which gave her second place in her division and a handicap cut to 25. **Beth Yeoman** did very well at the South West championship at Bude, winning the 18 holes Stableford trophy and the under 15 Cup.

Not to be outdone the junior boys have had their own successes. **Jamie Johnson** (15) won the Allcomers Cup seeing off our best adult golfers and narrowly missing a hole in one on the 13<sup>th</sup>! He scored 47 points, which has brought his handicap down further to 12. **Robert Came** (26) came second with 42 points and had his handicap cut to 24, while **Tom Leach** (23) had 37 points to give him third place in division 2.

Well done, all of you - and keep it up!

**Pam St Leger**



## Cream of Courgette and Cardamom Soup

Courgettes have cropped well this season - probably thanks to the showers! If you grow them yourself this recipe will suit the more overgrown and unshapely, but not marrow sized! Use green cardamom pods. If they have been lingering in the cupboard for sometime treat yourself to a new pack. They will infuse the soup with a touch of the Orient and the smell is just wonderful. The cream will also add a luxurious depth - or you may prefer to use a low fat alternative. The soup is delicious both hot and chilled. Serves 4 - 6 as a first course - or you could double the quantities and freeze half to keep for another time..

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 large onions, 50 g melted butter,
- ◆ 10 cardamom pods ( yes, 10),
- ◆ approx 1 kg courgettes,
- ◆ chicken stock cube,
- ◆ approx ½ -1pt milk or milk/water mixture,
- ◆ ½ pt double cream,
- ◆ chopped parsley, croutons

### Preparation:

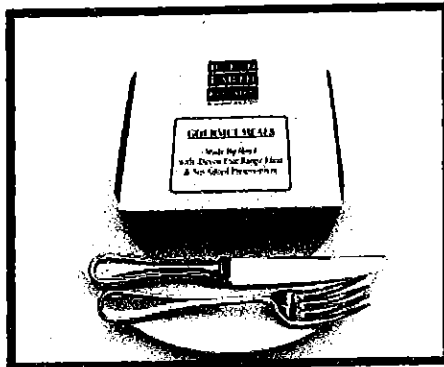
- ◆ Peel and chop onions finely and add to melted butter in a saucepan.
- ◆ Sprinkle in the stock cube and cook slowly until soft with the lid left on.
- ◆ Meanwhile place cardamom pods in a pestle and mortar and crush slightly to ease pulling the pods away leaving the black seeds. Discard the pods.
- ◆ Add the seeds to the onions and fry at medium heat for 1 - 2 minutes stirring from time to time. Lower the heat and allow to continue sweating.
- ◆ Wash and very thinly peel the courgettes - the outside of the courgette should be pale green.
- ◆ Cut into rounds and add to the onions. Continue on a low heat until the mixture is soft and pulpy. This may take about half an hour.
- ◆ Allow the pulp to cool a little and liquidise in a food processor.
- ◆ Pour into a large measuring jug and top it up to 2 pints with milk or a milk water mix.
- ◆ Check the seasoning and add some salt if necessary.
- ◆ Return to the pan and reheat. There is no need to reheat if serving chilled.
- ◆ Stir in half the cream. Be careful not to boil the soup if serving hot.
- ◆ Pour into warmed (or cold) soup bowls.
- ◆ Swirl some more cream on top and sprinkle on some parsley.
- ◆ Serve with croutons.

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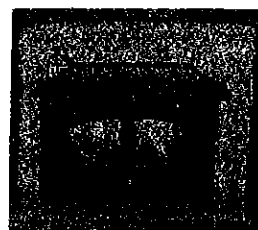
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# HORSWELL DIARY

Suddenly, there's a lot to do: clothes to wash, bags to pack, plants to water, meals to prepare. Tomorrow, I must leave early for Lymington for a weekend's sailing. There's a yacht club meet in the Beaulieu river in the evening, so I won't be forgiven if we miss the tide. Apart from me, they're all world-class yachtsmen, so I shall endeavour to be on my best behaviour and remember to talk the 'lingo'. Not like last time, when, meaning to be helpful, I asked our (13 times Fastnet) skipper if I should "get a rope out of the locker?"

"Do you mean, the aft warp out of the port lazarette, Prunella?" he thundered.

Ha! To be honest, I was surprised that he'd let me back on board at all, because previously I'd disgraced myself even further. On 'our' boat, (actually belonging to a friend but, in my dreams, mine too), if we drop the mainsail at speed it hurtles down the mast and folds itself neatly into a canvas bag, known as a 'stack and pack' or 'boom-bag' that runs along the length of the boom (that's the horizontal bit). Then, all we have to do is zipper it up, et voila, job done. So, when our Lymington based skipper instructed me to "lower the main", I sprang into action and released the main halyard as fast as I could.

Alas! I had failed to notice one very important point...that on his boat there was no boom-bag to collect the sail! So, in a trice, acres of canvas descended, not in neat 'flakes' balanced equally across the boom, but in a chaotic heap all over the deck, submerging everyone on board beneath its folds.

Thankfully, arms and legs gradually appeared from beneath the sail as the rest of the crew scrabbled to their feet and silently restored order to the situation.

"Never, in the history of sailing, has this boat ever looked such a godforsaken mess!" bellowed our captain. "Flakes, Prunella! Have you never heard of flakes?"

From the look on his face I could see that I had committed a plank-walking offence. Dissolving into giggles was clearly not an option.

The truth is, the only thing I'm really any good at is helming, steering a steady course and squeezing an extra knot of speed out of the wind whenever I can. Alone at the wheel on our recent channel crossings, with my shipmates asleep in their bunks below, the experiences were so exhilarating, and the joy I felt so sublime, that it seemed like a divine gift to be out there surrounded by sea and sky with not another light to be seen except our tri-colour at the top of the mast swaying to and fro against a canopy of stars.

Seeing the sun go down and the moon rise, and then, after a long night, to see the sun rise again was a powerful reminder of earth's place in the universe, and our tiny part in the ever-shifting scenery of the great theatre of creation. Alone, rocking and rolling through an ink-black sea, an insignificant dot on a twirling planet hurtling through time and space, I would defy even a hard-bitten atheist not to reconsider his beliefs.

On our outward journey, the beauty of the night was quite overwhelming. A three-quarter moon meant that it was never really very dark. My imagination ran riot as storm clouds built and separated into ever more fantastical shapes. Flying geese, winged angels, mythical creatures and human faces kept me endlessly entertained. From time to time, the moon would hide behind a cloud then pop out again moments later in all its silver brilliance, as if playing a childish game of hide-and-seek, to urge me on and while away the time.

Occasionally, we would plunge through a pool of phosphorescence, leaving threads of pale neon-green illumination in our wake. And once, when I was beginning to feel tired and in need of sleep, I could hear little high-pitched voices all around me. It took me a while to realise I wasn't dreaming. Looking over the side of the boat I could see a school of porpoises riding along the waves beside us. Reaching over, I could just stroke their backs with my fingertips. After that, there was no fear of falling asleep. All I could think about was catching up with them, to see them again.

Our journey took us to Southern Brittany, along the coast and around the islands of Belle Ile and

Ile de Groix. We did some great sailing, ate delicious seafood and met some delightful people along the way. For me, being in France is always good, but seeing France from the sea made it extra special, and even harder to come home.

All that sea-mist and sunless gloom that we've had since our return seemed to suck the very soul out of my being. Day after day of grey skies and low pressure while friends in other parts of the country talked of almost unbearable heat and lunch parties 'al fresco' left me feeling as damp, deflated and grumpy as the old toad who lives in our kitchen courtyard, compressed under a large stone. Life seemed so miserable, I felt like joining him. (Who knows? He might have turned into a handsome prince and brightened my day!) The lawns were moss green and oozing water like a sponge and the garden looked colourless and tired.

And then the sun came out, and everything changed for the better. The ninth day of the ninth month of the year 2009 worked its numerical magic. It seemed to be the turning point. The end of a dreary cycle. Now, the rain clouds have disappeared and the sun feels hot on my skin. The dogs are stretched out on the grass beside me, sleepy and content, and the Guinea fowl have produced eight little black chicks that swarm around their parents like long-legged bumble bees. Even the roses that I had cut back so harshly after their first disappointing flush of blooms have forgiven me, producing a second flowering more profuse than the first.

So, at last, all is well. Dragonflies swoop through the air on bejewelled wings, the peacocks, having strewn their long tail feathers around the garden, snooze on the wooden bench storing up enough energy to grow their new plumage, and, on the pond, adult moorhens shepherd their young chicks into the safety of the shadows, away from prying eyes.

September, it seems, is always the month when our house guests are no longer of the human variety. At dusk, moths of every colour and description fly through our open windows, attracted by the lights, and a stray bat takes a lazy shortcut through our bedroom and out the other side. Butterflies fold their wings and sleep

peacefully in the window-frames while spiders busily spin their webs and daddy-long-legs hop, skip and jump as they abseil down our walls.

Wasps have been a problem this year. The orchard trees are groaning under the weight of apples, pears and plums, and as chutney-making time approaches we have to be careful when picking fruit that a wasp is not already clinging to the other side. Wasps, despite their bad press, are necessary creatures. They help to break down waste and complete the cycle of renewal. As such, I see them not only as an essential evil but also the harbingers of new beginnings.

The economic depression that has loomed over the country as miserably as those recent sea-mists seems to be easing, with the FTSE 100 index back up to 5000 for the first time since the collapse of Lehman Brothers a whole year ago. We may not have had a great summer, but thanks to the wasps and their human counterparts, I feel we're entering the new season with renewed hope and optimism.

*Prunella Dart*

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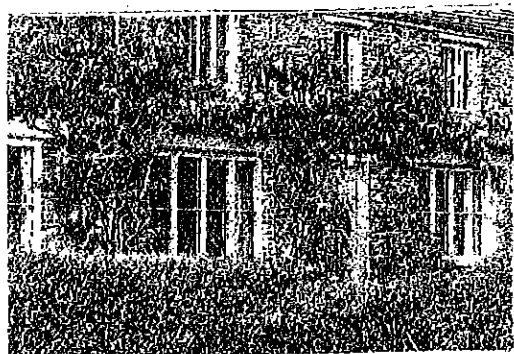
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By Bill Blanch

I must admit to feeling a bit wary when it was suggested that I join the newly formed **KEDFAS** - Kingsbridge Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society - back in 1993. Beyond sometimes 'knowing what I like' I knew nothing much about any of the arts, decorative or otherwise, and a group with that name would surely be full of people who knew everything about all of them. I would feel a complete ignoramus, frightened to open my mouth, and anyway - what could they offer that would possibly interest someone with my common or garden tastes?

Luckily I was persuaded to try it and for the past 16 years the **KEDFAS** lecture has been a regular highlight of each month between September and June. Very often the less I have expected to be interested, the more I have enjoyed the talk. Some of the slides are quite amazing. The lecturers are all experts in their field and great enthusiasts, so they make each subject fascinating to everyone - whether you start by knowing anything about it, or nothing at all. And the subjects are so varied and often very unusual. Of course most of the lectures are about the works and lives of great painters, sculptors, composers, or ancient monuments and outstanding buildings etc., but last season, for instance, we also had a specialist detective who told us of his adventures and successes in tracking

down international art thieves, even how they recovered jewellery and art objects hidden in false walls or buried in fields. Past lecture subjects have included The Original Olympic Games, Beds and Bedtime, Historic Pubs, Brighton Station, even 'Bogs, Baths and Basins'! We have heard the Story of Chinese Jade, the Life and Times of Samuel Pepys, History of the Long Case Clock - the range of subjects is endless.

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# THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The annual horticultural show, shared between Thurlestone and South Milton, took place at South Milton this year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. This was also the occasion of the swan song of two of the show's most enthusiastic supporters, judges **Mr Vic Flawn** and his wife, **Jean**, as they were to retire.. The occasion could not pass unmarked, for the Flawns have been in our teams of judges over the 31 years of our existence and have given us much encouragement. Vic was presented with a bottle of champagne and Jean with a wonderful bouquet of flowers. We will miss them but hope they will keep in touch.

**Dr Keith Millman**, our photographic judge, was also thanked on his retirement for his invaluable work over 17 years, and presented with a token of our gratitude.

Despite the sometimes atrocious growing conditions this year, the gardeners of the two parishes turned up trumps yet again! **Tony Church, David Coward** and **Derek Brown** were amongst the big cup-winners, but the **Gilkes** family (grandma, grandpa, children and grandchildren) won 10 classes and 8 cups! The flower arranging classes were better supported than in previous years but where are all those lady members of flower clubs? The colourful charm of the contributions in this class certainly 'set off' the hall, and delighted the visitors. In opening the prize-giving ceremony, chairman **David Coward** paid tribute to all the hard work willingly put in by his committee and helpers, the judges and to the exhibitors for so much first-class produce, and to those who came along to view the show during the afternoon.

## AWARDS

Name of cup	Presented for	Winner 2009
Ben Horn Memorial	Highest points onions & shallots	David Coward
Yeo Cup	Best vegetable entry	Tony Church
Novices Vegetable Cup	Highest points	Tom Gilkes
Fruit & vegetable open	Winner of Section	Tony Church
Cut flowers & pot plants	Winner of Section	Derek Brown
Marshall Cup	Winner single rose	Tony Church
Wray Cup	Winner roses classes 40, 41 & 42	Tony Church
President's Tankard	Winner flowering fuchsia	Derek Brown
K'bridge Garden Shop	Winner flower arranging	Daphne Osmond
Under 5s cup	Winner classes 52 and 53	Daisy Livey
Under 7s cup	Best exhibit classes 54 and 55	Harry Durant & Abby Jarvis
Derrick Yeoman Cup	Best exhibit classes 56, 57, 58	Elise Breese
Oswald Junior Cup	Overall winner classes 56, 57, 59	Poppy Livey
White Seniors Cup	Best exhibit classes 59, 60, 61	Maxi Gilkes
Oswald Senior Cup	Overall winner classes 59, 60, 61	Maxi Gilkes
Gunning Novices Cup	Highest points Cookery section	Joan Gillan
Doris Tyler Trophy	Winner set recipe	Ann Collyer
Domestic Challenge Cup	Overall winner Cookery section	Lyn Gunning
Doris Jackson Trophy	Winner sewing	Lyn Gunning
Handicrafts Cup	Overall winner Handicrafts section	Eve Gilkes
Millman Cup	Winner classes 84, 85, 86	Eve Gilkes
South Milton resident	Highest points	Tom Gilkes
Thurlestone resident	Highest Points	Tony Church

The Show's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm** in the Yeo Room at Thurlestone Parish Hall. Residents of both parishes are cordially invited to attend.



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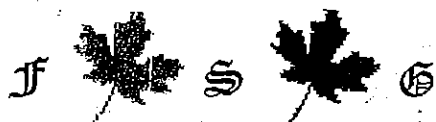
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# *Seahorses in our strandline ....*

## *.... pipefish in our pools*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August I wrote the following article for my web blog which I intended to include for this month's Village Voice article... fortunately, I was a day late passing the article in to Pat (sorry!). So, why fortunate? Well, today Sunday 6th September I was doing a marine litter workshop for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV). They hold week long holidays where people come and clean our South Devon beaches. We were on the strandline looking for mermaids tears (plastic pellets) when what should I find but a dried seahorse! So, not only are there pipefish in our pools but seahorses in our strandlines! Needless to say, I appeared way over-excited to a baffled group of BTCV beach cleaners looking on at this small skeletal seahorse, but if you read on you'll see why I love seahorses so much!

The stranded seahorse may well have been washed from further afield (or perhaps more accurately "a-sea"), but I like to think that this little sea stallion (or mare) may have come from closer waters. It has certainly given me motivation to go on a few more snorkelling trips!

"I've always loved seahorses - they are beautiful creatures in a wide range of colours, sizes and shapes. When I was doing my Marine Biology degree at Plymouth University my dissertation was on seahorses. I investigated *"The stocking density of Knysna Seahorses"*. Sadly, seahorses are still used for Chinese medicine treatments and unfortunately many get taken from the wild for this purpose. To stop or change traditional cultures is often impossible, or naive and could take a very long time. If alternative options can be found in the short term then this is a great interim solution. Conservationists were trying to encourage the captive breeding of seahorses in places like the Philippines. The key issue for husbandry is diet and stocking density - as with any farming there is a key stocking

density. This is the number which ends up with lowest morbidity rates and highest fecundity rates ...or in plain English the best numbers to keep animals so that you don't end up with too many deaths and they are happy enough to have babies.

So I had 140 baby Knysna seahorses at the National Marine Aquarium which I lovingly reared in six tanks, with 10 in 2, 20 in 2, 40 in another 2 tanks and waited to see what happened. It meant that I had the pleasure of coming in every day to take a look at these beautiful creatures - clean their tanks and have one way conversations with them. It gave me the opportunity to watch the other resident seahorses too.

Early in the morning the paired up seahorses would start their beautiful courtship ritual and dance and flutter their fins at each other. It is one of the most beautiful spectacles to be seen. The best thing about this courtship ritual is that you know at the end that it is the male that carries the eggs full term and gives birth to the babies - hurrah!! This surely must be the most evolutionary advanced of all creatures? The female lays the eggs in the male pouch and there he fertilizes them - ensuring he is the father of his brood. Then - I have witnessed this at first hand - tiny little miniature forms of the parents shoot out of the pouch into the water - a truly amazing scene.

So it may surprise some to know that there are not only seahorses in British waters - although hard to find and relatively rare - but also their cousins, the pipefish, are found on most rocky shores although tricky to locate as they look so similar to the stems of the wrack seaweeds. But today we found several pipefish and had the opportunity to admire their snouty noses and beautiful fins oscillating in the water."

**Maya Plass**

# BOOKSHELF

## **The Afghan**

by Frederick Forsyth  
(Corgi Books £6.99)

This book can be described as precise in every way. The author doesn't go in for flowery prose, his use of adjectives is sparing and he gets crisply to the point of his story. From page one to the end suspense is maintained. Dealing with the world-wide problems of fighting Islamic terrorism, there is a wealth of fascinating detail on how Britain and the United States work together, sharing intelligence and the latest technologies.

The story concerns the substitution of a British ex-soldier for a leading extremist, Izmet Khan, an Afghan due to be released from Guantanamo prison and who intends to rejoin Al Quaida.

A plot is strongly suspected of being afoot for another huge terrorist attack on the US mainland, and someone is needed who is capable of passing himself off as the released Izmet Khan and infiltrating the Al Quaida network to try to uncover information on the possible attack. Mike Martin has all the attributes to make him a perfect swap for the Afghan. Immediately on his public release from Guantanamo, the Afghan is placed under highly secret temporary restraint so that Martin can step into his shoes and get on with his task, but unfortunately before Martin's work is completed the Afghan escapes!

The many fascinating threads of the story are drawn together to make a most exciting climax. The plot is brilliant and the outcome unexpected.

**Pat Macdonald**

## POSTBAG

### **Dear Editor**

I have watched the passing to and fro of the local hot potato - the correct name for the beach at the end of our lane - with wry amusement. Documents accompanying the deeds of Horswell House clearly mark the area in question as Horswell Bay. Logically, therefore, its sandy foreshore should rightly assume the same appendage, should it not?

Furthermore, with the ever-increasing popularity of the beach in mind, I am hopeful that further researches may prove that the right to operate a toll-gate for the use of 'our' sands may also exist. Not only would it provide welcome additions to the Horswell coffers, but might also serve to slow the reckless pace of some beach-users as they speed past our gateway. Locals and dog-walkers would, of course, be exempt.

**Prunella Dart**  
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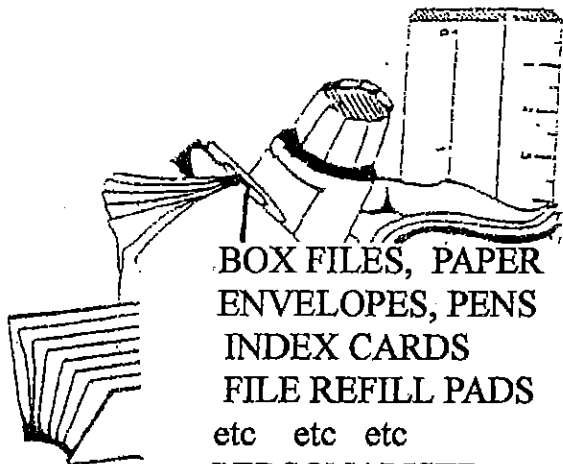
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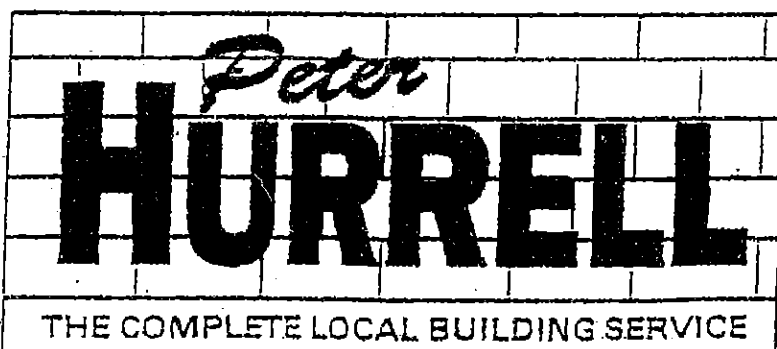
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# YOUTH IN THE PARISH

*Compiled by Dale Came*

## **COLLEGE PUPILS - MOVING ON**

Following their latest exams and Summer holidays, various individuals that I have previously considered to be 'Parish Youths' are heading off in different directions as young adults.

# **Becky Yeoman**, who has been working at both the Village Shop and the Sloop Inn, Bantham, and has recently completed her A Levels, is now attending South Devon College studying for an NVQ in Hairdressing. On completion, she may then go on to study for NVQ level 2.

# **Denise Yeoman**, her sister, having completed her GCSEs has also gone on to study at South Devon College, for an NVQ level 2 in Childcare.

# **Jemma Came** has completed her GCSEs and has gone on to study Art, Maths, English Language, ICT and Critical Thinking at Kingsbridge Community College's 6th Form. She will continue to work at the Village shop, as well as creating more of her jewellery pieces and cards by way of experience for her potential future in accessory design.

# **Tom Rowe**, who has been working in the Village Inn and the Thurlstone Golf Club, has recently started a one year course in Outdoor Education at South Devon College with a view to going on to obtain a Sports Diploma en route to a career in teaching outdoor activities.

# **Tom Hurrell**, another employee of the Village Inn, is attending Falmouth Marine College taking a two year water sports instructors' course consisting mainly of kayaking,

windsurfing and sailing with potential for surfing and power boating.

Following the course he may take the opportunity to add snowboarding to his repertoire.

# **Alex Humphries** has completed his GCSEs and has gone on to study Geography, History, Law and RE at Kingsbridge Community Colleges 6th Form. He plans to go on to university once he has completed his A levels

# **Aaron Chandler** has completed his GCSEs and has gone on to study Maths, ICT, Biology and Chemistry at Kingsbridge Community College's 6th Form. He is aiming for a career as a veterinary surgeon.

# **Ollie Elliott**, an ex pupil of All Saints school and another employee of the Village Inn has secured a place at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in London to take a three year diploma in Performing Arts with the view to a career on the stage.

## **BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

As another Bantham summer draws to a close the Surf Life Saving Club is reflecting on another safe and successful season.

Alongside no major incidents to report, the 6th of September saw all of the Nipper and Junior members successfully passed various surf life saving GB awards. Names on the list for congratulations include, amongst others, Norris, McCarthy, Lawrence, Durant, and Cotterell.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

Who is going to make the headlines next time? If you have any items of news for the Youth Page please e-mail **Dale Came** at [dale@camelotfloridarentals.co.uk](mailto:dale@camelotfloridarentals.co.uk)



# *At the Bridge Table*



Here, for a change, is some information about the English Bridge Union (EBU), which is the game's national governing body. It is non-profit making and is owned by, answerable to, and exists in order to serve, its members. Its main aims are to provide:

- # infrastructure for the game, so that everyone plays by the same rules in every affiliated club, and in every local or national competition:

- # training of "directors" who control bridge sessions at club level and above:

- # teacher training to encourage more people to learn, improve, and take part in the game:

- # development of educational programs for schoolchildren, students and adults:

- # selection, support and training for our international teams.

Current moves to increase public awareness of bridge include articles in the media in all its forms; sending teams of bridge players to national TV quiz shows and the recent TV series involving bridge-playing celebrities such as Susan Hampshire (a series which in my view would have been much more enjoyable without Clive Anderson in the chair!). Much is also being done to publicise the social and health benefits of playing bridge which, *inter alia*, is said to help keep Alzheimer's Disease at bay (so play on!).

The EBU is about to enter a new era aimed at increasing membership (and funds!), developing bridge, and streamlining its own management through efficiencies, reform, and modernisation. The main change is to bring in universal membership for all members of affiliated clubs, compared with the current system under which in both Kingsbridge and Thurlestone (for example) only 40% of the club members are paid-up EBU members. On behalf of its members, clubs will remit from April 2010 a Pay-to-Play ("P2P") amount for 2010/11 of 32p, of which 3p will go to the County Association for each player at every session. The accounting is quite simple because under current arrangements clubs already send the

EBU their session results so that Master Points (a ranking system which reflects a player's achievements) can be awarded. From these reports the P2P bill can easily be calculated and invoiced to clubs on a monthly basis. Once P2P is introduced all members of clubs affiliated to the EBU automatically become player members of the EBU; and receive free of charge a bi-monthly magazine covering bridge news across the world, details of bridge holidays, etc., and an 18 month pocket diary. Not all clubs across the country are happy with the new arrangement and it remains to be seen how well it works.

An indirect consequence of the above change is that the two Thurlestone clubs have agreed to amalgamate on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. Many players are members of both the existing clubs, much of the equipment is jointly owned, and we already join together for social events. Given the impact of P2P the administrative benefits of a merger with only one committee are obvious.

Thinking about bridge administration brings to mind a recent occasion when I played at Andrew Robson's club in London. It is by far the most highly organised club (admittedly for commercial reason) I have ever visited. The playing schedule shows sessions available morning, afternoon and evening for every day of the week. Expert tuition is provided, with many courses at beginner, improver and advanced levels, and a partner is always available for "singles".

The latest club magazine includes the following joke, which may appeal to you. An aspiring bridge player was polishing a lamp when out popped a genie, who said "I will grant you one wish". The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said "Let all these countries live in peace and harmony". "You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie" was the reply. The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player". "Hmm ..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."

**Victor**



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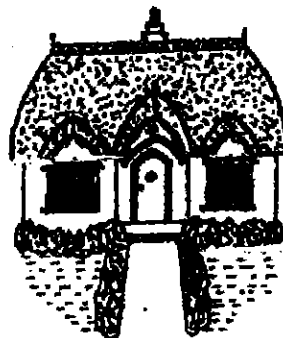
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# WI NEWS



## AUGUST

We normally have a 'rest' in August as there is no monthly meeting but we were kept busy this year. First of all there was the summer quiz and supper Silverhill WI had organised at Malborough. In all 18 teams took part, both WI and non-WI, three from Thurlestone WI, and at the end of the evening were placed in the middle of the field with just one point separating our teams. Not bad!

Early on the (fine) morning of 27<sup>th</sup> August a coachload of 25 Thurlestone members drove off from the Parish Hall car park, bound for the gardens of Highgrove House, home of HRH Prince Charles. The journey seemed to pass swiftly and soon we were holding up passports or driving licences for inspection by security police at the gateway. A brief welcome was given by a member of staff on board the coach before we dismounted and entered the reception pavilion to view a short video of welcome made by HRH.

Outside again, we were conducted around the grounds by a very knowledgeable and pleasant lady volunteer, a tour which lasted about one and a half hours. The garden, which is 'organic', is divided into several parts, into which some of the many artefacts which are presented from time to time to the Prince are cleverly placed, each with a particular and interesting story. There were few sweeping herbaceous borders, but some slightly cottage garden effects nearer the house, mainly stocked with annuals, and a wonderful kitchen garden complete with an arched walk of apple and pear trees. The famous wild flower meadows, of which the Prince is fond, were not of course in flower in August. It was all quite modest and low key compared to some other stately home gardens. Returning at the end of the walk we were provided with a most welcome cup of coffee in the pavilion.....and then exited through the shop!

A late lunch at Tetbury then followed and en route for home we were kept awake and on our toes by **Jane Stanley's** three cleverly compiled quizzes! It had been a thoroughly lovely day and thanks were expressed to our committee who organised it all.

## SEPTEMBER

# Kingsbridge Show again saw entries from Thurlestone in the WI co-operative section - "Second Time Around" and in the "Flowers & Desserts" class where we got some good marks, but no cups!

# Two visitors - **Joyce Hughes** and **Valerie Williams** - were welcomed to the September meeting. Our speaker was Thurlestonian **Pat Crawford** who showed us how she goes about making her lovely decorative braidings, which she skilfully makes into all kinds of useful items. The more adventurous members did a 'hands on' under Pat's expert guidance.

# The sewing group has re-started its Monday morning activities in the Yeo Room, 10 am until 12.30 pm.

# On 15<sup>th</sup> September 20 members were given a most interesting tour round the Peninsula Medical Centre at Derriford, with lunch to follow at the Jack Rabbit pub.

# 21<sup>st</sup> September - Four members took part in the county heritage walk at Widecombe.

# Reminders were given about the Parish Hall autumn fair on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, when the WI would provide a cake stall.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

(1) The South Hams Home Economics Area has arranged:

(a) an Institute of Environmental Health Food Hygiene & Safety certification day at Charleton village hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £25.00 (details from Pat Macdonald),

(b) a Coffee Morning at Thurlestone Parish Hall (note change of venue) on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 - noon, £3.00, when **Sandy Gilbert** will talk about

collecting, spinning, dyeing, weaving and knitting local sheep's wool. Her talk is entitled '*From Beast to Back*' and there will be lots of lovely examples of her craft in beautiful hand-dyed wools.

**(2) "School Dinners Fun Night"**

Details were given about this event which will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7 pm at the Hall. A two-course (hot) supper will be provided for £7.50 but everyone coming **MUST BRING THEIR OWN CROCKS, CUTLERY, DRINKS & GLASSES OTHERWISE A FINE WILL BE LEVIED IF THEY ARE USED FROM THE KITCHEN!** PT, quizzes, egg-and-spoon races, three-legged races, music, loads of fun, with during the course of the evening fines and forfeits put into the St Luke's Hospice charity tins, which will be on all tables. All the profit from the night will go to St Lukes. **FANCY DRESS REQUIRED FOR THE OCCASION** - either the full rig or at least a hat or other accessory!

**OTHER EVENTS**

- # **24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October** is Bee Awareness Week when everyone is urged to use honey in their cooking and products which bees have helped to produce!
- # **15<sup>th</sup> October** - Autumn Council Meeting, Princess Theatre, Torquay, 10.30 - 4.00pm
- # **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - The Friends of National Coastwatch will have an evening "*I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*" at Sherford Village Hall on 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.
- # **11<sup>th</sup> December** - Sea Coast Christmas Carol Service, South Milton church, 2.30 pm
- # **17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch, Thurlestone Golf Club, 12.30 for 1.00 pm
- # **21<sup>st</sup> April 2010** - Spring Council Meeting, Exeter University
- # **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010** - Sea Coast Group meeting, Thurlestone, 2.30 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October when **Julia Fox** will come to show us costumes and talk about *A Victorian Lady's Toilette*.

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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

It would be nice if August was a reliably fine and warm month. Not so if all the facts are to be believed. August is usually a wet, hot month in the east of the country and drier and fresher in the west. Having done a little research to see what is said about each day of August, I find that rain, winds and mist are recorded as the most prominent type of weather condition on 23 days out of the 31, as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> August** - *The Times* of 1861 prints the first weather forecast, by Admiral Robert Fitzroy, the founder of the UK Meteorological Office. His first predictions were of storms, using the 'new telegraph' network to alert seafarers, and later extended to regional forecasts. However *The Times* dropped the daily items in 1864. He was then largely forgotten until 2001, when a Shipping Forecast area was named after him, and three years later, when the Met Office relocated to Exeter, the address became 'Fitzroy Road'.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August** - Severe hail storms: one, in 1906, known as "Guildford Tornado" with hail stones the size of golf balls and vivid lightning, kills two people. The other, in 1846, with temperatures at 32°C, shatters more than 7,000 window panes in the Houses of Parliament, 300 in Old Scotland Yard, 10,000 in Leicester Square and almost every pane of the glass arcades in Regent St., Somerset House, Burlington Arcade, and the picture gallery of Buckingham Palace

**4<sup>th</sup> August** - St James' Day Battle 1666 was a decisive victory for England against the Dutch who were storm-bound off the Medway in the Thames Estuary. This success was countered by the Great Fire of London a month later and the subsequent years of the Plague.

**5<sup>th</sup> August** - 48mm of rain in 75 minutes at Puddletown in 1931 (seems apt!). Newspaper headlines "BRITAIN'S RAILWAYS BLAME THE WRONG KIND OF SUNSHINE" in 2003 sees the railways taking precautions against the lines buckling, with speed limits of 60mph imposed between London and Birmingham, while in exactly the same temperature the French trains thunder along at 215mph.

**6<sup>th</sup> August** - 1956 (August Bank Holiday) 1.2m (4 feet) of hail settled on Tunbridge Wells described as "Rice pudding on an unimaginable scale"!

**7<sup>th</sup> August** - A Hebridean storm in 1829 inspires Felix Mendelssohn to write his overture *Fingal's Cave*, which in Gaelic is Uamh Binne (the cave where the sea makes music).

**8<sup>th</sup> August** - In 1969 (a sunny day at last) a photographer put up his step-ladder near the EMI recording studios. The result was an iconic shot of the Beatles on a pedestrian crossing.

**9<sup>th</sup> August** - A huge hail storm over Norfolk in 1843.

**10<sup>th</sup> August** - The thermometer reaches the magic 37.9°C (100°F) in 2003. William Hill has to pay out £250,000.00. Gravesend holds the record at 38.1°C or (100.6°F) reached later that day. Elsewhere, there is thunder in the Midlands, 30mm rain falls near Middlesbrough in 5 minutes, a record for 'short duration' rainfall, and at Berwick-upon-Tweed in 1975 a cricket umpire is struck by lightning, welding solid an iron joint in his artificial leg.

**11<sup>th</sup> August** - The 1979 Fastnet Race begins in quiet conditions.

**12<sup>th</sup> August** - Famous for the 1967 wind-assisted goal by goalkeeper Pat Jennings. It defeated the opposition goalkeeper, Alan Stepney, and with just one bounce found the back of the net.

**13<sup>th</sup> August** - The 1979 Fastnet Race caught in a vicious 'LOW' as the barometer fell to the second lowest reading around the British Isles for 150 years. Winds reached F11 and at the southern end of the Irish Sea 15 racers and 6 other sailors lost their lives in mountainous seas. F9 is the critical level at which rescues can be attempted.

**14<sup>th</sup> August** - A rainbow, legacy of the Fastnet Low, lasts for three hours, where normally it is only minutes. How to remember the sequence of colours *Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain*.

**15<sup>th</sup> August** - Lynton and Lynmouth disaster with 228mm rain (9ins) in twelve hours, 34 killed, hundreds homeless, 38 cars swept out to sea, 100 houses had to be demolished, and several bodies have never been found.

**16<sup>th</sup> August** - In the Boscastle flood for eight hours there was a torrent equivalent to the volume of the Thames flowing through the village. Thanks to daylight, and advances over 52

years, 100 or more were able to be rescued and no-one was killed.

**17<sup>th</sup> August** - The Armada battle, where after the extreme storms most of the Spanish boats were sunk around the coast of Britain. The Elizabeth medal inscription reads "God breathed and they were scattered".

**18<sup>th</sup> August** - In 1939 it was raining frogs over Trowbridge. As we now know, this phenomenon is due to a tornado over land or a water spout over the sea or a stretch of water.

**19<sup>th</sup> August** - The Moray Firth Fishing disaster of 1848, with 124 ships lost and the lives of 100 fishermen. The storm struck suddenly and with great force. Though many boats were near the harbour of Wick, the tide was too low for them to get in, causing the ensuing tragedy.

**20<sup>th</sup> August** - So persistent was the rain of 1860 throughout the summer that divine intervention was deemed necessary to save the harvest, and the Church of England distributed a 'Prayer for Fair Weather'. It worked! The autumn saw below average rainfall and at least a part of the crop was salvaged. Disaster averted.

**21<sup>st</sup> August** - A storm broke over a camp site with great ferocity, a parrot screamed in the forest, and the "Swallows and Amazons" calm sailing adventure days come to an end.

**22<sup>nd</sup> August** - In 1924, A.A.Milne, along with screaming son Christopher Robin, aged three, are both suffering from being cooped up on holiday near Porthmadoc in relentless rain. Milne escapes to a summer-house in the garden and determines not to emerge until the rain stops. After 11 wet days he has written his first 11 sets of children's verses. Later that year they are published as 'When we were very Young'

**23<sup>rd</sup> August** - In pouring rain, on an outside broadcast today in 2006, ITV Central News weather girl Joanne Malin offers an unusually candid summary of the prevailing conditions; "It's p\*\*\*\*\*g down," she informs viewers.

**24<sup>th</sup> August** - 1964 Dartmoor is being scoured for escapee prisoner Walter 'Angel Face' Probyn. Low mist and cloud, down to 75 feet does not help. He is eventually re-captured in London two months later.

**25<sup>th</sup> August** - The remains of Hurricane Charley reach the British Isles just in time for the Bank Holiday. Dublin is flooded for the first time in a century, and in Birmingham the first inner city

"Superprix" road race - an event sixteen years in the making - is cancelled when conditions are so bad that the drivers can't see the car in front.

**26<sup>th</sup> August** - Monsoon type downpours over East Anglia in 1912 cause the Great Norfolk Flood, the worst flooding by rain (as opposed to the sea). Forty bridges washed away, Norwich completely cut off by road, rail and river, 3,600 houses destroyed and much of the Fens remain under water throughout the following winter. It's the grand finale to the worst summer month ever - August 1912 scoops all the three records: for wet, cold and absence of sunshine. London has only one day over 21°C; Birmingham and Manchester have nothing higher than 19°C; and it doesn't even make 16°C in Aberdeen. Wow, and we complain about this year!

**27<sup>th</sup> August** - Flora Thompson (Lark Rise to Candleford, 1945) writes about the idyllic run up to harvesting in days past. No such conditions at the Oval Test in 1968. A freak rainstorm during lunch floods the pitch. With only 75 minutes left to play, Australia are 86 for 5. Then the sun comes out and drama ensues. Derek Underwood sets a close field and the last five wickets fall. Australia lose by 226 runs.

**28<sup>th</sup> August** - 1658 and malarial fever spreads across England. Oliver Cromwell is stricken with "bastard tertian ague" and is dead within 16 days.

**29<sup>th</sup> August** - In 1561 the North east coast is shrouded in Haar which enables Mary Queen of Scots to evade capture as she is able to creep with her entourage away from Scotland into 13 years of exile in France. In 1882, after another soggy cricket match at the Oval (which England lost), so great was the consternation that the Sporting Times runs a mock obituary: *'In affectionate memory of English Cricket. The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia.'* Thus cricket's greatest contest gets its name - the Ashes.

**30<sup>th</sup> August** - Yet more cricket! Rain stops play in the Centenary Test in 1990 at Lords. The sun comes out, the ground remains damp, and umpires Dickie Bird and David Constant eventually give the go ahead, but not before they were jostled, assaulted (by MCC members in the corridor) and jeered by the crowd, eventually emerging accompanied by 4 policemen. Dickie Bird declares it the worst day of his cricketing life.

**31<sup>st</sup> August** - The last day of summer!

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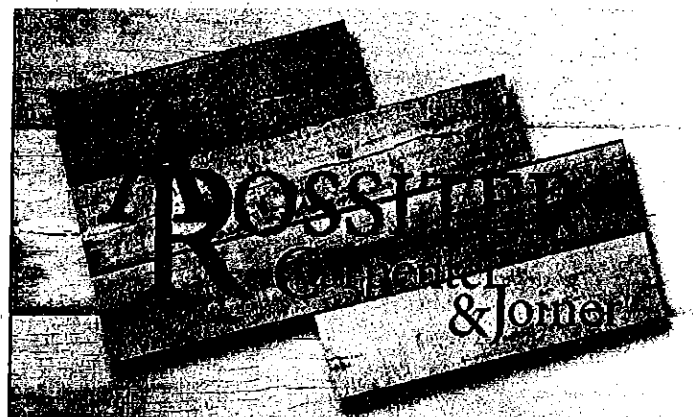
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Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Hope Cove (short walk)
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Julia Fox, Victorian toilette)
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Heligan Garden talk, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Hallsands/Beesands (long walk)
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	HOOF Concert, S Milton Hall, 7.30 pm
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	CONNECT, Quayside Leisure Centre, 10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	ACA lecture, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TRAMP Cornworthy/Tuckenhay (short walk)
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	WI "School Dinners Fun Night", Parish Hall, 7 pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	WI Coffee Morning, Parish Hall, 10.30 am - noon
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP tba
<b>November</b>		
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	TRAMP West Alvington (short walk)
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	WI Annual Meeting, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP tba
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Kliphuis Swing Fiddle Trio, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Dartington Cider Press
<b>December</b>		
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Party, Parish Hall, from 9.00 pm

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# PARISH

<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	Meetings take place on Mondays. See dates on Diary page overleaf	
Chairman	Andrew Rhymes	560564
Vice - Chairman	Kit Marshall	560214
Parish Clerk	Philip Millard	561151
District Councillor	Shonagh Rankin	561185
County Councillor	Sir Simon Day	01752 - 691212
Members	Dale Carne	562089
	David Hugo	562267
	Peter Hurrell	560496
Tree Warden	Geoffrey Stidston	560695
	vacancy	
<b>PARISH HALL</b>	Chairman	560505
	Bookings	562135
	Pay-phone in foyer	560300
<b>PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY (P.O.T.S.)</b>	Chairman	560505
	Chris White	
<b>PRIEST IN CHARGE</b>	Rev Philip Osler	560967
<b>CHURCH MEETING ROOM</b>	Office	561246
<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b>	Graham Worrall (562016)	Liz Webb (560090)
<b>COFFEE TIME (Monday &amp; Wednesday 10.30-11.30 am)</b>	<b>LUNCH CLUB (Fridays) UNDER 5s (Thursdays)</b>	
<b>SEARCHLIGHT (Tuesdays Fortnightly) FILMS FOR ALL (Tuesdays Monthly)</b>	Contact Liz Webb	560090
<b>FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH</b>	Contact	Kit Marshall
	Headmaster	Philip Medway
<b>ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	Chairman	Stuart Watts
<b>AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION</b>	Contact	Marilyn Cater
<b>BANTHAM SAILING CLUB</b>	Clubhouse	
<b>BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB</b>	Contact	Eileen Daymeant
<b>BOWLS CLUB</b>	Contact	Dorothy Stone
<b>BRIDGE CLUBS 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays</b>	Secretary / Manager	Terry Gibbons
<b>THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB</b>	Chairman	Marc Lepere
<b>TENNIS SECTION</b>	Contact	Karen Livett
<b>KEEP FIT</b>	Contact	Vida Alexander
<b>TAI CHI</b>	Contact	John Lonsdale
<b>HORTICULTURAL SHOW (annual)</b>	Contact	Tom Trender
<b>PROBUS</b>	Contact	Trisha Wilson
<b>TRAMP (Thurlestone Ramblers)</b>		

# DIRECTORY

<b>W.L</b>	2.30 pm Parish Hall	Contact	Joan Booth	561557
<b>Second Thursday monthly (except August)</b>				
<b>TEAMAKERS</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL COMPUTER TUITION AND INTERNET CAFE</b>			
(Computer Club)	Wednesdays 2 pm - 4 pm	Yeo Room		
Contacts:	Michael Barnes 562112	Jane Beven 562074	Robin Macdonald 560436	Chris White 560505
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	Wednesday 5.00 to 6.00 pm	Yeo Room, Parish Hall	Robin Macdonald	560436
<b>HEALTH CENTRES</b>	Kingsbridge	0844 477 8953	Salcombe	842284
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<b>VILLAGE SHOP</b>	Thurlestone Village Shop	M. T. Th. F.	8.00 am - 5.30 pm	561917
(Bank Holidays open from 8.00 am - 4.00 pm)		Wednesday,	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	
		Saturday,	8.00 am - 1.00 pm	
		Sunday,	8.30 am - 1.00 pm	
	(NB. The 1.00 pm closing times may sometimes be extended during school holidays and at weekends)			
<b>THURLESTONE POST OFFICE</b>		Wed, Sat	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	561917
Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	9.00 am - 5.30pm			
Postal collections: 4.00pm Monday - Friday; Noon on Saturday; NO collection on Sunday				
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b>	Co-ordinator	Charles Mitchelmore		560602
<b>POLICE</b>	Dave Gibson (Community Support Officer)		08456 - 568367	
Emergency	999	Non-emergency calls	08452 - 777444	
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<b>RUBBISH COLLECTION</b>				
Monday (But Tuesday in Bank Holiday Monday weeks)	Brown Wheelies - alternate Mondays from 5 <sup>th</sup> October			
Coloured (White, Blue) Sack collections (recyclables) and Grey Wheelies	- alternate Mondays from 12 <sup>th</sup> October			
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<b>GARAGE</b> (Blight Engineering)		Maurice Blight		560220
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	11.05 - 11.20am	Bartham		
	11.30 - 11.40am	Buckland Old Chapel	11.45 - 12.10pm	Thurlestone Village Hall
	12.15 - 12.35pm	Thurlestone Bus Stop	12.40 - 12.50pm	Thurlestone Sands
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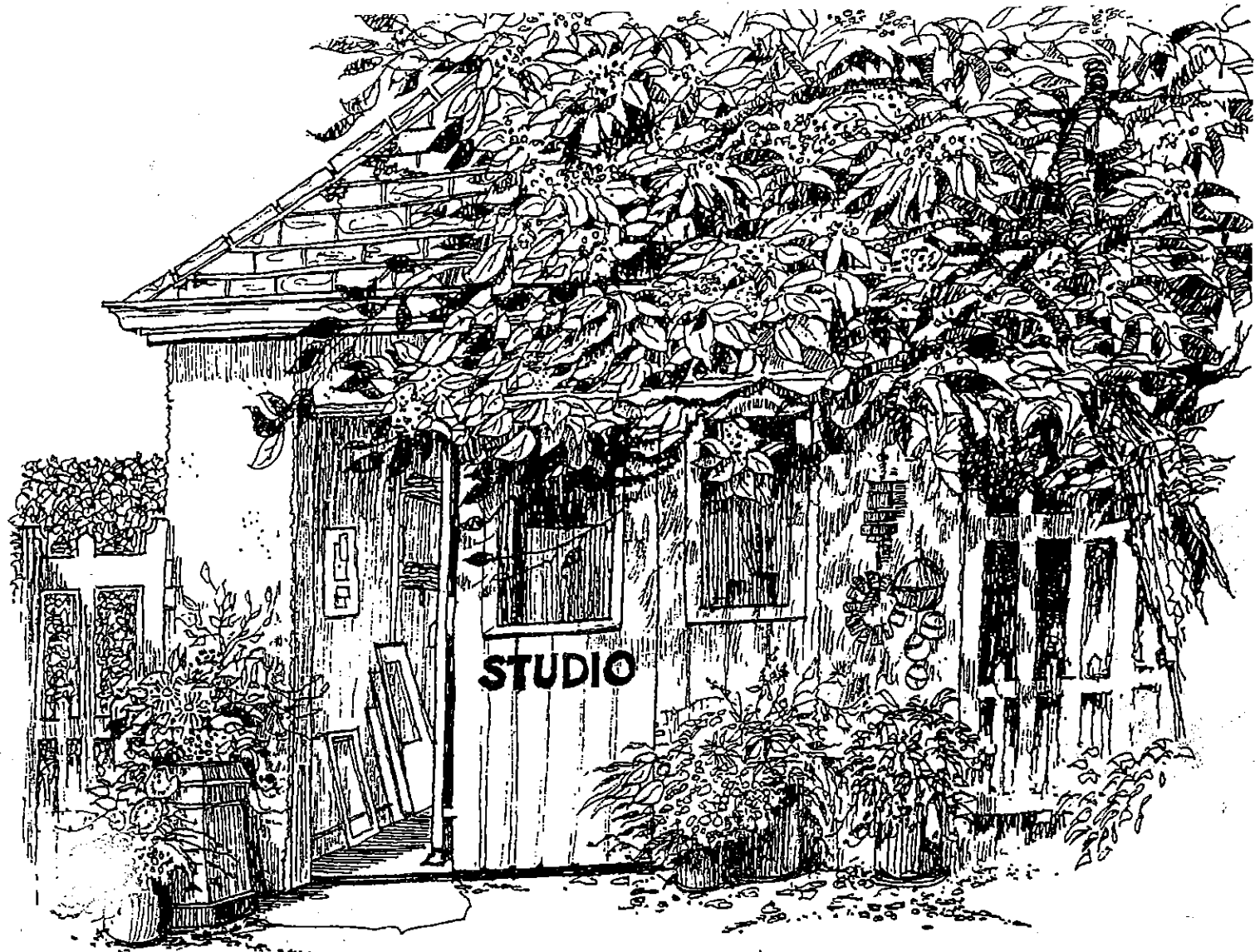
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