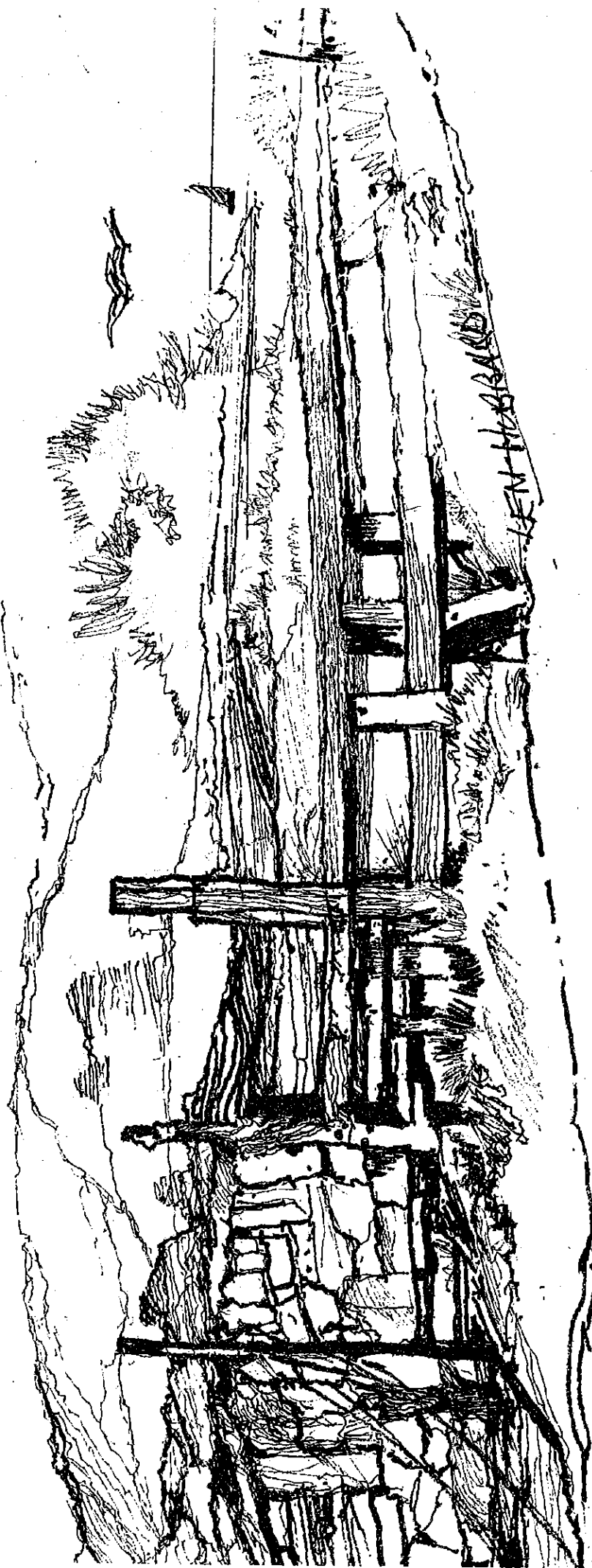


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By the time our next issue appears on the glorious first of June we will all, hopefully, have cast our votes. Our newly-elected representatives at Westminster will begin the process of developing plans to try and rescue this country from the worst crises it has faced in half a century. The social, financial, military, economic, and environmental problems the new government must tackle are truly mind-boggling. And, unlike 1939, a spirit of national unanimity - let alone unity - will be hard to create and sustain in our 21st century multicultural diversity.

Can we hope for a new clarity of vision, a real grasp of the key issues, and a decisive programme of progressive solutions? Years of spin, fudge and sleaze have left our electorate deeply dismayed and cynical about the political scene. We crave a new beginning and the reinstatement of honesty, integrity, and justice; a Parliament and a government we can respect and trust. Without that, all the great advances that science and technology have put at their disposal will benefit us but little.

There should be no place for any crooks, self-servers, extremists, or fantasists at Westminster, or within the machinery of government. Our best hopes of ensuring this are the continuing vigilance of a free press.....and the ballot box. A critical moment for the future of Britain is upon us. Let us hope we will all exercise our democratic privilege wisely.

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Parish Hall News

By Chris White



Well, our evening with **Tony Beard**, the Widecombe Wag, was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see lots of new faces in attendance, many from outside the Parish. So many people wanted to look at and talk about Tony's collection of archaeological artefacts that he nearly didn't have a break at all between the first and second halves.

We followed that with one of the most unusual evenings I've ever been to in our Hall. This was **The Tango** taster session, organised by **Ron Parkin** and his daughter in law **Han**. A group of what I can only describe as Tango fanatics hired the Hall for the whole weekend to improve their technique, and were kind enough to involve us in their Saturday evening session. An intrepid band of about thirty people, again many from as far away as Totnes, were coached by **Eduardo** from Argentina in the basics of this truly amazing dance. It doesn't look easy, and I can confirm that it's even harder than it looks - but in the end we managed a passable performance of a sequence of five steps! However, our efforts paled into insignificance when compared with the demonstration given by **Eduardo** and **Sophie**, the lady instructor from Spain. Truly amazing, and a night to remember.

Another delightful musical evening awaited us on Saturday 13th March, when the **Alvington Singers**, accompanied by **Kathy Kenny**, and directed by **Robin Brett**, treated us to a highly melodious evening of classic choral pieces, interspersed with piano solos and duets by **Thomas and Henry Tozer**, and a vocal duet by **Sheila Beaumont** and **Ingrid Heard**. The concert was arranged in aid of St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth.

So what's next? Well, on Tuesday 13th April at 6.30pm, comes the event of the year. Nothing less than the **Parish Hall Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to

find out how we fared last year, our plans for the future, and quiz the Committee on the whys and wherefores of your Parish Hall. So please come along, see what's going on and, if you have any strong views about the Hall, let us know what they are. We are still looking for someone to take an interest in, and help with, our audio-visual and lighting facilities. The AGM could be a good time for someone to come forward.

After that, on **Saturday 24th April**, there will be the event that I previewed in the last edition of Village Voice. We are privileged to have **Peter Fuchs** to give an illustrated talk about the Animals of the Arctic and Antarctic, and its Scientific Expeditions. One of the most memorable expeditions was the one led by his father, **Sir Vivian Fuchs**. This will be an opportunity to bring along all the family, with specially reduced ticket prices for children.

Finally, for the time period covered by this edition, on **Saturday 1st May** we look forward to an evening of light-hearted music, featuring the welcome return of local musicians **Colin Sauer** (violin), **Kathy Kenny** (violin and voice), **Henry Tozer** (piano), **Cindy and Rob Gloyn** (songs from the shows), **Kathryn Shepherd** and **Robin Brett** (piano solos and duets), along with other surprises! The evening is billed once again as a **Concert for Megan**, and is a joint venture between the performers and the Parish Hall, to raise funds for Megan as well as the Hall. **Megan**, who is Kathy Kenny's daughter, suffers from cerebral palsy, and is also profoundly deaf. Providing her with the treatment she needs is a costly business, and the Parish Hall is proud to be associated with this venture while at the same time providing royal entertainment for our parishioners. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Chris White

Parish Council

Meetings held on 1st February & 1st March 2010

News and Views by Citizen

ATTENDANCES

There were six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the District Councillor, two Police and eight members of the public present at the February meeting. For the March meeting there were six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Tree Warden and six members of the public in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

Local Development Plan

45 properties are now planned for the preferred site (No 1). Parishioners will remember it was only 15 late last year! Bets can be placed on the number that will be announced next time.

Post Office Lane

Concern was raised about speeding vehicles if the pot holes are repaired. Speed humps were suggested but these create noise. Pot holes, however, do slow traffic down. Grant Thornton the liquidators who 'own' the lane are to be consulted.

Parking signs

Too many signs are around the church. One has already been removed from the green, but those put up by Parking Control Services are considered too 'jazzy'. Parish signs are on the list of things to be sorted out under the Parish Plan, particularly now that Yarmer restrictions have caused cars to park on the hill by the golf club.... which is now legal apart from some prohibition between April and September.

Dog Poo Bin

Yet again a bin was requested for the top of Thurlestone. The authorities still say they have not enough money to provide this, and there seems little prospect of any extra funds becoming available.

PARISH HALL

Councillor **Peter Hurrell** reported that: finances were in profit, the double-glazed window trickle-vent screws had been replaced with stainless

steel ones (under warranty), the heating system had been amended, exterior and some interior repainting will be carried out this spring.

HIGHWAYS

Councillor **Geoffrey Stidston** said the problem re the excessive number of 'No Parking' signs could be addressed with John Halliday, Chief Assistant Engineer of Devon County Council at an April meeting. Lower road in West Buckland, where the road splits towards Grove Cottage, again has rubbish blocking the pipe that takes water under the road. There are two large pot holes near Widecombe House, on the Bantham road. Construction and other lorries are damaging the pavement and kerb stones in Glebe Field due to parked cars causing obstruction. Sat navs are directing traffic down Post Office Lane.

FOOTPATHS & HERITAGE COAST

It would seem that protection to the cliff adjacent to the Golf Club's first green and the road to South Milton is questionable. Who pays? A severe storm could well breach the cliff, the path, the first green and the road. The cliff footpath towards Bantham beyond the green hut has a dangerous hole caused by badgers. This and the badgers are untouchable by law. Walkers beware!

SCHOOL

Chairman Councillor **Andrew Rhymes** reported that the school had recently obtained a national grade one Information Communications Technology (ICT) mark. Building work and fund-raising continues. Just under 50% of the children are from the catchment area. An Ofsted inspection is expected this year. Car parking at the Parish Hall was discussed (yet again) at a meeting between the school and the parish Hall representatives with no way forward apparent at present. The main problem is caused at times when parking spaces are denied to Hall users. One suggestion was parking by ticket with a manned entrance.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor **Shonaugh Rankin** said there would be a £1.3 million budget gap as SHDC received the second lowest amount of government grant per head in Devon. Plans are afoot by SHDC and South Devon Rural Housing to build two pairs of semis on the old Telephone Exchange site (opposite the Village Inn on the corner of Parkfield) to a high eco code. A meeting has been requested with the developer to discuss the proposal.

POLICE

Community Support Officer **Dave Gibson** said there were no crimes to report and that the street surgeries were going down well with the public - mail drops having identified their locations.

PARISH PLAN

Councillor **Kit Marshall** said that very little response to the questionnaire had been received. A small steering team had now been assembled, consisting of himself, **Alan Taylor Bigg**, and several other parishioners. Two meetings have been held with four or five important, but non-controversial, issues identified, concerning the proposed new building plans, signs, improving Broadband and mobile phone reception, the Best Kept Village competition.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor **Dale Came** said the official report is not due until March, when there will be a period of consultation for objectors

TREES

Hal Plews said that trees removed from Grove Cottage are to be replaced with new plantings.

BUSINESS DIRECTED BY THE CHAIR

Hope Cove Lifeboat - Parish Council have written to support its retention.

Fencing at the Bantham boat house - query as to its legality.

Oak trees - there are some 500 young oak whips available free - contact Timber Jack

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

1. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday, 12th April 2010**, at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room. (Please note the change from the usual first Monday of the month!)

2. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday 26th April** at 7.30 pm.

3. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 10th May** at 7.30 pm

A CONCERT FOR MEGAN

Saturday 1st May 2010
Thurlestone Parish Hall
7.30 pm

Your favourite local musicians singing and playing light-hearted music!

Featuring **Colin Sauer** (violin), **Kathy Kenny** (violin & voice)
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LAY READER: Peter Gornall

Peter Gornall Writes:



I'M BETTING THEY HAVEN'T FINISHED HIM OFF.

When you've got a night incident to manage, it's harder prising the wakeful soldiers away from their dice game than rousing the sleepers. "Get out there, and now. Now", I shouted. "There's a mob outside the praetorium and the Governor doesn't like it. Keep order, for heaven's sake. And you'll need torch bearers."

The mob was actually manageable when we arrived. But you could hear someone trying to stir them up, and the worry was that they were waiting for some signal to start big trouble. So no surprise that mayhem broke out when a prisoner came out with the Governor. They bayed for death. The Governor was very unhappy and obviously hadn't expected that at all. He took the prisoner back inside. Still the crowd shouted and chanted. They went frantic again when eventually the prisoner was led out a second time. By now he had been flogged, and a fancy robe had been put over him to hide the lash marks and blood. Someone had gone to the trouble of weaving acanthus stems as a tiara too.

So another put-up job, rent-a-crowd, by the priests. I've seen it before. The governor hadn't any hope of getting some calm. He took the prisoner back inside, and then reappeared on his own to try to bargain. By now he had lost control of the scene. So he handed the prisoner over and we were detailed to keep order through the city and outside. There were crosses ready for Barabbas and his gang, so we made him carry one of those. Fancy letting Barabbas out - we will be the ones accused of not keeping order now.

Strange really. You would expect someone in his position to show either total panic or defiance and bravado. Nothing like that with this man; just silent dignity; even a sense of purpose, I thought, in spite of the state of him after the flogging.

The weather was weird, and after being up since all hours it was a long day. But he kept up that dignified quietness, in the face of all sorts of abuse. The priests who came to check up on him seemed to think they'd finished him. I'm not so sure. I think they chose the wrong one to try to put away. Dead he may be, and in a rock tomb with a guard on it. But my guess is that this will run and run. The dice addicts aren't taking any bets on that.

Wishing you a very happy Easter

Peter

Holy Week and Easter Church Services

PALM SUNDAY March 28th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am Palm Sunday Procession leaves Parish Hall

10.30am Palm Sunday Family Service (*Note time*)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 1st**

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said) at Carew, Bantham

8.00pm Benefice Eucharist (CW) followed by vigil (*optional*)

GOOD FRIDAY April 2nd 10.00am Family Service at South Milton

2.00pm Last Hour Devotion

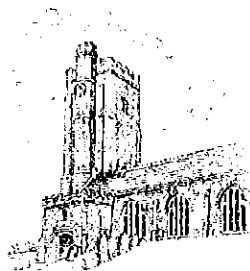
EASTER EVE Sat April 3rd 9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter with
Renewal of Baptism Vows at West Alvington

EASTER SUNDAY April 4th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns

11.10am Easter Family Communion (CW)

Crèche for very young children accompanied by an adult

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship



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

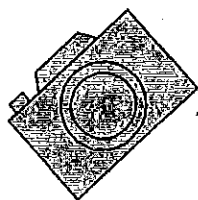
excluding Holy Week & Easter which may be found overleaf

Every Sunday (except May 9 & 23)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) except May 30 (CW)
THURSDAY APRIL 1ST, MAY 6TH	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Bantham
SUNDAY APRIL 11TH	11.10am Morning Worship for All Ages (Fairtrade Stall)
SUNDAY APRIL 18TH, MAY 2ND	11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Fairtrade Stall May 2nd)
SUNDAY APRIL 18TH	6.00pm Easter Praise
SUNDAY APRIL 25TH	11.10am Matins (BCP)
SUNDAY MAY 2ND	6.00pm Benefice Evensong (BCP)
ROGATION SUNDAY MAY 9TH	11.00am Benefice Rogation Service at South Milton followed by a 'Bring & Share' Lunch
ASCENSION DAY THURS MAY 13TH	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion (BCP) (said) at S.Milton
	6.00pm Benefice Eucharist (CW) at Churchstow
SUNDAY MAY 16TH	11.10am Family Communion (CW)
WHIT SUNDAY MAY 23RD	11.00am Benefice Communion (CW) (Note earlier time)
TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 30TH	11.10am Trinity Sunday Service

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See Church Notice Boards for variations & more information

MEETING ROOM	Coffee-Time MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 10.30am	
Films for 2.30pm	TUESDAY APRIL 6TH Flushed Away <i>A Dreamworks Animation</i>	TUESDAY MAY 11TH Julie & Julia <i>Meryl Streep & Amy Adams</i>
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Don't forget to get your entries in by May 1st

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to choose photos of the Thurlestone Area for a 2011 Calendar

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Treats in Store

Sarah reports on developments at Thurlestone's Post Office Stores

◆ The Shop

With the new year now well under way we have tried and tested some new ideas to bring a fresh look to the shop, and have recently introduced the following product lines from local sources:

- ★ **Cottage Kitchen Cakes**
- ★ **Poole Farm Pork Products** - including bacon, pork pies and sausage rolls
- ★ **Fruit & Vegetables** - a 'specials' board with weekly offers such as sacks of potatoes (25kg) for as little as £5.00

And we now provide useful '*trolley baskets*' to aid you with your shopping. We have also recently introduced two new services

- ★ '*Taster*' days - Come in and 'try before you buy' our local produce.
- ★ A *grocery delivery service* for a minimum £10.00 spend - order on Thursday for delivery Friday (delivery charge is just £1.00).

Coming shortly! We will be introducing further new ideas in the near future.

- ★ *Aune Valley meats* - orders preferred as a limited stock will be held in store.
- ★ This Easter we will have *new gifts* for 2010. Come in and browse - you'll be amazed!

◆ The Post Office

- ★ All the usual PO services are available including stamps, bill payments, car tax, savings and investments.
- ★ The Post Office* also offers a wide range of other products and the current promotion is a range of *insurances* - for pets, vans, home and business, travel, and life cover for the over-50s! You will find us competitive, reliable, and convenient - give it a try!
- ★ Don't forget, we can obtain your *foreign travel currency*. Orders placed before 12 noon on weekdays will be available for collection the next day.
- ★ Other PO* services include: (* other providers offer similar products)
 - ☐ E Top Up for mobile phones
 - ☐ HomePhone and Broadband
 - ☐ Gift Cards - can be redeemed in a variety of High Street stores
- ★ We also hope soon to introduce a Thurlestone Letter Drop Off Point

Our promotions change monthly, so pop in to find out details of the latest offers and deals

YOUR CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE PARISH OF THURLESTONE

The Parish Plan Action Group has set out four major AIMS for the plan

- ◆ Preserve the existing environment
- ◆ Improve the infrastructure
- ◆ Make the Parish somewhere to be proud of
- ◆ Create a better balanced community

There will be lots of opportunity for Parishioners to contribute more ideas, but rather than concentrating on producing a document in the first instance, we have picked five ACTIONS, which we believe will improve the Parish. They all contribute to at least one of our aims. We want to get started on these straightaway, but need some VOLUNTEERS willing to help.

FIVE ACTIONS TO IMPROVE LIFE IN THE PARISH

1. New Buildings and affordable homes

The Parish Survey showed that new building/second homes/affordable housing is a major concern to Parishioners. We need to build a real understanding and expertise so that the Parish can be defended against bureaucrats and planners seeking to impose unacceptable plans. We need a volunteer (perhaps with legal or planning experience) to do the desk research, review laws and practice and brief the Parish Council. In fact to become the Parish expert.

2. Signage

The centre of the Parish is blighted by a plethora of disparate signs. We need a designer to produce a Parish protocol/design guide to be adopted by the Parish Council.

3. Technology

Recent government reports have stressed the need to improve broadband and mobile telephony in rural areas. We believe that BT came close to improving the cable from South Milton. There must be an opportunity to incentivise them to support the Parish. We need a champion to approach providers to improve facilities.

4. Emergency Post

Some Emergency and First Aid is available in the Parish, but is scattered and little advertised. Pete Lawrence from Bantham (and the Life Savers) has volunteered to co-ordinate existing facilities and identify medical and other relevant expertise.

5. Best Kept Villages

We should aim for one of our villages to win this in 2 years time. We need knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders for each village in the Parish to get us started.

DON'T BE SHY - TELL US HOW YOU CAN HELP

GET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO JOIN THIS PROJECT

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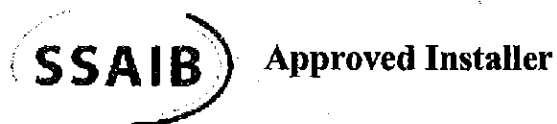

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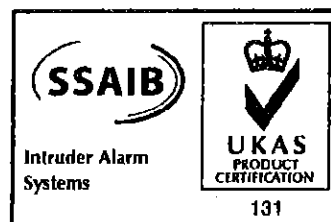
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ETHIOPIA

(by Gillian Marshall)

Ethiopia (formerly Abyssinia) is one of the oldest countries in the world. It has never been colonized by a European power and is often referred to as the Cradle of Humanity. It has a fascinating history and a very diverse and beautiful landscape which is far from its image as a drought-ridden country.

We flew into **Addis Ababa**, the 3rd highest capital city in the world, at 2,400m. It is a chaotic, bustling city with a population of 3 million. From Addis we flew to **Bahar Dar** on the southern shore of **Lake Tana**, source of the **Blue Nile**. The Blue Nile flows into the Sudan and joins the White Nile at Khartoum. The lake is huge with many monasteries on and around it. Reed boats, known as tankwas, are still used on this lake. The men in our group visited a monastery (no women allowed) while we women visited a nunnery on another island but found a service going on with only male priests involved!! There is a very strong Christian influence in the country and Christianity is said to have reached Ethiopia soon after the death of Christ.

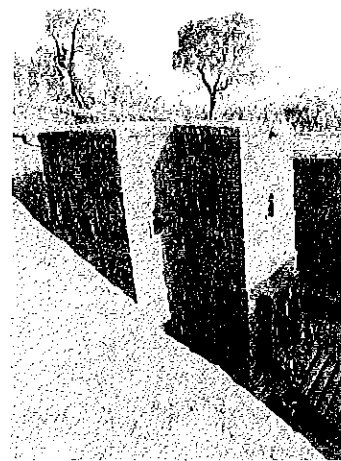
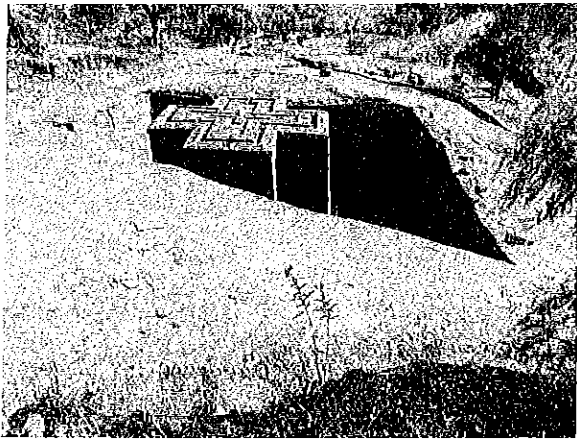
From Lake Tana we drove to **Gondar** (2,120m), former capital of Ethiopia, to visit the famed castles which were built in the 17th & 18th centuries by several generations of Ethiopian kings. It is here that the most important festival in the Ethiopian Calendar, known as Timkat, celebrating Epiphany, is held.

On the way we had a pit stop and visited a wonderful market in a small village called **Werota**. It was fascinating. People had come from distant villages to sell their produce such as chillies, cotton, cereals, vegetables and even donkeys! It was full of hustle and bustle and they stared at us as much as we stared at them. It was one of the highlights of our trip.

The drive from Gondar to **Debark** on the edge of the **Simien Mountains** was fairly rough and rugged and we had a puncture on the way. Our hotel in Debark, the Giant Lobelia, was very basic but the food, prepared in a small shack behind the hotel, was excellent. From there we drove up into the mountains for the most spectacular views of this highland plateau, capped by a dramatic skyline of jagged volcanic plugs and split by deep gorges and gullies. Here we did a 3hr trek along an escarpment, with a deep drop on one side, catching sight of many gelada baboons on the way.

From Debark we had a full day's drive to **Axum** along an unpaved road. Axum (2,131m) was the capital of the Kingdom of Axum, which was once one of the most powerful in the ancient world. It is the origin of Christianity in Ethiopia and is believed to be the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. We saw the rather non-descript building where it is said to be housed, guarded by a priest who never leaves the chapel nor lets anyone enter! Axum is also home to the famous monolithic stelae, the tallest one still standing reaches over 21 metres. We also visited the ruined palace of the Queen of Sheba, who is said to have given birth to Menelik the First, fathered by King Solomon, the founder of Ethiopia's ruling family until the late Emperor Haile Selassie who died (probably murdered) in 1974.

From Axum we also visited the well-preserved stone **Moon Temple of Yeha** built in 600BC. The walls of this temple are 12m high. Next to the Temple was a fascinating tiny museum on the 1st floor of a nondescript building. The 'curator' showed us some wonderful ancient illuminated manuscripts - some at least 750 years old. The way they are stored and handled to be shown to the public is extraordinary. No question of 'don't touch'!



We flew to **Lalibela** (2,630m) to visit the famous and awesome 11 rock-hewn churches built by King Lalibela in the 12 Century. They are one of Ethiopia's top attractions and quite breathtaking. They are *big* and carved below ground level. Each church is unique in shape and size but the most famous one is Bet Giyorgis (St George). It is carved in the shape of a symmetrical cruciform tower. There was a priest/caretaker in each church who would don richly embroidered vestments and pose with crosses and ancient bibles – wearing sunglasses (due to constant camera flashes!)

There is another rock hewn monastery called Asheton Maryam built on a high ridge above Lalibela with amazing views over the countryside. We actually rode mules part of the way but had to dismount a couple of times to climb steep rocky paths. It was at an altitude of 3,666m and I was pleased to have made it!! Descending was almost more difficult than ascending.

From Lalibela we went south, via Addis, to **Wendo Genet**. It took us a long day to get there. It is a very fertile region and the lakes in the area abound in fish, water birds, flamingoes, ibis, and we even saw some hippopotamus.

I haven't mentioned food. The staple diet of the Ethiopians is *injera* which is a large pancake-shaped dough made from a nutty-tasting grain unique to Ethiopia. On to this they normally place a stew of some sort. We were there during lent so they had 'fasting food' – vegetarian only. The ritual is to break off a piece of the injera to scoop the stew into your mouth. The idea is that you all eat off the same plate and on our first evening in Addis this is what a group of us did. Interestingly, although tradition dictates eating with the right hand, four of us (out of 7) were left-handed! I have to admit that I don't like injera at all. The dough is fermented for up to three days before it is cooked and the result is a sort of spongy, grey, rather sour, 'pancake'.

Drinks: *Tej* is a popular local tipple, made from honey or sugar. It is rather like mead. They refer to it as honey wine. Ethiopian coffee however is wonderful and always freshly made by roasting the beans over a charcoal fire, then crushing them with a pestle and mortar and serving the coffee in small handle-less cups. A very unusual fruit juice was made from avocado mixed with mango juice. Sounds odd but it was delicious.

All in all it was a wonderful, exhausting trip. The people of Ethiopia are a blend of Arab and African, they are very friendly and possess enormous dignity. We even mastered a few words in Amharic which always raised a smile. *Chigger yellem* – no problem!

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POW CONCERT IN WW1

Caroline, Pat Crawford's daughter, has sent us an email copy of a most interesting piece of memorabilia from World War I. She says "I found this slip of paper tucked into a Keats anthology which had belonged to my great-uncle, Lt Harvey (first on the bill singing *The Old Bad Mate*). He was a PoW in WW1 and the address is German. It reminds one how determined people can be - all those words about pluck and pulling together. Here is a group of seamen entertaining themselves and keeping their chins up. Also featured are many comic songs, a "lightning sketch artist", a Scotch comedian, a Cockney and others. Cancelled was Able Seaman Powell singing "*Mona from Barcelona*"! Perhaps the fact that my great-uncle saved it suggests that he was nostalgic for simple/more intense times. "God Save The King" is printed at the bottom. On the back is a very faint pencil map which my children are convinced is an escape plan. Could it have something to do with Act 9, a conjuring stunt by Leading Seaman Heard?"

[Unfortunately the original print was too faint to reproduce legibly but here is its content. Ed]

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| 2 Recitation | Stoker PO Eves |
| 3 Song | Leading Seaman Williams |
| 4 Comic Song | Chief PO Endacott |
| 5 Song <i>The Veterans</i> | Sergeant Cockerell |
| 6 Impersonations | Lt Harris RNR |
| 7 The Lightning Sketch Artist | Leading Seaman Bygrave |
| 8 Comic Song | Leading Seaman Heard |
| 9 Song <i>Mona from Barcelona</i> | Able Seaman Powell |
| 10 Comic Song | Sergeant Hennell |

PART II

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| 1 Song | Sub-Lt Price, RNVR |
| 2 Song <i>Not Tonight Josephine</i> | Stoker PO Isaac |
| 3 Scotch Comedian | Able Seaman Henderson |
| 4 Duet | Leading Seaman Power & Leading Seaman Williams |
| 5 Comic Song | Corporal Mather |
| 6. Cockney Comedian | Leading Seaman Riggs |
| 7 Song <i>That was the end of my Dream</i> | Able Seaman Titheridge |
| 8 Leading Seaman Cutting in selections from his repertoire | |
| 9 A conjuring stunt | Leading Seaman Heard |
| 10 Comic Duet | Sergeant Hennell & Corporal Brathy |

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SUDOKU - Another four part challenge!

Despite our gentle reminders for puzzlers to double-check their completed entries for inadvertent transcription errors, one otherwise correct entry contained two such errors. One was an empty cell (!), and the other a 3 entered for an 8. Of the faultless submissions going into the hat, the winner on this occasion was **Polly Wyld** from Ilbert Road, Thurlestone Well done, Polly! The coveted specimen of *Chateau Sudoku* is on its way! All entries in this month's challenge (preferably double-checked) please, to 25 Mead Lane as usual, by 5 July. Good luck!

Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1st May 2010. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB
or email: cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk

THE FOOTBALL TRIP

All the blanks are names of English or Scottish League teams. Fill them in.

The sun was really (*Brighton*) the day we set sail for the (*Queens*) aboard an ancient ship with a (*Hull*) riddled with holes, and with a (*Crews*) made up of Scots and Irish and other members of the (*Welsh*) race. They were a rowdy bunch, and did, in fact, (*Break*) furniture after a heavy session. The exception was the cabin boy who also helped to (*Stoke*) the boilers. He won all our (*Hearts*) with his efforts to conquer his lack of learning by practising his (.....) alone, if he was ever sent to (*Scotland*).

His family came with him and the trip did his (*Nottingham*) as she had not had a holiday (*For*) too long. He was concerned (.....) cough came back, and certainly the sea (.....) seemed to do her (.....) lot of good. Funnily enough, she wore a (.....) once it blew off in the wind.

When we docked, we headed straight to see the (.....), fabled ruler of the land, living in her (*Palace*). But there were difficulties en route for the signs seemed to be pointing in opposite directions.

"I think someone's been (.....)" said our captain. "I can't tell which road takes us to where we want to go, (.....) (.....) back to the sea.

Nevertheless, we (.....) and eventually found our way to the royal residence. Surrounding the grand palace, we could see the mountain (*Forest*) where the (.....) still roam free, and the natives (*Bay*) their dead. For tea on the first night, we had (.....) cake, sage, (.....) cheese, (*Cheddar*) buns and some very (.....) which we left well alone.

After the trip, we returned home to find that someone had not put the (*Bolt*) the door and that we had had a (*Burglar*). The burglars must have been disturbed, however, because they left their (*Butter*) the table. We were then hungry, and hunger certainly (*Spurs*) you on, so we went out for some bread. We found the baker outside leaning against his (.....). We were short of cash, but he said that we could pay by credit (*Cardiff*) we liked. Carrying the bread back, would you believe it, I tripped, fell on my (*Woolen*) my trousers got ripped!

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter Quiz:

1. Giovanni Glocomo 2. Horatia 3. A.D. 4. Lady Chatterley's Lover 5. Joe di Maglio 6. Leonardo di Caprio 7. 1999
8. (White) Bull 9. Virginia Woolf 10. Psyche 11. Sam Cooke 12. Pauline Collins 13. Robert Burns 14. L'Ouef (egg)
15. 15th 16. Henry VIII 17. Lupercus (Lupercalia) 18. Beheaded 19. Bavarian 20. Mumtaz Mahal 21. Assault 22.
Bugs Moran 23. Richard Brice 24. Avocado 25. Tomato 26. Huckleberry Hound 27. A Groundhog 28. Christopher
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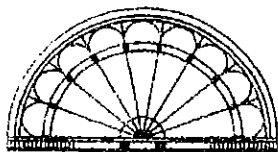


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THE CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE

[Twenty-four hours after this earthquake, Greg Barton (who lives in Chile) sent the following report to his parents, Jeanne and Michael Barton, by e-mail. Jeanne says "There have been so many kind phone calls of enquiry we thought people might like to read this first hand account".]

"Hi everyone, I hope Dad got through and let you know we are all OK. It is now mid-morning Sunday 28th February.

We had a very comfortable night compared to last night! There have been many after-shocks and one that woke us all up and got us going again at 6 am this morning. I thought for a second it was all starting again.

The last twenty-four hours have been quite extraordinary. The country is a total mess. Where the quake was centred the place is like you saw it on the tv I imagine. Just like Haiti - total destruction, looting. There was footage of supermarkets being ransacked and a prison was broken in half as a result of the quake with criminals running the streets - total mayhem.

Where the epicentre was, 350 miles south west of here, they have no water and no power and are still cut off from most communications, but in my part of Santer it was not nearly so bad as the buildings have been constructed for earthquakes. The ones that were not (built years before) were the ones you probably saw on tv falling down, and a few split in half.

The quake happened at 3.34 am. The power of the actual two minutes when it was full 'eye of storm' was the most terrifying thing I have ever witnessed. The whole place was jumping and swaying - you can't imagine what it is like until it happens, the noise of the whole house falling apart. I saw massive cracks appearing in all our walls but they are stronger than you think and ours withstood. I had mates whose building lifts fell down the shaft crashing to the floor - Hollywood stuff. Some people couldn't open their front doors, we had to go and kick them in in order to get people out.

Plates and glasses were smashing all round. I had Antonia and was trying to stand straight

under the door frame, as was Anita with Fernie. All was pitch black, sirens going off, car alarms going off (imagine 500 all at the same time) Cars were jumping. The blast lasted two minutes with five minutes heavy after-sway which was also horrible as you expect more and don't know what to do. We all ran down the stairwell with the other residents, everyone screaming, people praying etc. It was the middle of the night and the head is spinning and you don't know how to react, don't know what's happening. In the two hours post-quake you just don't know what to expect. We have had twelve serious after-shocks and four of these were between 3 and 4 on Richter. The whole place wobbles again, frightening.

I went to see how bad my two offices were. One, which is on the second floor, was actually OK - a bit of roof had fallen in and we had lost three computers - dust and mess but nothing serious. The other, where I have 60 people on the eleventh floor, only two blocks away from the first one, was horrible. We had large pieces of furniture in there which wrecked the place. All 60 flat screens were on the floor - we lost about 25 work stations totally - our telephone and server room were down and lines and cables all over the place. No power, no water, some windows out, but we cleaned up a lot and have to wait till Monday to see how bad it is. All my people were trying to fix their houses and obviously no-one worries about the office....other than me! We will be working tomorrow, I hope.

Well, that's pretty much it so far. We had 15 people sleep over last night. Now we're trying to get back to normal and watch the Carling Cup final. If Man United win it will be a nice way to finish the most amazing weekend I have ever had....so far!

All our love to you all."

Greg & Family

MEMORIES OF BANTHAM HOLIDAYS

By Anthony Sowry

In 1961 we acquired the lease of The End Cottage and our lives changed forever. We had long family holidays in Bantham for almost thirty years from when I was about eight years old, as I recall. Over the years we had a succession of boats, each one slightly bigger than the last, and each one of which I was so proud of - starting with *Dandy* and culminating in our Salcombe yawl (Y85) which was Dad's pride and joy.

Bantham was a marvellous place to learn the do's and don'ts of sailing and we all had plenty of hard lessons, under the watchful eyes of Jim Elliott and Hughie Cater. Boats have been part of my life ever since.....

On moving to San Francisco, I lived for ten years on a houseboat in Sausalito, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Every kind of boat was around me - boats that looked like boats, others that resembled floating castles, palaces, aeroplanes. Believe it or not, many of them had flower boxes in which grew the little Bantham daisy.

I watched every kind of boat come into the bay. One memorable day the

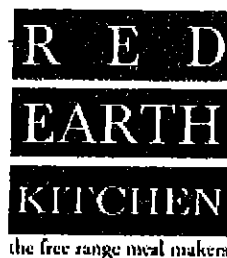
QE2 sailed in. It was an amazing and magnificent sight. She was so big, she could only just get under the Golden Gate Bridge - she had to wait for the tide to be at its lowest. As she came into the bay, hundreds and hundreds of little boats went out to greet her and we all blew our hooters and waved flags. Can you imagine the sight on a beautiful sunny day?

I have almost always owned a sail boat of some sort. My current boat, which I have just taken delivery of, is a 42-foot sloop. As it was a new boat I had the privilege of naming her. Without hesitation I chose the name *Bantham*. Sailing in San Francisco, albeit on a slightly different scale, shares many similarities with sailing in Bantham - strong tides, westerly winds, and treacherous sand bars but here with lots of islands best avoided (Alcatraz for one).

When asked what the name *Bantham* means, I have great pleasure in taking people down below and showing them the pictures of Bantham mounted on the main cabin bulkheads.

So, from one Bantham to another, a tribute!

[We are grateful to Mrs Jeanne Sowry, a regular contributor and fan of *Village Voice*, for arranging this interesting article from her son, to which she adds "It was in 1961 that the Sowry family caught the Bantham disease, which we have had ever since..." Unfortunately both space and reproduction problems preclude the inclusion of the photographs (of *Dandy* and *Bantham*) which were sent with Anthony's article. We would like to take the opportunity of sending good wishes from *Village Voice* on Mrs Sowry's recent celebration of her 91st birthday and to say how much we enjoy and look forward to receiving more memories of the family's happy times in Bantham! Ed.]



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By Jan Turner

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Rainfall

Dec 09 = 117.6mm : Dec 08 = 61.8mm

Jan 10 = 109.8mm : Jan 09 = 121.6mm

Feb 10 = 90.6mm : Feb 09 = 104.5mm

Total = 318mm : Total = 287.9mm

Temperature (Monthly av.)

Dec 09 = 7.4°C : Dec 08 = 7.5°C

Jan 10 = 4.6°C : Jan 09 = 6.9°C

Feb 10 = 5.9°C : Feb 09 = 7.2°C

3 month av = 6°C : 3 month av = 7.2°C

Sunshine Hours

Dec 09 = 62.7hrs : Dec 08 = 76.1hrs

Jan 10 = 105.6hrs : Jan 09 = 49.1hrs

Feb 10 = 60hrs : Feb 09 = 51.7hrs

Total = 228.3hrs : Total = 176.91hrs

On the whole, we had a wetter, cooler but sunnier winter than last year. However, when I look at my garden, things are way behind last year - all because of the huge number of days of zero or below temperatures. Although the sun shone, it was too low on the horizon for any real effect. Add to that the constant searing and strong east winds, and the plants were very wise to keep hidden for a while. Nature has a habit of trying to look after its own! I wrote the above passage some days ago. Since then there have been frosts almost every day, the ground is cold and the grass blackened. It is time that the temperature rose both by day and by night.

Now it is almost vernal equinox time again, and it looks as though the winds may be in the western quarter this time. I say that because - as many of you know - my old Grandad from West Cornwall always said that *'where the wind was on equinox day, there it would predominately stay for the next six months'*. There is some truth in it, but I guess it is, for the most part, a bit of a coincidence or luck. So make a note of the general direction on 21st March this year

and see where it is on every day until the September equinox. Remember the actual equinox can occur anywhere between 20th and 23rd March. Most of us, I reckon, decide that Spring begins on that day. Temperatures begin to rise by day as the input of the sun's heat becomes greater than the loss by cooling at night.

The tradition of *Spring cleaning* follows from this astronomical development and has become firmly rooted in the human psyche (male or female?). 20th March is the first day, on average, that the temperatures rise beyond 15.5°C. The arrival of warmer temperatures signals that the home no longer requires heating, and as wood or oil burning stoves and ranges or traditional open fires or deposit dust, soot and ash everywhere, now's the time (with the heating off until the autumn) for curtains, carpets and other domestic surfaces to get a thorough annual 'spring-clean'.

Continuing my journey through the equinox days in *The Worst Kind of Snow*, read on all you gardeners. Today should see all of you making the first cut on your lawn. Over the last twenty years a certain Mr Grisenthwaite, a pensioner from Kirkaldy, Fife, has kept a lawn-mowing diary! He started in 1984 and TWKS was first printed in 2007, so the authors had these twenty years of records to call on. Mr G. notes the date of his first cut and the last cut of the year, and all the cuts in between. Then he continues to record these facts for the succeeding twenty years. As the dates of the first and the last lawn cut are excellent indicators of the start and the end of the growing season, the result is a uniquely precious record of climate change - so important, in fact, that in 2006 academics borrowed Mr G's mowing diary to write a paper for the Royal Meteorological Society's Journal. As a result, we have hard evidence that, with the average last cut seventeen days later, the growing season has grown by a month. Remember this is in Scotland, and we can bring forward our dates by about two to three weeks here in the south west.

Obviously, every year's weather is different, so the dates vary considerably. Grass only grows when the ambient temperature is 5°C or higher. A cold (or dry) February or March delays things;

a mild or wet February or March brings them forward. Farmers milk yields in April depend largely on the 'spring flush' of growth - the crucial moment when the grass grows faster than the stock can eat it. This tends to be around 20th April, but can, if spring is cold and late (as in 2006 and this year) be up to a month later. At the moment the grass does not seem to be growing at all well. The end of this week (20th March) will perhaps be a little warmer and wetter.

Sadly, along with this type of weather, we are bound to have stronger winds from the west. The barometer is already dropping below 1030 millibars, the point at which it has been hovering for quite a long time - with a typical high pressure area dominating the weather patterns over Western Europe. Our normal weather has been forced south so that temperatures and general weather conditions over Spain, Southern France, Italy and the Mediterranean Islands have been most untypical, eg. snow in Venice, temperatures in Corfu lower than in London - with rain and gales to boot.

Perhaps we will have a much better summer this year, as long as it remembers to rain

occasionally, not too much and not too little, and at the right time to suit farmers and the rest of us. (Cloud cuckoo land I feel, JT!) We must remain optimistic and get the BBQ's ready, fit new water butts, and check over the lawn mowers, etc. And don't forget the "Spring Cleaning"!

Finally, I hope you will all make a note in your diaries about our forthcoming **South Milton Flower Festival**. It will be held in the church throughout the holiday week-end from Friday 26th to Monday 31st May. This year the theme of the Festival will be the **History of the Village of South Milton**, and there will be an exhibition in the Village Hall covering this theme. This will include a new slide show of images of the village covering "Then and Now" which is being put together by the South Milton History Group. It will be a really colourful and interesting event, so don't miss it! And bring along any friends or relatives that you may have staying for the holiday week-end - they are sure to enjoy it. I shall look forward to seeing you all there.

That's all for this time. Enjoy the Spring!

Jan Turner

THURLESTONE TENNIS

Now that Spring is here, the keen tennis players are looking forward to the new season. The grass courts should be up and running during May when club sessions, coaching courses, senior and junior inter-club matches and social events really get going. There are a couple of coaching courses that are taking place early in the season:

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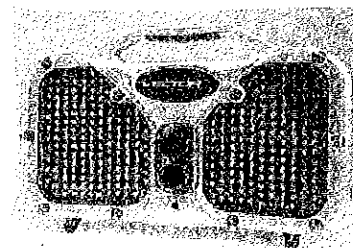
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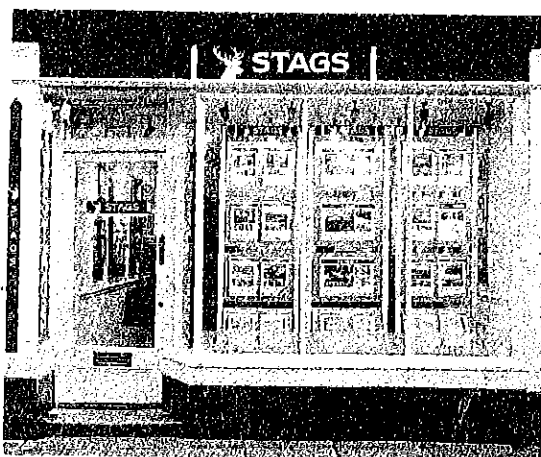


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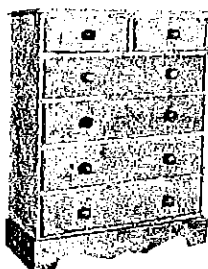
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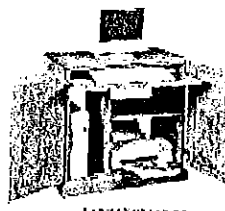
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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

I would like to give a warm welcome to 2010 despite the bad weather which has resulted in the course being closed for 22 days since 13th December. So it has been very lonely down here with just the Pro Shop Team, the Greenkeepers and the Clubhouse Staff but things are at last looking up and Spring is on the way.

We did manage to get the "Captains" to drive in on New Year's Day and a lot of people turned up to wish us all well. Despite the lack of golf and the nerves of being watched, all four Captains and Vice Captains hit very good drives away down the first hole. We then collected the golf balls and retired to the clubhouse for mince pies and mulled wine, where **Peter Laugher** our Professional did the draw for the Pro shop Christmas raffle.

There have been a few changes of personnel at the club over the past few months. **Barry Raine** has retired and we wish him a long and happy retirement. Barry has kindly carried out all those numerous jobs in and out of the Clubhouse that make life more comfortable for us all. I do hope we shall see him from time to time at the Club.

Back in the summer **Robbie Robinson** kindly stepped into the breach as our caterer and has looked after us very well and for longer than it was at first envisaged. Thank you Robbie for all your hard work in the kitchen and the excellent food you have prepared. We all look forward to seeing you back on the golf course.

Ray Smith, who has been our steward since last summer, is to have a change of role once again, but I am delighted that he has chosen to stay on. Ray is one of those individuals who can turn his hand to most things and will now become our 'in house' property man. Thank you Ray for looking after us and we all remain very pleased that you are to stay as part of Team Thurlestone. From early February we have extended a very warm welcome to **Lisa Rouse** and **Tony Taylor** who

commenced their roles as bar manager and caterer respectively. Our first social event was a Music Quiz run by **Roger Brownill** from our Social committee with an excellent buffet provided by **Tony and Lisa**.

In March we said farewell to our Assistant Secretary **Lindsey Ashford-Smith** who left to take up a position as House Mistress in Plymouth College. Lindsey has looked after us so well for the past 11 years and we will miss her smiling face and helpfulness each day. We extend a warm welcome to **Sarah George** who has now taken over from Lindsey.

The competitions in January and February have gone ahead despite some awful weather, and The Daily Mail Foursomes was won by a junior **Josh Walsh** with his father **Stuart**, with twin brother **Oliver Walsh** and **Darrell Day 2nd**. As Josh and Oliver are too young to represent the club nationally, **David Eva** and **Alan Winrow** who were 3rd will play in the knockout competition. The February stableford saw some good scores with Division one winner **Alan Winrow** with 41 points, from **Pat Green** with 40 points, and Division two **Jackson Day** with 39 points, from junior **Robert Came** with 38. Alan had the round of his life when he had six birdies on the first six holes to finish with a gross 67, well done. We had the first *hole in one* of the year in January when retired British airways captain **Jack Butt** scored a hole in one for the second time in 55 Years. His ace at Thurlestone's 17th hole was an early birthday present as he will be 85 in February.

It has become 'the norm' for golf club captains to support a charity during their year in office. **Sue Esplin** and I have agreed that this year our joint charity is to be *Shelter Box* and there will be some appropriate literature displayed in the Clubhouse. Primarily funds will be raised on certain Club days as in the past. In conclusion, can I ask each and every one of you to go that extra mile to help make this Club of ours a very special place to belong to and furthermore please help me to make my year a special one for you.

David Wadey

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The weather has been particularly unkind to us at the start of 2010. Unfortunately nearly every Wednesday in January and February saw the course closed due to frost or really uninviting due to heavy rain and therefore the competitions did not go ahead.

We have, however, played in the first round of the Mail on Sunday against Bigbury winning 3-2 on our home course, making this the first win of the season. I hope this is the start of a good year for Thurstlestone. The second round is due to take place on Saturday 13th March against Dartmouth again at home. Good luck to all the players.

The February Medal saw a field of only 22 players. The winners were **Jenny Roberts** 81 net 79 (silver), **Jane Mason** 104 net 80 (bronze 1), and **Pam St Leger** 121 net 93 (bronze 2).

The March Stableford had very windy conditions which resulted in many low scores. Winner of the Silver Division was **Jan Brooking** with 38 Points, 2nd **Sue Esplin** with 34 Points and 3rd **Wendy Laud** with 29 points. In the Bronze 1 Division the winner was **Liz Sharman** with 29 points, 2nd **Yvonne Pike** with 28 points on count back from **Sally Rossiter**. Winner of the Bronze 2 division was **Jane Pope** with 26 points, 2nd **Mary Johnson** with 24 points on count back from **Kay Morley**.

The Annual Plant and Food Fair took place on 10th March and raised £481 toward the travel fund for the team events. It was extremely well supported following a shotgun start with a 4BBB Stableford competition held over 11 holes. Winners were **Jenny Roberts** and **Heather Spencer** (25 points) and 2nd **Julia Dorey** and **Jenny McKeague** (22 points).

I would like to thank the ladies for supporting the fair and joining in the fun making the clubhouse buzz. These events help to draw all the ladies closer together whilst utilising the facilities in the clubhouse.

Let us now all look forward to a warm spring with good golfing weather.

Sue Esplin

JUNIORS' SECTION NEWSLETTER

January and February have been very cold and windy but the two junior competitions went ahead. Luckily both days were sunny and the juniors returned some good scores. Both competitions were Adult and Junior greensomes so that parents, grandparents and friends could also get involved.

In January the Greensome competition was supported by six pairs who had to carry their clubs due to the wet condition of the course. The winners were **Oliver Walsh** (11) and **Brian Munn** (13) with 43 points, from father and son team of **Josh** (5) and **Stuart Walsh** (scratch) with 42 points. 3rd were **Kevin Mingo** (2) and **Robert Came** (20) with 41 points.

On 20th February the Adult and Junior Greensome had eight pairs entered and we had some good results, with **Oliver Walsh** and **Darrell Day** first with 45 points, closely followed by **Jamie Johnson** and **Kevin Mingo** with 44 points, and in 3rd place came **Stuart** and **Josh Walsh** with 39 points. The juniors have also had some success in the Adult competitions, as reported earlier in the Captain's newsletter.

The junior coaching and playing evenings will start in April and **Pete Mitchell** our Assistant Professional will be attending each Monday evening to coach and play a few holes with the juniors. All juniors are welcome and if you would like to come along to any free taster sessions please contact Pete at the Pro shop (560715).

The club has also entered the West Devon Junior League again this year. Last year we came 3rd, and then won the Roy Wood Trophy on Championship day. If you are a new junior member and would like to play in the team please come along to the Monday evening coaching sessions. Our first match is on Friday 16th April away against Staddon Heights, and I would like to wish the team good luck for the season.

Finally a big thank you to **Pam St Leger** who did such a good job as Junior girls' representative last year and wrote the Village Voice reports for me. Pam will be Ladies' Secretary again this year, but will help with the juniors when she can.

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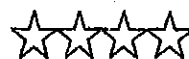
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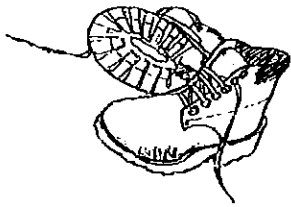
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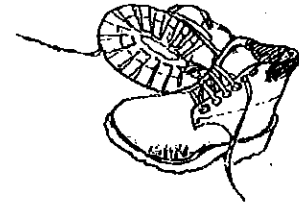
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TRAMP



1 On 11th November, undeterred by the poor weather forecast, eight members of Tramps met at East Soar and headed towards Soar Mill Cove before joining the coastal footpath and heading east towards Salcombe. There was no sign of any lingering swallows but we did see large flocks of pipits and linnets.

At 11am we stood for a minute in silence, thinking of recent deaths and those of long ago, whilst appreciating the beautiful surroundings we stood in.

We then made our way towards Overbecks and all of us, including a member who had just celebrated her 88th birthday, managed to reach the entrance without too much of a struggle. Whilst we enjoyed our picnics in the garden we admired the fuchsia, salvias and periwinkle still in flower. A Red Admiral butterfly and two thrushes also appreciated the sheltered garden.

Revived, we climbed through the wood to the viewpoint at Sharpitor and then on to East Soar Farm, admiring the many fungi we passed on the way and wondering if they were edible! We returned to the car-park, thankful the rain had not arrived and having enjoyed another Tramps walk.

Lesley Goonsekera

2 It was third time lucky for Tramps this year. By the morning of Wednesday 20th January the rain, snow and ice had temporarily gone, so we were able to set off from Torcross on a leisurely walk. It was also planned to be a 'birding' walk and started well with views of three ruddy duck, gadwall, pochard and plenty of tufted duck as well as large numbers of coot. As we headed along the line I saw three Slavonian grebes come into view a few yards from the shore. Further on, a shag flew past, showing its little crest, then a wader was spotted, possibly a grey plover.

The sun came out and five goldeneye duck showed up well on the ley but a black-necked grebe diving in the swell taxed my identification skills! Plans to walk round the ley were thwarted by very high levels of water, due to the culvert being blocked at Torcross, and these same high water levels meant there were no snipe or water

rails to be seen, although one was heard squealing.

A few of us tried wading through the water and as we did so we disturbed a buzzard. As we re-traced our steps we were on the lookout for the marsh harrier that has been seen in this area, and tried to have a second look at two swans we had seen earlier that might be Bewicks, but to no avail. Altogether over twenty-four different species of bird were seen on this short walk. We are really lucky to live so near to this wonderful wildlife and scenery.

Lesley Goonsekera

3 This was the first long walk of 2010 - and what a hard nine miles it was! With the very inclement weather of the previous week, and coinciding with the collation of the January/February issue of Village Voice, only six walkers and one old black lab braved the 29th January wind and rain to explore a new area for most of us. This was the part of the Bere Peninsula, north of Plymouth, which embraces the banks of the Rivers Tamar and Tavy. It is very much an up and down walk, despite the above which might suggest a riverbank walk - although there was some very pleasant walking alongside the rivers, particularly the Tamar.

Parts were very boggy indeed and a couple of diversions had to be made to regain the path. However, we were very lucky that the wind direction meant we were sheltered for much of the time. We also tackled the walk the wrong way round - no, not walking backwards! We set off from Bere Alston, the highest point of the walk, and lunched at "The Old Plough" in Bere Ferrers, the lowest point by the Tavey. This of course meant we had to walk uphill all the way back on a full stomach! The reason it was done this way? It was because the landlord of "The Old Plough" had been so welcoming to Louise and me on one of our two recce's so we thought the pub deserved our patronage on the full walk.

It was strenuous but very satisfying, and all (apart from dog Corrie) said how much they had enjoyed it.

Rodney Horn

4 A bitterly cold and frosty night may have dissuaded some members from attempting this longer walk on the morning of Wednesday 10th February, but a bright cloudless sky after

breakfast and the assurance of the opportunity to break off at the halfway stage swelled the starting numbers to eight plus two dogs. It was rather unfortunate that other activities clashed with this event, as we had planned a 9.5 miler with plenty of varied and interesting scenery and terrain, including views of Salcombe Harbour and Kingsbridge Estuary plus inland farm and woodland walking.

Leaving Malborough at 10.00 o'clock we headed south to Portlemore Barton, Plympton Farm and Combe, where a sharp left turn onto a steep track took us up to the edge of Collatondown Plantation whence a turn to the right led to Collaton Wood and to North Sands, again turning back inland to Hangar Mill. From here we climbed via Motherhill Farm to Batson Cross, having covered 3.5 miles in just short of 2 hours. At this point three walkers and one dog departed from the group to return to Malborough on the cycle path beside the A381. They had thus accomplished their 5 mile morning ramble. The remainder headed down to Shadycombe, where the leader's wife caught the bus back to Malborough - was there a message here?

So, four plus dog Rosie (on her maiden Tramp walk) continued around Batson Creek to Snapes Point, where a picnic lunch was enjoyed sitting in the sunshine gazing over Salcombe Harbour, and not at all cold. Then off to Tosnos Point, when soon after Rosie was greeted by a strange gentleman (from Thurlestone beach walking possibly?) unknown to Sally. Half a mile after Lincombe Cross we turned off the road, downhill and back into Batson again, then a steep climb to Batson Cross, before heading across fields to Maryknowle Farm. Shortly after this, in a most beautiful glade, we came across a dump of glass bottles close to the footpath. How had they got there? Why has nobody made an effort to remedy this eyesore, we wondered? On to Collaton and back to the start at Malborough. It was sensible that Rosie had been kept on her lead for all the 9.5 miles of her first long ramble, otherwise she may have attempted the usual dog's trick of doubling or trebling the distance! Subsequently, the leader learned that he had not permitted stops for coffee or tea en route in his attempt to keep up with the clock. Apart from this omission everyone had enjoyed this "stroll" in the winter sunshine.

Roger Wilson

5 A dry but very cold day greeted us for this short walk, and the ten of us setting off from Kingston needed to be well wrapped up on 3rd March against the bitter wind.

We followed the lane away from the village before branching off into farmland and heading down towards the coast. As we rounded the mouth of the River Erme there were good views to be had across to Meadowsfoot Beach and Mothecombe, though nobody was prepared to linger!

Fortunately the tide was low enough for us to descend to Wonwell Beach, where it was a bit more sheltered, and we continued round the rocks while the dogs had a wonderful romp on the sands. From here, a good climb up through the woods warmed us up, and we paused briefly to admire the views across to Dartmoor before cutting across the fields back to Kingston. Here we rounded off a good walk of about four miles with a leisurely lunch at The Dolphin Inn.

Christine Hammer

6 Is the tramp dying? Have all the males left? The Leader had spent days scouting the paths and cutting the hedgerows, turning this special walk into a stunning experience, but when the day dawned he was joined by only five elderly women, average age 68, and four female dogs.

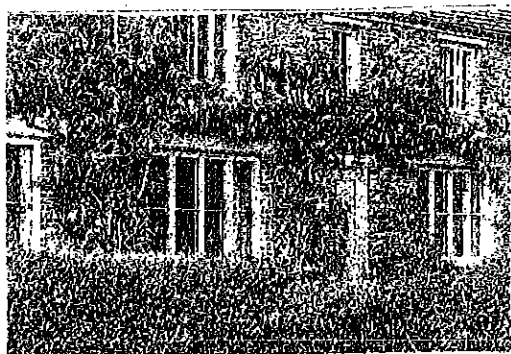
In a fit of pique he started the walk through a ditch of ankle deep slurry. One of the dogs disappeared as if sinking in an Irish bog and had to be rescued. The whole group was well and truly slurried. The same scene was re-enacted later in the walk, only this time one of the elderly ladies sat in the slurry trying to rescue the same dog. Everyone had a ball, except the dog!

In between there was blazing sun, 360 degree views of Dartmoor and the River Dart, quaint English villages, woodland, snowdrops, catkins and water, Rosemary's Bottom* and sheep and cows. And more glorious eco- friendly organic slurry. If you want to know more, then you couch potatoes who failed to attend will have to ask one of the Fab Five. Just ask "What did you do on 10th March, 2010?"

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February

Head adornment was on the cards as **Margaret Duffy** told us how she makes metal and gemstone wedding head-dresses and feather 'fascinators', mostly for the bridal trade. Ostrich feathers are the ones most commonly used, imported from Australia, where they are processed and dyed. At the end of the meeting almost all of the forty-odd members present were sporting a colour co-ordinated feathery adornment - which alas had to be returned to Margaret's sample box at the end of the meeting. With one exception; a member who was soon to be returning to her Australian homeland to celebrate a special birthday was allowed to purchase a fascinating concoction to match her party dress!

One of our two teams entered in the county quiz at Blackawton returned home triumphant. **Joan Booth, Normal Kendall, Judith Le Grice** and **Lisa White** received well-deserved applause and congratulations on their victory. The final will shortly take place at at Clyst St Mary - watch this space!

March

Three new members were welcomed. A much less frivolous speaker came to this meeting in the form of **David Ramsden** of the Ashburton-based Barn Owl Trust. The main thrust of this very small charity is all about conserving the barn owl *in its environment*. With huge changes in agricultural methods, loss of habitat and traffic accidents, great toll is being taken of barn owl numbers. Having twice surveyed the whole of Devon and Cornwall - amongst its many other owl-related works - it has established that some 10% of all Britain's barn owls are to be found in Devon.

It was fascinating to hear recordings of tawny, little and barn owl calls, the first two being the ones we would be most likely to hear, as vocally the barn owl is the most quiet member of this family. A barn owl's diet is mainly of field voles, hunted in winter over a 'homeland' of some three to four miles which in summer, with more lush growth, is reduced to about three-quarters of a mile. Our more severe weather this winter is likely to have caused the deaths of many of the 2009-hatched young. "Nothing can be conserved in isolation" was how David concluded his excellent talk - which left us all with a good deal of food for thought!

A coach party organised by Thurlestone, accompanied by members from nearby WIs, started off early on Saturday 14th March to spend the day at the Festival of Performing Arts at the Barnfield Theatre in Exeter, returning by early evening slightly exhausted but greatly stimulated and enthused by taking part in the day's programme of singing and acting.

Looking forward

- # 18th March - Area annual meeting at Sherford, 2.30 pm
- # 31st March - Area "Talking about antiques" at Frogmore, 2.30 pm
- # 15th April - Sea Coast Group meeting at Thurlestone, 2.30 pm
- # 21st April - DFWI spring Council Meeting, Torquay - all day
- # 20th May - visit to Heligan
- # 25th May - walk through Dartington bluebell woods + pub lunch

The April speaker will be **Nick Matthias** from Kingsbridge's Haven Spa who will suggest ideas for pampering ourselves! Visitors are always welcome.



At the Bridge Table



As promised in my previous article, here are two examples of using Stayman in game-going situations. In the first the bidding went-

South (dealer)	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2 Clubs (1)	Pass
2 Hearts (2)	Pass	3 Hearts (3)	Pass
4 Hearts (4)	All Pass		

- Notes: (1) Stayman - asking for a four card major.
 (2) Four hearts (possibly also 4 Spades).
 (3) Inviting to game in Hearts.
 (4) Accepting with a maximum point count.

With invitational to game or better values - 11 or more points facing a 12-14 1NT opener - responder should bid Stayman whenever he has precisely a four-card major (except when he has no potential to trump - i.e. a 4333 shape - where a raise in No Trumps is preferred).

Plan the play: Contract: **4 Hearts**. Opening lead: King of Spades.

The trap declarer must not fall into is to take the trump finesse. If it loses and another trump is returned, declarer is only able to ruff one Club in dummy or one Diamond in hand. Down one. The answer is to win the Lead with the Ace of Spades, cross to the Ace of Hearts, and return to the King (especially as you are missing both the Queen and the 10 of Hearts). Leave the master trump outstanding. Declarer cashes the Ace, King of Clubs, ruffs a Club, back to the King of Diamonds and over to the Ace of Diamonds, ruffs a third Diamond, ruffs a fourth Club and now leads a fourth Diamond. East can ruff in, whenever, but you will be always left with 11 tricks made.

North	
♠ A104	
♥ KJ87	
♦ A975	
♣ 32	
West	East
♠ KQ92	♠ J85
♥ 94	♥ Q103
♦ Q1032	♦ J84
♣ 1086	♣ QJ97
South	
♠ 763	
♥ A652	
♦ K6	
♣ AK54	

The second example is complicated by an interference bid as follows:-

South	West	North	East
1NT	2 Spades	3 Spades (1)	Pass
4 Hearts	All Pass		

Notes: (1) Bidding the opponents suit acts as Stayman. West having shown spades, the bid shows four cards in the other major, hearts.

Partner has opened 1 NT and you are planning to say 2 Clubs to locate a 4-4 major fit, when your right hand opponent overcalls. If you have a game-going Stayman hand you should bid the opponents suit, e.g., 1NT - (2 Diamonds) - 3 Diamonds also acts as Stayman.

The Play: Contract: **4 Hearts**. Opening Lead: King of Spades

On this deal declarer was faced with a 4-1 trump split and consequently four losers. A Spade, two Hearts and a Club. After winning the Ace of Spades and after the second round of trumps, he had to change tack and throw a losing Spade on the third winning Diamond. He then must lead a small Club to dummy and hope that West holds the Ace. If East held that card he could win, cash the Queen - Jack of Hearts, drawing all the trumps, and cash Diamonds and Spades. 4 down. Oh dear! Happily all West could do was lead another spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed Clubs till East ruffed in, and all he could do was take his winning Queen of trumps. 10 tricks made!

North	
♠ 94	
♥ A874	
♦ K4	
♣ KQJ53	
West	East
♠ KQJ1053	♠ 72
♥ 10	♥ QJ96
♦ J983	♦ 10652
♣ A8	♣ 762
South	
♠ A86	
♥ K532	
♦ AQ7	
♣ 1094	

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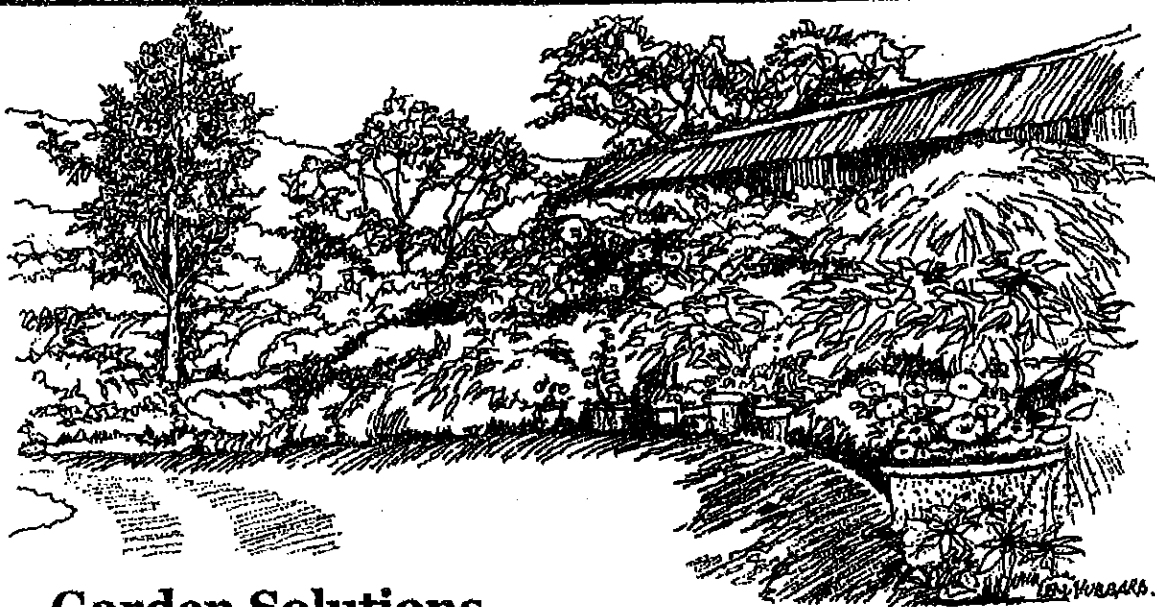
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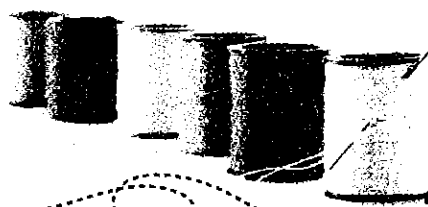
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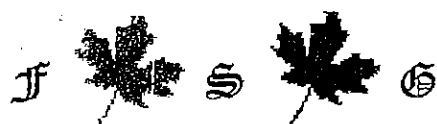
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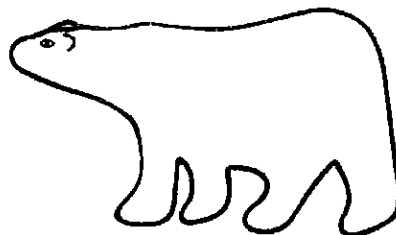
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- Wednesday 5th May A walk through *Halwell Wood*. Meet at the bridge in South Pool (GR 773401) for a walk of about four miles with the NT Estate Warden. A carpet of bluebells awaits you! Return in time for lunch.
- Thursday 27th May Coach trip to *Bicton Park Gardens*. In the Otter valley in East Devon, this is one of England's favourite historic gardens. There is a countryside museum, garden centre and restaurant.

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Kitchen

Chicken in cider with apples (serves 4)

Spring time and visitors! Here is a dish which may be made in advance and frozen. I hope the sun will shine. For a traditional roast chicken, see Simon Hopkinson's book (below).

Ingredients

4 chicken breasts, preferably with skin on (you could use a whole chicken jointed) .
25g butter
dessert spoon sunflower oil

The sauce

25g butter	1 onion finely chopped
100g mushrooms sliced	25g plain flour
½ pt dry cider	½ pt hot chicken stock
1 teaspoon thyme	freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons crème fraîche	zest one small orange
extra salt to taste	2 eating apples (e.g. Cox or Braeburn) sliced into segments

Preparation

- # Heat butter and oil in frying pan, add chicken breasts and fry on both sides until golden.
- # Remove and place in casserole dish
- # Wash out the frying pan with hot chicken stock and reserve
- # Melt butter in saucepan, add onion and sweat gently until soft
- # Add the mushrooms and cook until soft
- # Stir in the flour and add stock from the chicken pan, cider, thyme and black pepper
- # When thickened and gently bubbling remove from heat and stir in crème fraîche and orange zest
- # Place apple segments around chicken and cover in sauce
- # Cover casserole and cook in moderate oven gas Mk4, 170°C) for 1hr or until chicken is tender.

Roast Chicken & Other Stories

by Simon Hopkinson with Lindsey Bareham Ebury Press £12.00

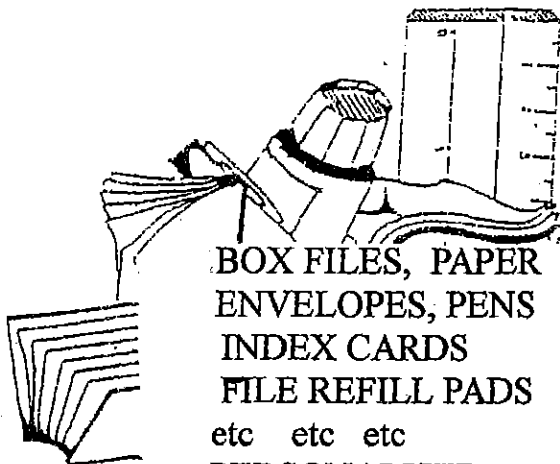
The author is a chef who in his own words "cooks to please not to impress". He takes his favourite ingredients as the starting point for the 40 recipes the book contains - from asparagus and anchovies through to veal - and inspires anyone to get the best out of good food. He has won both the Andre Simon and Glenfiddich Awards. The title of the book was chosen because it has a friendly ring to it, and he also enjoys roasting chicken, the recipe for which is included. Simple but beautiful!

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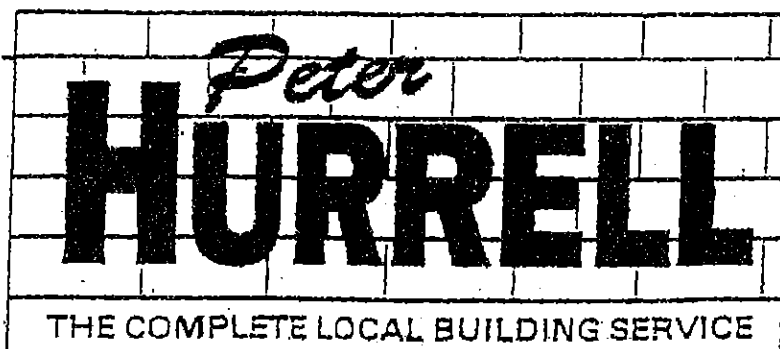
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HORSWELL DIARY

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" muttered the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, on his way to see the Duchess, 'I shall be too late!'

As, yet again, I overstep the deadline for the Horswell Diary, I can share his anxiety.

"Oh, the Duchess! The Duchess!" he cried, holding a pair of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other, "Oh, won't she be savage if I've kept her waiting!"

The Duchess' fondness for rewarding any misdemeanour with the order to "Cut off her head!" has me scurrying, not down a rabbit hole, but to my office desk and the laptop that sits upon it, lest the Village Voice editor starts sharpening her axe!

In Lewis Carroll's book, Alice begins her adventures by finding a tiny golden key on the top of a glass table. It is too small for all the doors in the long hall around her, but then she finds, 'almost by accident', a little door about fifteen inches high. The door opens when she inserts the key, revealing 'the loveliest garden she has ever seen' and she longs to wander there, 'among the beds of bright flowers and the cool fountains'...and thus her exploration of life in Wonderland begins.

Nineteen years ago, I too found a small 'golden key', a tiny advertisement in the Sunday Times property pages. This is what it said: "A Queen Anne mansion in need of total restoration, near Thurlestone, Devon. Enquiries to P.O.Box 1234"

Sharing Alice's curiosity, and all of her impatience, I immediately jumped into the car and scoured the area in and around Thurlestone searching for what my 'twitching whiskers' told me was going to be a suitable project to lure us away from our farm in Oxfordshire. Unable to find anything remotely Queen Anne I drove to the highest point I could find and scanned the horizon for rooftops and tall trees. Taking a bearing from a group of Scots pines, I wiggled and wove

around the narrow lanes which eventually brought me, 'almost by accident' to the entrance to Horswell House. Of course I should have stopped there, but my 'golden key' was burning a hole in my pocket, so I turned in through the old stone gateway and crept up the drive, dreading the embarrassment of being caught.

It had started to rain, a sudden Devonshire deluge that made the windscreen wipers squeak with the effort of clearing away so much water. Back and forth, back and forth they went, obscuring my view. And then, suddenly, I saw her and it felt as if my heart stood still. In front of me was a tall derelict old lady, elegant, desolate and dignified. With her windows shuttered and her porch sagging onto two steel props she stood hunched and huddled against the rain. She seemed sad and exhausted, as if, despite her best efforts at grandeur, her life force was slowly ebbing away. But to me, she looked like a sleeping beauty in a tangled wood, waiting for the loving kiss that would bring her back to life. It didn't need a printed label saying 'Buy Me' to tell me I'd found our new home. Like Alice, I could see the potential for the 'loveliest garden' and longed to 'wander among the bright flowers and cool fountains'...and thus our life creating the wonderland that is Horswell began.

Over the years we may not have had too many encounters with gryphons, dodos or mock-turtles but we've certainly had many hilarious games of croquet (albeit accompanied by peacocks rather than flamingos), tea parties as mad as any hatter's, and, after several glasses of house wine, may even have danced the odd lobster quadrille. And as for caterpillars, we now have one as large as a box hedge, complete with a top hat. But one of our most memorable encounters must surely have been our meeting with Bertie, our Briard, who, right from the very beginning was clearly as delighted to live at Horswell as we have been.

It all began with a photograph of a rather scruffy looking black puppy in the Kingsbridge Gazette. According to the accompanying article he was a stray, found wandering on the beach, undernourished and with behavioural problems so bad that unless a suitable home could be found for him, he would have to be put to sleep. I knew straight away that he deserved better than that, and that with two friendly dogs here already to keep him company, we were just the home he needed.

"Don't tell my husband," I told Johanna who worked for us at the time, "but I'm going to go and have a look at that dog. He's being kept at the local veterinary practice."

I don't know how she kept a straight face, because, so I learned later, only half an hour earlier my husband had said to her,

"Don't tell Prunella, but I'm going down to the vet's to take a look at that dog!"

As I was shown into the room where various cats and dogs were waiting in their cages I kind of sensed that he was at the far end, to my left. I purposely turned right, slowly looking at all the other animals, talking to each one in turn. I wanted to give 'our' stray time to get used to me, to weigh me up and know that I would love him and be kind. As I worked my way towards him, I could sense his impatience, almost as if I could hear him saying, "No, don't waste time on them. I'm here, over here!" The young veterinary nurse was waiting by his cage. As I approached she said,

"Please don't be upset. He's afraid of strangers and will probably hide at the back of his pen."

She lifted a large flap on the top of the cage. Whoosh! Just like a jack-in-a-box, up he popped in a flurry of long dark fur so that his huge head, front paws and shoulders were out of the cage, and planted a big wet kiss on my forehead.

"I think he likes you," she said.

It was love at first sight. I put my name down on the list of would-be adopters, aware for the first time that the name above mine on the list was that of my husband! I think I badgered the vet every day until eventually they said that yes, we could come and take him home. He slept like a baby on my lap. When we arrived, I woke him up and said, "This is Horswell. Your new home." He jumped out of the car, and taking his time, looked up at the house and all around him as if re-acquainting himself with somewhere familiar. Then suddenly he turned to me, spiralled up in the air like a dolphin through water and planted another of his wet kisses on my forehead.

If ever a dog was meant to live at Horswell, it was Bertie. From that first moment onwards he was lord of the manor. While the other dogs would happily enter the house through the kitchen, Bertie would wait to be let in through the front door. While they would lie contentedly in front of the Aga, Bertie would slope off to the office to sit in the winged chair until called for dinner. Frequently, as we drove away in the car, we would get the eerie feeling that we were not alone. A glance in the rear-view mirror would be greeted by a pair of doggy eyes peering back from the back seat where Bertie had somehow been hiding.

As the years went by we felt increasingly sure that he was the reincarnation of a previous owner of Horswell and that we were merely his cook and chauffeur. He repaid our devotion with warmth, humour, loyalty and courage every day of the long sixteen years he spent with us. Even when he was ill, deaf and almost blind, he still insisted on sleeping across the doorway so that he would be the first to defend us from intruders. He died just a few weeks ago and we are still struggling to fill the gap that he has left in our lives. But in one way, the timing of his death was perfect. He would never have forgiven us for taking him away from his beloved home. Horswell is where he belonged. And so we thought, until very recently, did we.

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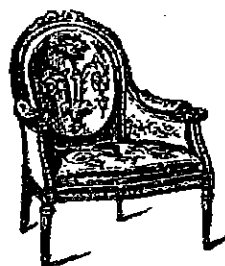
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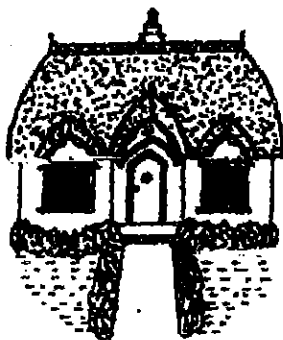
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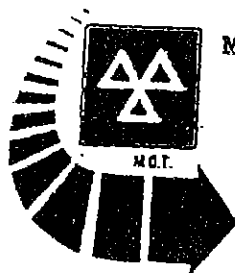
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By Betty Rhymes

Firstly, I must apologise for failing to get my last assignment in! A lot has been happening at All Saints since my previous report - read all about it here!

BUILDING UPDATE

You cannot have failed to notice the development of our school over recent weeks. The new room which will, a little later this year, become the home of Pearson's Pre-School, is nearly complete. How uncanny that Pearson's are to leave their home of many years not long after hearing of the death of Mrs Joan Pearson, who set up the pre-school with her husband some 40 years ago. Many of you will remember her with fondness, whether as a parent, a colleague or pupil. It is intended that a memorial will be incorporated into the new pre-school in memory of both Mr & Mrs Pearson.

Mr Medway's class will soon become the temporary residents of this room whilst the construction of the new classroom, office and staff room commences on the opposite side of the building. We have been handed back the school hall after an interesting three weeks of serving the dinners in a classroom. Our cook has a few more grey hairs but should be congratulated on continuing to serve our children a school dinner during this hectic time.

When the works are completed, the hall will be equipped with high quality sprung flooring, and audio and lighting technology that will vastly enhance the facilities the school provides.

COMING IN ON TARGET?

You may well have noticed the boards which have recently been erected on the school fence. They display the architects' impression of how the school will look upon completion and also indicates how the school is progressing towards its target of £100k which needs to be met by the summer. We are gradually chipping away at this target and thank those that have supported us thus far.

We are now planning an event which I hope will appeal to lots of you. This is a stunning evening of champagne cocktails, dinner and dancing at the Thurlestone Hotel, on Friday 30th April. An auction of many exciting items and activities will also take place on the night. Sarah has kindly agreed for a bidding board to be placed in the Thurlestone Post Office Stores so, if anything takes your fancy, you can place your bid before the night.

The school are hoping that this will be a community event and would be delighted to see you there, so please accept this (see over page) as your official invite to the ball.

TECHNOLOGY AT ITS BEST

Our really exciting news is the award of the acclaimed ICT Mark. This award validates the excellent achievement children make in ICT (Information & Communication Technologies) in our school. Only five other schools in Devon currently hold this accolade. The achievement of this award has been the result of nearly three years' hard work within the school.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

The children have been oblivious to the work going on around them and have continued to work hard. All classes have been studying Ancient Egyptian history this term. Plymouth Museum paid a visit and brought a variety of Egyptian artefacts, and drama sessions based around Egyptian myths have proved so successful the pupils are about to shoot a film!

World Books Day saw the children and teachers arrive dressed as their favourite fictional characters. Their colourful interpretations ranged from Alice in Wonderland to Dennis the Menace to Captain Underpants!

"SUPER GRAN"

Congratulations to Vicky Carpenter (teacher of our reception children) on becoming a proud grandmother to her first grandchild, Oliver Jai (son of

Sarah & Jason McKinlay), who can look forward to a lot of fun and adventure with his super gran. My report last autumn told of her great triathlon achievement and she plans more this year. I somehow don't think knitting and tiddlywinks will be on the top of her list of things to do with her grandson!

HELP PLEASE!

Finally, a request from me. I am hoping to make some toys to sell at the school fete/sports day. Funds from the sale will go to the school. I would be grateful for any old gloves (needn't be a pair), old tights and buttons. As we are hopefully drawing to the end of winter, don't pack your old gloves etc away. Instead, send them my way either via the school or ring me on 560564. Thank you.

I hope after this full assignment you will forgive me for skipping the last!

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Monday 12th Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Tuesday 13th Parish Hall AGM, Parish Hall, 6.30 pm
Wednesday 14th TRAMP, Bovey Valley (long walk)
Friday 23rd TRAMP, Harberton/Fletchers Cross (short walk)
Saturday 24th NSPCC Jumble Sale, Parish Hall, 2.00pm
Saturday 24th **Animals of the Arctic & Antarctic talk, Parish Hall, 7.00pm**
Monday 26th Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 28th TRAMP, Plym Valley Trail (long walk)

May

Saturday 1st Concert for Megan, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 5th TRAMP, West Alvington Bluebells (short walk)
Thursday 8th WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
Monday 10th **Annual Parish Council meeting**, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 12th TRAMP, Sheepstor (long walk)
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Friday 28th TRAMP, East Prawle (long walk)
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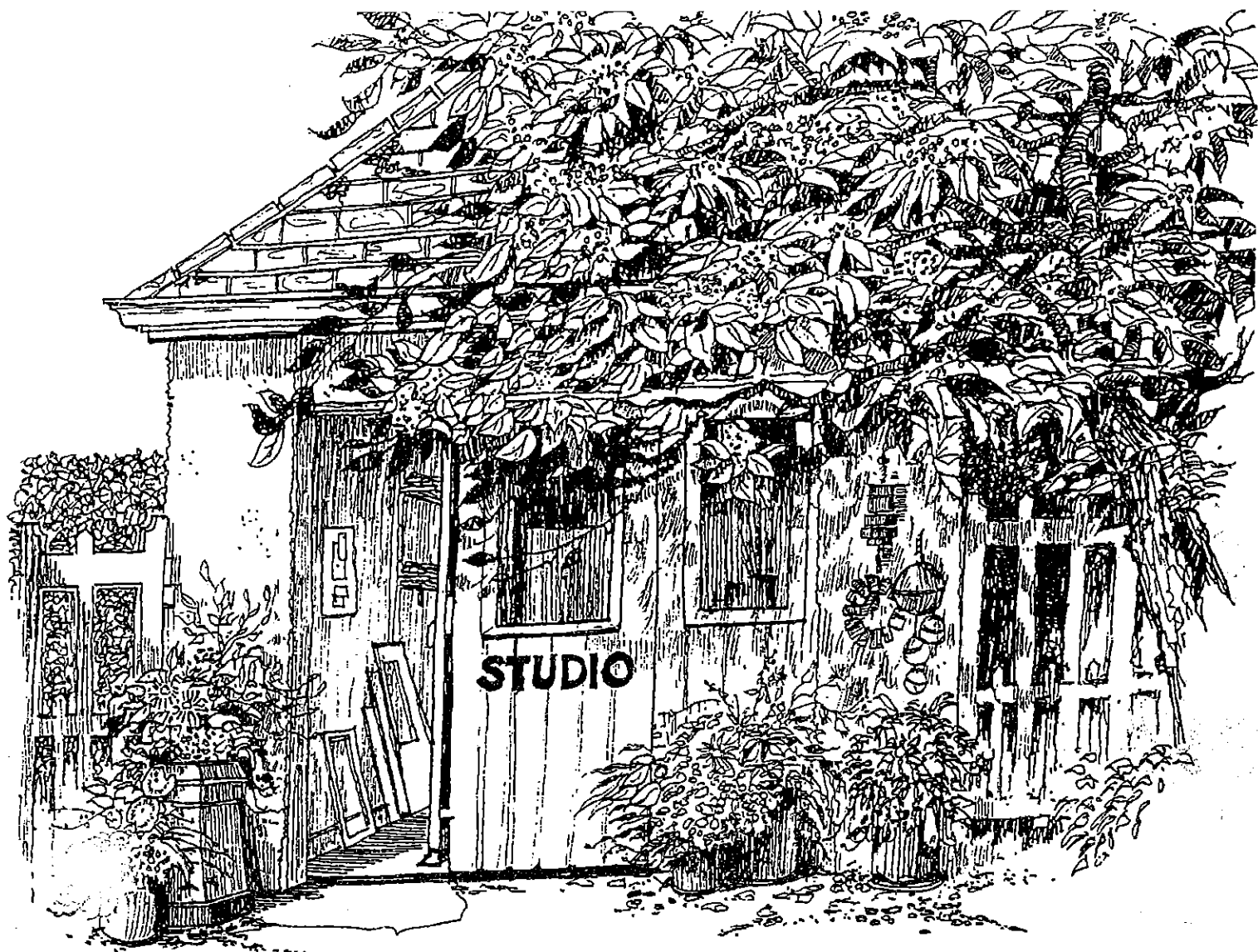
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