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Nearing the Red Planet

Throughout August the Earth will be catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history.

The climax will be reached on 27 August when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the Moon) the brightest object in the night sky. Mathematicians may wish to know that it will attain magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. For ordinary viewers, able to use a modest 75 power magnification, Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye.

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10 pm and reach its azimuth at about 3 am. By the end of August, when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12.30 am. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history, and that nobody alive today will ever see again. You can watch Mars as it grows progressively brighter and brighter in the night sky throughout the month. Don't miss it!

(Acknowledgment: This is adapted from a report circulating anonymously on the internet.)

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Parish Council

Meetings held 14th June and 5th July 2010

News & Views by Citizen

ATTENDANCE

In June four Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and ten members of the public attended. In July five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, a police representative and six members of the public were present.

OPEN FORUM

* **Steve Prime**, Vice-Chairman of the South Devon Rural Housing Association, spoke about plans to erect two affordable semi-detached dwellings on the corner of Parkfield (4 living units). These will be for local people, who should register with South Hams District Council. Rent will be around £600 per month.

* Councillor **Geoffrey Stidston** has asked SW Power to consider putting the overhead cables which run to the west of his land underground, for although markers have been placed on the cables yet another swan has been killed by flying into them.

* After several years of trying and being refused, the District Council has at last agreed to provide us with a second dog poo bin, so congratulations to our Parish Council for keeping up the pressure! We learned that a new Cleansing Manager has been appointed by the District Council.

* The allotments previously reported as vacant are located in *West Buckland* not Bantham. They are on glebe land and Mitchelmore Hughes of Totnes should be contacted by those interested. It was pointed out that the site was poor with no piped water and no parking space.

PARISH HALL

Councillor **Peter Hurrell** said external painting has been completed and interior work would start in August. More gravel would be obtained for the car park.

SCHOOL

Councillor **Andrew Rhymes** said that the new works were on schedule and security was being reviewed. A survey revealed that of the 35 Kingsbridge children attending only

5 came by school bus. The charge of 90p for each journey (£9 for a week) was too expensive for some parents, and the County Council will not pay.

TREES

Tree Preservation Orders have been placed on the Thatches trees. The District Council have said tree felling at Grove Cottage is acceptable.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Chris White (Parish of Thurlestone Society [POTS] chairman) has visited some of the previous village winners and reckons Thurlestone has a chance of doing well! However, flowers in pots in the village have been damaged, and the Pump and the seat in the bus shelter are looking scruffy.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor **Dale Came** continues to attend meetings but the change of government may affect current plans.

POLICE

Attendance at a disturbance in Seaview Road resulted in the police car having its tyres slashed. An outboard engine has been stolen from the Quay at Bantham. Illegal netting on the Avon has been reported and the various agencies involved with river management alerted.

BUSINESS BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

* The right for parishioners to collect seaweed from Bantham beach, established in the 1950s, is being questioned and the Parish Council will contact Evans Estates.

* The car parking slots for Torr Homes in Parkfield are to be numbered to try and stop visitors from using the spaces.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Monday 6th September 2010 in the Yeo Room.



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Parish Hall News

By Chris White



Once again, a packed house was treated to an absolutely stunning evening of music by piano virtuoso **Tim Abel** and his musical partner this year, the saxophonist **Huw Wiggin**. The mixture of music was excellent, and the talent prodigious. The reviews that we had read about this duo before the concert barely did them justice. Our thanks once again to Pat and Robin Macdonald for organising this event. As Tim and Huw were leaving, they were offering suggestions about which of their talented friends they might bring back next year

Summer appears to have finally arrived (although as I write this it seems to have disappeared again), so our thoughts are turning to summery activities. Preparations are well under way for our **BBQ, Boules, and Bowls** evening on Tuesday 27 July, and by the time you read this, I sincerely hope that large numbers of you will have enjoyed a relaxing fun evening at the Hall.

The next event after that is our **Cream Tea** afternoon. **Bryan and Marian Rigby** have very kindly agreed to let us use their garden at the Old Rectory on Saturday 21st August, for this quintessential Devon pastime. Their garden also has access to the beautiful original Old Rectory Garden, so a treat is in store for all who support this event. Full details elsewhere in this edition of Village Voice.

It depresses me slightly to be talking about Autumn when Summer has only just started, but I must tell you that the event after that is our **Autumn Fair** on Saturday 25th September. But never mind, the Autumn Fair is always a joyous event, so put the date in your diaries, and then go back to the Barbie.

Looking further ahead, make a date to come and see the **Kingsmen and Panache** on Saturday 16th October, and **Tim Kliphuis**, the Dutch jazz violin maestro, on Saturday 20th November. More about these events next time.

Recent visitors to the Hall, or even those passing by, will have noticed (I hope) that it is once more looking pristine and sparkling, thanks to the hard work of **Mike Yeoman**, Thurlestone's resident decorator. Thanks for a great job Mike, and we look forward to seeing you back soon to freshen up the interior.

Not so visible is the work being undertaken to upgrade the software on the laptops in the Computer suite. Thanks to our District Councillor, **Shonaugh Rankin**, we were able to get a grant to bring our computers up to date with the latest software from Microsoft, so that we can continue to teach the latest systems via **Teamakers**, our resident experts. If you've just acquired, or are about to acquire Windows 7, and Microsoft Office 2010, come along and see us, and we'll explain the mysteries.

Looking out of the window, the sun has come out, so maybe Summer is back, so I shall sign off and return to my Barbie (cue that is, not doll). Have a good Summer.

Chris White

Village News Round-Up

New Rotary President

Thurlestone resident **Andrew Girling**, formerly Rector of this parish for nine years until his recent retirement, has just been elected as president of the Kingsbridge Rotary Club. The Shelterbox scheme and the AT Trust, helping children born with genetic progressive nerve degeneration, are both charities which Andrew has pledged to support during his term of office. Village Voice sends him all good wishes for a fruitful and successful presidential year.

Abseiling Debbie

Over £1000 has been raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care funds as a result of our post-lady's bravery. **Debbie Cope** abseiled down all 200 feet of the Canonteign Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in the UK. When poised at the top, looking at the drop and hearing the thunderous sound of rushing water, she wondered briefly if she had made a terrible mistake, but she couldn't disappoint the charity she had promised to help so, gritting her teeth, she launched herself off. Happily, once this happened her fears evaporated and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done, Debbie! If you missed filling in a sponsorship form it's not too late - talk to Debbie on 562101 or go to www.justgiving.com/debbiecope.

Yvonne's MBE

Yvonne Richards who, with her husband **David**, divides her time between their homes in Worcestershire and Mead Lane, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. This is for services, over some 30 years, to *Mind*, the mental health charity in the Bromsgrove and Redditch areas. Yvonne trained as a counsellor and in related skills and became a part-time co-ordinator for the charity's local branch organising the day-care facilities for able people as well as fund-raising. She also helped to organise the group homes, which provide a stable home environment for those experiencing mental

health problems, and represented *Mind* on the Bromsgrove Community Health Council. She is now a volunteer for the Family Support group at the Primrose unit. Village Voice sends its congratulations on this well-deserved honour.

Book Search

Readers will be pleased to know that an appeal put out by **Roy Barnes** in the last issue for a copy of **Kendall McDonald's** book '*The Story of Thurlestone, Bantham, & Buckland*' has been satisfied due to the kindness of **June Beven**, who managed to steer Roy in the direction of a copy!

Tozer Twins Triumph

Thomas and Henry Tozer of Bantham, aged 17 and pupils at Kingsbridge Community College, have swept the trophies board at the recent Torbay & South West England Music Festival with their piano-playing. Together they won the Lillian Davies Duet Cup, and in the solo playing Thomas won in the Jazz/Rag/Blues and Beethoven open class. Henry got the Lea Award in the Romantic open class and the Goodrington Trophy for his 30-minute piano recital class, also receiving the Dr Barnes Cup for the best overall pianist of the entire festival. Village Voice sends congratulations to both these musically accomplished young men, also to their proud Mum, **Caroline Montague**, and their tutor **Alastair Durden**.

Buckland Community Summer Party

On Saturday 19th June about 50 people, mainly Bucklanders, whose ages ranged from just one year to over 90, gathered in the garden at Brook Cottage for a 'get together' and barbecue. The event was organised by **Nigel Hurrell** and **John Miller** so that those who are part of the Buckland community had a chance to meet each other socially. As well as the food, drink and chatter, there was badminton for the more active and a musical background provided by **Peter Giles**.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and rumour has it that it was midnight before everyone had gone home! Our Buckland correspondent says "Grateful thanks come from all of us to the organisers and to everyone who provided food and drink; and especially to **Neil Girling, Nigel Hurrell, John & Tessa Miller**, and to music-provider **Peter Giles**. It is hoped that this will now become an annual event, along with *Carols Round the Christmas Tree* in December."

Lobelia Count

Andrews Wood Nature Reserve, Loddiswell, is the site of a rare wild plant, the *heath lobelia*, so rare that each year its numbers are recorded by the Devon Wildlife Trust. The count will take place this year on Saturday, 7th August, from 10am to 4 pm. If you would like to help with this interesting project - no experience is necessary, training will be given - don suitable outdoor clothing and footwear, take a packed lunch and meet at the wood (grid reference SX 713), contacting **Gordon Waterhouse** (01548-852570) or **Jackie Gage** (01392-279244) beforehand.

Thurlestone Flowers

We are again indebted, in Thurlestone, to **Julian and Cheryl Lee** who have provided the Pump with a beautiful hanging basket and also filled the planters and given them t.l.c. They are really beautiful and do much to enhance our surroundings. Thanks to both from all of us for these much appreciated gifts!

Library Face-lift

There is a new improved flexible layout for Kingsbridge Library which is aimed at making browsing easier! It will also expand the use of the building for the community with new self-service kiosks, computers with internet access, free wi-fi, a new space for young people, new children's furniture, an improved quiet study space, comfy seats and refreshment facilities. It now has extended opening times from 9am Monday to Saturday. Do go and pay a visit, or contact <http://www.devon.gov.uk/kingsbridge> for more information.

Buckland Bride and Groom

Congratulations and all good wishes to Buckland's **Owen Roland Cole** and **Helen Margaret Frost** who recently 'tied the knot' at Totnes. May you have many happy years of marital bliss!

Dartington Hall

Dartington Hall Trust is having a community briefing about its future plans on Saturday, 4th September, 3pm at Totnes Mansion House and invites readers to come and hear about them. Please ring **Katrina Hurford** on 01803-847026 if you'd like to attend.

South Hams Community & Voluntary Services

CVS is a charity in support of the voluntary and community sectors of this area. Raising funds is the most frequent challenge for village organisations and this is where they can help by identifying possible 'funders' and assisting with an application.

Do you have an idea and would like help in setting about making it a reality? Does your group have a project and all it needs is the money to implement it? Do you wish to volunteer and want to know where to start? If you do, please ring 01803-862266 for more information.

South Efford House Fête

On Monday 2nd August between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm South Efford House is having a fête. Afternoon teas, a Bar-B-Q, cake stall, ice cream, Raffle, Face painting, and Guessing games will feature among the attractions and activities. Everybody welcome.

Remembering Eileen

Philip Perraton, formerly of Warren Road, Thurlestone, will be holding a wake in memory of his wife Eileen, who died on Monday 5th July in Normandy, Surrey. Friends are invited to join him at Thurlestone Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th August from 5.00pm - 7.00pm for a cup of tea or an early glass.

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LAY READER: Peter Gornall

Peter Gornall writes:



ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL – NEW BUILD, OLD VALUES

Like or lump the architecture, September at All Saints' School will bring the first openings of classrooms and staff area of a quality to match the evident excellence of the teaching and leadership. Congratulations go to those who worked so hard to raise the money needed for the required local contribution. And admiration too goes to staff and students who have kept academic standards and enthusiasm going during much disruption, some of which will continue for a few months yet.

Enlarged and modernised, award-winning and academically well-known, wonderful opportunities for study on beaches and in the countryside – all these qualities would be nothing much – if there was no faith and ethics underpinning the whole enterprise: priority given to enquiry into those deeper things which give purpose and coherence to our communal lives, our responsibility towards each other, and our treatment of generations other than our own. Even more than our gratitude to those who worked hard for the funding, we give assurance of our solidarity with those (staff, governors and parents) who stimulate discussion on faith, values and moral priorities. And in any institution like a school there come myriad opportunities to test these out when there are difficulties with temper or thoughtlessness; or again when a fine example is set from enduring illness or loss, supporting someone little and perplexed, or from imaginative insights about the needy in far away places.

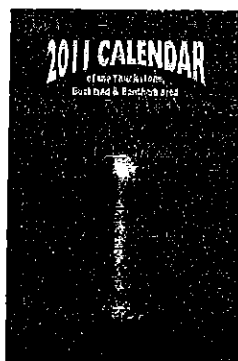
So those of us who sometimes hear our parish jocularly referred to as a retirement haven have much to be grateful for that there is a wholesome education for the young here, and that positive attitudes to life, the universe and everything can be founded in our midst. That such foundations can last and radiate to others was so amply demonstrated in Alex Sawyer, who to her recent death aged 100 kept her optimism that people with faith and moral toughness will go on building up a strong and beautiful community of concern for others, dignity for those in difficulty and care for the much-abused world about us.

All Saints' School certainly has responsibilities, but the community here is heartened to see how they face the challenges. Who knows if the really important lessons learned may be carried on into the 22nd century? I'm optimistic!

With that kind of future, retirement and every other reason for setting up home here will be rewarding for a long time to come. And surely it is more than just lessons learned. Those with the inner fibre of real faith and deep values bring another dimension, a Presence and companionship which justify life-long optimism.

Every Blessing!

Peter



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Church Services

Sundays

Every Sunday

	8.00am Holy Communion (1 st , 3rd, 5 th BCP, 2nd, 4 th CW)
AUG. 1ST, SEPT. 5TH	11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Fairtrade Stall)
SEPTEMBER 5TH	6.00pm Benefice Evensong (BCP) at Churchstow
AUGUST 8TH, SEPT. 12TH	11.10am Morning Worship for All Ages
AUG. 15TH, SEPT. 19TH	11.10am Family Communion (CW)
AUGUST 15TH	6.00pm Hymns & Songs of Praise in Buckland (see below)
SEPTEMBER 19TH	6.00pm Benefice Praise Service at South Milton
AUG. 22ND, SEPT. 26TH	11.10am Matins (BCP)
AUGUST 29TH	11.10am Benefice Eucharist (CW)
OCTOBER 3RD	11.10am Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch (see below)

Weekdays

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

THURS AUG. 5TH, SEPT. 2ND **10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) at White Horses, Bantham

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Barbara (Bobby) Louise Allen 1921 - 2010

This is the story of our Ma, a Texan woman who, in the spirit of American pioneers, ventured far afield from her birthplace and the Texas she always loved. These journeys lasted a quarter of her life and took her via Canada and England to Sri Lanka, India, Tanzania, and back to India before spending the last half of her life in this lovely part of England, the South Hams. On the way she bore three sons, in America, Sri Lanka, and India. Together with these she leaves behind eight grandchildren and one (soon to be two) great grandchildren.

When only sixteen our Ma went to Rice University in Houston, and then, when just twenty one, she met on the 17th October 1942, a thirty year-old Englishman "over there" training in the RAF. After a four month courtship they were married on the 9th January 1943. It would have been earlier but for Grandad Archer's insistence that "we're having no shot-gun weddings here!" This marriage to my Dad, Chris, was the start of a young woman's adventure. Coming in a convoy from Canada with her first son, she landed in wartime England; a country and people very different from hers; the saying "divided by a common language" comes to mind! But, before getting used to this, the little family was off to Sri Lanka and an isolated tea estate up in the central hills. Later it was off to similar situation in South India, now with two sons - soon to be three.

The life was not just a case of relative physical isolation; in fact if one considered the workers on the estates, there were a lot of people around; but was as much a social and intellectual isolation from the society she knew in the West. However, one could say this was very much the situation for American pioneers, and our Ma was not lacking in self-sufficiency and always kept herself occupied both physically and mentally. It was her great strength that she always felt that she had to be "doing" something; and it was a habit she kept up right to the very end.

Our Ma 'home-schooled' all the of her boys so well that when we went to school in England at the age of nine (except poor Gid who had to go at seven!) we were never behind and in fact did quite well. She was always interested in our academic achievements, and those of her grandchildren. For some of us it acted as a goad to finish uni! In those days, parents in India often didn't see their children for years, on "home leaves", but our Ma thought it important to spend as much time

as possible with us, even though she hated to leave Chris. This she did in both Rochester USA, and later, here in Hampshire. In both cases she found jobs to help support the family which could ill afford the expenses of one located in two countries. Again this reminds me of the pioneering spirit of American women of old. Even more remarkably, upon her husband's retirement, she went back to school herself to add a teaching certificate at Exeter University to her original degree in science. She then taught at Stokenham school until she retired.

Besides always "doing" something, my Ma loved conversation, which must have been difficult with a relatively taciturn husband and latterly her eldest son when visiting in the summer. It was rarely gossip but more to do with events, ideas, and activities. I can remember hearing her starting to talk to Chris as soon as they were awake in the morning and getting basically only "hmms" in acknowledgement and that is also what my poor Ma had to put up with from me! However, with our Dad, these early morning "conversations" were normally accompanied by a great deal of laughter. From dawn they always could make each other laugh; a sure sign of a happy couple.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, the difference in characters, the marriage to Chris was extremely good and lasted for sixty years until his death at Bantham. Then, for the last seven years of her life, she had to face the loneliness of so many women who outlast their husbands. This must have been the most difficult period of her life and the one requiring the hardest exercise of will to keep on going, especially with very little family close by. But she was always thinking about her now extended and geographically scattered family and interested in what they were up to. She even began to learn how to use a computer "to keep up with the grandchildren". I think, until failing health in the last year, she managed, with much spirit and determination, these years alone as well as she had other, more joyful times.

Those final moments should not overshadow what was a full, great and exciting life for a girl born in 1921 in Texas and who probably never dreamed what was in front of her. Now she is at rest and will be joined to her husband's remains, and always will be joined with our Dad (or Grandad) in our most precious memories.

James Allen

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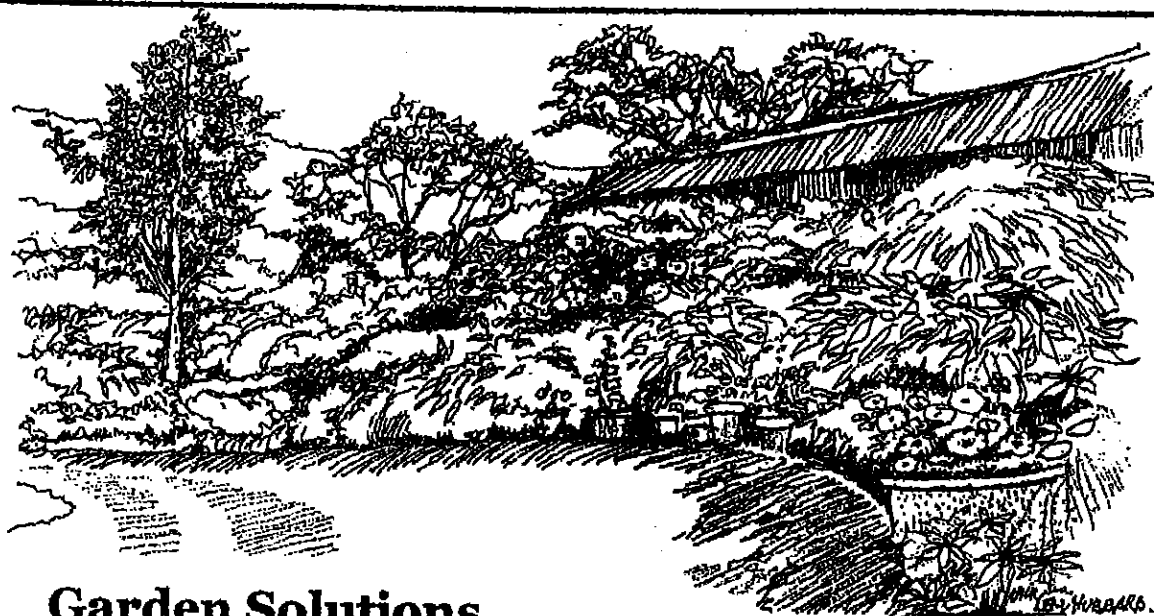
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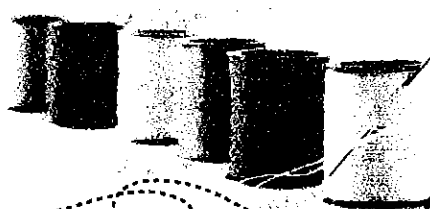
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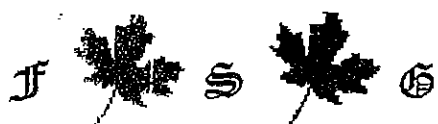
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School Report

By Betty Rhymes

The summer term is one of the most exciting and energetic terms of the school year. During this term the children meet a range of challenges and activities, from sitting end of year tests to sharing in a week of fun and adventure during activities week. There is work to be done but there is room for some fun in the sun!

What has been happening this year?

During the month of May the children took their SATs. Hopefully this might be for the last time - who knows what Mr Cameron & crew will decide? Whilst these were away being marked and the children (or maybe even more so the government) awaited the results, the fun in the sun really started.

The sports day and fête took place on a sunny Friday afternoon in June. Reds took the winning spot over the Blues by one point this year. Tradition held with the Yellows coming last again! Perhaps we need to take a lesson from the political parties and let the Yellows form a coalition with the Blues in order to defeat the Reds! The fête that followed provided something for everyone - cake decorating, face painting, golf ball drop, even a human fruit machine run by three "Blues brothers" dads which was entertaining to watch as well as take part in.

A personal thank you from me to those of you that gave your old gloves, etc. The children were able to adopt a toy created from the gloves and with promising to "love their glove" helped raise over £50.

Next on the calendar was the school play. *The Pirates Of Bigbury Bay* was first staged 2 years ago. This version saw it

performed with even more gusto as this years year 5 & 6 children brought their own talent and comedy to the stage. The comic gags, beautifully synchronised dance and harmonious singing made for an excellent hour of entertainment. Thanks must go to the parents who helped stage and direct the show and also to our village techno wizard, Chris White, who again performed his magic with lighting and sound. Thank you, Chris.

Lessons were out of the window for the next week. It was our activities week. Mr Medway and myself escorted the 35 children of years 5 & 6 to Wembworthy Residential Centre for the week. We took part in a range of activities linked to our natural environment including orienteering, bat calling, building a camp fire, and performing a rap about a tree! Every child went home exhausted but happy and enriched from their week in the wild.

The children of year 4 were treated to an overnight stay at Overbecks. They caught the Rivermaid ferry from Kingsbridge to Salcombe, visited one of Salcombe's top attractions - Cranch's sweet shop - and spent time at North Sands building sand sculptures. They returned on Tuesday afternoon to join the rest of the school and to take part in a week of activities based on The Circus. They learnt (or tried!) to juggle, made Top Hats, had a visit from one-wheel-Sam on his unicycle, and on the Friday the staff and teachers dressed up as circus performers. What a colourful end to an action packed week.

Friday 16th July was a very exciting day for the staff and parents of All Saints. We were treated to a tour of the new building. For the first time we got a real

feel of what the new part of our school would look like. We were able to see the layout of the two new classrooms, the ICT suite, the new office and entrance, and at the top of the stairs sits the best room of all - the staffroom! It's a far cry from the "container" we have been using of late - no more walking down the road to get a coffee or make a call of nature!

Completion is expected during September when it is hoped to hold an open day to allow parishioners the chance to view the outstanding building that will house our outstanding school.

The last day of the summer term is always a day of tears and goodbyes. This year we bid goodbye to 21 eleven year olds who will be moving to continue their education at KCC. From our parish we say goodbye and good luck to James Yeoman, Freya Kendall, Abbie Newman, Emily Lawrence and also to

Beth Hurrell who no longer lives in our parish but did so for the first ten years of her life.

We also said a sad farewell to class 3 teacher Annie Phipps, who is moving with her husband to his family farm in Oxford where he intends to run his thatching business and where she has been fortunate to gain a teaching post in a nearby school. We wish them both well for their future.

So another year is over. Time for all of All Saints to take a much needed break - it has been a challenging year. We will all look forward to the new year in September when we can start to enjoy the fruits of all the hard labour. For now though, I'm off to enjoy a glass or two of something also made from fruit and hard labour.

Cheers!

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17th August | Coach trip to Teignmouth & Powderham Castle. Late morning and lunch in Teignmouth before going on to the castle, historic family home of the Earls of Devon. |
| Friday
10th Sept | A walk from Rattery. Meet at the Church House Inn, Rattery (GR 740616) for a 4-mile circular walk along quiet field paths and lanes. Return by lunch-time. |
| Thursday
16th Sept | Coach trip to Truro and Bosvigo Garden. Late morning and lunch in Truro city centre, before visiting Bosvigo Garden which is noted for its colour and plant harmonies. Tea is included. |
| Tuesday
28th Sept | Coach trip to Boscastle and Tintagel Old Post Office (NT). By request a return visit to the picturesque villages of Tintagel and Boscastle on the north Cornish coast. Refreshments available or bring picnic. |

*A big **THANK-YOU** to all who so kindly donated goods and cheques for our successful Summer Fair, and also to all those who came on the day to support us.*

For more information about these events, or about joining our National Trust South Hams Centre, please contact Midge Elliott on 01548-562017 (9am to 5pm only please).

POSTBAG

Dear Editor

More on WD-40

We are regular visitors to Hope Barton Barns at Hope Cove, and greatly enjoy walking the lanes and paths around the area. On a recent visit to Thurlestone, we bought a copy of the June-July edition of Village Voice, and were very interested in several of the articles, including the report from TRAMP on recent walks. I was specially amused by the unusual article on WD-40, both for its very useful tips on some unexpected uses of the product, and for jogging my memory about another recommendation which was made to me a few years ago.

I used to work for a local charity providing services for older people. One day I found myself chatting to a gentleman who had arrived at our office on his electric scooter. He had suffered for some years from very painful arthritis, particularly in his knees. He wanted to let us know about a new treatment which he had been using for a while, that might be helpful to other arthritis sufferers. Without further ado he rolled up one trouser leg and demonstrated a brisk and generous application of WD-40 to his

knee! He found that it penetrated well into the joint and greatly reduced his pain. He had also done a little research on the subject and had found some earlier press articles about golfers who used WD-40 when joint pain from arthritis started to interfere with their game. I was quite amazed and tried to suggest to him that as the product was never intended as a medication there might be a risk of unpleasant side-effects, but his enthusiasm for the product far outweighed any such consideration.

As you may imagine, I was therefore interested to read in your article the quote from one of the technicians in the development of the product, that there was nothing in it which would hurt you - but maybe he had not gone as far as considering medical applications!

Do please feel free to use this story in a follow-up article if you wish - and if you judge it appropriate! We are going to take out a postal subscription to Village Voice straight away, and will watch with interest for other responses about WD-40.

John Beecher, London SE 13

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## *Parish Hall Autumn Concerts.....*

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## JUNE

We were regaled with stories of how much a group of members had enjoyed attending the National AGM at Cardiff with all the attractions of this city unfolded for their delight. As well as the business of the meeting, visits were organised to view the international arena, the millennium stadium, opera house, theatre, Welsh Assembly, and the castle.

A colossal 99.13% of votes were cast in favour of the one resolution - calling for clear and mandatory *country-of-origin* labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products. Members are encouraged to raise this issue with their MEPs and MPs to press both the European Parliament and the UK government to back such labelling.

**Gwen Parry-Jones**, power station director of Heyshan 1, **Lee Durrell** of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, **Tim Smit** of the Eden Project, and, through a live video link to Westminster, **John Bercow**, Speaker of the House of Commons, were the distinguished guests. A young all-male ensemble of singers and dancers, *'Only Men Aloud'*, provided a wonderful, sometimes cheeky, cabaret which set all the girls' pulses racing!

Our speaker for June, **Roger Barrett**, gave an absorbing talk on local shipwrecks and light-houses. Rough weather, fog and poor navigation have caused a very great number of wrecks along our stretch of coastline and this led to Start Point light-house being built in 1836, with the first Salcombe lifeboat in service by 1867. Various sea rescue methods and devices were explained from early times to today as well as the present work of the National Coastwatch.

## JULY

The first day of the month saw the annual garden lunch being held at Cowrie House, by kind invitation of **Val Brown**. As usual it was a huge success, everyone enjoyed themselves and the small profit of £27 will be put into our charity fund. The cooks and providers were warmly thanked, in particular Val herself! Ideas were sought for our winter show/supper theme, Old Time Music Hall.

**Brian Vyner** spoke to us about the Haytor Granite Railway, and its part in Dartmoor's history as a source of granite for many of the country's important buildings. Some remains of this unique tramway still exist, and he took us in pictures from the quarrying on the moor, down the Templer Way to Newton Abbot, the canal, and thence to the sea at Teignmouth from where it was despatched all over the country.

## FUTURE EVENTS

\* **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - craft items from Thurlestone for the DFWI 90<sup>th</sup> birthday exhibition on display at Kingsbridge Show.

\* **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Details to be confirmed at September meeting.

\* **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - workshop "Knitting Unravelling" to be held at Washbrook Farm, Kingsbridge (book via Carolyn Taylor).

\* **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - DFWI Autumn Council meeting, Plymouth.

\* **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - DFWI outing to Worcester Victorian Fair

\* **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Sea Coast Group carol service at West Alvington, 2.30 pm

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# BOOKSHELF

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## **The Given Day**

by Dennis Lehane  
(Black Swan £7.99)

I was utterly engrossed in this novel, which is set in Boston, USA, in the period 1918/19, a city with its full share of immigrants, anarchists and recidivists. It is based on fact and covers events up to and including the police strike. We follow Danny Coughlin, a cop, whose father is a police captain and whose brother is a District Attorney, and whose loyalties are torn between family and his underpaid and hard-working police colleagues.

This is a real epic story and as it builds up to the strike we are taken through some of the events that preceded it, notably the 1918 flu epidemic brought in by soldiers returning from the war and the explosion, in the city, of a huge tank of molasses which caused countless gallons of the sticky stuff to sweep through the surrounding streets. Babe Ruth, the baseball player, is also part of the story. The strike, when it comes, is superbly described but quite terrifying to read about.

The book is some 700 pages long, so obviously there is a lot more in it than in this brief synopsis, but it is certainly worth the long read.

**Carolyn Taylor**

## **James Lees-Milne**

by Michael Bloch  
(John Murray £9.99)

In 1936 Lees-Milne was employed by the National Trust in the new post of Country Houses Secretary. He took on the task of visiting a lot of England's most important historic houses and, through a mixture of tact, tenacity and charm persuaded many owners - soon to be made servant-less and impoverished by war - to hand over their

properties to the nation. He thus rescued some of England's greatest architectural treasures.

He didn't have a car in those days and pursued matters by train and his trusty old bike which was parked in the guard's van. He started keeping a vivid and entertaining diary in 1942 which he continued, except for a break of seven years, right up until his death in 1997 and earned himself a reputation as 'the twentieth century Pepys'. He was homosexual, a great snob, ruminating to his diary "*I consider Debo (Devonshire) the most remarkable woman I know. Because she is a Duchess? Largely, yes....*"! But he did leave us an enduring legacy through the preservation of many of our most famous country houses..... as well as his eloquent chronicling of events.

**Pat Macdonald**

## **Not for the Faint-Hearted: My Life Fighting Crime**

by John Stevens  
(Phoenix)

An account of the life of this former chief of the Metropolitan Police. He has taken the information from his diaries, which the police had to keep meticulously. It gives an insight into the toughness of police life when they are not always 'flavour of the month'.

Commended on no fewer than twenty-seven occasions for bravery and detective-work, Stevens has been showered with awards, was knighted, and is now a Peer. This extremely well-written book describes in stunning style his meteoric success and how he dragged up an angry, resentful, and demoralised Metropolitan Police by their bootstraps, to regain their self-respect.

Very readable!

**Rosemary Mackay**

### **Scandalous Innocent**

by Juliet Landon

(Mills & Boon £6.99)

The National Trust and Mills & Boon are collaborating to produce a romantic series about people who once lived in properties now in the care of the Trust.

This is the first out of this stable and concerns the Dysart family (principally Phoebe) at Ham House, Richmond, Surrey. Partly true, partly fictitious, the first section is set in the post-Restoration period, the second in the 1800s.

Two women, two generations apart, both on the brink of scandal....Phoebe shared more than her unruly dark curls with the ancestor whose portrait graced the walls of Ham House. Impatient of convention, both had retreated from the excesses of London life to Richmond's leafy beauty. Yet neither had enjoyed peace for long. Their retreat posed a challenge to Society's most notorious rakes - and a certain Viscount Ransome seemed set on making Phoebe his own. But secrets and passion were part of the fabric of Ham House and Phoebe had learnt from her rebellious ancestor. She planned to bring the arrogant Viscount to his knees...

**Pat Macdonald**

### **The Captive Queen**

by Alison Weir

(Hutchinson £14.99 hardback)

This is the story of the marriage of Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine, to England's Henry II. Set mostly in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and into the start of the 13<sup>th</sup>, it tells us about the union of these two notoriously strong-minded, power-seeking people - tempestuous to say the least. It covers not only their life together but also the passionate conflicts between Henry and Thomas a Becket, and between Henry and his sons who took up arms against him.

The book ranges over the whole of their relationship, which lasted for over 37 years,

and during which time they were almost constantly warring and campaigning in what is now France. The author says she was inspired by the film *The Lion in Winter* made way back in 1968 (starring Peter O'Toole and Katherine Hepburn).

Alison Weir is an excellent writer of historical fiction and researches her subject carefully to ensure the greatest possible accuracy. This book is well up with her best.

**Pat Macdonald**

### **In praise of Georgette Heyer**

I have been reading, on and off, some of this author's old detective novels, written in the 1930s. What a relaxation! She was a good writer, and sets the scene immediately, so we know where we are and we get the gist of all the characters straight away.

The person who gets murdered, early on, is usually disliked by all his relatives and acquaintances. There is nearly always a carefree girl and a languid young man. The police inspector, or whichever character is helping solve the crime, will often have a twinkle behind his steely blue eyes.

But....the dialogue is good, sometimes witty, and you know there will be no horror, no grim descriptions of corpses and, best of all, no psychopaths, and it will all come to a very satisfactory conclusion. Great fun. These novels are still available, now printed in new paperback editions by Arrow Books at £7.99.

**Carolyn Taylor**

### **Autumn Fair Book Stall**

Jenny Underhill will again be running her popular book-stall at the Autumn Fair on 25 September at the Parish Hall. Readers are invited to review their own book collections and let Jenny have any good quality volumes which may be now surplus to requirements. And, of course, come along and buy some fresh ones from Jenny's stall.





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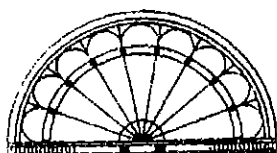


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# THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB



## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Half the year has gone already and we have had two very successful Opens for the club with the Four Ball better ball and the Mixed Open. The Mixed Open was won by home pair **Hayley** and **Steve Pepperrell** with 46 points, while prizes for *Nearest the Pin* went to **Sue Laugher**, **Heather Spencer** and **John Savery**. Players from 27 clubs converged on Thurlestone to take part in the Open Fourball better ball competition and all the main prizes went to visiting pairs.

The coveted Avon Lantern trophy has been played for between teams from Bigbury and Thurlestone for many years. Ten pairs from each side battled to the end with Thurlestone emerging victors in the last game. The visitors got off to a bright start with Bigbury captain **Barry Milner** and lady professional **Tracey Loveys** beating Thurlestone captain and professional **Peter Laugher**, but with everything all square and one match to go, **Alan Harkness** and **Norman Barrett** used their course knowledge in the last match to secure a win for Thurlestone.

The John Batchelor Trophy was played at the beginning of May, which is a mixed better ball stableford event. The winners with 42 points were **Eric** and **Shirley Worrall**, two points ahead of runners up **Sheila** and **Graeme Fairley**. Third were **Sara** and **Alan Harkness**, just edged out on countback. The Sicklemore Prize and Royal Marine cup played in May is a mixed event, where the top eight pairs go into a knockout matchplay competition for the Royal Marine cup. The overall winners of the Sicklemore prize were schoolgirl **Laura Tregelles** (13 h'cap) and University student **Harry Milburn-Fryer** (6) scoring 44 points, from **Ann Best** and **Hugh Bodger** with 43 points. We await the results of the matchplay knockout competition for the Royal Marine cup.

The Kingsbridge Estuary Rotary Day in May, organised by **Graham Worrall** and other

Rotary club members, was well supported and raised £7,000 for two worthy causes, *Help for Heroes* and *Shelter Box*. Numbers were much fewer for the Links Hotel and Scratch Cups competition over 36 holes.

**David Eva** set the pace when his gross 69 in the morning took first place in both the competitions, but **Alan Winrow** was just one shot behind. David's second round of 72 was not quite good enough to match the pair of 70s that Alan recorded. **Peter Eva** just edged into third place in the Scratch Cup ahead of **Stuart Walsh**.

The Foundation Trophy day in June was well supported. This event was started to celebrate the club's centenary and is always played in teams of three, with two men and one lady, off three-quarters handicap. This year the winners with a staggering 88 points were **Jane Edmonds** (30), **Brian Sheppard** (21) and **Harry Milburn-Fryer** (6). Second were **Janet Richardson** (23), **Peter Eva** (3) and **Simon Davey** (9) with 83 points. It was a lovely day which was enjoyed by a large field. In the Graham Cup and EGU Gold Medal, **Martin Eyre** shot a marvellous nett 61 to win overall and Division 2. The Division 1 winner was **Stuart Walsh** with a gross 65, nett 64, a very impressive score indeed.

In the June midweek stableford **Harry Milburn-Fryer** (6) scored 39 points to win Division 1 on countback from **Rodney Doran**. In Division 2, first with 44 points was schoolboy **Tom Leach**, playing off 18 and rewarded with a handicap reduction to 17.

Continuing the Seniors Friendly match results, we played Staddon Heights at home resulting in a half 3-3 followed by our first away game of the season at Dainton Park which we lost 1½ - 4½, and in the same week lost away at Torquay 2½ - 4½. We then lost at home to St Mellion 1-5 and Dartmouth away by the same score. The run of defeats was ended with an away win at Wrangaton by 3½ - 2½, and a friendly half 3-3 with our neighbours Bigbury.

The inaugural Seniors Spring Medal was won

by **Andrew Longhurst** with a net 67 from **David Bennett** with net 69 and **Alec Jackson** with net 72. The Derrick Yeoman Trophy is now under way with Round 3 currently being played.

The result of the Veterans Cup was a win for **Terry Cook** with a superb 45 pts. Second place went to **Alastair Proctor** (43 pts) and third place to **Alan Harkness** (42 pts).

Finally, the mixed club matches have gone well, with a good win over Bigbury (away) in the Buckingham Bowl. This takes place each year, alternating between home and away matches. The bowl was donated by Elizabeth Buckingham, a member of both Thurlestone and Bigbury who sadly died of cancer some years ago, and is always keenly contested.

**David Wadey**

### LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

We have enjoyed some excellent mixed matches. Bigbury was played away and Thurlestone won 6 and 5, while Saunton was played at home and Thurlestone lost 4 ½ to 7 ½

#### Annual Foundation Trophy

The Annual Foundation Trophy was played in June with a very good turn out of 26 teams. This consists of 2 gentlemen and one lady. The teams were drawn on the May Bank Holiday for all to hear their partners. The winning team consisted of **Harry Milburn Fryer, Brian Sheppard and Jane Edmonds**.

#### Captains BBQ

The Annual Captains BBQ is being held on the 24th July and we are hopeful of good weather for this occasion. It is another good opportunity to join in and have some fun whilst supporting the club and playing with new partners. Again this is a team event with the teams of 2 ladies and 2 gentlemen being drawn. I am sure that this will turn out to be another enjoyable event.

#### Iris Hardy Fun Day

This day went very well with the winners of the day being **Sara Harkness** and **Jo Crispin**

who won inscribed glass Jugs. Other winners were presented with a variety of fine food prizes which were well received. A draw on the day together with a further prize of tea for two at Gidley Park enabled us to raise a total of £600 toward the Oncology Department of Derriford Hospital.

#### Lady Captain's Day

I was very pleased with the success of the day which was helped immensely by the weather. It was suitably warm for taking a little break at my half way house at the 10th. The main prizes were panoramic pictures of the golf course. The overall Winner was **Kay Morley**. The other divisional winners were **Heather Spencer** and **Liz Savery**. The day was very enjoyable and I am delighted so many were able to join in. Thank you to everyone.

#### Future Events

We continue to see good numbers for the weekly ladies competitions, and if we are going to have more of this really nice weather, we can look forward to enjoyable golf and hopefully excellent scores.

Happy Summer Golfing!

**Sue Esplin**

### JUNIORS' SECTION NEWSLETTER

The weather has been very kind in the past three months, and we have had some good competitions for the juniors with many handicap reductions. The juniors have had to balance school work, many of them studying for GCSEs and A level exams, with taking part in the League matches. In the junior League we are presently lying second with 4 matches played. We won two and lost two and have 13 ½ points. Yelverton are first in our Group B with 3 matches played and 14 points so far. We only have 2 matches left to play, both home ones against Yelverton and Staddon Heights in July, and we hope to pick up some more points then. The winner of Group A will play the winner of Group B, (our group) in a final in August at a neutral course. However the first and second placed teams from A and B will be invited to the Championship day at Stover on the 16th August to compete for the Roy Wood trophy, which Thurlestone won last year. We hope to

qualify for this year's championship day, but will have to beat Staddon Heights and Yelverton at home matches in July.

In May we entered the Devon League Adult and Junior Organisers day at Dartmouth golf club. The event is held at different clubs each year and those clubs participating were; Bigbury, Elfordleigh, Dartmouth, Tavistock and Thurlestone. The competition was a four ball better ball stableford event with each team having two pairs. The winners were Thurlestone, with two father and son teams; **Ted and Jeremy Taylor** and **Tom and Roger Leach** with 77 stableford points.

The girls did well at the Devon County girls championship at Churston on 3rd June.

**Lottie Holland** (22), had a nett 68 and won the Under 15 trophy, **Beth Yeoman** (21) with nett 69 was second. **Beth Peters** (12) and **Laura Tregelles** (13) both had a gross 88. **Beth Peters** won the Freda Abraham cup with the best aggregate gross scores for the Girls Championship and the Spring meeting, which was held at the Warren golf club earlier in the year. She won it with another girl from Royal North Devon golf club, so she only keeps the trophy for 6 months. Unfortunately Lottie and Beth Yeoman had their handicaps cut to 20 the day before the Sheelah Creasy team ladies match and were unable to play but they both volunteered to caddy for the team on the day. **Laura Tregelles** has played in both the ladies Still cup team matches and the ladies Presidents team matches.

On 26th June the juniors played the Daily Telegraph qualifier competition. This is a medal round where the best gross scores for girls and boys are sent to the Daily Telegraph to try to qualify for the final, which will be in Abu Dhabi later in the year. There were some excellent gross scores. **Josh Walsh** off a 6 handicap scored the best boys gross with a 75, and **Beth Peters** off 11 the best girls gross with 78. We hope that Josh Walsh with his gross 75 (1 below his handicap) and Beth Peters with gross 78 (5 below her handicap) will qualify for the final but the competition will be very tough. From all the qualifying competitions in the UK only the top 12 boys and top 9 girls will go to Abu Dhabi to play the final.

There will be some handicap reductions for others in the competition as the handicap scores were very good, with **Robert Came** (16) nett 64, **Jamie Johnson** (12) nett 65, and **Beth Yeoman** (20) nett 67.

The Monday evening junior playing and coaching sessions are going well, with **Pete Mitchell** coaching, and **Steve Pepperrell** and **Stuart Tollins** organising the twenty or more juniors that regularly attend. If you would like to come along please contact the pro shop on 560715 and speak to Pete. If you are not a member we have some free taster sessions that can be arranged to see if you like golf. Pete also holds beginner lessons on a Saturday morning.

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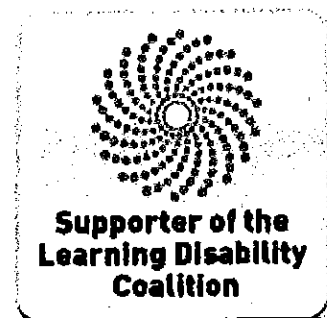
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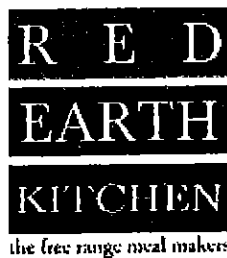
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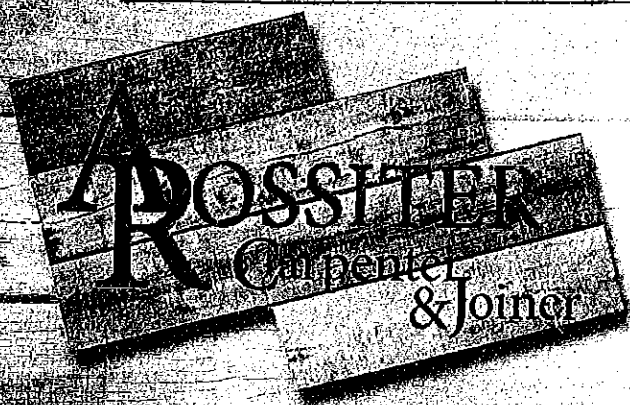
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# HORSWELL DIARY

Life's been a little strange lately. Take last weekend for instance. There we were, enjoying the prospect of a late breakfast and a slow read of the Sunday papers. The coffee was made and the croissants ready to warm in the oven, when the telephone rang.

"Hello, darling." It was a female friend from Australia, known for long conversations. Normally full of joy, recently she has been struggling to come to terms with the untimely death of her son. I could feel my luxurious lazy breakfast slipping away from me.

"Hello," I said brightly, "How are you?"

"Not good," came the reply, "They've come to get me."

"Who's come to get you?" I asked, sensing the fear in her voice.

"There's a whole gang of bikers outside my house. They've come to kill me. It's going to be horrible. They're out there now. Can you hear them banging on the door?"

I could indeed hear banging on her door. My heart was racing.

"Why would they want to kill you?" I asked.

"They're f-f-friends of his," she said.

Breakfast felt like another world. In my mind I was there with her, on the other side of the globe, looking for ways to help her escape.

"Phone the police," I said.

"It's no good, darling. It's too late. I've already called them. Th-th-they won't come." Her voice was trembling. She sounded absolutely terrified. The pounding on her door was getting louder.

"Run into your back garden and yell for help," I said.

"N-n-no, darling. It's too late. I've got to go now and let them in."

The phone line went dead, leaving me with

cold panic tingling through my spine.

"Any chance of a croissant?" my husband asked, barely lifting his eyes from the sports pages of his newspapers.

"None!" I replied, aware of his blank look of incomprehension.

I dashed off into our office and ransacked my papers trying to find a telephone number of someone who could help my endangered friend. It seemed to take forever. Eventually, I found her brother's telephone number and called it. No reply! One of her girlfriends. No reply. Her neighbour. No reply. I realised I had no idea what time of the day or night it was in Australia. I was shaking, willing myself to try and remember some other person to call. All I could think to do was phone my girlfriend again. Perhaps I could speak to one of the bikers and pretend I was the police. Anything that might stop them from hurting her. It was my friend who answered. She sounded remarkably calm.

"Have they gone?" I asked.

"Who, darling?"

"The bikers!"

"Oh, there aren't any bikers, darling, I was fantasising. I do that a lot these days. I've been quite psychotic since my breakdown."

"But who was that pounding on your door?" I asked.

"The police, darling, I'd called them earlier."

Well, of course, a long conversation then followed during which I ascertained that she was perfectly safe, and being well looked after by a psychiatric clinic, and had simply forgotten to take her medicine that day. The whole scenario had been nothing more than a figment of her troubled imagination. But, as I went over it all again in MY imagination, all thoughts of a relaxing Horswell Sunday morning had most certainly disappeared.

To calm my nerves I went out into the kitchen courtyard, where the many ferns, phormiums, orchids, and Tasmanian fern trees remind me of Australia and New Zealand, to feed my goldfish in the old stone trough. It's something that I always find soothing and relaxing. Usually, when I call them, the fish come to the surface, eager for food. None came.

"Fish, fish, fish," I called. (So who needs a psychiatrist?) No reaction. I peered into the heavily shaded water. There was not a fish to be seen. Not even my big Goldie that I've had for years and years and years. I stomped back into the kitchen.

"What have you done with my fish?" I asked my husband angrily. "Why did you put them in the big pond without asking me?"

"I haven't touched your fish!" came the quick reply.

"Well, someone has. They've all gone!" I wailed.

"It must be the heron," he said.

"It can't be," I retorted, looking at the wisteria and rambling rose above the trough and the overarching fronds of the fern trees, "He couldn't have seen them. He'd never know they were there!"

Irrationally, perhaps, I felt quite distraught at my loss. Still agitated from the phone call, I couldn't help feeling that something really bad had happened. I looked around for signs of intrusion. Then, I saw it... a single feather lying on the ground in the gateway to the courtyard. I bent down and picked it up. It was unmistakable; long and elegant, grey with a slight edge of black. The heron had left his trademark, like a calling card on the flagstones.

By now, it was nearly midday. The coffee was cold, my papers unread, and croissants seemed to have lost their appeal. I still felt jangled and also rather guilty about accusing my husband of moving my fish, so to try and placate him I suggested we had an early lunch, sitting outside in the sunshine.

"Good idea," he said. I'm starving!"

I moved the cast iron table on the tea lawn into the dappled shade of the cherry tree and laid it with a long cloth, silverware, plates and wine glasses. I cooked lemon chicken and new potatoes and made a large bowl of salad and brought them to the table. We filled our wine glasses with chilled sauvignon and sat back comfortably in our chairs, beginning to feel relaxed for the first time that day.

"Sorry I blamed you for taking the fish," I said. "That phone call really upset me. It all felt so menacing and I felt so useless and unable to help her."

"Oh well, it's over now. Let's start the day again."

We chinked our glasses together in a toast and took a long sip of our wine.

"Mmmm," one of us said, "That's more like it."

But that was the exact moment when the table started to move. Instinctively, we both put our hands on it, pressing down to steady it. But it pushed up hard against us and started to jig about. We looked at each other in horrified amazement. The table had risen about twelve inches into the air and was swirling round, turning from side to side, twisting and lurching unevenly. The wine bottle went flying, then the salad bowl turned upside down, emptying its contents. Our plates and serving bowls slid onto the grass, our silverware rattling after them. An evil spirit every bit as real as the gang of bikers was clearly intent on wrecking our lunch.

To say we were startled would be an understatement. I suspect our hair was close to standing on end! It felt like a séance that had gone horribly wrong. But then we saw her... Millie... our collie dog... her eyes wide with panic... her head poking out... the hem of the tablecloth folded over her ears like a nun's whimple... her collar inextricably caught up in the fancy ironwork of the table's leg! Goodness, how we laughed as she shook herself free. Our poor dog! Our poor lunch! Our poor Sunday!

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And toss, and vainly strive to bar the portals of his ancient home.  
Beyond, the fisher plies his craft and slowly dips a languid oar  
That scarcely frets the tranquil plain between the island and the shore.  
The sunlight strikes the silver cliffs, the sea is vexed by never a frown -  
Ah, me - I wake to hear again the turmoil of the murky town.  
*Pollock on Torts* has charms for some; Pollack on hooks have charms for me:  
I'll flee the barren fields of law, and glean my harvest from the sea.  
Waiting for briefs is weary work, to wait for fish were sweeter far:  
I'll pluck the horsehair from my wig, and practice at the Bantham Bar.

*[This poem appeared in the August issue of Village Voice in 1985 - just twenty five years ago. Can any reader tell us whether the author followed his dream, and returned to Bantham for the peaceful pursuit of the pollack? Or was it just a pipe-dream? Ed.]*

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## Moor Trees and Woodland

Dartmoor was once a much more forested landscape, flourishing with wildlife. The steep river valleys connected with the coast and the sea to unite a vast range of native species that could spread freely across the ancient countryside.

The moor today is a tapestry of landscapes, defined by man over thousands of years. The open sweeping landscape now has its own beauty, much admired by local communities and visitors alike. Although we can never re-create that primeval forest, which probably extended as scattered trees and heath over the highest areas, there is much that can be done to help restore the balance between open moorland and rich, wooded valleys.

Skirting the high moor is a mosaic of small fields, relatively recent conifer plantations and rushy pastures. In modern agricultural economics these areas of land are very marginal, and returning a small proportion of them to native woodland could really increase both the wildlife variety and people's enjoyment. With support from the

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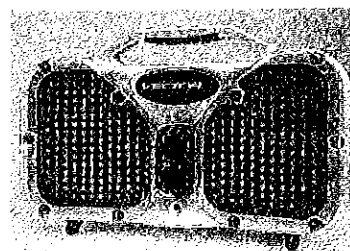
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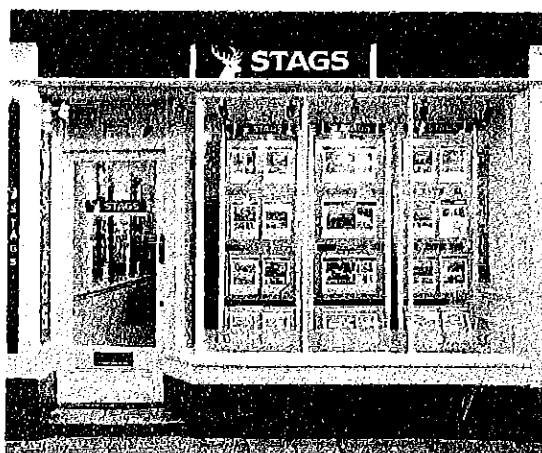


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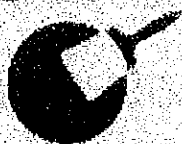


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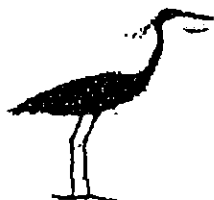
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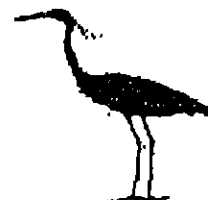
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## ***SUDOKU - The latest four part challenge!***

Are the puzzles getting too hard, or have you all been making the most of the recent lovely weather? Whatever the reason, Sudoku seems to have taken a back seat these past two months, as only two entries were received for our last four-part challenge. However, we are happy to announce that both were all-correct solutions. The prize this time goes to **Kimberley Pollard** of Bantham. More entries, please, for the challenge above (checked), to 25 Mead Lane as usual, by 5<sup>th</sup> September. Good luck!



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An important part of this initiative would be the use of modern information and computer technology. As a first step, the police would like to recruit as many local people as possible into a 'community messaging' service to improve the flow of information between the police and the public. If you'd like to be kept informed about what is going on in your area, please complete the form available via the following link:

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## Coming Events

- \* **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July:** BBQ, Folly Hill (members & guests only).
- \* **Mid-August** (TBA) depending on tides: A second attempt to find Dwarf Spike Rush with Gordon Waterhouse at Bridgend.
- \* **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** 11.00 Cockleridge - 'Beachwatch' beach clean-up in association with Maya Plass (Learn to Sea).
- \* **Mid-September** (TBA): upper Avon walk from South Brent with Mary and Don Gaskins.
- \* **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** 1900 Thurlestone Parish Hall - public lecture 'Water for Life' by Paul Sadler (Environment Agency).
- \* **Mid-October** (TBA): A Tidal Road clean-up from Aveton Gifford to Bigbury.
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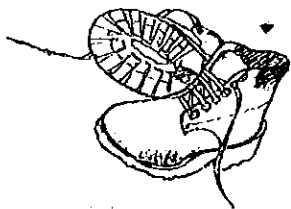
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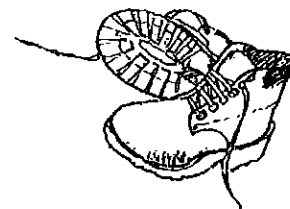
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# TRAMP



**1** On Tuesday 18 May we had a lovely still and warm day (the North winds having gone!) for our walk on Bolt Head. Fifteen walkers, plus three very well behaved dogs, assembled at the National Trust car park at Middle Soar adjacent to the old air strip, and headed across a couple of fields to pick up the South West Coastal path. We were soon rewarded with magnificent views of the English Channel, looking right across to Prawle Point and up the estuary to Salcombe. We spent a few minutes at Starehole Bay having our coffee, etc., before negotiating the steep path to the top of the cliff and then onwards to Sharpitor through a wilderness of beautiful wild flowers.

Just below Overbecks, we took a new route (not scheduled!) through Tor Woods. As far as the eye could see, it was a carpet of glorious bluebells, and on reaching the top of the woods, yet another magnificent view of Salcombe estuary and the surrounding countryside. On leaving the woods, we strolled across the fields back to the car park. A lovely local walk of four miles, not to be missed, preferably to be taken in May to catch the Spring flowers.

**Jenny Sherrington & Jill Munn**

**2** Another fine summer's day, but only eight walkers, plus senior and junior dogs, assembled on 9 June at Buckfastleigh station for an eight mile linear walk near the River Dart. First we enjoyed a nostalgic steam train journey along the South Devon Valley Railway line to Totnes, where we crossed the river and headed off in the direction of Dartington along the towpath.

After the Hall grounds and pleasant waterside meadows we entered North Wood, before emerging at Staverton Bridge Farm. We crossed Staverton Bridge and turned left to pass the signal box and station buildings with their quaint posters and advertisements, thence uphill to Abham. Here the narrow country lane suddenly widens on the approach to the giant electricity pylons at the National Grid sub-station - allegedly second only in size in the West Country to Indian Queens. Near Bampton Cross we passed Guy Watson's Riverford Farm. We understand this

is the largest privately-owned organic farm in Europe. In a nearby lane there was a small gypsy encampment. Were they perhaps seeking employment at the adjacent farm?

Downhill again via open fields and crossing the busy A384 we arrived at the river, which is traversed by Austin's Bridge - another record here, this being the oldest bridge over the river Dart, built by the monks and named after Brother Austin. A fine stone structure, it has five arches; because of winter flooding, we were told. Half an hour later we were back in the car park at Buckfastleigh station. It had been an interesting day with diverse attractions.

**Roger & Trisha Wilson**

**3** The walk was an evening one on 17<sup>th</sup> June. To lead a walk when the weather was at its mid-summer best was a real privilege. A crowd of us set off from Court Park to go via fields, sewage works, Horswell, etc., to climb up to the ridge then over to Court Barton, Galmpton and Hope Cove. The *Hope & Anchor* did us proud. 26 of us were quickly and well fed.

The walk back was fantastic, in the sunset along the coastal path, watching the sky turn green in the fading light, with the dogs enjoying an evening swim - for which we envied them!

**Rosemary Mackay**

**4** The Wembury walk on 25<sup>th</sup> June was beautiful. Only 5 of us set out, in glorious weather, driven by Jehu (OT Kings ix 20!) but unfortunately we went whizzing past the intended turn to Down Thomas and arrived instead at Wembury village. So we decided we might as well start from Wembury beach.

This decision was very quickly taken as an opportunity for an undeserved coffee at the National Trust café. The two fat ladies were there - we see them each year. We did a short loop back to the beach where we had our picnic and Bess the dog had a swim, but there were too many people about for the humans to indulge in any skinny-dipping.

We then went along the coast as far as Sue Dwyer's childhood swimming pool, where Bess had yet another swim. At one point we passed close to a field containing the most enormous Charolais bull; luckily there was a fence between us and anyway he was well occupied with grazing and keeping an eye on his harem. On returning to the car we noticed a sign, too late, which said "No Dogs Allowed on the Beach".

In all we spent as long walking as we would if we'd done the Down Thomas circuit. How about a 'swim-walk' next year?

**Rosemary Mackay**

**5** The weather had been ideal in the days before our moorland walk around Grimspound and on Tuesday 29 June eight walkers met in Thurlestone for the drive up to Natsworthy Gate (in 2 cars), just north of Natsworthy Manor on the road from Widecombe. Unfortunately, one of the cars lost its way and we feared that our party might be reduced before we had even started. However, they eventually made it. We were also met by 2 more walkers who had made their own way to Natsworthy Gate.

The walk took us on to open moorland, following a broad path up the hillside where soon a pointed stone showed up clearly on the horizon. This is a memorial to the crew of an RAF bomber which crashed there in 1941. We continued on the path towards Broad Barrow, a Bronze Age burial cairn. Here, we joined the Two Moors Way, which traverses Exmoor and Dartmoor and is a popular challenge for long distance walks at over 100 miles from North Devon right down to Ivybridge in the South. We took the path towards Hameldown Cross and to the top of Hameldown Tor (529 metres above sea level). We had amazing views all around.

Hameldown Tor also gave us a bird's eye view of Grimspound, which is probably the best-preserved Bronze Age enclosure on the moor. As we walked down Hameldown Tor towards Grimspound, the rains started. The walk leader had left her waterproof hat in her golf bag and so produced her umbrella for the walkers to follow (not quite the attire for a Dartmoor walk!). We skirted round Grimspound at this stage – we would have an opportunity to explore it again on the walk – and climbed to the top of Hookney Tor at 497 metres where we met teachers from the Isle of Wight who were supervising students on a Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Fortunately, the rains had started to abate.

From Hookney Tor, we followed the Two Moors Way towards Birch Tor and Bennett's Cross. Here we had a choice for our lunch break because half a mile down the road was the Warren House Inn (the third highest pub in the Country). However, we were Trampers and resisted the temptation and found a sheltered spot for our picnic.

The walk now circled left and followed the lower contours of Headland Warren, past the farm and up to the Shapley Common – Widecombe road. We then followed the track back towards Grimspound. Grimspound is the biggest pound on Dartmoor and at the centre of the pound there is a very well preserved outline of the walls of a hut with its entrance. Here, we stopped for a well earned rest (some of the party used it as an excuse to consume more of their picnic).

The final part of this 6½ mile walk took us on a path back to the RAF memorial and down to Natsworthy Gate.

**Lisa White**

**6** Seven people, some in shorts and others in waterproofs reflecting the fickle English climate, set off from South Brent on 14 July to walk up the Avon valley, accompanied by Siggy, a four legged friend. The rope swing at Lydia bridge caused some comments – perhaps reminding us of our youth. In spite of the earlier rain the water level of the river was surprisingly low.

We climbed gradually up to Higher Lutton and then on through the woods to Didworthy. Some of us needed to regain our breath so we looked back and admired the view and then strode on to Shipley Bridge where we took a short break and I saw a grey wagtail. The sun appeared briefly when we came to the open moorland and headed towards Ball gate.

*Why is there such an impressive gate out on the moors? Nobody knew.*

As we descended towards Ash there were lots of meadow brown and speckled wood butterflies to entertain me, and a few ringlets joined them, but the wind kept others out of sight.

Black clouds appeared overhead as we approached South Brent and we almost managed to reach the cars dry, but looked forward to a hot shower on our return home after a 5½ mile tramp.

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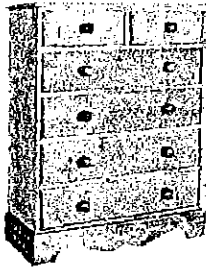
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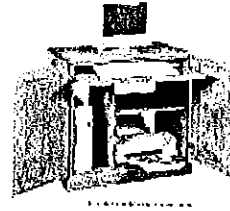
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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

St. Swithin's Day has come and gone. There was rain and sunshine during the day, so will there be some sun and some rain during the next 40 days? Nothing has changed has it? Perhaps the old saint will look favourably upon us and send us due sunshine as well as his favourite rain. This is of course a legend from the 9<sup>th</sup> Century, when some earnest folks in Winchester decided that their Bishop's remains should be moved inside their cathedral - contrary to his wishes. It rained on the day. That is the stuff of legends, but we all quote it on July 15<sup>th</sup> every year.

So far this year the rainfall has amounted to 332mm in round figures. This is the third driest first 6 months since I began keeping serious records in 1996. The driest year was 1998 with just 256mm Jan to June, followed by 1997 with 285mm. Just for interest the wettest period was in 2007 with 696mm.

April, May and June this year have been very dry, only 67mm in all, hence the serious state the farmers find themselves in. The grass has not grown as it normally does - too cold in the early spring and then too dry, resulting in low yields of silage and hay. Some farmers are even now feeding this year's harvest of feed to their beasts, particularly the dairy farmers.

However, we are not faring so badly when compared to Central Europe. I heard today that Poland and countries around that area are experiencing extreme heat/drought conditions, with airports closed, tarmac melting, air-conditioning closing down unable to cope, and vast areas of forest and heath land on fire. Even people are unable to go out because it is too hot, with some even going into churches to find respite from the heat. The elderly and very young have been particularly at risk. So when we complain it's too windy, too cool, too wet, etc., spare a thought for the Europeans. The South Hams is not a bad place to be when all is said and done!

It's a pity that the spell of good weather has had to break just now. Well, schools are about to start their summer holidays, so that's one reason. Another is that for many, our families are now descending on us to go to the beach (anoraks and wellies!). The shore line is now littered with seaweed and debris from the west. After such a long time being clean and calm, it seems rather unfair.

However, the spectacle of a force nine gale, high spring tides and mountainous seas, has fascinated a whole host of people. The Ley has filled up after being very low for months, giving the reeds a good drink and not disturbing the nesting birds (they've done all that and have seen their little families safely fledged). A family of swans appeared from the Thurlestone marshland, stayed for a few days and then did a midnight flit to where? One hopes that they are OK and not come to any harm.

Back to the weather, some more observations on drought/heat-waves may be of some interest. Generally a drought is a period of time without any type of precipitation; a heat-wave is shorter and very hot with possibly a thunder storm but more generally not! A drought is the predominant characteristic of high-pressure systems (anticyclones). Upper air subsides and warms over the centre of the anticyclones, thereby restricting the vertical development of cloud. When air is moist and suffers radiation cooling, shallow low cloud or fog may form, but there is no rain. These dry times can last a very long time and results can be catastrophic. A Heat-wave is much shorter in time, but can be very much hotter, and often it is very humid as well. This is a very uncomfortable time and can lead to many deaths among the population.

Throughout history both events have had lasting and devastating results. Just a thought, the driest places on earth are the deserts, both hot and cold. The Sahara is the hottest and sunniest desert, Antarctica is the largest and

coldest desert, with about 127mm (5inches) precipitation a year – just slightly more than the Sahara. Deserts and drought are never permanent and history, allied with modern technology, shows that under the Sahara there is evidence of ancient hills, valleys and forests, river beds and other features dating from about 35million years ago.

History has also shown how in more recent times droughts have caused civilisations to disappear, fertile lands to disappear and man's mishandling of his environment has actually "caused" drought conditions to prevail. The northern Sahara was, in Roman times the bread-basket of the empire, but over working the land, and the removal of the tree cover by cultivation and grazing of animals, caused it to become dry and desertification to be enacted by mother nature. The desert here continues to march across the continent as huge dunes advance on isolated oases. We all know about the 1930's dust bowl of the American Prairies. This was a disastrous event that lasted in some degree or other for a decade. The land recovered somewhat with planting tree shelter belts and contour ploughing, but even now some areas are suffering the same plight as before. We never learn, do we?

However, back to our area here in the South Hams. Our summers are, to say the least, erratic in respect of warm and balmy days. 1995 saw the warmest August av. temp. 20.2°C, Max Temp no lower than 21°C on any day and top temp 32°C on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Rainfall was 18.09mm, of which 14.8mm fell on 5<sup>th</sup> August, so a very dry and hot month. Although I was not able to record sunshine in 1995 I guess that it would have been considerable seeing that the temps were so high and there was so little rain. Now, after what I consider 2 years of winter, it's time that there was a period of lovely summer; warm, calm and balmy days. How about it? Do we deserve it, I ask myself.

Compared with the report from Paul Simons in *The Times* today, we are very fortunate that we live on the western edge of the

continental shelf and within the influence of the North Atlantic Drift. Cooler summers, warmer winters is the theory! The news about western Russia is startling - temperatures at 35°C and more, and some people (200 in fact) drowning in their efforts to cool off. The rest of Russia is in the grip of severe drought, crops dying and winter reserves are low. Berlin temp. hit 38°C and the Tour de France cyclists have suffered from heat exhaustion. Hot air colliding with cooler air is the recipe for thunderstorms. This has not disappointed; tornados have struck in Holland, France and Germany, and three people have died. Bastille Day celebrations in France on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July were ruined by atrocious downpours and high winds.

This month's most intense heat-wave was recorded in Mukhariz, United Arab Emirates, with a staggering 55.2°C (131.4°F) only 2.5°C below the world's highest recorded temperature. Paul comments further saying, "More worrying, though, is that global temperatures so far this year have been the warmest on record and show little signs of cooling off soon."

On the other side of the Northern Hemisphere the typhoon season is now in full swing with the inevitable floods, land and mud slides and, sadly, loss of life in areas affected. We don't hear so much about these events do we? But Southern China has seen its floods and loss of life reported earlier in the season. The scale is enormous and beyond our comprehension for the most part. Still, this is *Climate Characteristics* in their most punishing moods and to the meteorologist their most interesting.

A bit dour this time, I'm afraid, but nevertheless interesting. Let's see if the powers that be can come up with some lovely summer days for August and September, and make sure our tourists are happy people. Keep safe, and plonk on a hat if spending time in the garden weeding.

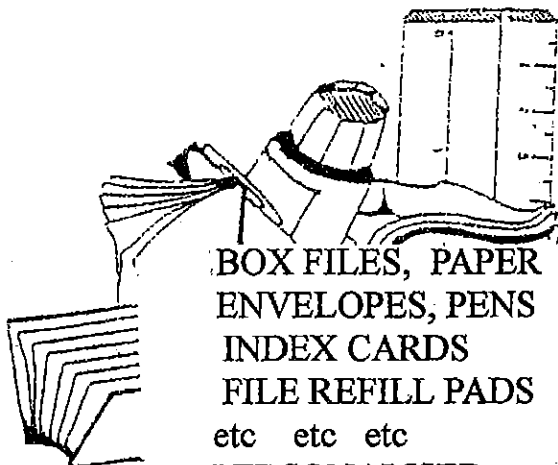
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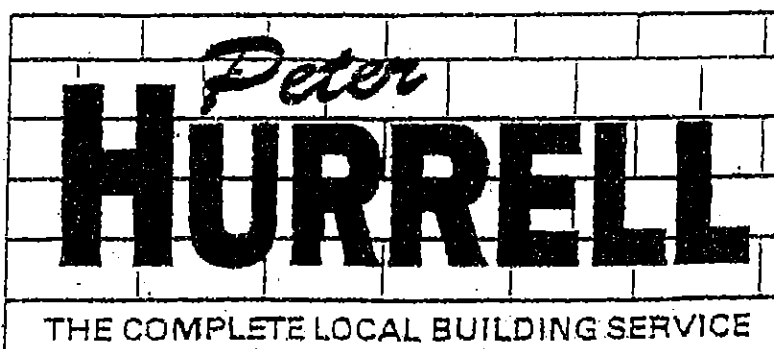
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| 7  | 3 = MIAB (JKJ)    |  |
| 8  | 3 = C in a F      |  |
| 9  | 3 = BM (SHTR)     |  |
| 10 | 3 = L for J the P |  |
| 11 | 4 = S in a P of C |  |
| 12 | 4 = S on a S      |  |
| 13 | 4 = W and a F     |  |
| 14 | 4.564 = L in a G  |  |
| 15 | 5 = GR            |  |
| 16 | 5 = of N is BN    |  |
| 17 | 5 = FF (B by EB)  |  |
| 18 | 5 = P for a T     |  |
| 19 | 6 = W of H the E  |  |
| 20 | 6 = H a D         |  |
| 21 | 6 = B in an O     |  |
| 22 | 6 = S on a H      |  |
| 23 | 6 = S on a D      |  |
| 24 | 7 = C of the R    |  |
| 25 | 7 = WOTW          |  |
| 26 | 7 = D for SW      |  |
| 27 | 7 = P in a NT     |  |
| 28 | 8 = L on a S      |  |
| 29 | 9 = L of a C      |  |
| 30 | 10 = GBH on the W |  |
| 31 | 12 = S of the Z   |  |
| 32 | 12 = D of C       |  |
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## Gazpacho

This lovely chilled Spanish soup is perfect for a hot summer day when tomatoes are plentiful and at their best. The addition of pepperdews (small sweet peppers) gives it a kick, along with Worcester sauce and Tabasco. Pepperdews may be bought bottled and are available in either medium or hot degrees of heat depending on your taste. Some recipes include the addition of wine vinegar but lemon and tomato juice give an optimum amount of acidity in my opinion. It is worthwhile making your own croutons – bought ones tend to become over mushy.

### Ingredients ( serves 4)

|                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6 ripe vine tomatoes                                                                                                                | 6 pepperdews                      |
| Large clove peeled garlic                                                                                                           | Medium peeled red onion           |
| Handful fresh basil leaves                                                                                                          | Juice ½ lemon                     |
| Dash Tabasco sauce                                                                                                                  | Dash Worcestershire sauce         |
| Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste                                                                                         | Olive oil to drizzle individually |
| 300ml cold vegetable or chicken stock – strain well before use even if you use stock cubes as this will avoid cold globules of fat. |                                   |
| ¼ peeled cucumber diced and 4 extra pepperdews chopped to add to finished gazpacho.                                                 |                                   |

### Croutons

2-3 slices thick, stale bread with crusts removed and cut into cubes.  
Oil for frying.

### Preparation

- Put tomatoes in a bowl and cover in boiling water for 2 minutes. Cool quickly with cold water and peel away the skins with fingers.
- Roughly chop the tomatoes, pepperdews, garlic, onion and basil leaves.
- Liquidise in food processor with lemon juice, salt and pepper (if preferred, chop the ingredients instead and then add the lemon juice and seasoning).
- Transfer the liquidised/chopped ingredients to a large mixing bowl.
- Add stock, tomato juice, Tabasco and Worcester sauce and stir well. Cover with cling film and refrigerate for a few hours or overnight. This will help flavours develop.
- Check the taste and add more seasoning if necessary.
- Serve in chilled bowls. Add the diced cucumber and chopped extra pepperdews.
- Olive oil may be drizzled on individually.

### Croutons

- Fry the cubes of bread in hot oil until golden brown.
- Drain on kitchen paper, cool and serve in a small bowl.



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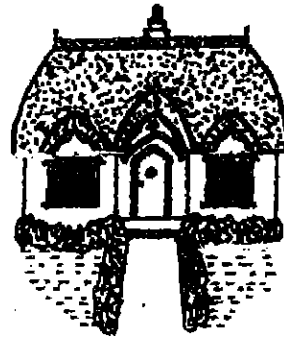
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| Friday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Church BBQ on the Green, 6 pm                         |
| Sunday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Outdoor 'Songs of Praise', Buckland Stream, 6pm       |
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| Saturday  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Garden Cream Tea, No 1 The Old Rectory, 3-5pm         |
| September |                  |                                                       |
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| Tuesday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | TRAMP, Bantham Cakes                                  |
| Thursday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | WI, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Austin's Store)             |
| Friday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | TRAMP, Pawle-Start Point (long walk)                  |
| Sunday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> | ACA, Cockleridge Clean-Up, 11.00 am                   |
| Tuesday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | TRAMP, Ugborough Beacon (short walk)                  |
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| Saturday  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Autumn Fair, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm                     |
| Tuesday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | TRAMP, Haytor (long walk)                             |
| October   |                  |                                                       |
| Monday    | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | TRAMP, Modbury (short walk - tba)                     |
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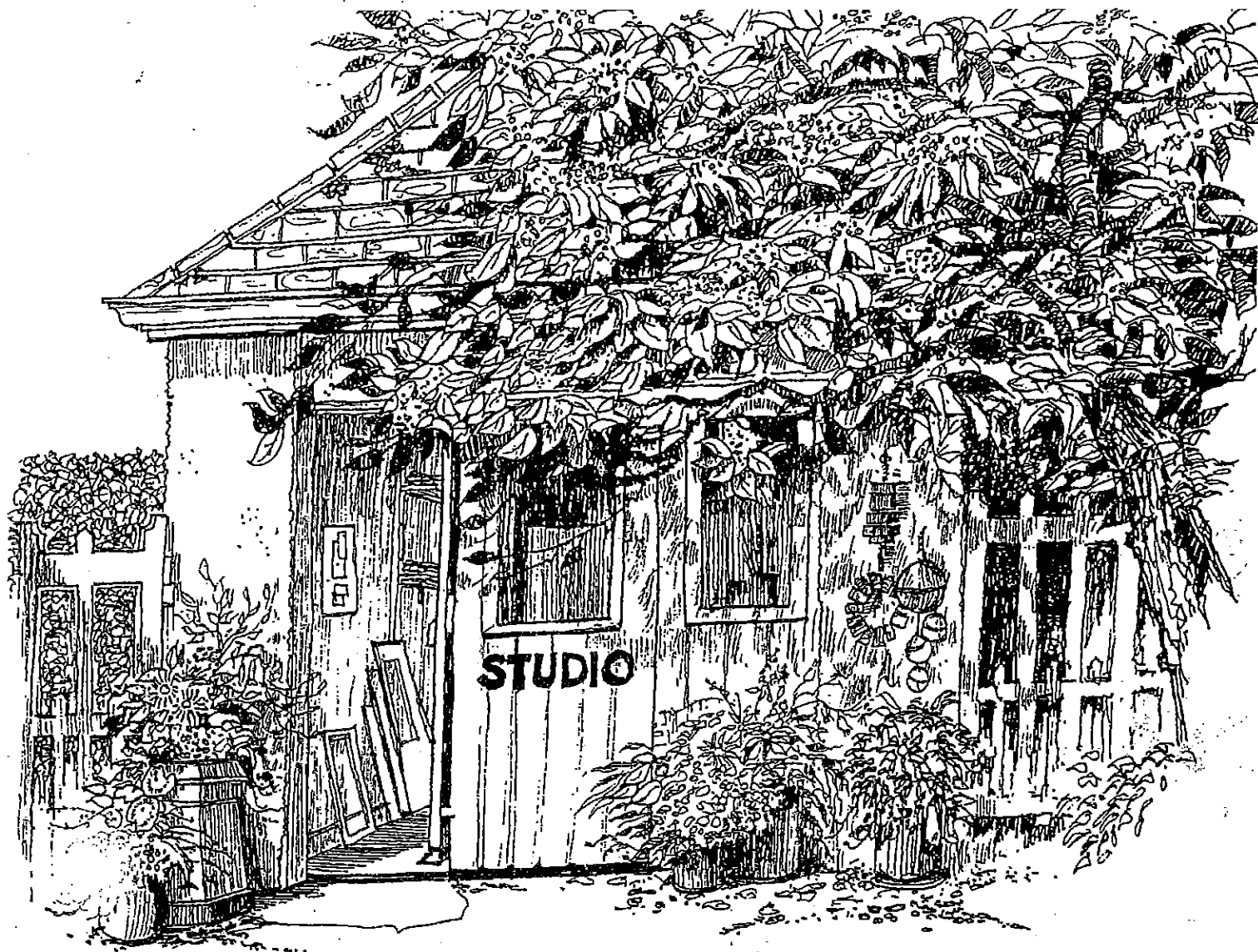


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