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Best Kept

Our front cover comes hot off the press - the award for *Best Kept Village in Devon* having been presented only last Saturday in an official ceremony at the Parish Hall's annual Autumn Fair. So a somewhat breathless *congratulations* to everyone who helped to put our village on this particular and prestigious map in 2010 - with the pristine, fresh-painted forecourt of our venerable automotive centre clearly catching the judges' eyes as a token of our green credentials. However, the thrust of this competition is not for numbers of decorative hanging baskets and neat lawns, but for evidence of community care, energy, and vision. Our village, and our whole parish, is fortunate in having been well served for years by its community-minded residents, and this award is a just tribute to their efforts.

POTS (Parish of Thurlestone Society) have orchestrated the village efforts for this event, and their success will be a source of quiet satisfaction to **Len Hubbard**, the founder and former chairman of POTS, who has been one of the great givers and workers in this community for longer than most of us can remember. Sadly, ill-health now prevents Len from adding any new work to the remarkable collection of exquisite drawings and paintings which have adorned our front covers for over twenty years. These lovingly-crafted visions of Thurlestone, like the award to the village which Len himself has adorned for so long, are **best kept** indeed.

Cover : Charlie accepts Best Kept Village Award

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Devon Best Kept Village Competition

Aims of the Competition

Sponsored by the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and Mole Valley Farmers, the object of the competition is to encourage villages possessing a real sense of community to improve their local environment by caring for buildings, clearing litter and promoting schemes to improve the general appearance of the area. The competition is open to villages of 3000 or fewer and is judged in 4 groups.

- (a) Villages that have won in the past 5 years
- (b) Villages of between 500 and 3000 people
- (c) Villages of fewer than 500 people
- (d) Villages that are new to the competition or have not entered for 10 years

The competition is assessed incognito by a panel of judges, and judging takes place in three rounds in May, June and July/August.

Judging Schedule

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| 1. Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps on verges | 6. Cleanliness of public toilets, bus shelters, and telephone kiosks |
| 2. Condition of village greens, playing fields, school yards, public seats and notice-boards | 7. State of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, ponds, and streams |
| 3. Condition of public and private buildings, gardens and allotments, including hedges, walls, fences and outhouses | 8. Condition of commercial and business premises, including advertisements and signs |
| 4. Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, and war memorials | 9. Clear evidence of local commitment and initiative in the care and maintenance of the village |
| 5. Condition of public halls, sports facilities, and car parks | 10. Evidence of community spirit |

Awards

The winner in group (a) receives the CPRE Pertwee Bowl for Past Winners. The winners in groups (b), (c), and (d) each receive a CPRE shield. These will be held for one year. Certificates will be awarded to winners and runners-up in each group. Group winners will also receive a 'Best Kept Village' road sign and Mole Valley Farmers vouchers to the value of £100.

Winners 2010

In the 2010 competition, first place in group (b) for large villages went to **Thurlestone** with a score of 97 out of 100. First place in group (c) for small villages went to **Branscombe** with 98 points, while **Beer** won the new entry section (d) with 95 points - very high marks indeed for all three villages.

Thurlestone Presentation

After an introduction by **Kit Marshall**, Vice-Chairman of Thurlestone Parish Council, the award to Thurlestone was made by **Mrs Marion Trotter**, the CPRE Secretary for Devon, and **Mrs Pell Sayer**, a Finals Judge of the Best Kept Village competition, on Saturday 25th September at the Thurlestone Parish Hall Autumn Fair. The awards were accepted on behalf of the village by **Councillor Charles Mitchelmore** of Thurlestone Parish Council, and **Chris White**, chairman of the Parish of Thurlestone Society. Special thanks were due to **Julian Lee** (who received the £100 vouchers), **Kevin Sedgeman** (Council roadsweeper), and the Thurlestone Hotel grounds staff for their contributions to the village effort. All present enjoyed a celebration glass of bubbly to mark the occasion.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting held on 6th September 2010

News & Views by Citizen

ATTENDANCE

The September meeting was attended by seven Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, two Police representatives and fourteen members of the public.

OPEN FORUM

Notices - The unsightly proliferation of advertising notices pinned randomly around the parish was raised. Parishioners are at liberty to remove those which are out of date. The large number of **No Parking** signs was also raised again. The Parish Council are to write to Devon County Council and chase them up to remove the ones that say you can't park where it is in fact impossible to do so.

Parking - Double yellow lines in Bantham prevent house owners from parking close to their property. The Parish Council will request Devon County Council to review removal of these lines.

Walkway - Regarding the virtual walkway along our main street, it was pointed out that Yelverton have reflective studs to clearly mark their walkways. Why not Thurlestone?

Post Office Lane - Councillor Geoffrey Stidson said he would contact Grant Thornton about resurfacing Post Office Lane. More prominent signs were suggested to indicate that through traffic was prohibited and that it was a private road.

PARISH HALL

Councillor Peter Hurrell said that Mike Yeoman had completed the agreed external and internal decoration and he will chase up the manufacture of the external railings to be installed by the hall fire escape doors.

HIGHWAYS

Pot holes in the parish are getting worse, and delivery lorries are becoming heavier causing more damage to our roads. This is something else for our Parish Council to sort out with Devon County Council.

FOOTPATHS AND HERITAGE COAST

The official reply to the complaint of a badger hole on the footpath adjacent to the golf course

was that it does not cause a problem for walkers, they just have to look where they are going!

SCHOOL

Councillor Andrew Rhymes said that two weeks building work had been lost due to the M&E Services contractor pulling out. Target for completion is Christmas. A reduction, or removal, of the cost of bringing children to school by bus is being pursued. More children are needed on the bus to cut down on car use and parking.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor Dale Came said that a meeting to discuss procedures is to be held in Totnes on Tuesday 21st September.

POLICE BUSINESS

P.C. Steve Mullen reported that:

the summer had been relatively quiet apart for two drink driving incidents and broken windows in Parkfield.

A Marine Watch is being formed to police illegal netting on the Avon and boat theft.

Regarding boat and engine theft - marking kits at £5.00 are now available from the police station.

Attendance at some of the Church coffee mornings is proving helpful.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Allotments - Jonathan Aylett of Mitchelmore - Hughes has the names of those in the parish interested in the possibility of acquiring an allotment.

Seaweed from the beach - Evans Estates are not aware of any legal rights of parishioners to collect seaweed for their gardens from Bantham beach. If they wish to do so, they should contact Evans Estates first.

Bus service - Councillor Chas. Mitchelmore gave the Chairman a note regarding a rumoured cut in our Thurlestone bus service to one return trip a day - **Out** at 10.00am and **Back** at 2.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th October 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room.

Parish Hall News

By Chris White



Well, I didn't get to spend that much time at the Barbie. August turned out to be wet and dismal, but every cloud has a silver lining. The awful weather meant that **Mike Yeoman** was glad to have an indoor retreat to work in, so the inside of the Hall, as well as the outside, is now looking as good as new, and ready for our next season of bookings.

The weather was also good for us in other ways. If you can't take the children and/or grandchildren to the beach, and you've seen all the films on at the Reel Cinema, what do you do? Answer, book the Parish Hall to play football, table tennis, badminton, watch a DVD on the big screen, or pretty much anything else that takes your fancy.

A near casualty of the weather was our Cream Teas event, but **Marian and Bryan Rigby** came to our rescue. They had already agreed to let us hold the event in their garden, but in view of the weather they offered the use of their house as well. Furniture was pushed to walls, Hall tables and chairs installed, and a good number of hardy souls came along to enjoy the experience. Many thanks to all those who did support the event, but even greater thanks to Marian and Bryan for assistance to the Parish, well above and beyond the norm.

I can't move on from this event without thanking the **Committee members** who helped cook scones and serve the teas, **Ray Tavender** our caretaker, who stepped into the breach to transport the tables and chairs, and special mention to **Joan Booth** who isn't even on the Committee, but still baked us some scones, and then turned up in person to help us serve them.

Looking forward, our next event is an extravaganza of Close Harmony singing, on Saturday 16th October. No fewer than 40 members of the **Kingsmen**, and 37 members

of **Panache**, their sister chorus, will be on hand to entertain you, as only Barbershoppers can. Even my maths can work out that that means a total of 77 singers on the risers for the Grand Finale, which will include their latest addition to their repertoire in 8 part Harmony. An great evening of entertainment for all - see details elsewhere in this issue.

Following that, on Saturday 20th November, we have our last event proper for the year, and I can't think of a better way to finish the year. By popular request, the return of **Tim Kliphuis**, the Dutch violinist, who plays in the style of Stephane Grappelli. Last year he brought two other musicians with him, **Tony Oreshko** the outstanding guitar player who plays in the style of gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt, and **Glen Hawkins** a young rhythm guitar player who plays regularly with Tony Oreshko. This year he adds **Doug Kyle** on double bass. Doug is an internationally acclaimed luthier who has made instruments for the likes of Jimmy Rosenberg and Gary Potter. He has worked on and off as a bass player with Tony for a number of years, and in 2008 he joined the Tony Oreshko Trio as a fully fledged member. Doug has played with a number of top musicians on the UK jazz scene.

Another feast of international musical talent at Thurlestone Parish Hall, and one not to be missed. If you want a ticket for this splendid B-Y-O event, and haven't already booked one, find the advert in this edition of Village Voice, and pick up the phone - quick!

Finally, your Committee are hard at work planning another entertaining year for you in 2011. If you think you would like to help in this highly rewarding pastime, give me a call on 560505. We're always looking for new blood with new ideas.

Chris White

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Village News Round-Up

Kate Crowther

Readers will be sorry to hear that one of Thurlestone's oldest residents, **Kate Crowther**, died on the 6th September in hospital, at the great age of 97. Both she and her late husband taught for many years in Kingsbridge, and latterly Kate will be remembered as a good supporter of our parish church's Friday lunch club in the Meeting Room. She also had the distinction of being the niece of one of our longest-lived ex-serviceman, the late William Stone.

Joan Batchelor

Joan will be fondly remembered by many Thurlestonians as an energetic and hard-working member of our community, always willing to give an enthusiastic helping hand in village activities, or to individuals in need. She had moved a few years ago to live in Kingsbridge, and passed away on Sunday 12th September at the age of eighty-five.

Wedding Bells

Warmest congratulations and good wishes are sent to Thurlestone's **Dan Knight** on the occasion of his wedding to **Kelly Sterring** of South Milton on 21st August. May you have very many happy years together.

David Smeeton

A lot of people will remember Thurlestone former resident **David Smeeton**, late of the BBC and master-mind of our millennium video "Land of the Five Beaches". This is to let you know he and Diana have recently moved house and now live at 9 Harbour Retreat, Mandurah Quay, Erskine, Western Australia 6210. Just pop this postcode into Google maps, zoom in on the satellite picture, and see what it looks like down under. **David** and **Diana** continue to keep in touch with all that is going on here, receiving a regular copy of Village Voice by post. We send them all good wishes in their new home.

Thurlestone Sands

Bronwen Sapphiro and daughter would like to express their thanks to everyone who signed their petition against the change of name from Thurlestone to South Milton Sands. Having lived in Thurlestone all their lives, like their parents before them, they feel strongly on this issue and are pressing the National Trust to retain the traditional title for this area. The National Trust and the other organisations involved have clearly not heard the last of the matter.

Fish 'n Chips

Our much-loved Wednesday fish & chip van has changed ownership, but we are happy to confirm that it will still make its fortnightly visits with the capable hands of **Matt** and **Adrian** now doing the driving, frying and scooping. Before giving up, former owners **Wendi & Bill**, in expressing their thanks to customers for their past support, paid tribute to "the Thurlestone mob" whom they encourage to support the new owners, reminding them that our friendly fryers are "an institution, not just a chip van"!

Family Support

A Thurlestone lady with a soldier son currently serving on his third tour in Afghanistan has kindly said that she would be very happy to arrange an informal group 'get together' at her home for anyone living locally who also has a loved one serving there. The idea is to try and give each other support during a stressful time for families, particularly around the Christmas period. If this situation applies to you, and you are interested, please contact Village Voice.

DCC Public Meetings

With public spending budgets under pressure, Devon County Council is facing tough choices about how to continue to deliver important local services while reducing costs

and saving money. A Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th October, 6.30 pm at Kingsbridge and District Rest Centre for the purpose of discussing the issues and alternatives with the Leader of the Council, and identifying the most important areas for the local community. You are encouraged to attend and make your views known - as you will be paying for it all.

South Hams Painting Competition

South Hams District Council is inviting all **children aged from four to 11** to enter a very special painting competition – and be in with a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes - a family ticket for the South Devon Railway; a family ticket for the Totnes Rare Breeds; a family ticket to Pennywell Farm; and a gift voucher from China Blue Ceramics in Totnes. The winning artwork will be used for the front and back covers of the next edition of South Hams magazine later this year. The competition is split into two age categories: four to seven years and eight to eleven years. All children who want to enter the competition have to do is **draw or paint a picture of their favourite place in the South Hams**. The drawing must be no bigger than A4 and the design can be in pencil, paint, pen, felt-tipped pen, crayon or a collage. No entries made using computer graphics or any other computer or digital enhancement will be accepted. Closing date for the entries is **Friday October 8, 2010 at 4pm**, so young artists had better get their skates on.

Parish Hall venue for Golf Club Meeting

A meeting for members of Thurlestone Golf Club was held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 28th September at which the Committee proposals for new greenkeeping facilities were shown on the big screen via a Powerpoint presentation. A one-off opportunity to achieve the new facilities, and a new tennis all-weather court at no cost, through the sale of a piece of club land (plan A) was the preferred option for the Club Committee. Under another option (Plan B) the land would be retained, and the necessary

facilities provided under an alternative arrangement, at a cost to the Club of around £250k. It is expected that the proposal will be put to a General Meeting at the end of October. Once again, the accommodation and audio-visual facilities of the Parish Hall have proved their worth for an important community meeting.

Friends of the Redfern Health Centre

Flu injections in Malborough Hall will take place on Thursday, October 14th, between 10 am and noon.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30 pm in the Redfern Health Centre.

All patients at the Redfern are automatically members of F.O.R.C. and so everyone is most welcome to come along, hear what has been happening during the year, and to get a chance to ask any questions or put forward any views. The meeting is normally quite brief, and followed by tea or coffee, and an opportunity to view, and even try out, some of the equipment purchased with F.O.R.C. funds.

The Luncheon in aid of FORC held in the Malborough Village Hall back in July made the magnificent profit of £707.

Autumn Fair

Grateful thanks are due to all those organisations and individuals who turned out in force to support this annual fund raiser for the Parish Hall, and provided a splendid array of stalls and items for sale. Bridge club, WI, Horticultural Show, Bowls club, Keep Fit, Fair Trade, Phoenix Charity Cards, Youth Market, Parish Council Raffle, Two Js Preserves, Jenny Underhill (books), Midge Elliott (bric-a-brac) and Len Hubbard Prints all contributed enthusiastically and POTS provided the celebratory glass of bubbly. The local knowledge quiz competition was won by Miss Jemma Came, and the event raised a record total of £846.

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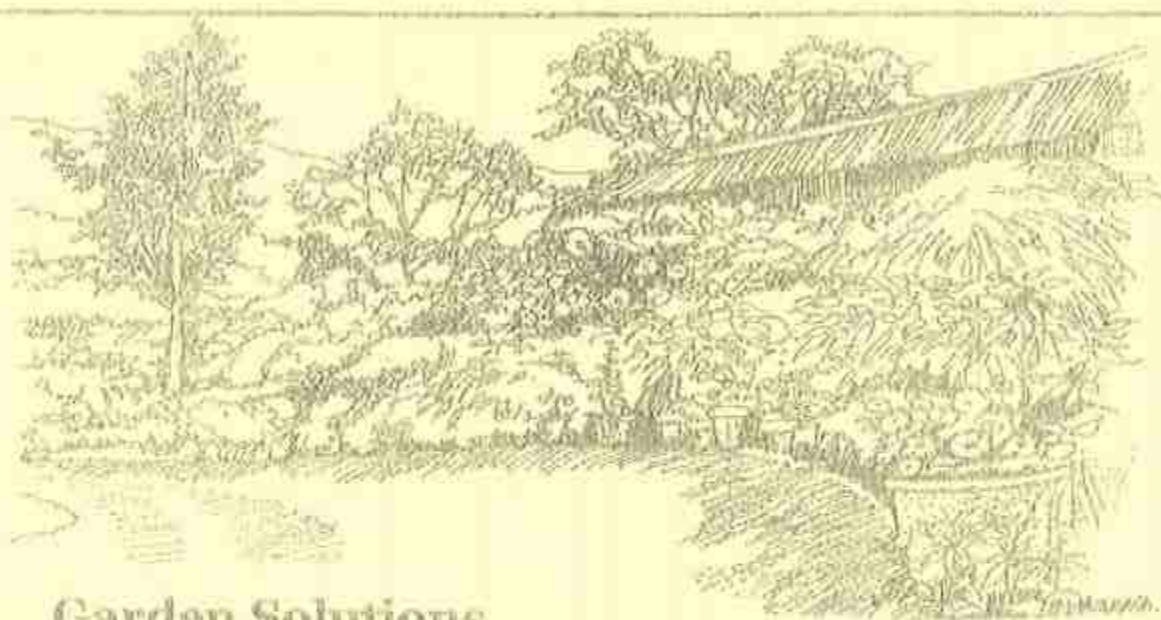
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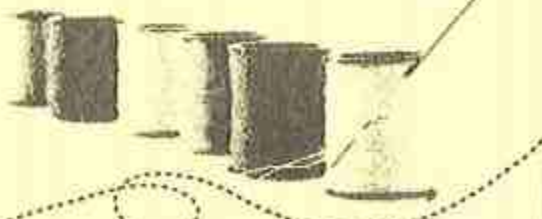
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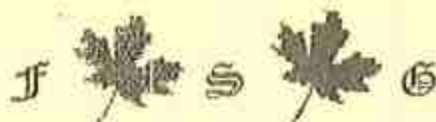
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- ☐ Electors whose details are printed correctly on the form may register using the automated free phone number (if the telephone used has touch-tone dialling), or via the internet – using the security numbers printed on the form.
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OCTOBER 10TH	11.10am Morning Worship for All Ages
OCTOBER 17TH	11.10am Stewardship Response Sunday Eucharist (CW) 6.00pm Benefice Praise Service
OCTOBER 24TH	11.10am Bible Sunday Service 6.00pm Annual Thanksgiving & Remembrance Service
OCTOBER 31ST	11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW)
NOVEMBER 7TH	11.00am Benefice Operation Christmas Child at Churchstow (note time) Leaflets available in Shops, Church & meeting Room
NOVEMBER 14TH	10.50am Remembrance Service & laying of wreaths (note time)
NOVEMBER 21ST	11.10am Family Communion (CW)
NOVEMBER 28TH	11.10am Matins (BCP) 6.00pm Benefice Advent Carol Service at West Alvington

Weekdays

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

THURS OCT 7TH, NOV 4TH **10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) at Bantham

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Phil Osler writes:

As I write this there is a real feel of autumn in the air, mist has been hanging around most of the day and there is an air of quietness about the place. The evenings are drawing in and it is not long before the clocks are changed as we return to GMT. Long days in the sunshine on our glorious beaches are now but a memory.

The whole atmosphere of the autumn season seems to lend itself to memories and reflection. On Remembrance Sunday we will have the opportunity to gather together to remember those who fell in the conflicts of the twentieth century and think too about those service men and women who today risk their lives in places where there is little peace. This is the time of year too when we have an opportunity to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. There will be a Memorial Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in All Saints' Church at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday October 24th during which there will be quiet hymns, readings and the chance to light candles. Everyone is welcome to join us, it doesn't matter whether the loss is recent or whether it was a long time ago.

Many people find this to be a moving and meaningful service and this year it will be particularly poignant for me with the sudden death of my own mother, Joan, so recent. I would like to take this opportunity to use Village Voice to thank the people of Thurlestone, Buckland and Bantham for the many kind messages that Janet and I received at a very difficult time.

Our parish church is a very seasonal place, offering us opportunities throughout the year to celebrate the changing seasons, to mark the highs and the lows of our lives and also to provide a space for thought. So, if you are not looking for anything as formal as a service, do feel free to pop in to have a quiet time in the peace and tranquillity of this ancient house of prayer.

Yours

Phil

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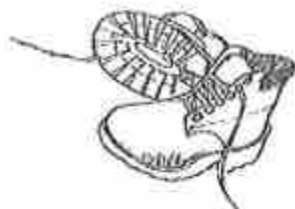
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TRAMP



1 This moorland fringe walk was “re-invented” last year using some fragmentary records in the Tramp files. On 21 July eight walkers drove in two cars to the hamlet of Higher Lutton above the Avon Valley, near South Brent. We climbed up briskly on to the vantage-point of Brent Hill (visible to motorists as a prominent “wedge” just north of the A38), with long-range views in all directions. From there we dropped into a virtual green tunnel of a lane back north-west, and after a mile’s road walk followed a rocky bridleway down to the secluded village of Didworthy, crossing the previous week’s route led by Lesley Goonesekera.

A stiff climb up from Zeal Cottage brought us out on to the open moor at Merrifield Plantation. Although it was bright, there was a cool north-westerly breeze and we had our lunchtime picnic in the shelter of stone walls around Ball Gate. After lunch, we followed green lanes south-eastwards for a couple of miles, and then west into the valley of the Glaze Brook at Owley. The last leg of this circuit, along Owley Bottom then parallel to the main railway to Lydia Bridge, was made on a mixture of quiet roads and footpaths. The last half-mile from Lydia Bridge to Higher Lutton was a sting in the tail, but we completed the walk without any of the showers that were gathering in the west.

David Radford

2 This turned out to be more of a test of faith in the Met Office than physical stamina. The intended walk on 6 August – an 11-mile inland circuit from the old Loddiswell Station through Topsham Bridge, Moreleigh and East Allington – was quite decisively rained off. After gathering in thick mist and drizzle in Court Park Road at 9.30 am, a group of 5 hard-core walkers decided to believe the local weather forecast and re-convene at lunchtime in the Fortescue Arms in East Allington, intending to cover at least the final 6-miles after the promised improvement. However, after a leisurely

lunch inside the pub, it was clear that the rain was – if anything – heavier, and we officially called the walk off between pudding and coffee. Hopefully we’ll attempt this walk later in the year.

David Radford

3 On Monday 9th August a dogless party of eight met for the circular walk between Stoke Fleming and Strete, hoping that the forecast drizzle would hold off.

Parking behind the Green Dragon pub, we set off along Mill Lane, past Blackpool Farm to the main road by a row of pretty cottages. We went up the lane on the right past Southwood Farm to Norns Cross, where we turned left down to Strete and the stile leading on to the coastal path to Blackpool Sands. This part of the walk involved a very testing descent and an equally steep ascent – not recommended for the unfit. We went a little bit wrong here but were soon returned to the correct route by a very alert Lesley!

Climbing back to the main road we crossed it and followed the footpath to the right, past signs pointing over the fields to the stile to Blackpool Sands. Those of us gasping for a much-deserved ice-cream at the Venue Café here were sadly denied the pleasure. We made our way along the new path parallel to the beach until it joined the main road. After 120 m along the pavement we re-crossed the road and found the lane leading directly back to Stoke Fleming. We arrived at the cars just as the rain started: very satisfying

This is a lovely walk with splendid views of Start Bay, which has only been possible since the National Trust extended the coastal path here in 2005.

Maureen Baker

4 August Bank Holiday Monday can be a problem for Thurlestonians, trying to avoid the main clumps of tourist traffic, but the tactic of going up into Dartmoor seemed to

work. Twelve walkers a dog and a puppy set off anti-clockwise from the Norsworthy Bridge car-park at the north-western end of Burrator Reservoir at about 10.30 am. Although there was a substantial throng of cars and visitors there already, we were away on our own literally within minutes, through the pleasant footpath and quiet road to the north of the reservoir. The walk across Yennadon Down gave excellent open views towards the South and West, with both Plymouth Sound and Bodmin Moor clearly visible. The puppy unfortunately dashed away at great speed and found a Dartmoor Pony before anyone could restrain her, and sustained a broken jaw in the brief but violent encounter which followed. (A cautionary note here for future Dartmoor walkers).

We arrived at the well-known Royal Oak Inn (opposite the oak tree itself) in Meavy for lunch at 12.20 pm. The afternoon stretch was initially along quiet local roads past Marchant's Cross, then up on a well-marked path through Burrator Wood to Sheepstor village, where we visited the unusual tomb of the Sultan of Sarawak in the church-yard. Most of the party then opted for the less strenuous contour walk around the base of Sheep's Tor itself, and arrived back at Norsworthy car-park – by now truly bristling with tourists – at about 3.45 pm.

David Radford

5 On 7th September eleven walkers, plus one dog, set off in warm sunshine (torrential showers had been forecast) on this lovely short walk to Bantham. We all managed with some ease the very steep descent down to Bantham, our eldest member (who had forgotten her pole) being ably assisted by the only two male walkers in the party. On arriving at Bantham, we gave the Sloop Inn a miss and decided that coffee and home-made cakes were the order of the day at the Bantham Village store. We were able to sit outside on the terrace, and admire the truly magnificent views of Bantham and the River Avon. Having enjoyed our refreshments, we proceeded down through the village to the Surf Life Saving Club and onwards back to Thurlestone, and just managed to miss the rain which was threatening.

Jenny Sherrington

6 Ten intrepid Trampers strode forth on a bright Friday 17th September morning from our base camp at Hallsands. The initial section of the walk was along inland lanes but the steep climb to Hollowcombe Head went largely unnoticed as members old and new caught up on all the latest local news and gossip. We made our way via Lannacombe Green to South Allington at which point we headed in a south westerly direction along footpaths and bridleways to the outpost of East Prawle.

Amazingly, we resisted the siren call of refreshment at the Pig's Nose Inn and opted instead for a healthy water stop as our leader was aware of the need to retain sharp faculties in order to safely negotiate the challenges ahead!

From the village we descended past Hines Hill to the coastal path. The marine views to Lannacombe Bay ahead and Prawle Point to the west were breathtaking but care was needed to clamber safely up and down the rocky footpath. A short, sharp shower failed to deter us as we approached the beach, since the call of a late picnic lunch was loud in our ears. Many calories had been used up by this time!

After a relaxing, convivial food stop, we had regained sufficient strength to tackle the final stages of the walk via Mattiscombe Beach and Start Point car park to the awaiting vehicles. Eight miles of sheer joy!

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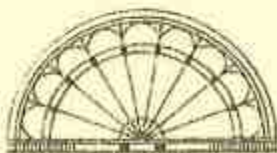


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School Report

By Betty Rhymes

September 2nd 2010 arrived all too soon for the staff and pupils of All Saints. It was time for us all to head back to school. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time but this one has got to be one of the most exciting in recent times.

As I write this we are only days away from seeing the new school building being completed and it being handed over to the school. On Monday 27th September the new classrooms will be newly furnished and ready to accommodate the teachers and children of class 1 and 1a.

Then at last the school administrators will be able to work in peace and quiet from their new office (a far cry from the temporary station they have been working at in the corner of the library), and the staff will be able to take their breaks in comfort in the new staff room (they will need to be prised out when the bell rings for the start of lessons!)

Once we are all settled into our new surroundings the builders will start the final stage of the works, being the removal of the temporary classroom and the Pearson's building and replacing these with the new car park.

It seems like we have been working in a building site for ages, but I'm sure that within a few weeks enjoying the luxury

of our new surroundings we will have forgotten all the chaos and disturbance that has been out lot over much of the past twelve months.

The building isn't all that is new this term. We particularly welcome **Mrs Charlotte Ramsden** to All Saints as our new teacher for years 1 & 2.

We have also welcomed several new children to the school this term, many of whom, I am pleased to say, are residents of our parish. **Imogen Williams, Maddox Callard, Jake Knight and Piers and Elliot Mahn** are five parish children from the seven pupils of the new reception class.

Also joining the school are **Finn and Rosie Timmis and Lauren, Nathan and Elliot Darbyshire** whose two families have recently moved to Buckland. All Saints are delighted to have the company of these children. What an exciting time for them to be joining Thurlestone School.

We would be very grateful to receive any of the *"Let's Grow"* vouchers that Morrisons are currently giving away. Last year **Mrs Dawes** and her gardening club were able to order tools, seeds, wellingtons, etc., by trading in these vouchers. With the aid of this equipment they grew some fine specimens in the school "allotment". We are very fortunate in having a

school kitchen where dinners are cooked on the premises. What could have been nicer than for these children to be able to grow their own potatoes, dig them up, hand them to the cook, and then to eat them just a few hours later? If you would like to help this work to continue, please hand in to the school any vouchers you may collect. The children and their tummies would really appreciate it!

So the autumn is up and running. The children are working hard in their lessons - their studies range from *The Great Fire of London*, to *The Romans*,

and to *Britain since the 1940's*. Nearly half the children in the school are taking part in individual music lessons, and after-school clubs offer the opportunity to take part in football, netball, drama and art. A fashion show is planned to exhibit the fashion changes since 1940 and it won't be too long until the nativity is being rehearsed!

The building works may soon be completed but will school life get any less hectic? I don't think so!

Betty Rhymes

The Millennium Babes in 2010

[Pat Crawford reminds us that it is now ten years since the arrival of the Thurlestone children born in Millennium year, and provides an update on the progress of these youngsters]

Sam Rhymes is a lover of sport, and his passion is Rugby. This he enjoys both playing and watching. He has been lucky enough to have had two trips up to the hallowed ground at Twickenham to watch England play. He has also watched Bath, the team that he supports, play several times. He is now starting his 5th season playing for Kingsbridge RFC. Last season he was part of the under-9's squad when he and his fellow team mates were crowned the Devon U9s champions at the end of the season after seeing off some strong opponents. His medal hangs with pride of place in his bedroom, perchance to dream of maybe his first cap for England to hang alongside it one day.

Harry Whey has won a medal for Life Saving in swimming. He also won an art competition, drawing a Dragon, which took the whole family to Powderham Castle. In September he took his ducks to the Kingsbridge Show (in a cat box!). For the first time in their lives they were separated and did not like it very much, but they left with a rosette each and felt a bit better.

Maisie Crawford-Silvertie has also won a cup for swimming, but her event was for speed. She got a rosette for her art and has learnt a second language, Italian, out of necessity, as she now goes to school in Italy, and made it look so easy.

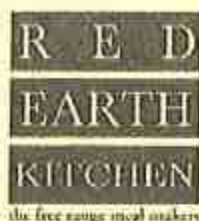
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Rosemary Mackay

The Hare with Amber Eyes
by Edmund de Waal
(Chatto & Windus £14.99 hardback)

When Edmund de Waal was studying in Japan, he would often visit his great uncle Iggy in his Tokyo apartment, and there he would admire among Iggy's collection, 264 wood and ivory netsuke. Much later, Edmund inherits these tiny carvings and decides to try to discover their history and how they came into his family.

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Edmund de Waal, who is now Professor of Ceramics at the University of Westminster, and who obviously loves the netsuke, visits the beautiful buildings of his ancestors as he traces their fascinating history. I was quite sorry to leave the family by the end of the book. Oh, and

you must read the book to the end to find out just how the netsuke finally reached Edmund!

Carolyn Taylor

Departures & Arrivals
by Eric Newby
(Harper Press £8.99)

In the words of the author "Whatever else we remember of our travels, we remember our departures and arrivals". Eric Newby, doyen of travel writers, tells us with much gentle humour in a charming and scholarly way about nineteen such events in his lifetime - mostly in out of the way corners of the world.

Syria, Turkey, India, China, and Yemen are just some of the places he visits in this book. Although it is about starts and finishes, there is no lack of interest in the journeys themselves. My particular favourite is the trip when he and a companion cycle south from Berwick-on-Tweed. They start at the northernmost point of England (a little north of Berwick) a place neatly bisected by the meridian 2°W of Greenwich, and follow this meridian as closely as possible all the way to Dorset, where their arrival is greeted with champagne and a triumphal arch!

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September

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They managed to scrape by and eventually rented small shops first in Sussex and then Essex and traded as drapers. Unfortunately, they could not renew the lease on their rented shop in Romford and it closed. About that time, while visiting Paignton, his grandfather found a shop for sale in the centre of Newton Abbot which he managed to buy and open as another draper's shop, almost 90 years ago. Gradually, through judicious purchasing and hard work, they bought up more and more of the adjacent shops and were able to expand. Today they have departments on all four sides of the old clock tower in the town centre and employ 170 people and, keeping up with the times as they have always done, they now plan to trade on Sundays, starting in October this year. It was a well told story which demonstrated the virtues of hard work and application!

Members who had loaned craft items for the large exhibition at Kingsbridge Show recently, to celebrate the DFWI's 90th anniversary, were warmly thanked by President **Joan Booth**. The exhibits had come from a wide number of South Hams members, and Thurlestone's **Pat Clarke**, along with two other members, **Marion Brice** of South Milton and **Jean Dorey** of Kingsbridge, were responsible for the most attractive staging of the display.

The Denman College bursary winners, **Margaret Cullum** and **Alice Foster**, were looking forward to attending a course on enamelling. An appeal was made for lots of cakes with which to stock the WI stall at the **Autumn Fair** on the 25th September, and members were reminded of the Macmillan coffee morning to be held at Huxton Wood by **Janice Jeffery** on Friday 24th September.

Badminton was due to start on a 'pay as you play' basis on Mondays from 7 - 8.30pm at the Parish Hall and both the **Bowls Club** (Thursdays 7.30pm) and the **Keep Fit** exercise group (Tuesdays 10am) were keen to encourage more members. **Vida Alexander** is again seeking sponsors for the Commando Challenge she is undertaking at Lypstone on 10th October, in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. Members are encouraged to think of any 'turns' or 'party pieces', from monologues to tap-dancing, that can be performed at the **Show Time Supper** next March (either 12th or 19th) - all ideas welcomed!

Coming Events

- Friday 22nd October Autumn Council Meeting, Plymouth Guildhall
- Friday 10th December Group Carol Service, West Alvington church, 2.30 pm
- Thursday 16th December Christmas Lunch, Thurlestone GC, 12.30-1.00 pm

POSTBAG

Dear Editor

Cowrie Shells

There could be few who have stayed at either Thurlestone or Bantham who have not searched for cowrie shells! These beautiful little things are hard to find and only seem to be on Yarmer or Cowrie Beaches. Why is this? Despite years of searching for, and finding, the shells I have never got an answer to this question. If anyone knows, I would love to hear from them.

Cowrie Beach is difficult to get to - those seaweed-covered rocks and deep pools have given plenty of children (and quite a few adults) an unexpected soaking. The shrieks and screams on the journey are part of the experience.

A trip to Cowrie Beach must be planned carefully; you must always watch for the tide coming in as it is easy to get cut off. But it is a beautifully secluded beach and usually deserted and then what happy hours you can have searching for those tiny shells. They are not easy to find which makes them all the more precious.

We all have our special places to look.....at the high tide line under the seaweed, nestled beside the huge rocks, under stones and in the pools.....each of us has a secret place, bottoms up and heads down, on our knees, searching. Sometimes we have a competition - who can find the most, the largest or smallest. The greatest mystery is why we sometimes find none at all. On finding a cowrie it needs to be transferred to a special container - a bottle, bag or box that has been brought along specially. The hoard is then taken home and some of us keep them for years, accumulating huge collections.

Oh what happy times we have had looking for cowries. Remember them?

Jeanne Sowry
Radlett, Hertfordshire

Dear Editor

Mars? Bah!

I was interested to read the bit about our red planet in the August-September issue of *Village Voice*. This has been an ongoing saga since the year when Mars actually *did* get the closest to Earth which was in 2003. It will not do so again for over 200 years (28th August 2287 apparently - a Google search will give you all the details). Quite what anyone should get from this hoax is unclear - it does not seem to be selling anything, not even the 75-power binoculars it recommends!

On a completely separate subject, you will no doubt have noticed how blocked the Lea has been recently. Also, the whole contour of the beach has changed so that there's a continuous beach shelf running in front of the Lea. It has been a theory of mine that, just like the original outflow at the southern end of the beach (below what was Rock House), the Lea will eventually block on a fairly permanent basis. It seems to be about as close to it this year as I can recall. It will be interesting to see what happens this winter with the conflicting forces of the south-west wind pushing the beach up and the rising water in the Lea trying to break through.

In the event that it does eventually block, what would that do to the boundaries between Thurlestone and South Milton Sands?

Thanks as always for an excellent magazine.

Peter Stafford
The White House,
South Milton Sands

Headscratcher

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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

These past two months are the busiest ones of the Captain's year. Starting with the Gentlemen's Invitation day at the beginning of July, there was a disappointing turnout for this event, which was unfortunately not well supported with only 32 pairs. The winners were **Andrew Longhurst** and his son with 44 points from **Rodney Doran** and his guest **Stewart Hopkins** from Plymouth.

The next competition was the midweek medal in July. Happily, this produced an extraordinary record for **Gerald Baker** whose score for the round of a gross 79 was actually one below his age of 80 years. Gerald had a nett 63 which won him the medal and first place in Division two. The winner of division one was **Bryan Lewis** with a nett 64.

The juniors have done well in the Adult competitions. **Josh Walsh** won the 36 holes Thurlestone Hotel cup in July, with scores of 38 and 42 points for a total of 80, which reduced his handicap to 4. He was just two points ahead of another junior **Jamie Johnson**, also with handicap reduction to 10, and 3rd was **Richard Webb** with 77 points.

Then in the Kennedy Cup medal in July, junior **Jamie Johnson** won with a gross 77, nett 67, reducing his handicap to 8. Second was **Harry Milburn-Fryer** (5) with a net 69. In the Division 2, first place went to **Richard Bird** with nett 71 on countback, from **Dave Wadey**. The Kennedy Cup matchplay knockout competition final was played between two juniors, with **Jamie Johnson** beating **Robert Came**.

In the Prouse Salver in August there were some very good scores. Schoolboy **Josh Walsh** had a fantastic gross 68 nett 64 which gave him a handicap reduction to 3. In division 2 another schoolboy, away member **Richard Yarrow**, came first with a nett 61.

The August medal and Daily Telegraph qualifier for the Garmin challenge saw more juniors taking the top spots. **Jamie Johnson** won Division 1 with a nett 66, reducing his handicap to 8, and second was **Harry Milburn-Fryer** with a nett 68. In Division 2 another two juniors were top with **Callum Tollins** having a nett 62 and handicap reduction to 23, and second was **Tom Leach** with a nett 65. The qualifier for the Daily Telegraph had to be over 18, so **Christopher Holmes** with nett 65 qualified.

On the Captains Prize day the weather was terrible in the morning but 86 competitors braved the rain and went out. **Peter Laugher** the Professional did a great job on the first hole and challenged everyone to get nearer the pin than his drive. He raised £241 for the Captains charity, Shelter Boxes. The Lady Captain, **Sue Esplin** sold draw tickets all day and raised more money. The overall total raised was £569. The winner was **Scott Edmonds** with 43 points, and second was **Ian Jones** with 41 points. Nearest the pin on the 6th was **David Eva**, who was only a foot away from a hole in one. **Callum Tollins** won the junior prize with 38 points.

There was a very enjoyable Bar-B-Q on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday run by **Tony** and **Lisa** and **Angela Ford** and the House Committee. Fifty members and their guests supported the event. The mixed greensome competition on Bank holiday Monday for the Cancer Goblets was very successful with lovely sunny weather. The winners with 45 points were **Jane Edmonds** and **Mark Chapman**.

The seniors Open in September was very well supported and was won by **Hugh Bodger** with 37 points.

Club Championships: By the time you read this the results of the Club championships - Mens and Ladies 36 hole competitions - held on Saturday/Sunday 25/26 September will already be known. We hope for a big entry and some good weather.

David Wadey

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Since writing my last report we have held our two final open competitions (Bronze & Silver) which, although enjoyed by all who entered, were a little disappointing with respect to the number of entries.

However, with the 3 Ball Team Open this was not the case. The Team Open events are always extremely well supported at Thurlestone and we had players from 8.30 in the morning right through to 2.00 pm. Luckily, this year we have been blessed with good weather for all the opens and let us hope that this encourages good entries for next year's events from those who have enjoyed the quality of the course, the beautiful views and good catering.

Alcomers Cup. This year there were some magnificent scores. The winner of the day was **Jo Crispin** with a net 68 on count back from **Ann Best**.

Killard Leavey Trophy. In the Autumn Foursomes competition held at Tavistock alongside the Killard Leavey Trophy, **Shona Wilson** and **Liz Sharman** represented Thurlestone. They were runners-up and were presented with a Georgian Dish for their success. Congratulations to them both.

Beth Peters has had a wonderful summer and reduced her handicap to single figures. Congratulations to her and we wish her every success going forward.

We are looking forward to welcoming friends from clubs all around the country in our Invitation Day soon, when we hope to be showing Thurlestone at its best.

Happy golfing.

Sue Esplin

JUNIORS' SECTION NEWSLETTER

In July the Thurlestone junior League team were in action at home against Yelverton. Unfortunately we lost 3-2 but all matches were keenly contested. **Oliver Walsh**, **Jamie Johnson** and **Toby Pepperrell** lost their

matches but **Callum Tollins** won his singles match and **Josh Walsh** and **Cameron Day** won their foursome match.

Also in July, three of our junior girls; **Laura Tregelles**, **Lottie Holland** and **Beth Yeoman** went to Royal North Devon for the South West girls championship run by the English Women's Golf Association. Beth did very well and played the 36 holes with a score of two under her handicap of 18 and was runner up in the Under 15 group. Beth has since reduced her handicap to 16.

The juniors have done well in the Adult competitions. **Josh Walsh** won the Thurlestone hotel cup ahead of **Jamie Johnson**, who went on to take the Kennedy Cup medal in July, with a gross 77, nett 67.

In the Ladies July Stableford at Thurlestone, **Beth Peters** won with 39 points, to bring her handicap down to 10, and **Laura Tregelles** was 5th in the Silver division with 35 points. In the Thurlestone Silver Open, Beth won the Money cup for the lowest gross score of a Thurlestone player. She had 81 and just beat Laura who had 82. In the July medal at Bigbury, Beth played a fantastic round and had a gross 75, giving her a nett 65 and reducing her handicap to 8.

Thurlestone junior team played the second round of the David Agnew Tamar Cup knockout matchplay competition in July. They beat Killiow golf club team at China Fleet golf course by two matches to one. The competition brings together eight junior teams from Cornwall and eight from Devon. Thurlestone played Portpean in the first round at Elfordleigh and won 2-1. The victory over Killiow was a close fought affair where each of the 4 ball matches went to the 17th and 18th holes. Junior captain **Laura Tregelles** and **Lottie Holland** won on the 18th, **Jamie Johnson** and **Beth Yeoman** won 2/1 and **Cameron Day** and **George Holland** lost on the 17th. George is only 10 years old and had never played a League match before but agreed to stand in at the last minute. Thurlestone then went through into the semi-final where they unfortunately lost 2-1 against Carlyon Bay at Yelverton.

At the Hele Park junior open in August two of our juniors did very well. **Robert Came** playing off 13 won Division 1 with a net score of 61 (4 below h'cap). **Callum Tollins** playing off 27 won Division 2 with a net

score of 65 and Callum also won the longest drive for Division 2. **Beth Peters** had the lowest girls gross score with 80. In the August Ladies' Stableford junior **Beth Yeoman** won the Silver division with 41 points and had her handicap reduced to 16.

In the Men's competition in August (the Daily Telegraph Garmin challenge medal), Division 1 was won by **Jamie Johnson** with a nett 66 and handicap reduction to 8, while Division 2 was won by **Callum Tollins** with a nett 62, and handicap reduction to 23. In second place was **Tom Leach** with a nett 65, and a handicap reduction to 15.

In August, the annual Juniors v The Club match was played. Twelve juniors lined up against the adults to play for the Nick Nicholson trophy, given in memory of the former club captain who sadly died last year. Club captains **Dave Wadey** and **Sue Esplin** kicked off against Junior captain **Laura Tregelles** and junior vice captain **Tom Leach**, who won 3/2. Then Vice Captain **John Laphorn** and **Sue Laugher** beat **Claire Harrison** and **Ted Taylor**. **Gill Hicks** and **Roger Leach** were beaten by juniors **Beth Yeoman** and **Robert Came**. **Ann Best** and **Kevin Mingo** halved with juniors **Josh Walsh** and **Cameron Day**. **Gwen Hale** and **Brian Munn** were beaten by **Ollie Walsh** and **Callum Tollins**, and **Liz Line** and **Jackson Day** beat **Laurence Partridge** and **Oscar Day**. The result was a win by 3½ - 2½ for the juniors, and the trophy was presented by captain **Dave Wadey**. This is the second year running that the juniors have beaten the club.

The juniors were in action again at Tavistock in August for the Devon Juniors Autumn meeting. Nine of our juniors took part, and two of them came away with trophies. **Jamie Johnson** shot a gross 83 and won the Innes trophy for the best gross score (boys under 14). **Beth Yeoman** (off 16) shot a gross 89 to win the Girls handicap trophy.

We are very grateful to the Thurstlestone Hotel again this year for sponsoring our junior team and to Assistant pro **Pete Mitchell** who has done such a good job coaching the juniors. Please contact the pro shop (560715) if you would like to join our Monday evening junior sessions and Pete will give you all the details. Happy golfing for the Autumn season!

Liz Line

HOUSE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forthcoming Events

Friday, 22 October, 7 pm - A **Music Quiz** for teams of up to six. Tickets will be £10 per head to include Buffet supper and Prizes. Book at the golf club bar.

Friday, 12 November, 7 pm - A **Jazz and Dine** evening. Tickets at £20 to include a 3-course meal, jazz band, and dance floor. Book at the golf club bar.

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THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2010

A report by John Lonsdale

The 2010 Show was well supported by our exhibitors and the many visitors who came along to admire the fantastic display of vegetables, flowers, cookery and handicrafts on show at Thurlestone Parish Hall on Saturday 7th August.

Notable amongst the exhibits was a wonderful photograph of a bee, taken by **Lynn Darch**, a first-time entrant who won four cups. **Tom** and **Abbie Newman** did very well in the children's classes, winning two cups each. **Lynn Gunning** won four classes

and the Domestic challenge cup, whilst stalwart **Tony Church** had a very good day winning no fewer than 17 classes and 6 cups. **David Coward**, the Show Chairman, won 9 classes and the Yeo Cup for the best vegetable entry. Keeping it in the family, his grand-daughter, **Isla Jarvis**, won the Under 5s cup. The total number of entries was up again this year with new entrants in all classes, and the show was another great day out for judges, committee, visitors and entrants alike!

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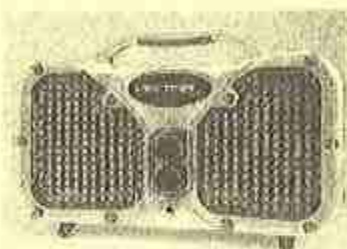
Name of cup	Presented for	Winner 2010
Ben Horn Memorial	Highest points onions & shallots	Tony Church
Yeo Cup	Best vegetable entry	David Coward
Novices Vegetable Cup	Highest points	Derek Brown
Fruit & vegetable open	Winner of Section	Tony Church
Cut flowers & pot plants	Winner of Section	Tony Church
Marshall Cup	Winner single rose	Tony Church
Wray Cup	Winner roses classes 40, 41 & 42	Tony Church
President's Tankard	Winner flowering fuchsia	Lesley Ferguson
K'bridge Garden Shop	Winner flower arranging	Diana Parker-Swift
Under 5s cup	Winner classes 52 and 53	Isla Jarvis
Under 7s cup	Best exhibit classes 54 and 55	Nicoletta Crawford
Derrick Yeoman Cup	Best exhibit classes 56, 57, 58	Tom Newman
Oswald Junior Cup	Overall winner classes 56, 57, 59	Tom Newman
White Seniors Cup	Best exhibit classes 59, 60, 61	Abbie Newman
Oswald Senior Cup	Overall winner classes 59, 60, 61	Abbie Newman
Gunning Novices Cup	Highest points Cookery section	Eve Gilkes
Doris Tyler Trophy	Winner set recipe	Lynn Gunning
Domestic Challenge Cup	Overall winner Cookery section	Lynn Gunning
Doris Jackson Trophy	Winner sewing	Lynn Darch
Handicrafts Cup	Overall winner Handicrafts section	Lynn Darch
Millman Cup	Winner classes 84, 85, 86	Lynn Darch
South Milton resident	Highest points	Lynn Darch
Thurlestone resident	Highest Points	Tony Church

The Show's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 18th October, 2010** at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room at Thurlestone Parish Hall. Residents of both parishes are cordially invited to attend.

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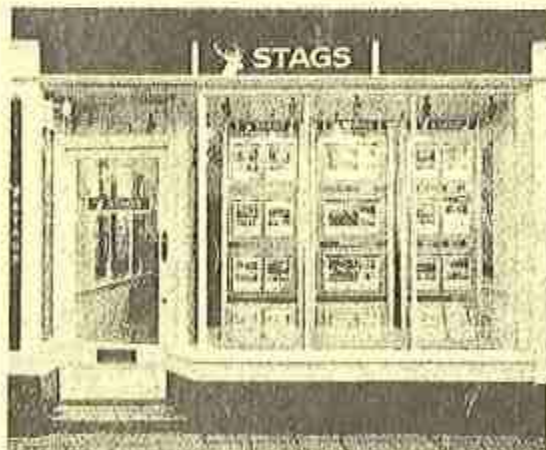


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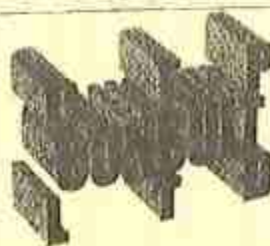
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HORSWELL DIARY

Jack the Labrador, Millie the Collie dog and myself have been left holding the fort again. The chatelaine is away visiting a desperately ill parent.

I have to start this Diary with the sad news that Betty, our much-loved transvestite peafowl, has disappeared without trace, as did one of her erstwhile mates the peacock, Genghis Khan. No feathers, nothing to indicate an attack by a predator, no suggestion of ill-health. I begin to wonder if there is some mystery peafowl Valhalla.

We acquired Betty many years ago from Coombe Royal, where she had already reared a brood of chicks. Equipped with a suitable crate I went to collect Betty. But Betty was certainly not going to tolerate the indignity of being put into a crate, and put up a great resistance. There was no option other than to let her sit on the front passenger seat of the old Volvo. We drove through Kingsbridge and Betty kept popping up, almost giving a regal wave, much to the amazement and amusement of people on the pavement.

On arrival at Horswell I opened the passenger door and out she jumped and looked around her with a look on her face as if to say "Not bad, but not exactly Coombe Royal". She found, however, that the Khan brothers (Imran and Genghis) were lurking in the bushes. They emerged and proceeded to give a full display with an undisguised look of lust in their eyes and danced the peafowl fandango.

Betty produced two broods of chicks

that first year. She was a wonderful mother with single-minded devotion to her babies. When they were tucked safely beneath her she looked as serene as a Raphael madonna. She taught them to fly, her click-cluck instructions in a nasal tone guiding them to the low branches of the cork tree that was to be their sleeping quarters. It had to be one of the most moving displays of maternal patience in the animal kingdom.

However, Betty did lose patience with the continual sexual harassment from the brothers and decided enough was enough - if you cannot beat them, join them. The next year, after a prolonged early summer moult, she came back in *full male plumage* (absolutely true), and proceeded to display and perform a most competent quadrille to the amazement and consternation of the brothers. We shall, and do, miss Betty coming to hand for her afternoon digestive biscuit.

The disappearing act of the peafowl is mirrored by so much of our wild life. During July and August I enjoyed sitting outside in the twilight, unless of course it was raining. Where, oh where are the swifts and the martins, the bats and the may-bugs - creatures we have taken for granted on warm summer evenings ever since we were children? This year was also the second year that I have not heard a cuckoo - notwithstanding that I spent a small fortune on a new hearing aid. Similarly, when on my customary walk with the dogs up the sunken lane between Cross Parks and Southdown Farm to the ridge-way and back down

to the village, I see not a sign of fur nor feather. Nevertheless, all is not gloom. What a wonderful year it is for the apple and plum trees, their boughs nearly breaking with the weight of fruit.

With advancing age there is a tendency to look back rather than forward, to wallow in nostalgia. I remember when we used to cut the corn with a binder and put the sheaves into stooks, and the current folklore at that time was that the stooks should hear the church-bells on three Sundays before being carted to the rick yard. Of course the stubbles were a wonderful supply of food for the birds. Now, behind the combine harvester comes the baler followed by a cultivator or

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I have just heard that Madam is on the way home. Total panic. Dogs' hairs to be removed from the duvet, used glasses to be washed and wrappers from the Cod-Father to be disposed of. I really must dash!


Michael Dart

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Programme for October and November 2010

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14th October | A walk from Malborough . Meet at Malborough Village Hall car park (GR 10397) for a four-mile walk along quiet lanes and footpaths. Return by lunchtime. |
| Wednesday
27th October | Coach trip to Tyntesfield (NT) . A chance to see how conservation work has progressed since our last visit two years ago to this fascinating mansion in North Somerset. Facilities are still limited, so a picnic lunch is advisable. |
| Monday
8th November | The Yangtse Gorges and the Terracotta Warriors . An illustrated talk by Odette Bailey , looking at famous sites including the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City. At Thurstlestone Parish Hall, at 2.30pm. Entrance £2.50 including tea and biscuits. <i>All are welcome.</i> |
| Friday
26th November | Skittles Evening at East Ogwell. By popular demand, another skittles evening at "The Jolly Sailor", East Ogwell, near Newton Abbot. |

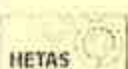

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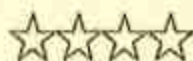
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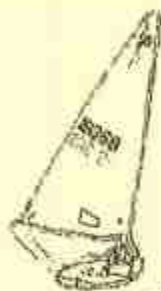
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Medium

No. 52

SUDOKU - The latest four part challenge!

One puzzle in our August issue turned out to be even more challenging than intended as a digit was inadvertently omitted (Medium 49, line 7, column 9 = 2). This was spotted and reported by one reader but was apparently not an insuperable problem, as it permitted of multiple solutions which three solvers identified. From these three all-correct entries the prize of the coveted bottle of *Chateau Sudoku* this time went to **Gill Pollard** of Upton Grange. Congratulations, Gill! Entries for this issue's challenge (above) should be sent to 25 Mead Lane as usual, by Guy Fawkes Day (no fireworks please). Good luck!



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South Efford Salt Marsh

At a very well organised public meeting, chaired by **Gary Streeter MP**, on Friday 17th September the Environment Agency presented their revised plans for creating salt marsh at South Efford to a packed audience of local people at Aveton Gifford Village Hall. An eloquent response to the proposal was presented by **John Peters**, a highly experienced environmental scientist, Aveton Gifford parishioner and ACA committee member.

Following a lively but good tempered Q & A session, votes of those attending were recorded on ballot slips with the result that the Environment Agency's proposal to create a salt marsh at South Efford was rejected, by 36 votes (against) and 11 votes (in favour).

No guarantees about the future status of the project were provided on the night; many uncertainties remain. However, Environment Agency staff stated that they will take this clear expression of community opinion into consideration and consult with DEFRA before deciding how to proceed.

Bird Sightings

A grey phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) has now been added to the number of unusual birds sighted on the Avon within the last week or so. This specimen is reported to have been seen by Rod Bone and others from the tidal road, at the seaward end.

Grey phalaropes spend a large proportion of their lives out at sea, many miles from land. Birds that turn up in the UK - largely around the coast but occasionally at wetlands inland - have been blown off-course by bad weather and strong winds.



Grey Phalarope

Dwarf Spike-Rush

It's hardly a surprise, given its extremely muddy habitat, that the Dwarf Spike-Rush or *Eleocharis parvula*, is a rarity in the UK and that the Avon is the only place in Devon where the species has been reported. Anyway, I'm pleased to report that on our third attempt to re-discover the plant in the Bridge End area at AG, Gordon Waterhouse, Nigel Mortimer (South Devon AONB Unit) and myself, in the expert company of Roger Smith, the Royal Botanical Society's official recorder for South Devon, and Andy Byfield from Plantlife (a wild plant conservation charity) managed to find a couple of small patches. This highly inconspicuous plant appears to be at the limit of its survival range for salinity and is at risk from being swamped by sloppy mud but we can certify that it is present on our river, this year!

Forthcoming Events

1. A public lecture entitled *"Water for Life, Water for Livelihoods"* will be given by **Paul Sadler** of the Environment Agency on Tuesday 19th October at Thurlestone Parish Hall at 7.00 pm
2. Mid-October A tidal road clean-up from Aveton Gifford to Bigbury
3. Friday 19th November, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Re-union meal at Avon Mill restaurant (members only)

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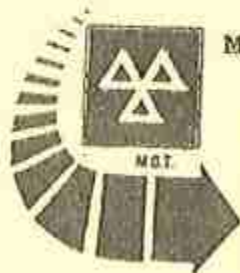
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Bubble and Squeak Fishcakes (serves 4)

This is a Waitrose recipe, and very tasty it is too! The fishcakes are delicious comfort food, and a great way to use up any leftover mashed potatoes and other vegetables from Sunday lunch. You could make mini versions to serve for a party. Smoked salmon pieces could be used instead of fresh. Use the chive sauce as a dip.

Ingredients:

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| ◆ 300g salmon fillet | ◆ 15g fresh chives chopped |
| ◆ About 200-250ml milk | ◆ 1tsp lemon juice |
| ◆ 400g potatoes peeled and cut into chunks | ◆ 4tbsp plain flour |
| ◆ 25g butter | ◆ 3tbsp vegetable oil |
| ◆ 150g Savoy cabbage shredded | ◆ 100ml half fat crème fraîche |

Preparation:

- (1) Place the salmon in a shallow pan, cover with the milk (top up with water if necessary), bring to a gentle boil and then simmer for 3-4 minutes, or until the fish turns opaque. Drain and leave until cold enough to handle, then remove the skin, flake and check for any bones.
- (2) Meanwhile, place the potatoes in a large pan and cover with water. Bring to the boil and simmer for 12 minutes, or until just tender. Drain and return to the pan. Add the butter and mash until smooth, then keep warm. Place the cabbage in another pan, cover with boiling water and simmer for 4 minutes until tender. Drain and add to the potatoes, along with the fish, half the chives and the lemon juice. Season, mix thoroughly and cool.
- (3) Divide the mixture into 8 and shape into cakes about 2.5cm thick. Cover and chill for at least 30 minutes. When ready to cook, place the flour on a plate and dip the fishcakes in the flour until lightly but evenly coated. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Cook the fishcakes (in batches if necessary) for 3-4 minutes each side or until crisp and golden. Drain on a kitchen towel.
- (4) Mix together the crème fraîche with the remaining chives and season. Serve the fishcakes with the chive sauce, roasted tomatoes and spinach leaves.

Note:

Desiree potatoes are the preferred variety. You can also use smoked haddock instead of the salmon. If you are using leftover mashed potato and other veg then skip the second part of the preparation. Instead, mix together the mash, veg, fish, half the chives, lemon juice and seasoning, then continue.

Grey Matter

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

1. How many counties are there on the south coast of England?
2. What is England's most easterly town?
3. Which of these towns is the furthest north; Liverpool, Manchester, or Leeds?
4. Which London market re-located to the Isle of Dogs, in 1982?
5. The Ritz Hotel, in London, overlooks which Park; Green Park, Hyde Park, or Regents Park?
6. Who is the only King of England to be buried in Canterbury Cathedral?
7. The most common street name in Britain is High Street. What's the second most common name?
8. In which English city is John Wesley's Chapel, the worlds 1st Methodist Chapel, where he preached?
9. Of which city is Saint Frideswide the patron saint?
10. Scenes from which 007 film were shot at Stoke Poges golf club, in Buckinghamshire?
11. What is so unusual about a city that is twinned with Wincanton?
12. Who are the only four successive kings of England to have had the same name?
13. Who was the youngest member of England's World Cup winning team of 1966?
14. Auckland Castle is the official home of whom?
15. Which road had the postcode L43 6TZ?
16. Which road runs from Hounslow to Land's End?
17. In order to calculate distances from London, what is generally taken as the capital's central point?
18. In which English city is Parliament Street, the world's 2nd narrowest 'road', at just 122 cm wide?
19. Which is higher - the top of the London Eye, or the top of the Wembley Stadium Arch?
20. Which town lies at the confluence of the rivers Avon and Severn?

Answers to last quiz.

1. Absolute Zero, 2. Wheel on a Unicycle, 3. Kelly's Eye, 4. Turtle Doves (12 days of Christmas), 5. Pints in a quart, 6. Centimetres in an Inch, 7. Men in a Boat (Jerome K Jerome), 8. Coins in a Fountain, 9. Blind Mice (See How they Run), 10. Legs for Jake the Peg, 11. Suits in a Pack of Cards, 12. Sides on a Square, 13. Weddings and a Funeral, 14. Litres in a gallon, 15. Gold Rings, 16. 1st of November is Bonfire Night, 17. Famous Five (by Enid Blyton), 18. Points for a Try, 19. Wives of Henry the Eighth, 20. Half Dozen, 21. Balls in an Over, 22. Sides on a Hexagon, 23. Sides on a Dice, 24. Colours of the Rainbow, 25. Wonders of the World, 26. Dwarfs for Snow White, 27. Players in a Netball team, 28. Legs on a Spider, 29. Lives of a Cat, 30. Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall, 31. Signs of the Zodiac, 32. Days of Christmas, 33. Humble apologies for our first ever error. It should have read DD for Drummers Drumming. All entries were assessed on 32 answers only.

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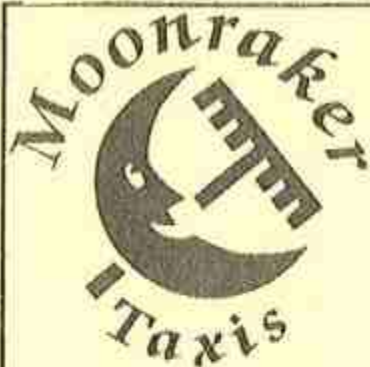
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At the Bridge Table



This article is about pre-emptive bidding. For example, you are dealer and hold:

Spades KQ1087654 *Hearts* 853 *Diamonds* 6 *Clubs* 5

This hand is ideal for an opening **pre-emptive**, which is a bid at the 3 or 4 level showing a long suit and very little else. The way to assess such hands is to assume partner has a balanced nothing and that you can afford to concede 500 when doubled. This is known as the rule of 500 or, more specifically, the rule of 2 down vulnerable and 3 down non-vulnerable. The above hand is worth seven tricks, so should be opened 3 Spades vulnerable, or 4 Spades non-vulnerable.

The idea is to make life difficult for the opponents if they wish to enter the bidding. In general it will gain more often than not if you are quite daring and ambitious with your pre-emptive bids, particularly if you are non-vulnerable, since the opposition will nearly always go for a contract of their own and quite often you will have pushed them into the wrong final resting place. You may also make a pre-emptive overcall using the same criteria, provided that your bid is at least a double jump. Thus over a 1 Heart opening, 3 Spades would be a pre-emptive overcall as distinguished from 2 Spades which (depending on your bidding system) would be either a strong or intermediate jump overcall. (The bid that sometimes catches people out is a 3 Hearts overcall over a 1 Spade opening. Although it sounds like a pre-emptive overcall it is only a single jump and therefore shows a strong/intermediate hand.)

Here are a few hands where pre-empts might be considered.

	<i>Spades</i>	<i>Hearts</i>	<i>Diamonds</i>	<i>Clubs</i>
(1)	QJ 97632	75	10	983
(2)	K1086543	Q4	J3	J6
(3)	KQ107632	72	10 4	1074
(4)	AQ109542	73	4	K109
(5)	10963	AKJ983	94	5

Hand (1) is lightweight but worth stretching to 3 Spades as you have no defence whatsoever. Hand (2) is light on playing tricks and the isolated high cards although useless in attack may combine with partner's to produce one or more defensive tricks. So pass on this one. Hand (3) on a fairly optimistic view can be counted as six tricks, so make the pre-empt. Hand (4) is too strong for a pre-empt. In order of preference the options are 1 Spade, 4 Spades and pass. On (5) you have four of the other major and for the reason given in the penultimate paragraph below, you should pass - although in third position you might risk partner's wrath by bidding 3 Hearts.

When pre-empts are made, the pre-emptor's partner is in a better position than anyone else at the table to judge who can make what and he becomes the *captain*. He decides how high to bid, whether to save, and so on. He will assume that your three-bid is of this kind:

- (a) less than the strength for a one-bid;
- (b) a maximum of six tricks when not vulnerable, and not far short of seven when vulnerable;
- (c) no secondary major suit

The reason for the last assumption is that it will be difficult for responder to assess the potential of either side if he has to allow for the possibility of four cards in an unbid major in the pre-emptor's hand. If your partner opens 3 Hearts non-vulnerable and you hold-

Spades 94 *Hearts* J9 *Diamonds* AQ853 *Clubs* K743

you can see that no more than nine tricks may be there for your side. But it may be tactically right to raise to 4 Hearts on the basis that an opponent yet to bid may well have game in Spades.

Responding to partner's pre-emptive bid can be tricky ... and will be the subject of my next article.

Victor

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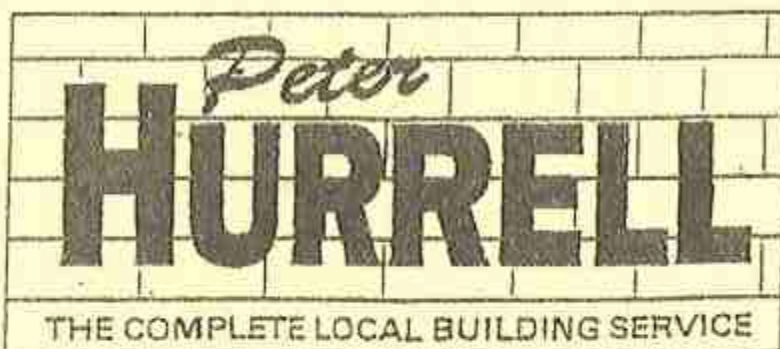
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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

I guess that summer has finally said goodbye for this year. However, we can usually expect a good spell around St. Luke's day (St. Luke's little summer) at the end of October. Did August have any really good days or were there just a series of nearly good days and awful days? Certainly, there were some days of rain and 'heavy' rain, days of no rain and dull days, as follows:

'no rain' days (below 0.2mm)	= 22 days
days below 10mm	= 7 days
30mm and above	= 2 days

The distribution of rainfall across the month shows when the wettest period occurred:

1 st - 21 st August	= 23.8mm
22 nd - 26 th August	= 76.2mm
Total for August	= 100mm
The end of the month was dry.	

1997, 1999, and 2004 all had higher rainfall, and 2005 was the driest since 1996. It is very often the case that August has more dry days than wet, but when it rains *it rains with a vengeance!* Apart from January this year August has been the wettest month of the year. It was the coolest August since my records began in 1996, with an average temperature of only 15.2°C and, apart from 2008, it was the dullest since 1996 with only 124hrs of sunshine.

Ah well, the visitors still came to the beach and put up their tents and wind-breaks, and with the use of wet-suits a good time was had by all. The RNLi lifeguards have gone, and I haven't heard of any savings of life or of any serious accidents (I stand corrected if you know more.)

Since August it has been so cloudy and dull! For that reason perhaps it would not come

amiss to look at clouds and how to classify them, very briefly!

The Hamblyn books are a very good source of information and Richard's volume "*The Cloud Book*" is a fascinating insight into the vagaries of clouds and their impact on us. I know that I have written about clouds in the distant past, but will now try to update you with some different slants on how to recognise and maybe predict what will come out of the formation.

Just a reminder that the phenomena of clouds was an early interest of Aristophanes, who, in 420 BCE described them as "The patron goddesses of idle men". As a playwright he proved a dreamer as well as whetting the appetite of the scientists to come. But it was not until the early 19th century that the clouds of our skies assumed Latin names which have stuck to this day.

The founder of these new cloud names was *Luke Howard* (1772-1864), an amateur meteorologist from East London. He applied these three terms as basic descriptions:

CIRRUS, STRATUS, CUMULUS and they - and their compounds - are all still in International use today. He was a 30 year old pharmacist by profession but an amateur meteorologist by inclination, and it was he who introduced the classification that we use today.

He took into account the fact that the cloud formations were ever changing and that there was a severe challenge try to classify these changes. Sticking to the original three types he explained the link between the words and the cloud pattern. Every kind of cloud, he claimed, is either a modification of or a transition between one or more of these three major types, with the intermediate or transitional forms named according to their relation to the principal clouds. So a high, wispy cirrus cloud that descended and spread into a sheet (or stratum) was named *cirrostratus*, while groups of fluffy cumulus

clouds that joined up and spread across the sky (again, into a stratum or sheet) were named *cumulostratus*.

So far, so brilliantly simple. The clouds might still never be at rest, but Howard had arrived at an elegant solution to the problem of naming transitional forms of nature. Once published, in 1803, Howard's cloud classification was soon taken up across the world, from where it spread into the wider culture through lectures, newspapers and printed books. By the early 1820's the landscape painter *John Constable* was using his own heavily annotated copy of Howard's classification in connection with the sequence of more than 100 cloud studies that he painted in the open air at Hampstead Heath during the summers he spent in London.

Other notable persons to take advantage of the studies in clouds were the German poet and natural philosopher *JW Goethe*. He wrote fan letters to Howard in the early 1820's and composed a poem – 'In Honour of Howard'.

Percy Bysshe Shelley penned an 84 line poem 'The Cloud' in 1820, in which he describes the distinctive personalities of each of Howard's cloud types.

The 1896 *Classification of Cloud Forms* from the first International Cloud Atlas consisted of five main groups with sub-variations. I will list the main groups and then the modern day groups.

1896 Classification

- (A). Upper clouds, average altitude 9,000m (29,500ft)
- (B). Intermediate Clouds, between 3,000 and 7,000m (9,840 and 23,000ft)
- (C). Lower Clouds, 2,000m (6,500ft)
- (D). Clouds of Diurnal Ascending Currents
- (E). High Fogs, under 1,000m (3,280ft)

[There are 10 sub-types which I'm sure you can Google if you are desperately interested!]

The World Meteorological Organisation's current classification of the ten Principal Cloud Genera has taken a slightly different basis for its three main cloud levels.

- 1. **Low Clouds** (base usually below 2Km/<6,500ft)
- 2. **Medium Clouds** (base usually between 2 and 6Km/6,500 and 20,000ft)
- 3. **High clouds** (base usually above 6Km/>20,000ft)

A Latin Scholar would have no difficulty in recognising the technical names for each of the many sub-sub-divisions of each cloud type. It is in fact, for the layman, easy to remember once mastering the basic names. The varieties of form, colour or position of cloud types becomes fixed in one's mind and easy to perceive when observing in the field.

Today the cover is complete, mostly Stratus, not rain-bearing as yet, but keeping the temperature up and the sun hidden! I am off to pick field mushrooms for dinner tonight (a secret location). It proves that the soil temperature and the ambient night-time temps are still warm, in relative terms.

Good fungi-foraging and make sure that you pick the right ones!!

Jan Turner

PS. Thank you to everyone who has wished me a speedy recovery from a somewhat unexpected hospital stay. Recovery is more rapid now, and I'll soon be back terrorising all you careful motorists and pedestrians!

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Monday 4th TRAMP, Modbury (short walk - tba)
Monday 4th Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Saturday 9th AGM, Thurlestone Golf Club, Clubhouse, 6.00 pm
Wednesday 13th TRAMP, Halsands, (long walk)
Thursday 14th W1, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Births, Marriages & Deaths)
Saturday 16th Kingsmen & Panache, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19th ACA, *Water for Life* talk, Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
Friday 22nd Music Quiz, Thurlestone Golf Club, 7.00 pm
Wednesday 27th TRAMP, Horrabridge-Merrivale (long walk)

November

Monday 1st Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 3rd TRAMPS, Frogmore Creek (short walk)
Monday 8th National Trust talk, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (see advert)
Wednesday 10th TRAMPS, Dart River (long walk)
Thursday 11th W1, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm (Annual meeting, elections etc)
Friday 12th Jazz & Dine, Thurlestone Golf Club, 7.00 pm
Friday 19th TRAMPS (tba)
Saturday 20th Tim Kipphuis Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm (BYO)

December

Friday 3rd TRAMPS Christmas Walk, tba
Monday 6th Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 10th W1 Christmas Carol Service, W. Alvington church, 2.30 pm
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25 Years Ago

Extracts from Village Voice issues published in October - November 1985

THURLESTONE BRIDGE CLUB

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Barn on Friday 4th October at 7.00 pm.

Anyone wishing to join, or anyone wishing to know more about Club activities will be welcome at 7 pm.

A partner is guaranteed if you are unable to find one.

Although Duplicate Bridge is played the actual game is very little different from Rubber Bridge, but if you haven't played Duplicate Bridge before, members will be glad to help you. Once you have become accustomed you will want to continue.

If enough people express interest an evening of explanation can be arranged. Further information from the general factotum - **W. Phillips** (560763)

48 years ago!

Parish Council Minute 7th September 1937:
Sewer Outfall Pipe

"Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March last, a letter was received from Kingsbridge Rural District Council to the effect that their Consulting Engineer had been instructed to inspect this pipeline and present a report thereon.

It was reported that resulting from the Engineer's report instructions had been given for certain repair works to be carried out."

One has to wonder what may happen in the next 48 years!

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Over the past few months it has been mentioned that the present Editor is, after nearly four years, looking for a successor age, shall we say, 17 to 70 - after all, the present Editor was 72 when he published the first issue!

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During the trial period the mat and bowls were supplied by the Action Van Team, who as well as delivering these, helped to instruct and assist with the games with great enthusiasm, humour, and tact. If the club becomes established it is hoped that we will eventually be able to purchase our own mat and bowls at an approximate cost of £500.

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