

# VILLAGE VOICE



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### Apple and Blackberry

We are indebted to *Margaret Houghton* for her original painting of apples and blackberries for our front cover, a timely reminder of autumn fruitfulness. It has been a good year for both fruits, so our larders should be packed with jars of bramble jelly, and our freezers with delicious a & b crumbles and the like. Blackberrying remains a joyous pastime, especially for the elderly, and never fails to rekindle memories of the youthful delights of summers long ago.

For the younger generation, however, the words conjure up no visions of country hedgerows and orchards; no sunny afternoons of stained fingers and scratched forearms. The Apple is another job altogether, and its iPod evokes no thoughts of fruit (or veg for that matter). Today's Blackberry engages the senses of sight and sound, but is otherwise quite tasteless - a prized possession for chavs and nerds; an essentially urban fruit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Instead of seasonal delicacies to tickle our tastebuds Blackberries have now become the constant irritant of signature tones, endless streams of banalities in text-speak, and the reason why every other pedestrian's hand seems to be permanently clamped to his (or her) ear.

Oh yes, let's have two hurrahs for technological accomplishment and ingenuity by all means, but it would be sad indeed if we forgot how to enjoy the simple pleasures of a free and bounteous harvest. So a third hurrah and thanks to Margaret (and also our *Kate's Kitchen* recipe page) for a reminder of fruits and flavours to be cherished.

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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## ROAD CLOSURE

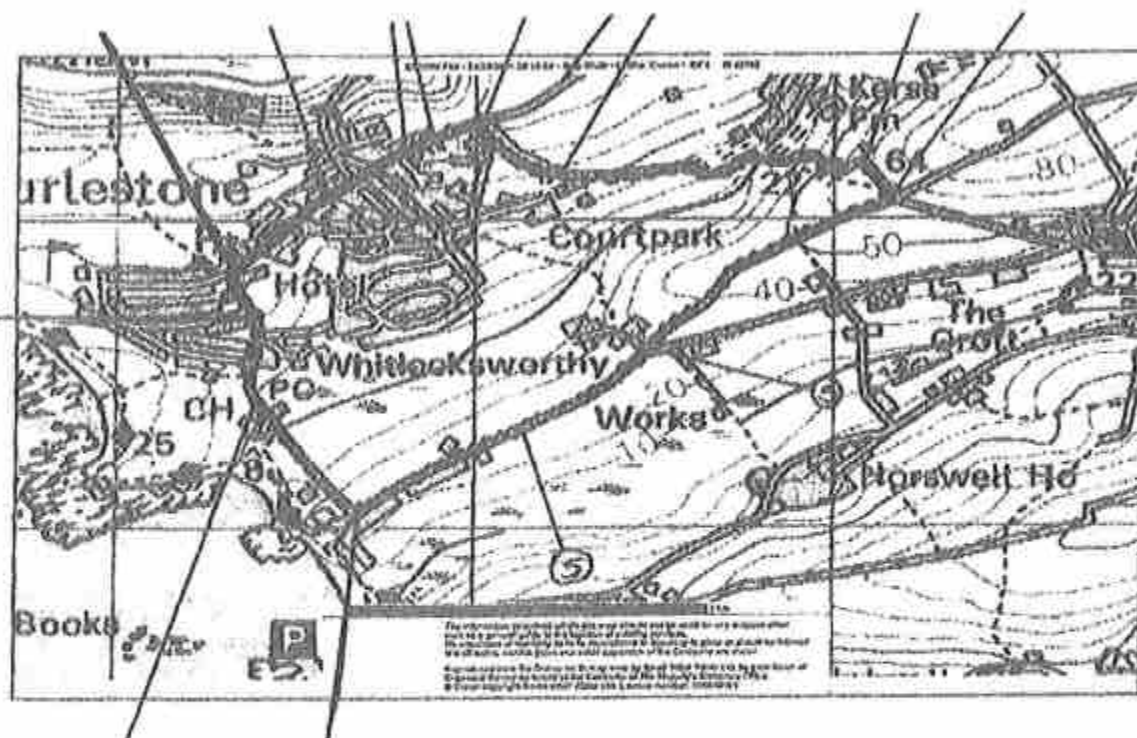
South West Water have advised the Parish Council that from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October the village main road between *Hilltop Parish Hall* and *Homelea Glebe Fields* will be closed to traffic in both directions for underground pipe renewal work. Warning and Diversion signs will be placed at strategic points round the village. The entrance to the Parish Hall will be open to traffic from Kerse Cross, but not from Rock Hill Corner. Conversely, the entrance to Glebe Fields will be open to Traffic from Rock Hill Corner but not from Kerse Cross. Any goods vehicles travelling to destinations at the lower end of the village are advised to approach via South Milton.

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# Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

*News & Views by Citizen*

Eleven members of the public joined the seven Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk at this meeting. Neither the District Councillor nor a Police representative was able to be present.

## Community Rubbish Bins

As they seek ways of reducing costs, councils across England have been introducing giant communal rubbish bins to replace individual 'wheelies'. Although it is not known if any Devon councils are considering such a move, parishioners **Andrea** and **Chris Mahn** warned us all to be watchful on this score.

## Parish Hall

Councillor **Peter Hurrell** said that sixteen photo-voltaic solar panels were currently being installed on the roof. Costing in the region of £12,000 with a pay-back time of eight years, this eco-friendly system of electricity generation would eventually be of considerable financial benefit to the Parish Hall, and contribute towards overheads.

## School

Chairman **Andrew Rhymes** reported that a new kitchen had been installed during the summer holidays and work done on the play ground. Pressure for places at the school - reception and years 2 and 6 - from outside the normal catchment area were growing but no local child was denied a place. 128 will start the new term, probably rising to 131 next year.

## Trees

Councillor **Charles Mitchelmore** said the church had agreed with the planting of a permanent Christmas tree (in memory of the late **Len Hubbard**) beside the large boulder on the corner of the lane to the church car park. He is seeking tree protection orders on the eight pines on a site on the Yarmer estate where a house is due to be demolished.

## Parish Plan

In his report, Councillor **Dale Came** said he is still living in the hope that a parishioner or two will offer to help on this project!

Meanwhile -

# **Signage:** **Malcolm Le Grice** had toured Thurlestone and drew the meeting's attention to the proliferation of signs and notices in Thurlestone by means of a short but very illuminating DVD on the subject, which he appropriately called 'The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly'. Could this lead to a general improvement in local signs? Time will tell.

# **Broadband:** We are currently awaiting a report from an independent expert on options for the best course of action to achieve better reception. When this is to hand a public meeting will be called.

## Dog Poo Bins

After complaints made by Councillor **Charles Mitchelmore**, the overflowing and stinking bins had now been cleared by the District Council, but they had turned down an appeal for a further bin.

## Cluster Meeting

This recent meeting of Parish Council representatives arranged by the South Hams District Council was attended by Councillor **Tony Goddard**. The subject for discussion was the so-called "Localism" Bill. The District Council don't appear to want any help from Parish Councils on Planning but all were urged to try and work together and, every so often, do a "co-operative venture" of some kind! Our representative had found it a rather vague and woolly event.

## Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011. Parishioners are requested to advise the Parish Clerk well in advance of the meeting of any item they wish to have discussed.



# Parish Hall News

By Chris White



Well, Flanders and Swann were right again - August was "cold and dank and wet", and did "bring more rain than any yet". And now it's Autumn, and are we downhearted? Of course not, because we have lots organised to cheer you up.

In fact we've already started, with the wonderful concert given by *Festive Flutes* on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. **Joss, Mel, Liz, and Sarah** proved to be a worthy addition to the growing number of outstanding musicians that have entertained us over recent years. They brought with them every possible type of flute, from the tiny piccolo to the enormous bass - an instrument I've not heard before (and an amazing variety of percussion instruments, hats and wigs). The sound produced by putting them all together was truly amazing, and they clearly have such fun playing together that their enthusiasm and musicality was easily transmitted to the audience. It was another memorable evening. Many thanks to **Pat and Robin Macdonald** for masterminding this event.

So what came next? It being Autumn, it could only be the **Autumn Fair** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. By the time you read this, that also will have happened, and I am confident that our faithful Parishioners will have turned out in force to support this annual joyous occasion.

Coming up very shortly on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> is the return of **Circus Berzerkus**. Full details are shown elsewhere in this addition of *Village Voice*, and on posters around the Parish, but I can definitely say that this is **AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED**. I can guarantee that whether you are aged 6 or 96 you will laugh until it hurts. This is truly **AN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY**, and so we've deliberately kept the ticket prices as low as we can to encourage families (and hopefully some of you who haven't tried the Parish Hall yet) to come and have a unique

evening out, right on your doorstep. I really can't think of a better place to be at 6.30 pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, than Thurlestone Parish Hall.

Looking further into the future, we have two special events lined up in November. The first, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, is an evening of mainly musical entertainment provided by the pupils of *Kingsbridge Community College*. They have such a huge range of talent to choose from that they can offer us virtually any type of music you can think of, so some time before then we shall put our thinking caps on, and decide exactly what will appear. Keep your eyes open for the publicity.

Secondly, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, the return of the **Armada Jazz Band** for guess what - a rousing evening of jazz and dancing to stir up the blood and put you in the mood for Christmas. This event will feature a return to the popular "bring your own food and drink" format. Full details of this event are also shown elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, you may have noticed that your Parish Hall has "Gone Green". No we haven't been out with our paintbrushes, but we have installed a 16 panel 4kWp array of Photo-voltaic Cells. Ever since the new Hall opened we have been successful in building up our financial reserves, which is immensely rewarding. However, in the current economic climate, money in a deposit account doesn't earn much interest. Add to that the fact that Thurlestone, amongst all its other stunning attractions, is one of the best areas in the Country for generating electricity using PV cells, and the decision to make this investment wasn't hard. We will recover our money in less than eight years, and it will continue to pay the Parish Hall an index linked, tax free income for the next 25 years - plus all the money we will save on our electricity bill, and the help we are giving to our planet. **A definite win, win situation.**

# Village News Round-Up

## New Arrival

Congratulations and best wishes from all at *Village Voice* to **Caroline and Toby Hodges** of Thurlestone on the arrival of their new baby daughter **Lola Beatrice**, born on Sunday 24 July 2011, and weighing in at 8lb 5ozs.

## Varsity Girl

Thurlestone's parish correspondent to the *South Hams Gazette*, **Jemma Came**, has just taken up a University place in Kent to study English and Linguistics. Luckily for us she is keen to continue her reporting work with the *Gazette* by e-mail, so please carry on letting her have any local news you would like to have published. Her e-mail address is: <jimjamjemma@hotmail.com> We take this opportunity to send all good wishes to her in this new chapter of her life, and our thanks for the publicity she has given to many parish events. Jemma also intends to carry on working in the village shop during her vacations so we will continue to see her on a regular basis in the future.

## Rotary Quiz

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall the Rotary Club of Kingsbridge are holding a **Wine and Wisdom Quiz Evening**, hosted by the quiz maestro himself, Mike Jones. Entry £5 and raffle proceeds to polio eradication (and other Rotary charities). Six in a team, but everyone most welcome and we will fit you in! Further information from **Peter Gornall** at 560333.

## Under New Management

The new Manager at the Village Inn is **Robert Leadbetter** who has succeeded Howard Turner. He already knows the ropes having been assistant manager there for just over a year prior to taking on the top job. A former Thurlestone primary school pupil, he was at school in Plymouth and then at University in London for a while. Pub regulars will be pleased to know that Quiz night, Steak night, and Fish & Chip night are set to continue. Robert would welcome any other ideas from locals for special evenings.

Congratulations and best wishes to Robert in his new role at the Village Inn

## Annie's Day

A Coffee & Tea Day in celebration of Macmillan Cancer Support's centenary year hosted by **Diana & Stephen Parker-Swift** will be dedicated to the memory of one of Diana's friends, **Annie Bees**, who sadly died in May after a valiant battle against cancer. It will be spread over the whole day of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, opening at 8.30 am until 5.30 pm, to allow people with other commitments to find a time slot to go to Lower Kerse in Thurlestone to lend support for this very worthwhile cause.

Diana has a special message for visitors: *"Please don't all arrive together at eleven in the morning!"*

## THURLESTONE PROBUS CLUB

The Club, for retired professional and businessmen, usually meets on the second Friday of the month in the Thurlestone Hotel to hear a speaker and have lunch.

There was no meeting in August because of the holidays. Our September speaker, **Philip Redmead**, gave a lighthearted talk on 'The History of Wine'. Philip illustrated his talk with a series of self-drawn cartoons highlighting many characters associated with wine over the centuries.

The Probus Club annual golf tournament will be held at the Thurlestone Golf Club on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Any member not already booked in should contact the organiser, **Graham Cant**, on 560898.

The meeting on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** includes the **Ladles' Lunch** where members may bring their wives/partners. The speaker on this occasion is **John Risdon** and his subject will be 'Torbay's Heritage'.

Any gentleman interested in joining the Thurlestone Probus Club, or coming to a meeting as a visitor, is invited to contact the Secretary, **Tom Trender**, on 560893.

### Red Phone Box

As reported previously by *Citizen* the Parish Council is purchasing the de-commissioned old red phone box opposite the Village Post Office and Store - for just £1. It is now looking for "Friends" to help maintain it. So far, however, no volunteers have come forward - apart from one member of the Parish Council. Parish Clerk **Phil Millard** would love to hear from you all out there. *What about it, volunteers?*

### Car wash

Young **Alex Humphries** is back from India and ready to resume his car-washing service as well as any other household and gardening jobs, e.g. grass cutting. He says *"I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise the funds. I had an amazing experience working in a small rural community and exploring the forests and mountains of Kerala"*. Alex may be contacted at 7 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone - phone 01548-562349 (mobile 07749-608233).

### Devon Air Ambulance

The sight and sound of the Devon Air Ambulance helicopter landing in the very heart of the village recently sent ripples of consternation and concern through all the neighbouring households. The casualty proved to be a young visitor at the Old Rectory, who was whisked away to hospital and is now recovering.

### Golf Club AGM

With the meeting scheduled for 6.00 pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, it may well have already taken place by the time you receive and read this issue of Village Voice. In which case (or in any case), it will have been a long and lively meeting. Proposals to dispose of parcels of the club's land or property have traditionally divided members, and given rise to much heart-searching, debate, and discussion. These are serious and important matters both for the golf club, and the community, and merit due diligence and scrutiny. Since there is usually much to be said on both sides, the democratic process will eventually be called into play and members will decide - for better or worse - how to cast their votes. For all our sakes, let us hope they do so (or have done so) after proper consideration of the true facts.

### Flowers

On behalf of all parishioners Village Voice would like to express thanks to **Julian** and **Cheryl Lee** who provide and maintain the hanging basket in the pump house and also the other planters in Thurlestone. These are much appreciated by residents and visitors alike. Great job, guys!

### Puss In Boots?

Readers will be interested to know that the black cat found near West Alvington woods some weeks ago was eventually reunited with its owner, a grateful and no doubt relieved Thurlestonian. Did it walk or did it hitch a lift - can anyone throw light on the matter? The *pussibilities* are legion.

### Kingsbridge Estuary U3A

With a number of groups up and running, and a general meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at the Methodist Hall, Fore St, Kingsbridge, at 10.00 am (visitors or new members welcome) U3A may now be said to be flourishing here.

Thurlestone Parish Hall is playing host to two U3A groups - **Computer Skills** and **Genealogy** (Family History). Each group will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays between 2 and 4 pm in the Yeo Room, with Genealogy on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, and Computer Skills on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October. Group members from outside the parish have been impressed with the facilities available in the Yeo Room, and the rest of the building, and are finding that car-sharing is both sociable and economic.

Our Teamaker tutors (**Mike Barnes**, **Robin Macdonald**, and **Chris White**) are now going to be really busy again, and the Yeo Room abuzz on Wednesday afternoons. Any Thurlestone residents who have not yet taken the plunge into computing or genealogy are of course welcome to join in the fun!

Anyone interested in joining (or starting) a U3A group in this area should get in touch with **Declan Dwyer** (560648) or **Judy Tyler** (842217) or see the branch website for the range of existing activities.



*All  
Saints*

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

**Phil Osler writes:**



The 20th of September this year saw the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion. You may well have seen the interview afterwards with Kirianne Curley, who carried the book of remembrance through Westminster Abbey to the High Altar. She described herself as one of 'today's war widows' and after the service she spoke movingly and with great dignity about the support that she and her children had received from the RBL and how that would continue in the future.

How appropriate it was that the recognition of those 90 years should be marked in the Abbey in a Christian context. Compassion for the injured and those in need was a central theme of Jesus' life. In his opening prayer, the Dean of Westminster spoke of 'our duty of compassion for the injured and those in need'. When we look into the faces of those bereaved by war or terribly injured in conflict it is a vivid reminder that human nature seems to lead to conflict and that the price of conflict can be very high not just for the combatants but for their families too. When we support the work of the Royal British Legion and other similar organisations we enable that compassion to be shown in very practical ways.

On Remembrance Sunday we will have the opportunity to gather together to remember with compassion those who fell in the conflicts of the twentieth century and continue to fall today. It is a time to think also of the widows and families, those who have had great holes torn into their lives by the death or injury of loved ones. (Please note that the Service is at 10.50 a.m.)

This is the time of year too when we hold our annual Memorial Service in All Saints' Church. It is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have moved into the next stage of their eternal lives. This will be at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday October 23rd during which there will be quiet hymns, readings and the chance to light candles. We shall also read aloud the names of loved ones whose families would like us to do so. If you would like a loved one remembered by name, please complete and return the slip below. Everyone is welcome to join us, it doesn't matter whether the loss is recent or whether it was a long time ago.

If you are not looking for anything as formal as a service, do remember that your church is open during the daytime. Please do feel free to pop in to have a quiet time in the peace and tranquillity of this very special building. You may also like to leave a name on the prayer board to be read out during the Intercessions at the service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings.

Yours

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### **Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

I hope to be at the service on October 23rd & should like the following name(s) read out  
(please print): .....

Signed: .....

Please return to: Mrs Elizabeth Webb, Old Mill Cottage, West Buckland, Devon TQ7 3AG



# All Saints' Diary

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

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

## Church Services

### Sundays

<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> BCP, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> CW)
<b>OCTOBER 2ND</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch
<b>OCTOBER 9TH</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Morning Worship <b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong at South Milton sung by Chorus Ecclesiae
<b>OCTOBER 16TH</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Stewardship Response Sunday Eucharist (CW)
<b>OCTOBER 23RD</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Bible Sunday Service <b>6.00pm</b> Annual Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving
<b>OCTOBER 30TH</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Parish Eucharist (CW) for All Saints' Sunday
<b>NOVEMBER 6TH</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Operation Christmas Child Service at West Alvington
<b>NOVEMBER 13TH</b>	<b>10.50am</b> Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths <i>(note time)</i>
<b>NOVEMBER 20TH</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Parish Eucharist (CW)
<b>NOVEMBER 27TH</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Morning Worship <b>6.00pm</b> Benefice Advent Carol Service at Thurlestone

### Weekdays

<b>EVERY WED, THURS, FRI &amp; SAT</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer (said)
<b>THURS OCT 6TH, NOV 3RD</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (BCP) at White horses, Bantham
<b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (alternating BCP & CW)

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## Friends of Thurlestone Church Musical Evening

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, the Friends of the Church arranged a musical picnic evening in the Parish Hall. The aim was to provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere in which the Friends, their friends, and any other members of our community who wished to come, could pass a convivial evening.

Everyone brought their own food and liquid refreshment and background music was provided by a very talented young Hungarian pianist, **Jeno Danyi**, who is currently working at the Thurlestone Hotel. After everyone had finished their picnics, Jeno gave a short classical recital of pieces by Liszt and Chopin. Then he played for a "Singalong" with the songs chosen by Susie Hill and Wendy Russell and brilliantly conducted by **Alastair Durden**.

The evening was attended by around seventy people who enjoyed themselves thoroughly albeit that some of the songs, for instance *Hey Jude*, provided quite a challenge for non-Beatles fans and had a few false starts.

It was an opportunity to explain to those, not already members of the Friends, the aim of the Charity, which is to build a Trust Fund solely for the long term preservation of the church building. Our membership is non-denominational and neither is it confined to residents of the parish. The Building Trust is quite separate from the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese. The former, together with the Parish Council, provide two of the six Trustees who, naturally, work closely with the PCC.

**Martyn Grose**

### "ANNIE'S DAY"

(In memory of Annie Bees)

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# POSTBAG

Dear Editor

## Crossword competition

This entry into the *Village Voice* prize crossword competition isn't really to win the bottle of 'plonk' but to show you my grey matter is still OK at the age of 91. It's also to thank you and the magazine for sending me a complimentary copy every edition. I really enjoy receiving it and reliving the happy years we spent in Thurlestone. I still keep in touch with friends (via Christmas cards etc.) but my flitting about the country days are over. My poor old legs won't stand up to it.

Nevertheless, I still play bridge twice a week and go to Probus and am talking to them in October about 'The rivers and waterways of Worcestershire', but arthritic knees and fingers have put paid to short-mat bowling.

I get into town by means of the 'geriatrics bus' to do small shops and go to the bank. I'm not on the internet and every three weeks a fellow-member takes me for a big shop. Free delivery. "Why three weeks?" you may ask - well, the toilet rolls come in nines!

Enough of my ramblings. Kind regards to all my old friends and members of *Village Voice*

Best wishes

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[Footnote: Pat Machin was for many years the compiler of the popular **Puzzle Corner** page in *Village Voice* - the forerunner of our current **Grey Matter** feature. Ed.]

Dear Editor

## Shortbread currency?

How can one repay all those 'secret' gifts of the bounty of other people's gardens, or the use of their strong right arms too? May I recommend a return gift of home-made shortbread - it always goes down well!

**Shortbread enthusiast**  
(Name & address supplied)



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## September

There were nine new and prospective members and visitors for President **Pat Clarke** to welcome in September to a well-filled Parish Hall after the end of the summer break.

The savoury aroma of baking bread was appreciated as a result of the labours of our speaker, master baker **Mike Astill**. He learnt his trade in his father's traditional family bakery in Sheffield as a youngster, and came eventually to live in Devon where, although officially retired, he carried on with his own business - making 'proper' bread. As he said "Plant bakers are the only people who can make water stand up"! Members lent him a hand in making different shapes of bread rolls and he demonstrated making soda bread. 'Tasters' were transported home to be consumed after cooling!

Congratulations went to **Lisa White** and **Joan Booth** on completing a seven mile sponsored women's Midnight Walk in aid of St Luke's Hospice, from which they returned to Thurstlestone at almost 4.00 am. They had a fun time raising some £400 and members were thanked for their good support.

A tube of *Smarties* was given to all members earlier in the year, with the request that they enjoy the sweets but then fill the empty tube with spare coins and return to the treasurer. Most have come back as requested but there are still a few outstanding - so a gentle reminder was issued!

South Hams Area programmes were distributed.

Contributions of cakes and help on the stall we are running at the parish hall's **Autumn Fair** on 24<sup>th</sup> September were requested.

## Future Activities

- # A pub lunch outing to the Ashburton Arms in Charleton on 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- # On 22<sup>nd</sup> October there will be a Beetle Drive at the parish hall, open to family and friends, with a bring-your-own picnic supper. No need to make up tables, just pay £5.00 at the door and join in.
- # Because we are changing our annual meeting date from November to May, our November meeting will consider the annual accounts and report only, no elections taking place. Then in May 2012 we will have elections, any changes in the committee taking effect from June, and also discuss the resolutions.
- # Members were reminded of the South Hams area coffee morning to be held at the Parish Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (10 am to 1 pm) when there will be seasonal craft demonstrations, a raffle and a bring & buy stall of members 'specialities'.
- # The needlework group has re-started for the winter, meeting in the Yeo room from 10 am to noon on Mondays.
- # The county is running a Christmas shopping trip to Truro on 15<sup>th</sup> December - details in the Devon News later.
- # October's speaker will be Nigel Mortimer on estuaries and marine conservation in Devon. The theme for the sales table will be jars of home preserves (all kinds).

## Diary Dates

- # **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Monthly meeting (sales table theme "Preserves")
- # **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Lunch at the Ashburton Arms, Charleton - details at October meeting
- # **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Beetle Drive at the Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm. BYO supper.
- # **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Area Christmas Coffee Morning, Parish Hall 10am -1pm



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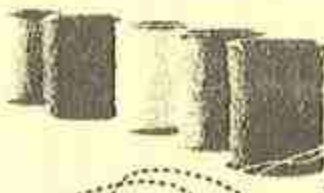
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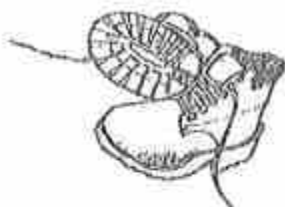
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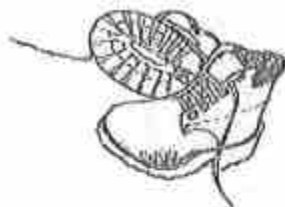
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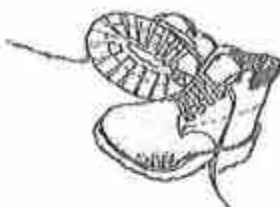
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## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

These past two months are quite the busiest of the Captain's year. We started with the Gentlemen's invitation day at the beginning of July. It was well supported with 54 pairs, and the winners were **Chris Holmes** with his partner **D. Green**, with 42 points, on countback from **Don Hailey** and his son. The next competition was the Veterans Cup which was won by **Jimmy Doak** with 43 points from **Derek Brown** with 42 points. In Division 1 the winner was **Bryan Lewis** with 40 points on countback from **Stephen Parker-Swift**.

Juniors have done rather well in the adult competitions. **Jamie Johnson** won the Membrand Trophy which combines scores from two separate 36 hole competitions - the Links Hotel Cup and the Thurlestone Hotel cup. Jamie's four round total was five clear of runner up **Dan Knight**.

In the mixed competition Sicklemore Prize, the winners were **Graham and Linda Cant** with 41 points from **Jane Edmonds** and **Mark Chapman**. The top eight qualify for a knockout competition for the Royal Marine cup. After some exciting matches the overall winners of the Royal Marine cup were **Lesley Saffin** and **Richard Webb**.

In the Kennedy Cup medal in July, **Stewart Barnes** won division 1 with a nett 71, from **Dan Knight** with nett 73. The winner came from Division 2 with **Andrew Longhurst** scoring a nett 70. The Prouse Salver in August produced some very good scores, with **Ian Neal** scoring a nett 64 from **Paul Milburn-Fryer** with a nett 67. In Division 2 the winner was **Hywel Jones** with nett 65.

The July medal and Devon County Centenary Salver qualifier was won by **Harry Milburn-Fryer** with a nett 65. He will play at Saunton later in the year. The juniors also



held a qualifier, won by **Ollie Walsh**, for the Junior Centenary Keith Abraham trophy. He represented Thurlestone at Saunton for the Centenary celebrations of the Devon junior golf society and came 4th out of all the Devon clubs with a gross 77.

For my Captains Prize day the weather was fine and 96 entries went out. The winner was 18 year old **Ted Taylor** with 43 points. Ted is a past junior captain who has returned to golf after a rugby injury. **Peter Laughier**, our Professional, did a great job on the first hole and challenged everyone to get nearer the pin than his drive. He raised £300 for the Captains charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. We also raised £397 from donations from competitors. I would like to thank all who played on Captains day and helped to raise so much for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There was a very enjoyable Bar-B-Q in August, run by **Tony** and **Lisa** after the Allcomers Cup. Fifty members and their guests supported the event. The Allcomers Cup was won by **Harry Milburn-Fryer** with 41 points from **Richard Webb**.

The mixed greensome competition on Bank holiday Monday for the Cancer Goblets was very successful with lovely sunny weather and 30 pairs entered. The winners with 45 points were **Bernadette Law** and **Anthony Croake** on countback from **Jan** and **Phil Brooking**.

The seniors Open in September was very well supported with 128 competitors and was won by **John Davis** with 43 points from **John Savery** with 42 points.

**Peter Laughier** and **Harry Milburn-Fryer** travelled to Saunton in August for the Virgin Atlantic National Pro-Am Qualifier but this year, unfortunately, they were unable to qualify for the final.

I must congratulate our junior team for winning the West Devon League at

Elfordleigh against Dartmouth. Our team now go on to play the Henry Truscott trophy on the 28th October against the winners of the East, South and North Devon Leagues. The juniors are also through to the final of the Tamar cup on 1st October when they play Carlyon Bay golf club at Launceston. Well done!

**John Laphorn**

### LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

In my last report I mentioned the County South West Foursomes coming to Thurlestone. The day was a terrific success, with nearly 200 ladies playing in the competition. I understand it was difficult for ladies to find somewhere to sit at one stage, so busy was the clubhouse. Unfortunately, Thurlestone missed out on winning the Trophy by 2 points, Tavistock winning with 74 points. Well done to all who played in the event. We had hoped that the wind would blow on the day, helping Thurlestone in their cause, but unfortunately it did not happen. In the individual competition the pairing of **Shona Wilson** and **Liz Sharman** came fourth with 38 points. Well done to a very strong pair.

The Lady Captain's Charity Day raised £351.00 for Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The Ladies Section, over the past few weeks have been competing for various trophies. The winner of the Allcomers Cup was **Bernadette Law**, the Duchess Cup was won by **Laura Tregelles** and the Junior Cup went to **Pam St Leger**, our Lady Vice Captain, with a magnificent score of nett 65. The Foundation Brooch was won by **Liz Sharman** and **Liz** keeping to form won the Tatham Singles Knockout. The Rookies Trophy, singles matchplay knockout for the higher handicap players was won by **Inger Reeve**. Congratulations go to you all.

On 9th September four pairs from Thurlestone set off to Teignmouth to play in the Devon County Vets Autumn Foursomes

played in conjunction with the Killard Leavy Trophy. Our representatives in the Killard Leavy Competition were **Janet Richardson** and **Kay Morley**. Unfortunately they were not successful in their quest, but **Linda Cant** and I came fourth out of around 100 pairings, so we were quite pleased with our success.

An *Away Day* for the ladies has been organised for Thursday 13th October. This year we are off to Yelverton, a very pretty course set on the moors, especially in the autumn. Although we are now more than half-way through the year there are still many friendly matches to be played, together with our Club Championship week-end and the Ladies Closed Meeting. Results will appear in the next issue of Village Voice.

**Lesley Saffin**

### JUNIORS SECTION NEWSLETTER

The English Women's Golf Association held their South West Championship at Lyme Regis in July, and Thurlestone had two girls entered; **Laura Tregelles** and **Beth Yeoman**. They were near the top of the list for the first round as it was raining and windy and they were used to the wind. Beth (15 handicap) shot 89 in the morning; 91 in the afternoon. Laura (10 handicap) shot 87 in the morning and 86 in the afternoon. The standard scratch was 73. Well done to both of them.

Whilst playing in the men's July Monthly Medal and DCGU Salver Qualifier, **Robert Came** holed his tee shot at the 13<sup>th</sup> - a 209 yard par 3. This is Rob's second hole-in-one this year, following one in a junior match at Yelverton. Another Hole-in-One was recorded at the 3rd hole by **Beth Yeoman** in the Ladies Foursome competition, which Beth, partnered by **Laura Tregelles**, went on to win with a score of 44 points. Congratulations to both Robert and Beth on these *ace* achievements!

*Well done to Thurlestone Juniors on winning the Junior West Devon League.* The Final of the West Devon League was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at Elfordleigh golf club. Thurlestone played Dartmouth and

won 4½ - ½. **Ollie Walsh** (4) went out first and won 5/4, then **Jamie Johnson** (8) won 5/4, **Laura Tregelles** (10) won 6/5, **Tom Leach** (13) won 5/4, and finally the pairing of **Josh Walsh** (4) and **Rob Came** (9) halved the foursomes match, having to give 21 shots to Dartmouth. The presentation was on Championship day 15<sup>th</sup> August at Stover where four teams played for the Roy Wood trophy; Thurlestone v Wrangaton and Dartmouth v Yelverton in the morning and the final of the 2 matches playing again at 1pm. Unfortunately Thurlestone team lost to Wrangaton in the morning and also to Yelverton in the afternoon. Dartmouth were the overall winners, beating Wrangaton in the final.

The annual Juniors v Club match was played in August. This match was started in 2009, and a trophy was presented by Vera Nicholson in memory of her husband Nick who died that year. The juniors won by 3 matches to 2, and this is the third year running they have won. Club Captain **John Laphorn** and **Gwen Hale** beat Junior captain **Josh Walsh** and **George Holland**, and **Norman Yarrow** playing singles beat **Beth Yeoman**. After that the wins were all for the juniors. **Richard Yarrow** and **Tom Orr** beat **Hugh Bodger** and **Liz Line**; **Robert Came** and **Jamie Johnson** beat **Carole Yarrow** and **Malcom Toon**; and **Ollie Walsh** beat **Val Pearce** and **Jenny Underhill**. John presented the trophy after the juniors had enjoyed their meal.

In September the Junior team played the Semi-final of the Tamar Cup at Staddon Heights against St Austell golf club. This knockout trophy involves eight junior teams from Cornwall and eight from Devon. Congratulations once again go to Thurlestone Juniors in what is turning out to be a special year. Thurlestone toppled the favourites and multiple Tamar Cup winners St Austell at Staddon in an amazing match 2 - 1. **Ollie Walsh** and **Robert Came** triumphed with a 7/6 score which was filtered back to the two remaining matches and really helped keep the rest of the team believing they could win. **Tom Leach** and **Cameron Day** held their opponents for the front nine but playing against a formidable pair told in the end and their match was lost 3/2. This allowed them

to join the throng that was watching the middle match of **Jamie Johnson** and **Beth Yeoman** who had gone 2 up but found themselves 2 down with 4 to play. Jamie coolly holed a 20 foot putt from off the green for birdie at the short 15th to get it back to one and Beth held her nerve at 16, 17 and 18 to hole yardage to take the match back down the first. Jamie Johnson's 300 yard drive and pitch to 5 feet set up a chance of a win, but a St Austell 15 footer down the hill meant that Jamie needed his birdie to close out the match. He calmly stroked his putt into the middle of the hole to ensure the victory.

Many congratulations also on reaching the Tamar Cup final which is against Carlyon Bay golf club at Launceston on 1<sup>st</sup> October, and many thanks to **Phil Holland** and **Roger Leach** for their valued support on the day.

**Liz Line**

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# Kate's Kitchen



## Autumn Fruits – what to do with them!

Here are a few suggestions for their use: **Stewed, sweetened apples** may be frozen in useful amounts and used for puddings in the winter. **Stewed, sweetened plums** may be treated in the same way. They are delicious defrosted and served with yogurt for breakfast. We haven't any left! **Stewed pears** which have been peeled and quartered may be stewed gently in orange juice with sugar to taste and a cinnamon stick. **Blackberries** may be frozen as they are and make a superb partner for apples.

### Apple Cream Mousse (serves 6)

**Ingredients:** 2lb prepared apples, ½ pt double cream or crème fraîche.

**Preparation:** Stew apples with enough sweetening to taste; make a rough puree by mixing the softened fruit with a wooden spoon; after cooling fold in crème fraîche or softly whipped double cream; chill and serve – it also freezes well.

### Autumn Fruit Meringue (serves 6)

**Ingredients:** 2lb prepared apples or any mix of available fruit. Apples should be stewed with sugar to taste. Halved plums and blackberries will not require cooking beforehand. 4 large egg whites (use the yolks for crème brûlée or mix with milk for scrambled eggs), 4oz. caster sugar.

**Preparation:** Place fruit in an oven proof dish; whisk egg whites until stiff and fold in the sugar; spoon on top of the fruit; place in oven for 15-20 minutes until the meringue is set and a delicate brown (150°C, gas mk 2-3, lower temp required in electric fan ovens); serve warm or cold.

### Fruit Crumble (our family favourite)

**Ingredients:** Use a 2lb fruit mixture as a base and cover with crumble.

**Preparation:** Mix the following in a bowl: 150g flour, 75g oatmeal, 125g light muscovado sugar, teaspoon mixed spice; rub in 150g diced butter then stir in 50g chopped hazel nuts; spoon on top of fruit and grate nutmeg on top; bake in moderate oven for 20-30 minutes or until golden; serve warm with custard.

### Medley of Autumn Fruits (serves 6)

**Ingredients:** 2 large pears cored and sliced, 4 large red plums halved, stoned and sliced, 2 eating apples cored and sliced, cereal bowl of blackberries or any other suitable fruits, 50g caster sugar in 100ml water and boiled for 3 minutes, 25g icing sugar, small glass white wine or cider, splash calvados (optional).

**Preparation:** Pour sugar syrup into large bowl and add white wine/cider; heat a large non-stick pan until very hot; place the prepared fruits in another bowl and toss gently with the icing sugar; stir fry the sugar-dusted fruits in the hot pan for about a minute (I've added a splash of calvados at this stage and allowed to evaporate); gently tip the hot fruits into the wine syrup then cool and chill; serve with cream and thin biscuits.

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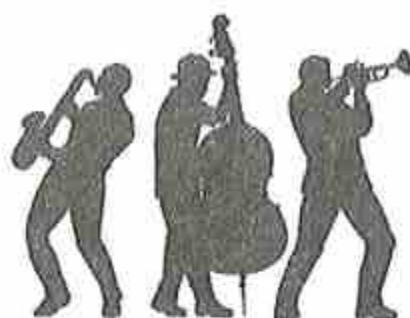
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# At the Bridge Table



This article considers the vital factors in declarer play at *duplicate pairs*, where the objective is to outscore the other pairs in the room.

1. **AIM:** Usually this is the easy part of the plan but at Pairs you want as many tricks as possible
2. **TOP TRICKS:** Declarer should start by counting top tricks (eg., A or AK or an AKQ etc.)  
Declarer then finds how many additional tricks he needs to make the contract.
3. **INCREASE TRICKS:** In Pairs it is imperative to look for every chance to increase tricks: high cards, long suits, finessing and ruffing. Explore every opportunity - each extra trick is priceless.
4. **WORRY** about the defence. In no trumps you worry about stops in the opponents' suit and use hold up play if necessary to break opponents' communications. In suit contracts you keep an eye on your number of losers - finding ways to get rid of them.
5. **EXECUTION:** Try to play your plan through in your head, and try to make sure you have the necessary entries to each hand. Do not forget the defenders may use hold-up technique to try and cut you off from long suits and established tricks.

*Always look for more tricks. Increasing tricks is the key to successful Pairs play. Sometimes it is even correct play to risk your contract in the pursuit of extra tricks.*

The two most important methods for making over tricks are ruffing in the short hand and making extra tricks from long suits. Establishing long suits can be very profitable, but you must make sure you have entries to the hand. Make a plan for these four hands. You are declarer sitting W, and E is the dummy.

1	2	3	4
♠ KQJ109   ♠ A765 ♥ A86   ♥ 4 ♦ K52   ♦ A643 ♣ A2   ♣ 9643 Contract = 4 ♠ by W Lead = ♥K	♠ KQJ109   ♠ A765 ♥ A86   ♥ 4 ♦ 752   ♦ A64 ♣ A2   ♣ 98643 Contract = 4 ♠ by W Lead = ♥K	♠ A74   ♠ KQ2 ♥ A3   ♥ 10964 ♦ 75   ♦ KQ64 ♣ AKJ432   ♣ Q8 Contract = 3NT by W Lead = ♥K	♠ KQ3   ♠ A2 ♥ AK32   ♥ 87 ♦ AKJ9   ♦ 10842 ♣ A6   ♣ Q9832 Contract = 3NT by W Lead = ♠J

TOP TRICKS = 9  
Increase Tricks = 2 Heart  
ruffs and chance in  
Diamonds.

The Key to this hand is the extra chance in Diamonds. 11 tricks are easily in range, with 2 ruffs before drawing trumps. So your aim is to go for 12.

Win Heart Ace, ruff a Heart, cross in trumps and ruff a second Heart with A of Spades, then draw trumps. Now play K of Diamonds and duck one. Win the Club return and play a Diamond to dummy's Ace. When the Diamonds break 3-3 you make 12 tricks.

TOP TRICKS = 8  
Increase tricks = 2 Heart  
ruffs and chance in clubs.

Once again Heart ruffs will give you enough for your contract, but you must look beyond that. Long suits can create extra tricks.

Win Ace of Hearts, play Ace of Clubs and another. Win the trump return and take advantage of the bad defence! Ruff the heart, ruff a club (they break 3-3), ruff a heart with the Ace, draw trumps and take Ace of Diamonds and 2 Clubs for 12 tricks.

TOP TRICKS = 10  
Increase Tricks =  
Diamonds and Hearts.

To make overtricks you must avoid too many losers. With 10 tricks on top you must aim higher, but the defence can take 3 tricks off the top.

Play a Diamond right away and the defenders may well duck: so that will be your 11<sup>th</sup> trick. (Defenders are inclined to duck early on). If you do the Clubs first the defenders will have little trouble in taking the QJ Hearts and Ace of Diamonds.

TOP TRICKS = 8  
Increase Tricks =  
Diamonds and Clubs  
Making this contract is easy, winning lead and then a finesse in Diamonds. If it works you make 10 tricks - if not you still make 9. However Clubs offer a good chance too and so play these first due to lack of entries. Win Spade King leaving Ace in dummy, cash a top Diamond, and then play Ace of Clubs and another. North wins his King and plays a Spade to your Ace. You now cash the Q of Clubs and when Clubs fail to break you now finesse Diamond Q. As it works you make 11 tricks.

In my next article there will be some further examples for you to test your skills as declarer.

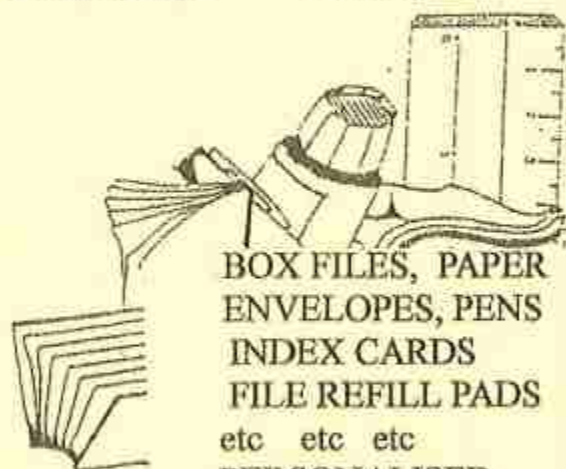
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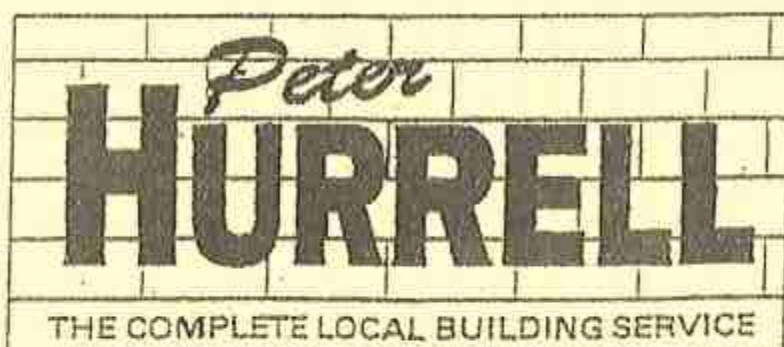
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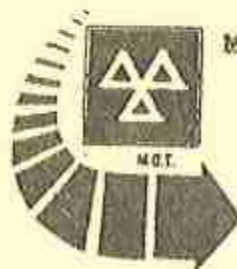
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## THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW



It is hard to realise that our first show was held as long ago as the 4th August, 1979, in Thurlestone parish hall. **Dr Neville Oswald** of Thurlestone, and **Mr Ben Horn** of South Milton, thought it would be a good idea to hold an annual show with the objects of *"Strengthening the communal bond between the two parishes and providing a day of happiness and enjoyment where all can, in friendly rivalry, admire the beautiful produce of our fertile gardens...."*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual show was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2011, at South Milton village hall on a beautiful sunny day. But the weather had not been kind to gardeners this year, with everything climatic coming at the wrong time - cold snaps, virtual drought, damaging rain and high winds. Although there were gaps on the vegetable and flower benches caused in some cases by the poor weather, it was very disappointing that out of the 53 entrants only 15 were Thurlestonians, all the rest being residents of South Milton! Despite support from Thurlestone being poor - not just exhibitors but also visitor numbers - it was a lovely show. As well as the 'green-fingered' we have a lot of excellent cooks, artists, photographers, crafts-persons and some very imaginative youngsters in our midst. It's nice, too, to see some new names entering for the first time.

Show chairman **David Coward** was warm in his thanks to his committee, the entrants, judges, stewards and all helpers at the event. A tradition on show day is the Judges' Lunch (which includes committee members, stewards and helpers) and David thanked **Joan Booth** for a much-enjoyed meal for which she had most expertly catered at the Yeo Room in Thurlestone. **Derek Brown**, the show president, presented the following cups -

<b>Tony Church</b>	7 trophies - for onions & shallots, best vegetable, overall fruit & vegetable, cut flowers, roses (2) and Thurlestone resident most points.
<b>Tom Gilkes</b>	South Milton resident most points
<b>Jean Mackridge</b>	Floral art most points
<b>Derek Brown</b>	Flowering standard fuchsia
<b>Daisy Livey</b>	Children under 7
<b>Tom Newman</b>	Junior children best entry and most points junior children
<b>Max Gilkes</b>	Senior children best entry and most points senior children
<b>Jane Beaven</b>	Set recipe
<b>Lyn Gunning</b>	Domestic most points
<b>Joan Booth</b>	Sewing
<b>Marion Luscombe</b>	Novice vegetables
<b>Peter Gornall</b>	Novice cookery
<b>Colette &amp; Eve Gilkes and Jane Howey</b>	Shared art cup
<b>Tim Burr, John Osmond and Martin Theophilus</b>	Shared photography cup

Certificates of Merit, for best exhibit in the section, went to **Tony Church** for vegetables and flowers, **Lyn Gunning** for preserves, **Colette Gilkes** for sewing, **Eve Gilkes** for art, **Tim Burr** for photography and **Jean Mackridge** for flower arranging. Overleaf is a complete list of all entrants winning first prizes.

*Our AGM is at 7.30 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at South Milton village hall, and visitors would be warmly welcomed. If readers have any suggestions for next year's show, which is already being planned, please let us know! Make a note that for 2012 the show will be in Thurlestone on 4<sup>th</sup> August when we hope for a much better Thurlestone contribution!*

Rounding off yet another enjoyable show, Derek paid tribute to chairman **David Coward**, thanking him for his leadership and enthusiasm which has kept the show flourishing.



# THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW



## First Prize winners in all categories

### Fruit & Vegetables

4 white oval potatoes  
4 coloured oval potatoes  
4 white round potatoes  
4 coloured round potatoes  
8 shallots - non hybrid  
8 shallots - hybrid  
8 runner beans  
8 French beans  
3 onions from seed  
3 onions from sets  
8 pods of peas  
3 carrots, stump  
3 carrots, long or inter.  
3 beetroots, globe  
Pair of lettuce  
3 courgettes  
6 tomatoes - ex cherry  
6 novelty tomatoes  
Truss of cherry tomatoes  
6 fronds parsley  
Pair cucumbers  
3 leeks  
Plate of soft fruit  
Herb collection  
2 of any other vegetable  
Longest runner bean  
Heaviest onion  
Potato collection  
4 salad potatoes  
Top tray of vegetables  
Kitchen basket of vegetables

David Coward  
David Coward  
David Coward  
David Coward  
Tony Church  
Marion Luscombe  
David Coward  
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Derek Brown  
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Tony Church  
Derek Brown  
Jill Breese  
David Coward  
Marion Luscombe  
Tony Church  
David Coward  
Tom Gilkes  
David Coward  
David Coward

### Children

Birthday card  
Animal from vegetable or fruit  
Drawing of grandparent  
Olympics poster  
Royal Wedding invitation  
Handicraft

Daisy Livey  
Alastair Wilks  
Tom Newman  
Max Gilkes  
Poppy Livey  
Max Gilkes

### Handicrafts

Wooden item  
Crochet  
Patchwork  
Embroidery  
Sewing  
Item not on schedule

Derek Brown  
Eve Gilkes  
C Bazen  
Lyn Gunning  
Joan Booth  
Eve Gilkes

### Cut flowers & pot plants

Standard fuchsia  
Other fuchsia  
3 decorative dahlias  
3 pompom dahlias  
3 cactus dahlias  
3 gladioli  
9 sweet-peas  
6 pansies  
6 hybrid tea roses  
1 rose bloom  
1 stem floribunda roses  
3 hydrangeas  
Flowering pot plant  
Foliage pot plant  
6 annuals  
Vase of flowers  
6 shrubs  
Pelargonium  
6 fuchsia heads

Derek Brown  
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Mary Tregelles  
Diana Parker-Swift  
Tony Church  
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### Flower arranging

Pastel shades  
Cup & saucer  
Table centre  
Kitchen herbs

Jean Mackridge  
Jan Burr  
Diana Parker-Swift  
Jean Mackridge

### Cookery

Marmalade  
Raspberry jam  
Other jam  
Jelly  
Lemon Curd  
Bread white  
Bread brown  
4 fruit scones  
Pasty  
Victoria Sandwich  
Lemon meringue pie

Peter Gornall  
Jill Darke  
D Mills  
Eve Gilkes  
Lyn Gunning  
Eve Gilkes  
Eve Gilkes  
Jan Turner  
L Darch  
Jane Beaven  
Ann Collyer

### Art

Drawing (pen or pastel)  
Painting (oils or acrylics)  
Painting (watercolour)  
Painting of a garden  
Photo of a pet (b&w)  
Colour photograph  
3 landscapes, colour

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# *Can't stop singing!*

*By Traveller*

Ah! What is life without music. Indeed, what is life without song?

From the wonderful voices of the three tenors, to last week's proms on TV featuring Hollywood musicals, song has always played a special part in my life. The only time I nearly gave up was because of a terrifying experience at the Coliseum Theatre in London.

As a very young hopeful, I attended my first West End audition for a rebirth of the musical *Oklahoma*. I walked on to the massive empty stage, to the piano and accompanist and, as I stood under a solitary spotlight and gazed out into the vast darkness of the auditorium, I could just make out the figures of the producer and his P.A. sitting in bored and isolated splendour.

I gave the title of the song I had prepared, and the intro began. I took a breath, as I had been taught [diaphragmatic intercostal breathing - difficult to say even when sober], but alas, nothing happened. I was so terrified that no noise came out at all, and my knees were shaking so badly that I was sure that the producer could see. Three attempts later, and I slunk off stage as the demoralizing word rang out "NEXT!"

I eventually learned to conquer my excruciating stage fright enough to pay the rent, but that nightmare will remain forever.

Returning to the real world, I had a long love affair with Andalucia, in Southern Spain, which is gipsy country, and learned all about Flamenco and Cante Jondo - which is sung from the soul and which can produce *duende*, or feelings of such depth that the hairs rise from the neck, and spirits fly. Indian song can produce similar sensations, and often the sheer beauty brings tears to the eyes.

As I lay in bed early this morning, I was listening to two pigeons cooing on the roof of the garden shed as they do most days.

It becomes quite comical. If one counts the number of coos in their song, I have deduced that the maximum is usually three and a half, but on a good day, four and a half. The half note always ends abruptly in a sort of hiccup.

Presumably the bird with four and a half coos is male and showing off to his girl.

Nothing changes!



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## BEACHWATCH – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011

The Aune Conservation Association (ACA) will be cleaning the beach on Saturday 19th November at 2.00pm-3.30pm on Cockleridge, Bigbury on Sea. The event will be open to all but children must be accompanied by an adult. Why is beach cleaning so important? Some of our best-loved marine wildlife is under threat from the waste and litter in our seas. Hundreds of species of marine wildlife accidentally eat or become tangled up in litter. In addition to harming wildlife, litter on our beaches is hazardous to people. Much of the litter on Cockleridge would probably be washed into the Avon causing further nuisance, if not collected. We all have a part to play in turning the tide on litter. Please come equipped with sensible clothing, footwear and gloves suited to the occasion. If you would like to know more about this project please call Maya Plass on 07811 349966 or Stuart Watts on 01548 810373.

## PHOSPHATE-FREE WATERCOURSES

The local campaign for phosphate-free estuaries has produced a helpful leaflet explaining both why it is important to do everything possible to reduce the amount of phosphate in our watercourses and how to go about it. The advice is as relevant to the Avon (river & estuary) and its wildlife as elsewhere; neither our local sewage works nor domestic sewage arrangements remove phosphate from recycled water entering the river. Please peruse the leaflet, which is available on our website at <http://auneconservation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/P-Leaflet.pdf>, and do whatever you can to help the environment.

## DOGS IN THE ESTUARY

I'd like to quash any rumour that the ACA is against dog walking in the estuary at low tide. However, we do advocate keeping dogs under control at all times to avoid nuisance to people, property and wildlife. Furthermore, the Countryside Code reminds us that dogs should be kept on a short lead from 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> July; that is, during the bird nesting season.

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No. 63

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## ***SUDOKU - Another four part tough challenge!***

The new sterner challenges of our Aug/Sep issue brought a strong response from readers, with twelve entries received, of which eight all-correct solutions came from *Sue Dwyer, Val Harder, Sheila Killingsworth, Pat Leare, Di Pain, Gill Pollard, Lisa White* and *Polly Wyld*. Congratulations to all. This time the lucky winner of the prized bottle of *Chateau Sudoku* proved to be Pat Leare. Entries for this issue's tough challenge (above) to 25 Mead Lane, as usual, by 5<sup>th</sup> November please.

*And please don't forget to check your entries carefully!*

# BOOKSHELF

## **The Good Cook**

by Simon Hopkinson

(BBC Books £25.00 (£16 incl. p&p from  
[bbc.shop@bbc.co.uk](mailto:bbc.shop@bbc.co.uk))

This is for anyone who enjoys cooking, and a joy to follow even if not a devotee of the kitchen. Simon Hopkinson is a superb natural cook, he just loves to cook and is a real 'foodie'. A professional chef from an early age, though he prefers to be called a cook, he is now regarded as one of the UK's finest food writers. This book talks to you, it is amusingly dictated with his trademark precision and panache. It was published to accompany the recent BBC tv series (and no doubt now reduced in price as some of the recipes were available on line).

I enjoy reading cookbooks, but then they land up on the shelf alongside their neglected siblings. However, this one motivated me to actually try a couple of the recipes and with rather satisfying results - (1) loin of pork in cider with braised endives and (2) sage and potato soup with sour cream, cooked with streaky bacon to enhance the flavour (with the latter not in evidence as it is removed before serving).

Browsing in the eclectic selection on the bookstall at various local events, I have purchased items that I normally would not have been interested in, let alone buy, resulting in some pleasant surprises. An earlier Simon Hopkinson work was one of those surprises, hence my further interest in the fellow. This is a worthwhile addition to your collection!

**Midge Elliott**

## **Other People's Money**

by Justin Cartwright

(Bloomsbury Publishing £12.99)

This book hits the button for resonance with today, is full of delightful characters and, as it says on the flyleaf, is told with "gentle satire throughout".

It relates the story of a family bank, Tubal & Co. The bank is in trouble (bad mortgages

etc.). The ageing chairman, Sir Harry Tubal, is dying and unaware of any problems. His son and heir, Julian, is trying to sell out while he can and this requires just a little bit of dodging and weaving. When an allowance cheque for the ex-husband of Sir Harry's young actress wife fails to arrive, things start to unravel. Keeping journalists quiet.....a bit of political chicanery.....we have it all here.

A good read indeed!

**Carolyn Taylor**

## **Mad World**

by Paula Byrne

(Harper Press £9.99)

This is a biography of Evelyn Waugh, he of the renowned *Brideshead Revisited*. It is a very revealing study of the lives of the bright young things, in the roaring nineteen twenties and nineteen thirties, at Oxford and beyond.

Although very much involved in drink, drugs and sex (in all its variations) he was able to pour out endless books of wit and humour, usually using an amalgam of his various friends to create his characters. His writing bolt-hole was at Chagford!

Paula Byrne, who has a PhD from the University of Liverpool, is the best-selling author of *Perdita, the Life of Mary Robinson*, and *Jane Austen and the Theatre* and this latest biographical study can only enhance her growing reputation.

**Rosemary Mackay**

## **Penguins Stopped Play**

by Harry Thompson

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# HORSWELL DIARY

OK, it's official. We hand over Horswell to her new owners mid month, next July. Ten months may seem like a long time to wait between exchange of contracts and completion but looking around at all that we have collected in what will have been twenty one years of ownership, I feel sure it's going to take us each and every one of those days to return her to her empty shell. Where on earth does one begin?

Someone once said about clutter and possessions: "If you don't use it or you don't love it, don't keep it." Wise words indeed, but I surely cannot be alone in having all kinds of additional items squirrelled away, 'just in case' they may one day come in handy. And surprisingly those days do actually come, even if only once in a blue moon. And then, when against the odds one has 'just the right thing', the sense of satisfaction is enormous.

Already, I am casting a critical eye over all of our belongings, mentally attempting to catalogue them into groups:

- (1) Personal Treasures from which never to be parted.
- (2) Decorative items that would look lovely in any home and therefore should be kept.
- (3) Decorative items that if I were held in a half-nelson and deprived of breath, I could possibly agree to live without, but would rather keep.
- (4) Furniture that is too nice to get rid of.
- (5) Furniture that simply fills a gap, but might be useful to fill another gap.
- (6) Furniture that will be too large to go into another house but is so attractive it should be in category 4 (i.e. too nice to get rid of).
- (7) Useful items that make the process of civilised living possible, and thus essential.

(8) Sentimental items that make one laugh or cry at the memories they evoke, fragments of a past from which one is loath to part.

(9) Potentially useful items that may one day be exactly what we need, e.g. Wellington boots that leak but are wonderfully comfortable, a needle for mending sacks, the plastic buoy tethered to a length of rope, the left-handed corkscrew, the trap to catch moles. (Bearing in mind the Summer we have just had all sun loungers and parasols should also be grouped under this category.)

Alas, the problem with this attempt at organisation is that all categories result in the same dilemma. Nothing has actually been discarded. I now understand where pre-historians have gone wrong. All that talk about the tombs of the Egyptian pharaohs being filled with items to ease their passage to the afterlife, is a myth. The reality is that prior to their deaths they had all lived in large houses and suffered the same indecision as I am experiencing now: What to leave behind? No doubt when someone opens up my tomb in a few thousand years time they'll find me surrounded by old furniture, a rusted out BMW and a stuffed peacock.

I thought an easy place to begin my clear-out would be my wardrobe, after all, I seem to live in the same three outfits all year so the rest must surely be extra to requirement and suitable for disposal. Sadly this proved not to be the case. How does one know for sure that one will never go skiing again? Or sailing? Or dancing? Or shooting? Or swimming? Or riding? Or jogging? It might not be on the calendar at the moment, but if an exciting invitation were to arrive I should immediately require the right clothing for that particular pursuit. So that meant keeping ski boots, snow boots, thermal



socks and mittens, woolly hats and scarves, ski pants, anoraks, life jackets, wet-weather gear, sweatshirts, deck shoes, swimsuits, sarongs, jodhpurs, jackets, riding boots, evening dresses, jogging pants, trainers, hiking boots and tweeds, before I could even think about sorting through everyday clothes.

I'm beginning to see the advantages of wearing a burka. I bet those ladies who do, need very small wardrobes and could move house at a moment's notice. Defeated by my efforts to cull my clothes, even though some of them have hemlines just below one's hips, and shoulders that would strike fear into a Sumo wrestler, I turned my attention to my shoes; an altogether easier proposition, as somehow old shoes jumbled up in a heap look a lot less appealing than old clothes neatly suspended on hangers.

To my surprise there amongst them was a pair of Charles Jourdan shoes that I know for a fact I used to wear five years before I met my husband... and we have been married for a quarter of a century! I know the exact date because I remember, as if it were yesterday, the embarrassment of their first outing. It is a moment seared indelibly into my memory's hard drive.

It was a very wet day in Sydney, Australia. I was going to a very smart reception in a very smart hotel. So I wore my new Charles Jourdan shoes, delighting in their soft leather and the attractive open lattice work on their toes. Stepping out of my taxi I felt the rainwater slosh through the latticework and soak my feet, but nothing was going to spoil my evening. Or so I thought! I entered the hotel on a runway of red carpet, walking tall in my high heels and hoping I looked as elegant as the other guests. I was led up a grand sweeping staircase to meet the rest of our party. Small soap bubbles drifted through the air, adding to the luxurious party atmosphere.

At first I wondered why everyone was laughing and pointing, but then I followed their gaze and looked down. My lovely shoes were covered in white foam. With every step I took, bubbles squeezed through the open latticework of the leather, broke free and floated into the air around me. Oh, horror of horrors! In haste, I had washed my stockings in Fairy Liquid, and clearly had failed to rinse them properly. The rain water sloshing through my shoes on arrival had done the rest! It was an entrance to a party I shall never forget... but wish that I could!

Unworn since that day it was with some reluctance that I threw those memorable shoes into my 'reject bag', and continued with my task. Out went the clumpy sensible shoes too boring to be worn, out went the sling backs, so incredibly pointed and extreme that they could have been an offensive weapon, out went the espadrilles bought to go to India but never suitable, out went the knee length leather boots always too tight to wear but such a knock-down bargain price I couldn't resist, and out went the black satin stilettos with silver bead tassels... 'cos frankly, in Thurstone, when am I ever going to wear them? (Also bear in mind that my husband has just had a heart attack!).

So, progress at last, and the bag is placed by the front door ready to go to the charity shop. The first of many, I feel sure.

Meanwhile, the process of detachment begins and the prospect of re-entering the real world beyond Horswell fills us with sadness. Will the house in autumn still reek of chutney? Will the nuthatches, greenfinches, great tits and woodpeckers still flock to our feeders? Will 'our' swallows continue to return each year? And the badgers still dig up the lawn?

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**See how many cunningly disguised well-known phrases or sayings you can decipher from the list below.....**

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**2 FAREEDGE**

**3 PAUPUPIN**

**4 GNISROH**

**5 FINE MESS FINE MESS**

**6 DO12"OR**

**7 LOYAL TIES**

**8 T RN**

**9 GH EI T IG HT EI HT**

**10 9ALL5**

**11 UNOTU**

**12 NO STITCH ON**

**13 VAWAITIN**

**14 REDNAH**

**15 YOU JUST ME**

**16 SOS.**

**17 O-ER-T-O-**

**18 BK**

**19 ETUNIMANI**

**20 DAY DAY DAY**

## Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

**ACROSS:** 8. KEEN 9. EMERY PAPER 10. FORCES 11. BARBECUE 12. IDLENESS  
14. GLASSY 16. BOSS 17. BROWN 18. MEND 19. MEMBER 21. PRACTICE  
23. REINDEER 26. AUGUST 27. RECEPTACLE 28. TALE

**DOWN:** 1. SECOND HOME 2. KNICKERS 3. LEASEE 4. HERB 5. HYDROGEN  
6. GALENA 7. MENU 13. SLOOP 15. SAND CASTLE 17. BARRETT 18. MITIGATE  
20. BANTER 22. AWAKE 24. EWER 25. ROCK

Thanks to all those who entered the last *Grey Matter* – we received several all-correct solutions to the crossword, which went into a draw. Congratulations to all – but the bottle of wine goes to **Sue Penwell**, whose name was the first out of the hat.

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October** A Walk from East Allington. Meet at East Allington near the church (GR 769484) for a country lane and footpath walk of about 4 miles. Return in time for lunch at nearby pub..
- Wednesday  
26<sup>th</sup>  
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- Monday  
7<sup>th</sup>  
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- Friday  
25<sup>th</sup>  
November** Coffee Morning at Thurlestone Hotel, 10.30 am. Come and relax with friends over a cup of coffee at this elegant hotel. As usual, a fine selection of greeting & Christmas cards will be available. Entrance £3.00 including coffee. *All are welcome.*

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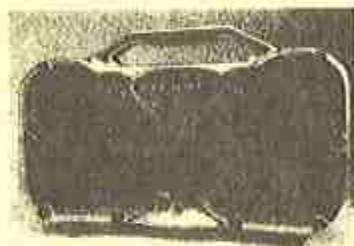
A very successful luncheon was held in Malborough Hall at the end of July. Numbers were at their capacity, as 93 people attended for a delicious meal, which, together with a large raffle and several sideshows, raised the net sum of £721.49p. This is an increase on last year, and will go a long way towards purchasing a new state-of-the-art digital syringe driver. Thanks were given to Keith Steer for his organisation, to the committee, and to all who helped in any way, on the stalls and serving, and especially with the mammoth washing-up session at the end! And, of course, to all who attended and supported the event.

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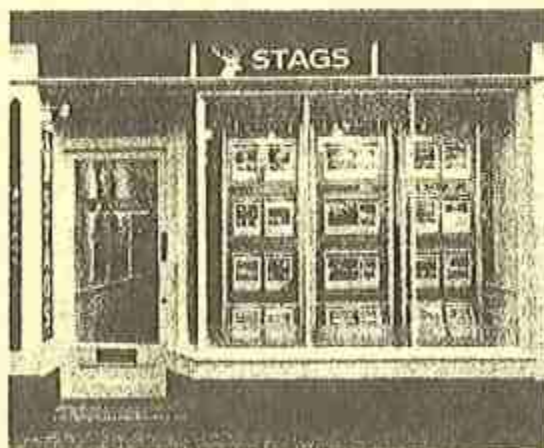


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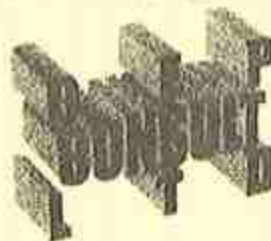
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# School Report

By Betty Rhymes

Why is it that the six weeks of summer holidays speed past quicker than a six week half term at school? No sooner did we finish school, looking forward to the long holidays than we found ourselves back in the throes of primary school life, the holidays seeming a distant past. All good things come to an end, I guess.

As All Saints has been on vacation news from "inside" is minimal. So, I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you about the values that last year the school decided to adopt as their core values.

The aim of establishing the values is for the school to become a place where we, the staff, pupils and parents, can develop, spiritually and morally, in turn becoming better prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

After much deliberation and discussion amongst governors, staff, parents and children as families, the following values were agreed upon and adopted.

## *Honesty - trust and truthfulness*

This value is about truthfulness with other individuals, institutions and with ourselves which leads to inner strength, confidence and integrity. Being honest makes us reliable and dependable so that others can trust us and in turn helps us to trust others.

## *Fairness - justice*

Fairness as a value is the understanding that it is right and just for all people to have quality of life, health, freedom and dignity. This in turn will lead us to develop a sense of opposition to injustice and the

desire to act to change unjust situations.

## *Respect - for self and others, and reverence for God*

Respect encompasses the ideas of appreciation, consideration, admiration, kindness and politeness. Reverence encompasses the idea of acknowledging the idea that there is something greater than ourselves which we are dependent upon. These two ideas lead us to value others as much as ourselves and for this to affect our daily actions in relation to others.

## *Friendship - love, compassion, forgiveness & peace*

Friendship is, of course, very important to children. Learning to relate to others well is a very important part of life. True friendships involve truthfulness, love, the ability to forgive, and the ability to stand in another person's shoes in order to truly understand their situation.

## *Endurance - courage, self reliance, keep going*

Endurance is the idea that we need to recognise and accept that life can be difficult and painful, yet still have the courage to persevere. We need to have the strength not to follow the crowd, be true to our convictions, to take responsibility for our own actions and to have the ability to be self reliant when needed so that we can reach our full potential.

## *Koinonia - community*

This is an ancient Greek word which can be



translated as spiritual family or sense of community. It is the idea that we are all part of a family and that within that family all are interdependent; all are needed and valued and each person is important to the whole.

These six values are considered very much part of the curriculum at All Saints. Today's schools need to be more than just places teaching the core subjects if our children are to be successful adults. Grades are important but life skills are equally important. By understanding,

learning, and adopting the morals of our school values we hope our children will be well equipped to face the future ahead.

As for me, I think that by writing my school report to you for Village Voice I am adopting some of these values.

Koinonia - doing my bit for the community.  
Endurance - you wouldn't believe how long it takes me to write this and how I keep delaying it, but I persevere until I get there (with a few gentle nudges and words of encouragement from Mr Macdonald - Thank You, Sir!)

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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

Ah well, summer is well and truly over (9<sup>th</sup> September), with not even a little semblance of an Indian summer. Although I have to say that it is very hot and sultry today, lots of mist, short, light showers, light winds and a little sunshine occasionally. The weekend threatens to be windier and wetter, with the following days rough as the remnants of hurricane Katia approaches our shores. Last week in the Western Morning News there were some fantastic pictures of Fistral Beach Body Boarding Championships

waves. These were courtesy of Hurricane Irene and made for the best conditions for many years. So there is some good spin-off from hurricanes in some parts for some people! We'll see how we fare over the weekend.

As regards our summer, the least said about it the better, but here are just a few figures (to show that I really do keep records!) comparing the summer months June, July and August over the last three years :

RAINFALL (Totals for the 3 months)		TEMPERATURE (Average for the 3 months)	HOURS OF SUNSHINE (Totals for the 3 months)
2011	180mm	15.9°C	516.8 hrs
2010	183.8mm	16.5°C	517 hrs
2009	235.9mm	17.9°C	533 hrs

From these figures it seems that here this year we had the lowest Rainfall, and the lowest Temperature, and the lowest number of Sunshine hours. One could think that because there was so little sunshine that there would have been more rain. In fact, most of the time there was a layer of high cloud obscuring the bright sunshine but not giving rise to rain. There was also quite a keen easterly breeze which in turn kept the temperatures down somewhat.

So all in all it was not a summer remembered for long day after day balmy conditions. Just one or two days ended in quiet, warm balmy BBQ on the beach times. I felt almost guilty as the holiday-makers on either side of me strode out in coats and wellies for a walk rather than sunbeds and shades for the days sunbathing and swimming. Still, the Dads played cricket or football, built castles and moats to keep the sea at bay, and the children rock-pooled and frolicked in the surf wearing wet-suits. It seemed that almost everyone had a whole raft of windbreaks, but were determined to have a good time.

The Ley has remained confined at the top of the beach which made for easy access across the sands to the shop and toilets, also the huge bins for rubbish. And what a vast smelly and revolting state they were in - the only blight on our otherwise superb natural summer facility.

The beach has undergone a complete change as Hurricane Katia exerted her influence after skirting the eastern seaboard of the USA. Today, 13<sup>th</sup> September, as I write, the wind from the west/north west has abated somewhat but the seas remain very rough. Large banks of seaweed there yesterday have all but disappeared today. The Ley is filling up gradually and Autumn has really set in. Even the trees are looking brown and orange as the chlorophyll disappears with the decrease in light intensity. The high winds will not allow us a beautiful Autumn, many of the leaves are already on the ground and those that are left are all turning black.

This is of course a very typical weather pattern for us in these latitudes and under



the influence of the Jet Stream. A series of depressions are lined up across the Atlantic and being dragged towards and to the north of us at the moment, which is just as well as there are still fields of standing corn waiting for the combine.

Ten days from now, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the Autumnal Equinox occurs at 09.05 hrs, and the New Moon is due four days later on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Traditionally there are gales around about that time (hopefully from the west) and, with high tides due to reach levels of 5.5m on 27<sup>th</sup>, and 5.6m on 28<sup>th</sup>, both occurring in the evening at 6.47pm and 7.30pm respectively, it might be worth making a note on your calendar to drop by the Links Car park and see what the bay and beach looks like. I shall be there on my crutches just to look, I am sure.

I find it exciting to think about these great powers at work without so much as a tiny helping hand from us mortals. For some it may mean that flooding will happen along the coastal strip, so watch the newspapers and take note. I wonder how long it will be before the seas break up to the top of the steps outside Beach Cottage?

On a quieter note the next three months will,

weather permitting, reveal some meteor showers of Orionids, Leonids, and Geminids. Each shower is named after the constellation from which it appears to emanate. The dates they can be observed have been fixed as 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Orionids), 18<sup>th</sup> November (Leonids), and 14<sup>th</sup> December (Geminids). The greatest number of meteors is visible in the 'after midnight' hours. Sometimes these can be quite startling and impressive to view, but it all depends on cloud cover, so the weather is a major player in the astronomer's observations. You will also have to stay up late to see them!

I wonder if we will have another hard winter this year? It wouldn't surprise me. I hope that we will be even better prepared than we were last year. So begin thinking about overwintering your favourite tender plants and get those Aquadulce broad beans in soon before the ground loses its summer heat.

Must get this article off to Village Voice right away, as I'm due in Derriford at 7.00 in the morning for a hip replacement - the right side this time. Good gardening and weather watching, and remember the high tides. I'll see you there.

*Jan Turner*

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

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