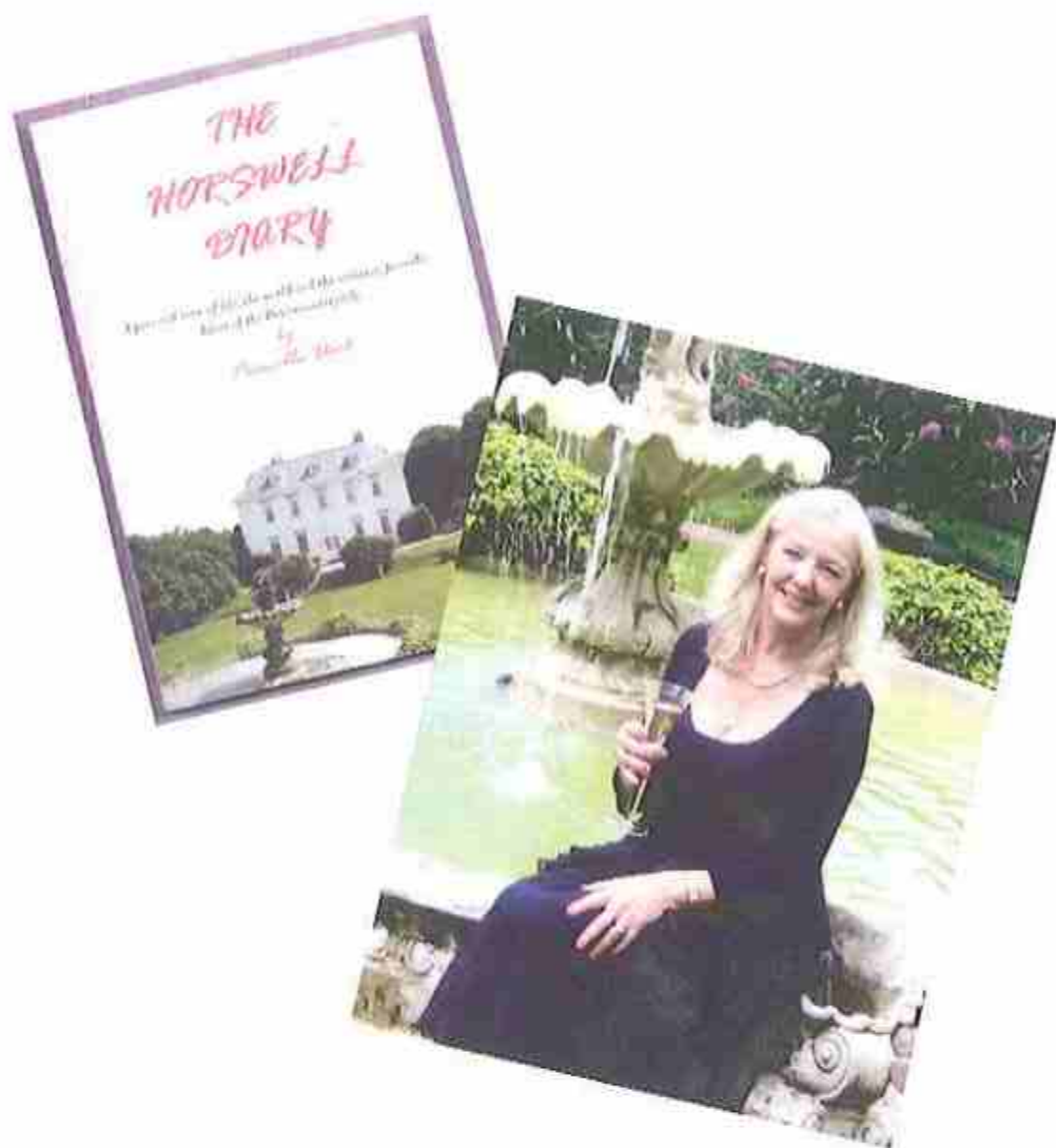


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**Prunella Dart**

The peahen that appeared in the Old Rectory garden in the autumn of 1996 was eventually traced as an escapee from Horswell House in South Milton. A subsequent phone call to the owner asking for news of the miscreant resulted in a delightful account *Jemima returns to Horswell*, which we published in *Village Voice*. This was the start of a regular article under the heading *Horswell Diary* which Prunella Dart (and occasionally husband Michael) contributed without a break until their move to France last year. *The Horswell Diary*, a book including many of these articles, had been published in 2005, and we were secretly hoping that *A Provençal Journal* might have proved a successor feature for our magazine.

Sadly, this was not to be, as Prunella fell victim to an aggressive cancer and passed away almost before their household moves could be completed. A memorial service for her was held in South Milton church on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, and tributes to her appear inside this issue.

Her articles reflected her personality - full of energy, enthusiasm, fun, warmth, and wisdom - and wonderful descriptive imagery flowed effortlessly from her pen. She was an editor's dream, never failing to produce the goods and, with promptings from Michael, even sometimes before the last minute!

We, and all the team at *Village Voice*, will miss her enormously, and remember her with the greatest affection and admiration for what she shared with us so generously of her life and her loves.

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## Prunella Susan Dart 1950 - 2012

Readers of *Village Voice* came to feel that they knew Prunella both as a friend and a neighbour over time, being the *confidantes* of *Horswell Diary*, her regular contribution to its pages for some fifteen years. We were therefore all sad to learn that she and Michael were leaving Horswell House to live in France, but relieved to find that they would be retaining a *pled a terre* in Devon - at least we would not be losing her altogether. The relief was all too short-lived. After a brief illness, Prunella passed away in Avignon on 26 November 2012.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held at South Milton on Tuesday, 22 January when family and friends filled the parish church there. After readings by family members, her husband Michael provided the following reminiscences of their life together:

*"When Pru was desperately ill, we discussed this day, or rather I was given full instructions! The first thing she wanted was to have the memorial service in South Milton church, as she loved it so very much.*

*I first met Pru at a shooting party lunch. I thought I was a very smartly dressed country gentleman in my tailored tweed jacket, matching plus fours and long stockings complete with 'flashes'. When Pru learned that I would shortly be visiting Australia, to which she was herself about to return, she was overheard saying to a friend "I hope he won't be wearing that dreadful outfit...." En route to Australia a little later I stopped off in Hong Kong and had a suit made (by a Chinese tailor in about two hours) as I felt my existing clothes were not smart enough to wear at the date I had fixed with Pru for lunch in Sydney.*

*I never like to be late for appointments, so I arrived at the venue about 10 am for our 1 pm lunch, but Pru was very late. I was to discover that being late with Prunella was an art form. But I soon realised that in her I had met an exceptional person - and here was I, about to embark on a six week tour of Australia, leaving this lovely young lady behind. On my return we got to know each other.....and eventually married.*

*After leaving school, Pru had won a scholarship to Cambridge University, but decided to go instead to the Sorbonne in Paris. She then joined the Architectural Association in London, and went on to study interior design.*

*Among her many accomplishments she had a pilot's licence - but unfortunately no sense of direction! On a trip from Oxfordshire to Lincolnshire I glanced out of the aircraft window and realised we were flying south over the Dorset coast. After a few prompts to "right turn" we eventually arrived at our destination.*

*She was a writer of both prose and poetry, a painter, a wonderful hostess and cook - but she was not always 100% successful at everything. On finding a Bechstein piano at her new home she said she'd love to learn to play it, so lessons were fixed with a nearby teacher. Some time later I met the teacher who appeared a little uncomfortable when asked about Pru's progress. As Pru had clearly not enjoyed her experience of learning to play, lessons were abandoned, much to the teacher's relief.*

*Pru also fancied learning to ride, so I had to find her a horse which was **not** to be, in Pru's words, "a little mincing thing". So I obtained, from an Irish friend, 'just the horse' on trial but it turned out to be quite fiery and the first time Pru mounted it, the horse took off, clearing hedges and other obstacles with no trouble, and all the time with Pru hanging on to its neck for dear life. There were a number of similar outings when Pru was usually thrown, and an eventual broken ankle resulted in her 'horsey' enthusiasm being curtailed.*

*Then there was ballroom dancing, at which I thought I was something of an expert, but at a dinner dance Pru said to me "I don't think I am following you" to which I replied "It's a foxtrot - not a quickstep!"*

*There is an old Irish ballad "The Rose of Tralee", the words of which include the following lines - "She was lovely and fair / As a rose of the summer / But 'twas not her beauty alone that won me / Oh no, 'twas the*

*truth in her eyes ever shining / That made me love Pru, the Rose of Tralee". I feel these words exactly describe my feelings for my beloved Pru."*

Since the memorial service we have received further recollections of Prunella's life from her sister, Georgina de Vere, who read the Masfield poem *Sea Fever* at the memorial service, and gives the following account of her early years:

***"We're rough and we're tough,  
and we come from the Bluff"***

*There would seem to be little relevance between my elegant refined sister Prunella Dart and these lines about Bluff, a bleak sea town sticking out into the icy waters of the Southern Ocean on the southernmost tip of New Zealand. However, this is where Prunella was born.*

*Like many servicemen after WW2, our New Zealand Air Force father returned to his homeland looking for a new career. He had been seconded to RAF Benson in England to fly Mosquitoes for reconnaissance over Europe. It was here he met his English rose, our mother, and took her back to the cold and windy outpost of Bluff. Here they started a fishing fleet. Our family has always had a deep love of the sea.*

*As children, Prunella and I enjoyed an outdoor life, roaming beaches and hills. We climbed trees, made huts and went on wonderful camping jaunts with our parents. Later, living in England, we would take off for an adventure at the faintest opportunity, exploring Europe in an old Bedford van.*

*Prunella inherited her love of occasion, of art, nature, and the countryside from our mother, and her quick intelligence, mathematical prowess, and sense of adventure from our Kiwi father. We grew up believing everything is possible. Along with Prunella's multitude of accomplishments and capabilities, she showed strength, resilience and courage as well as a large dose of 'can-do' Kiwi attitude.*

***Bluff would be proud of you!"***

Finally, we include three personal tributes received from some of her many friends:

*"When we bought No 2 Horswell Cottages in November 1996 we were only vaguely aware of the location of a "manor" house some one or two hundred yards up the private lane, beyond the trees, leading to the Mews. Subsequently we learned from our neighbours that a couple had purchased a somewhat dilapidated Horswell House about six years earlier, intent on transforming it to become their new home.*

*Next, in the spring, we first heard and then were visited by the peacocks, presumably to check on the new arrivals on "their" estate. We imagine they gave a satisfactory report, since we were eventually to receive an invitation from Michael & Prunella Dart to attend one of their parties. We were made most welcome and, over the years, became good friends - not just neighbours.*

*They were most generous hosts and entertained guests on numerous occasions in their beautiful home. Readers will miss Pru's regular contributions to Village Voice, but for those who may not have read her book, The Horswell Diary, we strongly recommend same. However, there can be no more suitable memorial to Prunella than the House Michael and she so lovingly restored."*

***(Roger & Trisha Wilson)***

*"Pru's last letter to me, written in her glorious longhand, said 'Thank you for a most delicious and elegant supper party. It is always a pleasure and privilege to be in your company, and always fun to debate the meaning of life with your brother Brian! Thank you so much.' Typical Pru - an exceptional lady, and we will miss her."*

***(Al Parker)***

*"A light has gone out with the passing of Pru. But we were so lucky to have had that light. No matter what worries she had, when we met there was always a bright greeting and concern for our welfare. Her legacy to us was her ability to see life's bright side. Both Michael and she worked so hard to leave Horswell restored and loved and lived in again - and I am sure she is pleased it is now a family home."*

***(Rosemary Mackay)***



# PARISH HALL NEWS

Chairman: Neill Irwin



Our 'High Society' Jazz and Dance Band supper on 8<sup>th</sup> December created a great buzz for everyone who attended. We have had requests for a repeat of the event this year but we clearly need to reconsider timing because of clashes with other Christmas activities. The 2013 schedule could certainly accommodate another evening with the Band in November so do let us know what you think.

Meanwhile anticipation – along with ticket sales – has been growing for our David Newton / Alan Barnes Jazz concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and it is quite likely that the demand will have exceeded the Hall capacity. It's great to have such a positive response. Watch this space for an update if you were unlucky enough to miss out.

There's still plenty of time to get tickets for the Porter Family who will be with us on Easter Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The Family from South Warwickshire (with a base in Dartmouth) is promising an eclectic mix of music from Telemann to The Jungle Book (via Scott Joplin and Tom Waits) performed on strings, keyboard, flute and harmonica not to mention the ukelele. We will also be providing a bar so it's far from just the 'bare necessities' at this exciting concert! Contact Mike Stickland for information and see the advertisement in this issue for details of tickets.

We hope you have noticed some improvement from the car park upgrade. In 2013 we are hoping to do something to improve the heating of the main hall as well as investing in some decorating and a deep clean of the carpet. There will also be some long-awaited changes to the stage lighting making it easier to adjust without the use of ladders. This is an important consideration since none of the lighting experts is getting any younger!

We have also acquired some stage fittings which will be easier to install and, after a bid submitted at our recent meeting, we have purchased a second table tennis table to accommodate the increasing number of players in the group, which plays on Wednesdays. On the other side of the balance sheet Salcombe Rowing Club has begun circuit training on Tuesdays so that the Hall now has a regular booking every weekday evening.

Calling all Crafters...there will be a Craft Exhibition in the Hall over the Bank Holiday Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. We are hoping that many of you will want to display your work and there will be more details of how to enter in the next Village Voice. This is advance notice of the event which will be open to visitors for a small fee.

Finally, as announced elsewhere in these pages, the **Parish Hall AGM** will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 19 March. Please come along and hear an update on progress. There is good news on the financial front despite lower levels of response to some events this year. There have been no losses on any of our activities but there have been some changes in user groups and, of course, it is YOUR Parish Hall and we'd love to hear your ideas.



# Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 & 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013

*News & Views by Citizen*

## ATTENDANCE

In December seven Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, PC Steve Mullen, and eleven members of the public attended, then in January there were six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, District Councillor Ian Bramble, and nineteen members of the public present.

## OPEN FORUM

### *Road Grit*

In the event of freezing conditions we are assured that grit is available, but unfortunately the District Council cannot provide the two extra bins we requested.

### *Wind Turbines*

Only seventeen objections were raised to the Chuka Cheese Farm Installation and the application was approved by the Parish Council. The PC had apparently been advised by Malcolm Elliott of the SHDC that the turbines would not be visible. THEY ARE. It would also seem their environmental impact does not conform to the South Hams Society Bulletin 2012 Guidelines. It was also felt that the PC would now find it difficult to turn down future applications and it should publish more details prior to considering further schemes. The Parish Plan should also reflect opposition to such applications.

### *Renewable Energy*

Questions were raised as to how much is needed within the parish and how such applications could be controlled. A clear statement is needed from the PC.

### *'Sea Breeze', Eddystone Road*

Concerned local residents from adjoining properties reported that the planning application to rebuild this property states "It will sit on the same footprint as the original" Unfortunately it does not - it is twice the size! Existing properties will be overlooked, especially from the proposed balcony. The PC agreed to visit the site before 11 January, the deadline date for comments to the SHDC.

### *Pine Trees on the Green.*

A suggestion that the two remaining pine trees be removed because of age, and the fact they cast 'needles' on to the War Memorial, was challenged by the Parish of

Thurlestone Society. POTS consider the trees to be perfectly healthy despite their being in the region of some 60 years old and would strongly object to their destruction. The idea has now been dropped. The memorial has recently been spruced up at a cost of c. £400.

### *Road verge*

The 'boulders' it was proposed to use to tidy up the roadside at the entrance to Thurlestone village are no longer available as the supplier has gone out of business. An alternative source is being investigated.

### *Old telephone exchange.*

Trees on the site (which would have shielded the houses to be built there) have been removed despite the fact that assurances were given that they would not.

### *Defibrillator.*

Sufficient cash had now been raised to purchase one for Bantham.

## HIGHWAYS

Parking outside the Parish Hall (and in the Parish Hall car park) and Blights Garage is still a great problem resulting in the school bus not being able on two occasions to get into the village. The police are aware of this and the bus driver has been told to contact them in future as police are responsible for handling obstructions to traffic flow.

Water is running down Thurlestone main street from Cob Cottage and the cause is being sought. West Buckland has had flooding problems and some roads have more grass growing on them than tarmac. Repair of potholes is non-existent and the problem is worsening.

Thurlestone v South Milton Sands saga continues. There are signposts where one points to Thurlestone Sands whilst another points to South Milton Sands in the opposite direction. Great for the emergency services!

## SCHOOL

Play Area climbing apparatus has been condemned by 'Health & Safety' and is now fenced off. Repairs will take three weeks.

## TREES

Those at Sea View play area were due to be removed shortly.

## PARISH PLAN

**Broadband** An application for funds has been made with the hope that the first customer can be connected by July 2013 - but it all depends on money! We still don't know if we are in the final 10% of communities to be connected. If we are not, then no grant. Wayleaves have been granted by land owners for a cable route between Thurlestone and Hope Cove. Other routes are being explored.

**Mobile Phone Mast** No further news on the provision of this and although it was thought best to wait for the Broadband scheme and proceed together, advice will be sought to see if a mast can proceed independently.

**Additional bus service** An application for funding a pilot scheme for an additional bus service by hiring the Coleridge bus every Saturday has been granted. Details to be finalised and published for a start on Saturday 22 March, continuing for four months - or until funds run out. The route will be Bantham, West Buckland, West Alvington and Kingsbridge.

## PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The cobbled road by the church is unlikely to

be taken over by Devon County Council. Parish Clerk to write to the main users - Yarmer Estate, Evans Estates and the Church - regarding maintenance costs.

## POLICE

Eight crimes have been reported in the parish, including one affray and three assaults - mainly within the same family.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Ian Bramble was welcomed back after being unwell. He reported that SHDC had to decide whether to accept a Government grant and freeze Council tax for 2013/14 or put it up by 2%. He would welcome parishioners' views by email: [bramble-finserv@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bramble-finserv@tiscali.co.uk)

## LEN HUBBARD'S TREE

A replacement tree has been purchased and is now replanted on a new spot on the Green.

## PLANNING

The Parish Council would appreciate written comments from parishioners to highlight concerns *that might not be immediately apparent from the applications.*

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

## THURLESTONE PHONE BOX



More great news - we have now reached our target for the BANTHAM DEFIBRILLATOR and this will be handed over to us on **Monday, 25 February at the Sloop Inn at 6pm.**

There will be a presentation and training session by **South West Ambulance Service.**

If you would like to attend please contact Gillian Marshall on 01548 560214 or by e-mail to: [Gillian.m@rshall.co](mailto:Gillian.m@rshall.co)

The defibrillator will be 'housed' at the Sloop Inn - down the side in their small entrance hall - the door to which is open 24/7.

Apart from thanking the many people who have made donations for the purchase of this machine, big thanks once again to the **Kingsbridge Estuary Rotary Club** and to the **Sloop Inn** for their huge support.



# South Hams Broadband

## *Time - and Opportunity - for You to Take Action!*

The South Hams Broadband project to bring superfast broadband to the area has now reached what could be called a watershed moment – particularly appropriate given recent weather!

After all the preparation and groundwork, now it is time for the community to really get involved – which means that it is time to describe what a great opportunity now exists for you to invest in South Hams Broadband. Right now!

### Background to the share offer

Previous articles in the Village Voice and on the website have set out the plan to go to three sources of money to fund the project:

1. Grant support from DEFRA's Rural Communities Broadband Fund (RCBF); this is in hand.
2. The Rural Broadband EIS Fund offer, which is designed to appeal to major investors who want tax-efficient exposure to an exciting new asset class; this was launched before Christmas, and is progressing well, according to our advisers EnterprisePE.
3. Local investors who can see the investment case most clearly because they can see the need so strongly. This is the offer that, at the time of writing, is on the brink of being launched by **FundTheGap** on their website at [www.fundthegap.com](http://www.fundthegap.com). Check it out to learn all the details.

### Why should you invest?

In the briefest of summaries, there are five main reasons why we think you should invest in South Hams Broadband.

**First**, a successful project will be really good for us personally as users of broadband – for ourselves, our families, and our businesses.

**Second**, it will be good for the community as a whole – not only for friends and neighbours in their daily lives, but also for the effect that superfast broadband will have on new investment, businesses and jobs in the area.

**Third**, we believe it represents an excellent monetary investment opportunity. In brief, the combination of a solid business case, RCBF support and EIS tax relief means that the company's directors anticipate a return of an average £2,120 for every £1,000 net invested (£1,430 gross, before allowing for the 30% tax relief).

That means that we expect investors' money should **more than double** in the planned four years. That's a 21% annual return from the 'net' investment. Compare that to the rate you would receive in any bank deposit account.

And consider this: a £1,120 tax-free profit over four years equates to a monthly gain of £25 – meaning that, if the gains are achieved, the investor is essentially going to get superfast broadband free!

**Fourth**, local people who invest a minimum amount of £1,500 will also receive reduced connection fees (normally £100) as a reward for their support.

**Fifth**, if our investment target is not reached, it will be difficult to make the project happen. Put more positively, the more the community literally 'buys in' to the project, the greater the chances of the project succeeding – and evidence of strong local support will encourage more large investors to invest in the EIS offer.

### Quick and Important Points

1. **You do not have to invest** in the company – but you'll miss out on the investment opportunity, and you will probably have to pay more for your superfast broadband in the end. And wait longer to get it!
2. **How do I actually invest?** The [www.fundthegap.com](http://www.fundthegap.com) website will explain clearly the steps to follow in order to make your investment – the whole process is carried out online, in order to keep transaction costs as low as possible.
3. **What is FundTheGap?** FTG is a *crowd-funding platform* – a buzz word for an

internet service to bring companies that need investors' money together with investors that have money. FTG is itself a new company, and it has been set up specifically to bring proper regulatory process to an Internet area that historically has been unregulated. This was crucially important for us – if we were to offer shares in SHB, we had to be sure that we did things 'by the book', with the full due diligence and scrutiny required of an FSA-authorized entity. It has proved a long and exhausting process, but it was worth it for the extra peace of mind it now brings to you.

4. **How much can I invest?** To qualify for EIS tax relief, there is a minimum amount of £1,000, but without tax relief, investment can be as little as £100 – although the return will be nearer 50% over four years without tax relief (still better than a deposit account!). There is no realistic upper limit – but if you are considering a really significant amount, come and talk to us!
5. **What happens to the money?** When you sign on with FundTheGap and are ready to invest, you deposit money into a secure client account, from where investments are made 'at the click of the button'. When the target amount for the offer is reached, your money is converted into shares. If for any reason the share offer does not proceed, your money is returned to you.
6. **When should I invest?** The online and EIS fund offers are both open **only until the end of March 2013**, to allow investments to fall within the current tax

year. In fact, the sooner that people invest, the better.

7. **Do talk first to an advisor** – your own accountant, independent financial advisor, friend or member of your family – before committing your money.
8. **Investments can go down in value....** Very important: you should consider investing only if (a) you can afford to do without the money for a while (the shares are effectively tied up for three years to allow people to maintain their EIS tax benefits, and the shares are therefore highly illiquid), and (b) if you can afford to lose some or all of the value – as 'shares can go down in value...'.  
 9. **We are not alone!** If you go to [www.fundthegap.com](http://www.fundthegap.com) and follow the links, you will see very similar offers for SHB's 'sister' companies – North Dorset Broadband and Cotswolds Broadband – similarly aimed at their local audiences.
10. **Still Got Questions?** The EIS Fund prospectus (which is available at [www.enterprisepe.com](http://www.enterprisepe.com)) and both the FundTheGap & SouthHamsBroadband websites contain a lot of additional information, but if you have any further questions you can contact us via email at [info@southhamsbroadband.co.uk](mailto:info@southhamsbroadband.co.uk).

*It has been quite a long haul for our superfast broadband project to reach this "watershed moment", and it still has a long way to go. It may not yet be the beginning of the end - but it is at least the end of the beginning.*

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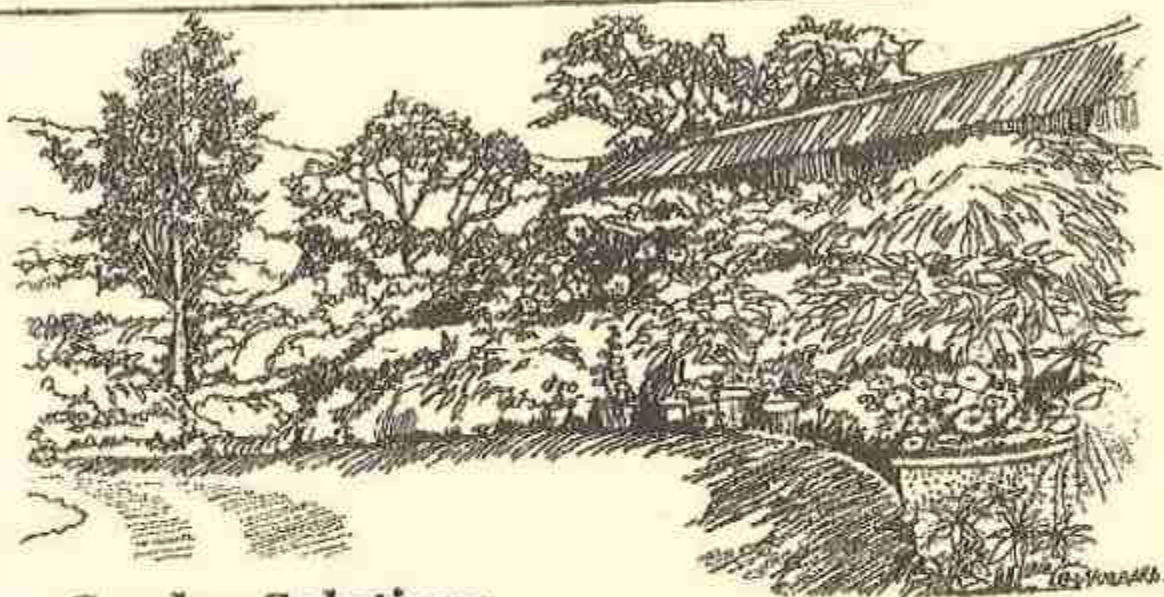
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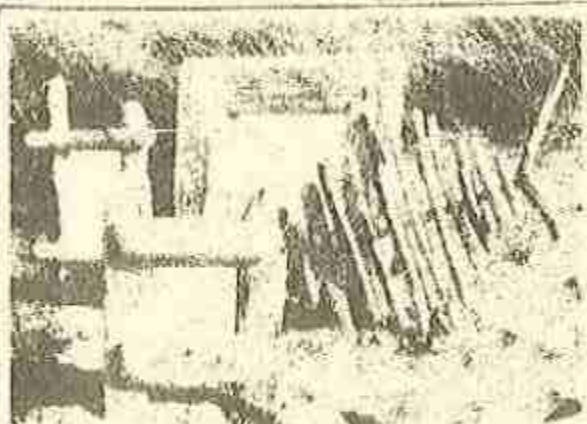
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# Village News Round-Up

## Parish Hall

Get an update on YOUR Parish Hall. Yes, it does belong to the community - it is the responsibility of neither the Parish Council nor the Parochial Church Council, despite its name! So, wherever you live in the parish, please come to the Hall **Annual General Meeting** at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 19 March to find out how it is faring and what plans there are for the future. The 'new hall' is now seven years old!

## Meet Your MP

Our own MP, Dr Sarah Wollaston, will be holding her second Open Meeting at Thurlestone Parish Hall on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 3-5pm. She is keen to meet her constituents in Thurlestone and to know what they really think about the government and its policies, and is perhaps the person best placed to understand and respond to our concerns.

This is a second opportunity for everyone to meet our representative in Westminster, and to let her hear our voices. It is in no way a party political promotion for the faithful - rather a chance for the unconvinced or unhappy to judge for themselves how well or otherwise our MP is representing us. We have only one MP - so come along and meet her, and come straight to the point!

## Len's Christmas Tree & the Phone Box Library

Although as yet small, the recently replanted tree on the Green was the focus for carol singing before Christmas. Around 40 parishioners and some visitors gathered round the new tree to give it a welcome - to sing and to inaugurate what it is hoped will become a Thurlestone parish Christmas tradition. Then it was over to the Phone Box, all splendidly decorated and lit for the occasion, to enjoy further festive merriment. BBC Radio were present to record the proceedings.

As a spin-off from communal carolling, Jane Stanley and Val Palmer felt that a new version of some old words might make an alternative local carol to be sung at the

Christmas Phone Box festivity, and penned the following (to be sung to the tune of *Good King Wenceslas*).

### *Good Old Thurlestone*

Good old Thurlestone has it all;  
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Pub, Post Office, Parish Hall,  
A school no other matches,  
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Weddings, wakes and parties!

Then we bought a phone box too,  
The Marshalls sprang to action -  
Said we'd make it bright and new,  
A visitor attraction.  
Shelves were made and books were found,  
We thought it rather clever.  
For the price of just one pound  
It is ours forever!

Thurlestone Phone Box we're all here  
To start the festive season,  
Wrapped up warm and full of cheer.  
Who needs a better reason?  
Fill your glasses, raise them high,  
Risk inebriation!  
Christmas Day is drawing nigh,  
So join our celebration!

*Congratulations, ladies. An enterprising addition to the seasonal song-book!*

## Village Inn Quiz

This very sociable Tuesday evening quiz held during the winter months at the Village Inn, is in need of more support. Mike & Brenda Jones, the organisers, say "We have unfortunately lost a number of our regular teams due to people moving from the area, so we are urgently in need of new people to come along and join in, otherwise we might not be able to continue". Why not get together with your friends to form a quiz team and then join the merry throng at the pub? Good fun guaranteed!

On quiz evenings (Tuesdays) the Village Inn also do a 'Quiz Special' meal-deal before the questions start, so why not give that a try

too? All the surplus cash is donated to charity at the year end. Mike and Brenda's phone number is 01548-560811.

### Hat Shop with a Difference

A regular visitor to Thurlestone over very many years (and an enthusiastic subscriber to Village Voice), Pat Hill, has sent us a copy of her entertaining and whimsical children's book *Beatrice Badger's Hat Shop*. Nicely written and entertainingly illustrated (by Jan Bryant) this is £4.95 and Pat's phone number is 01903-745622 if you would like to contact her to order a copy.

### Hostess Trolley

Have you an electric hostess trolley surplus to your requirements? If so, the Parish Hall would be delighted to give it a loving new home! Please ring 560436.

### Table Tennis

Membership has grown considerably since our early Pensioners Ping Pong days, and we now have some keen players as well as fun players. To accommodate the growth of this section, play will move in February 2013 from the Yeo Room to the Main Hall (hours 4.30 - 6.00pm) with a second new table now in use.

This is a great activity for all age-groups, and is fun, sociable, and healthy. All bats and balls are provided. Why not come along and join us? No joining fee - just £1 per hour. New members most welcome.

### Table Top Sale

We have early notice of a Table Top Sale to be held at Malborough Village Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April between noon and 4 pm, in aid of Kommandantsdrift Primary School, South Africa.

To book a table (£5) to sell your pre-loved and nearly new items, such as clothes, children's toys, books, household items, etc., please contact Donna on 07941 508 004 or email [everypennyhelps123](mailto:everypennyhelps123). There is free parking, a warm indoor sales pitch, and a free cup of tea!

### Aune Conservation

The Association is working with the Avon Fishing Association and the West Country Rivers Trust to improve conditions for fish and other species in the Avon. Stuart Watts,

ACA chairman, reckons there are parallels with *Salmon Fishing in the Yealm* in the numbers of obstacles to be overcome. Happily, the West Country Rivers Trust has received a grant of almost £200,000 to help with this task of improving the water of several local rivers.

The ACA continues to hold sociable beach-cleaning activities, but says the number of helpers is usually low. Please check for news on [www.auneconservation.org.uk](http://www.auneconservation.org.uk)

### Marathon Update

Liz and Graham Clack have written to update us on their preparations for the London marathon, raising money for CLIC Sargent. The charity continues to be of great support to their grandson in his struggle with leukemia and also to the other children they meet at their many hospital visits.

They are training hard, despite the weather, and the many calls on their time. They would like to say a very big *thank you* to all the people who have sponsored them already. If anyone else would like to sponsor them for this very good cause they would be most grateful. You can contact them by phone on 560050 or contribute direct via the website [www.virginmoneygiving.com/LizClack](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/LizClack)

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# A LETTER FROM YOUR MP

By Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

It has been a busy month and the debate around the EU has dominated the past fortnight in Westminster. I hope our place will remain in a reformed Europe, not least because our access to the single market supports our place as one of the most favoured destinations for foreign direct investments. But there is a cost; the over regulation of UK businesses also undermines our efforts to compete with other growing economies.

Despite the trade benefits, does anyone seriously feel that if the current state of our relationship with Europe had been put to the British people in 1975 we would have had the same result? Is it all worth the loss of sovereignty, the loss of control over immigration and the expensive but remote European institutions? Would voters have approved the vast subsidies to large landowners within the unreformed CAP or the devastation of fish stocks via the CFP had they realised what that would cost?

The extent to which the EU now controls so many aspects of our daily lives is a cause of deep unease. In the NHS the working time directive has adversely impacted on medical training and continuity and we are still unable to adequately test whether healthcare workers from the EU can speak English. Sensible health measures to prevent the sale of ultra cheap alcohol will be held up for years in the European Courts whilst liver deaths continue to rise because Parliament is impotent to set our own controls without lengthy legal challenges. It is not just our own civil service which can paralyse Government.

Renegotiation is an opportunity to end the cycle of negativity that characterises our relations within the EU. It is not about wanting to cherry pick the parts that will bring greatest self interest whilst gaining a competitive edge over other member States.

It is about establishing the principle that Britain does not want to join a federal union and should not be disadvantaged by the block votes of those which do.

There is room for European Nations to have flexibility as was established by the 2001 Laeken Declaration, which allowed for the EU to adjust the division of competencies and restore tasks to member States. Wouldn't it be better for our European partners to welcome Britain's enthusiasm to pilot changes which might benefit all member States? Far from being isolated in Europe it is already clear that countries like Germany are also keen to review our competitiveness.

It would be in everyone's best interests for the British to fall back in love with the EU and for us to be a constructive partner, but that can only happen if we review the terms and our European partners know that we will be seeking consent through a referendum. I would prefer us to stay, but not at any price.

Of course there are other important things to worry about like the cost of living and fuel prices but these are intimately linked with our European obligations and not always for the better. It was right for David Cameron to set out how these could be improved by a looser relationship with the EU based on trade rather than conformity. I am proud to have been one of the eighty one MPs who rebelled on the EU in order to make sure that we have a referendum as I believe that is the only way to ensure our partners take renegotiation seriously.

It is patronising and disrespectful for some politicians to suggest that the British people can't be trusted to decide.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all again and listening to your views at the Parish Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Sarah Wollaston**





## SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY EVENTS

February-March 2013

Why not join members of the South Hams Society on **Saturday 23 February** for a **beach clean on West Charleton foreshore**? This site is a rich habitat for several species of birds and we will be accompanied by dynamic duo, Mick Loates and Chris Klee, whose joint ornithological knowledge is impressive. LW is 10:27. Meet in Marsh Lane at 10am and enjoy lunch afterwards at the Ashburton Arms. NB No dogs - they distract the birds! More beach cleans are planned for South Milton (6 Apr, 3 Aug, 14 Dec), Gara (25 May, 19 Oct), Yarmer (22 Jun, 16 Nov), West Charleton (20 Jul), Soar Mill Cove (21 Sep). Put these dates in your diary now!

On **Monday 4 March**, Jonathan Dimpleby will be chairing 'Any Questions on the South Hams Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Is it possible to protect the area from 'creep'? Do wind and solar farms have a place in the AONB? Should their impact be limited? How effective are they in reducing Global Warming? Where does modern day farming practice fit in? Should the AONB become a National Park? 7pm at the King's Arms, Kingsbridge. For supper, book with Cathy on 01548 852071.

The **SHS AGM** will be start at 6.30pm at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge on **Tuesday 26 March**, followed at 7.30pm by a talk by **Adam Hart-Davis** on 'Mysterious Time'. From water clocks to atomic chronometers, people have tried to keep track of time, while wondering why plants, fish and women have cycles linked to the moon. Was there a beginning of time? Will there be an end? Entry is free but contributions are always appreciated. For supper afterwards, book with Cathy on 01548 852071.

For more information, contact Flo Stathers (01548 857567 [flostathers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:flostathers@hotmail.co.uk)) or visit the SHS website: <http://www.southhamssociety.org>

## 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. December's speaker was Johan Johannason who spoke on 'The German Occupation of Norway'. He emphasised the heroic resistance of the majority of the Norwegian population and the attack on the German experimental heavy water factory.

It was decided at the December meeting that we should hold a January meeting elsewhere as the Hotel was closed for maintenance. The venue chosen by the Committee was the Churchhouse Inn, Churchstow. The speaker to leap into the breach was 'Scratch' Hitchin, of Salcombe, whose talk was entitled 'The Final Years of Freedom'. 'Scratch' covered his early life at sea, having run away at 14 years 6 months, in the Merchant Marine up to his being Master of his own shell fishing boat. His main theme was that in his early years bureaucracy was negligible - but now it is stifling business with all the required paperwork and hoop jumping, culminating with him being required, as a fisherman, to wear a hairnet. A very enjoyable and thought provoking talk.

Our next meeting is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February back in the Thurlestone Hotel where the speaker is Philip Evans who is talking on 'The Battle of Trafalgar'. On March 12<sup>th</sup> we have our AGM with a speaker yet to be arranged.

If any retired gentleman is interested in joining the Club, or attending a meeting as a guest, please contact the Secretary, Tom Trender, on 560893

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***Peter Gornall Writes:***



I hesitate to mention it, but presumably this February/March volume is the Lent edition of the Village Voice. So now you are going to worry that I am coming over all serious; and you will be shocked when I admit that to summon up the energy to write this I have just started a box of chocolates we were given for Christmas. As preparation for forty days without chocolates at all, of course.

Actually the history of all this is so confused and shady that a few observations are justified. Thus Lent in 4th century Jerusalem was fully seven weeks before Easter of fasting; but in the Western Church Sundays were exempt: so only 36 days. In the Orthodox Church 6 out of 7 Saturdays also exempt left 30 days. Originally one meal only per day was allowed, to be taken in the evening after Vespers. Definitely no meat or fish was permitted, and in many places no dairy products or eggs. Did the hens stop laying for Lent? Then over the centuries, Vespers magically started to move forwards, and by the 15th Century it was to be heard at midday. Dairy products were reinstated, and of course people got hungry with Vespers being so early, so evening snacks were the answer. Charles II's first Archbishop of Canterbury allowed meat for "special cases" - no doubt the King was not going to tolerate tummy-rumbles. Basically most of us just can't hack this fasting business, and the whole history is a delightful ramble alongside people being - well, thoroughly human.

The only record of the founder of Christianity fasting was on his own in the wilderness. His instructions were that no one should be able to notice if a disciple was fasting: it would be a private devotional matter only. Jesus, criticised by his opponents, went on record that most people would celebrate his company at any opportunity if they had the means to do so, implying that it was inhumanly mean-minded not to join them. So Jesus gained a racy reputation when it was seen that all manner of people made it their priority to celebrate life with him. The problem now is so many without means to celebrate - the very ones Jesus was closest to. Realising this determined one of Jesus' hosts to revise the way he made his money and to start redistributing his wealth.

Oxfam reported the other day that the 100 wealthiest people on earth could afford to abolish world-wide below-the-bread-line poverty four times over. We may not be anywhere near that league of wealth, but we all know our relative affluence. No one needs to know if we have given up something for Lent, and started a bit of wealth redistribution. Someone may now be furnished for the first time with the means to celebrate life and good company: someone who has had much worse than a month's occasional tummy-rumbles and no chocolates.

***Every Blessing!***

***Peter***

**Everyone would be welcome you to our *Holy Week & Easter Services***

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24TH**

**10.55am** Palm Sunday Procession leaves Parish Hall

**11.10am** Palm Sunday Family Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28TH**

**8.00pm** Benefice Eucharist (CW) with optional vigil

**GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH**

**10.00am** Family Service at South Milton

**2.00pm** Last Hour Devotion

**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST**

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns

**11.10am** Easter Family Communion (CW)

*Drop-in crèche for young children with an adult*





# All Saints' Diary

Churchwardens: Liz Webb 560090 & Graham Worrall 562016

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

## Church Services

### Sundays

EVERY SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> ; CW: 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> )
FEBRUARY 3RD, MARCH 3RD & 17TH	11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Fairtrade Stall Feb. & March 3rd)
MARCH 3RD	6.00pm Benefice Evensong at Churchstow
FEBRUARY 10TH	11.10am Morning Worship
FEBRUARY 17TH	11.10am Family Communion (CW) with Baptism
FEBRUARY 24TH	11.10am Matins (BCP)
MOTHERING SUNDAY MARCH 10TH	11.10am Mothering Sunday Family Service with posies

Details of the *Holy Week & Easter Services* are overleaf

### Weekdays

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST	6.00pm Benefice Candlemas Eucharist (CW) at W.A'ton
THURSDAY FEB 7TH, MARCH 7TH	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said) at Bantham
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH	6.00pm Benefice Eucharist (CW) at South Milton
EVERY WED, THURS, FRI & SAT	8.30am Morning Prayer (said)
EVERY WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion (said) (alternating BCP & CW)

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

You would be welcome to join us for *Activities in the Church Meeting Room*

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<b>Films for All</b> 		<b>FEB. 5TH</b> <b>My Week with Marilyn</b> Michelle Williams, Kenneth Branagh, Eddie Romaine	<b>FEB. 26TH</b> (new date) <b>Hugo</b> Asa Butterfield, Jude Law, Ray Winstone, Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen
<b>TUESDAYS</b> <b>2.30 p.m.</b>		<b>APRIL 2ND</b> <b>We bought a Zoo</b> Scarlett Johansson, Matt Damon, Thomas Haden Church, Angus Macfadyen	
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To find out more about John and hear him playing and conducting a range of music from Bach Suites to Strauss Waltzes to Jazz and Blues, just Google : Maestro Cellist John Woodrow DeVore. The website has a contact point where you can email him and already book him either alone as a soloist or with other musician friends (note - the website is still in French, currently being translated into English but you can see the pictures and listen to John playing via easy hyperlinks). John also has more than 30 years' experience as a teacher of cello and other instruments from piano and bass guitar and as a primary, high school and Master Class teacher with students from 5 to 95. Contact him via his website for a discussion and/or meeting regarding cello, double bass or bass guitar lessons.

John already visits Thurlestone frequently with his Devon-born fiancée, Susan, to enjoy the stunning cliff walks, the Thurlestone Hotel swimming pool and the Village Inn pub, attend All Saints Church and oversee renovation work on the cottage, which Susan and he fell in love with during a trip to visit Susan's family in Totnes last August. His next visit to Thurlestone will be 9-17 February 2013, where he would be glad to meet anyone interested in including music at special events from summer weddings to Parish Hall concerts, to Church music to teaching. He is also in the process of forming a partnership with a well-loved Thurlestone organic home caterer for fireside dinner parties from 2 to 20 and larger occasions, where the duo will provide the delivery of delicious, home-cooked food with the music of your choice, either at home, at picnics, informal or formal gatherings. He plans to relocate his Geneva-based John DeVore Cello School to the South Hams.

Trained first as a choirboy soloist in Oklahoma City and eventually invited to sing at venues throughout the USA, John switched from Medicine to Music at Austin College, Texas, after a conversation between the Dons of the two University faculties towards the end of his first year. "Calculus was painfully difficult and though my father had wished me become a Doctor, like himself, I found myself spending an increasing amount of time in the Music Department, playing first cello in the University orchestra and getting involved in just about every musical activity going on at college", he recalls. Dr. DeVore Senior fortunately embraced and encouraged his eldest son's "true calling". John went on to study at the prestigious



Peabody Conservatory (USA) and also the Geneva Conservatory (Switzerland), where he arrived as a "penniless young cowboy-cello prodigy" in the 1980's to study under one of the the greatest cellists of the mid 20th century, Maestro Pierre Fournier, and learn fluent French, with some German, Spanish and Italian mixed in, as is common in multi-lingual Switzerland.

John has given concerts all over the world, as a soloist and first cellist from Carnegie Hall, New York City with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to Victoria Hall, Geneva with the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, The New Orchestra of Geneva, The Offenstrauss Ensemble and new-music ensemble Contrechamps as well as in hundreds of European and American cities and towns in between, including of course London and some in Scandinavia and Russia. He also enjoys conducting and composition and is currently researching for a PhD in Musicology on how a medieval Italian monk called Guido D'Arrezzo developed the first 'child-friendly' system of teaching choirboys to read music.

Last summer, introduced to the Dartington International Summer School for Music by Susan, John became immediately involved, responsible for successfully preparing bass section of the amateur Dartington Strings Ensemble for the much-feared arrival of world-famous conductor Sir Neville Marriner - founder and Life President of the famous chamber orchestra The Academy of St Martin in the Fields, London - who spent many years conducting in the USA but now currently divides his time between global conducting performances and his home in Devon.

Susan and John have five teenage children who play a range of instruments from piano and cello to the bassoon, as well as three adult step-children and seven step-grandchildren at the last count, who live all over the world. Susan, an English Literature graduate and retired international architectural journalist and editor who has worked in London, Italy, the USA and Geneva, says: "If we were a few years younger we could set up our own International Summer School for our fast-growing gaggle of young grandchildren in Thurlestone with John teaching music and sport and me teaching English, languages and Media Studies! However, while John's soul would shrivel up if he stopped performing and teaching cello, I am looking forward to being reunited with my parents and brother after 30 years of living abroad, cliff-walking, singing in the All Saints' choir, getting involved in village life and catching up on my reading. Most of all, I'm looking forward to showing our kids and grandchildren the glorious Devon beaches and rock pools I loved as a child."

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### **Library Space Needed**

John and Susan are searching for an additional space, not far from their cottage, where they can install their extensive book, music, musical instrument and recording collection. As well, they wish to make their collection consultable, upon appointment, to scholars as well as interested Thurlestonians and others.



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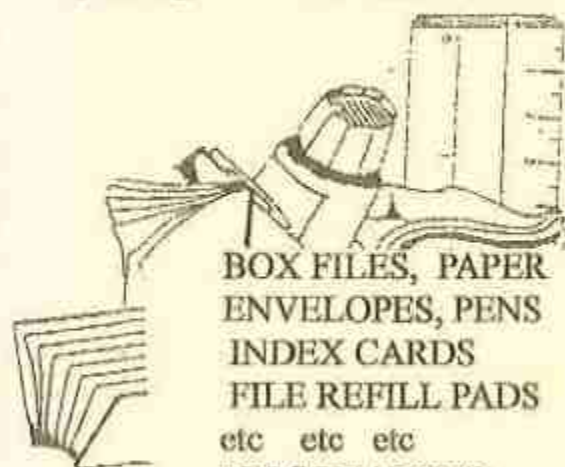
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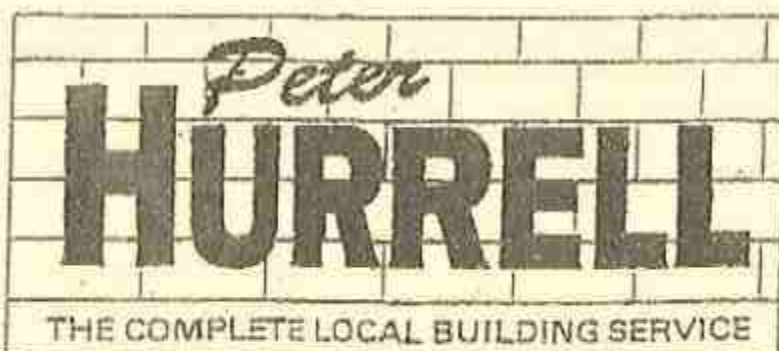
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# THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB

## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER



Thurlestone Golf Club provides and promotes a golfing experience for the majority, tennis facilities for a minority, and a club house for everyone. It is a community asset, underutilised. The majority of our members live within a 10 mile radius but a large number live away from the South Hams. Many maintain a property in Bantham, Buckland or Thurlestone, and a significant number of members are retired.

We are not a business but must run the Club along business lines if we are to pay our bills, provide employment in the community, and invest in the future. In 2012 Thurlestone Golf Club put in place a management structure to manage the Course, Courts and Clubhouse in a business-like manner. We established a Junior Golf and Tennis Academy and you will have noticed our coaches are much more visible promoting golf in local schools and colleges.

We also sold some non-core assets that did not abut the Course. That put money in the Bank for future investment in the Club facilities.

We want to add land around the course to protect our boundaries, to stay socially aware of neighbours, and provide for future generations some land buffer from erosion from the sea. We are getting better at embracing within the membership those skills needed to undertake important projects. The sale of the house known as *Roughover* and the construction of the new greenkeepers' facility were overseen by members resident in Thurlestone.

Yes, it is true much has been done in 2012 and more tasks remain to be done in 2013. A 5 year plan for the Club is one such task; so too is improved signage to and around the Club, resurfacing of existing courts when

affordable and modifications to the Course to retain its golfing challenge and status as a "Top 100 Golf Course in England".

The demographics of golfers is changing with younger players choosing to pay and play in preference to joining a Golf Club. We need to respond to that trend in ways that keep the subscriptions affordable for those on local incomes.

It is not hard to see Thurlestone Golf Club as a superb course in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It has a thriving tennis section and importantly an efficient club house, pro shop and office. We have a new Golf Professional, **Steve White**, and a new General Manager, **Stephen Gledhill**; it is perhaps the first time since our inauguration in 1897 that both positions were filled in the same calendar year. Do not be surprised to see the Club more available to the community, more accommodating of social trends and more alive in the evenings.

January is when we say hello to new Captains and Committee members and say thanks to those elected members retiring from office. **Norman Barrett** and **Pam St Leger** were our 2012 Captains and we thank them and our on-going President **Julian Tregelles** for their contributions in promoting the playing and social events during the year.

New Year's Day attracted 70 sore heads to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee to see the Captains' drive-ins. This annual event at most golf clubs is where Captains in "costume dress" attempt to hit a small white ball while members offer encouraging words on how best to miss it. No chance this year! The small white balls flew 231 yards and 164 yards respectively with members donating to charities in return for a chance to park in the Captains' parking spaces outside the Club. A total of £240 was raised towards the 2013 Captains' Charities which is a great start to the year.

The 2013 Club Captain has chosen The



Prostate Charity and Breast Cancer Care. These 2 charities work together when fund raising and do so under the banner of the "Pants and Bras Charities"; so don't be too surprised to see splashes of pink around the Club, all for a good cause.

Prostate and Breast cancers are the most common cancers in men and women in the UK. The chances are you already know someone who's been affected by these life-threatening diseases. You may also know about the emotional upheaval a diagnosis brings to every family affected, the debilitating long-term side effects of treatment and living with a constant fear about the cancer returning. Both of these Charities are there for families from Day 1 of diagnosis.

The 2013 Lady Captain has chosen the Alzheimer's Society. The Alzheimer's Society is the leading UK care and research charity working for people with the disease and other dementias, their families and carers. Alzheimer's is the most common form of Dementia and occurs when the brain is affected by certain diseases or conditions. Current treatments help with the symptoms of the disease but are not a cure and will only stabilise some of the symptoms for a limited period. Research is focussed on identifying the cause and cure of a disease that currently has no remedies to stop or reverse its progression.

The Thurlestone Golf Diary shows some interesting additions to the diary in 2013. The Golf Academy is up and running and currently full. Another Saturday morning class has been added to meet demand in the community for Junior golf. The Club will provide structured tuition as part of the junior teaching programme required by Golf England. The Golf Academy will be administered by the Club Golf Professional.

Starting in April we have a nine hole Pro Roll Up open to everyone. Every Friday for six months, the Golf Professional will be hosting 9 holes of golf and a meal in the evening to bring players together; families and friends are invited to turn up to eat, drink and see prizes awarded.

We have a Thurlestone Festival Week from July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> featuring a Pro Am, an Invitation Day, a Mixed Open and a Community Day. The Community Day has "cheap as chips" green fees for locals who are not members. Members' guests can play for a green fee of £1 for each post code mile they live away from the Club. This is to encourage locals to try golf at Thurlestone. The Club is changing!

In August we have a "Greenkeepers revenge". This gets the Greenkeepers involved in playing and setting devilish pin positions and is our way of saying thanks to them.

Some of the best golfers in the South West will be at Thurlestone in 2013 as we are due to host a Professional Golfers Day in June and the Palalret finals which return to Thurlestone in August after a gap of several years. Also reinstated is the annual Men verses Ladies Competition along with the usual series of home and away matches that are often competitive but always fun.

**Mervyn Spencer**

#### LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

This is my first report as Lady Captain and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I took up golf in 2004, never dreaming I would be Lady Captain in 2013. I have been on the ladies' committee for four years, and for the last two years I have been the competition secretary. On New Year's Day we had the annual Captain's drive in.

**Mervyn Spencer** and I teed off the first with many members turning out to watch. Some had only crawled back after the night of merriment seeing in the New Year at the club.

Mervyn announced his charities for the year were Breast Cancer and Prostate cancer research. He was dressed up in cardboard breast and pants and still teed off well, driving 231 yards. My charity this year is to be the Alzheimer's Society, and I drove 164 yds. The members who guessed nearest the

yardage won the captains' parking spots for January, the lady vice captain **Wendy Laud** won my spot and **Martin Oakes-Monger** won the men's parking place. The day raised £240 for the charities and the members were treated to mulled wine and mince pies on the tee. The winners of the competition were the new manager and his wife; **Steve** and **Trish Gledhill** with 25 points, from **Alex** and **Sue Esplin** on 24 points on countback from **Phil** and **Julie Holland**.

These last two months have been not as busy as the summer months with November having two Wednesdays cancelled due to horrible wet weather, and December having the Stableford cancelled due to gale force winds, and two other competitions reduced to eleven holes.

However, the Club's annual presentation evening took place in November with some 100 members attending for a host of trophies and mementoes for the year. The mixed event winners were presented with trophies and mementoes; the Sicklemore Cups and Cancer Relief Goblets were won by **Barbara** and **Graham Smith**; the Royal Marine Cup - **Simon** and **Lesley Davey**; John Batchelor Trophy - **Wendy** and **Phillip Laud**. The ladies' competition trophies were dominated by **Jenny Roberts** who won the Oswald Cup, Scratch Knockout, Ruth Marshall Trophy and Underhill Scratch trophy. **Janet Richardson** also won the Senior Shield and Tatum Cup. Other multiple winners were **Tish Mawhood**, **Wendy Laud** and **Shona Wilson**.

The junior girls dominated the fight for the Hilary Taylor cup for the player who has reduced her handicap the most during the year. **Beth Yeoman** won with a handicap reduction from 12 to 8 and also won the Ford Salver for best nett score in the Ladies' Championships.

A trophy was presented in the form of a large silver golf ball, which was the **Nick Nicholson** trophy, given by the family of the late Captain for the annual match between the Juniors and the club. This year the juniors won the trophy for the fourth year running, so the adults will be practising

hard for the rematch next October. The prize-giving was followed by an excellent meal.

The weather has been very unkind to the lady golfers in December, but the Ladies Day Turkey trot went ahead with 60 ladies entering the 11 hole team competition. We had a shot gun start at 9.30am, with teams of three with two scores to count. The winners were **Laura Tregelles**, **Midge Henderson** and **Anne Kendrick** with 71 points, 2nd **Trish Bowman**, **Kay Morley** and **Liz Coates** with 70 points. Everyone stayed for lunch, Bucks Fizz and mince pies, followed by the prize-giving.

The three ball Texas Scramble over 11 holes attracted 40 entries. The winners were **Victoria Gibbens**, **Lesley Davey**, and **Tess Bronhill** with 40.9, and runners up were **Linda Cant**, **Bernadett Law**, and **Sheila George** with 41.7

Over the past year the Ladies have raised £300 for the Oncology Unit at Derriford Hospital. They have also raised £600 for **Pam St Leger's** chosen charity "The Stroke Association".

The new Ladies' committee was voted in at the Ladies AGM in November. **Lisa White** retired after 3 years as our excellent Treasurer and her place has been taken by **Midge Henderson**. **Lesley Saffin** has become the new Competition Secretary, **Kay Morley** becomes the new Handicap Secretary. **Wendy Laud** becomes the new Vice Captain and **Janet Richardson** continues as Secretary. New committee members are **Gill Hicks**, **Yvonne Pike** and **Lesley Robinson**.

I would like to thank Pam and her committee for all the hard work they have put in over the last year. I am sure I will enjoy my year and hope as many ladies as possible will enter all the competitions. I look forward to supporting the Ladies' teams; the Still cup, Presidents, Sheelah Creasey, the Devon League, and the Vets and Friendly matches. We have a busy year ahead, so happy golfing.

**Linda Cant**



## JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

November and December are best remembered for the number of competition days lost to bad weather – but our juniors did manage to play an adult and junior Stableford over 9 holes on the Annual Junior Prize-giving day in November. The winning junior was **George Holland**. The 9 hole Non-CONGU competition was won by **Sammy Ingham**. The junior prize-giving was combined this year with the Adult prize-giving, followed by a meal.

The trophy winners were as follows: **Junior Girl's Cup** for the most competitions won in 2012 went to **Laura Tregelles** who was Devon girl's captain in 2012, and won many home and away competitions. Laura qualified for the last sixteen in the Devon Ladies championship and reduced her handicap from 8 to 6 during the year. **Junior Boy's Cup** for the junior most consistent in league match play was won by **Jamie Johnson**, who played in seven of the League matches and the Basil Steer and Tamar cup matches and won four of them. **President's Cup** winner for the most improved junior was **Ethan Mulligan** who reduced his handicap from 54 to 33. Ethan was a keen supporter and played in most of the junior competitions. **Keith Favis Cup** winner for the best results in Basil Steer, Tamar cup and the league match play was **Beth Yeoman** who played in four matches and won all of them. **Emery Cup** for the best scratch player in junior competitions went to **Jamie Johnson**, a 3 handicapper who shot a gross 71 in one of the men's competitions. The **Eric Wilson Cup** for the girl who lowered her handicap the most was won by **Beth Yeoman**, whose handicap came down from 11 to 8. **Jades Components Cup** for the boy who has reduced his handicap the most went to **Rob Came**, our junior captain, who reduced his handicap from 9 to 5.

**The Non-Congu Handicap Cup** for the junior who reduced his non-congu handicap the most was **Ethan Mulligan** who went

from 54 to 33. The **Junior Personality Shield** for the person who has helped the junior section over the year was won by **Laura Tregelles** and **Tom Leach** who have supported all the junior matches and encouraged many of the younger juniors. Laura has obtained her level one coaching qualification and now helps **Pete Mitchell** coach the younger juniors.

The **Adult and Junior Foursomes Trophy** was won by **Mike** and **Beth Yeoman** while the **Eric Yarrow Putting Trophy** played for in August was won by **George Holland**. The **Monday Order of Merit** was won by **Toby Pepperrell**. The **Nick Nicholson Trophy** was presented to **Rob Came**, the junior Captain as the juniors beat the adults 3-0 in the annual juniors v the club match in October. The juniors were also runners up in the West Devon League, narrowly beaten by Wrangaton junior team.

In the Annual Club prize-giving **Laura Tregelles** and **Beth Yeoman** were presented with mementoes for winning Ladies' competitions in the year. In the Men's competitions the juniors were also well represented with **Jamie Johnson**, **Rob Came** and **Tom Leach** all winning major competitions.

Congratulations to **Jamie Johnson** who has officially been selected to be the West Devon Junior Representative. This is indeed an honour for Jamie and Thurlestone Golf Club. The Devon County Junior section, who appointed Jamie, stated that "he was the ideal candidate for the position as he is not only an excellent golfer (handicap 3), but he is always helpful, considerate and communicates extremely well with old and young alike".

We have been really lucky with the weather so far with our Junior Academy sessions on Saturdays, particularly one day in December when the sun shone beautifully and allowed **Pete Mitchell** and **Laura Tregelles** to take our Level one juniors on to the course, many of them for the first time! They played four holes in their small groups in a Texas Scramble format, which gave Pete and Laura the perfect opportunity to talk about the

Rules and Etiquette and the children could see all their hard work and practice actually being applied on the course. The twenty children attending are making excellent progress and have achieved their Level one. To gain this level each child has had to demonstrate knowledge on the 'hold', how to chip, putt and how to play a hole. They had to answer some rules and safety questions and even teach one of their parents how to putt! That wasn't part of their Level one, but it was great fun watching the children changing their parents' grips. Well done to all the juniors for completing their Level one and good luck with Level two.

**Tom Leach** and **Laura Tregelles** now move up to the adult section but I hope they will still be involved in helping with junior playing and coaching sessions. I would like to thank **Steve White** our professional for all his support this year and for setting up the new Junior Academy in 2012. Thanks go to **Pete Mitchell** our junior coach for doing such a good job with the junior coaching

throughout the year. Thanks also to our assistant manager **Sarah George** who has supported the junior section throughout the year, and our new Manager **Stephen Gladhill** who has been a valuable support to the junior section since his appointment in November. Thanks to the **Thurlestone Hotel** who continue with their sponsorship of the juniors in 2013 and our new sponsors **Pacific Investments** who have bought the new jumpers and shirts for the junior team for 2013.

**Rob Came** and **Tom Leach** as junior Captain and vice captain for 2012 did a terrific job over the year, leading the team and helping on Monday evenings. Rob will continue as captain in 2013 with **Jamie Johnson** as his Vice captain. I wish the juniors all the best with their golfing for 2013; and to any other young persons who may be reading this come and join us please, we will be starting Monday junior club evenings in April. And a Happy New Year to all and good golfing for 2013.

**Liz Line**

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## THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB - TENNIS SECTION NEWSLETTER

A very wet and windy summer which rendered our 10 grass courts unplayable for most of the time, but with the Queen's Jubilee, the Torch, the Olympics and the GB Cycle Race we felt that we had a very busy summer locally. Despite the inclement weather all the cup matches were completed with the winners listed below, but we did have to cancel some Junior Tournaments and Mini Coaching as well as our usual successful Charity Event. --

### Summer Holiday Tournament Winners 2012

Woodhead Cup  
July Cup  
Lepere Cup  
Thurlestone Quaich  
Bryan Brown Cup  
Egan Cup  
Leonard Cup  
Kit Marshall Family Cup

George Fountain & Sarah Recurt  
Oscar Pringle & Ollie Walker  
Charles Beamish & Sarah Recurt  
Nick Woodhead & Tom Offord  
Jamie Handover & Hannah Woodhead  
Joe De Jaeger & Immy Walker  
George Lewis & Gabby Hill  
Martin Beck & Joe Beck

### South Devon League

Nicky Came captained the team in the Ladies league. Despite the bad weather, we managed to play all 14 matches and finished up a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> position. Unfortunately this year the local clubs could not raise teams for us to have a Junior League.

### End of Season Tournament & Presentation Evening

A lovely evening in mid September ended the short grass court season with 16 entries for the tournament. There were many prizes but Nicky Came and Cathy Shea came out overall winners. This was followed by an excellent sandwich and chip supper in the tennis pavilion.



# THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB - TENNIS SECTION NEWSLETTER

## Tennis Committee for 2013

Chairman	Jane Smyth
Secretary	Wendy Gornall
Grounds	Kit Marshall
Committee	Amanda Phillips
Professional	Janet Richardson

## Calendar for 2013

1 – 12 April	Easter Holiday Junior Coaching and Tournaments
In May	Opening of grass courts
27 May-1 June	Spring Holiday Junior Coaching and Tournaments
In June	Mid Summer Tournament
Tuesday 2 July	Festival Tennis
Saturday 6 July	Festival Tennis and BBQ
Monday 15 July	Holiday Programme starts
Saturday 20 July	Woodhead Mixed Doubles Cup
Tuesday 23 July	July and Lepere Junior Cups
Friday 26 July	Thurlestone Quaich – Golf and Tennis
Saturday 3 August	Bryan Brown Mixed Doubles Cup
Tuesday 6 August	Egan and Leonard Junior Cups
	Annual Tennis Meeting
Monday 19 August	Kit Marshall Family Cup
In August	Family Tournaments
Wednesday 4 Sept	End of Season Tournament and Presentation

## A few reminders

- Please wear recognised, predominately white tennis clothes and correct foot wear.
- All courts must be booked in the Pro Shop. Tel: 01548 560715
- All golf members are automatically members of the Tennis Section and are welcome to join us at club sessions whatever your age or standard!
- Members and temporary members should display a shoe tag or golf bag tag, particularly when checking in for tournaments.
- Tennis members and temporary members have full use of the Golf Club changing rooms, catering and bar.
- Members may introduce guests at £3.00 a session including club afternoons and evenings, there are no free passes. Pay and Play for non members remains at £6.00
- The tennis courts are being renumbered! The grass courts by the club house will be courts 1 and 2 so the hard courts will be 11 and 12, we will soon get used to it!

***We wish a happy and sunny New Year to all members and visitors for 2013***

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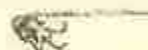
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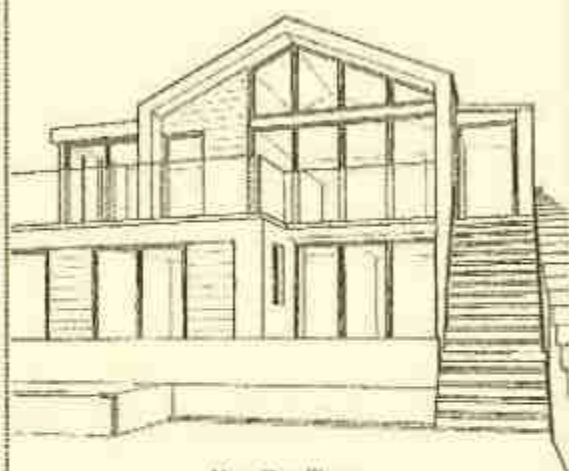
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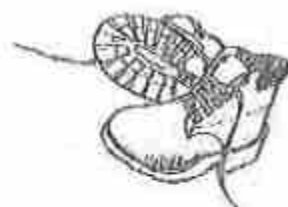
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The ladies were out in force again over Christmas, with all-correct solutions coming from Sue Dwyer, Helen Edgeley, Sheila Killingsworth, Pat Leare, Pauline Lonsdale, Polly Petty, and Lisa White. Only one representative, George Delafield, managed to pick up the gauntlet successfully on behalf of the gentlemen; the other entry spoiled unfortunately by a single slip of the pen. Against the odds, from a hatful of eight, it was George Delafield who emerged as the winner of the first prized bottle of Chateau Sudoku for 2013. *Congratulations, George!* Come on, chaps, let's have a few more entries, and maybe better luck this time! Entries to 25 Mead Lane, as usual, by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013.





# TRAMP



**1** Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> saw the last walk of 2012, a morning walk starting and finishing at the Globe Inn, Frogmore where we had our annual Christmas lunch.

A pleasant morning greeted us overhead; underfoot, however, was a different story! After so much rain had fallen recently, it was not surprising that our walk along the edge of Frogmore Creek was very muddy and slippery in places. This meant that it was slow going, but made up for by the lovely setting of fields on one side and the calm waters of the creek on the other.

We reached our refreshment stop at West Charleton, where Brian and Jill Munn were waiting with hot, spicy mulled wine and mince pies (and also some mini-stollen - a great favourite in Continental Europe!). We were to have extended the walk by going north of West Charleton and turning on to the old turnpike road from Kingsbridge to Frogmore, but time constraints meant that we had to walk back to Frogmore the quickest way - along the main road! We arrived back in good time to enjoy a pre-lunch drink and then a wonderful hot lunch!

**Alastair Durden**

**2** I would very much like to thank Mike Stickland for leading the walk on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January for me after my fall in Cardiff on Christmas Eve resulting in a broken ankle. Not only did he lead it but he also took Tarka (our black Labrador) with him! Also to Hil Herring and Millie who walked it with me earlier in December.

The walk was about five miles starting at Morleigh Mount. It went down two Roman roads to Topsham Bridge, along the river for a short while before the lane went uphill to Hendham House, Preston and back to the beginning.

Ten people walked and I hope they enjoyed it - should be very pretty in the spring. Mike told me there was only one very muddy patch which was amazing considering the amount of rain that had fallen. As it was mainly along quiet country lanes perhaps it

was a suitable one in the circumstances.

**Annie Kendrick**

**3** 'Dry overhead and cold, but rather wet and muddy underfoot!' This was the description of the previous walk I led in December, and it applied equally to the circular walk of about 6¼ miles which I led on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January circumnavigating Loddiswell. Five of us and a dog met to drive to Avon Mill near Loddiswell Old Station, from where we walked along the old railway line, which follows the river upstream, for about ¾ of a mile. Ben the dog took flight into the river when he encountered a group of five big dogs coming in the opposite direction, which caused some consternation when he at first couldn't find anywhere to get out on to dry land!

Crossing the river on the first of the old railway bridges, we made our way up quite a steep bridle path to the main road north of Loddiswell, continuing along a minor road to Allerton, whence we turned south along a footpath through Idston Wood to Idestone Farm. It was here that we encountered the muddiest and most waterlogged part of the walk, which turned the walk into somewhat of an assault course! Then we trekked down the beautifully named Hoppy Green Lane back to the Avon Valley. We followed the road past Knapp Mill and Hatch Bridge, where the road proved to be flooded but not impassable, then across fields to New Bridge and thence back to where we parked, followed by a welcome lunch at Avon Mill Restaurant. A walk with plenty of mud, but also plenty of variety and some fine scenery.... and good company!

**Alastair Durden**

## Tramp Walks 2013

The schedule for all Tramp walks in 2013 appears overleaf. Leaders are asked to circulate joining instructions by e-mail some 5-7 days in advance, with details of lunch arrangements and also place a notice in the Thurstlestone Post Office.

# TRAMP 2013 WALK SCHEDULE

Walk No.	Length	Exact Date	Approximate route/location	Leaders
1	short	Mon 7 Jan	Moreleigh/Topsham Bridge	Roger & Annie Kendrick
2	long	Thur 17 Jan	Loddiswell/Avon Valley	Alastair Durden
3	short	Wed 6 Feb	Batson Green/North Sands	Trish Wilson
4	long	Fri 22 Feb	E. Portlemouth/Gara Rock	Jenny Webb
5	short	Mon 4 Mar	Burrator	Liz & Peter Coates#
6	long	Fri 22 Mar	Bus'n walk near Salcombe	Graham & Val Palmer
<b>Easter</b>				
7	short	Wed 10 Apr	Around Haytor	David Radford
8	long	Tues 16 Apr	Plym Valley (with birds)	Jill Munn
9	long	Thur 25 Apr	Noss Mayo Revelstoke	C & G Delafield
10	short	Tues 7 May	Wembury & Coastal path	R Mackay & T Wilson
11	long	Fri 24 May	Slapton & Gara Mill	Graham & Val Palmer
<b>Late May Bank Holiday</b>				
12	short	Tues 4 June	Bolt Head/South Sands	Jenny Sherrington
13	long	Wed 12 June	Modbury Battlefields	Trish Wilson
14	short	Fri 21 June	Ringmore/Ayrmer Cove	Liz & Peter Coates
15	long	Wed 26 June	Dittisham/Greenway	R Wayth & M Baker
16	short	Tues 2 July	Huish/Hope Cove (evening)	Lisa White
17	long	Wed 10 July	Wistman's Wood/White Tor	David Radford
18	short	Mon 15 July	Dartington Cider Press	Trish Wilson
19	long	Fri 26 July	Ivybridge/Erme Valley/moor	Peter & Wendy Gornall
20	short	Tues 30 July	Ugborough Beacon	Alastair Durden
21	long	Tues 6 Aug	Merrivale	David Chubb
22	short	Tues 13 Aug	Ashprington	Lisa White
23	long	Tues 20 Aug	Dartmoor round Poundsgate	Mike Stickland
<b>Late Summer Holiday</b>				
24	short	Mon 2 Sept	Bantham	Roger & Annie Kendrick
25	long	Mon 9 Sept	Hallsands & East Prawle	Liz & Peter Coates
26	short	Wed 18 Sept	Mothecombe/Holbeton	Mike Stickland
27	long	Fri 27 Sept	Lustleigh Cleave	Richard & Heather Swan
28	short	Thur 3 Oct	Whiddon Scrubs /Ashburton	Lisa White
29	long	Wed 9 Oct	Kents Cavern & Torbay	Peter & Wendy Gornall
30	short	Tues 15 Oct	Noss Mayo/S Coast path	C & G Delafield
31	long	Thur 24 Oct	Dartmouth & Strete	Alastair Durden
32	short	Fri 1 Nov	Overbecks	Richard & Heather Swan
33	long	Tues 12 Nov	Bolberry/Soar Mill/Bolt Head	Jenny Webb
34	long	Wed 27 Nov	Dartmouth Jubilee walk	R Wayth & M Baker
35	short	Fri 13 Dec	Brixton/Yealmpton (Xmas)	John & Christine Wilson



# Warm Turkeying!

Another foreign adventure with *Traveller*

*I never thought I would!*

We were on a Turkish boat, a *gulet*, gliding down the Emerald Coast of Turkey, so called because of the profusion of pine trees, which tumble down the hillsides to the water's edge, a green, sweet-scented sheet, with the emerald and kingfisher-coloured Mediterranean far below. Breathtaking scenery indeed, and hard to recall as now I gaze from the window into the foggy blanket outside.

Ancient submerged cities dotted the tide line, the crumbled buildings clearly seen below the still water, whilst above, on tall cliffs, amongst the wild rosemary and thyme, tombs dating back to 400 BC were hollowed out from the sheer rock face, now open to the elements, their contents having long since gone, maybe plundered a thousand years ago.

We explored the coast by kayak, finding secret creeks, or rather creeks which were secret to us, or so we thought, as often on rounding a bend there were a few other *gulets* anchored in these peaceful spots.

Long, leisurely sunlit days melded into one another as we sunbathed on deck, and swam in the clear warm water, working up an appetite for the next stupendous meal, or lazed in the shaded part of the deck on a comfortable bean bag, gently falling asleep, book in hand.

On the fourth day, a party of youngsters from our boat hailed a passing speed-boat, and before I knew it, I was persuaded to join seven girls and a solo male aboard the long white craft, which turned out to be specially built (the boat, not the male) for Para Sailing. If you have never tried this sport, then I urge you to do so, unless of course you suffer

from vertigo, in which case, definitely don't try it!

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The skipper and his mate strap you into a harness and life jacket, and you are gently winched from a sitting position, as a vast parachute with a *smiley* face is towed behind the speeding boat, and gradually billows out on the updraft, lifting you high into the sky. I have to admit I had to have two glasses of unspeakable Turkish 'Dutch Courage', before it was my turn to mentally record my last will and testament, and clamber into my harness.

Up, up, I went, as the song goes, "like a bird in the sky", though I seem to recall the song was about another out of body experience altogether, but as the boat became a small speck in the ocean, the peace and stillness was palpable, and I truly felt like a bird flying high in the warm air.

*I was in Paradise.* I flew across the sea, at two hundred and fifty feet, for twenty minutes, and all too soon it was over, and I was gently landed on to the aft deck of the speed-boat, to the sound of cheering, and loud reggae. What a fantastic experience, and one which I long to try again.

If I had landed in the sea, then that might have been a different story, for I am scared of going under, but I had carefully watched the ones who went before me, and everyone had landed safely back on the boat, so I knew I would be fine.

The only sadness was that my husband, all the time throughout my flight, had been sound asleep on the *gulet*, and had missed my performance.

*Never mind, there is always next year.*

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### Ingredients:

- 1oz (25g) butter and a dessertspoon of vegetable oil (use all oil for vegetarians).
- 2 large onions.
- 1lb (500g) carrots.
- 1 butternut squash.
- 2 medium potatoes.
- 1-2 beef or vegetable stock cubes depending on your taste.
- Good sprinkling of cumin seeds
- Salt and pepper - freshly ground.

### Preparation:

- Peel and roughly slice the onions, carrots and potatoes.
- Cut the butternut squash into manageable pieces. Peel away the skin and discard the seeds. This is a tedious business and be careful not to cut your hands! The effort will be worthwhile. Cut into approximately 1in. chunks.
- Melt the butter with the oil in a large pan and fry the onions until softened.
- Add the carrots, potatoes, squash, cumin and stock cubes.
- Cover the ingredients with boiling water.
- Allow the soup to slightly bubble and simmer very gently until the vegetables are cooked.
- When the soup has cooled down liquidise thoroughly.
- Check for seasoning.

***ENJOY and a Happy New Year.***





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# BOOKSHELF

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(Quartet Books £12.00)

As a change from Nordic crime, try these two books which form part of a trilogy set in wartime Bordeaux. A horrific murder of a homosexual is discovered and the detective Lannes starts to investigate. The year is 1940 and as Bordeaux becomes occupied, Lannes finds his investigations continually hampered and finally halted because his suspect has a relative in the Vichy government.

Naturally our detective also has troubles at home - his eldest son is away fighting, he is concerned that his younger son, who is angry at the Occupation, will do something stupid, and his wife is consumed with worry about the eldest son. Lannes also has Jewish friends about whom he is anxious. These books are so well written that you feel you are right there in Bordeaux, biting fingernails and worrying along with Lannes.

**Carolyn Taylor**

## A Force to be Reckoned With :

*A History of the Women's Institute*  
By Jane Robinson  
(Virago £9.99)

"It won't last without a man to run it" - so said a man (of course) at the beginnings of the WI. This is a very lively account of the years of the WI. I think most WI members will be familiar with how it all began, but reading the account once more in more detail leaves one in awe of the sheer energy these women had to get it all started in this country. I feel it is a book to be dipped into, as 260 pages of concentrated WI is a bit too much to take in one gulp!

Jane Robinson herself was a member, as was her mother, and her accounts of meetings, shows, and judges' rather caustic comments on members' efforts in competitions will ring bells with many WI members. (I know

someone who is still smarting from a judge's remarks made at least 15 years ago.)

**Carolyn Taylor**

## Standing in Another Man's Grave

By Ian Rankin  
(Orion, First Edition Hardcover £18.99)

Rebus is back! And he is as curmudgeonly as ever. He is now retired, but working on cold cases, but by chance he gets involved in a case that quickly becomes live. Naturally he uses this as a lever to get back into CID and back with his ex-colleague Siobhan.

I won't give the plot away, but if you are a Rebus fan this is as good as ever. He also comes up against Malcolm Fox of Complaints (previously reviewed in these columns) who is convinced that Rebus is bent. Well, is he?

**Carolyn Taylor**

## Bess of Hardwick - First Lady of Chatsworth

By Mary S Lovell  
(Abacus £12.99)

This is a superb biography of an astonishingly accomplished, astute and ambitious woman. Known simply as Bess of Hardwick, Elizabeth Hardwick was born in 1527, the daughter of an impoverished Derbyshire nobleman, but there are probably few aristocratic families in England that do not contain her DNA.

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**Pat Macdonald**



## December

The two traditional December events - the group Christmas carol service (at Salcombe this year) and Christmas lunch at the Golf Club - had been much enjoyed. Readings with a Christmas theme, chosen by Chris Field, were made by Karen Livett, Judith Le Grice, Wendy Neukirchen, Pat Clarke, Pat Macdonald, Joan Booth, Val Brown, and Chris herself. Proceedings were brought to a happy conclusion by the readers breaking into song, wishing all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year via the old familiar figgy-pudding carol.

## January

Our President, Pat Clarke, wished all members present at the well-attended January meeting (plus those whose absence was unavoidable) a good 2013. Paul Bates was our speaker, and told us about the charity of which he and his wife, Abigail, are staunch supporters - the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Formed in 1980 it aims to inform and support the families of children suffering from liver problems, and to aid liver research.

His infant son, William, was diagnosed with a rare liver problem soon after birth, but thankfully has received excellent treatment and support from Birmingham Children's Hospital. Although he will never be totally cured and will require ongoing hospital visits, William is progressing very well. He accompanied his parents to the meeting to prove it, enthusiastically joining in the handclaps for his dad at the end!

75% of the charity's funding comes from voluntary donations and fund-raising

events, two of which are due to be held locally - a Yellow Brunch on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and a sponsored golf day at Thurlestone later in the year. Details are available from Liz Robinson, William's grandma, on 561125.

Joan Golding was welcomed as a new member and it was nice to re-welcome Margaret Illingworth, who has returned to live at Thurlestone, and Jen Heatley, a former member who was visiting the village.

President Pat Clarke reported that the Pampered Chef evening she had held in November had raised £110 for breast cancer research and she thanked all the members who had supported this.

The meeting voted in favour of the national resolution deploring the decline of high streets and town centres. If it becomes a mandate in June, this subject will be vigorously championed at all levels of our organisation, through National Federation lobbying down to individual WIs.

A reminder was given to complete the questionnaire contained in the WI national magazine concerning the future of Denman College.

A team had been entered in the county quiz at Blackawton in February.

## Future events

- # Saturday 26 January  
Beetle drive (byo food & drink),  
Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm
- # Wednesday 22 May  
A visit to Sharpham Vineyard
- # June or July  
Outing to the RHS gardens at  
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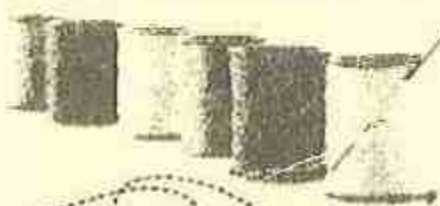
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- Tuesday  
12 February      **Winter Lunch, Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove**. An annual favourite, the winter lunch ticket covers a three-course meal and coffee.
- Monday  
11 March      At Thurlestone Parish Hall. **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting** at 2 pm followed at 2.30pm by **"Flete & the Flete Estate"**, an informal talk by Elizabeth Lewthwaite, a Flete resident and member of the Mildmay-White family. Entrance to talk £3.00 including tea & biscuits. Non-members are very welcome to come to the talk at 2.30pm.
- Thursday  
21 March      **A walk from Bantham**. Meet at Bantham beach car park (may be paying), GR 669437. A coast and country walk of about 4 miles. Return in time for lunch in nearby pub.
- Tuesday  
26 March      **Coach trip to the House of Marbles and the Miniature Pony Centre**. Lunch stop at the House of Marbles, Bovey Tracey, before visiting the famous working stud farm on Dartmoor, with its heavy horses, miniature ponies and tiny donkeys. Free hot drink is included.

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# Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: [cgwonthenet@thecmad.co.uk](mailto:cgwonthenet@thecmad.co.uk)

## Phobias in Anagram Form:

Eg:	Oh! I am a bill up	= Alliumphobia	= The fear of garlic
1.	An abortive push	=	= The fear of .....
2.	A boarish pat	=	= The fear of .....
3.	Abhor hot pain	=	= The fear of .....
4.	A homophobic rat	=	= The fear of .....
5.	Laborious patch	=	= The fear of .....
6.	Bore champion	=	= The fear of .....
7.	Charitably loops	=	= The fear of .....
8.	By cheap biro	=	= The fear of .....
9.	I'm top bonehead	=	= The fear of .....
10.	Atrophied box	=	= The fear of .....
11.	Tidy boyish chap	=	= The fear of .....
12.	I abhor opposite	=	= The fear of .....
13.	Boll up a hero	=	= The fear of .....
14.	Hope I'm a bore	=	= The fear of .....
15.	I am a hop hog	=	= The fear of .....
16.	Ace boorish gap	=	= The fear of .....
17.	Ho Ho! I'm a thin pleb	=	= The fear of .....
18.	Oh! By radiography	=	= The fear of .....
19.	Bookie in path	=	= The fear of .....
20.	Binomial hop	=	= The fear of .....
21.	I am a posh bigot	=	= The fear of .....
22.	Am up amicable hood	=	= The fear of .....
23.	I'm a chop boy	=	= The fear of .....
24.	Prime macho yob	=	= The fear of .....
25.	I'm on a bishop	=	= The fear of .....

### Solutions to previous Grey Matter:

Brian (Family Guy), Blue (Blue's Clues), Snowy (George's Tintan), Dongai (The Magic Roundabout), Gooey, Astro, Spike & Tyke (Tom & Jerry), Courage (The Cowardly Dog), Underdog, Gnasher (Dennis the Menace), Gremil, Wile E Coyote, Snoopy, Hong Kong Phooey, Odi (Garfield), Fifi (Rugrats), Mulloy, Hector (Looney Tunes), Spotty Dog (Wooden Toys), Santa's Little Helper (The Simpsons), Scooby-Doo, Huckleberry Hound, Droopy, Dognatix (Asterix & Obelix), Tramp (Lady and the Tramp)

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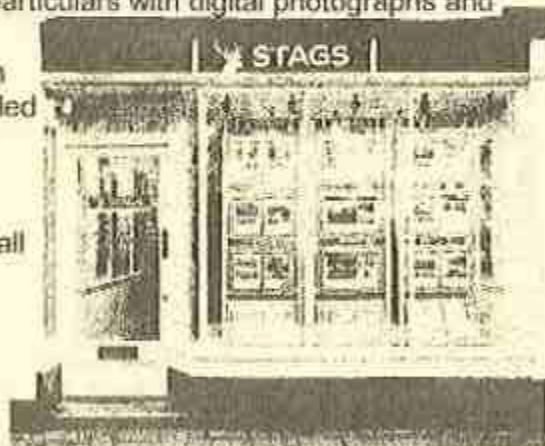
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# ALL SAINTS SCHOOL REPORT

By  
Bett Rhymes

Having had such an action packed 2012 with both the Jubilee and Olympic celebrations to enjoy, I fully expected that 2013 was going to feel something of a non-starter. January is often a gloomy month when we feel it hard to get re-invigorated and motivated after Christmas. This year feels tougher than ever.

I was starting to feel that I needed some jump leads to get me going when a polite reminder for my Village Voice article arrived! That got me thinking of a way to get us all back to full power – by testing your grey matter!

Our year 6 children will soon be starting their preparations for their end of primary school tests. They will sit their SATs in May and will be tested on various topics within Maths, English, and Science. I have no doubt that our eleven year olds will, as in previous years, achieve great results.

But how well could you do?

I have set a test over the following two pages with 15 questions covering the three core subjects. There are no rules - other than not being allowed to refer to the internet! A prize could well be awarded to the top scorer. Please hand your test paper, marked for my attention, in to school by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The winning, A start student (and any other students worthy of a gold sticker!) will be announced in the next edition of Village Voice. The answers will also be printed to enable you to check your work!

Dig deep into your memory bank and find out if you can pass it .....or are you past it?

Please turn over your paper. You may start your test now.....

# PASS IT? - OR PAST IT?

Name: .....

Tel: .....

- Q1. The ace to ten of hearts are placed face down on the table. What is the probability of turning over the following? Write your answers as a fraction.

- a. an odd number .....
- b. the ace of diamonds .....
- c. a multiple of 3 .....

- Q2. Write the missing digits to complete these.

- a.  $7/10 = 0.7 = \dots\%$
- b.  $2/\dots = 0.4 = 40\%$
- c.  $17/50 = 0.\dots = 34\%$

- Q3. Write all the pairs of factors for each of these numbers.

- a. 24 ( , ) ( , ) ( , ) ( , )
- b. 28 ( , ) ( , ) ( , )

- Q4. What's my number? Work out the mystery number for each of these.

- a. When I divide my number by 3, & add 5 the answer is 12 .....
- b. When I multiply my number by 5, & subtract 6 the answer is 39 .....
- c. When I double my number, & add 3 the answer is 19 .....

- Q5. Match each description to the shape name to complete the sentences.

- 1. A triangular prism has .... (A) = 4 triangular faces.
- 2. A hexagonal prism has .... (B) = 4 rectangular faces & 2 square faces.
- 3. A cuboid has .... (C) = 2 triangular faces & 3 rectangular faces.
- 4. A tetrahedron has .... (D) = 2 hexagonal faces & 6 rectangular faces.

- Q6. These are the heights of a group of five children.

Ben = 140cm Sam = 130cm Eve = 140cm Amy = 150cm John = 190cm

- a. What is the mode height? .....
- b. What is the median height? .....
- c. How many children are above the mean average height? .....

- Q7. Name three parts of a flower.

- a. ....
- b. ....
- c. ....



Q8. What two gases is the sun made of?

- a. ....
- b. ....

Q9. What force does gravity create?

.....

Q10. Is the melting of wax a reversible or irreversible change?

.....

Q11. Enter the missing commas in these sentences.

When Superboy whispered a secret word his school jumper became a long shiny red cloak and his spectacles morphed into a mirrored black mask. His super-human powers enabled him to climb vertical walls scale rooftops sense danger and bring wrong-doers to justice.

Q12. Which are the two nouns in this sentence?

The rare, golden-feathered bird swooped down from its rocky nest.

a.....

b.....

Q13. Give an example of a simile.

.....

Q14. What is a haiku?

.....

Q15. Write a haiku about your school days.

(In the event of more than 1 full mark paper this will be used to decide the A star student award!)

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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

I thought I had better put you in the picture (or out of your misery, "whichever") and show you the dreaded weather stats for December 2012. What a month!

## Weather Synopsis Beach Cottage December 2012

### Wind

General Direction

Westerlies = 19 days

Easterlies = 12 days

Speed (Top gust) = 60mph on 29<sup>th</sup>

Lowest daily mean = 1mph on 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Rainfall

Number of wet days = 25

Highest daily amount = 40mm 20/21<sup>st</sup>

Monthly Total = 226.7mm

Monthly Average = 99.8mm (16yrs)

### Temperature

Highest daily = 12.8°C on 21<sup>st</sup>

Lowest daily = -3°C on 10<sup>th</sup>

Highest Daily Mean = 11.3°C on 28<sup>th</sup>

Lowest Daily Mean = 2°C on 6<sup>th</sup>

Monthly mean = 7.5°C

Monthly average = 7.7°C (16yrs)

### Barometer

Highest = 1031mb on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>

Lowest = 989mb on 14<sup>th</sup>

### Sunshine

Sunniest day = 7.2hrs on 8<sup>th</sup>

Total for the month = 61.4hrs

No sun on 13 days

Below 4hrs on 11 days

that they can smell the coming of rain. Often I have heard my Dad comment, and in particular George Perring, his old workman on the farm, would frequently say, "Es maister, 'tis comin, I reckon, there's a smell o' rain about the air". More often than not he would be right and within a couple of hours there would be a shower or the onset of perhaps more persistent rain. Is there any truth in this concept?

In the summer months when the ground is dry and warm I think there is a smell that I have sniffed! But I think it is after the first drops have fallen that definitely an odour is present, and usually very welcome if it has been very dry for a while. I therefore looked up 'Smell of rain' and sure enough my favourite chap **Paul Simons** in his book *Weird Weather* includes a section entitled 'Smell of rain'.

"There is something very special about a shower of rain, especially after a dry summer spell. It's not just the cool breeze, or parched lawns soaking up the moisture. No, there's a distinct smell, a very special, almost spicy fragrance, which is a bit odd because rain itself has no odour. In ancient times it was believed that rain became sweetly scented from its passage through the heavens and that even rainbows had an odour. Both Aristotle and Pliny thought that the rainbow smelt sweet. Some people claim to smell rain before it actually arrives:

*When the ditch and pond offend the nose  
Then look for rain and stormy blows.*

## Have you noticed any strange smells recently?

No, I hear you say. Why? Well, there are some folks who, in the past, have sworn

There is some truth in this. The atmospheric pressure falls when rain approaches, which triggers the release of fungal spores. Their odour is earthy, cinnamony, and people with a good



sense of smell may be able to detect them.

But there is more than just fungal spores involved. Only during the 1960s was the mystery tackled scientifically, when Australian chemists traced the smell down to the soil. They discovered that certain sorts of clay gave off a rich 'rain' smell when humidity rose above 80%.

They discovered that the perfumed oils from the trees were trapped in the soil. Only after a bout of drought do the chemicals build up sufficiently for enough smell to be released during the rain.

Wet soil, on the other hand, is altogether different - producing not so much fragrance as a slightly sodden odour. It's made by fungi such as *Streptomyces*, and comes out in a variety of odours released as the humidity increases.

So no matter whether it is wet earth or dry earth, there's a strong possibility that we might predict rain on the way before it actually arrives by catching a whiff of the earth."

***Thank you, Paul, you always make good reading.***

What do **you** make of this, and are **you** prepared to test it out? Right now is probably the sodden end of the smell spectrum. However, when we have a dry spell it might be worth having a little sniff of the air, but be careful the neighbours are not aware of your 'canine like' efforts.

I have to say that sometimes I envy Ayla (my dog) as she lifts her nose into the air and is obviously enjoying a really good smell of something evidently good, or at least interesting. On the other hand, at times I am just as satisfied with my not-so-good sense of smell. Of our man-made smells relating to natural products, some I have always enjoyed are freshly cut lawn grass, newly mown hay,

threshed out corn, even farmyard manure, well rotted but not rancid, smoke from a garden bonfire and several more I'd rather not mention!

As the ground is far too wet to trample on right now, get to cleaning out your greenhouses, sow tomato seeds and sweet peas in the next week or two. Loosen the earth when frost-free and cover with fresh composted manure ready to dig in later on. Protect the vulnerable plants if you haven't already done so.

Finally, a look at the weather statistics for the whole of the year 2012 together with averages covering the past sixteen years to give you a picture of how the year compared with those before it.

#### **Weather Synopsis Beach Cottage Results for 2012**

##### **Rainfall**

Total = 1222.6mm  
16yr average = 863.6mm  
Highest annual = 1222.6mm 2012  
Lowest annual = \*679.41mm in 1996

##### **Temperature**

Av for year = 11.3°C  
16yr average = 12.2°C  
Highest av. = 13.3°C in 2007  
Lowest av. = \*\*10.6°C in 2010

##### **Sunshine**

Total = 1568.2hrs.  
15 yr average = 1720.2hrs  
Highest annual = \*1970.5hrs in 1996  
Lowest annual = \*\*1378.8hrs in 2010

Note the two correlations, \* and \*\*. Sometimes it is well worth keeping track of the statistics here at BC.

Anyway enjoy the weather as it happens, snow, frost, sun or rain, with the ever-present wind, but always try to keep safe and sound.



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Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newton/Barnes Jazz, Parish Hall, 7.00pm (see advert)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Batson Green/North Sands (short)
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Flora Thompson's books)
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TRAMP, East Portlemouth/Gara Rock (long)
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	KEDFAS Kings Arms, 7.30pm (Cartier, Jeweller of Genius)
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	KEDFAS Kings Arms, 10.30am (Cartier, Jeweller of Genius)
<b>March</b>		
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Open Meeting, Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, P Hall, 3-5pm
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Big Yellow Brunch, Meeting Room (see advert)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Burrator (short)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (N Trust fabric conservation)
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Thurlestone Parish Hall Annual General Meeting, 6 pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TRAMP Bus 'n' Walk, near Salcombe (long)
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	KDFAS, Kings Arms, 7.30pm (Lutyens and Jekyll)
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	KDFAS, Kings Arms, 10.30am (Lutyens and Jekyll)
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Porter Family Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30pm (see advert)
<b>April</b>		
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP around Haytor (short)
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Himalayan Motherhood)
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	KDFAS, Kings Arms, 7.30pm (Huguenots of Spitalfields)
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	KDFAS, Kings Arms, 10.30am (Huguenots of Spitalfields)
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Pym Valley (with birds) (long)
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Noss Mayo/Revelstoke (long)
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Music Concert, Parish Hall, (details to follow)

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# PARISH

# DIRECTORY

**PARISH COUNCIL** (Meetings take place on Mondays. See dates on Diary page 2/week)

**Chairman:** Andrew Rhymer  
**Deputy Clerk:** Philip Milford  
**Parish Councilor:** Ian Brimble  
**County Councillor:** Rufus Gilbert  
**Members:** Dale Carne, Tony Goodard, Nige Hurrell, Peter Hurrell, Charles Methemore, Jill Mann, Charles Methemore

**Tree Warden:** Charles Methemore

**PARISH HALL:** Chairman: Neil Ryan, Bookings: Judith Le Goffe, Play school in foyer

**PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOCIETY (P.O.T.S.):** Chairman: Chris White

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH - PRIEST IN CHARGE:** Rev Philip Odey  
**CHURCH MEETING ROOM:** Office: Graham Worrall (552016), Le Wych (550095)  
**COFFEE TAKE (Monday & Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 am):** LUNCH CLUB (Friday) UNDER 5s (Thursdays)  
**SEARCHLIGHT (Tuesday's fortnightly):** FILMS FOR ALL (Tuesday's Monthly) Contact: Le Wych 550090

**FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH:** Contact: Jill Methemore 550214

**ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Headteacher: Philip Methemore 550494

**ALNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION:** Chairman: Stuart Watts 510373

**SAINTHAM SAILING CLUB:** Contact: Marilyn Gaze 550593

**SAINTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB:** Clubhouse 550447

**BOWLS CLUB:** Contact: Eileen Dainton 550051

**BRIDGE CLUBS 6.30 pm Wednesdays and Fridays:** Contact: Lisa White 550505

**\* THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB:** General Manager: Steve Geddis 550405

**TENNIS SECTION:** Chairman: Jane Smyth 550104

**KEEP FIT:** Contact: Karen Lives 550131

**TAI CHI:** Contact: Widge Macanister 551122

**HORTICULTURAL SHOW (annual):** Contact: John Lonsdale 550742

**PROBUS:** Contact: Tom Towler 550893

**TRAMP (Thurstone Ramblers):** Contact: Liz Cairns 552295

**W. I.:** 2.30 pm Parish Hall, Second Thursday monthly (except August), Contact: Jane Clarke 551882

**TEAMWORKS (Computer Club):** Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm (by phone appointment only), Contacts: Michael Barnes 552112, Robin Methemore 550435, Chris White 550905

**TABLE TENNIS:** Wednesday 4.30 to 6.00 pm, Yeo Room, Parish Hall, Robin Methemore 550435

**RADPINTON:** Mondays 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Parish Hall (Eggs provided), Hester 550692 or Paul 550070

**HEALTH CENTRES:** Kingsbridge 853551, Seacombe 842284

**MILK DELIVERY:** R. Buckner & Son 01603-632801

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**VILLAGE SHOP:** Thurstone Village Shop, M. T. Th. 2, 8.00 am - 5.30 pm, 551517, (Bank Holidays open from 8.00 am - 4.00 pm), Wednesdays, 8.00 am - 1.00 pm, Saturdays, 8.00 am - 1.00 pm, Sundays, 8.30 am - 1.00 pm

(NB. The 1.00 pm closing times may sometimes be extended during school holidays and at weekends)

**THURLESTONE POST OFFICE:** Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.00 am - 5.30 pm, Wed, Sat 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Parcel collections: 4.00pm Monday - Friday, Noon on Saturday, NO collection on Sunday, 551517

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Co-ordinator: Charles Methemore 550502

**POLICE:** Dave Gibson (Community Support Officer) 09456-558367, Emergency 999, Non-emergency calls 08452-777444, Mithem users 01392-452935, Confidential information 0800-555-111

**RUBBISH COLLECTION:** Monday (but Tuesday in Bank Holiday Monday weeks), Grey wheelies - alternate Mondays from 11<sup>th</sup> February, White & Blue sack collections (recyclables) and Brown wheelies - alternate Mondays from 4<sup>th</sup> February

**RECYCLING CENTRE (Tor Quarry Site, Torra Road - Telephone 521655):** Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 4.30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

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**DATA:** (Bright Engineering), Maurice Bright / Keith Fosse 550220

**KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY:** (Books Library from Ivybridge calls alternate Wednesdays from 1<sup>st</sup> February), South Milton (Shedley Close) 14.45 - 15.30 pm, Thurstone (Parish Hall Car Park) 15.40 - 16.40 pm, 552315

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