

# VILLAGE VOICE

## *Mobile Phone Masts*

**Health**

**Hazard?**

**Fact or Fiction?**

**June - July 2014**

*The community magazine of Bantham, Buckland, and Thurlstone*



## DIARY DATES

<b>June</b>		
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Greenway and Dart Valley (long)
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Bolt Tail and Hope Cove (short)
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	WT, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Staffordshire pottery figures)
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Cheese & Wine Lunch, Parish Hall, 12.30 pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Slepton (long)
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, South Milton, Galimpton & Hope Cove (short)
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	KEDFAS, Kings Arms 7.30pm (Taj Mahal & Shah Jahan)
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	KEDFAS, Kings Arms 10.30am (Taj Mahal & Shah Jahan)
<b>July</b>		
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TRAMP, Motcombe and westwards (long)
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Racketts 'Rock n Roll' dance, 7.30pm Parish Hall (ad)
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, 7.30pm
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Iba (short)
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	WT, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (International art theft)
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP Avon Valley, Moreleigh & E.Allington
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Church Fete, Toyes Orchard, 2 pm.
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	TRAMP, Dartmoor, source of Erme, New Waste (short)
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Hallsands, East Prawle (long)
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ, Boules & Bowls, Parish Hall from 5pm (see ad)
<b>August</b>		
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Horticultural Show, Parish Hall, 2.30 pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Dartmoor, W Dart Valley, Wistman's Wood (short)
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	TRAMP, Dartmoor, Merrivale (long)
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	TRAMP, Westcombe (short)
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>		WW1 Exhibition, Parish Hall (see details inside)
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	WW1 Sing-along at the Phone Box from 6pm

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#### Fact or Fiction?

Poor mobile phone reception has long been a source of complaint throughout the parish, but demands for a local phone mast were postponed pending the result of the broadband campaign.

Boosted by the prospect of government funding for "no-spot" areas the project was restarted, in consultation with Harlequin and Arqiva, and two public meetings were held to provide information and receive local feedback.

Local opinion was divided, and strong views for and against the project were expressed. A "NO" petition gathered more than 200 signatures, though including a number from non-residents, and a circular warning of health hazards was delivered to homes in the parish.

By way of counterbalance, we include an article from two residents highlighting the safety levels that phone masts must meet, and the findings of Cancer Research UK.

The Parish Council, which has promised to take due account of all the views expressed, will be the elected representative body making the final decision on whether or not to proceed with a planning application for a phone mast. Whatever their decision, a sizeable number of parishioners will be unhappy about it.

But that is how democracy works, and we have to trust those we elect to do the right thing.

Founder Dudley Drabble

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# Phone Masts - a Health Risk?

## Phone Mast Radiation Levels

Between 2001 and 2012 Ofcom and its predecessor, the DTI Radiocommunications Agency (RA), conducted a programme of measurements showing that emission levels around mobile phone base stations were consistently found to be only a very small fraction of the safety levels for exposure published by the UK Health Protection Agency.

The Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP), also called the Stewart Group after its chairman Sir William Stewart, was established in April 1999 to examine the possible effects of mobile phones, base stations and transmitters on public health. In May 2000 the IEGMP published a report recommending an independent audit of base stations.

In response, the Government asked the RA to implement a national measurement programme, to ensure that emissions from mobile phone base stations do not exceed the ICNIRP guideline levels. Since 2001, Ofcom have funded and conducted a total of 724 surveys. The highest measurement recorded was 1/279th of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) safety threshold. No installation tested by Ofcom has exceeded 0.005% of the specified radiation safety limit. This programme was continued until 2012.

A summary of the **highest** measurement recorded at each site audited is shown below.

Site	Date	The highest value Total Band Exposure Quotient	as a fraction of the ICNIRP maximum guideline reference level for public exposure
Ratcliffe College	27/06/11	1.23E-05	1/811401
St Marks School, Barrhead	14/02/11	6.87658E-06	1/145421
Trafalgar School, Twickenham	14/06/11	7.16398E-05	1/139591
Alvanley Court, London	15/06/11	3.06704E-05	1/32605
Antonine Crescent, Devon	02/02/11	8.40847E-06	1/118928
Arqiva Mast, Waunfaur	28/06/11	1.64265E-06	1/608773
Backbarrow, Cumbria	25/03/11	3.82341E-06	1/261547
Beehive Road, Berkshire	04/02/11	2.74604E-06	1/364161
Blacklands Terrace, London	14/06/11	2.62697E-06	1/380666
Bradford Road, Pudsey	29/06/11	2.37927E-05	1/42030
Church Hill, Lincolnshire	27/06/11	5.70645E-06	1/175240
Lewis House, Bath	17/01/11	5.25E-06	1/190345
Muiredge Court, Buckhaven	28/01/11	3.54E-06	1/282601
Rushton Close, Burtonwood	24/03/11	2.4933E-05	1/40108
Sloane Ave, London	14/06/11	1.02E-05	1/97993

*There is an important principle governing the strength of signal emitted by phone masts: the more masts, the lower the signal strength.*

Also, it is clear from Ofcom's independent audit that Phone Masts are not designed to operate near the ICNIRP maximum guideline. The EU recommended limit for power density is 9.2 W/m<sup>2</sup>. The highest power density actually measured in 2011 was less than 0.003 W/m<sup>2</sup> for a London based mast and the lowest was 0.00001 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Mobile Phones**

There still aren't any good explanations for how mobile phones could cause cancer. The microwave radiation they transmit and receive is very weak. This radiation does not have enough energy to damage DNA, and cannot directly cause cancer.

Mobile phones also produce small amounts of heat in the brain, but again, not enough to pose a health risk. Scientists have put forward other theories, but, so far, none of them has been conclusively proven, despite a lot of research.

In 2000, the UK signed up to a set of international safety standards, which set a limit on the amount of radiation given off by phones. These limits have a very large safety margin to protect people who may be more sensitive to phone radiation, such as children.

### **Masts and base stations**

Mobile phone masts and base stations are unlikely to increase your cancer risk either. The exposure you would get from a base station is usually at least a hundred times below international guidelines. And it is much less than the exposure you would get from a phone.

### **A health risk...?**

So far, the only health issue that has been firmly associated with mobile phones is an increased risk of car accidents!

**Source:** Cancer Research UK - based on studies of over 1 million people in 13 countries.

[www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerinfo/healthyliving/cancercontroversies/mobilephones](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerinfo/healthyliving/cancercontroversies/mobilephones)

You can read the Government recommendations in full at the Department of Health website.

### **EM Radiation Research Trust**

The statements about the damage to health caused by mobile phones and masts that have been distributed locally are based on unsupported assertions by the EM Radiation Research Trust. The Advertising Standards Authority has ruled that EM Radiation Research Trust, "breached CAP Code rules 3.1, 3.7 (Misleading advertising) and 4.2 (Harm and offence)" with a poster campaign about mobile phones hazards.

**Source:** [www.asa.org.uk/Rulings/Adjudications/2012/1/The-EM-Radiation-Research-Trust/SHP\\_ADJ\\_167676.aspx](http://www.asa.org.uk/Rulings/Adjudications/2012/1/The-EM-Radiation-Research-Trust/SHP_ADJ_167676.aspx)

*We hope that these facts will serve to reassure local residents with genuine but misinformed concerns about health risks from mobile phone masts. A mobile phone mast serving Thurlestone would NOT be a threat to their health.*

**Bruce Murray** BSc, CEng, MIMechE, MIBM, CMC.

**Peter Gornall** MA, MB, B.Chir, FRCS (Founder member, UK Children's Cancer Study Group)

# THURLESTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

## ATTENDANCE

Five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, our District Councillor, representatives of the Police and the National Trust along with seven members of the public were present.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Chairman Andrew Rhymes** thanked all the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk for all their help and hard work over the last year.

Planning was a major issue and nine site visits were made.

Planning requirements for the gardens on the site of the old Telephone Exchange are being pursued by **Councillor Jill Munn**.

The repair/funding of the cobbled road adjacent to the Church is still progressing.

**Sir Simon Day** our previous Devon County Councillor retired after forty nine years service, and a framed map of the Parish was presented to him as a retirement gift.

**Councillor Dale Came** was thanked for his work on the provision of a mobile phone mast. The outcome will be decided by the Council after a planning application by the providers has been submitted.

**Councillor Tony Goddard** was also thanked for his work on the Thurlestone Sands v South Milton Sands title dispute, which is ongoing.

The SHDC proposal to close, for four winter months, the public toilet across the road from the Golf Club is still under discussion.

The Ofsted inspection of All Saints Primary School resulted in a "Good" rating.

**Steve Mullan**, our Police Community Support Officer retired after thirty years service and was thanked for his contribution to the Parish.

**Councillor Peter Hurrell** resigned after forty two years service. He was warmly thanked for all the work he had done over the years.

Parishloneer **Paul Martin** was thanked for his repair work to parish furniture.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**District Councillor Ian Bramble** gave his report (see separate article).

## POLICE

Police Community Support Officer **Dave Gibson** gave a report on the year. Two burglaries, seven thefts and two criminal damage incidents were recorded, much in line with last year. Heating oil theft was on the increase as was that of copper and power tools.

## NATIONAL TRUST

Community Ranger for the South Devon Area **Emma Reece** gave an excellent Power Point presentation of the Trust's work.

- Richard Snow is the new Countryside Manager.
- The South Devon Area covers some 3000 acres from the River Dart to Wembury, and is looked after by a small permanent team and many volunteers.
- 1000 metres of fencing, to lessen corrosion, was moved back from the cliff edge from Bolberry Down to Bolt Tail.
- Cattle grazing at Sharpitor has been increased, and dog owners are reminded to keep their pets on leads.
- At Thurlestone Sands two thirds of the dunes were removed by the storm. The road to the NT car park, badly damaged by the storm, has been replaced.
- Feedback on the new style of signage at Bolberry Down is requested.
- East Soar car park is being landscaped with defined parking areas. New information boards are to be installed.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting.

# Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

*News & Views by Citizen*

## ATTENDANCE

At the 7<sup>th</sup> April meeting, four Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Devon County Councillor, District Councillor, and 18 members of the public were present. On the 19<sup>th</sup> May four Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the District Councillor and twelve members of the public attended.

## OPEN FORUM

Mobile Phone Mast A document relating to low radiation levels was tabled by parishioner Bruce Murray. The Parish Council had received two letters against the mast and there was also a petition against the mast which had some 250 signatures. It was queried whether all the signatories were parishioners and it appeared that some were parents of children at the school. Councillor Dale Came gave an up-date on the situation so far. No application has been lodged with the SHDC Planning department by Harlequin/Arqiva as they are still assessing data. The locations originally tabled at the public meeting were suggestions to see what the reaction was from those present. Councillor Tony Goddard pointed out that the Parish Plan, following a questionnaire to all the parishioners and published some time ago, found that better broadband and a mobile phone signal were needed. The Parish Council will take into account the views of parishioners and make a decision when an application is made to the SHDC.

Planning *Plot 45, Mead Drive*, will be put on the market with planning permission for a bungalow. *2 Meadcombe Road* proposed extension has a window overlooking the kitchen of the next door property.

West Buckland notice board can be located on the wall of Buckland Farm barn.

Bus Shelter The continual dirty state of the bus shelter opposite the Post Office caused concern as due to this we lost points last year in the Best Kept Village Award.

Old Telephone Exchange The occupants of the new properties are hanging out washing in their gardens on the road side of their properties, plainly visible to passers-by and patrons of the Village Inn. Councillor Jill Munn is trying to get a meeting with SHDC planners to discuss the fencing to the rear of these houses as it does not follow approved plans.

## COUNCILLOR PETER HURRELL

Councillor Hurrell's letter of resignation was read and was received with much regret. At the meeting on the 19 May, he was presented with an engraved silver tankard in recognition of his 42 years of devoted service to the parish.

## APPOINTMENTS 2014/15

The following were appointed -

### Officers -

Chairman - Cllr Andrew Rhymes  
Vice-Chairman - Cllr Charles Mitchelmore

### Representatives -

School - Cllr Andrew Rhymes  
Parish Hall - Cllr Jill Munn  
Tree Warden  
& Police Liaison - Cllr Charles Mitchelmore  
Parish Plan - Cllr Dale Came  
Friends of Thurlestone  
Church - Parish Clerk Phil Millard

**Co-Opted** - Mrs Bronwen Zaffiro of Thurlestone was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Hurrell and she was welcomed to the Parish Council.

### **PARISH HALL**

Councillor Jill Munn reported that the hand rail at the entrance to the hall had again been damaged by a car. The solar panels continue to be a good investment.

### **HIGHWAYS**

On-street parking is now controlled by Devon County Council, who say that the 'virtual path' down Thurlestone main street should not be there - but they will neither repaint nor remove it. Access to Lockslea House is now via the lane leading down from the National Trust car park. A large pot hole near Clanacombe is causing traffic to back up to let other vehicles pass, but this forces the backing cars into a ditch which they cannot easily exit. Railings near the phone box in West Buckland have fallen down.

### **FOOTPATHS & HERITAGE COAST**

The road to Thurlestone Sands which was washed away by recent storms has been repaired by the National Trust at a cost of £5000 and the Parish Council has sent a letter of thanks to the National Trust. A donation to these costs has been made by County Councillor Rufus Gilbert from one of his local funds.

The footpath to Hope Cove, an earlier storm victim, was re-routed but the land owners then withdrew their consent. A new route has now been agreed with a one year contract and will be fenced.

Regarding the name Thurlestone Sands, this matter was raised with Emma Reece of the National Trust at the Parish Annual Meeting and she was challenged by Councillor Tony Goddard to find any evidence to show that the beach was ever called anything other than Thurlestone Sands. The Parish Council

will remind her of this.

### **TREES**

Councillor Charles Mitchelmore said that permission has been given (1) to lop trees at 'Kennedy' and (2) to remove two elms at 'Mallards' that are in danger of falling on the property. The removal of tree stumps at Seaview has been agreed. The large fir tree by the War Memorial has been surveyed and is fit but will be trimmed by 2 metres all round.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Tony Goddard said a Neighbourhood Plan (as opposed to a Parish Plan which we already have) was now essential as, without it, future building development could not be controlled. This will be put on the Council's agenda for the next meeting.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Rufus Gilbert said they were catching up on pot hole repairs.

Superfast Broadband provision is now down to BT and could be delivered a year earlier than was expected.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The matters covered by Councillor Ian Bramble in his report are given in detail in his Letter to Village Voice which appears on a separate page in this issue.

### **WORLD WAR ONE PARISH COMMEMORATION**

The Parish Council agreed to give £100 each towards (a) the costs of the WW1 exhibition being held 23/25 August in the Parish Hall and (b) the Telephone Box committee to use for their planned Sing-along evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and their other commemoration activities.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014, 7.30pm in the Yeo Room.

# A Letter from your District Councillor

Hopefully we have endured the last of the appalling weather, and the resultant damage to our coastline, for a considerable time to come.

The repair work has started and in some cases completed commendably quickly, while in others work is still in progress. I daresay Mr Cameron's statement that 'money is no object' will be tested to destruction as the full scale of remedial costs becomes apparent. The speed of response from our relevant authorities has in many cases been impressive but we are still left wondering how much of our local coastline has been weakened with further deterioration yet to come.

Then there are our roads, which also will make further calls on scarce local and national resources but in respect of which Devon County Council has been able to increase the resources it can put into repair and maintenance work as County Cllr. Gilbert explained in the previous issue of 'Village Voice'.

With regard to other local matters, so many of which are related to planning issues, the District Council has begun a consultation process prior to forming a new Local Plan, itself a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This initial consultation will continue until Friday 30 June, with views and opinions sought via a range of events and meetings. It is very important that everybody who wishes to contribute to the process does so, either individually directly to the council or via the various meetings which will be arranged, not least of which will be at Parish Council level. The aim is to produce a final draft of the plan towards the end of the year, at which time further comments from everybody who wishes to make them will be considered before the definitive document is published.

More details of this and how to make your views known are available on the SHDC website [www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan) or you may contact me directly at

[Cllr.Bramble@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Bramble@southhams.gov.uk)

In the meantime other planning matters have to be considered such as mobile phone coverage in the area. Following the recent parish meetings on the subject all has gone quiet and at this time of writing no plans for a mast have been submitted yet to SHDC from Arqiva and the Harlequin Group.

Also SHDC has advised your Parish Council of dates in June which have been arranged to discuss and negotiate with parishes the means by which it may be possible to keep open during the winter months public conveniences, which have been scheduled for closure.

The question of 'affordable housing' throughout the district continues to be addressed and during the last few months three 'Village Housing Initiative' schemes have been approved and several others are in hand.

The SHDC Corporate Transformation Plan is proceeding and most recently an Income Generation Working Group of four senior elected members has been established to take further the means by which SHDC can generate income from its assets and professional expertise. Already a significant proportion of Follaton House is generating an office rental income and profitable payroll and Service Level Agreements are growing in number, most recently with an agreement to provide services to Callington Town Council.

Finally, during last winter I received letters from a number of parishioners expressing concerns about rough sleepers, especially in light of the cold conditions of the previous winter. The council pursued a policy to ensure that, once known about, no rough sleeper would be left unassisted and, as a result of the help the council gave, sixteen rough sleepers were assisted into long-term accommodation.

**Ian Bramble**

# PARISH HALL NEWS



**Chairman: Neill Irwin**

The Porter Family were welcomed back to the Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> March and received a rousing reception. It was a year to the day since they last entertained us and those who went were given a unique opportunity to hear a talented family both on show and in an intimate performance of their repertoire. The classically trained family of five sang and played keyboard, violin, guitar, cello, harmonica, flute, recorder and ukulele presenting an eclectic mix of music from classical to contemporary including Scott Joplin, Telemann, Gershwin, Fats Waller, John Mayer, Tom Waits and *Jungle Book*. There was something to please everyone.

The NSPCC jumble sale on 12<sup>th</sup> April was well attended as was the wonderful *Old Gaffers* evening on 10<sup>th</sup> May. This sturdy male voice group treated us to rousing performances of well-known sea shanties - as well as some not so well-known!

On 5<sup>th</sup> July the Racketts will play the Hall at a BYO supper with tickets at £5 per head. They are an 5-piece Rock and Roll Dance Band playing 50s and 60s pop music, and bass player Chas Newby, the elusive seventh Beatle, will be giving his own account of his time with the Fab Four. This is sure to attract a packed house, so book early or risk missing out! Still to come in this season is also the Barbecue, Bowls and Boules event on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks in advance to the Telephone Box Committee and to Graham and Val Palmer amongst others who do all the hard work. Let's hope for good weather to start off the summer holidays.

Other dates for your diary are the Last Night of the Proms on 13<sup>th</sup> September which includes a piece with local resonance, John Ansell's nautical overture 'Plymouth Hoe' as well as songs from musical films and Tavener's 'Song for Athene' along with all the Prommers' favourites. In fact September will be a busy month in the Hall with the Autumn Fair on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a concert performance of *The Yeoman of the Guard* by the returning Plymouth Gilbert and Sullivan Society on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch out for posters and further details nearer the time.

As the new meditation workshops did not attract much support they were withdrawn and the Bowls Club has folded, but Table Tennis and Badminton are going great guns so there are still opportunities to join in, get fit, and support our local amenity. Thanks to Mike Stickland the outside of the Hall has been jet-washed after its winter battering. We are awaiting (at time of writing) feedback on the state of the heater which provides hot water in the kitchen.

The Hall AGM took place on 25<sup>th</sup> March and we were able to report a surplus of £4,152 in 2013. The solar panels contributed £2,000 and have proved a great investment. The AGM minutes are on display on the Hall noticeboard so try and find an opportunity to read them, and do please get in touch if you have any concerns or questions.

Deadlines being what they are, you will not hear about 'wonder-mentalist' Matt Harvey (31 May) until August but, if you did get to hear him, please let me know what you thought about this new entertainment venture as both a concept and as a joint event with the British Red Cross.

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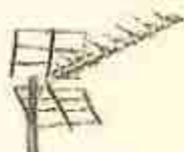
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# Village News Round-Up

## **Peter Hurrell**

It was with sadness we heard that Peter had decided to resign from the Parish Council after some 42 years of service, with 21 of those years as Chairman. Village Voice is particularly indebted to him, as it was Peter who helped to start 'Village Voice' way back in 1982. It was his enthusiasm for the project of having a village magazine as well as a parish magazine that got us going! Over his years of service he has voluntarily and unstintingly contributed to improving many aspects of our parish life and his knowledge of what makes the parish 'tick' is second to none. His presence will be much missed at Parish Council meetings and Village Voice thanks him and wishes him well on his retirement from civic duties.

## **Diane Smeeton**

We recently received the sad news from Australia of the death of Diane Smeeton. She and David came to live in Thurlestone some years ago, David having just retired from the BBC. The Parish of Thurlestone Society was to benefit greatly from David's expertise in the making of the parish millennium video 'The Land of Five Beaches', which was later to get a Royal Television Award. They moved to Australia at the end of 2000 but still kept in touch with the friends they had made here and have subscribed to 'Village Voice' ever since. We send our sincere condolences to David and his family.

## **NSPCC**

The local committee of the NSPCC held a very rewarding Jumble Sale on 12 April and want to use these columns to thank all the very kind people, who helped in many ways, to make it the successful event it turned out to be. As a result, over £500 was raised to help children in need.

## **Old Gaffers**

A very jolly and entertaining evening of mostly British sea-shanties was rendered by the Old Gaffers, a Salcombe group of gentlemen who enjoy belting out a good tune. This was a 'bring your own supper'

event which, together with a very nice raffle, raised some £ 920 towards a sponsored run up the rock of Gibraltar in aid of the Royal Marines Charitable Trust. Vida Alexander is doing the run with her friend Ayse Rifat and would welcome donations. Contact 561182.

## **Rowlandson Visit**

A reminder that multi-award winning jewellery designer Geoffrey Rowlandson and his staff are coming to the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1 July, 9.30 am to 6.00 pm. Should you have any inherited or unwanted jewellery he would welcome advising you about selling, redesigning or part-exchanging it. They will also be buying gold, silver and coins on the day.

## **Bravery Award**

As a result of an incident that took place at Thurlestone last year, a local ambulance station crew of Martin Ford and Lisa Forsyth have recently been given an award for bravery and professionalism in dealing with a situation where a man had either fallen or jumped from a cliff at Thurlestone. They had to travel to the base of the cliff in an inshore lifeboat but due to the choppy water and rocky outcrops, they could not get alongside so they had to wade knee-deep in water carrying all their equipment. Working with the coastguard and lifeboat crews they eventually overcame difficulties in "extremely inhospitable environmental conditions", and the casualty was winched on board a helicopter and taken to Derriford Hospital. This is well-deserved recognition for the brave work of our rescue services.

## **Salcombe Gig Regatta**

If you want to watch some exciting rowing events you could do worse than pop down to Salcombe on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, as the Salcombe Estuary Rowing Club are holding their annual Cornish Ploof Gig Regatta, with the first race at 12.30pm. Top crews from all over the South West will be competing for honours over the two mile course in the beautiful Salcombe estuary. Racing categories range from under 14's to Supervets (over 50's). Full race commentary,

BBQ, refreshments, raffle, cash prizes. You can watch the action from Cliff House Gardens or the Yacht Club Terrace/Bar.

### Easy Rider

A section of road in the Mead estate has recently been very nicely re-surfaced. Quite a bit still remains to be done, but at least the giant crater that was such a menace in the descent of Mead Drive has now disappeared. Well done, and now how about an encore?

### Lost and Found

A gold bracelet of great sentimental value was recently lost by a member of the Bridge Club. Luckily a parent of one of the school children found it some time later in the Hall car park and handed it in at the school for safe-keeping. It was with delight and relief that owner and bracelet were eventually reunited and the grateful owner made a donation to school funds.

### Bowls Club Disbands

It was a sad day for the parish when the final three stalwart members of the Bowls Club decided to call it a day through lack of support. Their remaining funds were distributed to the NSPCC, Devon Air Ambulance, and the Cystic Fibrosis fund. This short mat club was founded at the old Parish Hall and continued when the new Parish Hall was built, making full use of the extra length of the new hall.

Is there anyone in the parish who might be interested in getting bowls at the Hall going again in the Autumn? Perhaps an afternoon group could have appeal, as so many people don't like going out at night in the winter? If so, please contact Pat Crawford (560688) or Doreen Deare (560378) as they would be pleased to give advice and help. Meanwhile, all the equipment is up there at the Hall, just waiting for someone to use it ....and it is great exercise too!

### Animal Care

Liz Farr has come to live in Thurlestone and is offering a unique bespoke service to care for domestic pets and horses. She will visit your home or stable if you are away or on holiday, will go dog-walking or take your pet for veterinary attention. Having worked for Blue Cross and the RSPCA for over 17 years, she is very experienced in animal care and is passionate about animal welfare.

Liz has British Horse Society qualifications and can instruct and advise on how to get the best out of both horse and rider. To find out about the services she can offer for you and your animals you can view her website at [www.missdoolittle.co.uk](http://www.missdoolittle.co.uk) and contact her by e-mail to [LizFarr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:LizFarr@yahoo.co.uk) or on her mobile phone 07543 804042.

### Crossword Help

Could you spare a little time to help an elderly blind gentleman at Thurlestone House residential home who likes to do the daily 'Quick Crossword' in the Western Morning News (which could be supplied)? He is very alert and likes/needs to keep his mind exercised!

Please contact Yvonne on 01548-560737 (or [penalex03@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:penalex03@yahoo.co.uk))

### Public Libraries

A public consultation is running until 17 July 2014 on Devon County Council's proposals for its future library service, and they want to hear from local communities and councils to identify how 28 of the county's small, less well-used, public libraries could be sustained in future. There will also be a series of library drop-in sessions until 25 June, giving an opportunity for people to provide their feedback on the future of this service. E-mail [librarystrategyfeedback@devon.gov.uk](mailto:librarystrategyfeedback@devon.gov.uk) for more information, or contact your Devon County Councillor Rufus Gilbert.

### Dear Editor

#### Mobile Phone Mast Public Meetings

Thank you so much for all Village Voice's amazing help regarding the production, printing, and distribution of Parish Council notices concerning the above.

To print and deliver the letters (400 of them) TWICE, was unbelievable and shows what a great team you have. Please let them know we very much appreciate their help.

From myself and the Parish Council, a big "Thank you".

Yours sincerely

**Phil Millard**

Parish Clerk,  
Thurlestone Parish Council

## WW1 Centenary Events

Enormous interest, activity, and media coverage has been generated by the WW1 Centenary this year. A committee of parish representatives, chaired by Parish Council Chairman Jack Rhymes, has been co-ordinating a programme of events to be held in the parish during 2014 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of start of the Great War on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914. Here is an update on the latest plans.

- **Poppies:** A programme of poppy-seed sowing in various places throughout the parish has been put in hand. The bank at the northern entrance to Thurlestone village, the village green, the school grounds, and places along the golf course boundaries, and in Buckland and Bantham, have already been identified, and scattering of poppy seeds undertaken.
- **Church services:** There will be a Requiem Service on the morning of Sunday 3 August. The following day, Monday 4 August, there will be an event at the War Memorial followed by a church vigil at 10 pm, finishing just after 11 pm, (along the lines of the national vigil in Westminster Abbey). It is hoped that a muffled peal of bells could be rung before the War Memorial event.
- **School:** Apart from sowing of poppy seeds, the school programme of work and activity covering the centenary will not begin before the autumn term, and details will be given in later issues of Village Voice.
- **Memorial Exhibition:** The Parish of Thurlestone Society (POTS) has undertaken a programme of research into the names of the men of the parish who fell in both world wars - their lives, their family history, and their service records. The results will be shown in an exhibition to be held in Thurlestone Parish Hall over the August Bank Holiday week-end, as follows:

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** (2pm - 6pm)  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August** (9am - 6pm)  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August** (9am - 4pm)

The exhibition will also feature a WW1 diorama - a model of a scene from the Western Front, with trenches, soldiers, horses and artillery, which has been prepared by Thurlestone resident and WW1 researcher Michael Day.

In addition, the Devon County British Legion "Poppy" Banner, which is touring Devon throughout the year, will be on display in the Hall throughout the week-end. With a central painting depicting a trench scene, a bridge, and a soldier mounted on horseback, the banner has side panels of intricate needle design work, and silk poppies will be sewn around them, each one to honour someone who died in WW1. Anyone who wishes a Devon relative to be remembered in this way is invited to put their names forward. The banner, measuring 6ft high

by 10ft long, is the brainchild of Adrienne Howells, an artist and tutor at the South Devon College and of her son John, and is the creation of the South West Quilters. Adrienne will be present on the opening day.

The Devon County British Legion Poppy Quilt, created by Christine Badger, and depicting fields of poppies, will also be on display next to the banner throughout the exhibition.

- **Phone Box Sing-along:** On the evening of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August the Phone Box committee will host in the environs of the Phone Box a "Sing-along" of well-known old songs from the Great War period, with the Kingsmen Quartet leading the vocals, and song-sheets with all the words provided. Everyone is invited, and FREE FOOD will be available, though you will have to bring your own liquid refreshment. It promises to be a thoroughly social opportunity for those cherishing a yen to "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "Keep The Home Fires Burning".
- **Cheese & Wine Lunch:** Everyone who attended the Lunch in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 2012 commented on what an enjoyable social event it had been. So, as a fund-raising event in aid of the WW1 Centenary programme, POTS are holding a Cheese & Wine Lunch on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Hall. A quite sensational array of Raffle Prizes will be there to be won, and generous supplies of wine, cheese, pate, and all the trimmings to be enjoyed. Everyone is welcome - and bring your friends. Tickets price £6 available from Pat Macdonald (560436), Judith Le Grice (562135), and Lisa White (560505). Early booking is advised. There is a limit to the available seating, and tickets are already selling fast!
- **WW1 Quiz:** A fiendish 100 question Quiz covering 1914-1918 is on sale in the Thurlestone Post Office & Store for £1. There is a £25 first prize, and five other prizes of autographed copies of Louisa Young's brilliant WW1 novel *My Dear, I Wanted To Tell You*. A ballot will be held if required to identify winners, and answers and winners published in the December 2014 issue of *Village Voice*. Proceeds in aid of the WW1 Exhibition to be held in Thurlestone Parish Hall.

## Exhibition Helpers Needed



With the August Bank Holiday WW1 Exhibition in the Parish Hall open for a total of 20 hours over the three days, the organisers would welcome assistance from any volunteers prepared to spend an hour or two acting as stewards (at times to suit themselves) during the opening times. Inviting people to sign the Visitors Book, handing out programmes, taking names and details for the Devon Poppy Banner, helping with refreshments, monitoring the exhibits, selling the Quiz questionnaires, answering or referring visitors' questions, and generally being helpful would be the principal activities. If you are willing to lend a hand, please phone Robin Macdonald (560436), with an indication of the particular day and time-slot for which you could be available.

# National Trust South Hams Centre

Programme for June and July 2014

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- Saturday  
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- Monday  
7 July** Coach trip to Exeter Quay and cruise to Exmouth. At Exeter's historic quay-side there are cafes and antique shops to explore, before our tranquil afternoon cruise on the lovely old canal and River Exe to Exmouth.
- Wednesday  
16 July** Coach trip to Knightshayes (NT) and a ride on the West Somerset Railway. Experience heritage at its very best with a ride on a steam train from Bishops Lydeard through the Quantock Hills along the coast to Dunster. They by coach to Knightshayes for late lunch and the afternoon. There is a restaurant - or bring a picnic.

*For more information about these events, or about joining the National Trust South Hams Centre (just £5 a year), please contact Midge Elliot on 01548 562017 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm).*

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She became a highly-regarded and skilled mountaineer, author, poet, and archaeologist, and travelled extensively in the Middle East, living amongst and learning in depth about the lives and cultures of the Arab peoples. She played an important role in the creation of the independent kingdom of Iraq in 1921, which placed King Faisal on the throne.

She chose, and kept, her friends from

every walk of life, was honest and not afraid to challenge opinions. A pity she is not around now to sort out a few of the things that have gone wrong in the Middle East since her day!

**Pat Macdonald**

**All Change**  
by Elizabeth Jane Howard  
(Pan £7.99 paperback £2.99 Kindle)

I have been following the Cazalet family in Elizabeth Jane Howard's books for, well, it must be over 20 years, and each one has been a delight. Now we have the fifth and also the final as, sadly, she died early this year. I have no doubt many people have read the previous books so I won't give away any details. Suffice to say that this makes for as compelling reading as the others and, for those who have not yet begun the Cazalet saga, I envy you - you have a lovely reading journey ahead.

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Christian Aid week has just ended. A quick calculation suggests I have been collecting on and off since the late 70s. I know the tricks both ways: like the lady who always said she had just given at the office; and sometimes I would tell the door-opener I'd not trouble them again if they could just find some change quickly now. Then there was the man looking for an argument who would begin by saying he'd send copies of Mein Kampf rather than the Bible. I would counter that we were sending cultivation and irrigation equipment, not Bibles; I should have asked if he wanted to send machine guns. Oh the fun to be had on doorsteps!

Is there any difference in the world? Have things gone forward, or backward, or are they much the same? I should have armed myself with some information before going out. I can point to significant falls in infant mortality; much of which, say the experts, will have been associated with better nutrition. So cultivation and irrigation kit was indeed a part of the answer to need. Over the last 12 years malaria is down globally by 25% and by 31% in much of Africa. So mosquito nets are part of another answer. But HIV/AIDS and many other symptoms of poverty and ignorance still hold on stubbornly for many of God's children whose lives and situation are so difficult to imagine.

Somehow it is rather satisfying when giving results in easy and quick tangible effects. Judging by the "fundometer" near the Church lych gate we could soon get a restored tower if local further generosity can match the care shown by the Friends of Thurlestone Church and the prudence of the Church treasurer. (And the new stone could be amazing. It makes one wonder what the original fresh unweathered tower looked like.)

It is a lot more difficult to go on giving and giving to charities working in far-away places where results come on so slowly; where weather, or government corruption, or opposition from traditionalists or vested interests can hamper or set back the best intentions. When you come to think about it, going on giving and giving is how God works. It is the best He can do because He has only us to work for Him, with all our short-term vision and limited outlook. But He never spared effort or generosity, to the last earthly breath, and He won't now.

So back to the doorsteps next year.

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*Peter*

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### Sundays

Every Sunday

JUNE 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 29TH

JUNE 15TH

JUNE 22ND, JULY 13TH

JULY 6TH

JULY 20TH

JULY 27TH

8.00am Holy Communion (said) (Alternates BCP & CW)

11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (Fairtrade Stall 1st Sunday)

6.00pm Benefice Praise Service at South Milton

11.10am Matins (BCP)

11.00am Benefice Sea Sunday Service in the Garden  
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11.10am Family Communion (CW) with Baptism

11.10am Morning Worship

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THURSDAY JUNE 5TH, JULY 3RD

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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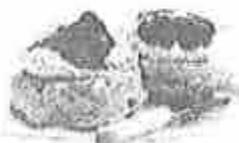
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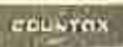
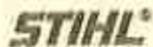
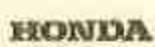
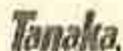
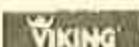
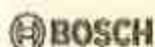
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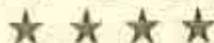
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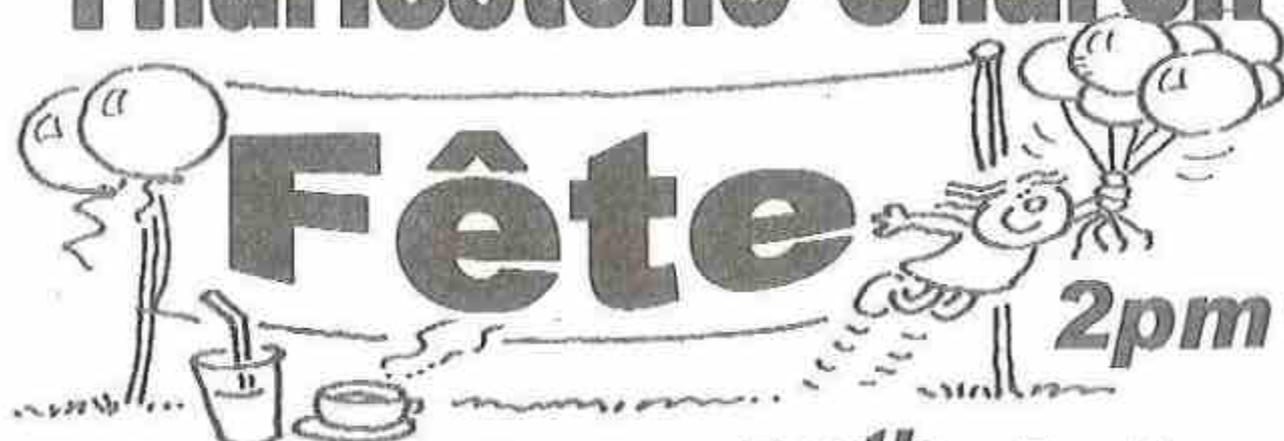
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## DINING OUT

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<p><b>The Broken Chopstick</b> Scrape is weedy Crispy Seaweed *** Of cheesey pub ----- *** Flatter piper -----</p>	<p><b>THE OLD JOHN BULL INN</b> (the "good" old days of pub food) Word so worn in pubs ----- *** Met the aged raven ----- *** Pale pipe -----</p>
<p><b>The Greasy Spoon</b> (The menu lives up to the name) Fred picked blue padding ----- *** Be sure and bar fingers ----- *** Jug had mount -----</p>	<p><b>The One Legged- Frog</b> (Schooldays French is useful here) Scots gear ----- *** Unlock a grade ----- *** Ma shouts a cool cue -----</p>
<p><b>BERNI INN REVIVAL</b> (Remember the 60s 'in' place to eat?) Rick can tap owl ----- *** A kid spent cash ----- *** A great stack of blue -----</p>	<p><b>PASTA PERFECT</b> Cuts the bar ----- *** A boar creating paths ----- *** In a one male practice -----</p>

### Solutions to previous Grey Matter:

1 Yardbirds-For Your Love (Y), 2 Elvis Presley-Wooden Heart (H), 3 Rolling Stones-Satisfaction (R), 4 Monkees-I'm a Believer (M), 5 Gerry and the Pacemakers-You'll Never Walk Alone (G), 6 Tom Jones-It's Not Unusual (T), 7 Archies-Sugar Sugar (A), 8 Roy Orbison-Pretty Woman (R), 9 Animals-Home of the Rising Sun (A), 10 Georgie Fame-The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde (G), 11 Elvis Presley-Return to Sender (R), 12 Helen Shapiro-Walkin' Back to Happiness (H), 13 Troggs-Wild Thing (T), 14 Procul Harum- A Whiter Shade of Pale (P), 15 Engelbert Humperdinck-Release Me (R), 16 Everly Brothers-All I Have to do is Dream (D), 17 Tremelous-Silence is Golden (T)  
The 17 letters can be arranged into THE GREY MATTER PAGE

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# Grass Skirts Galore

A trip around the Islands of Papua New Guinea, Micronesia and beyond  
By Kit Marshall

The leaflets arrived in the post and were put on the pile to be binned. Gillian was just chucking them into the wpb when something caught her eye, so 6 weeks later we were on flight BA11 to Singapore. We overnighed in a posh hotel where they even changed the carpets in the lifts everyday so that you knew which day of the week it was. We didn't have much time other than go to the iconic Long Bar in Raffles Hotel where we drank Singapore Sings and dropped peanut shells on the floor. The next day a quick tour of the amazing Orchid gardens and then back to the airport for our flight on Air Niugini to Port Moresby the capital of Papua New Guinea.

To recover from two overnight flights we had booked a pre-tour extension in Madang on the North Coast. A group of 8, we were left to our own devices to relax in this beautifully situated hotel, albeit somewhat short on amenities. Lovely coral reefs just off the shore and we were taken to a couple of small islands where we saw our first of many outrigger canoes. A tour around the run-down town but an interesting WW2 monument in memory of Australian servicemen who hid up in the hills to report by radio information on Japanese shipping. Some may remember that this was the background story to the musical South Pacific. A short flight back to Port Moresby, another city tour, another orchid garden and then on to board our "expedition" ship, the *Caledonian Sky* which was to be our home for the next 12 days to take us to islands off PNG, Micronesia and ending up in Guam USA Territory.

PNG has some 840 languages, fortunately thanks

to the erstwhile Australian administration the common language is English. Micronesia consists of over 2000 minute jungle islands, many uninhabited. We were 82 passengers, with some 85 crew to look after us, spacious cabins, excellent food which we ate mainly on an open upper deck, all very comfortable. The Captain, known as Captain "Me-here-again", as this was how he started his frequent tannoy announcements, had a delightful Scandinavian dry sense of humour. Gillian's favourite was Adrian, a tall Swedish ornithologist, mine had to be Posh the Filipino wine waitress who called me "Sir Christopher, who never says no!"

The ship was equipped with 12 Zodiac inflatables to be well used over the next few days taking us to a series of small jungle islands all much the same but all that little bit different. We would go ashore for a "wet" landing, clad in our life-jackets often to be met by a fearsome group of local men or boys, dressed in loin cloths made from banana leaves, painted faces, armed with spears. They would then be replaced by half naked maidens clad only in grass skirts who would bedeck us with garlands and flowers. On one occasion the warriors were small boys, a little over enthusiastic, as one of our company received a bamboo spear in the foot! We would then be treated to ceremonial



dancing, first the men, then the boys, followed by the women and lastly the girls. Bamboo drums would be pounded and the singing was amazing, if repetitive, and very rhythmic. We would be invited to explore the islands, walk around the village, enter the rudimentary huts with woven banana leaf walls and roofs, no electricity, running water or drains.

On some of the islands we were the first visitors they had seen for over four years, some had only a hundred or so inhabitants and one was uninhabited by humans but alive with birds and hermit crabs. The locals were as intrigued by us as we were by them. In each village there would be a church as the missionaries in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century had been prolific. They came from all facets of Christian churches but have now amalgamated into a "United Church". Unlike the village houses the Churches were well-built, cement and with tin roofs. Inside they would be very simple, but immaculately clean. No pews but lines drawn on the floor. Two had altars made from outrigger canoes.

We were taken to hot springs, boiling away and a hot sulphur river which stank of rotten eggs, but with turtles swimming happily. We visited a bay with an active volcano venting forth with a hot river flowing into the sea in which we were offered the chance to boil an egg. We descended into Japanese General Yanamoto's bunker where one can still see painted on the ceiling the map he used to plan Pearl Harbour. We ventured into tunnels hewn into a hill where the Japanese had hidden patrol boats which are still there.

My favourite island had to be my namesake Kitava. I asked what Kitava meant.  
First reply "Warrior" OK by me.  
Second reply "Fierce Warrior" OK by me.  
Third reply "Fierce Warriors who killed the men, plundered and stole the women"  
No comment by me.

There was little to buy by way of souvenirs. Giant cowries, conch shells and coral, no-no items as far as we were concerned, banana leaf weaving but we ended up with some basic wood carvings and a fearsome shark's tooth bracelet. Gillian had fun trying on and swapping headgear with various local ladies including the load of a woman carrying her

wares on her head to market, 4 coconuts and a large basket. Wait till she wears one at a village function.

The zodiacs would take us off snorkelling amongst the multi coloured coral reefs, with stinging tendrils swaying awaiting a prey, no large fish but myriads of small ones - often in huge technicoloured shoals. Swimming up to the Zodiacs and clambering on board, even with a ladder, was a severe test of elderly limbs. This area of the Pacific is known as a desert ocean with a minimal number of fish and the resultant paucity of birds. When we were at sea we saw very little wild life and a lone frigate bird or boobie was quite an event. We saw no other ships either.

Spare time on the ship was filled with illustrated talks given by one of the tour leaders. There were experts on just about everything, wild life, anthropologists, historians you name it. In the evening would be a recap on the day's activities with a preview of the following day. Quite a few of the passengers watched the visuals through their eyelids.

We were taken in the darkness to a fire dance ritual. Dancers in huge grotesque masks pranced around, and through (!) a blazing bonfire. Recent widows wailed in the background. It was eerie and quite unsettling. We were not made privy to the inner spiritual meanings.

The final island was Guam, a territory of the USA complete with American immigration (ugh). Our ship was escorted in by a US patrol boat with a manned machine gun on the stern. The island is well known for the WW2 battles with the Japanese. Our tour included an excellent museum and an incongruous old Spanish Plaza from way back and the rather sad Two Lovers' Point where two adoring teen-agers, forbidden to get married, jumped over a high cliff. Now a shrine to true love! We had lunch in Macy's!

Then suddenly it was all over. We flew back overnighting in Tokyo, but only saw a plastic hotel with a receptionist dressed as a Geisha girl who turned out to be more American than Japanese...and so back to sunny Thurleston, where as after any good holiday we needed a holiday to recover.

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Why not join members of the South Hams Society for their next **beach clean**, at **Rickham Gara**, on **Saturday 14 June**? You will be made very welcome. Meet at the Gara car park at noon for a fifteen-minute walk to the beach. Low tide 13.46BST. Other beach cleans are scheduled for 2014: **Yarmer** (6 September), **Rickham Gara** (11 October), **South Milton** (12 July, 20 December), **Soar Mill Cove** (9 August) and **West Charleton** (22 November).

For more information about these events, contact Vivien Napper on 01548 842405 or at < [viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk) > or Flo Stathers < [flostathers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:flostathers@hotmail.co.uk) > or at 01548 857567, or visit the website at < [www.southhamsociety.org](http://www.southhamsociety.org) >



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The Association is currently funding another project for children at Aveton Gifford primary school, and it is fortunate that the project is being run by Maya Plass, ACA member and author of the *RSPB Handbook of the Seashore*. Maya and the children are exploring the Devon Wildlife Trust's newly-created South Efford Marsh and its wide variety of plant and animal life. At [www.ourblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.ourblog.blogspot.co.uk) the project's 'bog blog' will bring you up-to-date with what is going on - it is well worth a visit! This early experience of wildlife and becoming inspired by the great outdoors is how we create future ecologists and conservation-minded adults.

As part of the project the Association has bought a 'bog box' consisting of various sampling nets, traps, field guides, binoculars and a simple microscope which we are prepared to loan, subsequently, to other *bona fide* interest groups or individuals. Maya's project is running over 10 workshops, finishing in May with an Open Day on the 5th June, when the local community and the school will be asked to come on guided tours of the marsh (led by the children). They believe this will be a truly transformational experience for the children involved and has only been made possible by the incredible generosity of several ACA members.

ACA would like to trace a Dr Woods, botanist of international repute, who used to visit Cockleridge Ham in the not too distant past. She stayed at the small abode on the river bank just upstream of the beach, opposite Bantham. Apparently, she maintained that of all the habitats she had experienced in her career, Cockleridge presented one of the most interesting. If she kept any records of her findings on Cockleridge, these could be of great conservational importance. If you know anything of relevance about this lady, please let ACA know. Stuart Watt's phone number is 01548-810373 and e-mail [sdrnw2@btopenworld.com](mailto:sdrnw2@btopenworld.com).

Here are a couple of dates for your diary.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, 1100 hours Cockleridge beach clean in association with the Marine Conservation Society (LW = 1245 hours)

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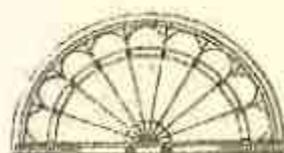


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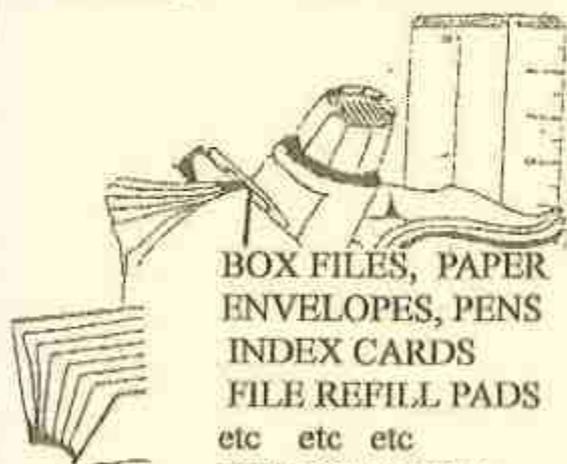
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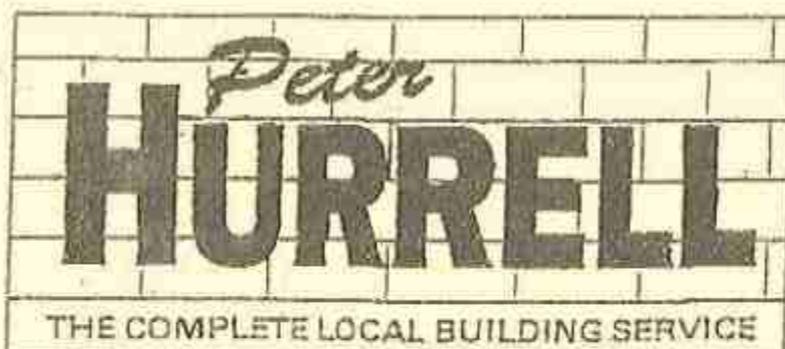
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# TRAMP



**1** On a cool, cloudy 21<sup>st</sup> March, officially the first day of Spring, eight walkers set off from Court Park. We headed down the hill to West Buckland, thence to East Buckland and past the well-manicured grounds of Clanacombe House where we were met by two more members who live in nearby Whitley.

From here the group headed along the fringe of a ploughed field and down and across grassy slopes towards the handsome Georgian residence of Worthy. The Bantham Roundabout to Bantham road was crossed without mishap and we tramped through the lush pasture of the field opposite until we reached an open gate overlooking the farm at Osborn Newton. At this point, the friendly farmer (on a quad bike) suggested we should alter our planned walking route in order to avoid a track to the farmhouse made squelchy by standing cattle. We were exceedingly grateful for this advice when we later observed the extreme degree of squelchiness of the area to which he had referred!

After passing the bullock-filled barns of Osborn Newton, the hikers made their way towards a tarmac road to Stadbury, part of the Avon Valley trail. From there we had a pleasant and uneventful descent to Stiddicombe Creek, a branch of the Avon Estuary, sadly litter-strewn after the recent storms. As we made our way through the dark reaches of Stiddicombe Wood, the scent of wild garlic reminded us again that Spring was upon us.

Once in full daylight again, we looked across the river to the Bigbury side and one of our party pointed out that the house opposite has connections with Daniel Defoe - hence its name Villa Crusoe. As we neared Bantham the exit route from the field was barred by a large gathering of frisky heifers. Mostly we were at a loss as to how to solve this predicament until Peter Gornall, with his

effective stick waving and carefully chosen words, persuaded the cattle to part and make a path for our exit.

The Sloop Inn was reached without further problems. Here the group separated, four to walk back to base through the fields whilst six of us were drawn to take welcome refreshment at the pub before tackling the upward return journey.

## Graham and Val Palmer

**2** I would have loved to have given a glowing report of my first walk as a TRAMP leader, with a merry band of hikers setting off in brilliant sunshine to enjoy the panoramic views of the coast, the Avon Estuary and the beautiful countryside with Dartmoor in the distance.... but it was not to be!

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April the weather was awful! It was pouring - as it had been all night - and there was a thick mist. Had I not been leading the walk I'd have stayed in bed! I sat in my car at Court Park, wondering who would turn up. There was no one there, just me - until... Alastair arrived! We drove to the start of the walk at Ayrmer Cove National Trust car park, Ringmore, where a friend was joining me for the walk. Now we were three enthusiastic walkers who had managed to convince ourselves that it was really OK and the sun would shine!

We took the path to Toby's Point, then followed the coast to Bigbury on Sea. I gave a virtual tour at this point - describing the wonderful sea views! From here we took the inland paths to Folly Farm - navigating through the dense sea mist by following the fence posts. From here we followed the Avon Estuary trail to Bigbury. Since we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces, we concentrated on studying the wild flowers which were just beautiful. From Bigbury village we walked across the fields, in driving rain, back to Ringmore.

Apart from the few people rushing to get

inside the cafe at Challaborough we didn't see a soul on the entire route! In spite of the weather, we all agreed that we'd had a very pleasant morning and congratulated ourselves on our pioneering spirit. Lunch at The Pickwick Inn was excellent – and I can recommend their half-price home-made pizzas!

### Linda Scott

3

Fifteen walkers - including this time two potential new Trampers - assembled doglessly on 15<sup>th</sup> April, a sunny morning with a cool south-easterly wind, then drove the tortuous route via Kingsbridge and Stokenham to the National Trust car-park near Prawle Point.

The first hour of the walk followed the SW Coast Path east-wards, in bright sunshine and a brisk on-shore breeze, within 50 yards of the breaking waves. As we passed the site of Maelcombe House - in the process of being demolished and redeveloped - the path became rougher and entered woodland as we approached Woodcombe Sands. Some early English bluebells were in evidence beside the path here, along with some highly pungent alexander (horse parsley).

After pausing for breath, and to admire the view of Lannacombe to the east, we left the Coast Path and climbed fairly stiffly uphill through primrose woods to the lanes and bridleways at Woodcombe, which brought us painlessly to East Prawle for an early lunch. Half the party made an unscheduled tour of the former council houses en route, but we managed to rendezvous after a few minutes at the Pig's Nose - famous for its fine ales and occasional rock concerts - where five walkers had lunch in the sun outside, while the remaining ten opted, puzzlingly, for the more gregarious and compact surroundings of a nearby cafe.

The second segment took us along the road past Higher Farm for a short distance, then gradually downhill along arguably the finest footpath in the South Hams, descending gradually into Elender Cove, with fine views to the west of Bolt Head and Overbecks. After pausing for a group photo, we re-joined the SWCP by negotiating the narrow path around Elender Cove, before one final slog -

prompting several pauses to admire the rugged charms of Gammon Head - up on to Prawle Point. Here we resisted the lure of the look-out huts and veered left down past the former coastguard cottages to re-join the cars.

### David Radford

4

The walk between Shaugh Bridge and Cadover Bridge on the River Plym had just about everything you could ask for in a good walk - a track through woods carpeted with bluebells; going alongside the river listening to the play of the water over the rocks; trekking through open moorland with extensive views to the tors on the western fringe of Dartmoor (such as Great Mis Tor) and a lovely view over Plymouth Sound.

Fourteen of us set off on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May from the car park at Shaugh Bridge; firstly a steepish climb, but rewarded with splendid views across the valley to the Dewerstone Rock, which is a favourite place for rock-climbers. Then we went through a wooded area and found our breath taken away by the beautiful sight of bluebells carpeting the woods. The path then descended gradually to the river where we sat a while to drink in the surrounding beauty. On to Cadover Bridge which is a favourite picnic spot in the summer, but today curiously deserted.

Having crossed the river, we made our way across Wigford Down - the high ground here affording marvellous views over to the west of Dartmoor and ahead of us to Plymouth Sound. We reached Dewerstone Hill which is a fairly insignificant outcrop of rock (1), whence we descended to the river. Our descent took us past the ruins of a winding house which housed machinery operating trucks carrying granite down the slope on a pulley system. It was interesting to be reminded of the industrial nature of the area, and to imagine all the activity there in former times, which also included china clay extraction. Our 5 mile excursion ended by crossing the river once again back to the car park. Several of us then called in at the pub in Shaugh Prior, the White Thorn Inn, for a welcome drink and snack.

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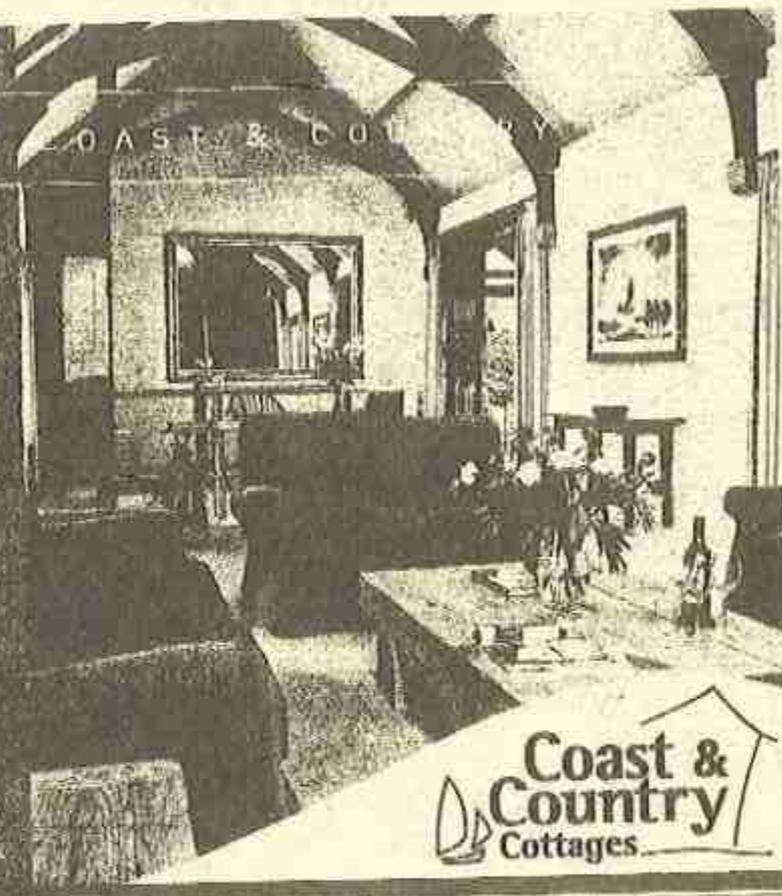
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## April

Seventy members of Thurlestone, Salcombe, South Milton and West Alvington WI plus four visitors enjoyed a joint afternoon meeting of the Sea Coast Group at Thurlestone early in the month. Guest speaker Robert Hesketh brought Adrienne, his wife, along and she kindly played the piano for us before his talk and during refreshments.

Robert told us how Devon's newspapers reported the outbreak and early years of the First World War in 1914, including events leading up to the conflict. When hostilities commenced newspaper reporting of the fighting was heavily censored and only three days after war was declared a 'press bureau' was set up under the Defence of the Realm Act (DORA).

Journalists were quick to christen it the 'repress bureau' as their writing became increasingly curtailed. As well as reporting on the fighting in Europe, food became a significant part of the news - illicit hoarding, purchasing at inflated prices and other dodgy unpatriotic activities were keenly followed up and condemned.

There was a group competition 'A Newspaper Heading' which had to be interpreted with a display of handicraft, cooking and floristry. This called for ingenuity and creativity at which Salcombe was eventually judged the best with South Milton runners-up. Our very good entry, which was concerned with the Alex Salmond vote for an Independent Scotland, despite a clever Loch Ness Monster cake, failed to impress the judge (the speaker)!

At the monthly meeting John Allen and Carole Lewis of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) gave a very good presentation on why the numbers of some of our more familiar garden birds were dropping. As well as the super photographs they showed, each bird song was played from recordings, which added an extra dimension to their talk.

The pub lunch outing to the Treby Arms at Sparkwell had been a success. Thurlestone came fifth out of 19 teams in the final round of the county quiz, a mere four points behind the final winners, and the team of four - Joan Booth, Judith Le Grice, Pat Macdonald and Lisa White - was congratulated.

## May

Lisa White was re-elected President at May's annual meeting. Karen Livett (Secretary) and Wendy Neukirchen (Treasurer) retired from office and were replaced by Jo Odams and Sally Martin. In Lisa's absence her address was read by Vice-President Pat Clarke. Warm appreciation of the work of committee members, particularly Karen and Wendy, was expressed together with that of non-committee members. All of them had been supportive and cooperative and it was this dedication that made our WI an enjoyable and happy one.

The national resolution calling on members to make their wishes known regarding organ donation, and to encourage others to do likewise, was given a mandate by our WI. First names out of the hat for our two bursaries to Denman College were Mary Tregelles and Margaret Illingworth, with Jean Jones and Heather Hickey as reserves. Monday morning's Yeo Room sewing group had restarted. Wendy gave an entertaining account of the visit she and five other members made to the county's spring meeting at Torquay, which had Kate Humble as the main speaker.

## Future Events

# On 12 June our visiting speaker will be Christopher Stephens, whose talk will be on Staffordshire Victorian flat-back figures.

# On 17 June there would be an 'away' lunch at the Riverford Farm's Field Kitchen with optional farm walks - one short, one longer.

# On 10 July Marilyn Bishop will talk to us about international art theft.

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Tougher

No. 96

### Humble Pie on the Chateau Menu

A typographically errant 3 in row 5, cell 8, of puzzle number 94 (Tougher) was quickly spotted by many readers, challenged, and the required repositioning to cell 9 advised. For those who did not spot it, and still remain puzzled, please accept our apologies. Our exhortation to "check for inadvertent misprints" came back to haunt us! Nevertheless, all ELEVEN entries received were all correct and another ballot was required to identify a winner, who proved to be **Vera Pailthorpe**. Congratulations to Vera (the grand cru is en route), and to all who triumphed over the misprint. Entries this time to 25 Mead Lane as usual, by 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014, and again - please check for those unintended misprints. Hopefully, the pie will soon be finished....



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## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

A mixture of news for me to report from Thurlestone this edition. Conditions have certainly been more benign than earlier in the year, but we've still had the occasional interruption due to the elements. We have though enjoyed some wonderful days and Easter weekend was a cracker so the motto must surely be 'make play while the sun shines'!

Continuing in the weather vein, members and guests who have played recently could be excused for asking themselves what the fuss about winter storms was all about. The course is in immaculate condition with fairways and greens playing as true as they ever have. Reiterating what others in recent weeks have said, our Course Manager, Vic Dyer, and his team have done a wonderful job getting things back to normal and deserve great credit. A quick look at Leasfoot Beach however will remind them just what we were subjected to. The original access road to Lockslea is still in a state of collapse with any decision regarding its reinstatement awaiting a decision by the South Hams District Council, and the back of the beach remains vulnerable to any further storms coinciding with high tides. The remedial reinforcement work that took place at the western end of the beach to secure the culvert and prevent ingress has held up well, but it would be a mistake to believe that the project is now complete. Members will be kept abreast of any developments through the Club newsletters and given the nature of the local bush telegraph other Thurlestone readers of the Village Voice won't be far behind.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May we hosted the Rotary Club of Kingsbridge Estuary for their Charity Day. Needless to say we all thoroughly enjoyed the day and were delighted with the level of support. The following week we also hosted the regional round of the Mercedes Trophy. This is the largest amateur competition in the world, with the final taking place in

Mercedes' home city of Stuttgart. The same week saw our first round match of the Parker Trophy against Elfordleigh being played at Wrangaton on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. The team, captained again this year by Darrell Day, are the defending champions, so put in plenty of hard practice in preparation. Unfortunately, on the day the match ended in a loss, the score being Elfordleigh 2, Thurlestone 1. Following shortly after this fixture is our second round match against Exeter in the Palaret Memorial Trophy. Although getting off to a slightly hesitant start against Teign Valley our Dartmoor League team are in good spirits and confident of picking up momentum. Results and word of our progress will feature in my report for the next Village Voice.

The good news from the tennis section is that the resurfacing of the hard courts was completed in time for Easter. Not only are they reported to be amongst the best, if not the best, hard courts in the area they are also attracting great booking and playing interest. For example the Easter weekend saw 100% take up on Saturday, with Sunday and Monday equally booked, albeit some sessions were interrupted by rain. We fully expect this interest to continue as the summer progresses. Inevitably, however, there will be quiet periods during the week when members do not wish to play. The Club therefore has agreed to open the courts to paying visitors. Anyone driving past the club in recent weeks will have seen the banner, secured to the court netting, advising the public that visitors are welcome to play and may book and pay either on-line or through the Pro's shop. We believe this will be of interest to residents of Thurlestone and the surrounding area, so look forward to welcoming you to our club.

On the social front the Pro's roll-up on Friday evenings is gathering pace and rumour has it the keg beer selection in the bar is about to expand. The Annual Ball has been postponed until the Autumn due to the clash with the Bank Holiday weekend. The new date will be advised shortly. Following a number of Friday evening social events the next major event to start thinking about is the Club Summer Party on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Meantime I hope the build up to summer is going well for you all and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the course and the courts and in the clubhouse.

**David S F Smyth**

### LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

I am delighted to be able to inform you all that Kay Morley has agreed to become my Vice Captain. Kay has been a golfer for over sixty years and a member at Thurlestone for thirty of those years. Her early golf was restricted to playing casually as her time was taken up with running the Village Inn and the Village Store in Thurlestone but with more time over the last few years she has become actively involved at the Club and has served on the Ladies Committee since 2011, becoming Handicap Secretary in 2013. Kay, as Vice Captain and then Lady Captain in 2015, will be a huge asset to the Ladies Section and Ladies Committee, and I, personally, wish her every success.

There has been plenty of competitive golf during March and April; the March Medal was won by Wendy Laud with a gross 77 nett 72 which earned a handicap reduction to 5. The runner up in division one was Laura Tregelles with nett 74 followed by Gill Hicks in third place with nett 77. Division two winner was Trish Bowman with 77 nett, second Lesley Davey with 81 nett and third Anne Seymour 82 nett.

The following week we held a team matchplay event 'The Spring Challenge'; thirty two ladies played in four teams named after Spring flowers. The winning team was Daffodil with 4.5 points. Wendy Laud, Trish Cooper, Sally Rossiter and Mary Wilkes each contributed a point winning their singles matches and Lizzie Britton halved her match. They each received daffodil and primrose arrangements and all enjoyed the day.

Our March Stableford attracted an entry of thirty eight ladies even though it was a cold and windy day. Shona Wilson with 38 points took the honours in Division one, with Wendy Laud second 36 points and third Pattie McPhie 35 points. Division two winner was Nicole Carter on count back from Paula Orr with 38 points and third Sally Rossiter also with 38 points. The nine hole

Stableford was won by Mary Wilkes with 19 points, from Liz Line 16 points.

Our final competition in March was a Club Foursomes event combined with the Killard Leavy Qualifier. Jenny Roberts and Heather Spencer topped the field in the Club Foursomes with 33 points and the Killard Leavy Foursomes for lady vets was won by Shona Wilson and Liz Sharman with 29 points. They go on to represent the Club at the Devon Autumn Meeting at Honiton. Ann Best and Anne Seymour were also in the money recording the only two of the day at the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The first competition in April was the monthly Medal, and a windy and damp day saw the field reduced to 22 ladies. Barbara Smith won Division one with a nett 71 from Gill Hicks with a nett 72, on count back, from Jenny Roberts who was third. Division two was won by Inger Reeve 75 nett, second Sally Rossiter 76 nett, and third Jane Mahood 78 nett. The following week we held the County Bowmaker Qualifier and Laura Tregelles, Wendy Stewart and Jane Mason were the victors and go on to represent the Club at the Bowmaker Finals to be held in October at Dainton Park.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the monthly Stableford was held in conjunction with the Stableford Winners Trophy. There were forty six entries on a fine sunny day and the winner on this occasion was Carol Yarrow with an excellent 39 points. Jane Mason was runner up with 34 points and Laura Tregelles third with 33 points. Division two was won by Zoe Lepere with 36 points followed by Liz Sharman 35 points and third Lesley Davey 34 points. Liz Sharman won the Stableford Winners Trophy for the second year in succession. The nine hole Stableford was won by Jacqui Tillott 17 points on countback from Ann Williams.

Next in April was a Texas Scramble, reduced to fourteen holes because of a dreadful weather forecast. Those ladies who decided early on to cancel were heard, later in the day, to complain about the BBC forecast as weather conditions improved early on and all who played enjoyed a fine day with plenty of sunshine! The team of Lesley Saffin, Inger Reeve & Janice Croke were first with Wendy Laud, Pam Ledger & Trish Bowman second.

Our April competitions ended with the Warren Crocus Qualifier and the two pairs who won each division go on to represent the Club at the finals to be played at The

Warren in the Autumn. Silver Division winners were Jenny Roberts and Heather Spencer and Bronze Division winners were Pam St Leger and Liz Sharman.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we held a Mixed Greensomes; the move to expand the field by allowing any combination of ladies and gentlemen resulted in a good turnout of 23 teams. Sunny but bracing conditions made for a test of character and perseverance but with precipitation restricted to a minor dusting of hail, there were few complaints. The winners on this occasion with a splendid 42 points were Anthony & Janice Croke, second on 38 points came the junior pair of George Holland & Finn Whelan (combined age 27 years) and third with 37 points were the seasoned duo of Will Baker & Kevin Mingo.

Wendy & Philip Laud had a 73 gross (44 pts) in the Easter Mixed Greensomes, including two 2s. They won on count back from Keith & Denise Crawford with Margaret & Jeremy Tucker third with 42 points.

Our early matches during March were all 'Friendlies'. It was a chance to practice our match play before the serious matches begin and to enjoy meeting old friends, having a meal, and catching up in the Club House afterwards. Our teams recorded two halves and one loss against Staddon Heights, Churston and Dainton Park respectively.

April saw our Club County Teams in action. Our scratch Still Cup team, who were facing a strong East Devon side, lost 5 matches to 2, and our Presidents Trophy team also lost against Honiton. However, our Sheelah Creasy team led by Captain Anne Seymour had an excellent win against Dainton Park 5½ to 1½ matches. Winners were Liz Sharman, Kay Morley, Nicole Carter, Pam St Leger and Bernice Sweetman, and Jenny Mckeague halved. Well done, girls!

Jenny Roberts and Heather Spencer were successful in the first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes but unfortunately lost in a hard fought match to Bigbury in the second round. We also lost, in sudden death, to Bigbury in the Mail on Sunday first round. However, Midge Henderson and Wendy Laud reached the second round of the Doris Wills Little County Foursomes event, winning a closely fought first round against The Warren by 1 up at Churston.

On the social side we held a very successful

coffee morning on a wet and windy April Monday morning! The ladies made over £850 for their team travel fund, with stalls selling cakes, preserves, books, plants, vegetables and nearly new clothing and a raffle. Thanks to all the ladies for their support and generosity.

Looking ahead to the next two months we have our Lady Captains Day in June, together with a 'fun' day remembering our past lady members and raising money for our Lady Captain's charity which is the Chemotherapy Outreach Project. Let us hope that the weather is kind!

**Wendy Laud**

### JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

The Devon Schools Championships was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March at Exeter Golf and Country Club. Our Juniors performed creditably, the highest placed being Finn Whelan, 8<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 103, with 38 points. Ben Woods and James Tait playing Exeter for the first time took a liking to the course with 37 and 36 pts respectively. George Holland 35, Tom Orr 33, Ethan Mulligan 32, and Beth Yeoman 28, completed Thurlestone's representation in a competition which also contained a team element.

Thurlestone players representing the Kingsbridge Community College team, Woods, Whelan and Holland, finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams. The team featuring Ethan Mulligan were hot on their heels finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great testament to the work carried out over the winter and spring by the Professional team at Thurlestone, Steve White, Pete Mitchell and Jack Wallace who now have numbers approaching 50 players at their weekend Junior Academy.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we held a Junior Stableford which included three different competitions. The CONGU juniors off the yellow tees played 18 holes and the winner was George Holland with 40 points, from Ben Woods (36), Finn Whelan (35), and James Tait (34). Off the red tees the winner was Sammy Ingham with 43 points who will get a handicap reduction next time. Off the blue tees medal competition the winner with a gross 49 was Magnus Greatorex, from Oliver Griffiths with a gross 54.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April we held a Junior stableford 18 hole competition, won by George Holland (10) with 39 pts, from Ben Woods (23) with 38, and Toby Woods (28) with 32 points. The Non-congu competition for younger juniors was won by Toby White with gross 32 from Lucas Mulligan and Oliver Griffiths both with gross 38.

In the Mens knockout competition first round junior vice captain Tom Orr beat George Holland by 4/3 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

In April the first round of the Devon Juniors Basil Steer knockout competition; was played against Tavistock. Unfortunately we lost by 2 matches to 1. Junior captain Jamie Johnson (3) lost 4/3, Tom Orr (6) narrowly lost on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. George Holland (10) won 3/2. We also lost the first round of The Tamar Cup to Lanhydrock at Whitsand Bay. George Holland and Ben Woods scored a half in their match but the other matches were lost.

The April Spring Meeting for Devon juniors at Torquay was moved to 8<sup>th</sup> August due to bad weather. Our entries are Tom Orr, Ethan Mulligan, George Holland, Finn Whelan, and Jamie Johnson. The Devon

Junior Whitsun Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May at Downes Crediton had Tom Orr, George Holland and Finn Whelan entered, and their results will be given in our next report.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Thurlestone hosted the West Devon League Adult and Junior competition. Two teams of Adult and junior entered from seven Devon clubs. Our entries were Jamie Johnson and George Fountain (36 pts) , and Tom Orr and Derek Harwood (39 pts). The two Stableford scores were added together and the winning team were Dartmouth (82 pts) from Wrangaton (80), and Yelverton (78). Thurlestone came 5<sup>th</sup> with 75 pts. The trophy shield and vouchers were presented by club captain Dave Smyth.

Monday junior club evening numbers are building up and Jack Wallace and volunteers Janet Richardson, Nigel Whelan, Graham Cant, Gwen Hale, Mike Please, have been taking juniors round the course. We would welcome more volunteers to help on Mondays from 4-6pm, so if you could help please contact Jack in the pro shop or Steve Gledhill in the main office.

**Liz Line**

## THURLESTONE SUMMER TENNIS

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The calendar for members is shown below. For further information about tournaments, events and coaching please see the notice boards or contact Janet Richardson on 856007.

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Saturday 5 July	'Wimblestone' Open Tennis Event
Monday 14 July	Holiday programme starts
Saturday 19 July	Woodhead Mixed Doubles Cup
Friday 25 July	Thurlestone Quaich – Golf and Tennis
Tuesday 29 July	July and Lepere Junior Cups
Tuesday 5 August	Egan and Leonard Junior Cups
Saturday 9 August	Bryan Brown Senior Mixed Doubles Cup
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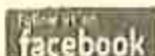
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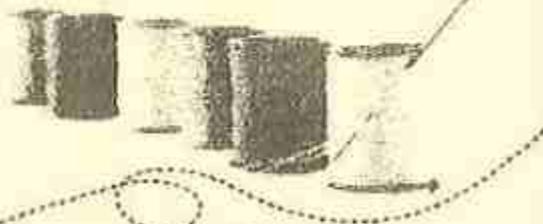
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# Thurlestone & South Milton Annual Horticultural Show



As well as our annual show we hold an annual plant sale which this year was on 10 May. We would like to thank all those kind people who came and bought plants - they made the event a great success - and the profit from this helps to run our show every August.

This year's show is on **Saturday 2 August at Thurlestone Parish Hall, 2.30pm**, and we are much looking forward to welcoming lots of entries and visitors to this always enjoyable and colourful event. Make a note in your diary to come along and enjoy it with us.

To help you decide what to grow, below is a list of the vegetable and flower classes this year, but the full schedule, which will also include the crafts, flower arranging, children's and cookery items, will be in the Post Office at Thurlestone and the shop at Bantham as you read this. For the first time there is a new "Men Only" cake class as we know the parish is full of good gentlemen cooks - *this is a challenge for all of them!*

## VEGETABLES/FRUIT

Potatoes, round and oval, coloured and white	Shallots, hybrid and non-hybrid
Runner beans	French beans
Onions from sets	Onions from seed
Peas	Carrots, stump
Carrots long or intermediate	Beetroot, globe
Lettuce	Courgettes
Tomatoes (excluding cherry)	Tomatoes (novelty, excl. beefsteak)
Tomatoes (cherry)	Parsley
Vegetable marrows	Cucumbers (under glass)
Leeks	Soft fruit
Herb collection	2 vegetable not on schedule
Longest runner bean	Heaviest onion
Funniest misshapen vegetable	Potato collection
Salad potatoes	Top Tray vegetables
Kitchen basket collection of vegetables	

## FLOWERS/POT PLANTS

Fuchsia heads	Dahlias, ball, decorative, pompon, cactus
Gladioli	Sweet peas
Pansies	Roses, hybrid tea, one bloom, floribunda
Hydrangeas	Annuals
Flowering bulbs	Foliage and flowering pot plants
Pot fuchsia	Flowering shrubs
Potted and flowering pelargonium	Vase of garden flowers

*We hope this list will help you decide what to grow and to enter the results in the show. We would particularly like to encourage more children's entries from the two parishes - they always make an imaginative and enjoyable addition to the day - and to encourage those residents who like arranging flowers to try their hand at exhibiting their skills this year.*

Show secretary Caroline Alderton can be contacted on 01548-562250.

# pearson pre-school

Thurlestone School, Thurlestone, Devon TQ7 3NB Telephone - 01548 560816

It's been a busy term already at Pearson Pre-school. Every term has its own theme and this term it's 'All about me' which includes 'where I live' and 'staying safe'. Lots of our parents do interesting and amazing jobs, so we ask them to come in and talk to the children, doing a 'show and tell' all of their own.

We have had a Police Officer in this term to talk to the children about staying safe and the role they play within the community. We have also been visited by a Dental Hygienist to talk about oral hygiene and an optician to discuss the importance of looking after our eyes. This week, we have had a fitness coach and lifeguard in to visit and talk to the children about the importance of staying safe on the beach. All the children have loved these visits, and have learnt a great deal about the world around them.

By the time you read this we will have just hosted our AGM, so we shall post updates on the new committee and its plans for 2014 and beyond in the next update. You may or may not be aware that Pearson is a voluntary charitable association and requires a committee to run it. We have been lucky enough to have a team of dedicated parents who give so much of their time and energy for free, to support the running of the Preschool and to support Linda and her team of Early Years Practitioners. Without

these volunteers on the committee, Pearson could not legally continue to run.

Funds are raised through our many and varied fundraising events, like the Friday Tea Shop at the school and the ever popular PuppetCraft show that we hold in November in the Parish Hall. These events are a vital contribution to enable Linda and her team to provide the children with a wide selection of high quality educational resources. Pearson Pre School is highly deserving of its "Outstanding" Ofsted Report result. If you have any free time to help the committee please do let us know, as we would love volunteers to help with any job, large or small including supporting our teasshop by supplying some fairy cakes, brownies or other yummy goodies!

Looking forward we have the thrills and spills of 'Sports Day'. The Pearson sports day is a wonderful event where Grandparents, Parents, family and friends come along to cheer on the children as they take part in a selection of fun races with support from the year 6 children from All Saints Primary School. During the event a wide selection of refreshments are on offer to purchase along with a raffle draw. Quite the best spectacle you could wish for, and an almighty achievement for the staff and pupils that they manage something resembling a sporting event at all. Good luck for this year Linda!



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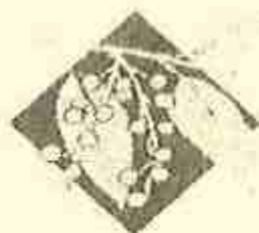
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# SCHOOL REPORT

By Bett Rhymes

Over my time of writing for Village Voice I have shared with you much of what happens inside our school – the varied lessons, sporting events, residential stories and federation news. What I have neglected to keep you informed with is the range of extra curricular activities that are on offer to the children. Even after a full day at school many of the children are keen to extend their learning further. They are very fortunate in having an exciting range of activities to choose from.

## ALL KEYED UP



I, like many others, have become quite quick on a computer keyboard but I know my freestyle typing lacks finesse and efficiency. It's more quirky than qwerty! Many of our children take part in touch typing club run by Lesley Bolan of All Keyed Up. Under Lesley's guidance the pupils learn to master a keyboard using all fingers correctly, without looking at the keys. This skill will help them to produce fast and accurate work which will benefit them as they progress through their education and on to future employment. As they progress and improve their words per minute they are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

This has proven to be a very popular club which always has a waiting list. Those that take part thoroughly enjoy it and clearly benefit from gaining correct keyboard skills before bad habits set in. Alas, my typing skills are not my only bad habit beyond correction!

## READY STEADY COOK



Mrs Ramsden bravely transforms from reception teacher to master chef once a week to head up a cookery club for the school's younger children – years 1 & 2.

Such is the demand for this club Chef Ramsden has had to split the thirty children into two groups. In true Ready, Steady, Cook

style we have a green pepper group and a red tomato group. These little chefs have been pretty adventurous with their recipes – no chocolate crispy cakes or jam tarts for these foodies. They have been creating delicious fruity flapjacks, apple pastries, fish cakes and even had a go at pancakes at the start of lent. What fun for them being able to toss their own pancakes. I don't think too many ended up stuck on the ceiling! Cooking has been re-invented recently and it is refreshing to see these young boys and girls being so enthusiastic about making food. May be we have a future Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood in the making?

## ON YOUR MARKS.....



As you know, Thurlestone school has achieved great sporting success over the years. Its provision for plenty of sports opportunities is one of the schools strengths. Much of the training and education forms part of the P.E lessons but the majority of the skills and team building takes place during the various sports clubs headed by Mrs Holland. The end of school bell rings at 3.30pm but this by no means signals the end of school for some fifty plus children on a Friday night. For as long as I can remember, Mrs Holland has run sports club on a Friday after school – all year round.

In the winter the enthusiastic children take part in netball, football and rugby. During the summer term they turn their hand to rounders and cricket. We are very fortunate to have the

help of parents and volunteers to support in coaching various sports. At the moment those learning the complexities of cricket are benefiting from the expertise of Mr Cricket, Martin Webb. His passion for the game cannot fail to rub off on these keen bowlers and batsmen. Our budding young sports enthusiasts gain so much from taking part in sports clubs – they grow in confidence and ability and learn to understand the importance of being part of a team. On top of all this they go home tired out on a Friday night. Happy kids=happy parents!

## LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION



Film clubs are run in many primary and secondary schools following their launch by National Lottery funding. Mr Bosence runs Thurlestones film club for the twenty KS2 children who have signed up for the club. At their weekly session the film buffs get to watch a range of interesting and thought provoking films. These include The Great Escape, E.T and Duck Soup. Following some discussion the children take part in an online review and rating of the films watched. These reviews then become available to partaking schools to view which, in turn, helps decide which films to select for viewing.

The children greatly enjoy their afternoon at the Thurlestone cinema, not just for their exposure to films they may not ordinarily watch but partly due to the real cinema atmosphere created. A darkened room, comfy chairs and the other cinema necessity – popcorn!

## MUSIC MAESTRO PLEASE



Music is an art that is enjoyed by many and can be enjoyed for a lifetime. Taking the first footsteps on this journey with music is encouraged at All

Saints. We have five independent music teachers that visit our school who each take several pupils for private lessons. Children from reception through to Year 6 are learning to play violin, classical guitar, and drums. Piano still proves very popular, especially the Suzuki piano method which includes parents to take part in the lesson. It's lovely to see and hear the duet of parent and child sharing their love of music.

For those that like to warm their vocal chords, Mrs Dawo conducts a choir club. Plenty of the boys and girls from year 2 and upwards take part in the sing-a-long. The choir recently performed at Thurlestone church as part of the federation's Easter R.E week and clearly enjoyed doing so. These talented musicians and choristers are on the road to enjoying many years of fun and pleasure from music.

## ON THE ALLOTMENT



For several years, the pond at the bottom of the field had not been paid enough attention and had become overgrown with weeds and grasses. This year it was decided to bring the ground back to use by turning it into a garden. The area was cleared, dug and transformed into a user friendly gardening space – our allotment.

Some fruit trees have been planted in the centre and beds have been created around the edge for growing vegetables and flowers. There is talk of setting up a gardening club but initially to get the allotment going each class has been allocated a garden space to use this term. The enthusiastic gardeners have been busy tilling their patch, planting beans, courgettes, sunflowers, mange tout, and potatoes. They are getting so much pleasure from nurturing their plants and watching them grow and of course, the inevitable gardeners challenge of who can grow the best and biggest is underway!

*Understandably, it's very rare to hear the children of All Saints saying "School is boring!"*



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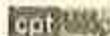
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# Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

After a "Sun Dog" experience on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at East Portlemouth it is no surprise at all that this afternoon (Monday 5<sup>th</sup>) the rain came! I am reminded most vividly of a conversation with the late Derrick Yeoman about this phenomenon. He told of an encounter with a visiting golfer who had a "Sun Dog" pointed out to him. Derrick said that it would rain within 48hrs for sure. It did, and the visitor was most impressed!

What is a "Sun Dog"? Its other name is a mock sun or parhelion, and I think I have written about it before. But you may like to hear about a recent local sighting. On Saturday, the bell-ringers, sitting on a box tomb in the churchyard, were fascinated.

It lasted quite a long time and was as classic an example as I have seen. It looked like a bright spot in the sky that resembled the sun at a distance from the actual sun. It had a sort of half halo and was among a layer of cirrus or cirrostratus clouds thick enough to catch the light from the sun. The individual colours of the spectrum split into a small halo showing the classic colours. The higher the sun is in the sky, the farther from the sun the mock sun will be seen. It is a sign that ice crystals are present in the clouds and the altitude they occur can be between 20,000 and 40,000 feet. This can also be a the precursor of an oncoming rain-bearing front - so it rains! This latest one to be observed fitted the pattern exactly as Derrick would have predicted.

Today, 16<sup>th</sup> May, the weather is fantastic - warm, sunny, calm .... and dry, of course. I noted in my weather diary for May 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 "*A wild day and even more so in the night. 12.5mm rain by 4.00pm, temps 9°C or less. A memorably rotten day. Thousands without power in Cornwall. So far so good here!*" May 15<sup>th</sup> reads "*Less rain in the night 3.5mm, windy but not a gale. Fine all day with sporadic sunshine. Snow in Shropshire 2-4inches, Also Princetown on the moor. Quite cold during the night, 4.8°C.*" By Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> "*A lovely day at last. 2°C in the night then 12 hours of sunshine though a chilly north-west airstream, 15°C max today*". So we have been blessed this year by comparison. Top temperature here yesterday 19.1°C, probably more today, good beach weather.

The winds have been horrendous since the New Year and this stirs me to think about particular winds with names. Many of you will be familiar with "the Mistral" and "the Fohn" and many others, mainly in foreign climes. A gale force wind, the Helm, which howls down the eastern side of the Lake District is Britain's best known, blowing at any time of the year but most common in spring. With its accompanying cloud (the Helm Bar), it roars off Cross Fell at the top of the of the Pennines at up to 90 miles per hour, fast enough to take a roof off a barn or pin customers of the Hartside Café into their cars, often blowing for days and is said to madden the locals!

It is not unusual to have snow in May. I remember my garden in the village being coated with a good layer of snow out of which peeped the polyanthus and wallflowers which were in full bloom. It didn't last long but caused a stir in the area to the delight of the children. It ruined the celebrations marking King George V's Silver Jubilee on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1935. Yorkshire fared badly and cars had to be abandoned and trains

derailed as England recorded its lowest ever May temperature. 1955 brought the worst May snowstorm for 60 years to Birmingham, the Cotswolds and the Chilterns. George White held his farm sale at Shute Farm, South Milton and it was certainly bitterly cold then.

I have looked up August 3<sup>rd</sup> in *The Wrong Kind of Snow* and, oh dear, I wish I hadn't! The heading (1879) was "Hail smashes the House of Commons, and almost every glasshouse in the Thames valley, Kew gardens Temperate House and Paxton's Great Palm House suffered extensive damage". In 1846, when the temperature was 32°C, hail shattered more than 7,000 window panes in the Houses of Parliament, 300 at Old Scotland Yard, 10,000 in Leicester Square, almost every pane of glass in Regent Street, Somerset House, and Burlington Arcade. The picture gallery at Buckingham Palace also suffered flooding but luckily no works of art were damaged.

I will conclude with a quote from Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* (1818) "To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure, is the most perfect refreshment....." So come on, gardeners, get the weeding done among the vegetables and flowers ready for the annual show on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, this year at Thurlestone Parish Hall.

Weather Synopsis for April 2013 and 2014 at Beach Cottage, South Milton

	2013	2014
<b>Wind</b>	General Direction = 15 days Westerlies 15 days Easterlies Speed = top gust 41mph on 14 <sup>th</sup> Lowest daily mean 4mph on 25 <sup>th</sup>	16 days 14 days 45mph on 27 <sup>th</sup> 3mph on 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Rainfall</b>	Number of wet days = 9 Highest daily amount = 9.1mm on 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Monthly total = 34.9mm Monthly average = 62.5mm over 15 years	13 days 14.2mm on 26 <sup>th</sup> 64.2mm 69.3mm
<b>Temperature</b>	Highest daily = 18.8°C on 11 <sup>th</sup> Lowest daily = -3°C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest daily mean = 12.4°C on 11 <sup>th</sup> Lowest daily mean = 2.5°C on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monthly mean = 8.2°C Average over 15 years = 10.5°C	18.2°C on 25 <sup>th</sup> 3.6°C on 19 <sup>th</sup> 14.1°C on 21 <sup>st</sup> 8.9°C 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> 11°C 11.07°C
<b>Barometer</b>	Highest = 1036mb on 20 <sup>th</sup> Lowest = 1700mb on 12 <sup>th</sup>	1031mb 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> 1000mb on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Sunshine</b>	Sunniest day = 13.6 ours on 19 <sup>th</sup> Total for month = 155.9 hours No sun on 8 days Less than 1 hour = 2 days Average over 15 years = 169.15 hours	15.6 hours on 10 <sup>th</sup> 185.1 hours 4 days 5 days 138.76 hours

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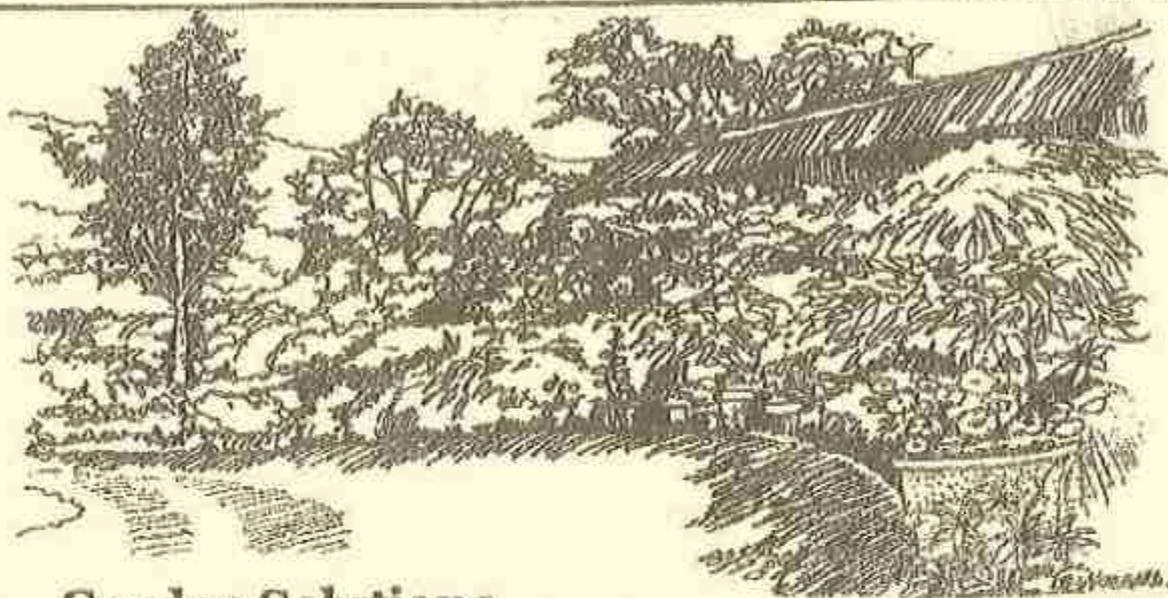
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