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### Discreet Visitor sighted

Our front cover photograph was taken by Graham Palmer from Court Park a few nights ago, when he captured a rare sighting of Mrs Tiggywinkle. She is an elusive spring and summer visitor. Many residents (Graham Included) have never even caught a glimpse of her in more than thirty years - but now this evidence that she has not completely abandoned us is rather heartwarming and reassuring, and we accept that the discreet way she goes about her business is something that comes quite naturally to her.

Mrs Tiggy (if we may be excused the familiarity) is not the only discreet visitor spotted here recently. There have been several unconfirmed sightings of the new owner of the Bantham estate in various parts of the parish. However, Evans Estates have played the straightest of bats over the identity of this gentleman, vowing not to disclose his name until his signature was dry on the contract of sale. It was not till 17 September that the media were finally able to confirm that Mr Nicholas Johnston of the Great Tew Estate in Oxfordshire was the new owner.

This rather spoiled our idea that, in view of his discreet ventures into the parish, we might call him "Mr Tiggy" until his identity was revealed. Whoever "Mr Tiggy" turned out to be would, of course, be assured of as warm a Thurlestone parish welcome as his "better half". But readers may also reflect that, in the natural order of things, few hedgehogs (or Scottish thistles for that matter) come without any prickles at all.

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### A LETTER FROM YOUR MP

By Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

Scotland has decided. This was not only a triumph for political engagement but a vote of confidence in the most successful political union in history. Now our long wait on the sidelines has come to an end and we too must have a say about the implications of greater devolution for the rest of the United Kingdom. The referendum result was not a vote for business as usual. I am pleased the Prime Minister has acknowledged that we must have English votes for English laws, ending the long standing inequity of Scottish MPs voting on Issues which do not effect their own constituents. We also need further debate about funding to make sure that people in need are as important wherever they live in Great Britain and that this formula recognises age and rurality as well as deprivation.

I know many people are concerned about the state of our coast paths so it is terrific news that the South West Coast Path Association has secured a £1m investment from the Coastal Communities Fund. The long job of repairing the damage after the winter storms continues and I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their help.

In other good news, there has been a 54% fall in unemployment, as measured by the number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance, since 2010. Nationally the overall figure has finally fallen below 1 million and the majority are higher skilled and full time jobs.

This autumn the Health Select Committee, which I chair, is holding an inquiry in to public expenditure on health and social care. I am keen to examine the wider questions about the NHS and social care that have been sent to me over the past few years.

Questions have been asked about the levels of private and voluntary sector involvement in the NHS, alongside the wider effects of competition and any impact on patients' experience. I would like to make sure that the NHS has stuck to its legally binding commitment to remain free at the point of use, based on need and not ability to pay. I would like to hear your views on these matters. Any evidence must be submitted by the 24th of October and you can submit via the following website:

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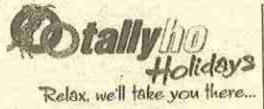
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### Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 News & Views by Citizen

### ATTENDANCE

Five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, County and District Councillors and five members of the public were present.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

# WW1 Exhibition Robin Macdonald said more than 300 people had attended the Exhibition over the August Bank Holiday weekend. As a result of fund raising via a Cheese & Wine lunch and quiz, a surplus of £300 was in hand. The organisers would be making donations to both the Devon British Legion and Help for Heroes, and would also like to give back the £100 kindly donated by the Parish Council to offset costs.

This was appreciated but declined by the Parish Council who suggested it be donated to other charitable causes saying they applauded all the work that had gone into making the exhibition such a success and thanked everyone involved.

# 'Sea Breeze' site Mr & Mrs Pailthorpe expressed their appreciation of the visit to the site by Parish Councillors.

#### PARISH HALL

Parish Hall Autumn Fair, 20.9.14 The Parish Council in the shape of Chairman Andrew Rhymes agreed to take on their annual task at the fair of organising and running a raffle.

#### HIGHWAYS

# A Community Traffic Officer (CTO) had been seen in Parkfield - the first sighting of a CTO in the area - but one had not been seen yet in Bantham. Councillor Tony Goddard will contact the County Council about the lack of such a presence, which had been promised when the County took over this role from the District. # The road from Bantham to Kingsbridge floods near Reynolds Park (just within the parish boundary) in wet weather and this will be reported.

#### SCHOOL

Councillor Andrew Rhymes said the phase one tranche of funding for the play area had been received and work has begun with the installation of a new slide and climbing frame. Broadband reception is still a problem.

#### TREES

Permission has been given for trees at Grove Cottages to be removed as they are diseased and causing a nuisance to neighbours.

#### PARISH PLAN

Councillor Dale Came said as far as he knew, BT were progressing with their plans to upgrade our Broadband in 1915. There was no further news about a mobile phone mast.

#### PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- # Buckland phone box This box, purchased by the Parish Council for £1.00 to be looked after by resident Duncan White was now in need of a new carer as he is leaving the area.
- # Friends of Thurlestone Church He attended a Friends meeting when they thanked the Parish Council for their donation to its tower appeal. New 'Friends' are needed.
- # Best Kept Village We were not winners, or runners-up, this year. The judge's report will be published in Village Voice.

#### # Roads

 The road from Thurlestone to Buckland will be closed between 17 and 21 October.

- (2) The raised footpath at the lower end of Thurlestone's main street has had some clearing work done by the SHDC. The Parish Clerk thanked the SHDC employee working on it.
- # Notice Boards The West Buckland board will be relocated.
- # Filming of Parish Council meetings can now take place following a change in the law.
- # Christmas tree on the Green in memory of the late Len Hubbard had been replaced but this has also died. The Chairman said he would discuss a further replacement with Kate Hubbard.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- # Councillor Ian Bramble said that a Town & Parish workshop will be held at Follaton House on the 19th September to discuss requirements for numbers of new homes and businesses as well as economic growth and employment. This will be attended by Councillor Goddard.
- # The 'Transformation Programme' to cut costs is ongoing. Staffing levels have been agreed and two Corporate Directors will shortly be appointed. Surplus space at Follaton House has now been rented out but some £2.5 million will be needed to cover the costs of downsizing.
- # A dog fouling issue at Island View has been resolved.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- # Councillor Rufus Gilbert said the footpath to Hope Cove was now open and the bridge at the Hope Cove end is in place.
- # He will be meeting Adam Keay of SHDC to sort out the problem walls at West Buckland.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 6 October, 7.30pm in the Yeo Room.



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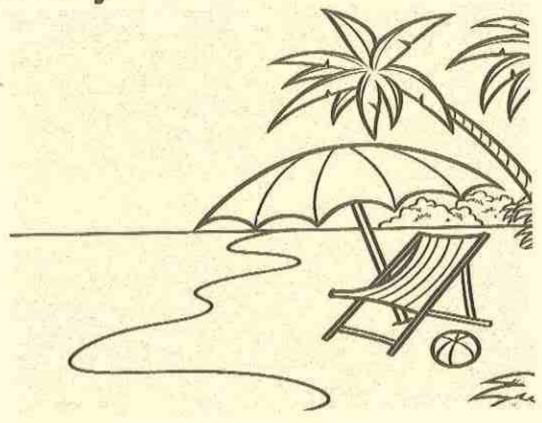
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### PARISH HALL NEWS

Chairman: Neill Irwin



After a quiet time in August, September was a very busy month with our "BBC Last Night of the Proms" on the 13th, the annual Autumn Fair on the 20th, and the Plymouth Gilbert & Sullivan Fellowship performance of The Yeoman of the Guard on the 27th — more of these in our next issue! In the meantime, on Saturday 18th October we welcome back Huw Wiggin for a third appearance at the Hall, this time with his highly talented Sirocco Saxophone Quartet. This promises to be a fabulous musical experience and Huw was keen to return because (as he says in an e-mail) the Thurlestone audience 'is always quite amazing'. Tickets are available for an evening of rare instrumental virtuosity with a glass of wine at the interval served by our friendly bar staff. Huw is also planning to hold musical workshops with some local schools during his visit.

A new act for the Hall will be appearing on 1<sup>st</sup> November for a pre-Christmas jazz evening with bring-your-own supper. *Spiffing Tunes* offer a special service to other musicians by producing backing tracks. As live artists they are highly recommended and include performers who have played at Ronnie Scott's and with the Ivy Benson dance band. The group performs a range of nostalgic music from the 20s and 30s so it is time to put on those dancing shoes before any mince pies take their toll.

The Barbecue, Bowls and Boules on 29th July was very enjoyable and well-attended. It is a popular social event for entertaining our many visitors and well-established on the calendar. We are very grateful for all the work done by the Telephone Box Committee in preparing and cooking the barbecue. Many thanks also go to Graham and Val Palmer for running the highly competitive boules competition: to Pat Crawford for laying on the indoor bowls; and the Table Tennis section for providing challenging entertainment for the many youngsters attending. Lisa and Chris White sourced and ran the bar, and a good profit was made for the Hall funds.

We are also grateful to POTS and the WW1 Exhibition Committee who were able to make a donation to the Parish Hall, as well as to Help for Heroes and the Devon British Legion, following their "Thurlestone At War" Exhibition over the August Bank Holiday week-end to commemorate the men named on the War Memorial.

The summer season has seen some necessary renovation at the Hall including repairs (and repairs of repairs) to the dishwasher, electricity testing, and new parking cones. The water heater proved to be beyond repair and the new shiny model was quite a big investment. The interior decorating (walls only) was done efficiently and the Yeo Room is now going to have some extra discreet protection from rubbing by the table edges. The power washing of the outside revealed that it would not require painting until next year. We have been sent a refund on our electricity account thanks to the power generated by our solar panels and expect they will make another excellent contribution this year after our lovely summer.

Finally, the remote clock control has now been re-sited – or at least the aerial has – so that GMT should reach the Hall this month at the same time as the rest of Devon.

## Village News Round-Up

#### **Evans Estates**

Well, the news is now official. Evans Estates and Nicholas Johnston of the Great Tew Estate in Oxfordshire exchanged contracts for the sale of the Bantham estate on Tuesday 16 September.

A press release from Evans Estates stated: 
"The directors believe that part of what makes Bantham special is the very nature of long-term, sympathetic family ownership and, in concluding a purchase with an existing country estate owner, with experience in sustaining a rural community and managing a similarly beautiful natural landscape, the future of the estate as an integrated, stable, happy community is best protected and fostered."

The new owner, Nicholas Johnston, said: "Inevitably, there has been a great degree of public interest in the identity and intentions of the new owner. I would hope our existing estate at Great Tew and the long-term, coherent and considerate management of this equally beautiful village, farmland and landscape would reassure those genuinely concerned about the future of Bantham.

We look forward to bringing another long period of family ownership to this estate, ensuring that the aspirations of the previous owners are preserved and that employees, tenants and visitors can continue to enjoy all that makes this village and wider estate so special."

Mr Johnston told BBC News he would not be making any major changes to the estate, saying: "I have not gone in with a sheet of new ideas. The estate has been maintained in a beautiful form and I am sure you will fundamentally see more of the same from us." He added that existing tenants "would not notice any change at all".

So that's that. The nail-biting period is over, and tenants have been given reassurance in the most positive of terms. It only remains to be seen how much personal contact Mr Johnston will wish, or be able, to have with his new Devon domain. Bantham (and Bigbury) will look forward to meeting him.

#### Judo Success

She's done it again! 13-yr old Thurlestonian Cerys Callard has won gold in the under 32kg Heart of England championships held at Walsall University recently. Representing the South Brent Judo Club, Cerys accomplished her win in just 45 seconds! Well done, Cerys, and congratulations from Village Voice.

#### Sirocco Saxophone Quartet

Thurlestone has been thrilled on two previous occasions by the saxophone virtuosity of Huw Wiggin, and now Huw returns for a third performance - this time with a saxophone quartet of all the talents.

Two leading young German saxophone players (Gregor Bohmerle and Greta Schaller) team up with two of the most highly rated young English saxophonists (Huw Wiggin and Michaela Stapleton) at the Parish Hall on Saturday 18th October. The Sirocco Quartet come fresh from tours of Holland and Canada, and have their first CD just on the market, and a second in the pipeline. With a wide-ranging repertoire of classical, modern, jazz, and popular music, the Quartet promise an exciting evening of stunning instrumental virtuosity. A live gig of the highest quality - and definitely not one to be missed! Phone Lisa White (560505) or Pat Macdonald (560436) to reserve a place.

#### School Playground

The first part of the overhaul of the children's play area has just been completed. "It was good to hear the shouts of delight from the other side of the hedge as the children enjoyed their new slide and climbing frame", said one of their near neighbours.

#### **Snakes Alive**

Parish Councillor Dale Came knew just what to do when confronted, very unexpectedly, with a serpent in the back garden of his company in Kingsbridge .... send for the vet. Staff from the local practice were soon on the scene and removed the non-venomous snake which they revealed to be a corn snake and probably someone's escaped pet. It seems these are commonly used to keep down rats and mice in corn stores in the United States, and Dale was relieved to know that of the three snakes native to Britain - the grass snake, the smooth snake and the adder - only the last one bites.

### Bantham Nippers

Bantham Surf Life Saving Club had 76
Nippers and Youth members showing their
paces at its annual champlonships on
Bantham beach in September. Rosie and
Emily Lawrence, Zoe Durrant, Will Austin,
Izzy and Sonny Courtman and Henry Phillips
came out on top having demonstrated their
abilities in demanding board, running and
swimming races. The Club aims to make
its junior members fitter and safer on the
beach and in the sea with the goal of getting
Lifeguard qualifications at 16. Contact Pete
Lawrence for more information on
pete@bigbluestuff.com

#### Coast Path

Thurlestone Golf Club is holding a golf open day on 3 October in the form of a 4-ball better ball Stableford competition, the profit from which will go to the South Hams Coast Path Appeal. £20,000 is needed to help improve and maintain the path between Bantham and Dartmouth which has suffered severe storm damage these past few years. Contact <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/South">www.justgiving.com/South</a> Hams Appeal, or ring 01752 896237, if you would like to donate.

#### Medical Help

Two doctors from the Norton Brook practice, Edmund Jack and James Mottram, are donning lycra and setting off on 4 October to do a 100 mile cycle ride from north to south Devon to raise funds for the Kingsbridge Chemotherapy Outreach project. You can make a contribution at the health centre front desk if you would like to support them.

#### KEDFAS

The new season of KEDFAS meetings opens in October with a lecture by Bertie Pearce on Wonder Workers and the Art of illusion: The History of Magic through Art & Pictures which will be given at the Methodist Church, 100 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, a new venue for this event, on Wednesday 29 October at 7 for 7.30pm, and the following morning Thursday 30 October, at 10 for 10.30am. The November lecture, on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the same venue, same times, will be by

Kevin Karney on The Life and Times of the Sundial.

Non-members are welcome for a donation of £8 which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

#### Hedgehogs

Graham 8. Val Palmer's hedgehog visitor (see Foreword) was a pleasant surprise for them. "I've lived here for more than thirty years and never seen one in all that time", Graham observed. It is said that hedgehogs fall prey to badgers. Could it be that a proliferation of badgers in recent years is a reason for the few - if any - hedgehog sightings? Is this just a problem in Thurlestone, or is there a scarcity of Mrs Tiggywinkles in Bantham and Buckland also? The Editor would like to hear from you.

#### Beach Clean

Why not join members of the South Hams Society for their next beach clean, at Rickham Gara, on Saturday 11 October? You will be made very welcome. Meet at the Gara car park at 1pm. Due to tide times we may decide to have a drink before making our way to the beach. Low tide 14.42 BST.

More beach cleans are scheduled for 2014, with one at West Charleton (22 November), meeting at Marsh Lane at 11.00am for a short walk to the foreshore. Low Tide will be at 11.42. The final beach clean of the year will take place at Thurlestone Sands on 20 December. Meet at the South Milton National Trust car park at 10.00am. Low Tide at 10.33. Wrap up warm for this one it can be wild and windy at this time of year.

For more information on beach cleans please contact Flo Stathers: on 01548 857567 or at flostathers@hotmail.co.uk.

### Kingsbridge Estuary U3A

Gill Matthews reports that the new Garden Appreciation Group got off to a flying start with 26 members attending a planning meeting. Their first outing was to Bickham Gardens at Kenn.

The French Culture Group visited France for four days. Highlights included the Normandy Beaches, The Bayeux Tapestry and a performance of Carl Jenkins' Mass for Peace 'The Armed Man' in the cathedral.

Jane Knight of the Eden Project will be the speaker at the monthly meeting to be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the Methodist Church at 10 am. Non-member visitors are invited and will be made welcome.

#### Thurlestone Sands

On Saturday 13th September over 500 people joined the National Trust Rangers and The South Devon AONB for the Big Night Out on the Beach event. Families enjoyed organised beach themed arts and crafts activities and rock pooling sessions exploring the secret life of the inter-tidal zone finding jellyfish, crabs and anemones. Active Devon and FA Skills entertained families with football and archery sessions and Surfin' Sam Invited and encouraged both adults and children to have a go at stand up paddle boarding and kayaking. Devon Birds also led a bird walk through the beautiful Ley.

The evening drew to a close with a sunset lantern parade and stories by the campfire with Clive Pig. People also enjoyed stargazing with Mike Cooke as the night sky cleared. A highlight was the lighting up of the fire screens, including an underwater scene decorated by Mrs Dawe's class at Thurlestone All Saints Church of England Primary School.

### Club Champion

Congratulations to Thurlestone Golf Club's new Club Champion Steve 'Spike' Plke, who won the title by 5 shots over 36 holes on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The morning round was a little windy but Kevin Mingo lead the field at lunchtime with an excellent 69 gross, just 2 shots ahead of Steve Pike's 71. The wind increased for the afternoon round and it would seem that most of the field found it harder going for the second round. But Steve came in with a gross 75 for a total of 146, while Kevin slipped back into second place with an afternoon round of 82 for a total of 151.

#### Dog Poo

Tracey Weaver, the SHDC Dog Warden, reports that "recently the District has seen an Increase in the amount of dog fouling. Dog fouling in any part of the South Hams is unacceptable. Unfortunately, some dog owners are persistently failing to clean up after their dogs, and sadly, therefore, dog owners in general are getting a bad name."

She goes on to remind dog owners, "Please help to keep the village clean and make it a safe environment for everyone. As the evenings (and soon, the mornings) get darker please ensure that you take a torch with you when you walk your dog. This will ensure that you are properly prepared and able to clean up after your dog."

#### Probus

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

September's speaker was David Hinchliffe who spoke on 'Visiting the Alpine Front'. This forgotten confrontation in the high Dolomites between Italy and the Austro-Hungarians took place from 1915 to the end of the War. David spent some of his holidays up in the mountains, following the fortifications still visible after almost 100 years. His talk included the history of the confrontation as well as many photographs of the existing fortifications. This was part of WW1 history that I had no knowledge of and found very interesting.

There is no meeting in October as it is our golf competition at Thurlestone Golf Club on the first Friday (3rd). Any members not already booked in, please contact Peter Thompson on 562202. November's meeting is on the 14th and includes our Ladies Lunch. The speaker is John Miles whose talk is entitled 'Sewerage can be Fun'. Hopefully the talk will be also enjoyable.

If anyone is interested in joining the Club, please contact the Secretary, Tom Trender, on 560893.

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## POSTBAG

#### Dear Editor

Having attended the splendid exhibition on the two World Wars held in the Parish Hall recently I was reminded of something which I witnessed in the summer of 1944.

On the evening of the 5 June I was playing cricket for Kingsbridge Grammar School for Boys at Thurlestone against the Royal Marines OCTU which was based at the Thurlestone Hotel.

The pitch was also the parade ground, now the lower part of the 16th fairway on which there was a flagpole, the metal base of which remained for many years. I do not remember how the cricket progressed but I do remember that while we were playing we saw many barrage balloons (used to prevent attack by low-flying aircraft) moving out of both Plymouth and Salcombe. Then we spotted a large number of boats and realised that they were on their way to France and that D-Day was imminent. But like Sir Francis Drake we continued with our game.

The South Hams was not a very safe place for an evacuee from London. Kingsbridge was bombed several times. One bomb hit the school and we had to move to the old school in Fore Street, now the Cookworthy Museum, for several months. Aveton Gifford church had a direct hit and Salcombe had more people killed per thousand than any other place in England

Some of the bunkers on our golf course were produced by bombs dropped from aircraft returning to Europe after raids on Plymouth. The beaches were mined and scaffolding poles were used to make a defence against enemy boats being landed. Yet it was a lovely place to grow up in, and eventually I returned to work here and then to retire. And I haven't regretted it for one moment.

Al Parker Mead Lane Thurlestone

#### Dear Editor

Great news. It must be true as it's in the Daily Telegraph! We are informed that it is now cool and fashionable to be old. What a relief, as we've been so worried about the terrible shame of being uncool - in my case for such a long time.

1934 was a vintage year, not only were Judi Dench and Maggie Smith born, but also Alan Bennett, Barry Humphries and Brigitte Bardot, among many other celebrities - and including quite a few Thurlestonians. So let all those of us who were born in that great year celebrate the happy news that we are not unacceptable any more and that we can coolly continue to enjoy our very eventful, colourful lives here in wonderful Thurlestone.

Jo (name & address supplied)

### VIDEO MAESTRO ON A VISIT FROM DOWN UNDER

An impromptu tea party at the home of Phil and Doreen Deare in the second week of September brought together the reunion of a number of the people who had worked on the POTS Millennium Video 'Land of the Five Beaches', some 16/17 years ago.

David Smeeton, who led the way in the making of this award-winning work, was the guest of honour. He is at present staying at the Thurlestone Hotel while visiting England from his home near Perth, Western Australia, and the Deares kindly provided a lovely English tea as a welcome!

There has been a lot for David to catch up on and people to see whilst he is over here but we are happy to say he still keeps in touch with Thurlestone on a regular basis as a postal subscriber to Village Voice.



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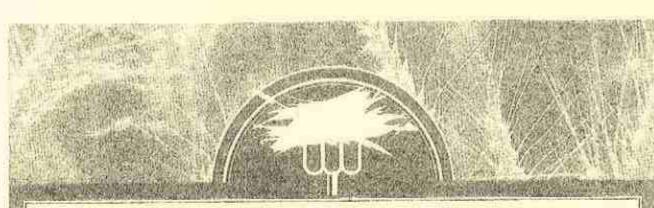
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### Celebrating and Remembering



The once-upon-a-time description of the Church as the "Hatch, Match and Despatch Department" is furnly and trivial, but it is true that the celebration of baptism and marriage are happy events which the Church takes seriously. (It has got into the press that the devil is no longer going to be mentioned in the new baptismal service, which won't stop him trying to make havoc in people's lives. The other interpretation being that people make havoc of their own lives and like to blame the devil for starting it.) Just such a happy event recently was the baptism of the first child of a couple who had celebrated their marriage here. It is no mean thing for a couple to be stating, in public, commitments as important as these: and it is a privilege for church members to take part and to affirm God's continuing blessing.

And what about "despatch"? Often we commemorate for a brief hour a humble life, locally deeply valued, hard-working, cheerful and funny, suffering perhaps yet scarcely complaining, and with unique insights into the various hazards and triumphs which the years can hold. Many of those attending know little beyond one aspect of the life, yet need to give thanks and to support those whose recent closeness means a big gap in their own existences.

At these times the Church reinforces the assurance that God himself has demonstrated not just his understanding but his presence with those in grief. And as the memories, painful at first, come into a different perspective over time, the annual Memorial Service can help to revive what we may fear that time will dim, and to change pain to deep gratitude.

Most gratifyingly we have just been afforded a deep appreciation of a few shortened lives, previously little known except for the names, and through whom (and many more beside) we know that our freedoms were secured. The community has made a worthy start to World War I commemoration. Over 100 people came to the half-muffled bells and the reading of those names at the Memorial in the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> August. Over 300 came during the bank holiday weekend to see the energetically researched and beautifully presented exhibition.

At the school leavers' service in July, each was presented with a pocket sized St. John's Gospel Just like the ones issued to the troops in 1914. The next event at school is a two day course on peacekeeping. If commemoration is to mean anything really positive, then these must be ways of carrying on the torch which others had to carry in desperate conditions. God bless all our remembering, and somehow make it a blessing to those still living under the curse of war!

Every Blessing!

Peter

## We should like to invite you to our ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for the lives of our departed loved ones on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m. in Thurlestone Church

A chance to remember departed loved ones & to give thanks for all they shared with us.

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SUNDAYS 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP:Oct 5/19, Nov. 2/16/23; CW: Oct 12/26, Nov 9/30)

Oct. 5" 11.10am Harvest Thanksgiving + Lunch 6.00pm Benefice Evensong - W.Alvington

Oct. 12" 11.10am Matins (BCP)

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 11.10am Stewardship Eucharist (CW) 6.00pm Benefice Praise Service - S.Milton

Oct. 26<sup>TH</sup> 11.10am Bible Sunday Service 6.00pm Annual Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 2<sup>NO</sup> 11.10am All Saints' Eucharist (CW)

Nov. 9" 10.50am Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths

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Nov. 1671 11.00am Benefice Operation Christmas Child Service - Churchstow

Nov. 23<sup>no</sup> 11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Nov. 30th 11.10am Advent Sunday Service 6.00pm Benefice Advent Carol Service - W.Alvington

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### Thurlestone At War Exhibition

23-25 August 2014

The August Bank Holiday week-end provided many attractive and competitive local offerings, including sun-soaked beaches and the Bantham sailing regatta, so it was a pleasant surprise for the Parish of Thurlestone Society (POTS) Exhibition team to find a steady stream of residents and visitors coming into the Parish Hall throughout the three days. More than 300 "signed in" and found much to interest them - including the family history and service records of the men named on our War Memorial, the items of wartime memorabilla on display, a Diorama of the Western Front, a video loop of pictures of old Thurlestone together with photos from family albums of the Great War, and of course the splendid centrepiece of the British Legion Devon Poppy Banner.

The staging of all this material exceeded the display screen resources of the Parish Hall, but through the kindness of the Plymouth Community College and the Thurlestone Hotel extra screens were made available for the week-end.

The POTS research team of Elaine Hanmer-Grant, Michael Day, Nick Hide, and Robin Macdonald had spent several months collecting and compiling the facts, figures, and pictures that ultimately went on show, and the editing, printing, and pasting of the material was all done in-house. Expert advice and help was also on hand from Malcolm Le Grice, in mounting the display panels, and contriving their dramatic lighting, to the looped DVDs created from old photographs which ran continuously on-screen in the Yeo Room.

Michael Day, despite having to spend some unexpected time in hospital as the exhibition date drew near, still managed to complete the intricate modelling of the Western Front Diorama on time, and this proved a special attraction for the younger visitors to the exhibition. The memorabilia Items displayed on the central tables were all arranged and with Identifying cards by Pat Macdonald, including several embroidered postcards from the Houghton family, and an officer's peaked cap and ceremonial sword from the Grose family. Other Items were loaned by Val Brown, Jan Veale, Helen Palmer, Phil Deare, Tom Trender, Al Parker, and Jane Stanley. Warm thanks to them all for their help and support.

A secure glass display cabinet was used to display war medals loaned by the Dyer family, and a Croix de Guerre by the Tucker family, and a chain and medallion with miniature portrait loaned by Jean Yeoman. Behind this cabinet stood the British Legion royal blue and gold standard, kindly loaned by the Aveton Gifford branch for the occasion.

At the far end of the hall the massive painting by Adrienne Howells in acrylic shades of grey of a horse and rider crossing a bridge over a trench was supported by tall side panels covered with individual poppies hand-sewn by Adrienne, all representing a personal memory and tribute from people in Devon for a relative who died in the Great War. The total now exceeds one thousand. Adrienne was accompanied by her son John, who brought a collection of WW1 memorabilia and proved an excellent help in explaining their background and stories.

The twelve victims of WW1 each had an AO sized panel (841mm x 1189mm) giving

details of their family background and history in one column, and their military service and war cemetery records in another column, with personal, family, and military pictures in between. The twelve victims of WW2 each had an A2 sized panel (420mm x 594mm) with a brief family background, and war record, together with a photograph. All the panels were mounted on the display screens by Velcro strips.

In the Yeo Room, where tea or coffee was available throughout from Joan Booth, Pat Macdonald, and Judith Le Grice (who also scones provided scones and cakes), a DVD created by Malcolm Le Grice was shown on the Smart screen and ran as a continuous loop for some 10-15 minutes, comprising three elements - (1) pictures of Thurlestone main street from early paintings and photographs, and other views of the parish (2) the personal photograph album of Jack Inchbald of the Grey House (now The Downs), one of the WW1 victims, and (3) photos from the album of the Clifford family, former owners of Burnt House.

Some visitors were kind enough to record their thoughts on the Exhibition in a book provided for that purpose, and extracts are shown overleaf.

Thanks must go to the Parish Council for assistance with funding; the Parish Hall for the use of the Hall for the week-end; and the Village Voice team and Sarah Tyers, whose help with the Cheese & Wine Lunch and the WW1 Quiz respectively ensured that sufficient funds were raised to cover the cost of the Exhibition, and also allow for donations to be made to the Devon British Legion and Help for Heroes.

Particular thanks also go to the kind folk who gave up a part of their holiday weekend to act as stewards to smooth the exhibition along - Mike & Shirley Barnes, Rowland & Helen Cole, Alan & Alison Daily, John & Pauline Lonsdale, Graham & Val Palmer, Patrick & Jane Stanley, Pat Clarke, Roger Cole. Midge Elliot, Mary Johnson, and Norma Kendall.

At the close of the Exhibition all the panels were carefully taken down and put away in the loft store-room of the Parish Hall, and could be used again individually or collectively if required. The first opportunity to use them again will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, when Brigadier Walker comes to give an illustrated talk "The Western Front" in the main hall, organised by the Phone Box team. The twelve WW1 panels will be displayed again in the Yeo Room that evening, providing an opportunity for anyone who was unable to visit the Exhibition to see at least that part of it devoted to the men of the parish who are remembered on the War Memorial from the Great War, several of whom lost their lives on the Western Front.

Hard copies of the content of the Exhibition will be provided for the Parish Archive, and will also become accessible on-line in due course, along with digitised copies of all back editions of Village Voice, when the Parish eventually gets around to having its own web-site.

As the research team co-ordinator, I would like to express my personal thanks to Elaine, Mike, and Nick, whose efforts, ingenuity, and commitment have been magnificent and unsparing, and without whose contributions this project would not have been accomplished; to Malcolm for his ever available inspiration and expertise; and to Pat for her constant support and help with the preparation of this exhibition.

#### Robin Macdonald



### Thurlestone At War Exhibition

### **Visitors Comments**

"Wonderful display. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing the exhibits, and they do credit to the memory of the brave people who gave their lives for our country"

### (Neill Irwin)

"A first class exhibition. My congratulations to all those concerned in any way in its production. My mind boggles at the thought of all the time spent in amassing the information"

### (Joan Gillam)

"Really well done and thought-provoking. We walk past the War Memorial every day now the names have faces and life stories and are "people" and not just words. Thank you to everyone concerned."

### (Jo Sparrow)

"What a wonderful exhibition and loving tribute to your servicemen who gave their lives for us to be free."

#### (A. Fraser)

"A truly amazing exhibition. Thank you to all who have organised it. I loved the poem dedicated to the War Horses."

### (The White family)

"Thank you so much for all your hard work in researching so much. We appreciate all your input."

#### (Relatives of Frank George Moore)

"Congratulations to all who have worked so hard and diligently. A remarkable record."

#### (Proops family)

"A brilliant exhibition - many thanks and congratulations to everyone involved. How sad it wasn't 'The War to end all Wars'.

#### (Pat Townsend)

"This is truly a splendid exhibition, Our

school lessons were paltry compared with what is on show here today."

#### (M. Illingworth)

"Congratulations on putting together a wonderful exhibition. Thoroughly well researched and presented."

### (Graham Collyer)

"Brilliant - Thurlestone at its best. Thanks to all involved."

#### (Kit & Gillian Marshall)

"Congratulations on presenting such a wonderful historical exhibition. Enjoyed by all the Houghtons - grandchildren, children, and grandparents. Thank you."

### (Margaret & David Houghton)

"Since this is the time of 'Results' I think you have all earned A\* - it does not get any better. Thank you for opening my eyes and satisfying my senses,"

### (Joyce Drummond)

"Huge congratulations! That was a HUMDINGER of an exhibition! What an accomplishment! It really was wonderful, and as with all the best events the more preparation beforehand the bigger the success."

### (Jane Stanley)

"Thank you for the exhibition and all the work that went into it. The connections to our family via Harold Ellis tended to overtake everything else on my visits, but the rest of the exhibition was not lost on me. I was glad to see it well-patronised."

### (Michael Stephens)

" I was extremely impressed with the exhibition and learned a lot from it. Thank you for your efforts in putting this together."

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Friday 7 Nov Coffee Morning at Avon Mill, Loddiswell, 10.30am/12pm. Meet for coffee upstairs, above the café, and enjoy choosing cards and gifts from the Overbecks stand. Afterwards visit the garden centre shops and delicatessen, stocked with tempting Christmas goodies. Entrance £3 including coffee.

Friday 21 Nov Coach trip to Tavistock and Cotehele (NT). Late morning and lunch in Tavistock before going to Cotehele to see the stunning Christmas Garland. Afterwards, time to browse in the NT shops and have tea in the Barn Restaurant.

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Carolyn Taylor

### Henry VIII's Last Victim

The Life and Times of Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey by Jessie Childs, (Vintage Books paperback £9.99)

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, was born in the year 1517. He was the eldest son and heir of the powerful Duke of Norfolk, and descended from Kings of England on both sides of his family. A first cousin to two English gueens - Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard - by the age of 13 he was in the household of Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond, Henry VIII's illegitimate son. He soon became a favourite of the king himself, and as one of his closest courtiers was later involved in all the major events of the king's reign the break with Rome, the Reformation, the Pilgrimage of Grace and the wars with France and Scotland. He was installed as a Knight of the Garter and by the age of 28 had been made the king's Lieutenant General in France.

As well as being a soldier he was also a prolific poet. He and his friend Sir Thomas Wyatt were the first English poets to write in the sonnet form that was used later by Shakespeare, and it was Howard who gave this its characteristic rhyming structure and division into quatrains. Elizabethans came to regard him as a pioneer of the English Renaissance.

He was not afraid of being candid and expressing his feelings, even about the highest in the land. He could be witty, urbane and generous but also petulant, vain and haughty, revered by his servants but not liked at court. He was once described as "the most foolish proud boy that is in England..." and his behaviour earned him more than one term in gaol.

King Henry became Increasingly despotic, mistrustful, and cruel as he aged, and began to perceive the high-flying Earl as a little too ambitious as far as the royal succession was concerned. At the age of 29 Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey became the king's last victim in the brutal power struggle that marked the end of Henry's reign, for the king lived for only a few weeks after Surrey's beheading on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1547. His father, the Duke of Norfolk, was also on the king's death list, but had a fortunate escape, cheating the headsman because Henry died the day before the execution could be carried out.

Surrey's opulent tomb can be seen in the parish church of St Michael, Framlingham, Suffolk. It is said he sat for more portraits than any other Tudor courtier. Three are in the Royal Collection, two in the National Portrait Gallery, one in the Pierpoint Morgan Library, New York, and another in the Museu de Arte, San Paulo, Brazil.

Author Jessie Childs took a first in history at Brasenose College, Oxford, and is being hailed as a major new talent in historical biography. She writes a good story.

Pat Macdonald



### WI NEWS



#### September

The September meeting, following our August 'holiday', heralds the start of the autumn and winter season and is the time for looking forward to all the activities that WI membership brings.

It was held on a warm sunny day and there was a special raffle in aid of Denman College which made over £30. It was agreed we should add to this the £89 profit from our Garden Lunch in July. Although we held the draw in June for our two bursaries to Denman unfortunately they could not be taken up, so a further draw was held and the lucky names out of the hat this time were Wendy Neukirchen and Jean Jones, with Jan Trender as stand-by.

Gill Durden and Sue Girling had done their sponsored Midnight Walk in Plymouth and were congratulated on raising some £750 for St Luke's Hospice. Their sponsorship list has not yet closed, however, and they would welcome further contributions.

The contents of the 'tolletries' bag to which members contribute their surplus items for the benefit of 'Twelve's Company' - a small Devonport charity which gives local help to abused women coming to them for protection - had been sent and Sally Martin read out the warm letter of thanks which had been received. The charity would also welcome surplus strong shopping bags of the hessian type.

Our speaker was local author Margaret Sherlock and we enjoyed hearing how she came to be a writer. It all started with a holiday visit to Australia, accompanied by her six sisters, when she kept a secret diary of daily events. On her return her daughter read it and encouraged her mother to try to get it into print for others to enjoy, for it was both comic and threw a new light on relationships within the family. At first she was completely ignorant of how to go about getting it published and soon discovered that a publisher would not accept her handwritten efforts but required something typed. She had never owned a typewriter - she had been a jewellery designer - but had a laptop given to her so she went to local education classes to learn how to use it. It took her about six months of lessons and eighteen months to produce the finished script which all the publishers she approached turned down. It was then she decided she would have to establish her own publishing firm.

Her first book was the story of her Australian holiday and the success of this spawned a trilogy of what she calls 'psychological thrillers' with a local Devon setting. She will soon start work on a new book, again with a local setting which she finds helps sales. She urged us all to keep diaries as they are not only an invaluable source of information for our families but can reveal a great deal about one's personality!

#### **Future Events**

- # The sewing group would shortly be starting again the Yeo Room on Monday mornings.
- # The meeting on 9 October has Alec Whish talking about the Follaton House Arboretum.
- # Although the 'Drawing Made Fun' Area workshop on 10 October is full, a phone call to Carolyn Taylor would establish whether there were any last minute cancellations.
- # The Area would also be holding a Soups & Puds lunch at Thurlestone on Friday 7 November - details at the October meeting.
- # At the November meeting Adrienne Hesketh will be playing Devon plano music.
- # The Sea Coast Group annual carol service will be held on Thursday 4 December, at 2.30pm in Thurlestone church.
- # The Christmas lunch is on on Friday 12 December this year at Thurlestone golf club.

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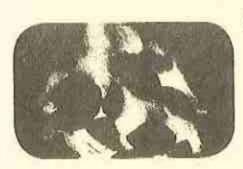
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### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 2 medium onions skinned and finely chopped
- 1 to 2 cloves of garlic, skinned and very finely chopped
- 3 tart eating apples Granny Smith's, peeled, cored, and chopped
- 900g (2lbs) top quality pork sausage, skinned and broken up
- 2 tablespoons tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon cornflour
- Good pinch thyme
- 285ml (half pint) dry apple juice (no sweetener)
- 285ml (half pint) chicken or vegetable stock
- Salt and ground black pepper
- About 675g (1.5lbs) potato, mashed with milk and butter, adding chopped parsley, chives, salt, and a little white pepper

### Method

Heat the oil and cook onions until soft and beginning to colour then add garlic and chopped apples and cook a further few minutes. Remove from pan and set aside. Brown the sausage meat, stirring continuously to break it up. Add the apple mixture to the sausages. Stir in tomato puree, thyme and flour, gradually adding apple juice and stock, stirring until the mixture bubbles. Season with salt and pepper and simmer gently for 15 minutes, stirring from time to time to prevent sticking.

Pour into a greased pie dish and cool. Cover with the potato, forking the surface into a neat pattern, and cook in a moderate oven (350°F/180°C) until the top is turning crisply golden and the filling is bubbling. If you put the pie directly from the fridge into the oven, add about 20 minutes on to the cooking time.



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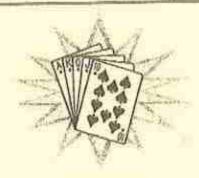
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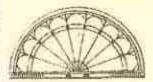
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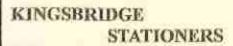
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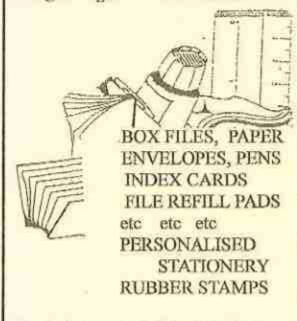
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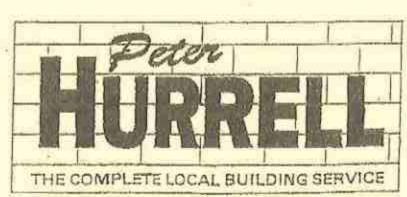
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# Thurlestone Golf Club



#### CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Glancing back at my last message for the Village Voice I see I was talking about Away Members arriving down here in droves for their summer sojourn. Well, they've now almost all flown again! While here though they provided a great boost to the activity level around the club so will be sorely missed. From a selfish perspective however I will not be sorry to see the volume of traffic subside and, come the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, dogs allowed back on Bantham beach.

With almost unbroken sunshine during July all fixtures went ahead uninterrupted and even when things turned a little less balmy in August disruptions of any sort were few and far between. Matches proceeded with our Seniors Section continuing their record of imperiousness at home and vulnerability away. The Men's Dartmoor League team hit their stride and after two impressive recent victories are closely poised for promotion next year. The Junior's Section performed very creditably: they are a young team and learnt a great deal from their experiences.

The definite stars of the past few months have been the Ladies who, apart from consistent victories in the Sheelagh Creasy Competition, have reached the final of the Still Cup for the first time in 47 years.

The Tennis Section also enjoyed a steady stream of well supported tournaments. Peter Richardson must have got very used to his own company as Janet to all intents and purposes took up full time residence at the club, Every day she was to be seen on the courts marshalling players through tournament after tournament and providing a great source of custom for the 'Cream Tea' Ladies in the pavilion. Weather obviously had a great deal to do with the success of the grass court season this summer but undoubtedly the installation of permanent concrete net bases on four of the courts

enabled a welcome new level of flexibility.

On the social front a sad casualty of the nasty start to August was the Club BBQ and Quiz scheduled for 1st August. The Quiz, if not the BBQ will be rescheduled for a date in November.

The weather gods were however much kinder to me and the 130 plus members who turned out for the 2014 Captain's Prize Day on 31st August. I had difficulty enough explaining the format to the competitors, so won't try to do so here, but it did seem to capture the imagination and allowed us to run a team and individual competitions concurrently. All proceeds were going to my chosen charity, St Luke's Hospice (so entry fees were at the discretion of the individuals) and the generosity of members was astounding. In addition to the entry fee there was a raffle, and a 'beat the pro' challenge on the first hole, all of which contributed handsomely. The upshot was over £1,000 raised for St Luke's Hospice and circa £100 for the Chemotherapy Outreach Project. Needless to say I was deeply appreciative not only of the support from members but also that from the green keepers and the teams in the Clubhouse and the Pro's Shop.

The 18th hole has been an unresolved challenge for the club's administrators for some years. They, and all residents of Thurlestone, will also be aware of the problems the club has encountered with the constant blocking of the drainage culvert at the back of Leas Foot Beach. An Open Forum for members on both these matters was held on the 31st July, which was in turn followed by a special general meeting on 20th August. I am glad to advise that resolutions were passed which will enable the club to proceed with permanent and substantial remedial work on the culvert, and the construction of a new tee on the 18th hole to address the problem of golf balls being hit into the gardens of the houses fronting the 18th fairway.

The Annual General Meeting approaches so

preparations are underway. No doubt there will be some surprises, but whatever the outcome the team elected will have the best interests of the club at heart. Until my next message therefore when I will be able to add a little meat to this assurance I wish you well and keep my fingers crossed that the Indian Summer continues.

#### David S F Smyth

#### LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The highlight of the last couple of months has been the success of our Still Cup Team in reaching the County finals to be played at Churston Golf Club on 25th September. A large number of supporters turned out at Staddon Heights to cheer on their team when they took on Exeter in the semi finals. The match could not have been closer and resulted with a win for Thurlestone by 4 matches to 3. Heather Spencer, our team captain, won the final point by the closest of margins finally winning at the 20th hole with a beautifully played par 3. Well done Heather and her team members and good luck for the final!

All our ladies teams have performed well this year with the President's Trophy team winning 3 matches out of 6 and our Sheelah Creasy girls winning 2 out of 6. Our League team have still got one match to play out of 8, but have recorded 5 wins out of their 7 matches played to date. So congratulations go to all our team players for performing so well and also playing with an excellent team spirit and in a friendly fashion.

The good weather continued during July and all our competitions went ahead. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July we played our monthly medal in conjunction with the Betty Ord Memorial Trophy. The winner was Pam Ledger with an excellent 70 net. Second in division two was Jacqul Tillott with net 74. Division one was won by Barbara Smith net 73 from Gill Hicks net 75.

The following week we held our 4 ball team open which attracted 140 ladies from all over the county and beyond. The winners were from Parkstone Golf Club with 75 points with the Exeter runners up scoring 73 points. The day was blessed with good

weather and all who competed commented favourably on the course and my thanks have to go to my hard working committee members, the staff, and the management, who helped make the day such a success.

On 16th July we held our monthly stableford.
41 ladies played and division one was won
by Gill Hicks with 42 points, from Joyce
Drummond with 37 points. Gill has been in
tremendous form of late and extended her
lead in the Order of Merit. Division two was
won by Liz Sharman with 40 points followed
by DI Baker with 38 points. Val Lovatt won
the nine hole Stableford with 19 points.

The next week we held a 'fun' competition a three ball team event with two scores to count. Once again we were lucky with the weather and the scoring was excellent. The winning team of Julia Dorey, Chris Allen and Liz Barker came in with 92 points and the runners up were Joyce Drummond, Zoe Lepere and Sue Curry with 91 points.

Our final competition in July was the Ladies Stableford held in conjunction with the Golf Foundation competition. The overall winner was Zoe Lepere with 40 points which earned her a handicap reduction. Penny Bowden came second in division two with 39 points. Beth Yeoman won division one with 39 points on countback from Bridget Lafferty.

Our busy programme continued in August with the Allcomers Cup, held in conjunction with the monthly medal. The winner of the Cup was Jane Smyth with a net 70 followed by Beth Yeoman net 73. The August medal was won by Jenny Roberts with a net 70, with Beth Yeoman once again runner up. Division two winner was Liz Line with a superb net 66 from Liz Savery net 74.

In our August Stableford competition division one was won by Shona Wilson with 40 points from Jan Brooking with 38. Division two winner was Jenny Mckeague with 38 points with Paula Orr in second place.

The following week we held the Ladies Duchess and Junior Trophies competition. Heather Spencer from division one scored an excellent 67 net and was the winner of The Duchess Cup with Laura Tregelles runner up with 71 net. In division two the Junior Cup winner was Trish Gledhill with a net 70 on countback from Sheila Fairley.

Our final August competition was Invitation

Day, reduced to 14 holes because of rain. All those who played managed to complete their rounds in the dry but only just. The heavens opened when the last pair were walking back to the club house! The winners were Alison Adams and her guest Joan Davis with 31 points. Jane Mahood and her partner Angie Bond were runners up with 30 points, and third with 29 points were Wendy Laud and Faye Pannell. All enjoyed the excellent meal afterwards followed by the prize giving.

Lindsey Fletcher and Lesley Davey represented Thurlestone at the South West Foursomes held at Teignmouth and came a very creditable 7th from a field of 66 pairs. The event was won by a Stover pairing with two Teignmouth pairs taking second and third places.

Wendy Laud had a busy couple of days refereeing two matchplay finals. The first of these was between Alison Adams and Laura Tregelles for the Betty Ord Cup. Alison in receipt of 5 shots was the steadler of the two and won 3/2. The following morning saw the turn of the veterans 4 BBB final for the Veterans Salver. Jan Brooking and Linda Cant, the defending champions, took on Midge Henderson and Kay Morley and eventually won on the 16th. The match was of a particularly high standard with good golf being played by all four ladies.

We have a very busy September/October planned and then plenty of fun golf to play in the run-up to the Christmas period which I look forward to reporting on in my final newsletter as Lady Captain.

#### Wendy Laud

#### JUNIORS SECTION NEWSLETTER

The main focus and success of introducing new juniors to the club this year has been the Golf Academy run by Pete Mitchell, Jack Wallace and Steve White on Saturday mornings and the junior club evenings held on Monday evenings run by Jack Wallace with a team of volunteers. We have gained 20 new junior members this year, some of whom will get their Congu 28 handicap by the end of the year. We have been very successful in the West Devon League matches. The team played 6, won 5, lost 1. We reached the League final and lost narrowly to Staddon Heights. We also reached Championship day at Stover for the best four West Devon clubs.

Jamie Johnson has been a very able junior Captain, with great support from his Vice Captain Tom Orr. Well done to the junior team of Jamie, Tom, George Holland, Ethan Mulligan, Ben and Toby Woods, Finn Whelan, and Toby White and Sammy Ingham from the Academy.

We have also played non CONGU matches against Bigbury which our team won. Phil Holland has been a very hardworking junior organiser and team manager, while Janet Richardson has organised monthly junior competitions, and Liz Line has acted as secretary to the junior section. Nigel Whelan and Simon Orr have organised the summer order of merit cup held each Monday club night and we are grateful for their support. Jamie Knight and Lucas Mulligan presently top the non-congu order of merit but results will be announced at the junior presentation evening on the 15th November.

In August we held the Juniors Daily Telegraph qualifier. The winner was George Holland (8) with gross 75 nett 67. In the handicap section Olly Walker had a fantastic nett 57 and we are hopeful that he may qualify for a prize with the Daily Telegraph.

This year we have had three Thurlestone juniors playing in the County teams; Jamie Johnson at U18, Tom Orr at U16 and U14 County Captain George Holland. These plus Ethan Mulligan and Finn Whelan competed in the 3 County competitions. 8 members of the Academy have represented Thurlestone by attending the County Golf Partnership Junior coaching sessions at Borringdon so we are represented at all existing levels throughout the County Junior setup.

Steve White has been instructing at these County coaching sessions and is working to bring Thurlestone in as a County coaching venue. Thurlestone appears to enjoy and embrace our juniors, offering them support and encouragement from all areas of the membership and staff. We are very lucky, and long may it continue.

Liz Line

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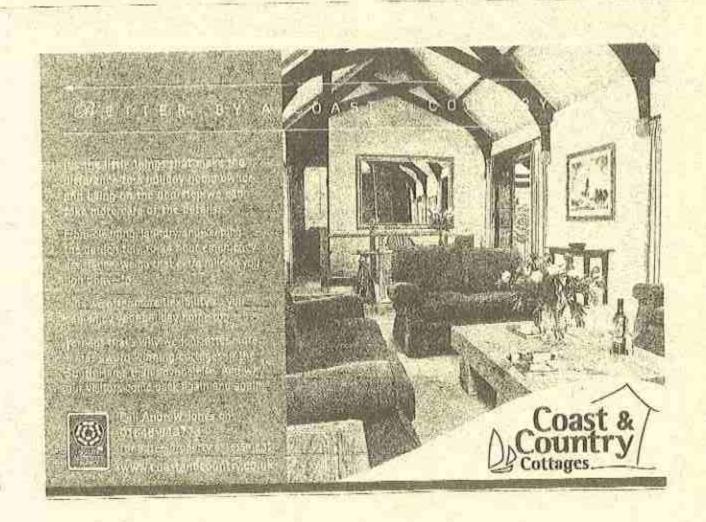
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#### WHO WILL WIN THE CENTENARY SUDOKU?

Our Aug/Sep challenge was taken up by a record TWENTY entrants, including FIVE first-timers. All-correct solutions came from Sheila Chitnis, Alan Daily, Sue Dwyer, Helen Edgeley, Elaine H-Grant, Scilla Grose, Joy Hailey, Neill Irwin, Sheila Killingsworth, Pat Leare, Judith Le Grice, Pauline Lonsdale, Jenny McLay, Elizabeth Meldrum, Paul Millward, Val Palmer, Polly Petty, Gill Pollard, Chris Trant, and Lisa White, plus one incorrect entry. Congrats to all! In the ballot, Chris Trant was first time lucky and will receive the prize bottle of Chateau Sudoku. Entries for the Centenary Sudoku to 25 Mead Lane by 5<sup>th</sup> December. Come on, everyone! Let's have a really bumper entry to mark the occasion.

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## TRAMP



It was a warm, misty Friday morning after some thundery rain (although the forecast was for steady improvement), and five committed walkers turned up on 18 July in Court Park. We drove to Preston Cross - a remote spot beyond Morleigh and above the Avon Valley - and were almost enveloped in low cloud as we put our boots on, closely observed by 18 cows who jostled to get the best view of these strange people over a nearby gate. We set off south-westwards along a quiet green lane, descending sharply into the Avon Valley at Topsham Bridge.

We were below the cloud-base by now, and turned downstream to follow the river for almost an hour, crossing over to the less-frequented right bank. We spotted a heron and a few small trout, and had a coffee-break on one of the handsome arch-bridges which - until the Beeching cuts - carried the GWR branch-line over the Avon. Then we climbed up again past Read's Farm through Ham Butts and into Loddiswell, for lunch at what is now called The Loddiswell Inn, though for many years it was The Turk's Head, as its inn-sign still suggests.

After lunch, we emerged into brightening skies, as forecast, and plunged down to Avon Mill, following one of the steepest roads in the South Hams. Resisting the cream teas being consumed over the wall in the cafe, we re-crossed the Avon and turned upstream for the return leg, starting a long, steady climb just past the old station building and passing through Woodleigh village. By now it was sunny and hot, but we nevertheless made excellent time and climbed the 500ft or so from Avon Mill to Preston Cross - slightly under 3 miles - in just over an hour.

#### Madeleine Radford

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Six walkers assembled in Court Park on Wednesday 23 July for this short walk on what was just about the hottest day of the year so far (the car thermometer was

registering 29 degrees as we drove back later). As we arrived at the Cattle Market carpark in Kingsbridge, two further Trampers joined us, and we set off up the steep hill towards Tacket Wood. The road was busier than usual - no doubt because it was the start of the school summer holiday and the Kingsbridge Fair week - and we had on several occasions to press ourselves flat against the hedges to let cars pass, but the walk was mostly pleasant in the shade of overhead trees as we descended to Collapit. After three more climbs and descents - first into Blanksmill, and then into Ilton Castle Farm, and finally into Lower Batson - we arrived quite early in Salcombe via Island Street. Salcombe was as busy as ever in the summer, and we were glad not to have a car with us. The group dispersed for various lunchtime activities, ranging from window shopping to cider-drinking, before meeting up at Shadycombe at 1.30 pm for the bus-ride back to Kingsbridge.

#### David Radford



With occasional heavy showers forecast 9 of us plus Ben set off from Hallsands South car park on Monday 28 July for a steady climb

along the coastal path in the direction of Start Point. The first heavy shower made its appearance but luckily stopped as we reached the Start Point car park, where we could look back at the view over the whole of Start Bay out to the mouth of the river Dart and beyond.

We then turned off in a SW direction along the footpath down to Great Mattiscombe Sand, a beautiful secluded sandy bay. Here we joined the coastal path again, continuing along the back of the beach passing the pinnacles and across grass fields called The Narrows At Lannacombe Bay we stopped for a breather, watching families with small children enjoying the summer sunshine.

The 2½ miles to East Prawle started with a long diversion behind the old coastguards' cottages, put in after the cliff fall two years ago. The path then climbed upwards with rough-hewn steps and wom rocks and stones around the back of Stinking Cove. There we were watched curiously by several goats striking poses on the skyline – sadly no Al with us to take a photo. The path then levelled out, passing the remains of the Edwardian mansion of Maelcombe House and the new house under construction which will replace it.

A hard climb up the fields to East Prawle ended with a well-earned lunch break at the Pig's Nose during which we managed to miss the second really heavy shower — very well timed. For some obscure reason there is a succession of place names having a porcine theme — with a Pig's Nose, a Ham Stone and a Gammon Head!

The walk back to Hallsands was through farmland, following the diversion around the farmstead at Woodcombe, with the occasional decision to be made as to which footpath along which field to take, another heavy shower not helping navigation! The fields were ready for harvest, and with the occasional ray of sunshine we could enjoy the colours of the Devon countryside, with distant views to Dartmoor. The footpath then dropped sharply downhill to the road where we turned right for another hard climb back to Hallsands before dropping down to the car park. Another good day out in this lovely part of the country.

#### Peter & Liz Coates



In my notice, I suggested that the walk covered many aspects and that all we needed was the sun! Nine Tramps (+ Ben) duly turned up at 9.30 on Tuesday 5 August

and it was pouring with rain. The consensus was that we should abandon and return to our cosy homes - until one member bucked the trend and said, "Let's just get on with it". We duly conceded and set off for Ivybridge. What a great decision - the sun shone all day from Aveton Gifford onwards! We parked at the Sportsman Inn car park on the edge of town as we would be lunching there after the walk.

The first part of the walk was along Two Moors Way up past the old paper mill and the Academy buildings. After crossing the bridge over the main railway line from London to Penzance, we went up a steep, rough track onto Dartmoor. This is a delightful corner of the Moor and we went in a northerly direction across a soft carpet

of peat and grass towards Butter Brook and the adjacent reservoir and on our way saw a bold stone chat, a shy robin, a blackbird and signs of moles.

As we approached the reservoir, the wind had risen a little and the sound greeting us could have been the water in the stream or the wind in the conifers which surround the reservoir. We shortly arrived at Harford Moor Gate and walked down the lane to Harford. This is a tiny hamlet (say, 12 dwellings) but it is a small world, and Liz called to see a friend in her studio adjacent to the church!

After a break to visit the church, we set off along the lanes to the west and crossed the River Erme at Harford Bridge. Shortly we came to the public right of way that goes downhill, alongside the river, all the way to Ivybridge. This stretch of river is just glorious with its rapids, falls, swimming pools and amazing scenery enhanced by the dappled sunlight glowing through the trees.

We passed under a huge viaduct which carries the main railway line to Penzance and arrived back at the pub for a late lunch after 6.25 miles. Adjacent to the viaduct are disused pillars from a former viaduct. Can anyone shed any light on the reason for two viaducts?

#### Mike Stickland (560763)



"26 of us on a Tramp walk, in the middle of the holiday season? Impossible!" or so we all thought. But came the Thursday morning of

21 August and there we all were, chattering excitedly, full of eager anticipation at the thought of a relatively short and easy walk (about 5 miles), aptly described as one with a fantastic effort-to-rewarding-views ratio, to end with lunch at the farm and a chat with the farmer. Was it the prospect of Shoiya's lunch, or of the tour of Wilf's farm, or simply the fact that it was a glorious morning that had attracted extra visitors, including two 18-year old girls from Bavaria, and Tarka, the ever-so-well-behaved black Labrador, and even persuaded one golf-hardened Tramper to "abandon" his golf plans for the day?

Getting to Scobbiscombe Farm (National Trust) in a convoy of 7 cars was a feat in itself on the narrow "shortcuts" that we decided to take, but we "lost" nobody on the way, thankfully. The first 20 minutes of

the walk were unavoidably on a metalled road through the village of Kingston, but as soon as we turned left on a designated footpath which took us along and across fields we felt "That's more like it"! Three stiles later we were on the edge of Furzedown and Wrinkle Woods, and of a delightful path merrily meandering its way down to the river Erme. As we neared the estuary, the tide was coming in and we could see a few dogs and their owners having fun on the edge of the river (or in it, in the case of the dogs), and the estuary opening out into Wonwell Beach. There we had a mid-morning stop where some of us had a restorative drink or a segment of mandarin, or simply did handstands on the edge of the sea.

The second third of our walk was now well underway, along the South West Coast cliff path with splendid views of Bigbury-on-Sea and Burgh Island, still joined to the mainland...just! Being at the back of the group (shepherding the 18-year olds who were always on the lookout for photo opportunities and unable to resist the ripe blackberries), I had a great view of our long "caravan" stretching out far ahead up and down the hills and troughs.

It was soon time for the last furlong; this entailed turning back inland through a kissing gate, along a permissive path towards the farm, and from then on Will had given us informative leaflets describing the land use and enabling us to distinguish our "pure Charolais" from our "Simmental crosses" cattle. We could see how the spring oat crop was under-sown with grass; this would remain for 3 years to be grazed by sheep and cows after the oat harvest, and further on, a field of barley which would be left after combining, as stubble for winter bird food. What a contrast to the Bavarian way of doing things: an unending succession of planting, fertilising and harvesting through the year.

Our appetites duly whetted by our walk we did full justice to Shoiya's abundant and tasty lunch served very graciously by Zoe and Hannah, two of her daughters. It was suggested that I wasn't feeding our 18-year old guests sufficiently at home as they were still partaking of the fare long after we oldies had had more than an elegant sufficiency. Will then gave us

a short talk and took us round his farm. We know that come Christmas we will be round Scobbiscombe Farm again as we spotted a good number of young turkeys being fattened up!

#### John & Priscille Braithwaite



Tuesday 9 September was a lovely, bright, sunny day and eleven walkers and Ben the dog set off for East Portlemouth.

We parked at the top of the village overlooking Batson Creek, Snapes Point and South Pool Creek. Taking our time to pull on our walking boots, we admired the stunning panoramic view. Heading along the footpath and down the many steps to the estuary road below, we took a leisurely stroll from the ferry steps along the lovely sandy beach up to Mill Bay, enjoying the views across to Salcombe.

Coming off the beach at Mill Bay we joined the lower coast path taking us through the woods and further along the estuary. We stopped to admire pretty 'Sunny Cove' then continued along the path with views across to North Sands, South Sands, Bolt Head and Sharp Tor. As we reached the mouth of the Salcombe estuary the views opened out to sea and the well-defined and undulating path took us eastwards along the cliff, with Portlemouth Down stretching inland. The day got warmer, and we began to feel the heati

As we approached Gara Rock, three of the group gave in to the appeal of a seat and refreshments whilst the rest continued on the lower path, dropping down to Rickham Sands where Ben had a welcome swim to cool off. Although the planned walk had been to continue on to Deckler's Cliff and beyond, a vote was taken to retreat back along the upper path to join the others. A very pleasant lunch was enjoyed at Gara Rock, taking in the magnificent views.

Reluctantly we made tracks over the fields and down the shaded, wooded lane of lime trees back to Mill Bay. Following the estuary road, and a climb back up to the cars, we lingered again to soak up the scenery before heading to Thurlestone. This was a delightful walk of approximately 5/6 miles in beautiful weather.

#### Jenny Webb

#### THURLESTONE & SOUTH MILTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Weeks of intense heat and very little rain put paid to the leeks and peas and a continuous downpour the day before the Show made for difficult cropping conditions but this years 36<sup>th</sup> Show held on Saturday, 2 August in Thurlestone's Parish Hall was the biggest for some years. There were 70 exhibitors with several new names on the entry cards and the number of entries rose from 314 in 2013 to 380. The Judges and the Committee were delighted to see the number of exhibitors in the children's classes rise from eight to 18 resulting in 38 entries.

#### **Cup Winners**

Vase of Garden Flowers	Derek Brown
	David Coward
	David Coward
A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	Tony Church
	Derek Brown
VI (1777) V (1777)	A. Rogerson
	A.Hanmer-Grant
	Jarvis/T Luscombe
	J. Tregelles
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	P Latimer
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	C. Alderton
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	C Alderton
Cookery	Gilkes/P Townsend
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Certificates of Merit were presented to T Alderton, David Coward, M Gilkes, G Gunning, A Rogerson, and J Tregelles.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who entered the Show, with special thanks to the Judges, Stewards and other helpers for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.



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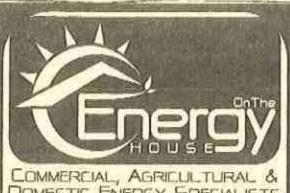


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### Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1<sup>∞</sup> Nov 2014. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgwonthenet@themead.co.uk

#### Cryptic Film Titles - Can you work them out?

- Bombers disturbed rest after mad bus (1 word)
- 2. Mixed parties from a western sea (4 words)
- Lost on the breeze (4 words)
- Fat Asian (1 word)
- A great English river, say (3 words)
- Carbon pieces are everlasting (3 words)
- 7. Northern US citizen drawing on a comic (3 words)
- The final potentate (3 words)
- A 24 hour cycle (3 words)
- 10. "Cheerio limbs", Venus de Milo was heard to say (4 words)
- Square pegs in round holes (2 words)
- View the past to become irate (4 words)
- Nefertiti perhaps? (3 words)
- 14. A coal coloured plank in a hot steamy impenetrable forest (2 words)
- Artificial lake canines (2 words)
- Successfully looking for the captain of the Nautilus (2 words)
- 17. Lots of spirit (2 words)
- 18. Sounds like a bedtime story (3 words)
- Grit and stones (3 words)
- 20. Dark horse on tree-named thoroughfare (4 words)
- 21. Ruby perhaps, in an old English coin (4 words)
- 22. Only loyalists can play (2 words)
- Big fight, big stream, food support (6 words)
- Noblemen of jeopardy (4 words)
- 25. Many prefer the warmer climes (4 words)
- 26. VI and I married into the same family (5 words)
- The fourth of July (2 words)
- 28. Callous water (3 words)
- Keeping squaddie tangled yarn (3 words)
- 30. A tale from the sunset district (3 words)
- Don't stop John the painter (3 words)
- 32. A starting point without end (4 words)

Solutions to previous Grey Matter:

I.B's Raining Men – The Weather Girls; 2. He Am't Heavy, He's My Brother – The Hollies; 3. King Midne in Reverse – The Hollies; 4. I Am The Waltus – The Heatles; 5. From A Jack To A King – Ned Miller; 6. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road – Elton John; 7. Has Out of Hell – Meat Loaf; 8. Werewolves Of London – Warren Zevon; 9. Turn! Turn! – The Hyrds; 10. Meggie May - Red Stewart. MOVIES: Forcest Gump - Life is like a box of chocolates; 2. Roads ... 7 Where we're going we don't need roads! - Hack to the Pohito, 1. We're gome need a bigger boat - Jaws, 4. Show me the money - Jerry Megnare 5. Frankly, My Dear, I Don't Give a Danin - Gone With The Wind

#### BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

Thurlestone did not figure in the awards this year. The organisers (Campaign to Protect Rural England, CPRE) say the standards were particularly high and judges found it a very challenging task. Judging took place in May, June and a final round in July and they hope we find their report positive and helpful. Here it is:

THURLESTONE is an active, caring village with activities to suit all ages and across a range of interests. The village is well maintained with well cut grass in public areas and tidy litter free roads and surroundings. Verges had got weedy and a bit untidy by our third visit. This level of care is maintained by a nucleus of volunteers who are actively involved in local groups.

The majority of private properties are generally well kept. There are thatched houses nestling amongst new Eco houses and many front gardens are beautifully planted. There was one property in need of maintenance, two other houses in a side road which were in poor condition, and an ongoing development on a very untidy site which detracted from the overall impression. Walls, fences, outbuildings, and driveways were mainly in good condition.

The Parish Hall was very clean, well-maintained and the car parking area tidy. It has benches newly painted blue. There are no plantings here, but there is a clothes recycling bin. The notice boards in the village were dasty although full and informative. The notice boards in the bus shelter had dirty glass and need repainting. On a third visit one was found with no glass. There was good provision of notices and public information at the shop. The public toilets were clean and well equipped, but the access path was rather overgrown with nettles. The telephone kiosk in the village centre is delightful. It has been adapted as a book exchange and is immaculate, with paved entry, seat, planters and box edging. Very welcoming! By contrast, the BT kiosk still with working phone, was badly neglected. Clearly the phone is not well used, Both bus shelters are sadly neglected. One, the old Pump House, which is of historical significance, but was very dirty. Litter bins or sand bins for cigarette stubs might help, but certainly they both need to be cleaned.

The tennis courts were very well kept with surrounding grass areas mown and good seating. The village environment is good. The area leading to the overflow car park was a bit weedy though it had a good range of wild flowers, and needed the clearing of weeds and old prunings and the handrail needed maintenance. Troughs outside the school are better removed than left on display full of weeds. The plants were later seen dead. The school yard was tidy. The children's play area would benefit from some play equipment and a

seat, but the grass was well maintained and the fence and catch in good order. Seats in the village were in good condition. There were attractive planters at various location around the village. Most signs were in good order, with the exception of the one by the old BT phone box.

The church and cometery areas are excellent. Good handrails for access, well kept grass and graves tended. Notice boards were full to bursting with notices of social activities for all ages in the Church Meeting Room which is modern and well-equipped for catering. The church is welcoming and full of notices, details of appeals and charity funds including their own Tower Appeal. The War Memorial was very tidy with good seating. The north side of it could do with a clean, as black mould was peeling off. This whole section was faultless.

The Hotel is set in lovely gardens with nesting boxes for birds and cats. It is immaculate. Staff were friendly and helpful, and the premises hold a defibrillator. The public house is clean and welcoming and food good and varied. The toilets needs a spruce. The local shop and PO is well stocked and has a full notice board of trades and services. Hitching posts situated across the front for dogs and horses! The garage forecourt is greatly improved, and was tidy The golf club has plenty of parking and was also well kept. The map needs to show seats, phone kiosks, footpaths and notice boards. The BKV poster was on display in the village. The village magazine is very informative. Provision of new warning lights for the school is good.

The village offers clubs and activities for all - from coffee mornings, luncheon club, IT tuition, toddler group., play group, pre-school etc. - the list is extensive. The Parish Society was preparing for an exhibition, to honour the villagers who gave their lives in battle during two world wars.

This is clearly a very well integrated community with willing volunteers. The community spirit is evident from the care of much of the surroundings and the range of activities on offer here. Judges felt significant areas of the village - bus shelters, notice boards, map, toilet area and the old BT phone kiosk could have been better.

However, there was much to praise and we hope to visit again next year!

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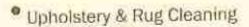
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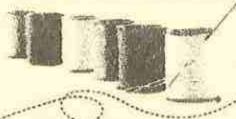
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#### Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

This first week of September has been a wonderful end to the summer holidays for many of our children and their families. The temperatures have been in the 20's (C) and virtually no cool winds, just a puffy east breeze. The sea is at its warmest and right now at its calmest. It has also been a very good start to the new term for 11 year olds making their first foray into secondary education. During the holidays lots of families headed down the road to Thurlestone Beach by my house, carrying all their goodies to sustain them for the day. Large cool boxes were very evident, a modern way of keeping food fresh during hot days. What is the history of this convenience, and does the weather come into the solution at all?

With hot days beginning to fade into winter, for some in the past it was an important time. Some of the more affluent in our society needed to keep certain products cool. How to do this was a problem, and this problem had existed for thousands of years. Wine and certain foods needed to be kept cold for preservation, for tradition, and for simply good eating. The wealthy were pressing for ways to keep their perishable foods fresh and their wine cool.

All sorts of ideas were introduced:- Paul Simons writes "In the Scottish Highlands, there was a tradition for tenants to give their landlords buckets of snow for chilling the laird's food and wine cellar." Others were having to rely on Ice Stores. These were thick walled buildings well insulated from the summer heat. There is historical evidence that the first known ice stores were built some 4,000 years ago in Mesopotamia; later the ancient Greeks used buildings filled with winter snow to chill their summer wines.

Ice became quite a prized commodity. When Charles II came to the throne in 1660, he brought from France a fashion

for "ice houses". These chambers had thick brick walls filled during the winter with ice harvested from lakes and rivers on the great estates—the winters then were particularly cold and ice was plentiful. There are plenty of these ice houses to be found in the grounds of 'big houses'. There is one at Heligan in Cornwall, but many others can be found. One in Kew Gardens was built for George III when he was living at Kew Palace. By the early 19th Century, ice was imported from Norway and America, and Oueen Victoria even insisted that her drinks were cooled only with the highly prized clear ice from one particular lake in Massachusetts. For the masses, big blocks of ice were carried by horse and cart for home deliveries and chunks were cut off for customers.

Ice was even shipped to the colonies. In 1833, India marvelled at its first shipment of ice imported from the US. Blocks of ice were hacked out of frozen lakes around Boston over the winter, stored in ice houses and loaded on to insulated ships. In a long voyage, almost half the 180 ton cargo of ice melted, but enough remained to cause a sensation in the heat of Calcutta. A local writer described his first sight of ice: "I will not talk of nectar or Elysium, but will say that if there be a luxury here, it is this."

The ice trade continued well into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century until domestic refrigerators eventually finished it off.

Looking at the weather statistics for September and the wind direction in particular, I looked up the information in The Wrong Kind of Snow reference book. On Sept 14<sup>th</sup> the entry was about the 1666 Fire of London. John Evelyn describes the fire thus; "The noise and crackling and thunder of impetuous flames, the shrieking of Women and children....... a resemblance of Sodome, or the last day.... London was, but is no more." With no respite from the east wind, London's been burning since Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Sept). The flames can be seen from Oxford. Melted lead from the roof of St. Paul's Cathedral pours down Ludgate Hill. Burning embers rain on Kensington.

15th Sept, finally the fire reaches a brick wall, literally, at Temple. Elsewhere gunpowder checks its march. It won't go out, however – fully out – until the first rain for weeks falls the next Sunday. Even then the ground remains too hot to walk on for days and charred embers reignite in coal cellars until March.

Samuel Pepys says how everywhere smelled of ash and smoke. He describes being unable to discern whereabouts one is until a lone pinnacle or some familiar set of ruins set the site where he stands. Unburnt houses are looted. Whitehall is deserted. Over 13,000 houses have gone, 87 churches, 50 Livery Halls, the Royal Exchange, Newgate Jail, the Guildhall and 4 bridges. 100,000 have been made homeless.

Amazingly however there were almost no casualties. Unlike the first "Great Fire" in 1212, or the Blitz, the wind has given clear notice of the fire's course, allowing people to escape. A new City of London will rise from the ashes to become the hub of Britain's empire.

As a result of this fire emerged:
Insurance, which was expanded; Fire
Brigades introduced; buildings were
constructed of brick and stone; Wren's
St. Paul's Cathedral was built plus 51
City Churches; eradication of the Plague
which the previous year had killed
17,440; wider, cleaner streets, though
the Medieval Plan remains. (A grid
pattern of streets rejected for the new
London was subsequently used to lay
out the city of Philadelphia in the USA.)

Now you will know that the EAST wind is not always a pest - just a temporary inconvenience to fishermen, farmers, surfers and those who like a regular supply of rain. (Don't we all!) We will never all be satisfied with what we have, so weather will remain a talking point for ever, I guess!

August stats are not really remarkable; lots of wind, and a bit cool, but our real summer was in June/July time.

# WEATHER SYNOPSIS Beach Cottage, South Milton, Kingsbridge TQ7 3JR August 2014

#### WIND

(General Direction)

27 days: Westerlies 3 days Easterlies 1 day Northerly

(Speed)

Top gust ~ 32mph on 4th Lowest daily mean ~ 2mph on 21th & 29th

#### RAINFALL

Number of wet days = 9 Highest daily amount = 5.5mm on 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Total = 21.7mm Monthly Average = 75,74mm over 16 years

#### SUNSHINE

Sunniest day = 14.4hrs on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>rd</sup>
Total for the month = 206.1hrs.
No sun on 1 day
Below 4 hours = 11 days

#### TEMPERATURE

Highest daily = 25.3°C on 3<sup>rd</sup>
Lowest daily = 8.6°C on 25<sup>th</sup>
Highest Daily Mean = 22°C on 22<sup>rd</sup>
Lowest Daily Mean = 14.4°C on 25<sup>th</sup>
Monthly mean = 17.9°C
Monthly mean = 17.5°C over 16 years

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Thursday	5	Tramp, Noss Mayo & Revelstoke (Short)
Saturday	18g	Sirocco Saxophone Quartet, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday	23,0	Talk 'The Western Front' Parish Hall, 7.30pm (see a
Friday	24#	Tramp, around Ermington (short)
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November		
Saturday	u	Spiffing Tunes Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30pm (see ad
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Friday	K	Area WI Soups & Puds lunch, Parish Hall
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Thursday	130	Wf., Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Devon Plano Music)
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Wednesday	100	Tramp, Dartington, Dart Valley (Christmas Lunch)
Friday	1,21	WI Christmas Lunch, Golf Club,
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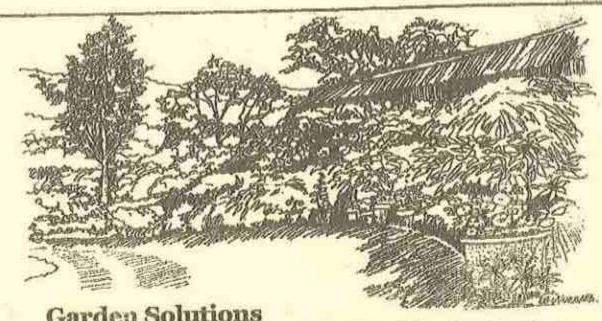
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