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9 churches sponsored cycle ride
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On Your Bikes!

All those in the parish with the appropriate wheels are invited to visit the 9 churches (or as many as you can) shown on our front cover, and gather as many sponsors as possible. It will be a good way to thank the Devon Historic Churches Trust for their financial help towards the repair of All Saints tower.

It also seems BT is at last getting on its bike by promising that Thurlestone will have superfast broadband to the cabinet this autumn. You will just have to cross fingers and watch this space!

Broadband and mobile phone connection are two of the issues that will exercise people's minds in the development of the parish *Neighbourhood Plan*, of which more details are carried in this issue, with a first Public Meeting for the parish to become involved in the process now announced for Tuesday 29 September.

We also have more news of the planned *website* for the parish - though it seems that not many have yet responded to the designers' request for information and contributions.

So if you can't get on your bike for the ride round the South Hams churches, or sponsor a rider, there are still opportunities to get more actively involved with a couple of projects that our stalwart parish volunteers are striving to progress for the benefit of us all. And they really do need - and deserve - your support.

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Devon Historic Churches Trust

9 Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride - Saturday 12 September

Sponsors & Cyclists Wanted!

There are few sights that evoke "Englishness" more than a parish church. These churches tell the tale of some 1500 years of English history and social change. The humble parish church is an integral part of English social life and culture. They contain memorials to noblemen and women, knights, soldiers and ploughmen, their wives and their children. Even their pets can be found within their walls.

After hundreds of years in existence, many of the UK's most cherished historic churches and chapels find themselves threatened by their most dangerous enemies yet; leaking roofs, crumbling stonework, and timbers under siege from death watch beetle. These magnificent buildings will always need preservation and maintenance so that they can remain standing for centuries to come and this is why we are appealing for **your** help - specialist church repairs are usually way beyond the means of the local communities they serve. To help raise money for Devon's historic churches we are organising a sponsored cycle ride which visits 9 of our beautiful local churches.

We are looking for cyclists to take part in this sponsored ride on Saturday 12 September 2015 in aid of the Devon Historic Churches Trust. The trust is a charity that is dedicated to funding the repair and maintenance of churches throughout Devon and it has already made a generous grant towards the tower repairs of All Saints Church, Thurlestone. We would like to raise some money for their funds by organising a cycle ride as part of the "Ride and Stride" fund-raising on Devon Historic Churches Day.

The ride we have mapped out is a circular route mostly on back roads and cycle paths visiting nine of the local churches starting at Thurlestone, then travelling clockwise to Churchstow, West Alvington, Salcombe, Malborough, Galmpton, Hope Cove, South Huish and South Milton. It is approximately 23 miles long with some stunning views and it is suitable for all abilities. Join with other riders or take it at your own pace. Refreshments are available at some of the churches.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get a sponsorship pack with a route map and information on the local churches you will visit, please contact:

Gareth Scott Tel: 01548 560298 E-mail: gareth.scott@hotmail.co.uk

[Even if you are not a cyclist, why not take this opportunity to visit one or more of these historic local churches? And if Saturday 12 September is not convenient then make it another day, and another reason to have a day out this summer. And we would welcome feedback from you about your visits, and what you found. Ed]



Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held 1 June and 6 July 2015

News & Views by Citizen

In June six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, District Councillor and three members of the public were present; and in July seven Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, 2 District Councillors, our County Councillor and seven members of the public attended.

HIGHWAYS

Drains for Thurstlestone village road were reported as still blocked. At Rockhill Corner particularly rain-water floods down the road unimpeded. This has already been reported to Highways but the Parish Clerk to contact them again. The bank along the road by 'Sunnybank' has been eroded, leaving a deep gutter. This will be reported to Highways.

The road from Whitley Cross along the left hand fork from the village contains a deep pothole that will also be reported. In West Buckland the bank in danger of collapse has been examined by a Highways Engineer and foliage cut back but although 'scheduled' no date for the work can be given.

The name-sign at the top entrance to Thurstlestone is causing drivers coming out of Court Park a problem in seeing traffic coming up the main street from the village. It was suggested that the name could be mounted on taller posts.

Japanese knotweed is a serious problem opposite 'Heathfield' and has been reported to Highways but as they have no plans to spray it, the Parish Council is to try and do something about it to delay its spread.

Parking in Bantham is not being enforced and is a problem particularly at weekends and holiday periods. Councillor Tony Goddard has been advised that to 'police' the area is not cost-effective. Fines are probably too small.

'Yellow-lining' in the main street needs to be re-done. The work, again, has been 'scheduled' but no firm dates given.

FOOTPATHS/HERITAGE COAST

There is a lot of rubbish on Leasfoot Beach which is the responsibility of the Golf Club and the Parish Clerk will contact the Club.

The footpath above Leasfoot Beach, damaged in recent storms, is to be marginally re-routed.

TREES

Councillor Charles Mitchelmore said the owner of 'Swallows' is applying for planning permission to remove a large tree in his garden to prevent danger from high winds. The Parish Council will not object.

The large sycamore tree by 'Tamarisk' in Court Park Lane (aka Post Office Lane) should be removed as it is becoming dangerous.

PARISH PLAN

Councillor Goddard said that the 'Neighbourhood Plan' will supersede the Parish Plan, meetings for which are progressing.

Councillor Kit Marshall is meeting Arqiva to get an update on the mobile phone mast question.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

A new mandate to list those who are on the Parish Council will be completed and signed off.

The recent road closure from the A379 to Bantham (to accommodate the needs of the 400 people swimming from Aveton Gifford to Bantham) was not notified to the Parish Council. Highways are now aware of our unhappiness and hopefully will inform us if there is to be a repeat of the event.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Judy Pearce said a new Council has been signed in - the SHDC website gives full details. Safeguarding the community is also on the website which

indicates that a 'Community Trigger' will be activated when a complaint, to any authority, is registered three times in any six months, in which case the Parish Council can ask for a review. Records of complaints must be kept. Judy will serve on the Development Management, Strategic Planning and Design and Conservation panels. She has a £2000 community fund available for suitable projects.

Our second District Councillor, Simon Wright, introduced himself at the July meeting. He will serve on the executive for Support Services.

Malcolm Elliott has left SHDC and the new head of Planning is Anna Henderson-Smith. Matt Jones has 100 'live' cases, whereas the maximum number should be around 40. Advertisements are appearing for new Planning staff.

A new customer service phone line for Parish Councillors is being made available and a meeting on this system is being held on 27 July.

The wooden bridge towards Thurlestone Sands has been renovated, using a new wood/plastic composite which makes a very good job.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Rufus Gilbert said parish boundaries are currently being assessed for 2017/18, when he will then be responsible for 16 parishes (up from 13 at present). A consultation period will enable us to have a say in naming the new area.

Regarding the provision of superfast Broadband, he will chase BT to confirm that distribution cabinet No 5, serving the Mead and Court Park, is on schedule for connection in autumn 2015.

POLICE

Not present at either meeting but of the five problem dogs in one household on the Mead, two have been re-homed and the remaining three are supposed to be muzzled when outside.....but apparently are not!

BUSINESS BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Andrew Rhymes said that Julian Lee will do more grass cutting to keep things looking tidy.

Extra software, costing £290, is needed for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ownership of the cobbled road by the church is difficult to prove. A quotation has been received for its repair and a further two are also required after which Yarmer Estate, Bantham Estate, the Church and the Parish Council will meet to decide on what action to take.

The 'No dogs allowed' signs have disappeared from the school play area. Replacements will be organised.

NEXT MEETING

There is no meeting in the month of August. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 7 September 2015, at 7.30 pm in the Yeo Room.



Thurlestone & South Milton

ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW & PLANT SALE

Saturday 1st August
at 2.30 pm

South Milton Village Hall

A NOTE FROM YOUR DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR

From Thurlestone's DCC perspective, things may appear to have been quieter than normal. Nevertheless, here are a few salient points:

The proposed reduction in service to the 162 bus, with a potential saving of £14,000.00 a year to DCC, has now been shelved. I'm delighted for all those of you who contacted me during the consultation period, with their concerns, from Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell and Kingsbridge. The service is now to continue without any cutbacks. All the same, there is only one way to secure this service in the long term and that's to **use it or lose it!**

My thanks also go to Thurlestone Golf Club for their help in allowing a small deviation on the coastal path, after yet another cliff slip.

Unfortunately, austerity has to continue till 2020 at the earliest. DCC's gross expenditure this year is about £1.2 billion, which after taking account of the Dedicated Schools Grant, fees & charges along with other specific grants, reduces the figure to a net £500 million. When taking account of inflation and the ongoing reduction in Government Support Grant, it makes it impossible to maintain services as they have been in years gone past. Each year we have less and less to spend.

I know many of you are waiting for news on Broadband. In January, BT wrote to DCC saying 'They have started survey work in the area and are still on track to see the first services go live in autumn. They will not be waiting for last survey results before work starts'. BT have assured me today, the 8th July, that they are on time for rollout of phase one by the end of 2015. This provides for superfast fibre optic cable to be connected from the Sutton Cross exchange to all the BT cabinets serving Thurlestone Parish.

I wish you all a super summer.

Rufus Gilbert

Superfast Broadband to Thurlestone Cabinets

Superfast Broadband, supplied by BT, involves bringing fibre optic cables from the Sutton Cross exchange at South Milton to the three green cabinets (4, 5, & 6) which serve Thurlestone parish:

Number 4, which is situated just opposite Rockhill in the centre of the village, which serves the top half of main street, out to Whitley Cross, and the whole of Buckland and Bantham.

Number 5, which is at the bottom of Post Office Lane, and serves Court Park, and the Mead.

Number 6, which is technically in South Milton, on the bend in the road by Links Court. This cabinet serves Yarmer, and the bottom half of the village.

The status of Number 4 has already been updated on the Connecting Devon and Somerset website to "Coming Soon", which in BT speak means "probably January 2016". The status of the other two is still "Under Evaluation", but we have been told by BT that they are "on a similar timescale to cabinet 4". We wait with bated breath.

A resident of the Mead reports that he has spoken to some BT engineers this week down by the Golf Club, and they confirmed that they were working on our Superfast Broadband, so it does finally seem to be happening. When it does, if you live within 1km of your cabinet, then you have a chance of getting Superfast Broadband (more than 24Mbps). Beyond 1km the improvement will be somewhat less, but still a substantial improvement on the current service. How much, as usual, will depend on the quality of your old copper cable.

Chris White

Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The concept of Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 which swept away the regional planning apparatus and strategies and "sought to set out a series of measures with the potential to achieve a substantial shift in power away from central government and towards local people"

The next year the Government introduced the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which replaced the huge body of national planning policies, which has accumulated, with a comparatively short and simple statement of government planning policy. Local planning authorities (in our case the South Hams District Council) were required to produce policies for their local areas to reflect this new national policy which included a "presumption in favour of sustainable development." In accordance with this directive the South Hams District Council are in the process of producing a new District Plan to replace the present District Plan which expires in 2016. This new District Plan is called "Our Plan" to indicate that, as a result of extensive consultation, it is intended to represent the views and aspirations of all of the people in the district.

Our parish now has the right, in common with all towns and parishes, under this legislation to produce its own Neighbourhood Plan. Provided it fits in with the emerging policies of the new District Plan and the NPPF and is adopted by a majority of the parish in a formal Referendum, it will be adopted as planning policy and will be implemented by the planning officers when considering applications in the parish. Neighbourhood Plans cannot prevent development which would be permitted under National or District Policies but can influence where that development should take place.

A committee with a nucleus of parish councillors under the chairmanship of Tony Goddard has since November 2014 started to work towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Thurlestone, building on the Parish Plan which was produced under the chairmanship of Kit Marshall in 2010 and mirroring the elements of the District Plan. The application to designate the Thurlestone parish area as a Neighbourhood Plan Area was approved on the 24th April. The committee is now considering the policies of the new District Plan as they emerge from the Strategic Planning Department and familiarising themselves with the policies of the NPPF.

It is absolutely essential that the community engages with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

For that purpose the committee will be arranging **public meetings**, the first in the Parish Hall on the evening of **Tuesday 29th September**, which it is hoped will be very well attended. That meeting will not merely explain the importance of the Plan but how it is hoped the parish will contribute to the formulation of the policies in the Plan. In particular it will introduce the Survey that is to be circulated both by way of hard copy and on the new parish website that is currently being developed but will not go "live" until later in the year. That Survey will pose a number of questions designed to canvass the views of the parish as to how the parish should develop in the future.

The present committee consists of only 10 people and could benefit from additional members. It is also important that it represents all elements and ages in the parish. The present committee mainly represents the older generation who, being mainly retired, have the time to devote to the project. The committee is however very anxious to increase its representation from the younger working generation and very much hope that either at the meeting or preferably before it some of the younger generation will feel able to volunteer to join the committee.

Tony Goddard, Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Your chance to shape the future of the Parish!

Public Consultation Meeting

Thurlestone, Bantham & Buckland Neighbourhood Plan

What are your main concerns?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Development? | <input type="checkbox"/> Access Road Congestion? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of younger families? | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband? | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog fouling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phones? | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment opportunities? | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds & playing fields |

All these and more will be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, and discussed at the first consultation meeting.

What do YOU want to add?

Email your issue yvoice@aol.com

Find out what a Neighbourhood Plan is, how it is approved, what the Government requires and how it will benefit your area in the long term by reading the article by Tony Goddard

Parish Hall Tuesday 29 September 7.30pm

Autumn Fair

Cakes

Books Games

Garden Produce

Bric a Brac

Raffle Prizes

All the Fun of the Fair!

Thurlestone Parish Hall

Saturday 26th September

at 2.30 pm

Refreshments

Come along, bring your friends, and support your Parish Hall

Village News Round-Up

Jeanne Barton

We are sad to record the death of Jeanne Barton of Thurlestone at the age of 84, and send our condolences to Michael and their four sons. She will be much missed by her many friends throughout the South Hams. A full obituary was published in the July issue of the church magazine *The Rock*.

Flying High

Competitive kite-surfing is growing in popularity and enthusiast 14 year old Harry Way of Buckland entered the British Junior Freestyle Kite-surfing championships at Lancing, Sussex, in May. He won the first of three legs that decide the eventual champion, getting him off to a great start on the way to winning the title. Harry spends much of his time in training at Bantham. The next leg of the championship will take place as we go to press, so Village Voice sends him all good wishes for success!

Sandy Hotspot

Travel guide *Lonely Planet* has compiled a list of the ten best beaches in Europe and the only one in England is **Bantham**. Montenegro, Portugal, Corsica, Sardinia, Iceland, Scotland, Minorca, Greece and Lithuania each have one of the other nine. Bravo, a real feather in the cap for Bantham (though we all knew it anyway!).

The Bantham Swoosh

Set to become an annual event in the parish calendar is the Bantham Swoosh. On Sunday 5 July the inaugural 6km 'wild swim' from Aveton Gifford to Bantham beach on the ebb tide attracted some 400 participants. All the swimmers received a swim hat, coach to the start, comprehensive professional safety cover and a hot drink afterwards.

Bantham Estate owner Nicholas Johnston, who gave permission for the Outdoor Swimming Society to hold this event, said "I am delighted to support this event and look forward to welcoming them again next year."

Towards the end of the swim the estuary narrows, creating the 'swoosh' effect; an

increasingly fast moving body of water that carries the swimmers towards the sea at up to 8 knots - four times their normal speed.

The event was a resounding success, even with the local traffic restrictions required, and looks sure to become a regular feature of the Bantham summer scene.

Martin Paterson

Martin took over as manager of the Village Inn just before Easter, and describes his job at Thurlestone as "the best in the West of England." He had previously worked at the Moorland Garden, Yelverton (formerly known as the Moorland Links Hotel). Martin is a Wiltshire man by birth, but his wife Rosalind was born and brought up in Kingsbridge, so they both know the area well. Village Voice send him all good wishes in his new role.

Sleeping Out?

Over the week-end of 7-9 August the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is encouraging people to sleep out in their own gardens or outdoor space to get close to nature.

Called the Big Wild Sleep-Out it is part of their 'Giving Nature a Home' campaign aimed at inspiring everyone to try and do their bit for nature. *[Not quite sure how this would work - but be sure to tell someone if you plan to have a go! Ed.]*

Steel Magnolias

From tap dancing to hairdressing, members of Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society (KATS) are constantly learning new skills. Their forthcoming summer play is the warm-hearted comedy *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. Based on a true story, the play is set in Truvy's hairdressing salon in the deep south of America. Six women gather to discuss their various personal lives with a particular emphasis on the complicated relationship between bride-to-be Shelby and her mother, M'Lynn. When tragedy strikes it is in the familiar comfort of Truvy's salon that they seek the solace and support that carries them through.

Steel Magnolias made its stage debut in

1987 and has remained consistently popular. The play's enduring relevancy stems from a combination of its strong female characters and its witty, memorable script. The action includes some powerful emotional moments, but Harling's script balances out the pathos with some wickedly funny lines.

Directed by Mike Davies, *Steel Magnolias* runs from Wed 2nd – Sat 5th September 2015 at Marlborough Village Hall. Tickets @ £9 are available on-line at kats-kingsbridge.co.uk or at the Kingsbridge Information Centre.

Probus

The Club, for retired professional and business men, meets in Thurstlestone Hotel on the second Friday of the month to hear a speaker and have lunch. May's speaker, Graham Thrall, spoke on 'Understanding Tyres'. Graham, who had worked for some of the major motor tyre manufacturers for over thirty years, gave an illustrated talk on modern tyre design and manufacture and stressed the importance of regular inspection and pressure checking of your own tyres.

June's speaker was Commodore Jake Moores of the Royal Navy, whose talk was entitled 'A Life Underwater'. Commodore Moores gave us a resume of his career as a submariner and went into some detail of the UK's nuclear submarine force. He illustrated his talk with video clips and photographs of life in a modern nuclear submarine. Jake, one of the few Captains to have commanded both hunter killer and ballistic missile submarines, gave members an insight into commanding these high tech weapons systems and their crews who could remain submerged for up to three months while defending the UK's interests.

Members should remember that there is no meeting in August and that the next meeting is on September 11th. If anyone is interested in joining the Club, or attending a meeting as a guest, please contact the Secretary, Tom Trender, on 560893.

Lobelia Count

Discover Andrew's Wood at Loddswell and the new extension. On Saturday 8 August from 10am to 4pm why not join other local volunteers for the annual count of Heath Lobelia, a rare grassland plant? No experience is necessary. Take a packed lunch and wear stout boots or wellies. This is organised by Jackie Gage and our old

friend Gordon Waterhouse. GR SX 714 520.

Local Plants

It is good to know that the nursery garden on the road to South Milton has now been re-opened. A visit recently revealed that a large amount of horticultural rehabilitation has taken place, and so we can look forward to stocking our gardens locally from a well-grown selection on sale there. They open from and including Wednesdays to Sundays 10am - 5pm until September. Their phone number is 01548 857364, and their email info@southmiltonnursery.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

On Thursday 16th July Police received a report of two males cold calling at properties in the Totnes area. The males were offering household cleaning products for sale from a large holdall and stated they were trying to raise funds to attend a plumbing course in September.

Residents are asked to exercise caution when answering the door to unexpected callers, and to be alert for confidence tricksters. Do not feel pressured into purchasing items at the door. If you feel pressured close the door and call the Police. Do not allow anyone you do not know into your home, no matter how plausible they may be. Please also advise your elderly or vulnerable neighbours.

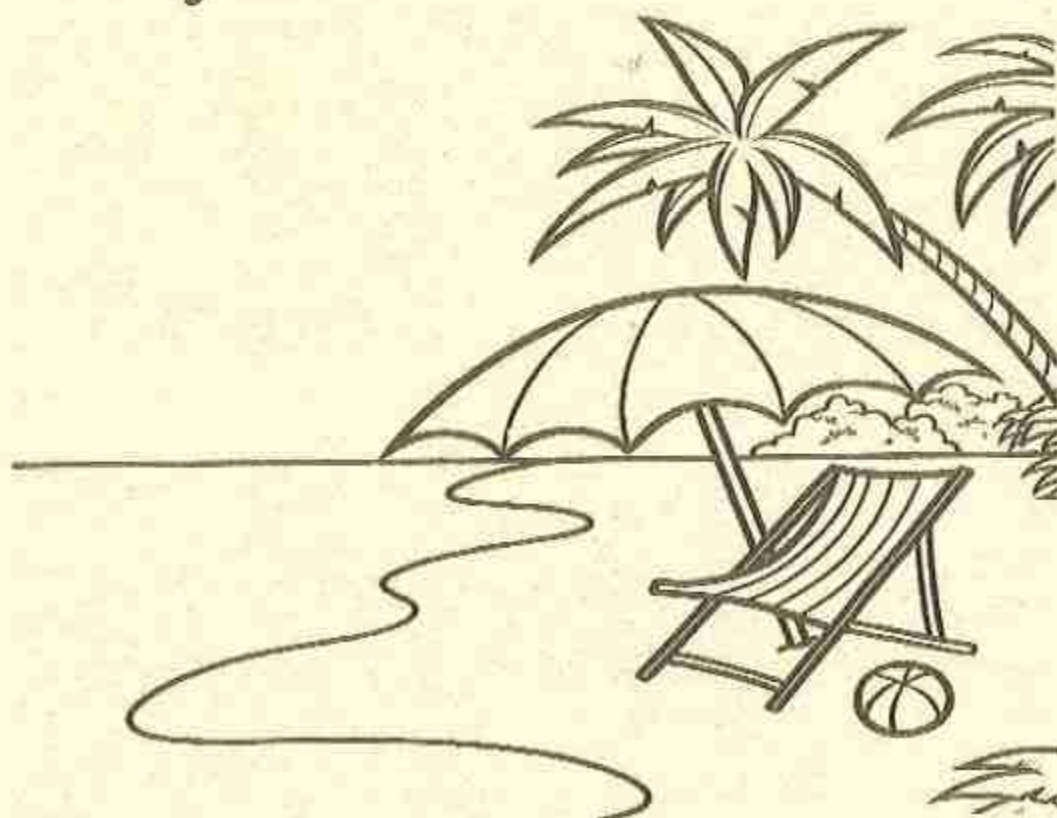
Dartmouth Shakespeare Week

The Inn Theatre Company will be presenting Shakespeare's wonderfully anarchic comedy *'The Merry Wives of Windsor'* at evening performances starting at 7.30pm in the open air at Dartmouth Castle from 4th to 8th August. This will be Shakespeare in modern dress ...well, sort of modern!

This year's director, the visionary and talented Jill Brock (you'll know her if you've been to the castle before. She was Katherina in *The Shrew* and Regan in *King Lear* and Hero in *Much Ado About Nothing*) wanted to do something slightly (!) different...and she has. 'Wives' was written around about 1598, so Jill has decided to set it in ... the early '50s - that's the nineteen fifties. It's a really clever take on the play and should prove well worth a trip to enjoy some fabulous entertainment.

Tickets for sale at Dartmouth Information Centre (01803 834224) priced £12 for early weekdays, but £15 for Friday and Saturday performances.

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PARISH HALL NEWS

Chairman: Neill Irwin



I would like to start this report by issuing a challenge. If you live in Bantham, Buckland or Thurlestone and you think the Parish Hall is not meeting your needs then do something about it. Telephone me on **561661** or email me at neill@southerncrosslimited.com and let me know what you think should be done - and I promise you I will look into it immediately. The Parish Hall committee members already represent a wide range of existing societies and groups who make use of the hall's excellent facilities, but I would welcome additional new members representing an even wider range of the interests of our total community. There are opportunities to be seized - for those keen enough to do so - and we are here to give you any help you need. All you need to do is come forward.

There, that has got that off my chest so let's get back to the programme of special events organised by the committee for your enjoyment.

By the time you read this our July events will just be joyous memories. The Racketts Rock n Roll jazz group rocked the parish on Saturday 11 July with their swinging sixties music, and close on 100 Thurlestonians and friends enthusiastically jived and stomped with them. The Racketts were making their second appearance in the Parish Hall by popular request, and there can be no doubt there is a strong demand for another return next year.

There was also a good turn out for the Family Fun Day and Barbecue at the hall on Tuesday 28 July which both exhilarated and exhausted everyone involved. Yet again a big thank you to all the people who worked hard to make it go with a swing, especially the Phonebox Committee for providing the BBQ of delicious hot-dogs and burgers.

Autumn Fair

Coming up we have our traditional Autumn Fair on Saturday 26 September. This is the annual occasion when regular users of the Parish Hall donate their time and talents to providing a wide range of interesting stalls to raise funds towards the upkeep of the Hall. It is also a nice chance for residents to find out if there are any groups they might enjoy joining. The WI puts on a grand display of cakes, the Horticultural Show a cornucopia of garden produce, the Parish Council a marvellous raffle, and other activity groups come up with imaginative and entertaining ways to part you from your money. So come to the Fair, meet your friends, chat over a cup of tea and a nice piece of cake and have a good, fun, afternoon out! Enjoyment guaranteed.

Murder most Dastardly

Looking further ahead your committee is planning a murder. Please do not be unduly concerned, yet, they are not going to murder anyone before the 7th November. The plan is to bring in a band of brigands who will, we think, do to death one of their own number. Refreshed with food and with brains sharpened with alcohol we, the audience, will try to solve the problem and answer the time honoured question "Who done it?". For the moment just make sure you keep the evening of the 7th November free so that you can assist the law with its enquiries.

To finish as I started, it is your Hall - it is only there to be used in the ways **you** want.

Parish Website

Mike Bone & Paul Martin

Some pain.....

Some progress.....

We still need help!



Now you may think that building a parish website is a simple activity. Well, we are both confident we have the abilities to achieve our goal but constructing websites is not our normal vocation and we are having to learn a great deal on the way to its construction.

Website Design - There are many areas of design, layout, structure and standardisation we have to agree for clarity, interest, ease of reading and access. Getting all these aspects right has taken longer than we had anticipated.

Commercial Aspects - This website is intended to support and benefit the local community, our visitors, and our local businesses. We had thought to publish the website at first with no "commercial" advertisements at all as we considered that all advertising should be paid for (just as with *Village Voice*). This has proved to be extremely difficult to manage and still be able to build a balanced website content. So we are now following a different tack.

The website will now be constructed to include both information and advertising from the outset, with the first twelve months of local advertising completely free. If after the first year the website is successful and the community and the local advertisers are happy with its presentation and content it is our intention to introduce an appropriate advertising charge for each business which wishes to continue on the website. The proceeds will then help with the maintenance and ongoing costs of the site into the future. Advertising in *Village Voice* will not be affected and will continue as at present, with inclusion on the website then being a small additional cost.

Progress - We have a category list of initial content. We are building a contact list with Bantham, Buckland and Thurstone residents to obtain content material and for pursuing updates and additions. Unfortunately, **only a few people have come forward so far with material** following requests in our article in the last *Village Voice* issue. There is still a significant amount of content material (words and pictures) to be acquired. Please read the previous issue requesting content as we still welcome contributions with open arms in the areas of:

- Photo Gallery – Current & Historic pictures with supporting words of information.
- Clubs & Groups – opportunity to publicise with pictures and words.
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Peter Gornall writes:

WHO IS IT?



The Church visitors' book is a source of occasional wonderment. I have commented elsewhere on the note that the Church is a "shelter on a rainy day". There are all sorts of interpretations possible beyond the obvious weather ones. Then how about this recent gem?

*When I see a little church
I go in for a visit,
So when I'm finally carried in
The Lord won't say "Who is it?"*

Actually this comes after several entries about ancestors who were baptised or worshipped in Thurlestone, and one note about the grave of an old friend. There are not many institutions in these villages which really connect people across time and generations – the school perhaps, the golf and tennis a bit, the river and the boats maybe, but probably not the pub, the shop or the garage. Gone are the days when the smith would tell you proudly that his grandfather shod a horse for your ancestor.

So in clarifying our context and identity by remembering and commemorating it is to the Church that we turn most often; to the graves around the Church; the windows, memorials and registers within, and to our own thoughts which the atmosphere there can nurture. Over 100 people gathered a year ago on 4th August 2014 to commemorate the centenary of the declaration of war and to try to feel the losses to the community of those names on the Memorial. (Those losses were made so much more vivid by the exhibition in the Parish Hall). As I type, far away from our village quietness Londoners are filing out of St. Paul's Cathedral 10 years after the 7/7 bombings, some with bodily scars and others with scars of mind and spirit. Dreadfully injured, yet these people are part of a gathering in which they can be assured of their dignity and worth. The big worry is that there are still disaffected ones like the 7/7 perpetrators who lack that sense of wholesome belonging.

We need always to remind ourselves of the converse of all this looking back for our identity and history – that it is God above all who remembers each of us personally, with our pain and our proud times, our fears and sense of loss, our connections and community and our longing for peace. Looking back together is no bad thing; but "looking up" is the supremely worthwhile direction, and finding the one who has always drawn alongside us and gives context to all our longings. So it is not going to be the Lord saying "Who is it?" but rather "I am still with you".

Every Blessing!

Peter



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Gareth Scott is organizing a Rise+Stride event to raise money for All Saints' Church (see front cover for cycle route). Would you like to join in? For more information, please contact Gareth (560298/gareth.scott@hotmail.co.uk).



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11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW) (*Fairtrade Still Aug. 2nd & Sept. 6th*)

11.10am Matins (BCP)

6.00pm Benefice Evensong (BCP) at Woodleigh

11.10am Morning Worship

11.00am Benefice Sea Sunday Service on Bantham Ham

11.10am Harvest Thanksgiving + Harvest Lunch

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10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said)

8.30am Morning Prayer (said)

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

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Thank you to all who contributed to this year's House-to-House collection for Christian Aid. The total raised in the Parish was £1432 + a further £208 through Gift Aid - a magnificent amount.



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Thurlestone Phonebox.....Ring Ring

Magna Carta came and went, that is to say the 800 year anniversary celebrations. Your Phonebox had an interesting exhibition including a facsimile and translation of the original copy kept in Salisbury Cathedral..... I'm sure you all read those avidly. We went to the British Library to see their Magna Carta exhibition, which compared quite well with ours (!) and I did learn a bit more about King John than I had picked up previously, courtesy of AA Milne, that (a) "King John was not a good man" and (b) he wanted "a big red India-rubber ball" although thinking about it I don't believe India had been invented in 1215.



The seat next to the Phonebox is in memory of Peter and Audrey Bamford. He used to keep the Parish Hall in good nick for many a year. It is probably the most sat-upon public seat in the Parish which combined with the decorations put up for each church wedding makes the Phonebox one of the coolest iconic "selfie" backdrops in the UK, other than Wimbledon Centre Court.

We are now featuring a major art exhibition with artists from the Thurlestone All Saints Primary School. We are expecting so many entries that the exhibits will be constantly changing so keep popping over to enjoy all the talent of our local prodigies. The pictures will be both

outside and inside the Phonebox. No admission charge but of course donations gratefully received in the box in the shop.

Still in need of children's books please - just drop them in. Have a great summer.

Kit Marshall

Buckland Phone Box

The Buckland Box is now providing a veg swap station outside it, so that keen gardeners with too much produce can leave their excess produce for others to take and eat. No charge will be made but donations to the Buckland Box can be put in the envelopes which are provided in the Box.

A Pimms Picnic is being held on Sunday August 2nd from 6pm - 8pm in Peter Hurrell's field. Please bring your own food and drink, and something to sit on, and we will provide Pimms and a fruit punch for children, and cakes for your dessert. If you are interested in coming, it would help us if you put your name on the notice in the Box, but do not worry if you just turn up. If the weather forecast is unfavourable, the event will be cancelled.

Sarah Sylvester has produced a wonderful map of West Buckland, showing the names of all the houses in the village. It will be on display in the Box, and copies of it will be available for residents, visitors and delivery personnel.

We have decided that, particularly as Buckland has no mobile telephone coverage, and looks unlikely to have it in the near future, our long term aim should be to raise money to buy a defibrillator to keep in the Box. The Bantam defibrillator is just too far away to be of use to our community in a cardiac emergency. The committee are going to work towards achieving this. If you would like to do anything to help us progress this project, please let me know.

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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Goodness me, my year as Captain is fifty percent complete. Where did those six months go? This is far too difficult a question - even our greatest thinkers have struggled to answer it. They have gone, never to return, other than in my increasingly suspect memory, and therefore I will just have to proceed with the rest of the year. Talking of questions, I posed one in my last report regarding Royal Golf Clubs. Martin Oaks-Monger was the first to answer it correctly and therefore won the golf ball as his prize. Congratulations to him.

Since my last Report the Club has had a particularly busy time, which, as usual, has been brilliantly reported by Lincoln Shaw in the Gazette. I am however going to mention a couple of events.

The first was the Men's Devon Amateur Championship held for only the sixth time at Thurlestone in mid May. The members of the Club should feel very proud that every aspect of the preparation and execution of the event could not have gone any better. As Captain I want to thank all the Staff and Volunteers who contributed to the success of this event.

Returning to the question of where does the time go. I played in two Gloucestershire County Championships in the late seventies, which seems like only yesterday. It certainly does not seem like forty years ago. I hope the current Devon players make the most of their time, but then the young never listen to the older generation!

The second item I wanted to mention was a nostalgic trip back to Gloucestershire and my old Club (Minchinhampton) where I was Captain in 1981. I will not go on about the passage of time any more! Our team played two matches on two of the three courses,

neither of which we won. We however had a most enjoyable time both on and off the course, which was the purpose of the trip. On my part it was great to introduce new friends to a group of old friends in a location where I learnt to play this fascinating game. A return match is being discussed for next year when we will continue the fun.

Returning to my theme of time passing, is it just me or does a round of golf take longer and longer. When I started playing the norm was three and a half hours for a four ball, now it is nearer four and a half hours. Perhaps a round of golf needs to be changed - why is it eighteen holes? Would it be better if it was say fifteen holes.

It is only eighteen holes because St Andrews is eighteen holes and they wrote the rules and every course is a copy of St Andrews. It is interesting to reflect on the fact that the original layout of St Andrews was twenty two holes - I hate to think how long that would now take. Fortunately in 1764 they changed the design and ended up with only eighteen holes. Perhaps we need to either speed up or make a round shorter!

A question for this report. Most will know that the ball we use today is the 'American ball' - the original British ball is now in the dustbin of history. Was the American ball always the same as it is today? So the question is - if it was different how was it different and in which year did it change? The prize is a golf ball, as before, to the first person with the correct answer who tells me personally.

Our Palalret team are to be congratulated on their success against Downs Crediton at Stover on 5th July, the result being a win by 3 matches to 2. Well done to all members of the team, who have now reached the quarter finals - and to those supporters who came along to give their support.

William Hutchison

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

I am delighted to report that Yvonne Pike has agreed to be my Vice captain this year and so will be our lady captain in 2016. Yvonne has been handicap secretary this year and a great help to me.

The weather for golf improved considerably in May and June and the ladies teams were in action with some success. The Still Cup team led by Heather Spencer won two home matches against Teignmouth and Bigbury, but lost three matches away against Teignmouth, Bigbury and Tiverton. The Presidents team led by Linda Cant playing against Stover, Bigbury and Staddon have won two matches and lost two matches. The Sheelah Creasy team led by Anne Seymour have won three matches against Woodbury, Stover and Staddon and lost one. The League team led by Liz Sharman, playing RND, Axe Cliff, Bovey Tracey and Wrangaton have won two and lost three matches. Well done to all ladies who played in the teams; they all enjoyed their matches and made many new friends.

In the May medal the ladies enjoyed some dry and (almost!) warm weather for this competition. In Division One Jan Brooking (15) was 3rd with a net 81. In 2nd place was Barbara Smith (17) with net 78 but winning the division was Jenny Roberts (2) with net 77. In Division Two 3rd place was taken by Jane Mahood (21) with net 80. In 2nd place was Hayley Pepperell (23) with net 79 but winning the competition with a fine net 76 was Sue Curry (29).

In May the Devon Ladies championship took place at Bigbury. Laura Tregelles and Gill Hicks entered from Thurlestone. Laura had a gross 80 and was in the top ten, so was entered for the Championship Bowl but was knocked out in the first round. Gill was in the Lloyd-Williams Plate knockout but went out in the first round. Well done to them.

The Past Members Memorial day was held in May as a Rainbow Stableford competition with red, blue and yellow tees used on different holes. In teams of three with two

scores to count the winners with 83 points were Lindsey Fletcher, Liz Davies and Victoria Gibbens, from the team of Nicole Carter, Val Lovatt and Janice Croke with 77. In all with the entry fees and "Get out of bunker" monies and the raffle we will be able to donate £358 to the Lady Captains charity of Parkinsons Disease UK. The Cora Putting cup also took place and was won by Trish Cooper with runner up Diane Baker.

The May ladies Stableford had very difficult conditions in strong winds which put the CSS up to 75 or 34 Stableford points. Winner Jane Mason scored an excellent 40 points, and a handicap reduction to 17. Runner up was Bridget Laferty with 37, and third was Victoria Gibbens with 34. In Division two the winner was Liz Sharman with 34 on count back, from Jane Mahood, with Janice Croke third. The Mixed Greensome match played for the Buckingham Bowl against Bigbury is in memory of Elizabeth Buckingham who was a member of both clubs and died of cancer in 2007 when she was lady captain at Bigbury. Bigbury won 6-4 and so take the bowl back to Bigbury, but we had a most enjoyable day with our Bigbury friends.

The Sicklemore cup and Royal Marine cup qualifier was also played in May. Laura Tregelles and Kevin Mingo won the Greensome with 40 points on count back from Will Baker and Shona Wilson. Third were Yvonne and David Pike also with 40. The top eight pairs go into a knockout for the Royal marine cup.

The Betty Ord cup and medal had conditions which were very good but only two ladies played to their handicap or below. The winner, Alison Adams (10), had a nett 70 and handicap reduction to 9. Second in division one was Lindsey Fletcher with 74 and third was Midge Henderson with 75. In division two the winner was Pat Hart with 70, from Liz Sharman with 74 and third was Judy Tyler with 75.

A sunny but windy day put the CSS up to 75 for the June ladies EG Medal. In Division one the winner was Janet Richardson (20) with 75, from Pat Hunt (11) with 76, third was Barbara Smith (18) with 76. In Division two the winner was Val Favis (26) with 75, from Diane Baker(33) also with 76, and third was

Janice Croke (22) with 78.

The Foundation Trophy was played for the first time as a Texas scramble and proved very popular. The winners were Keith Crawford, Jane Mason and Jo Crispin with 58.5; second Pete Eva, Philip Laud and Liz Coates with 59.2, and third Bill Hutchison, Wendy Laud and Lindsey Fletcher with 61.9. We hope this format will encourage more members to enter next year.

The Patey and Steer Bowl was a four ball better ball played in very windy conditions. First was Jane Mason and Inger Reeve with 33 points and the winners of the trophy, second Barbara Smith and Jane Stanley with 32 points. The June Ladies Stableford was won overall by Pam St Leger (23) who was returning after illness. She had an excellent score of 39 points and this earns her a handicap reduction to 21. Pam wins the Jennifer Yeo Memorial Rose Bowl for the best score in the June Stableford. In Division one the winner was Alison Adams (9) with 35 points, from Pat Hunt (11) 35. Third was Barbara Smith (18) also with 35. In Division two the runner up was Penny Hind (24) with 34, and third Trish Bowman (28) with 33.

The Lady Captain's fun day was played in perfect weather. In teams of three there were also individual prizes for Stableford scores. I looked after the ladies with drinks and nibbles on the 10th tee. Steve White had a challenge for ladies to get nearer the pin than the pro on the 1st hole and Alison Adams, Gill Durden, Shona Wilson, Lesley Davey, and Jane Mahood all got nearer than Steve. The best Front Nine Individual was Tess Brownhill (20 points), Best Back Nine Individual was Jane Mahood (23 points). Best Team Score Inger Reeve, Jane Mahood, Janice Croke (79 points), Individual Prizes, third Val Lovatt (39 points), second Linda Cant (40 points), and overall winner was Alison Adams (41 points). I would like to thank everyone for their generous support for my Lady Captain's Day and my charity of Parkinson's Disease UK. We made £272 from selling mulligans and get out of bunker passes, and £102 was made by the Pro's challenge.

In June we held the Mixed Open and Marine Hotel cup, again in excellent weather, and

the winners with 45 points were Rebecca and Tony Whitehouse, from Pam St Leger and Alan Young with 44 points. It was a lovely day and the food afterwards was of a very high standard. Well done to the chefs and their team.

I am now looking forward to the very busy summer months, with a full programme of competitions and matches to be completed.

Kay Morley

JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

The weather improved considerably in May and June and the juniors took full advantage of the good conditions to win some matches and competitions and get their handicaps down.

In May they had the West Devon League match against Yelverton winning 3 - 2. With Junior Captain Tom Orr again leading from the front to win 3 and 2, and Finn Whelan coming back from being 4 down to win 1 up on the 18th, the remainder of the points won were split between well fought halves achieved by Ethan Bellamy and the foursomes pairing of Charlie Evans and Ollie Griffiths. Special congratulations are due to Meg Rossouw of Yelverton Golf Club who managed to get a hole in one on the 13th during her match against Toby Woods. All in all, a fantastic performance by everyone involved.

Kingsbridge Community College held their annual golf competition at Thurlestone in May with a Dartmouth junior taking top position but Finn Whelan was second and George Holland was third, so well done to them.

The Thurlestone Junior team played in the Tamar Cup in May. A slow start meant that the first two matches were 4 and 5 down after 9 holes and the third match being played by Charlie Evans and George Messias were holding their own being two up. Whilst a valiant effort was made by George Holland and Finn Whelan they were eventually beaten 4 and 2 and the last pair of Charlie and George were eventually beaten on the

18th green, which only left Toby Woods and Ethan Bellamy to get a point which with a monumental effort did so again on the 18th green. Whilst not the result Thurlestone were looking for an incredible effort was put in by all players who enjoyed the experience of playing at yet another course in Cornwall.

The May junior Stableford competition had a rather smaller field of players due to a team event for the CONGU juniors. The younger boys rose to the challenge with the increased chance of being in the prizes! Lucas Mulligan was star of the day with 38 points, second place went to Toby White with 37 points and Jamie Knight scored 32.

The juniors played Dartmouth at home in the West Devon League and won 3/2 matches. Ethan Bellamy and Toby Woods lost, but Finn Whelan won and the foursome pair of Charlie Evans and George Messias also put in a great performance and won their match.

When the West Devon league team played Wrangaton away they lost to what was a much stronger Wrangaton team by four and a half to a half. The team consisted of George Holland, Ethan Bellamy, Finn Whelan, Charlie Evans and the foursome pair of George Messias and Toby White.

In June we held the adult and junior foursomes qualifying event in nearly perfect weather conditions. The honours and entry to the finals, to be played at Libbaton GC in North Devon, in September went to Nigel Whelan and Finn Whelan who scored an impressive 39 points.

West Devon League match against Yelverton away was held in June. The weather was grey and damp, and when the mist descended play had to be suspended to allow everyone to have lunch before going back out to play 1 hour later. Unfortunately, Toby Woods had to be excused, due to prior arrangements and his match was forfeit. However, Finn Whelan's opponent also had to leave and so Finn was awarded the match, which meant it was up to the three remaining matches to secure the result. Whilst all matches made it to the 18th green George Holland lost 1 down whilst Ethan Bellamy and the foursomes of Tom Orr and Ben Woods lost 2 down. So the end result

was 4-1 in Yelverton's favour, but well done to the team.

The Thurlestone Junior team in July keen to revenge the defeat they experienced away to Wrangaton, yet again showed their great home form with a clean sweep 5-0 against an extremely strong Wrangaton team. The Junior Captain Tom Orr won on the 18th, Toby Woods won 3 and 2, Finn Whelan won 3 and 1 and Ethan Bellamy 4 and 3, with the foursomes pairing of Charlie Evans and George Messias winning 5 and 4. Everyone enjoyed the victory, with thanks being offered to all involved in the speeches, from both junior captains, after the match.

One of our juniors George Holland has also been playing in the Men's Palaret team against other Devon clubs and won his foursomes match with Kevin Mingo against Downs Crediton at Stover.

The Monday club nights from 5 - 7pm are proving popular this year and are organised by Paula Orr and Janet Richardson. Usually around twelve juniors play nine holes and then come in for refreshments. The Summer cup will be starting soon, where scores are given in with the best five counting towards the trophies both for CONGU and non-congu sections. The Academy is growing well and has around 50 members who have lessons on Saturday mornings with Jack or Steve. The sessions are in six week blocks in term time and each junior receives a report after the sessions with points to help them improve. Anyone who wishes to join should contact Steve or Jack in the Pro shop.

After eight years at Thurlestone Golf Club our Assistant Professional, Pete Mitchell, will be leaving us at the end of June. Pete has been offered a fantastic opportunity to work with his father and brother in developing a Golf Driving Range business in Newbury, Berkshire. Pete's new role will be to head up the Coaching at this new range and develop a new Junior Academy, which is an area that Pete is obviously passionate about. The juniors have all benefitted from Pete's coaching and will join me in wishing Pete and his young family all the very best for the future.

Liz Line



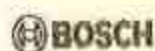
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Testament of Friendship (1940)
Testament of Experience (1957)
By Vera Brittain

The opportunity to find and acquire books via the internet (as well as charity shops) has greatly broadened horizons for today's readers. I had long intended one day to read *Testament of Youth*, but only got round to it quite recently when a copy caught my eye on Jenny Underhill's book stall at a golf club coffee morning. Having at last devoured this remarkable classic, I was prompted to search the net for its successor volumes, used copies of which were easily found (and at bargain prices). The library (and the phone box) might have served the same purpose, but there you have to give books back!

This autobiographical trilogy spans the period pre-WW1 to post-WW2 and details her searing experiences during those momentous years. A few lines here cannot hope to capture the emotional roller-coaster that was her eventful life in journalism and politics, through two world wars, or the complexity of her personal relationships. But after 1500 pages of her intense and active lifetime you get to know Shirley Williams' mum pretty well. You may not share all of her passions, but you have to admire her courage and honesty and respect her fearless integrity. The three *Testaments* are a challenging but enthralling read, with every one of their 1500 pages a testament of her own literary craftsmanship.

Highly recommended.

Robin Macdonald

Crooked Heart
By Lissa Evans
(Doubleday £14.99 hardcover)

Ten year old Noel Bostock has lived with his godmother, Mattie, who is an ex-suffragette with scant respect for authority and who gives him a rather eccentric education and a penchant for 'thinking outside the box'. Unfortunately Mattie gradually slides into dementia, and Noel is finally evacuated from the London blitz to St Albans. As he is slightly goofy looking (with jug ears), he is left until last to be attached to anyone, and so ends up

with Vera Sedge, a rather unscrupulous lady who sees in him as an extra ration book and more food.

Vera, a lady with masses of nervous energy, already looks after her mute mother and dozy son. Her mother never speaks but writes incessant letters to Winston Churchill. Vera is forever on the scrounge and the war has given her plenty of opportunities, but sadly she is not very bright. When Noel arrives on the scene and realises what she is trying to do, his unusual upbringing comes into play and he draws up a proper plan for them both to work to. This is a scheme which involves going from house-to-house in areas of bombed London and collecting for a (fraudulent) "Dunkirk Widows & Orphans Collection".

That is the bare bones of the story but the characters they meet and Vera's son and mother are all brilliantly brought to life. Lissa Evans has a beautiful comic touch and I found this a rivetting read from beginning to end.

Carolyn Taylor

The Cornish Coast Murder
By John Bude
(British Library Classics £8.99)

Written in 1935 in the heyday of the Christie and Sayers novels and before the advent of mobile phones, the internet, and today's sophisticated sleuthing methods, this is a lively and well-crafted story. It is an enjoyably gentle ramble through a murder mystery set in Boscawen, a Cornish coastal village.

The elderly vicar, Reverend Dodd, is an avid reader of mystery novels and a good amateur sleuth, in which interests he has an ally, his great friend Dr Pendrill, the local medical practitioner. When secretive and bad-tempered Julian Tregarthen, landowner and magistrate, but much disliked in Boscawen, is found shot dead in his home a number of likely suspects is thrown into the mix to make Police Inspector Bigswell's life difficult. Matters are not straightforward at all and he welcomes the vicar's thoughts on the subject, which lead to a successful unravelling of many false trails and the unlikely murderer being caught!

Pat Macdonald

Grey Matter

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Eating Out Locally

Continuing our series of readers' accounts of their visits to local restaurants, in this issue we include reports about the Old Bakery, Kingsbridge, and the Soar Mill Cove Hotel.

The Old Bakery, Duke Street, Kingsbridge

You want different? You've got different at the Old Bakery. Go for dinner in the summer season and grab the cabaret; the Chelsea Sailors are there in their special sailing clothes. They know everyone at adjacent tables (except yours). Wives vary from token to forthright; daughters are beautiful, sulky and have a friend along. Having lost the power of speech, they text each other across the table all evening. The son (usually without friend) likewise stares at his gaming screen all evening responding to questions about food choices with Neanderthal grunts.

It's still different at other times of year. It has evolved from a coffee shop with food to a very different sort of restaurant. Grandpa and grandson sitting upstairs reading the sports section and awaiting the distaff side heard a brief piano duet on the piano downstairs announcing the arrival of daughter and grand daughter. You must visit the loo to enjoy the oilcan cistern!

Parking is easy in the quay car park. There are tables outside in the front courtyard and an enclosed area at the back; warm days are suggested as the walls are high and the sun does not always shine. Downstairs has been recently refurbished with slightly better tables but most of the old bakery features remain exposed; upstairs has a wonderful old wooden floor and slightly mixed but mainly post-war utility tables. Prove yourself an old hand and take cushions.

The food! Think Tapas but then ignore preconceptions. At lunch times they offer a platter of 5 small dishes, called Sputino or snack with the simple choices being between Tutto (as it comes), fish and vegetarian. These are smaller versions of the larger dishes on offer although not all on the menu can be reduced in size. Set price includes a glass of wine or a coffee for £10. We tend to order six full size items between the two of us; hungry folk might add a seventh. You can order starters but if you choose an item such as Babaganoush it tends to come first anyway.

The menu is divided into the usual suspects: meat, fish, veg, etc. There is a blackboard with a short list of specials and the sweet list (more later). The choices are for the main part simple dishes such as chicken livers fried in butter and sherry, meatballs with tzatziki, Serrano ham or Bresaola just to mention a tithe. The height of complexity is reached with Sobrasada which describes itself as Majorcan sausage baked with chilli, honey and egg yolk; the sausage is skinned, soft and mixed with the honey and chilli with the yolk perched in a small hollow waiting for you to mix it in. You either like it or not!

A good meal could be made from the vegetable section alone with the Pimientos du Padron outstanding; small green peppers in a hot pan with salt until blistered, giving a mild slightly bitter peppery taste.

The puddings as promised - a shortish list which changes so don't go and expect your favourite to be there every time but nothing on it is going to disappoint. The cake with rosewater ice cream was not on last night but the chocolate mousse with cardamom made up for it.

The wine list is not too long and stays loyal to the region. The slightly fruity dryish house white is £4.50 a glass while the highest price for a glass is only £5.00. Don't ask me what the volumes are. They have the lovely habit of just pouring at the table into unmarked

glasses (I have no quibbles with value) which very much reflects the relaxed atmosphere of the place. The only side effect is that you only learn what is not on the menu that day by asking for it. However if that is my only con (plus a low beam upstairs) then they are not doing badly. Reach them at 01548 855777.

John Kling

Soar Mill Cove Hotel

Decades ago a young couple, on holiday from Oxfordshire, found a run-down hotel building at Soar Mill Cove. It had originally been the cinema to Bolthead Airfield. They saw the dilapidated hotel's potential, bought it and made improvements to create this upmarket hotel. Now, in the 21st century it is run by the third generation of the Makepeace family. From the car park we walk alongside a grass tennis court towards wide sloping lawns that narrow as they go down to the cove. One cannot see what lies below the sea's slightly ruffled surface, but men dive down daily to pick scallops for the kitchen.

We continue our walk past grass roofed self-catering villas which are just some of the hotel's 24 bedrooms. The main hotel is set back from the South West coastal path and as we walk up to the main entrance, we pass a sign for 'Castaways' which is the popular Soar Mill Cove walkers' cafe. We have come for dinner and are soon in the lounge holding glasses of Prosecco until our table is ready. Diners favour a table by the window, but ours is back from the window and we can still see the sea. The decor is light and unfussy; and a pianist plays his repertoire of easy-on-the-ear favourites.

Our starters arrive – one is a chowder with crustations that are heaped in the creamy fish soup and the other has 4 scallops on a bed of leeks. The sauce is superb. As I finish spooning the last of my chowder, I think I may have eaten the best there is – that nothing will quite match it for flavour. Then our steaks arrive – mine with a jug of port sauce which is superb. The rib-eye steak has peppercorn sauce. I remember an old adage: "the test of a chef is his sauces". Waiters pass by and enquire of our satisfaction. There is ample port sauce and its flavour with the medium rare steak and treble cooked chips, is memorable. The square plates double up as trays, we observe, as the waiter carries many items away!

Over and beyond the row of diners by the window, the sky's colours change as the sun sinks. Those windows frame a picture of a silhouetted rocky promontory that partially hides the sunset.

For dessert, their Pavlova is lovely and was created for Audrey Hepburn – who was a regular. I opt for the chocolate fondant. It's served in Master Chef style with red berry fruits, clotted cream and chocolate sauce. Chocolate fondant has that satisfyingly soft smooth centre. The restaurant was busy so it went unnoticed (well I think so) that I dug out the residue of thick sauce that wouldn't pour from the base of the narrow little jug. Coffee, with a handful of chocolate petit fours, in the lounge quietly concludes the evening.

The chef has been with the hotel for decades and it doesn't surprise us that this hotel once won the Outstanding Country Establishment award. A "table d'hôte" dinner is priced at £35. You may want to sign up with Travelzoo to receive special offers by email for a relaxed evening with fine food at a special price.

For more information contact Soar Mill cove hotel at 01548 561566
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Vivien Stickland

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TRAMP



1 Seven enthusiastic walkers set off on Wednesday 22 April from the NT car park at Aymer Cove, Ringmore in brilliant sunshine – not a cloud in the sky. The one Trumper who joined me last year on this walk, when we had to navigate in thick fog, returned to see if the spectacular, panoramic views I had promised were actually real!

Having confirmed that the walk was 6 miles, we all agreed that we'd forgo lunch at the pub at the end, giving us a free afternoon. Another Trumper then challenged us to complete the walk in well under 3 hours. From then on it became a walk of statistics with our every footstep, view stop, hesitation or coffee time being closely monitored and analysed – albeit in a very humorous way.

We took the path to Toby's Point and then followed the coast to Bigbury On Sea. It was a really blustery day and we battled along the coast path, walking into the wind – a force 6 at 28mph and off-shore. Apparently this is classed as a strong breeze! Whilst we knew it wasn't a race, it became a matter of pride to keep the pace going – even though some of us had to put on extra clothing – which, we were told, meant that our average speed had dropped. From Bigbury on Sea we took the inland paths to Folly Farm – new territory for most people (especially the Trumper from last year's foggy expedition). The panoramic views were spectacular so we just had to lower our average speed to take it all in.

We crossed the golf course then joined the Avon Estuary, where we enjoyed our coffee break amongst beautiful wild flowers and with estuary glimpses – and we discussed our progress! We asked if our statistician had factored in resistance, but he commented that he certainly hadn't expected the resistance he got when it was time to move on again. This part of the walk along the Avon Trail was also new to lots of people who enjoyed seeing the estuary from different angles.

From Bigbury we walked along green lanes and footpaths towards Ringmore. We had to cross two enormous fields – with not a hedge or fence in sight – just a solitary gate in the

middle. A gentleman Trumper insisted we walked through the gate and held it open for all of us to pass through. This of course reduced our average speed even more! He even protected us from a herd of young cattle!

Everyone agreed that it was a varied and beautiful walk of 5.84 miles. Even though our average speed was 1.9 mph (moving average 2.3 mph) we were pleased with our progress. Regrettably, no one recorded Ben the dog's average speed or how much further he went than us! One tongue in cheek Trumper even suggested that we include our average age in the data we were amassing – we just smiled!

Linda Scott

2 Wednesday 20 May was a lovely, warm sunny day after several rather indifferent days. Most of us (10) had on too many layers of clothing but these were quickly shed as we climbed up the hill through fields to the Langdon Court Hotel from our starting point at Wembury Beach. Then it was on through more fields to Down Thomas where we descended via a lane and a very stony track to the holiday camp of Heybrook Bay. Here we availed ourselves of their benches to have our picnic with stunning views of Plymouth Sound, its shipping, and a clear view of the Rame Head peninsula.

Suitably refreshed, we continued on our homeward trek, keeping the sea on our right and soon the Mew Stone came into sight. The island – 250m x 200m but steeply rising to 50m – is uninhabited. In 1744 a man served a 7yr sentence on the island and when his time was up, he and most of the family left but his daughter, "Black Joan", remained and had three children!! The island was out of bounds for many years due to HMS Cambridge establishing a gunnery school at Wembury Point in 1940. In 2001 HMS Cambridge was decommissioned and the National Trust was able to buy the island, which is now a bird sanctuary and only available to ornithologists.

After another half hour of walking, we arrived back at our starting point to have a nice cup of tea at the little NT café.

Trisha Wilson

3 On 29th May, with a weather forecast of 5.7 mm rain, strong winds, and a temperature of just 10 degrees, 7 stalwarts and Tarka set off from the Port Light Inn car park on Bolberry Down, and headed inland down the road to Bolberry. The verges were full of red and white campions, cow parsley, and the last of the bluebells, and there was much talk of the green Alexander plant which is starting to smother these lovely spring flowers. Taking the hill on the other side of the valley we turned off left up Sweethearts Lane (though no sweethearts in evidence) and carried on up to Higher Barton, then on through the fields, heading off along the ridge towards Hope Cove. Still no sign of rain, but the wind was tracing beautiful patterns in the barley.

Dropping down into Hope Cove we stopped off to look inside St Clements, the beautifully kept 16th Century fisherman's Chapel, looking very welcoming with its cream painted interior and fresh flowers. We then turned left into Inner Hope and started up the coastal path towards Bolt Tail. After climbing about 200 yds we had a sit down on the bench in memory of Christine Hammer, a longtime member of the Tramp group who sadly died so suddenly three years ago.

Emerging again into the open we climbed up to the coastal path and turned back towards the Port Light. Up on the path the wind was so strong that it was difficult to keep one's balance, and occasionally necessitated grabbing on to someone to stay upright. My light scarf was whisked out of my hand, up into the air like a kite and was last seen disappearing down the valley two fields away – if anyone sees a cow wearing a light blue scarf they will know who it belongs to!

Up on the cliffs the wild flowers were again much in evidence, with the gorse out on the rocks and a wonderful mass of late bluebells above Greystone Ledge. We reached the Port Light feeling that we had really blown the cobwebs away – and just in time too as the heavens opened about 10 minutes later while we were having our lunch.

Liz Coates

4 After a couple of windy, rainy days Wednesday 3rd June dawned sunny and bright. 16 of us met in Brixton and followed the Erme-Plym Trail over fields passing through Gorlofen. Al Parker took a photo of us all outside Gorlofen Lodge,

a thatched gothic style cottage which was one of the lodge gates to Kitley House, now the hotel. We then walked along a few roads into Yealmpton.

From Yealmpton we walked down to the river Yealm and then along the bank-side path to Puslinch bridge. After a short delay while Puzzle, the dog, was located we returned to Brixton along Silverbridge Way (the new permissive path alongside the A379 (Mike Stickland was project manager for the path creation)).

A tasty pensioner's lunch at The Foxhound in Brixton concluded our time together.

Christine Wilson

5 On Tuesday 9th June the Tramps set off for Dittisham for the Greenway Walk. The promise of steam trains got one Tramp quite excited. A small ferry took us across the River Dart. From there we walked up the road and then through a farmyard down to the river foreshore. We continued on the path to Galmpton creek. One very large abandoned pleasure boat has been sitting there for at least four years. Turning up Kiln Lane we joined the road into Galmpton and then went across the common to negotiate the main Brixham to Paignton road.

We then started our descent to Breadsands beach. We stood in awe as we approached the railway viaduct designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Brunel died in 1859, a year before construction actually commenced! The Hoochills Viaduct was opened in 1864. With its 9 arches the viaduct is 85 feet high and 116 yards long. The steam trains cross the viaduct on their way back and forth from Paignton to Kingswear.

We normally eat our lunch on the sea wall but the wind was so strong most of us sheltered in the lee of the beach huts. After lunch there was some ascent, some descent and finally a very long ascent which is rewarded at the end with glorious views of Dartmoor, the River Dart and Torbay. We then returned to Greenway and walked through the beautiful gardens to the ferry. On returning home David Radford worked out the precise length of the walk and total height of ground climbed. We had walked 8.26 miles and climbed 1286 feet. It felt like it too! The promise of trains was more than fulfilled.

Maureen Baker and Rachel Wayth

6 Ten walkers without dogs assembled on a rather misty 17 June morning, then drove in three cars along the tortuous route via Kingsbridge and Frogmore to the National Trust car-park near Prawle Point. The main (and possibly only) drawback of this walk is the fiddly drive in, and on this occasion we were squashed into a hedge near Ford to let a massive tractor and trailer pass with millimetres to spare.

Setting off at about 10.30 under a low cloud-base, we followed the South West Coast Path eastward for about an hour, then entered the estate of Maelcombe House - in the process of being demolished last year - but now half rebuilt. The path became rougher under-foot and entered woodland as we approached Woodcombe Sands. We left the Coast Path and climbed stiffly uphill through woods to the lanes and bridleways at Woodcombe, which brought us painlessly to East Prawle for an early lunch. Lunch at The Pig's Nose was a little slow in coming, though the beer was as good as ever.

The second segment took us along the road past Higher Farm for a short distance, then gradually downhill into Elender Cove. In clear weather the views west to Salcombe are excellent here, but on this occasion we were just under the cloud-base, though with good short-range views down to the deserted beaches below us. We re-joined the SWCP by negotiating the narrow path around to the east of Elender Cove. Thrift, wild thyme and sea-carrot were in full flower.

The final part of this circular walk took us up a fairly steep climb to Prawle Point. Here we resisted the lure of the look-out huts and veered left down past the former coastguard cottages to re-join the cars.

David Radford

7 We had the most beautiful summer evening for our walk on Tuesday 23rd June from Thurlestone to Hope Cove and back when 24 walkers (including 2 holiday-makers) and 4 dogs set off at 4pm from Thurlestone and headed over the fields to Whitlocksworthy. The farmers had barely left us enough room to walk by the side of their fields of crops and it was obvious that some walkers had just walked straight through the middle.

We then walked past the sewage works and on to Horswell Cottages where we picked up another walker. We continued over the fields

to South Huish where Peter and Liz Coates most generously refreshed us with Pimms and Elderflower Cordial in their lovely garden. It was perfect. At this point, several of our walkers decided to take the short cut to Hope Cove. They couldn't wait any longer than necessary for their supper and pint of beer.

The rest of us carried on to Gaimpton, where some of our walkers decided to take the road straight down into Hope Cove. The remaining walkers went up on to the Ridgeway Path between Marlborough and Hope Cove. The views over towards Plymouth and beyond were stunning as we progressed along the path to Hope Cove and much needed food at the Hope and Anchor, where we were joined by other friends of Tramp including Rosemary Mackay, who has led this walk with me for a number of years.

The return to Thurlestone via the Coast Path was hampered by the various cliff falls that have occurred over the past couple of years. The route out of Hope Cove on the Coast Path started over a temporary bridge. It was quite scary seeing how much of the cliff had fallen away beneath us. Again, because of the cliff fall before Thurlestone Sands, we had to make a detour inland, on the new permissive footpath. It is a pity that there are no views from this new part of the footpath, and we were glad when we joined the road down towards Thurlestone Sands.

The sunset from Thurlestone Sands was magnificent and the sea was like a mill pond. We stopped for quite a while in complete admiration of the view before us, before returning to Thurlestone.

We must have covered 7+ miles on this walk and I must give a very special thanks to Peter and Liz Coates for their generous hospitality. The Pimms definitely kept us going!

Lisa White

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Tougher 108 last time was even tougher than intended, as the 3 in Row 3, Column 7 should have been in Row 3, Column 6. So it's humble pie on the chateau menu again this month - and no wine. While one contestant eventually declared the problem impossible, and another that it "didn't seem to work" many of you must have agonised over this and eventually given up and not submitted an entry - as the number received was well below the norm. Accordingly, the chateau jury have decided not to award a prize this time. Our apologies to all for this error, and the time-wasting that resulted from it. Entries for this month's challenge to 25 Mead Lane as usual by 5th September 2015, please.



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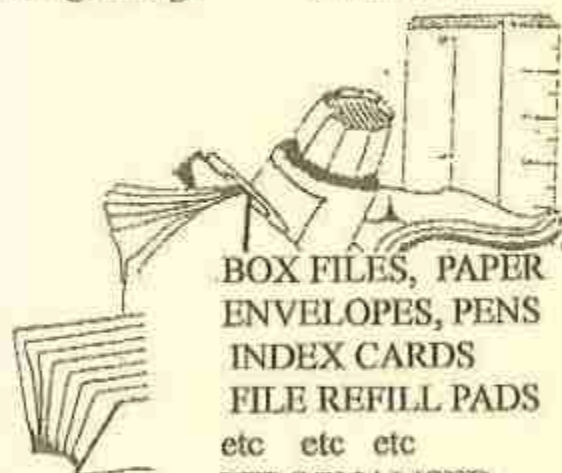
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MUSICAL TERMS EXPLAINED

Contributed by Alison Bone

p piano (soft) - the neighbours have complained

f forte (loud) - the neighbours are out

crescendo - getting louder - testing the neighbours' tolerance level

ff fortissimo - VERY loud - to hell with the neighbours

pp pianissimo - VERY soft - the neighbours are at the door

dim - thick

obbligato - being forced to practise

rit and/or rall - coming up to the bit you haven't practised

con moto - I have a car

allegro - a little motor car

maestro - a bigger motor car

metronome - a person small enough to fit into a Mini

lento - the days leading up to Easter

largo - brewery in Germany, hence 'Handel's largo reaches parts other beers cannot reach'

piu animato - If you don't clean that rabbit out it will have to go

interval - time to meet the players in the bar

perfect interval - when drinks are on the house

cantabile - singing (that is viz, drunk)

con spirito - drunk again

cantata - a fizzy drink

tutti - an ice cream

coda - served with chipsa

codetta - a child's portion

chords - things that organists play with one finger

discords - things that organists play with two fingers

suspended chord - for lynching the soloist

rubato - ointment for the musician's back

subdominant - I can't play till I've asked the wife

tonic - a pick-me-up

syncopation - bowel condition brought on by an overdose of jazz

crotchet - knitting

quaver - the feeling before a lesson when you haven't practised

key signatures - silly things put there to frighten you (ignore them, they will go away - and so will your audience)

time signatures - things for drummers to ignore

colla voce - this shirt is so tight I can't talk

flats - English apartments

a tempo - in time

a tempo de café - ah, coffee time

improvisation - what you do when the music falls down

fugue - clever stuff

prelude - warm up session before the clever stuff

opus - exclamation when moggy has done a whoopsie on the carpet

scales - fishy things

trill - bird food

virtuoso - someone who can work wonders with easy-play music

antiphonal - crossed lines

melody - an ancient and now extinct art in song-writing

music - HAPPINESS



Raspberry & Lemon Pudding (4)

This delicious pudding separates, whilst its cooking, into a very light sponge top with a thick raspberry-lemon sauce underneath. Assemble all the ingredients first, then it doesn't take long to make. You can use a food processor for all of it except the whisking of the egg whites which must be done separately. With frozen raspberries available year-round this is no longer just a seasonal opportunity, but a pudding to be enjoyed right through the year.

Ingredients:

- 350g/12oz raspberries
- 40g/1½ozs butter
- 110g/4ozs caster sugar
- 2 lemons, grated rind and juice
- 3 eggs, separated
- 25g/1oz self-raising flour
- 150ml/quarter pint milk

Method:

- Put raspberries into an ovenproof dish
- Cream butter then add sugar gradually, beating until pale and fluffy
- Mix in the lemon rinds, juice, then egg yolks
- Add the flour, then milk (if it curdles don't worry, it won't affect the end result)
- Whisk egg white until stiff, fold gently into the mixture then pour on top of raspberries
- Place dish into a roasting tin then pour about 2 inches hot water into the tin
- Bake 40-45 minutes at 180°C until golden and firm on top
- Serve warm or cold

Recipe Book

As announced in June, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the new Parish Hall, the hall committee propose to publish a Recipe Book composed from recipes sent in by parish members. To this end everyone was invited to send in to Mike Stickland, who is co-ordinating this project, any of their recipes for starters, main courses, or desserts which they would like to see included. The response so far has been a little disappointing, and Mike would like to ask all you Thurlestone cooks out there to dig out favourite recipes and send them by post to 2 Meadfoot, Thurlestone TQ7 3TD, or by e-mail to stix@talktalk.net and any words by way of introduction or elaboration would be a nice addition. Thank you.

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June

Jeweller Peter Carl Faberge's exquisite work and his relationship with the last Russian royal family was the subject of Janet Cowland's talk. She showed many pictures of the beautiful small jewelled 'eggs' that Tsar Nicholas II commissioned as an Easter present for the Empress Marie, a custom carried on by his successor. These, along with such items as picture frames, cigarette cases, notebooks and other ornaments were made in Faberge's St Petersburg workshops and are now eagerly sought after and selling for extremely high prices round the world.

The last egg was made in 1917 but not presented as by then the Russian revolution had started and the Tsar and his family were arrested and subsequently killed. Faberge himself escaped to Switzerland where he died in 1920. Janet also presented some fascinating details of the Romanov family and their relationship to our own royal family.

Members observed a short silence to remember the late Jeanne Barton.

Val Morrison was in hospital with a broken ankle and good wishes for her speedy recovery were expressed.

Jo Odams's sister, Eileadh, a visitor from Brazil, was welcomed.

Lisa White thanked the members for re-electing her as President, and also thanked Pat Clarke for chairing the May meeting.

Lisa also reported on two events which she will not forget in a hurry and which she described as 'incredible'. The first was the Buckingham Palace garden party in June when the Duchess of Cornwall, the Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Gloucester were present. The second event was the NFWI 100th annual general meeting at the Albert Hall, later in the month, when HM the Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex attended.

July

Stuart Dowle made a welcome return visit as a speaker, this time to talk about his early life as a Dorset shepherd, long before he worked on the sales side of the Quicke's Cheese company. Born near Beaminster 68 years ago, his parents ran a village pub although the family were millers - his great-grandfather invented the famous Dorset knob biscuits. His bucolic anecdotes were both highly amusing and informative, and delivered in a relaxed style which was greatly enjoyed by members.

Katie Hankinson was welcomed as a visitor.

Sally Martin reported on the DFWI's 'Memory Matters' day she had attended in Exeter, which was concerned with mindfulness and self-help. She told us that there is now a special depression and anxiety service in Devon, from which the public is urged to seek help should they need it. Warm thanks were given to Sally for hosting the annual summer lunch party at her home - indoors this year as it was a rainy day. The committee had again provided delicious food which the 38 members attending very much enjoyed.

The crochet tuition workshop in June was good. Carolyn Taylor, the area secretary reminded members of the workshops that are available through Food Crafts and Skills and asked them to let her know of any day schools or activities they would like her to try and organise.

On Saturday 19 September the DFWI are running a centenary jazz-picnic river cruise from Totnes to Dartmouth, 7 - 10pm.

In September there will be a raffle to raise funds for Denman College then from October our own raffle at monthly meetings will start a new system of having better prizes with tickets at £1.00.

The speaker for 10 September will be Heather Penwarden on Memory Cafes and Dementia Awareness.

National Trust South Hams Centre

Programme for August & September 2015

- Monday 17 Aug** Kingsbridge Estuary evening boat trip. 1.75 hour cruise on the 'Rivermaid' with Gordon Waterhouse on board to help us spot estuary birds. Bring a picnic.
- Wednesday 26 Aug** Coach trip to Mount Edgcombe and boat trip to Plymouth harbour. By coach to Mount Edgcombe in Cornwall to tour the house and enjoy the well-stocked gardens. Visit the restaurant or bring a picnic. After lunch stroll or be driven down to Cremyll Quay for the 'Plymouth Sound' boat trip back to the Barbican.
- Tuesday 8 Sept** Coach trip to Widecombe Fair - a showcase for all that is wonderful about Dartmoor. A return visit to the ever-popular Widecombe-in-the-Moor event.
- Monday 28 Sept** Coach trip to Padstow and Prideaux Place. After several years we return to Padstow and stay for lunch, then on to the nearby Elizabethan house, Prideaux Place with its landscaped grounds and formal garden. There is a tea-room.

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



SOUTH HAMS SOCIETY

The South Hams Society will have a stall in the big tent at the Kingsbridge Show on Saturday 5 September. Any volunteers to help man it would be most welcome. We aim to do 2 hour shifts, so plenty of time to visit the rest of the Show.

Meanwhile, why not join members of the South Hams Society for a beach clean? You will be made very welcome. There are three beach cleans organised for the months of August and September.

1. Saturday 1 August at Gara Beach, also known as Moors Beach, after the raids by slave hunters. Meet outside the restaurant at 12 noon. In 2014, we found lumps of Palm Oil, toxic to dogs, but as far as is known not to humans. LW 13.32 BST.

2. Saturday 29 August at Yarmen Beach & Leas Foot. Meet at 12 noon in the car park of the Thurlestone Golf Club. Another lovely beach for a picnic or swim as well as some gentle tidying up. LW 12.28 BST.

3. Saturday 12 September at Soar Mill Cove. Meet at 12 noon in the car park behind the hotel. The beach is still lovely and a firm favourite with families and walkers despite much of the sand being scoured away during the winter storms. LW 12.20 BST.

More beach cleans are scheduled for later in 2015: Thurlestone Sands (South Milton) (10 October); West Charleton (14 November); and Gara (12 December).

For more information, please contact Vivien Napper (phone: 01548 842405) or by e-mail to viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk or South Hams Society website at : www.southhamsociety.org



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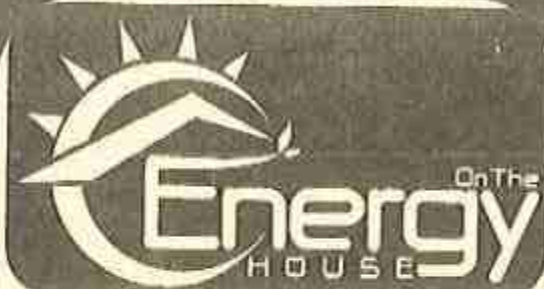
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By the time this editorial goes to publication, we will have broken up for the summer holidays. It has been another very successful and busy term at Pearson with the preschool full to capacity. At this time of year the end of term can be emotionally challenging for both our parents and staff, as we will be losing 20 of our children, 2 of whom will be moving away and the remaining 18 will be making their transition into primary school. We would like to wish the following children and their families a smooth and seamless transition into primary school or their next setting and all the very best for the future...

Freddie, Sasha, Sophie, Mia, Sheri, Sophia, Trai, Daniel, Angus, Emma, Finley, Matthew, Harry, Leila, Jude, Caleb, Sofia, Lola, Ned and Clemmie.

We are hoping to increase our numbers of children this coming Autumn term. Please could we ask our parents and grandparents, past and present, if you have valued our service as an early years setting to spread the word that we have vacancies for this coming September. We would be most grateful, as we have found that word of mouth is the most effective form of advertising.

This autumn, we will be welcoming some new children and their families to the setting...

Wilbur, Freya, Portia, Eppie, Isabelle, Louisa and Hendrix. We welcome them all into Pearson and hope they will be happy and settle very quickly with us.

Sadly we shall be losing one of our members of the staff team. Andreea Ghica has worked as a volunteer for the preschool for the last two years and she will be returning back home to her family in Spain. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication, we shall miss her and wish her all the very best for her future.

I would like to thank our amazing team of Early Years Practitioners... Jane, Jess, Donna, Bev, Nicky, Andreea and Shannie, who on a daily basis strive to support each child's development and encourage and nurture every child as an individual. I would also like to thank our Committee, Sarah Gardner, Elaine Hanmer-Grant, Nick Quinn, Lucy Pannell-Woodward, Lucy Panteney, Lucia Ireland and Danielle Wood for all their support this term.

We wish all our friends, families and neighbours a peaceful and restful summer.

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School Report

News and activities at All Saints Primary School

GLINT OF GOLD

Year 5 & 6 children put on 2 performances of Glint of Gold - A Tale of Ancient Egypt by Gawen Robinson on Thursday 16th July in the Thurlestone Parish Hall to packed and appreciative audiences. This musical production set around the discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamen by Howard Carter included several songs, opportunities for solo singing and musical performances and plenty of prop design and staging for the children to create. All involved are to be congratulated on a sterling effort.

BRIMPTS FARM RESIDENTIAL & ADVENTURE WEEK

Children from the three schools of the Federation enjoyed a splendid week of outdoor activities at this Dartmoor farm complex. Monday began with a Hash Run down to the River Dart, then past Babeny Stables and up to the top of Yar Tor. From the top of the tor there was an egg-rolling competition back down the hill, followed by a very bracing swim in the Dart and then back to the farm for supper and evening orienteering activities. All the children were on a rota of activities including archery, zip-wiring, caving, abseiling, mountain biking and so much more.

Teaching children fun ways to engage with and enjoy being outdoors will give them an appreciation of what great countryside they live in, and it will last a lifetime. Local trips down to the beach, and recently to Kerse (grateful thanks to the Parker-Swifts) have also contributed to the children's outdoor education this term.

TOUCH TYPING

Some of the children gave an amazing blindfold demonstration of their touch typing skills in assembly recently. Lesley will be running more classes in the coming school year, and I would highly recommend allowing your child access to this valuable skill. She will be doing free taster sessions soon. Please register your interest by contacting her directly at lesleyhbolan@hotmail.com

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

The calendar dates for the next school year will be as follows:

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Spring Term:	Monday 4 January - Thursday 11 February Half-term 15 - 19 February Monday 22 February - Thursday 24 March
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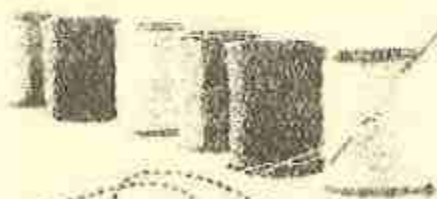
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Weather Wag

by Jan Turner

When I wrote my weather diary last night, 8th July 2015, I looked back at what had happened on the 7th July in the previous three years. On reading it, the memory is vivid. On 7th July 2012 our history group paid a visit to the ancient and extensive Ford Cemetery in Plymouth. It was a lovely sunny and calm afternoon. The visit was very interesting and we were able to look at the artefacts in the small museum housed in one of the old chapels. We also had a very nice cuppa and cake. As we went into the museum I was interested to see a very dark, almost lurid, sky way up north over Dartmoor. It was no surprise that at about 3.30pm the rain came down. Not in gentle drops but in huge thunder drops, and the ground was awash before you could say "rain".

The drivers of cars parked some way away dashed to fetch them, and were soaked. We set off for home, but honestly, I have rarely seen or driven through such rainfall. The journey was eventful, with rivers of water rushing out of gateways, and bits of trees and general debris all over the roads. There had obviously been heavy weather before we witnessed its advent in Plymouth. Both the Erme and Avon were in full flood, the water dark brown and carrying much debris, as the deluge had happened earlier in the day on Dartmoor.

BBC Devon was broadcasting warnings regarding the weather and it was then that we heard about the devastation at Avon Mill Nursery. This had all happened earlier in the afternoon, and the staff had to watch with horror as the river, having burst its banks upstream, simply flowed along their meadows, through the nursery buildings, including the retail outlets alongside, across the car park and thence into the river across the road. In the meantime the actual river had punched a hole in the parapet of the bridge, demolished the fence along the road and lifted the road tarmac 10 feet into the field. At its height the water in the main nursery building and display areas was about 3 feet, enough to submerge the café tables and cover the terrace wall outside the café.

My record for the day reads:- 'Persistent heavy rain over night, 58.2mm (1 month's total for here) or thereabouts. The gauge had overflowed so there would have been more than that. Floods occurred in Yealmpton, Ottery St. Mary, Kingsbridge and Aveton Gifford. Cars were afloat in these last two locations. It was reported that Southern Russia had 51 inches or 2 months total in 24 hours'.

Looking further back in the diary, there had been rain every day since 1st July, so the ground was already saturated - no wonder there were floods. The rest of the month until the last week was rain, wind, mist, and cool to cold, so July lived up to its name - one of the wettest months of the year on average. This morning 8th July I met a lady in the Post Office who was starting out on a journey home to Surrey. She said that she had been coming here at the same time each year for 20 years and had always had lovely weather! What has happened this year? Well it's not so bad - it just needs to be put into context. Having said that, I could do with some warm balmy days that feel like summer!

Enough of my reminiscences, I'm too young for that! Well, I have to say the elements must have taken on board my earlier comments, as since then the sun has shone and weather has been definitely summery. As usual the wind has reversed to the east and rain clouds are building along the horizon over the sea. Odds on a

storm or heavy showers may penetrate during the evening when the winds reverse to on-shore sea breezes. I have looked at the *WK of S* book for 10th July. It makes interesting reading, as does another reference book "Weather" an Explorers series from America. Both references talk about extremes.

Picking out a few items that might interest you from both books, all refer to extremes of weather. Today 10th July, in 1921, it is 34°C – the hottest day of one of the warmest and driest summers since the 17th century. Unusually, it's also windy. This spells disaster for farmers on all but the heaviest soils, especially in East Anglia, where 1921 is remembered as the 'Desert Year'. Here the top soil, if not covered in grass (which it rarely is in the grain growing area), is vulnerable to the wind erosion. There having been no rain for so long, the corn didn't grow, so soil was left bare between the stalks, all too low and poor to withstand the power of the wind. Much was blown away and the grain didn't mature well in what was left. The Government had abolished the Corn Act less than a year after it had been made law with the result that the price of wheat was quartered, wages came down as farmers were unable to sell crops for a profit, and animals were sold for virtually nothing because they couldn't afford to keep them. Wages were about 27s 6p per week (£1.37 in today's currency).

In the event the weather contributed to the onset of the Depression years, and the Great Depression in America. When my dad started farming in about 1924/5 in Cornwall, and then when he went to Shute in 1935, his wage was about 38s per week. It must have taken a leap of faith to begin farming in those days. Another 'hot event' was in 1940, when one of the sunniest ever springs became a glorious summer. This period has become known as 'Hitler's Weather'. Goering's Luftwaffe took full advantage by attacking British convoys in the channel, and today marks the official 'start' of the Battle of Britain. Then in 1968, heavy rain caused major disruption in the West Country. Cheddar Caves flood for the first time and ALL major holiday routes to the SW were impassable – but then, says Woodward and Benn, this is, on average, the wettest day of the year!

Moving on to the 13th July, on average the 'hottest' day of the year in central England, the sun shines happily over Weymouth as King George III arrives for his first visit. This heralds the custom of Royals to take convalescing trips to the seaside. Novelist Fanny Burney, accompanying the royals, reports "A machine filled with fiddlers follows the royal one into the sea playing "God save the King" as His Majesty takes the plunge". Brighton and Bognor Regis follow as THE resorts for recuperation. There is a myth that in 1936 the dying King George V, in response to suggestions that he will soon be well enough to revisit Bognor Regis (the Regis bit added when His Majesty visited in 1927), utters his final words: "B....r Bognor".

Fantastically it was also the day when after a long spell of gloomy weather in 1985, 1.5 million people (85% of the world's televisions) were able to watch "Live Aid" take place in the warmth of summer sunshine in Wembley Stadium. Bob Geldof was amazed at his good fortune "that there was not a cloud in sight". Do you remember where you were on that day? I do, and the TV coverage was fantastic.

Well, today, 13th July has been very like an autumn day ("season of mist and mellow fruitfulness") only a bit (just a little bit) warmer. Let's hope all improves as the schools break up on 17th July – next Friday. Enjoy the good weather when it comes and watch out for the UV rays. And here's to a really good autumn!

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August		
Saturday	1	Horticultural Show, S Milton, 2.30pm
Tuesday	4	TRAMP, Dartmoor, Holne, Hexworthy etc (long)
Thursday	13	TRAMP, Noss Mayo & Revelstoke Drive (short)
Monday	17	TRAMP, Dartmoor, Lustleigh Cleave (long)
Monday	24	TRAMP, Burrator, Royal Oak, Meavy (short)
Tuesday	25	BBQ on the Green from 6.00pm
September		
Monday	7	TRAMP S. Milton, Upton, Whitley, Worthy, Buckland (long)
Monday	7	Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, 7.30pm
Thursday	10	WT, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (H. Penwarden, Memory Cafes)
Thursday	10	TRAMP Dartmoor, Venford Reservoir and Dartmeet (long)
Saturday	12	9 churches sponsored cycle ride
Wednesday	16	TRAMP Ringmore, Kingston, Ayrmer Cove (short)
Wednesday	23	KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church 7.30pm (SS Gt Britain)
Thursday	24	KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church, 10.30am (Ian Casle)
Saturday	26	Autumn Fair, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (see ad)
Tuesday	29	Public Meeting - Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday	30	TRAMP Avon Estuary and Bantham (short)
October		
Monday	5	Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, 7.30pm
Tuesday	6	TRAMP, Whiddon Scrubs (long)
Thursday	8	WT, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (J. Wilson, The Scented Garden)
Wednesday	14	TRAMP, Holbeton, R Erme and countryside to East (short)
Tuesday	20	TRAMP, Coast Path around Start Point (long)
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