

VILLAGE VOICE

Thurlestone Golf Club Devon Palaiet Champions 2015



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Champions at last!

Since its inception in 1934 the Palalret Memorial Trophy knockout competition has been the most prestigious and keenly contested event in the calendar for every one of Devon's golf clubs. Though it is a handicap, and not a scratch competition, it has always slightly favoured lower handicap golfers, and has generally been won by clubs with a strong team of low single-figure handicappers.

Despite a number of appearances for the finals day, when the last four teams play the semi-final matches in the morning, and the finals in the afternoon, neither Thurlestone nor Bigbury has ever managed to lift the trophy - until this year, when the Thurlestone team shown on our front cover won the coveted trophy, defeating Churston in the final at Stover golf club.

So it's congratulations to the team members, the support programme within the club set-up that helped prepare them for the tournament, and the caddies and club members who went along to support the team at Stover.

Winning the Palalret is such a rare event - the first for Thurlestone in eighty one years - that we felt it only right and proper that Village Voice should join in the celebrations and carry the picture of the victorious team on our front cover for this issue.

It is also a very nice way for the parish to mark the year of the Queen's record breaking reign.

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A Letter from Dr Sarah Wollaston

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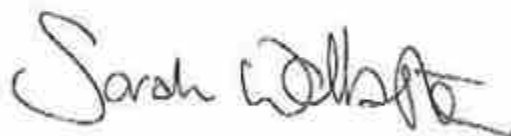
Over the past month, I have received hundreds of letters about the refugees fleeing conflict in the Middle East. While Aylan Kurdi is not the first child to die at the hands of people traffickers, his image has brought the human tragedy into sharp focus.

Most people agree that it was the right decision for Britain to welcome more refugees and to prioritise vulnerable children in Syrian camps but some would have liked us to match the German response. There have however, been unintended consequences following Germany's offer to resettle 800,000 people. Hundreds of thousands have now been encouraged to make a perilous journey in the hands of traffickers only to find the door slammed in their faces and Europe's Schengen Agreement looks close to collapse as a result. Britain is right to have retained control of our borders and to question who is most in need - the (mostly) fit young men at Calais who have crossed Europe without seeking asylum or the unaccompanied children in refugee camps?

The Kindertransport was a beacon of hope during the Second World War and for those who have been in touch to ask how they can volunteer their homes, time or other support for refugees coming to the UK, I will be posting details of the plans to co-ordinate this and other helpful links on my website < www.drSarah.org.uk > as they emerge.

After the US, Britain is the largest aid donor to the victims of the Syrian conflict and, to date, we have provided more than 18 million food rations, given 1.6 million people access to clean water and provided education to a quarter of a million children.

So many of the factors fuelling this vicious sectarian conflict are beyond our control but it is in all our interests to support the neighbouring states bearing the brunt of the ongoing humanitarian disaster. We must do so in a way that doesn't inadvertently worsen the situation or play into the pockets of the traffickers in human misery.



PS. I hold regular advice surgeries for constituents to raise local and national issues: you can contact my office on 01803 868378 to find out about dates and times. If you wish to contact me, or to be added to my newsletter mailing list, please email me at: sarah.wollaston.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held 7 September 2015

News & Views by Citizen

There was not a Parish Council meeting in August. In September six Parish Councillors attended, plus the Parish Clerk, the County and District Councillors, and 11 members of the public.

OPEN FORUM

Furlong Gate. It is proposed to have a 'new build' on this site which it is believed will have an overbearing effect on adjacent properties. The Parish Council will make a site visit.

Bantham Estate Shoot. Any objections to this plan are not part of the Parish Council remit.

HIGHWAYS

A traffic enforcement officer was seen recently in Thurlestone when 8 cars were 'booked'.

No sightings of this officer have been seen in Bantham.

FOOTPATHS & HERITAGE COAST

'Summer Cottage', Bantham, has an overgrown public footpath to the woods which should be cleared by the owner of the property.

TREES

Councillor Charles Mitchelmore reported that the owner of 'Swallows' has decided to tidy up the large tree in his garden rather than cut it down. The trees and bushes at the bottom of the school's playing field need cutting back. There is an application for work to be carried out in 'Merchants Garden' and a meeting will be held to discuss what action is needed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Public Meeting Councillor Tony Goddard said a public consultation meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on

Tuesday 29 September, 7.30pm, to seek the public's contributions to the future plans for the parish.

Parish website Work on this is proceeding well.

Broadband The reported comments by a BT engineer that the up-date will not happen until well into 2016 are not in line with a BT letter to County Councillor Rufus Gilbert.

Mobile phone mast No further news.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Pear Tree Cottage. No progress on the retrospective planning application

Leasfoot Beach. The pile of shale has been reported to the Golf Club but not yet removed.

BT service. The Parish Council's letter to BT about their appalling service to the parish re the breakdown of the telephone system has not had an acknowledgement but the copy sent to MP Sarah Wollaston has. The Council will again write to the MP about the poor Broadband and very poor telephone service in the parish.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Judy Pearce said there is a new Alcohol & Entertainment licence which the Parish Council should check.

Applications to the TAP fund (Town and Parish) must be made by the 18 December 2015 with the decision by 14 January 2016.

Affordable Housing can now include sites for two or more properties. Parishioners must register if they want to be eligible for these properties.

Parish Councillors are now able to speak at SHDC Planning Meetings

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Rufus Gilbert said that the Hope Cove scaffold bridge repair will go ahead.

The Buckland bridge repair will be done but no date yet fixed.

BT have written to him saying our Broadband update will be completed by the end of 2015.

Our parish website has received a grant.

Roads are now being x-rayed to determine their overall condition.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

No information has so far come to light about the ownership of the cobbled road by the church. The complicated 62-page Land Registry document contains questions on which the Parish Council will seek professional advice.

The raffle for the annual Parish Hall Autumn Fair, Saturday 26 September, will this year be organised by Councillor Bronwen Zaffiro.

A police representative did not attend the meeting but it was reported that there had been a lawn mower theft and a cat shot with an airgun pellet, as a result of which it had to have its leg amputated. We have yet to meet PC Steve Mullen's successor.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Yeo Room, 5 October 2015, at 7.30pm



Thurlestone Parish Hall
10th Anniversary Celebration

CHEESE & WINE LUNCH

In the Parish Hall
Saturday 5th December
12.30 for 1.00pm

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Pat Macdonald 560436

Lisa White 560505



ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 14 November, St Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge
The Chorus 30th Anniversary Concert. Details from 842361

Saturday 12 December at 7.30pm, Thurlestone Parish Hall
Christmas Concert - with seasonal refreshments. Details later.

PARISH HALL NEWS

Chairman: Neill Irwin



I have been thinking about what is the real purpose of a Parish Hall. Surely it is there to help foster a community spirit and to enable people to meet and get to share experience. These thoughts brought me back to the Family Fun Day your committee organised at the end of July. So with no apologies for repeating myself let me remind you of the details. We were lucky with the weather. It has not been often that one could say that during this summer but it was certainly true for this event. It was not too hot and not too cold, just perfect for the locals and visitors to come to the Parish Hall and enjoy good clean family fun. There was not an iPhone or a computer screen in sight. Instead children and adults were playing table-tennis, boules, catch-the-rat, golf, bowls and a Dutch mini shuffleboard game. A big thank you to the supporters who helped run the games.

While all this activity was in full swing everyone managed to spend lots for the food and wine. So a special thank you to Lisa and Chris White for their services at the bar and to the whole Telephone Box Committee for their sterling work at the BBQ. Not only did we have a fun evening but we also managed to raise over £400 for the Hall funds. All in all, I believe this is exactly what a Parish Hall should be doing.

Turning our thoughts to autumn - there is a gale blowing as I sit writing - we can look forward to more indoor activities. The Reckless harmony group on the 19th September featured the leading British barbershop quartet and their brilliant harmony singing delighted a large audience. This was followed by the annual Autumn Fair on the 26th September, after this issue of Village Voice had gone to press, and will be reported in our next edition.

Our next event is of course the Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 7th November. This promises to be an event not to be missed. Food, drink, intrigue and murder - what more could one ask for on a cold November evening? Then on Saturday 5th December will be a Cheese & Wine Lunch to celebrate the Hall's 10th birthday (see separate adverts for these events). I look forward to seeing you all at both of them!

As I am sure you are aware we sadly lost a long serving member of the committee. Jeanne Barton represented, sometimes quite forcefully, the interests of the Bridge players. Jeanne always made a very positive contribution to the work of the committee and we were honoured to be told that she had remembered us in her will, and her generous bequest to the Parish Hall was gratefully received and put to good use keeping up the high standards of the Hall. Our condolences go to Jeanne's family: she will be missed.

To finish this report I would like to refer back to the challenge I issued last time - namely that if you have any thoughts on how the Parish Hall could better serve your interests then let me know. So far only one person has responded. I am still open to suggestions, so get in touch.

THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

By Councillor Tony Goddard

The committee charged with assisting the community of the Thurlestone Parish to face the challenge of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish awaited its first formal meeting with the community on the evening of the 29th September with anticipation and it must be confessed, with some trepidation.

Although the event held in the Parish Hall had been extensively advertised there was always the worry that people would not turn out as had been hoped. Happily the community did not disappoint and an encouraging number of both residents and others attended.

Tony Goddard, the Chairman, made a brief opening presentation highlighted by slides explaining why a Neighbourhood Plan was now required, and providing a background to what had been done by the committee to date, and what was still required to complete the plan. A copy of an actual Neighbourhood Plan from another parish was available for inspection.

Tony reminded those attending that the concept of Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Localism Act at the same time as the National Planning Policy Framework introduced the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

Although the Act encourages communities to have far more say in how their towns and villages develop they cannot prevent development which would be permitted under the framework or by the District Plans which are in the process of development. However, once approved by the Planning Inspectorate and accepted by a Referendum of the residents of the parish the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will be given equal weight with the policies of the District Plan when planning applications are considered.

An essential ingredient of Neighbourhood Planning is the contribution of the views of the local community to the development of the Plan and the meeting was the first opportunity for the committee to canvass the

views of the Parish. Although only residents are allowed to vote in the Referendum, the views of all of those who have properties in the Parish or who just visit are welcome.

To allow the committee to get a good idea of the views of all parts of the community (and not merely of those shouting the loudest!), on the suggestion of District Councillor Judy Pearce it was arranged for boards to be set up around the hall, each labelled with one of the Questions shown on the opposite page.

For each question were some "prompts" on a printed handout of the kind of things that might stimulate people to express their thoughts on the subject of the question. Post-It slips were freely available and people were encouraged (when they had considered what they wanted to say) to write it briefly on their Post-It slips and stick them on the boards. Members of the committee were posted by each of the boards to answer questions and to encourage people to have their say.

Attendance sheets were available to record how many people attended and from which part of the parish. Those who wanted to be kept informed or even participate in the Neighbourhood Planning process were encouraged to provide their e-mail or ordinary postal address so that the committee could communicate with them.

If for any reason you were unable to attend, but would still like to express your views, please do so by sending them (briefly please) to Village Voice at Vvoice@aol.com or by post to 25 Mead Lane.

From the points raised a collective vision for the future of the parish will emerge, and a detailed questionnaire will then be circulated to all parishioners. The responses to this will enable policies to be developed which will form the framework of the Plan.

The Plan will then be submitted for Inspectorate approval and finally voted on by residents in a Parish Referendum.

THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING - 29 September 2015

Questions posted on boards round the room.

Please post your comment on the appropriate board.

1. What do you like most about living in the parish?

Things to think about:

- Location
- Community
- AONB status
- Coastline/Avon estuary
- Anything else?

2. What are the disadvantages of living in the parish?

Things to think about:

- Access/roads
- Parking
- Broadband speeds
- Mobile phone signal
- Accessibility of higher and tertiary education
- Anything else?

3. What are the most important issues in developing new housing in the parish? Bear in mind that a Neighbourhood Plan is meant to manage development.

Things to think about:

- Age profile – currently much older than average – assisted living accommodation?
- All recent housing development has been in Thurlestone with very little in Bantham and West Buckland – should the balance be changed?
- Second homes
- Replacement dwellings
- House prices
- Affordable housing
- Houses to rent rather than to buy
- Anything else?

4. Should there be more employment opportunities in the parish? If so, what and how?

5. Would you like to see new facilities in the parish?

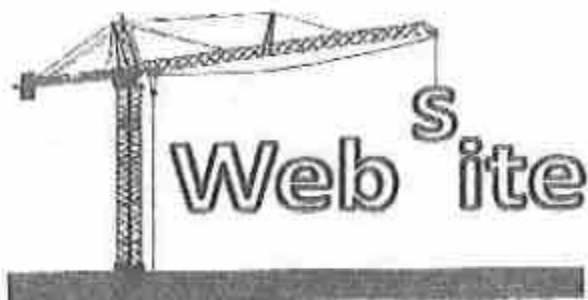
Things to think about:

- New shops
- New restaurants/cafes
- More parking
- Community leisure facilities – sports facilities, parks, etc.
- Community toilets
- Better public transport
- Anything else?

6. Should preservation of the historic and natural environment take priority over all other issues? If not, why not?

7. What 3 things would you most like to see happen in the parish over the next 20 years?

THURLESTONE PARISH WEBSITE



Mike Bone & Paul Martin

Are we nearly there yet.....?

Well, that depends on where we're going...!

And in the case of a website it's very difficult to define the end point. For example, we'd like to tell people about things to do around our area. We know that Kingsbridge and Salcombe are great places to go, so we should include those. Plymouth and Exeter are interesting places too, so we must include those. Isn't Bristol good too? So where do you stop and draw the line?

We are finding that the amount that we would like to include in the new website is ever expanding. We have a challenge, therefore, over the next few weeks to decide which topics must be included before the website can go-live, and which can be added at a later date. Because one thing is for sure, the website will not be finished when it's first launched!

So, are we nearly there yet? Well, we are certainly making progress, but not as fast as we would have liked – the few fine summer days we've had and the odd holiday hasn't helped!

We do have an extensive section on the Parish Hall, with lots of photos, room sizes, seating plans, details of equipment, how to go about hiring the hall and a booking calendar. There is so much detail that it's almost a website in itself!

We have started to build the Village Voice archive with all the issues from the very first (dated March-April 1986) to mid-2012 already uploaded and ready to read at the click of a button – some 170 issues in total.

There are pages on the shops in Thurlestone and Bantham, the Golf Club, the Hotel and the Village Inn. There are details on the car parks and toilets in the area, and where to find the defibrillators and a video on how to use them. We have a page on local transport and another detailing the weather, tides and surf conditions in the area.

We have a fascinating article on the history of Buckland and a page on the Buckland Phonebox – we still need a piece about the Thurlestone box. We have started to collect information on some of the clubs and groups in the area – TRAMPS, the South Hams Centre and POTS so far.

So, there is progress.....but there is much more we need, and would like to do before we go-live. However, we are still hopeful of meeting our "autumn" target (when does autumn end?).

There are two specific areas where we need help. If you are the leader of one of the clubs, groups or societies in the parish, then please get in touch and let us know some details of your organisation so that we can publicise it. Also, we have contacts in Thurlestone, and somebody who is our contact for all things relating to Buckland, but we would really like to find a contact for Bantham. They would not need to do anything technical – like write web pages – but be available to answer questions such as "who is the best person to contact if we want to find out about..." If you could be that person, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either:-

Mike Bone – Tel: 288436, Email: mike.bone@talk21.com

Paul Martin – Tel: 560070, Email: pmover60@gmail.com

And finally, thanks to those currently giving their help, support and encouragement, but we can still do with lots more please!

Village News Round-Up

Thomas Tozer

Congratulations to former KCC student Thomas from Bantham who has graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from York University. He will shortly start an MSc course on Philosophy and Public Policy at the London School of Economics. Thomas will be remembered as one of the talented musical Tozer twins who have several times performed at Parish Hall fund-raising events. We send him lots of good wishes for his future career.

Diamond celebrations

We hear that retired farmers John and Eileen Dayment of Bantham recently celebrated 60 years of married life and would like to send them our very best wishes for continued happiness together.

Stella Turnbull

Stella Turnbull, who lived for many years at Bantham, has died at the age of 96 and her funeral was held at Thurstlestone on 7 August. We extend our condolences to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Stella had a gift for making lovely decorated cakes which, in her more active years, she was always willing to donate most generously to local fund-raising events - not just one at a time, but nearly always five or six!

Geoff Wilkinson

As we go to press we have heard of the death of 95 year old Geoff Wilkinson of Mead Lane, and send our sympathy to his family and his many friends throughout the parish. Geoff was a keen reader of contemporary fiction, and for a number of years contributed reviews regularly to our Bookshelf columns.

Bantham Shop

It is good news that the shop at Bantham has re-opened! They now sell a range of locally sourced foods and serve breakfast between 9am and noon, and lunch from noon to 3pm. The great views from their extended terrace can be taken in whilst enjoying a coffee and cake from their daily

'baked on the premises' batch. They open at 8.30am and close at 5pm. We send the new proprietors our congratulations on their enterprise and wish them success.

Stolen Kayak

Gillian Marshall reports that a Kayak was stolen from Yarmer Beach a little while ago. It was chained to another but only one kayak was stolen. The chain and padlocks were taken too. Some people do keep kayaks on the beach, and should be aware that this has also happened in past years.

9 Churches Cycle Ride

Despite being featured in colour on the front cover of our previous issue the cycle ride planned for Saturday 12 September had to be sadly postponed until a later date as nobody came forward to take part.

Perhaps those who are more comfortable riding on four wheels would like to consider doing the same circular route by car instead. Or maybe start a new trend with one of the latest electric bikes with a lithium battery and a range of 30 miles on a single charge.....? Or just simply make a donation directly to the Devon Historic Churches Trust via www.justgiving.com/devonhistoricchurches

Do you live alone?

Joan Mackenzie tells us she had a fall in her home recently around 6pm, and was not able to get to her feet. Had she not been wearing her personal alarm wrist strap she would have had to lie there probably until 9am the following morning. She invested in the device, *Call 24*, some six years ago and it was the first time she had used it, but she strongly urges readers to think about including such cover when considering insurances.

Joan thanks Graham Clack and Lesley Ferguson who responded to her alarm, as well as First Responder Holly from Hope Cove (who was playing table tennis when she got the call), and the paramedics, for their quick reaction to her plight. They gave all the necessary tests on the scene and arranged for a senior paramedic to come out from Plymouth "to glue up my head.....".

More information can be obtained from Age UK Enterprises Ltd, at Linhay House, Ashburton, TQ13 7UP and for a no obligation demonstration call 0800 030 4382. The alarm can be a pendant or a wrist band. Unfortunately Call 24 does not work if there is a fault on the BT line but does work if there is an electricity cut.

Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Committee - AGM

The Committee will be holding its AGM on Monday 19 October at 7.00 pm in South Milton Village Hall. This meeting is open to members of the public so if you would like to come along and find out more about this joint parish activity, and its annual show, please do so, as you will be very welcome. Enquiries to Secretary **Caroline Alderton** at 562250.

Lost property

Someone recently dropped two £20 notes in the popular dog-walking 'top field' at Thurlestone. The kind person who picked them up took them to the shop but there they remained, unclaimed. Eventually one of them was donated to Devon Air Ambulance, the other to St Luke's Hospice. Both these charities were delighted and expressed their thanks to the unknown generous donor!

Gardens Open?

As there are quite a number of nice private gardens in the parish, Sue Dwyer thought it would be an excellent idea if the owners got together to open their gardens to the public, in aid of the Parish Hall. Gardens need not be huge, and the date in mind would be in mid-June. It would give garden-lovers the chance of seeing what other folk are doing, and perhaps find inspiration! If you have any ideas or are willing to join in, please contact Sue on 560648.

South Hams Society

Why not join members of the South Hams Society for a beach clean? You will be made very welcome. The next beach clean is on **Saturday 10 October at South Milton**. Meet at 10am at the Beach Hut. The dunes and Ley do collect quite a lot of windblown stuff, so be prepared to spread out a bit. LW 11.13 BST.

More beach cleans are scheduled for 2015 at West Charleton (14 November) and Gara (12 December). For more information,

please contact Vivien Napper on 842405 or by e-mail to: viv@rathlyn.eclipse.co.uk or visit the South Hams Society website at <http://www.southhamsociety.org>

Phone Scams

(1) Residents are receiving phone calls from abroad, in particular, India, reference the owners computers needing urgent repair and that they need to accept software on their computer called Team Viewer which gives the caller remote access to control the computer. They are targeting elderly residents and requesting bank transfers in the region of £9500 to fix the problem and only when the money has been transferred. Local banks have stated that the fraudsters are aware that anything under £10,000 will not be raised as an issue by the bank.

The callers purport to be calling from Micro Tech in India using the name of John or Michael WATSON or Windows Technical Support using the name of Frederick calling on number 0208 2621858. Please be aware of such calls, do not enter into any transactions or provide any personal details. Please advise any elderly neighbours, family or friends regarding this scam.

(2) Another current phone scam has a lady caller suggesting that your Council Tax band has been overstated, and that you are due a refund. Your credit card and bank details are requested to facilitate the repayment. A false authority reference is given. One local person has already fallen a victim to this scam. Again, BEWARE such calls and do NOT provide any personal details.

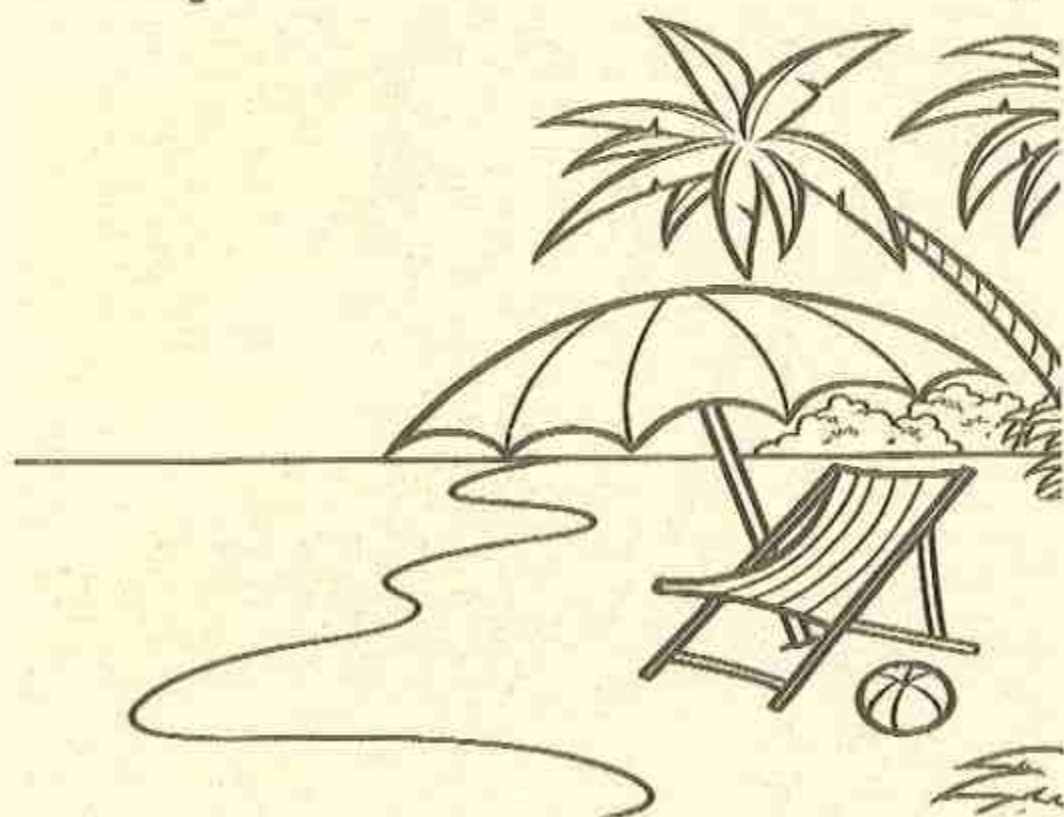
Millennium Babes

In the year of the Millennium celebrations a number of babies arrived in the parish and their births were announced in our columns. How are they doing today? They are very active! One is junior champion kite-surfer; another is a rugby team player who is saving cash to make a trip abroad next year - he also plays cricket.

One girl was praised by Olympic coaches for her bravery on the judo mat, and she is now training with the British team. The fourth, another girl, is bilingual and going to school abroad where she is taking exams in the language of that country and is also excelling in athletics.

Splendid news - congratulations to them all!

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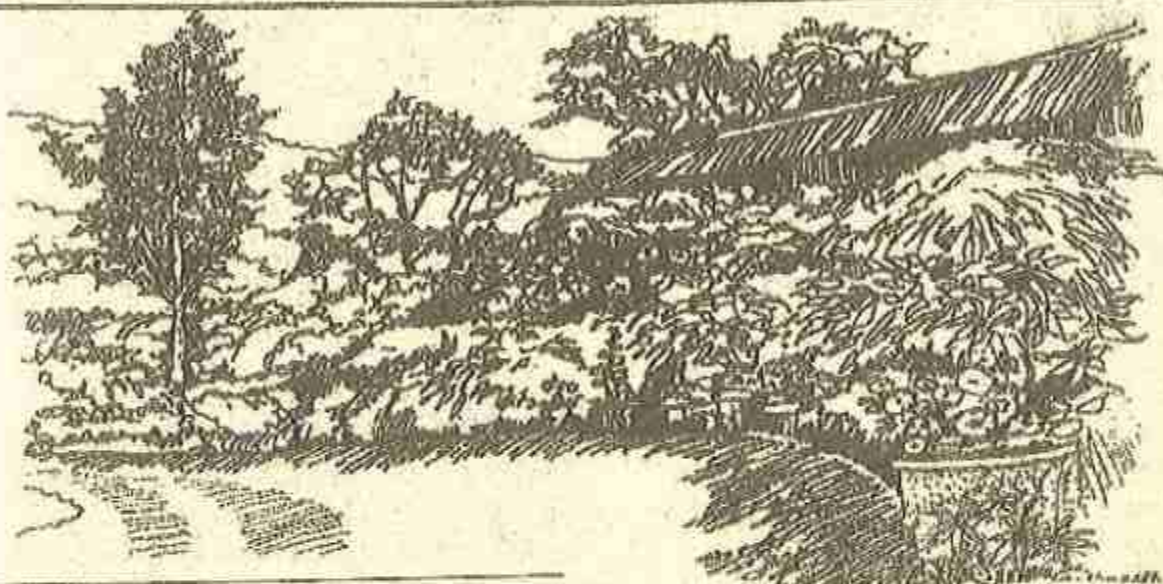
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Remembrance



November is the month of remembrance. On 1st November the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints and on 2nd November the Church commemorates All Souls' Day (see below for our October Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance that ties in with this event). We then commemorate Remembrance Day on Sunday 8th November. On all of these days we are remembering the past; we are remembering the Saints of generations past, the lives of the faithful departed and those who have given their lives in defence of our freedom. Yet the act of remembering isn't simply about looking backwards, it is also about connecting our present with that which has gone before.

In today's culture we appear to be somewhat disconnected from our past. The word "tradition" has come to be synonymous with the term "old fashioned". Nothing should be further from the truth. Tradition is not merely about the past, but about the connections between past and present. It is about allowing our present to be shaped, in part, by the telling of past stories and the sharing of past memories. Tradition should always be seen as something that is alive, a "living tradition". Tradition is the rich repository of beliefs and practices that enrich our faith and life today, but it is also a repository that continues to be added to. Tradition allows us to realise our connectedness with those around us, but also those who have gone before us.

I often find myself looking at the long list of Rectors and Vicars that have gone before me in each of the five churches that I serve. Seeing my name at the end of the list gives me a profound connection with those that have gone before me. Being truly at one with the past is an amazingly liberating experience. At times we may need to unclutter our understanding of the past. We do so not to abandon the past but to be enriched by the wood rather than the trees, the bigger picture rather than the clutter of individual events.

So this November as we remember, let us allow the past to speak to us again. Spend time sharing stories and immersing yourselves in the folk memories and traditions of the past. You may even want to wander around the Church and notice again the beauty of the past and its ability to move us in the present. Past, present and future connected in the act of remembrance.

Daniel Hartley

We should like to invite you to our
ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING
for the lives of our departed loved ones
on Sunday October 25th at 6.00 p.m. in Thurlestone Church

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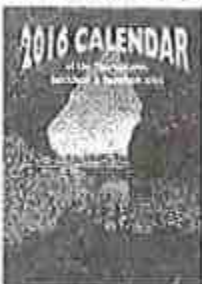
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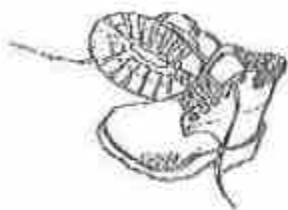
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TRAMP



1 The weather forecast for Tuesday July 14th was not promising, but looking out of the window it did look hopeful. In total 15 Trampers obviously thought the same. As it was the holiday season we thought it would be better to go to Little Dartmouth car park via Halwell. At the BP petrol station six very large vehicles turned towards Dartmouth which slowed us down, and when we turned right at Milton Lane the road was blocked by two more enormous vehicles.

It should then have been plain sailing, but the road leading to the car park was completely blocked and there was little option but to reverse on to the main road! Yes, we finally arrived at the car park only to find 2 other Kingsbridge Trampers who had driven along the A379 with the greatest of ease. Everyone got kitted up ready to start. A quick head count revealed that we had only 13 Trampers. After waiting a while we had phone contact with the missing two and when they arrived we could set off.

The Diamond Jubilee Walk was created to commemorate the 60th anniversary in 2012 of the Queen's accession to the throne. For obvious reasons the walk is designed in the shape of a diamond. From Little Dartmouth we went in a north westerly direction to Swannaton. The second side of the diamond took us down Jawbone Hill. At Beacon Park we enjoyed the vista of Dartmouth and beyond and then it was a steep descent to the south side of Dartmouth.

From here we went on the third side of the diamond towards Dyer's Wood. The sun was shining making the views spectacular. The National Trust acquired the 11 acre Dyers Hill site from South Hams District Council in 1974. After going through the woods we joined Above Town Road and continued to Warfleet. From there we walked to Dartmouth Castle, where the latecomers generously offered coffee to all. The last section was mainly uphill with glorious views out to sea. Perhaps we should do this walk out of the holiday season!

Rachel Wayth & Maureen Baker

2 Tuesday 21st July was a fine day after 24 hours of thick South Hams mist and drizzle, so it was with some relief that 14 walkers met in Court Park, and after complex negotiations we arranged ourselves in four cars to drive to the park-&-ride above Dartmouth. Short waits for the shuttle-bus down to the quay, then for the foot ferry across to Kingswear meant that it was 11am before we set off on foot along the SW Coast Path. A further unscheduled delay was caused by the closure of a short stretch of the path because of a cliff-fall in Kingswear itself, but we quickly skirted inland around this, *via* a cruelly steep flight of steps, and thereafter the walk went according to plan.

The path initially follows the quiet access road to large houses lining the east bank of the Dart, then enters mixed woodland as it winds pleasantly down-river. A fiendishly deep valley behind Mill Bay Cove forces the SWCP down a zig-zag flight of steps, then equally steeply up on the eastern side, after which our route meandered through quiet woods before finally reaching Froward Point, where we paused to visit the coastguard look-out station and admire the seaward views. The SWCP winds down past several well-cleared WW2 gun emplacements before turning north-east with open views to the Mew Stone and across west to Start Point. Stamina and morale were tested by the seemingly endless climbs and descents made as the path follows the coast, before we stopped for a picnic at 1.15 pm.

The remaining stretch of SWCP was just as demanding, but two final switch-backs brought us to the bottom gate of Coletton Fishacre gardens, where we paused - perhaps longer than was strictly necessary - for tea, cakes and cider. The return entailed one final climb out of thecombe, then we turned back westwards through Upper Brownstone, and descended through a shady and slippery gully (causing one walker to fall, though without serious injury) to Mill Bay Cove. We retraced our first mile back to the ferry at Kingswear, arriving at 4.15 pm. The ferry arrived and departed with us all on board promptly, but we were less lucky with the shuttle-bus, which could take only half the party on its first trip,

forcing the remainder to wait another 20 minutes.

David Radford

3 Just a short walk today, Thursday 30th July, for the ten of us who set out in fine weather. This local walk starting at Aveton Gifford is a joy and a real surprise in the variation of the scenery. It is a good one for you to use when you have visitors and want to get off the coastal path.

From the car park by the flood road in the village, we walked along the stream behind the village to the Post Office and shop and then went up the road to the church. A sharp turn left takes you up the valley on a public right of way (PROW) path through the meadows with grazing sheep and cattle. What a joy to behold! At the top of the valley we looked for an extension to the planned route but simply got very muddy boots! (Another time a proper 'reccy' will be done.)

We turned westward and after crossing a stream, made our way down a lane to cross the A379 on our way into Ashford. This is a delightful hamlet with well kept houses and a comfortable atmosphere.

Our walk in the sunshine took us west through quiet country lanes until we turned down a PROW heading for the River Avon. The tide was low and we returned to our cars along the ever beautiful Aune Valley with the picturesque river on our right.

This walk of 4.2 miles only takes 2 hours, and is a real joy in good company and good weather.

Mike Stickland

4 Dartmoor walks are always a joy when the weather holds good. The forecast was good for Tuesday 4th August and all augured well for the twelve of us who set out in high spirits. We parked in a very small disused quarry (OS 685737) with our cars invisible to most onlookers! From there we walked along quiet lanes with amazing views over the open moorland and downs.

We descended into Ponsworthy where we joined the Two Moors Way and walked along the West Webury River valley for a mile before arriving in the hamlet of Jordan. Here we left the Two Moors Way and turned West for East Shallowford.

It tried to rain here but fortunately managed only a shower whilst we put on waterproofs and promptly took them off again!

Country lanes took us North East until we joined the Two Moors Way. Here we stopped for our picnic lunch in a 'combe' to protect us from the rising wind. Suitably replete, we set off again to go South over Comdon Down to Sherwell hamlet and then up the quiet lane to find our hidden cars.

The walk was just under six miles in total but as there were no steep upward inclines, we all felt that it had been a very easy walk. Dartmoor views, as ever, had lived up to our expectations and a thoroughly enjoyable day had been experienced.

Mike Stickland

5 Monday 17th August presented itself as a bright and sunny day with light winds and a good forecast. Twelve of our walking group and two dogs congregated at Court Park Road with great expectations from what has become affectionately known over the years as the Magical Mystery Tour up Lustleigh Cleave (MMTLC). Our expectations included the establishment of the actual length of the walk rather than that perceived due to its difficult nature. So, with GPS systems programmed and car sharing sorted, we set off for our MMTLC.

On arriving at the Trendlebere Down car park located high at the southern end of the Cleave, we were greeted by a magnificent view of the "v" shaped Cleave stretching away to the northwest, with the River Bovey below and Hunters Tor rising steeply in the distance on the eastern slopes. It is neither the river nor the valley which gave the Cleave its name, but the great granite blocks and boulders that castellate its sides and lip. Cleave is derived from Old English *clif* (a cliff or bank). The name is also found in many minor Devon and Westcountry place names, including Clevedon in Somerset).

A place apart, Lustleigh Cleave shows better than anywhere else in Devon the dramatic effect the Sticklepath Geological Fault had on the landscape. Starting in Torbay, this massive Tertiary period (2-60 million years ago) wrench fault forms a line through the Bovey Basin, along the eastern side of Dartmoor and on to Bideford Bay on the north coast. With our four legged companions leading, our enthusiastic group set off down

the slope through Hisley Wood towards the fast flowing River Bovey. The bridle path terminated at Hisley Bridge, an ancient and beautiful footbridge across the River Bovey. The bridge is one of many - upstream are Clam Bridge, Horsham Steps, and Hexworthy Bridge, with Drakeford Bridge downstream.

After we had crossed the river, a second bridle path led us gently northwest up the eastern slopes of the valley through the pleasant environs of sunlit woodlands. After a mile or so, the character and paths became more testing with outcrops of large weathered granite boulders. It was suspected that some had been organized into enclosures and/or shelters in ancient times. A further push uphill led to the Sharpitor Nutcrackers, a massive outcrop of granite, which provided panoramic views across the Cleave from north to south. Views included Haytor and Hound Tor to the southwest and Manaton and Easdon Tor to the west. This outcrop is frequently used by the climbing fraternity.

The terrain now changed from woodlands to a gently rising but exposed ridge path leading to our picnic site, Hunters Tor, elevated at 320m. We were treated to a full panorama - views of the lush lowlands of Lustleigh Cleave and Manaton, along with the aggressive granite highland outcrops of Haytor, Hound Tor, Rippon Tor and Hayne Down. To the east of the tor are the remains of an Iron Age hill fort. It is thought that it was constructed, along with many others, to check the invading Romans. Local legend has it that a bloody battle between the local tribes and Romans once took place here. Roman coinage has been found in the area.

We were now on the return leg of our journey, which started with a good downhill stretch to the River Bovey winding its way southwards through the Cleave. Our path led us through Pecks Farm to the river at Foxworthy, a most delightful location complete with thatched cottages and picturesque stone bridge. A long and upward traverse of the eastern flanks of the Cleave returned us to the woodlands, terminating with a welcome downhill stretch back to the river crossing at Hisley Bridge and our waiting cars, the comfort of casual shoes - and some "light refreshments".

Oh, for future reference, I am informed that the distance walked, as measured by GPS, was 19000 steps. This apparently equates to approximately 7.1 miles. I suspect that if we

had included the river option for the final leg, the total distance would be between 7.5 and 8.0 miles. Thanks to all for turning out to make our walk so enjoyable, especially our birthday girl for providing "light refreshment" at the finishing gate.

Richard Swan



Friday 4th September was a perfect day for a local walk, a Goldilocks day in fact, not too hot, not too cold, but right in the middle - with the usual fresh wind we've had all summer.

Thirteen non-superstitious Trampers started the walk at Court Park, and about a mile from the end 7 of us enjoyed the improved village shop in Bantham for lunch, sitting outside enjoying the view of the curving river Avon (recently voted the best beach in England by Lonely Planet). 2 others couldn't resist a pint in the Sloop and the remaining 4 did not stop for lunch.

We started the walk by crossing the not yet ploughed cornfield to Whitlocksworthy and then proceeded up the lane towards Upton. At the edge of Upton, a stile entry took us along the PROW towards Whitley Farm where we were kindly met by the well known helpful farmer who had organised for us to pass through his fields to Western Lodge and beyond.

The second part of the walk initially took us along a PROW in a northerly direction towards Worthy Farm. Using a 'short cut' to Buckland Park Farm with one off permission of both landowners, we followed the lane to North Upton caravan park. A stile brought us to a PROW in the direction of Bantham. The views were amazing but this time the fields did not have any cattle in them. However, we did manage to walk through a spot where it was not possible to avoid very wet mud - and some of us were only wearing trainers! At West Buckland Cross, the group lost four who decided to return home up the steep hill to Thurlstone.

After lunch the remaining nine reached Court Park by taking the diagonal footpath leading up to behind the wall perimeter of the Downs. Overall, we had covered about 6 miles.

John Braithwaite



On a sunny and relatively calm Tuesday 8th September morning, six of us and a dog gathered at Venford

Reservoir (which is about 1½ miles north-west of the village of Holne) and set off, after a moment of confusion as to which direction to take, on a track hugging the side of the Double Dart Gorge, with wonderful views. For a large part of the way we were following an old cast-iron pipeline, which I guess might have been something to do with the tin mine at Hexworthy. We reached Combestone Farm, then headed downhill towards the river, where we crossed gingerly on the stepping stones near Dartmeet.

Safely across the stepping stones without getting wet (excepting the dog!), and shortly before reaching the road at Dartmeet, we turned along another track which brought us, after negotiating quite a bit of mud, to Huccaby. At this point we had the option to do some road walking over Hexworthy Bridge or take another track down to the Dart and some more stepping stones. After a brief discussion,

we opted for the latter, which was a brave decision in view of the fact that one tramper was a bit nervous about the stepping stones! Once over, we picnicked on a lovely grassy area on the bank of the river, watching Ben the dog play in the river to his heart's content.

After lunch and a bit of uphill walking, we picked up the Holne Moor Leat which follows the contours (which meant no more climbing!) and took us almost all the way back the car-park. This leat was constructed in the 19th Century to supply water to Higher Buckfast Mill, and to this day still serves the same purpose. (It is sometimes known as Hamlyn's Leat after Joseph Hamlyn, responsible for its construction.) Once again we had grandstand views over the Dart valley and to the tors beyond. All in all, a walk with great views, lovely scenery . . . and some challenges!

Alastair Durden

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Poet's Corner

Diana Holloway has sent us a copy of a poem from the pen of her grand-daughter Sophie, written at the age of 12. You will see that the initial letter of each line is taken from the letters of the word "Thurlestone"!

The ocean breezes
Herring gulls
Under the spell of the sea
Rocking boats
Loved hulls
Everlasting love for the sea
Soft sand
Tepid water
On top of the world is the sea
Nothing better than living on the
Edge of the sea

Diana says "She is quite a sailor, hence 'loved hulls'....."

[Would any readers like to try their own hand at a similar eleven line poem, using Sophie's format, to express their views and thoughts about Thurlestone? We would be pleased to receive them. Ed.]

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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

It has been an extremely busy time since my last Report, but I suppose this time of year was always going to be. Here are the most important and interesting events.

The Club Championship was played in early August and for the first time included a Senior Championship (over 60's) and a Junior Championship (under 18's). All were closely contested with all the winners having their names inscribed on new Honours Boards in the Clubhouse. Congratulations to those who triumphed and are now immortalized on the new boards and commiserations to those who tried and will try again next year.

The Palaret Memorial Trophy is the oldest and most prestigious team event that we play. I am now going to write something that no previous Captain has been able to do **'Thurlestone G. C. are the Palaret Memorial Trophy Champions'**. This competition is between all the Clubs in Devon on a knockout basis. The final was held at Tiverton G. C. in mid August with Thurlestone beating Stover in the semi final and Churston in the final.

It was started in 1934 by a Mr. Lionel Palaret and this is the first time we have won it! He was a prominent cricketer for Somerset who also played twice for England. He was also the first Chairman of the Devon County Golf Union on its formation in 1911 and at various times the Captain and President of Devon County. We have been trying to win his Trophy over all that time. There is a scurrilous rumour going around that some of our team were there when the competition started. It's not true - it's just that perhaps they have not aged well!

I think I will write it again **'Thurlestone Golf Club are the winners of the Palaret Memorial Trophy'**.

Many congratulations to the team and all those who helped them. The Club is very proud of your achievement.

Captain's Day was at the end of August. This is a fun competition, the principle aim of which is to raise money for the Captain's charity. My charity is 'The Chestnut Appeal for Prostate Cancer'. £900 was raised on the day which was most notable for the amount of rain that fell. I want to thank all those who came and contributed to the charity.

During the day, as the rain seeped down my collar, I observed the diverse nature and age of the people drawn to this game. For example, in the very last group out the oldest and youngest players were in the same team. Mr. Lincoln Shaw who is in his ninetieth year and Master Sammy Ingham who is all of 14. They did not win the team prize, but were close with the other two members of their team. Sammy did however win the individual men's first prize. I struggle to think of another sport where all ages of either sex can play together in competition or just for fun - we are very fortunate to play this game.

William Hutchison

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

July and August have been my busiest months at the club, and with the weather not being particularly good some competitions have had to be cancelled altogether.

However, the Ladies Club Championship finally found a winner after being played over two days well apart due to inclement weather. The first round was played on the 5th May in fierce winds and the second round on 3rd August on a comparatively calm day.

The Ford Salver (Nett Prize) was won by Heather Spencer with a nett 159 with Sue Curry finishing runner up with a score of 160. The Oswald Trophy (Scratch Prize) and the Thurlestone Ladies Club Champion was won, once again, by Jennifer Roberts with a Gross score of 168 with Heather Spencer as

the runner-up with a score of 181. Congratulations to Jenny who once again proved herself as a worthy Champion despite what was a very challenging first round for all the ladies who played.

In July we held the EG Medal and a break in play was caused by lightning but there were still some good scores from the Ladies in the July Medal. Winning division one on her return from a hand operation and looking like she had never been away was Trish Gledhill (20) with a fine 75. In Division Two was Jane Mahood (21) with an excellent net 70. Jane will be playing off 20 in future.

In July we also had Stableford and Veterans events. On a sunny but very windy day there were 56 entries with Diane Baker (33) the overall winner of the Stableford and the Lady Veterans trophy with 40 points, with Val Favis winning the Lady Venerable Veterans trophy. In Division one the winner was Sara Harkness (19) with 35.

The Allcomers Cup and medal was held on a fine day and the ladies had some excellent scoring with the winner being Zoe Lepere with nett 67. In division one the winner was Julia Dorey nett 70.

In August it was the Ladies Invitation day; the weather was good and forty ladies took part in teams of two. The winners were Yvonne Pike with her guest Jane Rickman from Bigbury with 57 points.

We have had a number of finals of knockout competitions recently. In the Scratch final both ladies played outstanding golf. After 9 holes it was all square with Bridgette Lafferty playing her best ever front 9. However Jenny Roberts supreme golf took her through to finish 5 up. Then we held the final of the Betty Ord cup, where Shona Wilson beat Barbara Smith 4/2. The final of the Vets four ball matchplay was won by Lindsey Fletcher and Alison Adams who beat Wendy Laud and Pam St Leger 3/2. The final of the Summer Bronze trophy was won by Barbara McLarty 1 up from Diane Baker.

In the September medal, we had the Breakthrough Brooch, and also the Duchess and Junior cups. The weather was good and there was an entry of 45 ladies. The overall winner of the brooch and Duchess cup was Barbara Smith (18) with nett 69. In division two and winner of the Junior cup was Penny Hind (22) with 71.

Finally I would like to congratulate the men's Palaret team who won the Palaret cup for

the first time in the club's history beating Churston 3/2 at Tiverton. What an exciting day that was!

Kay Morley

JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

The summer season will be over by the time you read this report with only the Strathleigh cup to play at Thurstone on Sunday 4th October and the junior presentation evening and competition on the 14th November. Our juniors have had a really good year, which ended with them reaching the championship day at Stover in August.

Monday 17th August, Championship day at Stover golf club: the Thurstone Junior Team, desperate to emulate the incredible success of the Thurstone Palaret team the preceding day at Tiverton, arrived bright and early for the semi final in the morning and final in the afternoon.

The morning session saw Thurstone playing against Tavistock, winners of Division B, in the semi-final. Whilst all the Thurstone matches were giving between 3 and 5 shots to Tavistock, everyone went out with a positive attitude to try and do one better than last year and make it to the final. First match out was George Holland (who had also played in the Palaret final the preceding day!), who unfortunately lost 4 and 3. Ethan Bellamy, however went out 2nd and played some of the best golf of his junior career, closing out his match 9 and 7. Finn Whelan was next, and won his match 1 up. Then came Toby Woods, his match was halved on the 18th. The pairing of Ben Woods and Charlie Evans managed to clinch their match on the 15th by 4 and 3, sealing the result and booking a place in the final.

The afternoon final was played against Yelverton, who had beaten Boringdon in the other semi-final. The order remained the same, with George Holland leading the way and he romped home with a 6 and 4 victory. Second out was Ethan Bellamy who unfortunately lost. Finn won his match 2 and 1. That left Toby Woods and the foursomes pairing of Ben Woods and Charlie Evans having to try and get a point from either or both of their matches. The foursomes match was incredibly tight and finally lost 3 and 1. Toby Woods, walked to the 18th tee all square, and took the honour and caught the

side of the extremely imposing oak tree to the right of the tee, whilst his opponent pulled his left into the bushes. Unfortunately Toby's ball couldn't be found and he had to take a provisional, which put Toby one shot behind and whilst he hit a great approach shot, he lost the hole. The final result was 3-2 in Yelverton's favour.

In August we held the Junior Stableford competition, with some stunning results. Everyone played spectacularly well. Joint first with 41 points went to Charlie Witter and George Messias. Joint second went to Ollie Griffiths and Giles Barron with 40 points and third place went to Charlie Evans with a commendable 35 points. Great scores which, for some of the younger players, were due to a lot of effort out on the practice range over the last few months.

On Saturday 29th August the junior team collected sponsorship for four rounds of golf in one day. They met in the early hours of Saturday morning, to attempt to play a marathon of golf during what proved to be a relatively short day, in daylight terms. They met on the 1st tee at 5am and eventually finished their challenge of 'Four rounds of golf in a day', in the dark some 15

hours later. The team was made up of Tom Orr (Junior Captain), George Holland, Ben Woods, Finn Whelan and Charlie Evans (with the support of George Messias, who played two rounds, Alfie Messias and numerous family members, who caddied and encouraged everyone throughout the day).

It was decided to amalgamate the Junior Summer cup competition during the day, which meant the best three scores out of the four rounds would apply. There were good scores by all players, but especially by Ben Woods who played all four rounds by 15 shots under his handicap, which is likely to mean a new handicap for him! A special thank you should go to all staff, members and guests at Thurlestone Golf Club, who not only made some individual sponsorship offerings to the event, but also gave continuous courtesy to the team as they went around the course throughout the day.

The funds raised from this event will be split between the Thurlestone Junior team (to cover the cost of the new kit) and Diabetes UK, which is Tom Orr's captain's charity. Well done to all concerned.

Liz Lline

Defibrillator Awareness

**Monday 9 November 6.00 pm
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The Annual Defibrillator Awareness Session by
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Two years ago the Community contributed generously to buy two Defibrillators for Thurlestone Parish. A third has been provided at and by the Golf Club, and Buckland is aiming to fund-raise for a fourth. Come to this Presentation to learn how to use them in an emergency.

*Everyone is welcome but we need to know numbers, so please call
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Grey Matter

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct!) drawn on 1st Nov 2015. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgwonthenet@thecad.co.uk

SHADES OF AUTUMN

All of the answers contain an Autumn colour (red, yellow, brown, orange and shades thereof) Clues may be cryptic (c) straight (s) or in anagram form (a)

1. R.A.F. daredevils! (s)
2. Dawn French's favourite but not nearly so healthy as the fruity type (c)
3. Caught in the act (s)
4. Lower livery (a) 6/5
5. Young girls in packs hunting for badges and doing good deeds (c)
6. Clappers rent mile (a) 7/9
7. Pocket this and your points tally will improve by four (c)
8. A populous suburb of Los Angeles (s)
9. Footballers with horns and forked tails? (c)
10. Bureaucracy (s)
11. It must be one of the Rolling Stones' sweetest hits (c)
12. She drank (a) 9
13. Hot Chocolate front man (s)
14. John and Arthur - a pair of early high fliers! (c)
15. The flavour of Cointreau (s)
16. One of Robin Hood's merry band (s)
17. Usual colour of Dutch national soccer team shirts (s)
18. Ad. raider (a) 3/5
19. Hill that forms the highest point in Cornwall (s)
20. I trust you wouldn't be labelled a coward if you succumbed to this disease! (c)
21. Most famous of all Grand National winners (s)
22. Look out for Stalin's henchmen when spring cleaning in the dormitory! (c)
23. Mark's reward for his amazing watery achievement in 1972 (c)
24. Share cart a lot (a) 7/1'4
25. Popular 1970s television game show hosted by Bob Monkhouse amongst others (s)

Solutions to previous Grey Matter: 1. Waterloo, 2. Wapping, 3. Swiss Cottage, 4. London Bridge, 5. Arsenal, 6. Tooting Broadway, 7. Wimbledon, 8. Earls Court, 9. Mile End, 10. Victoria, 11. Paddington, 12. Neasden (Knees Den), 13. Lancaster Gate, 14. Kentish Town, 15. Covent Garden, 16. Angel, 17. Kings Cross, 18. Bank, 19. Chalk Farm, 20. Liverpool Street, 21. Queensway, 22. East Ham, 23. Baker Street, 24. Grange Hill, 25. Oxford Circus, 26. Stratford, 27. Warren Street, 28. Finchley Central, 29. Barking, 30. Cannon Street

We had an unprecedented number of correct entries but the bottle of wine & congratulations go to the first drawn, Alison Gadsden of Meadcombe Road.

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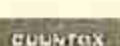
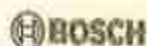
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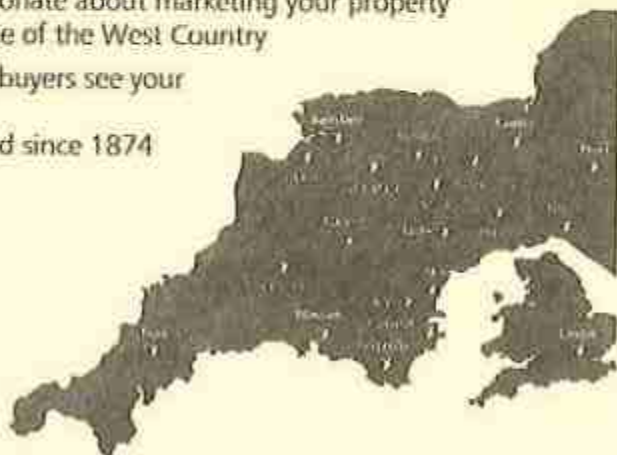
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Eating Out Locally

Continuing our series of readers' accounts of their visits to local restaurants, in this issue we include reports about the Dolphin House Brazzerie in Plymouth and the Turtley Corn Mill.

Dolphin House Brazzerie

The prospect of eating at the Dolphin House puts a spring in my step. I have never been disappointed with the food that comes from their chef. As he works on our starters today, he sends us tasty bits such as aubergine caviar, olives and crispy fried cockles. A jug of chilled water and glasses of Malbec wine are soon on the table and we settle to graze with smoked grill-charred bread while we wait.

From our home in Thurlestone, we go a little further than usual for this gem of a restaurant. It's located alongside the Sutton Harbour Marina in Plymouth - just far enough from the Barbican's madding crowds to enjoy a peaceful ambience. Scallops arrive at the table; they have a delicate flavour and are served with a tandoori chickpea bargee in a way that is classy on the plate and excellent on the palate.

I observe the restaurant's interior. A simple 'waterfall' of lights sparkles in one corner. There are overhead fans, wicker chairs and neatly upholstered wall seats. Enlarged panoramic photographs of harbour scenes and lighthouses hang on the walls. Through the window we see dozens of 30 - 40 foot yachts, moored in the marina's prime harbour space. The back drop is of multi-story apartments and offices that overlook the Barbican, Plymouth Sound and the sea. A table by the window is a good place for people watching. Tram lines on the cobbled street imply it was once a cargo off-loading scene. Stone bollards there, so typical on a quayside, are the original mooring bollards. Professionals from the apartments come here for dinner as do sailors who call in for breakfast too. A sailor in a striped shirt and Breton cap passes by pushing a trolley loaded with his gear - fenders and other nautical accessories.

But let me tell of the food. Although they do fish and vegetarian fare, for the main course I choose duck breast with confit leg parcel and potato fondant. It is extremely good. Rump steak with wilted and crisp spinach leaves, fondant potatoes and jus is a perfect alternative. Only once before have I tasted vodka sorbet. It was at the Lizard Lighthouse gift shop and is indelibly imprinted on my memory as an extraordinarily good frozen confection. I had it again here with my chocolate fondant desert, but can also vouch for the ginger sponge and poached rhubarb that's served with toasted marshmallow ice cream.

I peer into an aquarium on my way to the loos and see exotic fish that swim in slow motion. The indoor fish tank complements the restaurant's relaxed mood, and fish eye me through the glass, hopeful that I may have a tit-bit for them. Nearby eating places closed down while The Dolphin Brazzerie survived the recession. Les Routiers selected them for the "Restaurant of the Year award 2014" in recognition of providing consistent exceptional service and hospitality. This year, head chef Nick Cottrell won the Craft Guild of Chefs Rising Star Award. It follows that their motto from Aristotle is: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."

We leave, happy to have had a memorable dining experience and walk just three minutes to Bretonside car park for our car. We found a special deal with Travelzoo on the Internet, but prices on the menu card are like this: Starters range from £5 to £8. Main courses £14 to £19 with sides if you choose added on for £3. Desserts £5 to £7. For more information, take a look at their website www.dolphinhousebrazzerie.co.uk or call 01752 254879.

Vivien Stickland

The Turtley Corn Mill

If you are prepared to travel into Plymouth for a meal out, you might also consider a journey of a similar distance in the opposite direction - in which case you can add the Turtley Corn Mill to your list of favoured watering holes, take a break and give yourself the chance of being chased by a goose!

Travelling east (towards Exeter) on the A38, exit by the garage at the South Brent junction turn right at the end of the slip road (i.e. do a U-turn under the main road), and then take the left turn about 50 metres before re-joining the expressway. If you are travelling west (towards Plymouth) take the South Brent exit and keep going for a couple of miles before you pass under the main road and take the left turn as above. You are at the entrance to the Turtley Corn Mill within a breath; the car park is big with a large overflow area.

We find this an excellent place to have a meal on the way home from relatives in Cornwall or Southampton before the wiggling part of the route home. Despite the fact the kitchen is open all day it is wise to book ahead as it is very popular; for a booking on Boxing or New Years day you will need to book weeks in advance. Phone 01364 646100.

It was originally a corn mill and has been converted into a gastro-pub with rooms; up to a year or so ago it was actually milling and one could get the flour for bread making. The grounds are extensive (about 6 acres) and border the River Glazebrook. At the top of the garden is the giant chess set; even more popular with the little ones is rolling down the slope that borders it. Close to the pub are lots of generously spaced picnic tables and below is a large expanse of lawn bordered by the fence that separates it from the lake. This is where we were chased by the said goose, who I understand has now been "transferred". Apart from a pleasing selection of ducks the main occupants of the garden are the family of Peacocks. The adults were showing off their young last year; the babies are now big enough to either compete with daddy's display or be the subject of his advances!

Food starts at 8.30am and finishes at 9.30pm and despite that is remarkably good. It is a family owned business; the delightful matriarch is often there herself working with calm serenity; the generation down works on a more regular basis with breaks for babies on the distaff side. We can recall only two below standard meals in the last 12 years and have tried their Sunday roast, which was excellent meat and generous portions; more often we have the menu dishes, which do vary with time, and there are always specials. There is always a good selection of classics (pies, sausages, etc.) with shredded duck in hoisin sauce or an equivalent to enliven it. There is usually only one vegetarian dish. Puddings vary from the expected to the delicious.

There is good access for wheelchairs with the majority of the space on one level. It is divided roughly into rooms and for example the library is full of books which can be taken off the shelves. A double sided wood burning fire separates the two main parts and there is a low but large coffee table (with the day's papers on it) near the entrance. There are things like old radios and potted plants on the windowsills and lots of candles about. Old photos and framed vinyl records adorn the walls. Any table not laid up is not reserved.

Our high spot was a Boxing day one year when we took the whole family there. We were made to feel really at home; little more to be said.

The excellent eponymous web site <www.turtleycornmill.com> reads "We are a family run pub, celebrating 10 years at the helm in 2015. We love locally sourced food and drink and try really hard to bring you the best of everything we can lay our hands on." It features a nice gallery of photographs. In addition to the Turtley Corn Mill the family also run the Bridge Bar & Restaurant at Mount Batten - as you can imagine, it's quite a large family!

John King

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September

Heather Penwarden, our guest speaker for September, was formerly the nurse-manager for mental health in the Exeter and east Devon region. When she retired 5 years ago she got involved with setting up the Honiton 'memory café' and became a trained volunteer Dementia Friends Champion in an organisation dedicated to change the way people think, talk and act about dementia. It is not just about losing one's memory - it can affect thinking, communicating, and doing every-day tasks - and it IS possible to live well with the condition.

She took us through what it is like to live with the illness, what memory is, and how it can go wrong. She stressed the importance of a carer being involved with the patient in doing small things together - patting a dog, walking in the garden, looking at a photo album, singing old familiar songs. One such small activity can leave the patient with uplifted spirits as the emotional and musical parts of the brain can be amongst the last to be affected.

We can all help look after our own memories by socialising as much as possible, taking regular daily exercise, paying attention to the quality of our food by trying to follow the so-called 'Mediterranean diet', doing word puzzles, etc. Dark chocolate and a small occasional glass of champagne, much to everyone's pleasure, were also advocated! She finished her talk by saying "I hope you will be inspired and not depressed by what you have heard".

Memory loss can also be caused by other conditions such as stress, worry, trauma, bereavement leading to depression, dehydration and urinary tract infections.

On an interesting personal note, Heather's family lived in Thurstone for a long time. Her father was born at 'Delvers' and latterly her grandparents - Lancelot and Peggy Piele - lived at 'Strawberry How', where Heather spent many happy school holidays. She is President of her own WI at Awliscombe.

For information support and advice about dementia go to www.alzheimers.org.uk or contact the National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122.

The September meeting was also the occasion for a special celebration of Jean Jones' birthday when an arrangement of flowers was presented to her, a rich fruit cake (made by Joan Booth and iced with the WI 100 year logo) was cut - - and a glass of bubbly drunk. Jean Yeoman was also presented with flowers to mark her 65th year of membership of WI!

Future Events

Members were reminded of the WI stall at the Parish Hall Autumn Fair on 26 September when baked goods will be welcomed.

The autumn council meeting will be at Plymouth Guildhall on 14 October when guest speakers will be Dame Esther Rantzen and Julie Summers, author of *Jambusters*, the book about the WI recently used as the basis for tv's serial *Home Fires*.

Our speaker on 8 October, Jeremy Wilson, will be talking about 'The Scented Garden' and looking forward to spring.

The speaker for the November meeting will be Chris Stephens on 'Victorians and Christmas'.

On Saturday 7th November there will be a Murder Mystery Evening at the Parish Hall.

Members were reminded to put two dates in their diaries - 4 December for the Sea Coast carol service at Salcombe, and 11 December for our Christmas lunch at the Thurstone Golf Club.

Another celebration event will be held on 5th December at the Parish Hall - a Cheese & Wine Lunch to mark the 10th anniversary of the completion of the new Hall building.

Note: Anyone (and that includes gentlemen) is welcome - WI member or not - to come and listen to the speaker at our monthly meeting.

Thurlestone Phonebox.....Ring Ring

Thurlestone phones have been in the news, but for no good reasons. Over 200 lines affecting both phone and broadband were kaput for up to 15 days caused by BT managing to damage a major cable while doing some works. Accidents are understandable but unforgivable is BT's attitude, or non-attitude, towards apology and compensation. As a result there is mounting pressure to reinstate a public phone in the Phonebox and the committee are awaiting a multi-million pound sponsorship offer. Of course no guarantee that BT could provide a working line.

The Pirate Art Exhibition over the summer was a huge success and much admired. I understand the Tate are interested. Our thanks to the Pupils and Staff of All Saints Primary School for providing us with fantastic artwork. What theme for next summer?

Autumn approaches but your Phonebox is bedazzled by the re-gilded clock on the church tower, itself beginning to look resplendent with its new stonework. Our Head-Gardener has made his seasonal changes to embellish the environs. Thanks especially to all who have donated children's books. Please keep them coming.



Watch out for future events. A scary Halloween, and of course our traditional Christmas Carols evening which will be on Monday 14th December from 4.30pm. Make a note (!) in your diaries.

Have fun.....that's what it's all about.

Kit Marshall

Buckland Phone Box

On Sunday, August 2nd, approximately 96 people attended a Pimms picnic, organized by the caretakers of the Buckland Box in Peter Hurrell's field. The numbers were perfect as 96 re-useable plastic tumblers had been purchased for the event! Pimms was served to the adults, and a fruit punch to the children. People brought their own picnics, and enjoyed Nitca Milburn-Fryer's delicious cakes too.

Carey Ryan-Carter and Alex Way got the children doing vegetable sculpture, and some wonderful animals were produced. Carey and Alex also arranged country dancing which was much enjoyed, and Eric Palmer lent us hay bales to sit on, which added greatly to the atmosphere. Donations covered the cost of the event, including the purchase of the tumblers, with a £17 surplus. Photos of the event are on the Buckland Box Facebook page, which you can view without being a Facebook user. Just Google Buckland Box Facebook.

We are now planning to have an apple pressing event in late September. Then we will start raising money to buy a defibrillator under the British Heart Foundation "Our nation of Lifesavers Community Package" scheme, to supplement those already in service at the golf club, the Sloop Inn, and the Thurlestone Hotel.

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BOOKSHELF

All Together Now

by Gill Hornby
(Little, Brown Hardback £14.9)

If you have just finished a gloomy book, or watched a gloomy play, then this book will cheer you up no end. Tracey, a single mother, has moved to the village of Bridgeford with her son, Billy, to be far away from her family and her past. She is determined to keep herself to herself, leaving for work early in the morning and returning late in the evening, never attending parents meetings or sports days. She feels she must 'keep up' with Billy's taste in modern music, but hidden away are all her *Carpenters* CDs (she knows all the words to their songs and has a lovely voice).

There is, however, a choir in Bridgeford which is not doing at all well, always following the same dull routine. Tracey would normally steer well clear of this but somehow gets inveigled into attending a meeting and of course gets reluctantly involved. We are introduced to the members of the choir who help the story zing along. We have Bennett, who was once a choirboy so can sing. He recently moved into the village and has just separated from his awful sarcastic wife (meet her). Then there is Annie, always ready to help out and with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the villagers and their families. There is also an out-of-town superstore to be protested against....this is a truly enjoyable read.

Gill Hornby, the author, is the sister of Nick Hornby and the wife of Robert Harris, so she does have a bit of competition!

Caroline Taylor

The Garden of Evening Mists

by Tan Twan Eng
(Myrmidon Books Ltd £8.99)

The Garden of Evening Mists was a Japanese garden on an estate in the Cameron Highlands

of what was Malaya after the Second World War. At that time Malayan nationalists were fighting for independence from British colonial rule, and the tea and rubber estates were under constant threat.

Yun Ling and her sister were two young Straits Chinese brought up in Kuala Lumpur. They had been imprisoned in a Japanese camp during the war and had both been brutally treated. Only Yun Ling had survived.

After the war, in memory of her sister who had always been fascinated by Japanese gardens, she went into the Highlands to study the art of garden design and to create a garden with one of the hated Japanese, the reclusive Arimoto.

The story covers the time from the war, and Yun Ling's career as a judge in Kuala Lumpur prosecuting Japanese war criminals, to the eventual puzzle of Arimoto's disappearance. This is a fascinating read, well worthy of being a runner-up in the Man Booker prize of 2012.

Judith LeGrice

The Gift of Rain

by Tan Twan Eng
(Myrmidon Books Ltd £8.99)

Penang, 1939. A half-English, half-Chinese teenager from a wealthy business family living in Penang befriends a Japanese diplomat who trains him in the art of aikido, a martial art principally for self-defence.

Philip gets caught up in the invasion of Penang by the Japanese, and he witnesses extreme brutality. He is torn between his family, all of whom are eventually killed, and his loyalty to his Japanese teacher, and becomes, in effect, a double agent.

Another fascinating read by Tan Twan Eng.

Judith LeGrice

Got A Computer Problem?

I was having trouble with my computer, so I called Harry the computer guy to come over. He clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problems, and gave me a bill for a minimum service call. As he was walking away I called after him, "So what was wrong?" He replied "It was an I D ten T error". I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "What's an I D ten T error - just in case I need to fix it again?" Harry grinned... "Haven't you heard of an I D ten T error before?" "No" I replied. "Just write it down", he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

I used to like Harry until I wrote it down ID10T

(Thanks to Allison Bone for this one)

POSTBAG

Dear Editor

I would be surprised if this is the only letter you will receive about telephone and internet service in the parish. Our telephone ceased functioning on July 31st, and was reported to our supplier, Eclipse, immediately. This was soon after the first group of Thurlestone residents, who had problems with telephone and internet provision, had had their supply of both reinstated. Although we have no mobile phone signal in Buckland, we have a Vodafone Sure Signal so were able to use my mobile throughout this time, but this relies on having the internet available. The internet was unaffected.

Since then we have lost internet and telephone 4 times, lasting 3-4 days on each occasion. During these times, we have walked up to a spot up the hill from Buckland that leads to Aune Cross, where we can get both a mobile signal and access to the internet. If we need to use the internet only, we have to stand outside our neighbours' house 3 doors away, and use their internet, with their kind permission, using their brown wheelle-bin as a desk.

In Buckland, we have a telephone box, but the telephone was removed several years ago. Luckily, Eclipse have well staffed phone lines and I have been able to talk to someone within a few minutes of making my

daily telephone call to them when the services are interrupted. However, they are dependent on BT Open Reach to fix faults.

Our internet and telephone line became active an hour ago, and I even had a call from the Open Reach engineer to tell me what he had done in the exchange, but he had not been told this was a recurrent fault.

This problem has made me realise how much we need a mobile phone mast to serve our parish, and how badly the telephone and internet infrastructure needs updating. Does it need the death of someone requiring urgent medical help to achieve this?

Yours sincerely

Anna Martin

Langman's West, Buckland

PS. I was going to show this letter to my husband before sending it to you as I know that it sounds a bit melodramatic. However, our phone and internet have gone down again today, Tuesday 15 September, eighteen hours after being restored, so I really am feeling very exasperated!

[*Kingsbridge Gazette* readers will no doubt have spotted the letter from Thurlestone resident Alan Taylor Bigg in the issue of Friday 4 September expressing equal exasperation over BT's lack of response to enquiries and complaints. Ed]

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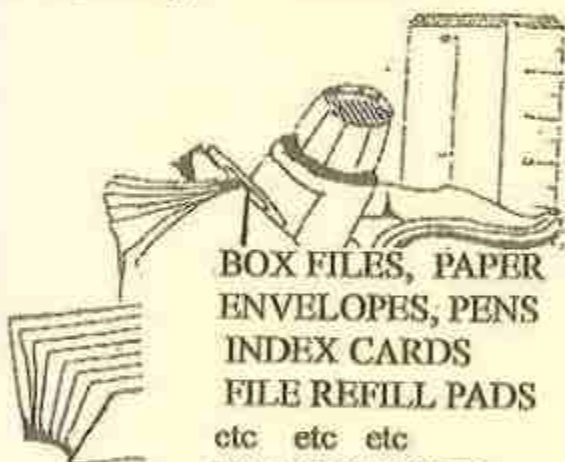
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| Monday 5 Oct | A walk from Beesands. Meet in the village by the green (GR819404) for a four-mile circular walk to include the coast path to Hallsands. Return in time for pub lunch. |
| Friday 23 Oct | Coach trip to Great Fulford House. Late morning at Darts Farm with time for lunch and shopping before visiting the Domesday manor house at Dunsford near Exeter (not generally open to the public). |
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Ingredients

110g (4oz) frozen peas
225g (8oz) each of chopped celery, carrots, courgettes and onions
425ml (3/4 pint) dark vegetable stock
1 - 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
2 teaspoons cumin
2 teaspoons coriander
1 teaspoon turmeric
Half teaspoon chilli powder
1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
2 - 3 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons oil
1 tablespoon tomato paste
Salt & pepper

Topping

75g (3oz) wholewheat flour
50g (2oz) butter
75g (3oz) porridge oats
2 tablespoons oil
Salt & pepper



Method

- ✓ Prepare vegetables
- ✓ Mix spices to a paste with the water
- ✓ Fry onions and garlic until soft, add spice paste and cook 5-8 minutes, stirring frequently
- ✓ Add rest of vegetables and cook 2-3 minutes until well covered by the spices
- ✓ Add tomato paste, stock and seasoning
- ✓ Bring to boil, cover and simmer 15 minutes on a low heat
- ✓ Lightly grease a 1.71 litre (3 pint) heat proof dish and transfer vegetables to it
- ✓ Prepare topping by lightly rubbing the butter into the flour, then add oats and seasoning and mix well. Sprinkle over vegetables
- ✓ Bake at 190°C for 25-30 minutes

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Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show

This year's Show, held on Saturday, 1 August in South Milton Village Hall, was down some 100 entries on last year but that was due, in part, to the fact that a cat ate one of the cookery exhibits! Colder weather was also to blame. There were just over 280 entries of which 24 were in the children's sections. However, the overall standard remained high with very good quality exhibits in the flower, fruit and vegetable sections and some beautiful sewn work in the handicraft classes. The certificate of merit for cookery was once again awarded to Terry Alderton. Who said men can't cook!

The Show's Chairman, David Coward, announced the retirement of Mary Tregelles from the Show's Committee and thanked her for all her input and hard work over nearly 18 years. The Committee would like to thank everyone who entered the Show with special thanks going to the Judges, Stewards and other helpers for all their dedication and enthusiasm.

CUP WINNERS

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| Steward Goodwin Cup – D. Brown | Oswald Junior Cup – D. Livey |
| Ben Horn Memorial Cup – T. Church | White Cup – C. Adams |
| Yeo Cup – D. Coward | Oswald Senior Cup – C. Adams |
| Fruit & Vegetable Cup – D. Coward | Doris Tyler Trophy – J. Darch |
| Cut Flowers & Pot Plants – T. Church | Domestic Challenge Cup – L. Gunning |
| Marshall Cup – L. Darch | Doris Jackson Trophy – E. Bunn |
| Wray Cup – T. Church | Handicraft Cup – L. Darch |
| Kingsbridge Garden Shop Cup – J. Mackridge | The Millman Cup – P. Livey |
| President's Tankard – D. Brown | South Milton Resident's Cup – T. Gilkes |
| Under 5's Cup – T. Denton-Gunning | Thurlestone Resident's Cup – D. Coward |
| 5 - 7's Cup – A. Brogan | The Lonsdale Cup – D. Brown |
| Derrick Yeoman Cup – E. Fleming | The Lynn Gunning Cup – L. Gunning |

Shields

Shields for having won the same cup for three consecutive years were awarded to T. Church (Fruit & Vegetable Cup) and P. Livey (Oswald Senior Cup).

Certificates of Merit:

Cut flowers and pot plants – T. Church; children's sections – F. Bunn; cookery – T. Alderton; handicrafts – E. Bunn & J. Tregelles; flower arranging – J. Mackridge.

Individual class winners:

Vegetables and fruit:

Oval potatoes, white – K. Luscombe; oval potatoes, coloured – D. Brown; round potatoes, white – D. Brown; round potatoes, coloured – D. Coward; shallots, excluding hybrid but including banana shape – D. Coward; shallots, hybrid – T. Church; runner beans – E. Grant; french beans – T. Gilkes; onions, grown from seed – T. Church; onions, grown from sets – T. Church; peas – K. Luscombe; carrots,

Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show

Vegetables and fruit (continued)

stump – D. Coward; carrots, long or intermediate – D. Coward; beetroot – D. Coward; lettuces – D. Coward; tomatoes, excluding cherry cultivars – D. Coward; novelty tomatoes, excluding beefsteak – D. Brown; cherry tomatoes – T. Gilkes; parsley – D. Coward; cucumbers – D. Brown; soft fruit – J. Brown; herbs – L. Darch; a vegetable not quoted on the schedule – M. Wright; longest runner bean – D. Coward; heaviest onion – D. Coward; collection of potatoes – D. Brown; salad potatoes – D. Brown; Top Tray – D. Coward; Kitchen Basket – D. Coward; funniest misshapen vegetable – C. Alderton & T. Gilkes.

Flowers and Pot Plants:

fuchsia heads – D. Brown; ball dahlias – T. Church; decorative dahlias – T. Church; pompom dahlias – M. Tregelles; cactus dahlias – T. Church; gladioli – T. Church; sweet peas – T. Gilkes; pansies – T. Church; hybrid tea roses – T. Church; rose bloom – L. Darch; floribunda rose – T. Church; hydrangeas – D. Brown; annuals – T. Church; pot of flowering bulbs – D. Brown; foliage pot plant – D. Brown; flowering pot plant, excluding fuchsia & pelargonium – T. Church; pot grown fuchsia – D. Brown; pot grown pelargonium – D. Brown; stems of flowering shrubs – D. Brown; vase of garden flowers – D. Brown.

Cookery:

marmalade – P. Latimer; raspberry jam – P. Latimer; other variety of jam – P. Macdonald; jelly – G. Marshall; lemon curd – L. Gunning; chutney – M. Wright; loaf of bread made with a bread making machine – D. Brown; loaf of bread made in the traditional manner – E. Gilkes; sausage rolls – L. Darch; boiled fruit cake – L. Gunning; custard tart (women only) – L. Darch; Victoria sandwich (men only) – T. Alderton; cheese scones – P. Macdonald.

Handicrafts:

woodwork – J. Tregelles; embroidery – L. Gunning; sewn item – E. Bunn; any other handicraft item not in the schedule – E. Bunn; drawing in pen, pencil or pastels – M. Houghton; painting in oils or acrylics – E. Bunn & D. Thackray; painting in water colours – T. Gilkes; painting or drawing of a flower – D. Thackray; colour photograph of flora or fauna – P. Livey; black & white digital portrait – L. Darch; colour countryside photographs – P. Livey.

Flower Arrangements:

'Quiet Reflection' – J. Mackridge; 'Of Land & Sea' – D. Osmond; petite arrangement – J. Mackridge;

Children's Sections:

Under 5 Years: Picture on a stone – E. White; flowers in an egg cup – T. Denton-Gunning; **5 – 7 years:** Posy for grandma – A. Brogan; humorous hard-boiled egg – F. Bunn; **8 – 10 years:** painting 'Under the Sea' – A. White; bookmark – D. Livey; handwriting – E. Fleming; **11 – 15 years:** 3D building – C. Adams; flower or vegetable made from paper – C. Adams; any handicraft item – C. Adams.



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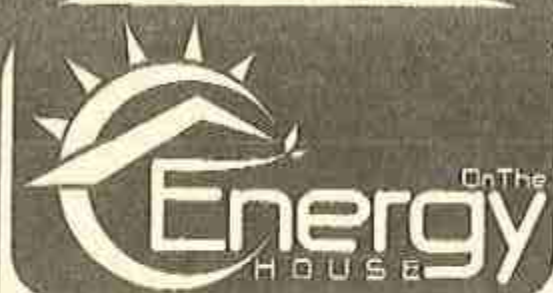
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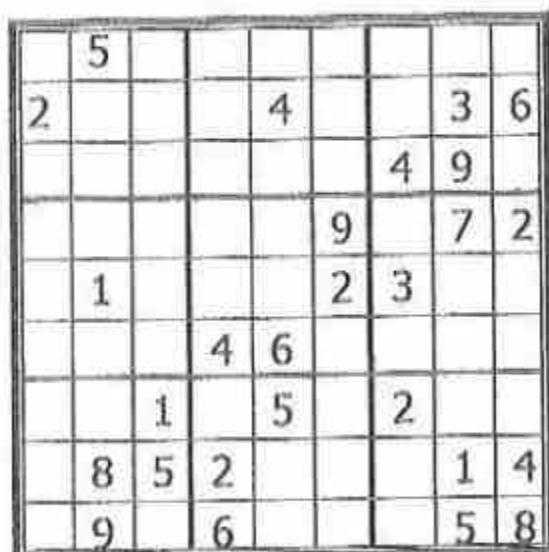
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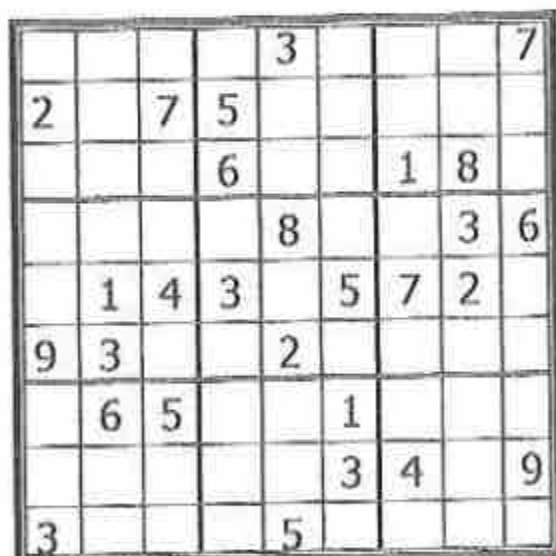
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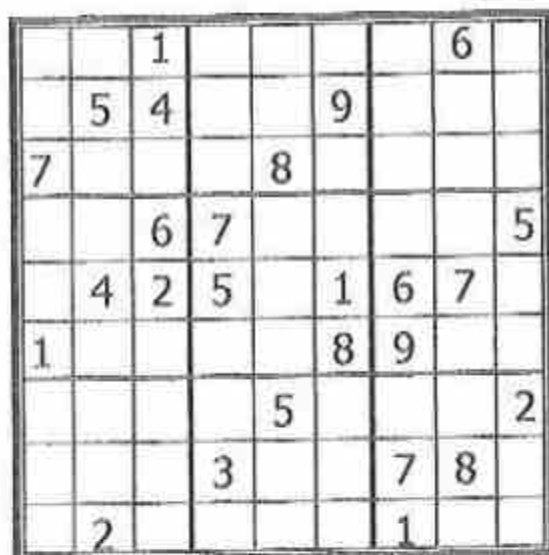
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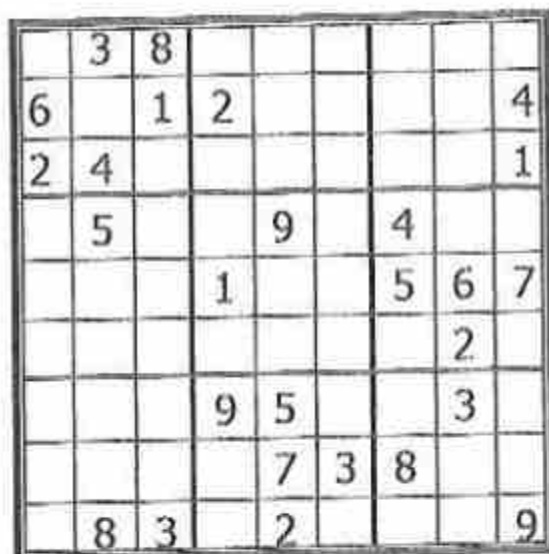
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Leading Ladies

The ladies almost swept the board in our Aug/Sep competition, contributing ten of the eleven correct solutions submitted. So congratulations go to Mesdames Chitnis, Dwyer, Edgeley, Killingsworth, Leare, Lonsdale, Meldrum, Pain, Price, and White; and to the sole gentleman sudokuphile Neill Irwin. However, only one treasured bottle from the Chateau Sudoku cellars is available, and the traditional ballot resulted in **Helen Edgeley's** name emerging from the hat. The prize is on its way, Helen! Entries for this month's challenge to 25 Mead Lane as usual by 5th November 2015, please - with hopefully a stronger representation from the gentlemen of the parish this time.....!

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A warm welcome back to Autumn Term 2015

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break! We are very much looking forward to working with all our existing and new children and their families, this term. Here are some of the exciting activities and events we have planned for them.

This term's topics are 'all about me' and 'animals.' We began with a trip to the Theatre Royal to see 'The Gruffalo' on Thursday 17th September. The following day, Friday 18th September, Rod and Kelly from the Sloop and Bantham stores (Maisie's parents) held a fundraising BBQ for all our parents including our leavers and new families. This was an adults' event that took place on the patio behind the Bantham shop. It proved a great opportunity for parents and staff to socialise together and have a great evening out!

- ✓ We will be arranging a Forest School trip to Forest and Beach with Sarah Gardner (James's Mum) dates to follow; and Natasha Kostka (Jude and Lila's Mum) will be holding some exciting dance sessions with our little ones.
- ✓ There will be twice weekly joint Foundation Stage educational sessions (Papillon) and experiences for all of our children along with Reception class to include LEAP INTO LIFE, Literacy and P.E.
- ✓ Art Projects For Schools - The children make a template for Christmas cards which are printed and if so desired can be purchased raising funds for the preschool.
- ✓ Diwali - The Hindu festival of light - week commencing Thursday 11th November. We introduce this celebration of culture by dressing up, dancing to traditional music and sampling some Indian food!
- ✓ Remembrance Sunday - celebrated on Friday 6th November We invite the children to dress in red for the day and bring in a small donation for the Poppy Appeal.
- ✓ Children in Need - Friday 13th November - We invite the children to come to preschool dressed up as their favourite character and to participate in a sponsored musical statues.
- ✓ The Pearson Christmas Play will take place on Thursday 10th December and the children's party will be on Thursday 17th december

As you can see we have an action packed term ahead of us!

We are a registered charity and every Friday we run a teashop after school. All monies raised are used to purchase essential new resources for our children. If anyone feels they would like to support the preschool by making some cakes occasionally please call us on the number below, we would love to hear from you.

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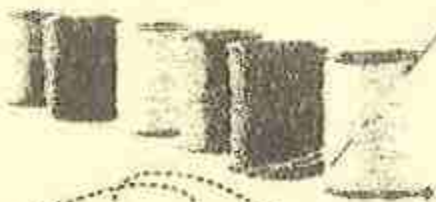
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School Report

News and activities at All Saints Primary School

Rugby World Cup Week

We have had a brilliant week getting the children excited for the Rugby World Cup which kicked off with England vs Fiji. Lots of the children have had a go at the School sweepstake to see if their team can win and we have raised well over £100 from the sweepstake and the Cake Stall - massive thanks go out to Clare and Lynsey from the FTS for supplying all the cakes. Also we have been very fortunate to have been visited in assembly by Lottie Holland, former All Saints' pupil and daughter of Mrs Holland, who explained her journey from TAG here in School through to now playing for England. It was a real treat and so nice for the children to see someone who has had such success from the same starting point that they have. And if that wasn't enough we have also been very fortunate to have had Richard McIntosh and Nick Wood from KRFC in School through our first week doing TAG rugby training with every class. The children have all loved the games which were well planned, resourced and pitched perfectly for the ages of all the children. A big, big thank you to both gentlemen for giving so much of their time for our children's benefit. Here's to a great 6 weeks of rugby!

Class 4 - Trip to the Theatre

Class 4 have had their first big adventure of the year travelling by coach with Pearson's to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to see "The Gruffalo". It was a big hit with the children and adults alike and they all had a Grrrrreat time!

School Harvest Assembly

There will be a School Harvest Assembly on Monday 12 October - 8.55-9.30 am led by Father Daniel. We would be grateful if children could bring in a non-perishable item of food. Parents are welcome to attend.

Change of Day to Let's Move Thurlestone Dance Club

The above Club run by Natasha Kostka in the School Hall will now be held on Wednesdays not Tuesdays. Time remains the same.

South West Coast Path Challenge

<http://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/events/challenge/>

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or join one of four organised 10 mile Challenges.

Charlie will be walking 11 miles for his 11th Birthday on the 24th October to raise funds for both the Coast Path and the FTS. We are going along to support him as a family. There is a ferry at the start from the Mount Batten Centre to Royal William Yard, some of us are going to try to do the whole thing while Ted and his Nana will walk to the halfway point getting a ferry back from the Barbican.

If you would like to join our group for the Plymouth event please could you email estherpearson1@gmail.com

Music Lessons

Message from Jo Highley:

Have you noticed the recent successes of Thurlestone children at local music festivals? If you are interested in your child having piano lessons then read about: piano lessons for young children With a difference.

Piano lessons using the Suzuki Method allow children as young as 3 to start learning to play the piano. Emphasis is on listening and musicality, not just playing the notes. The younger the children are when they start, the more their ability can develop. Children do not have to be "musical" in order to start lessons. Every child can learn (just as we all learn to speak our own language). Parents attend lessons and help with practice, but DO NOT have to be able to play the piano themselves. The benefits for children extend further than music and include the development of an ability to listen, good posture, improved concentration, memory skills, ability to learn/apply effort, fine motor control.

If you are interested and would like to talk about lessons and/or observe existing pupils' lessons please contact the school office, or call or email Jo Highley on 01548 830800 jo@springbankmusic.co.uk. I can teach at home (15 minutes drive from Thurlestone) or at School on a Tuesday morning.

Trip to Tesco - Class 4

The above trip which was due to take place on Wednesday 30 September has been postponed until later in the term. Details will follow later.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to the Parker-Swift family for repotting our flowers again at the front of the School.

Muddy Runs

On Monday 26 September Deputy Head Jan Bosence tackled the 12-mile ultra-tough obstacle course known as the 'Tough Mudder' at the Matterly Bowl in Hampshire, and then returned to Devon to complete the 10 k River Dart Mud Run the following day (!). He did this to raise money for CLIC Sargent and you can contribute to the cause at www.justgiving.com/Jan-Bosence. Thanks.



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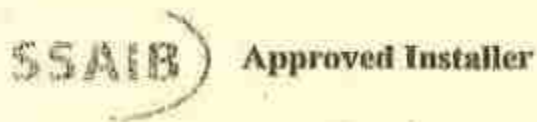
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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

September 14th! It would seem that the tail end of Hurricane Henri is announcing its arrival, the first storm of the Autumn (I'm not saying winter yet), winds are gusting up to 40mph accompanied by vicious showers. This is typical of the seasonal pattern that we are used to experiencing during this time of the year. Nothing very exceptional about it, but summer is receding. What summer? I hear you say, well there were a few days in August, but June and July saw most of the real warm days. For those who holidayed here at that time, the reputation of the area came up to expectations; and as soon as the children went back to school, the weather was actually better over all. Having been in the teaching profession for many years, I always felt sorry for "new" 11yr olds having to deal with unfamiliar surroundings, finding new friends, and carrying bags around in rain and wind - a daunting task for them. It was far better when the days were fine and sunny. Everyone felt more positive and happy about the new life ahead.

Once again the Met Office and meteorologists worldwide are looking towards the Pacific Ocean as another El Niño develops. It threatens to be a strong one giving severe conditions across all land masses one way or another. This set of conditions affects so many of the systems that rule our weather patterns. Today the jet stream across us has been forced south by cold Arctic air spilling out of the region. This allows the warm air to develop depressions and storms along the southern boundary of the jet stream and in the south west we are first in line to experience the winds and rain associated with it.

It has just been announced that this year has been the warmest ever. Remember this means across the world and not just us. I don't think it has been all that warm but I registered just one frost in 2014 and none as yet in 2015. Some nights have been chilly but no temperatures down below about 9°C. (This is not to say that other nearby places have had no frosts) even last Jan, Feb and March, there were no very cold snaps. I wonder what you think? Are we implicated in this "Global Warming" and, if we are, what can we do to alleviate or accommodate it, or do we deny that it exists? For my part, I do think that we have not helped in its growth, but it is a very delicate and difficult issue to decide what, if anything, we can do to stop or control it. Ideas please!

Today's *Western Morning News* has an article titled "Drier summers as warming returns". Remember the end of the 20th century? This was when the levels warmed up rapidly over just two years. Now it is suggested that the same thing is happening; 2014, 2015 and 2016 are all likely to be at or near record levels, in part due to the El Niño phenomenon which we all know about. There is also concern about developments in the North Atlantic, where the Gulf Stream/North Atlantic Drift is very influential over the type of weather situations that develop. The temperature of the surface water influences the jet stream and where it positions itself and therefore the

weather that we experience. Our weather TV presenters often refer to the track of the jet stream and I'm sure that many of us are now much more aware of its influence on our weather patterns.

The Met Office's Professor Adam Scaife has said "Globally the Earth's climate system is at a turning point, with a number of major changes happening at once." The United Nations talks that are imminent in Paris will, we hope draw up a new international agreement to tackle "Climate Change". The signal is very clear that global warming is actually happening. This is endorsed by Professor Rowan Sutton from Reading University as he reviewed a new report from the Met Office that suggests the world is warming again.

Whatever the evidence we choose to refer to, the scientists are very confident that a major El Niño is under way, it is set to peak this winter, and on the scale of the 1998 one which helped drive global temperatures to record heights. Professor Scaife said that natural variations such as El Niño were just "icing on the cake" on top of human activity which is putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and driving climate change. We could see records broken for global temperatures as well as having impacts on, for example, making the Indian Monsoon weaker and raising the possibility of a break in the Californian drought. There is already evidence of severe flooding in parts of the globe that are generally rain starved, and fires in areas that should be damper, so watch out for these events and you will have some idea of the cause. There will undoubtedly be plenty in the media to explain any exceptional accounts of varied weather events world-wide.

There has just been the first of the winter power cuts! Thank goodness most of this article had been saved and that the computer regained its composure when the lights came on all over South Milton!

Stock up on candles and little camping stoves plus a good stack of wood for your fire and you'll be as warm as a 'bug in a rug'!

Good weather watching, and for those of you who can remember 1940, summer-time was perfect but broke on 15th September.

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Today, 15 September 2015, there has been a ceremonial flypast of Spitfires, and Hurricanes to mark the 75th Anniversary, with excellent coverage of the events on TV. It has been a very emotional day for the few still with us who were directly involved.

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| Tuesday | 6 | TRAMP, Coast Path around Start Point (long) |
| Thursday | 8 | WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (J. Wilson, The Scattered Garden) |
| Wednesday | 14 | TRAMP, Holbeton, R Erne and countryside to East (short) |
| Tuesday | 20 | TRAMP, Whiddon Scrubs (long) |
| Monday | 26 | TRAMP, Yealm Valley (short) |
| Wednesday | 28 | KEDFAS, K's Methodist Church, 7.30pm (Cambodian art) |
| Thursday | 29 | KEDFAS, K's Methodist Church, 10.30am (Denise Heywood) |
| November | | |
| Monday | 2 | TRAMP, Revelstoke Drive, Stoke Point (short) |
| Monday | 2 | Parish Council Meeting, Yeo Room, 7.30 pm |
| Friday | 6 | NT coffee morning, Avon Mill, Loddiswell, 10.30am/noon |
| Saturday | 7 | Murder Mystery, Parish Hall 7.30pm (see advert) |
| Thursday | 12 | WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Victorians & Christmas) |
| Thursday | 19 | TRAMP, Dartmoor, Devonport Leat (long) |
| Wednesday | 25 | KEDFAS, K's Methodist Church, 7.30pm (British Glass) |
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| December | | |
| Tuesday | 1 | TRAMP, Aveton Gifford & Avon Valley (short) |
| Friday | 4 | WI Carol Service, Salcombe, 2.30pm |
| Saturday | 5 | Cheese & Wine Lunch, Parish Hall, 12.30pm |
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