

# VILLAGE VOICE

April - May 2021



*The community magazine of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone*



Two months of lockdown have elapsed since our last edition. Two months of staying home, shopping only when necessary, taking daily (distanced) exercise and generally striving to be good, considerate citizens. It can be a little tedious of course but there have been distractions. Little things that might have gone largely unnoticed during more normal times have taken on added significance and given us something to watch and talk about. A smart new road surface has improved the look of the main thoroughfare in Thurlestone. The collapsed wall on the aforementioned street has been repaired by a team of stonemasons who clambered and balanced somewhat precariously in order to restore the façade to its former glory. Huge cruise liners appeared in our bay during a particularly stormy period of weather, supposedly sheltering from the elements (or perhaps we were being eyed as a potential destination for the round-Britain cruise ships that are tipped to become popular as travel starts to become possible once more!)

Now, at last, we are seeing signs that there MAY be an end in sight. Vaccinations have been rolled out at an amazing rate, the children are back at school and appear to be thriving, golfers and tennis players are active once again. So we do have reasons to be cheerful now that the clocks have gone forward and Spring is all around.

Inside these pages, we hope you will find plenty of articles to take your minds away from Covid and its effects just for an hour or two. To whet your travel appetites (if they need further whetting!) we have Martin Beck's account of his recent adventures on the high seas. Mike Passman has once again been recording the huge variety of feathered visitors that have found their way to our shores. No doubt barbecues will be dusted off earlier than usual this year as we seek the small pleasures that suddenly mean so much, so look out for a scrummy barbecued lamb recipe on the "Tried and Tasted" page. All this and much more is awaiting you inside.....

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# District Councillor Report



For various reasons it seems to have been some time since I last had an opportunity of telling you what is going on at South Hams District Council. The business of the council during the pandemic has continued unaffected as we were all, officers and members, equipped and used to working in an agile fashion. Public meetings, however, such as Planning and Council meetings are, in the interests of reaching decisions which are transparent to all, undoubtedly slower and more cumbersome online. We look forward to being able to hold these meetings live again as soon as possible.

Much of the recent work of the Council has been allocating the various government grants to businesses. As I write there are eleven different schemes operating and many businesses qualify for multiple grants. We have tried to do everything possible to simplify the application process and to make sure every application receives all the grants applicable. So far, well over £40 million has been distributed to sustain businesses in the District. The housing and benefits teams have been doing an enormous amount of work to help those personally affected by the pandemic whether financially, by their housing conditions or other problems.

Looking forward, we anticipate a very busy summer, partly, but not only, because of the restrictions on foreign travel. Overnight accommodation opens again on 12<sup>th</sup> April, which is the start of the second week of the Easter school holidays (yes – it does seem like they have only just gone back!). We have already seen recently how a fine early spring weekend can fill up the beach car parks very quickly as if it were August, with just local visitors. As a result, the council has decided to treat the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to the end of September as full high season. We have employed six extra 'locality' officers for the season, to join the four permanently employed. They will be rostered 8am to 8pm seven days a week. Their job is to be 'out and about', concentrating on the public realm in the coastal and main tourist areas, answering questions, giving advice and observing and, only when necessary, enforcing.

You will have received information on the new super-recycling system which is being rolled out. Your new containers will arrive the week before the new collection starts here - some time between the second half of April and the first week of May. We are confident this service will make South Hams one of the top ten best recycling local authorities in the country and it will help us reach our climate change goals. We look forward to and warmly encourage your active participation in the new scheme.

The 'business as usual' side of the council is also busy with projects to build an Aldi store in Ivybridge, and a new harbour workshop and five employment units in Salcombe, all now approved and ready to move forward. The preliminary bid for a Free Port, made jointly with Plymouth City Council and Devon County Council was successful and we now have to work up a detailed business plan together over the next six or so months. Our allocated employment sites at Sherford and Langage are included in the Bid, which, it is estimated, will provide thousands of new jobs in the area.

Please do contact me for any further information.

Judy Pearce, Ward Councillor and Leader, South Hams District Council

# Farming Diary



**February 2021** saw another month of lockdown. Schools were still closed, non essential shops were still closed and the hospitality trade was still closed. The impact of the lockdown on Terawhiti Farm has been enormous, with a considerable number of vegetables going to waste in the fields. Waste is always expected in farming. Every year the weather will always give cause for a certain amount of vegetable wastage, be it frost, too much rain, too little rain. But as they say “that’s farming!” However, in all of Grandad Berryman’s years, there has never been the amount of waste caused by the weather that there has been during this pandemic. Even the snow in 2018 didn’t cause much waste, nor did the storm that took out the road by the golf club. It is incredible to think that such forces of nature have not been as destructive to the humble vegetable as a pandemic has been.

However, with a life in farming comes resilience and in an attempt to salvage what we could, Terawhiti has reached out further afield to a wholesaler in Bristol. A number of more local farm shops have also discovered the vegetables via the power of Facebook which is a positive. The farm is hoping that these new markets will continue long into the future. More positive news is the store beef market improving over lockdown. The price of beef is recovering following its slump in 2020. This is, apparently, partly due to the fact that people are forced to eat at home through lockdown. This has been good for the dwindling beef industry and, as a result, the price has increased. Like everything in farming, the price will fluctuate and we have to make the most of these better days, so February has seen sale of many cattle up at Exeter market.

Terawhiti buy in young stock, keep them for approximately a year and then sell them when they get to something in the region of 500kg. They will go to either Exeter or Sedgemoor market and, from there, they will be bought by fellow farmers who will finish them to fat/ slaughter.

Of course, the departure of cattle from the farm also means that the conveyor must keep turning, so in March we hope to see the arrival of young stock back on to the farm to continue the cycle.

It is in February that we start to wake-up the strawberries. Over winter the plants are kept in a dormant state where they are not fed or watered. This allows them to rest. But the watering is gradually increased now throughout the next few weeks and the plants will soon start to green up and flower. If the weather becomes warm and mild, with a bit of luck, the first strawberries will be picked at the end of April.

Some crisp and drier days in February brought some welcome relief from the constant rain and the easterly winds did their bit in drying up some of the trenches of mud in the fields. It meant for some pretty chilly fingers in the mornings so, by now, we are all longing for Spring to come and there are signs that it is not far away.

## **March 2021**

The farm continues with supplying the local veg. boxes to our wholesaler in Bristol, the local farm shops and deliveries.

The schools reopen and the news of the steps out of lockdown gives everyone hope that with spring, and our delicious strawberries of course, life will start to be a lot better than it has been this winter.

One thing for sure is the changing of the season brings with it a change in what jobs need to be done at Terawhiti as the cycle continues.

**Natasha Baldwin**

# **NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The two most recent Parish Council meetings are summarised below. The detailed minutes can be seen online at [www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk](http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk)

## **Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021** (on Zoom) to determine the budget for 2021/22

Present: Cllrs Jack Rhymes, Jill Munn, Sue Crowther, Kit Marshall, Sian Williams, Nigel Hurrell and Charlie Mitchelmore.

Councillors discussed the budget for the financial year 2021/22. Money was allocated to a variety of Parish projects and activities which had been received from residents. These include:

replacing the pads in the Buckland phone box defibrillator; refurbishment of the benches around the coastal path; repairing and refurbishing the Cobbled Road by the War Memorial; donation to the mobile library; installing a new fence at Island View play area; producing a leaflet which explains and encourages wildlife friendly gardening; public toilets - interior redecoration, water harvesting system and tidying up the external area; Climate Action Group; signs for the beaches to encourage people to keep them clean and tidy; traffic and tourist issues in the villages; community projects; open space; heritage assets; and parish lengthsman duties. Costs were also allocated for general Parish Council business such as grass cutting, repairs and maintenance and running the public toilets.

The total precept agreed for 2021/22 was set at £30,000 which is a Band D rate of £39.80 and an increase of 20%.

## **Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021** (on Zoom)

Present: Cllrs Jack Rhymes, Jill Munn, Sue Crowther, Kit Marshall, Sian Williams, Nigel Hurrell and Charlie Mitchelmore. County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, District Cllrs Judy Pearce and Mark Long and 51 members of the public.

### **Open Forum**

One resident spoke about the problems of speeding traffic through Thurlestone and the impact that is having on daily life. Twelve residents and a representative from the Bantham Sailing Club registered their objections to the Bantham Boathouse planning application.

### **Matters Arising**

The repairs to the Cobbled Road in Thurlestone were given the go-ahead. Cllr Rhymes had spoken to the church and they are happy with the proposal to use the verge at the front of the churchyard wall to create a parking layby, thereby freeing up the roadway for traffic. The Yarmer Estate will also make a contribution to the repairs, which was acknowledged gratefully.

### **Planning Applications**

Coronation Boathouse Bantham - Change of use from boathouse to a restaurant and café. Councillors objected.

5 Old Rectory Gardens Thurlestone - Application for variation of condition 2 of planning consent 0504/18/HHO.

Supported.

3 Edwards Close Thurlestone - Householder application for new summerhouse, garden shed, replacement rear and side boundary fences and alterations to existing chimney.

Supported.

### **Parish Matters**

Island View Play Area – the legal work to register ownership is underway. Essential repairs only will be carried out on the fence to keep costs down.

Cllr Williams has spoken to a lot of people about traffic issues in the villages. They have shared many ideas with her, such as: better communication with businesses; traffic one-way systems; signs advising people how to drive along the lanes; and clearing the passing bays

in the Bantham lane of mud and debris which blocks them and makes them less accessible. Highways will be asked to help with this. Cllr Williams will write some press releases about the issues and get some media attention nearer to high season. Parish Lengthsman – it was agreed that we need help with tasks like clearing up debris on paths and roads as well as general jobs around the parish. Cllr Marshall will investigate the possibilities.

A large quantity of soil has been tipped near West Buckland Barn and it is blocking the drainage and flooding the road. This will be monitored and reported to enforcement if necessary.

The Thurlestone public toilets will open on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Our grass cutting contractor will be asked to include the surrounding area to keep it tidy.

At a meeting of the Avon estuary Forum on 16<sup>th</sup> February, it was decided to ask all the local users and companies to be aware of the pressure on the area and to work together to ensure that it is used safely and respectfully.

Road closures: DCC intends to carry out repairs to the road between West Buckland and Clanacombe House at some point between March and October. A resident would like to create a garden around the telephone box and the PC supported this. Cllr Munn suggested that it would be nice if it were wildflowers and things that were good for pollinators rather than conventional bedding plants.

The Friends of Thurlestone Church have agreed to pay for another 2 new windows at £9,000 each and will put £20,000 towards roof repairs on the tower.

Councillor Crowther asked if councillors would be interested in registering the memorial green in the name of the parish and all were in favour. This will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

### **County and District Councillor's Reports**

£1.3M extra has been allocated for Highways this year, with £600,000.00 for potholes and drainage. Councillor Gilbert hoped everyone was enjoying the newly surfaced road through the village and said he was grateful for all the positive messages from residents. The section by the Hotel wall, which has not yet been done, will be included at some point. It was acknowledged that the new surface may be contributing to speeding in the village and he suggested that the PC could request traffic calming measures, which he would support. Bantham could also be included in this.

The SHDC additional Localities Officers will be working from Easter onwards and will be out and about all through the day looking for issues and reporting them as necessary. The new recycling scheme starts next month and residents should look out for their new containers. SHDC has passed its budget with an increase to households of £5 per year. Leisure centres probably won't be able to open until at least June, maybe later. Covid compliance officers are still out and about and dealing with businesses, using enforcement on businesses which continue to ignore advice.

Second homes should not be used until April 12<sup>th</sup> and residents are encouraged to report to the Police anyone breaking this rule. Covid cars have been visiting car parks such as Bantham and Bigbury. They check number plates and issue fines to people who have travelled beyond a reasonable distance to be there.

Elections will take place in May and residents are strongly advised to get a postal vote set up now if they do not want to attend the Polling Centre.

Our next meeting is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm via Zoom

### **THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

# Wanted Odd Job Volunteers

We are fortunate to live in a lovely part of the world but there are always plenty of things that need doing around our Parish to keep it looking so beautiful!

Odd-jobs such as repairs and upkeep of Benches, Assets Restoration, Footpaths, Stiles, Signs, Gardening, Painting, Cleaning and general tidying. Some of these are the direct responsibility of the Parish Council but are too small to warrant the expense of professional help. Also, many fall outside the remit of the Council and simply just need someone to do them.



For some time now Paul Martin has been doing sterling work sorting these out with involvement also of our Parish Councillors and other worthy Parishioners. It is patently unfair to expect mainly one person to do all that needs to be done however willing.

The Council is therefore hoping to organise a small Volunteer Group scheme to help Paul and if anyone would be willing to join in to occasionally lend a helping hand whilst enjoying a bit of socialising then please email your details to Paul at: [pmover60@gmail.com](mailto:pmover60@gmail.com)

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# Thurlestone Phonebox.....Ring Ring

Our shiny refurbished Phonebox looks even more splendid now that the Council has been spurred to lay the new highway surface. Was this cause and effect?



We have continued our mission to raise a smile through rhyming couplets. But you can't win 'em all! A smile was not a universal reaction since one parishioner was so enraged (insulted?) by a reference to the vaccine that he/she vandalised our board - delusionally claiming that the merest mention of jabs would cause depression among passers-by. Of course, the opposite is true and the offer or actuality of a shot has been a positive high spot for many in such a dark and depressing time.

Our most notable moment was the early celebration of spring. Tom our venerable gardener emerged from his winter hibernation, donned his springtime gear and took up residence in the box, surrounded by hand crafted paper flowers (thanks to Diane Martin and Mary Horne). Tom was then replaced for our traditional Valentine celebration. Hearts and flowers our theme for the early part of the year! Then Mother's Day saw the appearance of cartoon children wishing everyone a happy time.

The Phone-boxers are now considering how and when to re-open the library. It is reported that book sales (and presumably book reading) have soared during the lockdowns so we anticipate that there will be no shortage of stock as people seek to clear space in their bookcases. However, we are not sure where our opening falls on the much touted road map. Disappointingly, Boris has not specifically mentioned re-purposed Phoneboxes in any of the Downing Street briefings so we are hoping to count as "non-essential retail" which will re-open after 12 April, though we'll still have to make the place Covid safe.

Finally, our thanks to the many who have continued to feed our money box in the shop - that'll help pay for hand sanitizer!

Thanks and Keep Safe  
Alan Taylor Bigg

## In Loving Memory

A recent walk with my wife on the coastal path bordering Thurlestone's golf course led me to an interesting discovery. One of the commemorative benches strategically placed overlooking the sea bore an unusual inscription. It was in honour of a local man of the last century and appeared to be composed by his wife. The text was two lines:

HIS DELIGHTS WERE DOLPHIN-LIKE.  
JOY BY DAY AND LOVE BY NIGHT.

This triggered a literary memory in me and, when I checked at home, I found the first line in the last act of Shakespeare's 'Antony and Cleopatra'. Antony is dead, and Cleopatra, overcome with grief, remembers his unique appetite for life:

'For his bounty,  
There was no winter in't, an autumn 'twas  
That grew the more by reaping; his delights  
Were dolphin-like, they show'd his back above  
The element they liv'd in;'



Clearly this man of Thurlestone was much loved, not just by his wife, with a generosity of spirit and a great capacity for friendship. The image of the dolphin leaping above the waves suggests he enjoyed being happy and at the same time making others happy, an ability that extended beyond the hours of sunset, as the second line makes clear. An example for all of us men of Thurlestone to follow, surely.

John Davie



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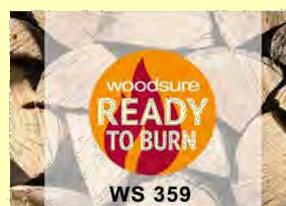
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# Village News Round-up

## Jean McLean

Sadly we have been notified by Lesley Partridge that her Mum Jean McLean, formerly of Mead Drive, passed away peacefully on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 just before her 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Whilst living in Thurlestone, she enjoyed playing golf at the Golf Club, playing cards with the local Bridge Club and made many friends in Thurlestone.

## Thurlestone Post Office and shop new opening times

The revised opening times for the shop can be found on the back page of the magazine.

They request that you please observe the COVID-19 Rules on entering the premises. Deliveries to “self-isolators” in the Thurlestone, Bantham, West Buckland and South Milton main villages will still continue, Monday to Friday. They would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times

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## AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

### ‘CROWDED WATERS’

At an extraordinary meeting of the Avon Estuary Forum (AEF) on 16th Feb 2021, the issue of the explosion in the popularity of walking along the estuary bed, outdoor swimming and the use of SUPs, canoes and kayaks was addressed.

It was agreed: -

- the buoys and associated signs marking the water ski zone would be renewed with the collaboration of the ski club and the Salcombe Harbourmaster
- better communications would be employed both with the public (via social media) and with organisations running courses in the estuary or hiring equipment to improve safety and the important matter of biosecurity.

As part of this safety campaign, advisory Codes of Conduct for all three types of activity will be made available locally via parish magazines and will be published on the Aune Conservation Association website, accessible via the QR Code below: -



The AEF would encourage all those involved in providing hospitality e.g., camp site owners, B & B owners to draw this QR code to the attention of their visitors.

The Avon Estuary is a priceless environmental asset. It is a County Wildlife Site and Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) with its shallow waters, extensive mudflats, and saltmarshes. All of these features are of exceptional ecological value to important populations of fish, invertebrates, migratory birds and waterfowl. It is vital these habitats

remain undisturbed; educating all estuary users is a first step in managing these areas for the benefit of all.

Historically, the Avon Estuary has always been highly valued as a place for quiet contemplation and reflection on natural beauty. All users of the estuary are asked to respect these values: in these difficult COVID times, they are more priceless than ever.

Stuart Watts

# Parish Hall News

by Alison Daily (Secretary)



Spring has arrived and there seems to be an air of cautious optimism around that things may return to some sort of normality this year. It has been over 12 months since the hall had to close its doors but that doesn't mean nothing has been happening behind them.

Our annual AGM was held via Zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> March and along with committee members we also had 5 members of the public join in, which brightened up proceedings. In fact the meeting lasted 10 minutes longer than usual and fortunately there were no arguments or cats and everyone was the right way up. It will be wonderful if socially distanced face to face meetings can be resumed again in the coming months. While Zoom has been a godsend during these strange times, I for one will not miss it when the time comes.

What I shall miss are the two committee members who are sadly standing down. The first is the incomparable Pat Macdonald who has been a major driving force of not just the parish hall but many other organisations in the community. It is understandable (not wishing to divulge her age), as she has been a stalwart for many years and thoroughly deserves the rest. The other member is Vida Hodder who, although only a member for a couple of years, provided us with a fresh perspective and much needed help with events. They will be greatly missed but would like to thank them for all they've done and wish them well. This obviously leaves a large hole to fill so if any of you have the odd hour to give up to attend meetings or help with keeping social activities going in the parish, please let us know, you would be most welcome. The committee needs to diversify but to do this requires new blood and ideas to help optimise the great assets the hall has to offer the community.

During March the main hall had its un-Covid friendly and inefficient heating replaced by a new greener infra-red system. This should prove more energy efficient, comfortable and less risky to health, fingers crossed you will feel confident enough to come and try it out for yourselves in the autumn. This marks the completion of all the projects undertaken by the maintenance team to upgrade the building, lockdown provided the perfect opportunity to carry out the work without causing disruption. We are indebted to Chris White, Paul Martin and Mike Bone for all the time and effort they put in to achieve this. Well done and a huge thank you.

The building is now as Covid safe as it can be and ready and waiting to show you all its new equipment. If the roadmap goes to plan some of our groups and classes would like to resume in May while others are waiting until September. There are a couple of musical events in the pipeline which we would like to put on in the autumn and possibly some sort of re-opening event during the summer. There is much to discuss at our meetings, so watch this space.

Have an enjoyable couple of months meeting up with friends and family once again and stay safe.

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# Our Garden

## By Sue Dwyer

### Herbaceous Borders

I described in my last article that when we bought Yarmer there was a large herbaceous border along the west side of the garden. On the left (east) side was a new oblong asparagus bed and beyond an oval hydrangea bed. The bottom of the garden had a Devon stone wall onto the golf course with a central gate. At the time it was the only direct entry on to the golf course from a private house. On top of the wall there were colourful ground cover plants, Lampranthus which are half hardy succulent perennials belonging to the mesembryanthemum family.

The first year we waited to see what came up in the garden and the aim was to eventually have colour all year around, obviously less during the winter than the rest of the year but always some plant flowering.

I will try to describe how the main border has been developed over the last almost 40 years. The garden faces south and the border gets sun most of the day until about 6pm at the height of summer. There is a path down the back so I have access all around; the front is scalloped and is 3 metres wide max and 2.5 metres min, the length is about 50 metres. The bed is full of different perennials, most need staking which takes me several days a couple of times a year as plants obviously grow in different seasons throughout the year. It is important to 'dead head' to prolong the flowering season, this really pays off. I do not have any particular colour theme but just enjoy seeing the abundance of colour during the main flowering time of spring, summer and into the autumn. Plants that do not thrive are moved elsewhere and in my opinion a lot of trial and error is the key to our garden. Someone asked me how many plants I had, I have no idea but I think a floral border should be FULL so in the season minimal soil can be seen. Beside dense plants, airy types of plants add to the appearance of the border as you look through them to other specimens. From seed I grow cleome, I get better germination from my saved seed than any commercial and these along with cosmos and verbena bonariensis and a pink gypsophila are wonderful plants to place near the middle as you can look through them to view plants at the back.

Over the first few years I kept the alternating clumps of yellow achillea and white leucanthemum, a tall white daisy, both of which thrived beside the sea and tolerate wind, these formed the background to the flower bed. Now the plants at the back have been replaced by tall delphiniums and lupins, with alstroemerias which I bought at the Devon County show in 1996 - three small pots each containing a single stem of white, yellow and salmon flowers. As these small specimens became clumps near the front of the border they were divided to place them in about 10 clumps at the back of the border, they are a tall variety growing to about 1.5m. I have to reduce the size of the



**Eryngium**

clumps yearly by digging them out as they have become invasive. Even if I remove a whole clump they still reappear next spring. Alstroemerias flower from June through to November and are great cut flowers for the house. Eryngium were also added at the back, again this has to be kept under control each winter. There are hardy tall dark blue salvias which I have had for years. I was given a small hibiscus by a friend, now long dead, and this was put at the bottom of the

border, it is now a tree about 9 ft high but does have purple flowers every August for about a month. Tall dahlias also at the back growing to 1.5 metres, these flower all summer and well into the autumn along with phlomis. A new addition last year were very tall double flowered red hollyhocks so pleasing I have more for this year. Just forward from the back are a row of 12 standard roses, most of the original Silver Jubilee are still there after 35 years, but a few at either end have died and were replaced firstly with Margaret Merrell, a white standard rose which I originally bought to give height to the rose bed of Silver Jubilee shrub roses beside the road, but they did not like the location, neither did National Trust a standard red rose so these were planted elsewhere in the garden, neither like wind. National Trust soon all died in the main garden but three of the Margaret Merrel survived. A couple of Golden Jubilee standards have been added also at both ends, but their flowers are so large and heavy the whole branches are snapped off in the wind. However last year, their fourth, their branches seemed to be stronger and there was less damage, even though I consider last summer a windy year.

In the middle besides the roses are shorter dahlias of many colours and shapes as well as smaller salvias, one I bought last year is Salvia Amistad which has a lovely purple stem and flowers. Amongst the dahlias are peonies which flower mostly in May and June, I know they do not last long but their flowers are wonderful and seed heads decorative. From a dozen bought by visiting Kelways at Langport some have survived for many years, including a red single flower tree peony which has multiplied over the years and now has to be pruned to keep it in check. I have another lovely Mongolian Peony lactiflora, this always flowers the first week of April, is a lemon yellow single flower with lovely seed heads. I have a memory from 1990 of walking in central Sardinia in May/June and seeing masses of pink single peonies in the woods as far as the eye could see, so visible as the trees were not in leaf. Another plant which has airy foliage are the group of thalictrums. There are various specimens which I bought last year and am waiting to see if they have survived. Some grow to three metres, some I have had a few years, one from my sister T. Black Stockings is very reliable but T. Delavayi has not lived up to expectation. Phlox, kniphofia (Red Hot Poker) and penstemons are also there.

Smaller plants near the front include nepeta, (catmint), dianthus (pinks), Knautia, large tall Asiatic Lilies which are so fragrant in July/August. A newish plant is Agastache Black Adder which bees and butterflies love, sometimes there are clouds of butterflies feeding on the nectar, so many that I see them from the house about 50 metres away. Catananche looks a little like a cornflower, C Alba is white with a bluish middle and C caerulea major is blue with a lilac middle, both flower into the autumn. The perennial geraniums come in different heights, habits and colour and are good value in the border.



**Black Adder**

Looking out my window as I write this at the beginning of March, I see the flowering bulbs of narcissus, blue Irises, hyacinths, snowdrops, crocus and early tulips, plus early perennials, helebore, pulmonarias, dianthus with an abundance of camellias in flower.

Now it is time to go and dead head the early tulips, see what is appearing in the beds, and to check on the over wintered plants in the greenhouse as well as what seeds have germinated in the propagator. Next time I will write about the development and stocking of the other beds in the main garden.

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Earlier in the year the WI Committee telephoned every single member and conducted a detailed survey so that we could be sure what the members wanted from their WI. Some of the results we have been able to action immediately as these questions were about how they wished us to support their well-being during lockdown.

We are keeping in touch with our members in various ways using a combination of weekly telephone calls, newsletters as matters of interest arise and now Zoom Chats. The Zoom Chats have only started recently and their format is evolving as members make suggestions. We are hoping that those who are keen on Zoom will encourage more members to join in. We have also instigated a monthly quiz kindly provided by Vivienne Day. Now there are flowers back in our gardens Alice Foster is very kindly delivering the birthday posies that are usually given out at our monthly meetings directly to our members.

If the roadmap is able to keep to the proposed dates, we should be able to hold face to face monthly meetings once more from July and we are planning to hopefully hold a Summer Garden Lunch in August. The Committee is busy putting together a programme for the rest of the year 2021/2022 using the information gained from the survey. We are planning to alternate the more formal meetings that have a speaker with meetings that are more hands on and involve demonstrations or something more akin to a workshop when members have a go themselves. We have learnt that the members enjoy being informed by the variety of speakers we are able to book but they also want to chat to the other members and get involved with learning to do something in a direct manner.

In the "Christmas Meeting in a Bag" distributed to each of our members there was a packet of sunflower seeds and we are holding two competitions, one for the tallest sunflower and one for the bloom with the largest diameter. As the sunflowers grow, we will hopefully be easing our way out of lockdown so by the time they bloom in the summer we will feel free again.

With many thanks to our Committee who have been working so hard behind the scenes for our members.

Sally Martin (President)

## A Great Vintage!

I am a very old vintage car - taken good care of since new but beginning to show some signs of age.

First, my engine started to sound unhappy so a trip to Keith at the local garage was in order. He carried out a few tests, worked his usual magic and my engine was in fine form once again.

Alas, my bodywork was looking a bit rough and, in spite of regular polishing and cleaning, there were signs of rust. So out came the emery paper along with a slap of paint to cover up the marks and I looked quite smart once again.

When I started to drink too much oil, I went to an AA meeting (Automobiles Anonymous) Keith was there again to hold my brake - he really is quite a magician with his cures. He took me apart, removed the bad parts and put me back together. I felt so much better and found my oil consumption had dropped enormously.

Soon though, I found that my windscreen did not give me a very clear view of the roads. I gave it a good clean but it made no difference. However, after a trip to the repair shop to have a replacement windscreen and wipers, all was clear once again.

Finally, the dreaded M.O.T. - failed because of worn wheels and tyres. I was advised that they needed replacing. To hell with the expense, it had to be done. Since then I get around with a much smoother ride.

Now for my regular short trip out to check all is well then into my lovely warm garage for a good rest until the next fine day when I take to the road.....

Rosemary Mackay

# Grey Matter

**A BOTTLE OF WINE** to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct – if you don't have all the answers, send in your entry anyway – you never know!) drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: [cgwonthenet@thamead.co.uk](mailto:cgwonthenet@thamead.co.uk)

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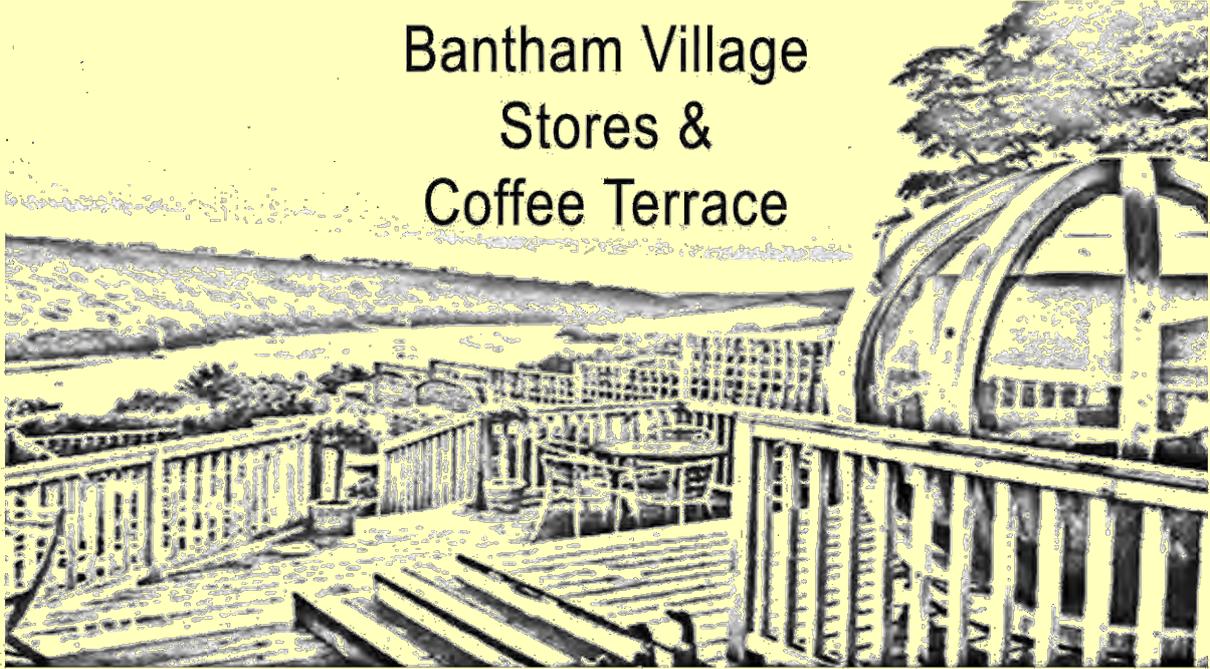
Solve the clues to find: 10 Game Names then 10 Monopoly Places and 10 Cluedo Clues.

1. Opera for the end of the Nation (9)
2. Ageing servant (3,4)
3. Search in a London Park? (4,3,4)
4. The longest in the West End (9)
5. This parrot is alone (8)
6. Symbolic UK animal (7,7)
7. Hint and act (6)
8. Confused pale amphibian (8)
9. One-legged whisky? (9)
10. A sad dance - you'll need a hanky (4,1,4,1,5)
11. Depressing Shopping Centre (4,4)
12. Fast Road (5,6)
13. Born by ruler (5,5)
14. Simon Templar gets South African money (3,6)
15. Bovine, found on rubbish dumps initially, on this road (6,6)
16. Pale little church (11)
17. The fete between April and June (7)
18. The road to exclusion (8,6)
19. Great little nails, we hear (5,3)
20. Just visiting, we hope (4)
21. Save Maggie or Boris? (12)
22. Colman's in the Army (7,7)
23. Found in loose trousers (8)
24. Bridge or pontoon? (7)
25. Medic in the dark (2,5)
26. A challenge for nimble Jack (11)
27. Did the Captain serve her? (3,7)
28. Dangerous in biro pens (4)
29. Rhett's perfect match (not to a 'T') (4,7)
30. Ideal for a heavy smoker? (4,4)

**Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:** 1. Kenn 2. Sheepwash 3. Abbotskerswell 4. Postbridge 5. Modbury 6. Stoke Fleming 7. Horrbridge 8. Princetown 9. Beesands 10. Paignton 11. Kingswear 12. Chillington 13. Sparkwell 14. Barnstaple 15. Strete 16. Exmouth 17. Crapstone 18. Topsham 19. Rattery 20. Sticklepath 21. Appledore 22. Coffinswell 23. Ilsington 24. Cornwood 25. Axminster

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- Unfortunately **singing** is still not permitted.
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- Observe **social distancing** at all times and the safety guidance given.

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<b>APRIL 11TH, 25TH, MAY 9TH, 23RD, 30TH(?)</b>	<b>11.10am</b> Morning Worship

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## EASTER HOPE

At Easter time we speak of hope. A hope that is built upon the events of Good Friday and Easter Day – the death and resurrection of Jesus. In many ways Easter 2021 is no different. We speak again of a faith that is built upon hope. However, this year we speak of an additional hope, a hope that unites believer and non-believer alike. We speak of the hope that soon our lockdown woes will be over. We speak of the hope that soon we will be able to enjoy the things we formerly took for granted. We speak of the hope that our tomorrow will be better than our yesterday. Easter 2020 marked the beginning of our Covid-lockdown life. Let us hope that Easter 2021 marks the beginning of the end of this restrictive and debilitating way of life.

It is right and proper that we have played, and continue to play, our part in combatting this virus. But these past few weeks have definitely seen a change in attitude. We are starting to believe that, thanks to the vaccine, a corner has been turned. The weather is improving and spirits have been raised. So what does the future hold for us?

Of course it's impossible to fully answer this question. I suspect that, as we move through 2021, we will continue to be cautious. But I hope that the heart of our future will be defined by reclaiming the things that we have missed most during these past 12 months. I thought that I'd miss the big things – those one off events that we look forward to. And of course I did. But far more than this I missed the small things that characterise every day life. The time spent nattering around a coffee table or at the back of church. The time spent bumping into people in Kingsbridge. The time spent in schools and in people's homes. It is my hope for 2021 that we will cherish these small moments and let them stand at the heart of our rebuilding exercise.

I'm also pleased to say that Easter Day (4<sup>th</sup> April) marks the resumption of public worship in All Saints' Church, Thurlestone, and across the Benefice of the Aune Valley. Since Christmas we have kept Churchstow Church open for public worship and everything else has gone online. When we reopen, face masks will still need to be worn, we'll still need to socially distance and we still can't engage in congregational singing. But it will be a joy to reopen those doors once again. Jesus is risen and we're open for business!

So let us look to the future. Let us hope and pray that 2021 provides us an opportunity not to slip back to the "old normal" but to build a "new normal". A new normal where we cherish the opportunities for interaction and engagement. A new normal where we gather to support one another. A new normal where we celebrate the dedication and hard work of all our public servants that have helped us through this past year.

Easter 2021 – a time to let hope back in!

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

While you may not feel able to come to church, the following may help:

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# POSTBAG



Dear Editors

Many thanks to the friends who contributed to the Kingsbridge Rotary Club "End Polio Now" fund. At the time of writing the sum raised is over £250, for which the Club is very grateful. We do appreciate this generous help in these strange times. We also appreciate the help of Village Voice in giving us space for the virtual Quiz "Ear This".

Thank you too, to the entrants into the Quiz. The winners of the President's bottle of claret are Val and Graham Palmer. Congratulations to them. The answers are given below.

## **Peter Gornall**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Kingsbridge

1. Ear 2. King Lear 3. Earl 4. Pearly king/queen 5. Your bearings 6. Great Bear 7. In one ear and out the other 8. Bearded tit 9. Earth 10. Ear-wax 11. Bear-baiting 12. Early bird 13. Bear 14. Hearse 15. Bearing rein 16. Bearnaise 17. Earth 18. To sear 19. In the clear 20. Dear/est 21. Earn 22. Walls have ears 23. Weary 24. Hearing 25. Earth wire or plate 26. Be all ears 27. Early 28. Pearl 29. Earthenware 30. Tear 31. A "Dear John" 32. Thearchy 33. "Clear off" 34. Ball bearings 35. Amelia Earhart 36. Spear 37. Rearing up 38. Bearer 39. Dearth 40. Learned.

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Dear Editors

Nothing arouses passions from the community and visitors to Bantham more than plans to change the natural beauty and tranquillity of our special place. Such was the opposition seen against the application to convert Coronation Boathouse into a restaurant. For those of you who may not be aware this was triggered when Bantham Estates planning application to build a New Estate and Harbour Masters Office at the turning circle was passed against all odds...based on the existing harbour office in Coronation Boathouse, after 80 years, somehow no longer being suitable! With boat storage having been removed as well sadly this left the boathouse unused which enabled the triggering of the restaurant application.

I don't want to bore you as I'm sure you are all aware of the details around the new Estate Office, for which planning permission was recently granted albeit in one of our most prized locations, outside of the village boundary, in the AONB, and in the English heritage site – but that's for another day!

It was therefore great news for the community that Tamara Costin (of Beach House fame, which many of us frequent) and Nicholas Johnston decided to withdraw the restaurant application which was causing a lot of concern in the community, reflected in the number of objections made. The use of Coronation Boathouse is clearly down to Nicholas Johnston. We also appreciate the estate needs income for the upkeep of this fantastic building, but in its history and reflected in its use to date it has become a place dear to locals' hearts, never having been commercialised and a unique tranquil space for the community to access the estuary.

There is support in the community for a joint effort to help preserve the use of Coronation Boathouse and to sustain the boat storage, boat repairs, marine maintenance activities for local business, a meeting area and other local resources much needed in the area, and to ensure it remains uncommercialised, but continues to offer these services to the local community.

Let's hope this is the beginning of a new chapter to maintain Coronation Boathouse and its unique atmosphere, that works for both Nicholas Johnston and the community.... Fingers crossed!

## **David Stone**

Quayle Bantham

# BOOKSHELF

## Away with the Penguins by Hazel Prior

This is just the book to distract from the gloom of lock down. It is amusing, interesting (you learn a bit about penguins) it has an engaging assortment of characters, the main one being an 85 year old lady, and it will take you to a completely different world.

Veronica McCreedy lives all alone in a large mansion, purchased for the privacy it offered and, being very wealthy, because she could. Her only visitor is her housekeeper, Eileen with whom she seems to have little patience. She is keen on conservation but her only contribution so far is picking up litter on her daily walk. The one television programme she feels is worth watching is 'Earth Matters' 'demonstrating as it does how much more sensible animals are than humans'. As she settles down to watch she is rather dismayed to find another programme in its place 'The Plight of the Penguins' which plants the seed of an idea in her head. But first she realises she must do something about her will. She has no relatives so far as she knows. As she will have nothing to do with the internet (she writes letters with a fountain pen) she summons Eileen to use her 'internet contraption' to find an agency dealing with lost relatives. To her surprise she finds she has a grandson.

The next big decision she makes, after watching a programme from a remote island in the South Shetlands of Antarctica about the decline of Adelies penguins, is to go out there and see for herself. Possibly her money could be put towards more research? And go she does.

The story interacts between the grandson, Eileen, the scientists at the base (who do all they can to dissuade her) and of course tough, stern Veronica.

A truly enjoyable tale, told in an amusing way.

**Carolyn Taylor**

## The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

Raynor and Moth lose their farm in Wales to debt collectors after a judgment which they believe is unjust. As they face poverty and homelessness, Moth gets a doctor's diagnosis of a debilitating illness that is usually terminal.

That is the background to their story as they set off with back packs to wild walk the coastal path from Minehead to Poole. Added to the obvious challenges of their journey, is their financial situation which means they are inadequately prepared for what is to come.

Many readers who know the coastal path will recognise the changing terrain as the couple navigate their way from Minehead. I also felt the couple's disappointment, longing, desperation, tiredness and pain, as well as their moments of euphoric happiness.

This is a true story, and descriptions are vivid as the reader travels with them, meets the people they meet and experiences, on the pages, places where some of us have been. In this story we walk in Raynor's shoes.

Together, the couple take inspiration from the experiences and develop a renewed sense of life. In the end there's an altered sense of purpose. It's unexpected but then, for most readers, there's nothing familiar about the circumstances that they endure while in their mid-fifties.

The Salt Path, is autobiographical and is Raynor's first book. It was published in 2018.

**Vivien Stickland**

## Scratch 'A Salcombe Boy' by Billy 'Scratch' Hitchen

As you sit eating your fish and chips do you ever wonder how the fish comes from the ocean depths to you and in such fresh and pristine conditions. This is the tale of a Salcombe boy who ran away from school and joined the Merchant Navy. After training, he sailed the seas on cruise lines, then oil drilling, where he earned a great deal of money, albeit in very hard conditions, before coming back to Salcombe. He bought a fishing boat and had another hard but successful time. He stayed back at base as he had a big market abroad and knew what was wanted where, so he became the salesman for all other fishermen's catches. As far as I know he is still in Marlborough with his family.

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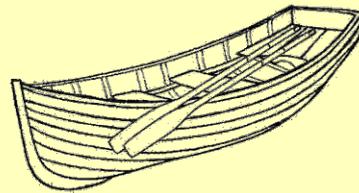
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# THURLESTONE THEN

Continuing the memoirs of Monica Coope

## Chapter 8, Part 2

It is again a blazing hot summer's afternoon. A young woman is walking down the Ham to the sea and there on a bench sits an old man, bent over and seemingly asleep. She looks more closely at him then goes up and sits down beside him. "Do you remember me Harry?". Faded blue eyes search her face; a dirty gnarled hand pulls at a six day's growth of beard (for it is Saturday) and then Harry smiles a toothless grin of recognition. "Tis Miss Monica I reckon, so 'tis. How be you then?" "We are all well Harry, but we miss you all more than we can say. And how are you these days?" His eyes look out over the Ham to the sea; they take in the outline of the notice board with the life belt and the rope, which have been there for as long as Harry can remember. They flicker past the high bank tufted with pink thrift, and as he shifts on the hard bench he pulls out his pipe and fills it with a plug of shag. "How be I? Well, I ban't what I was, Miss, No, I ban't what I was."

A great treat we looked forward to was the Choir Supper in the Rectory dining room, with long trestle tables spread with great white cloths and loaded with good things to eat. This was a meal indeed and no one missed it if they could help it, the bell ringers, Sunday school teachers, church cleaners, sexton, verger, churchwardens, Uncle Tom Cobley and all. We sat packed together on benches and wondered hopefully if we could manage something of everything, and generally did. Steak pie, ham, sirloin of beef, pickles galore, cider, beer, lemonade and ginger pop, apple tart and mince pies — how we ate, and still we ate, until at last with a sigh we had to confess ourselves beaten. Then we all cleared away and the men shoved the benches back to the wall and carried the trestles out to the glasshouse by the side door. Lamps were carefully put in safe comers, the piano from the drawing room dragged out, and off we went up and down the floor, with Sir Roger de Coverley, a set of Lancers, polka and barn dance. Then, panting, we mopped our brows and voted for something quieter, so someone would suggest a sitting-down game like General Most, until we had all got our breath again and it was time for Musical Chairs. The men were very spry at this and the discomfited women would revenge themselves by planting themselves on the knees of the one who had outwitted them, but the men did not seem to mind. Father prowled around as if his life depended upon it and some of them cheated by hanging on to the back of the chair they fancied and were howled down by the rest. Donald was desperately anxious to keep in and every time he managed to sit down when the music stopped, he would chuckle with glee and rub his hands together and everyone was as pleased as he.

But there were long walks to get home for many of them and lanterns would have to be lit, stout boots and cloaks donned, goodnights and thanks all round, and a hearty cheer for Mother and Father and all. Our own feet were tight in their shoes, our brains reliving the evening and wishing that it could happen more than once a year.

We came to look upon Mrs. Imray's picnics as institutions which she would have no right to stop, and indeed she never did. A widow of small means, she lodged in the village with the Snowdens, and what that picnic must have cost her I do not like to think, but it was her great day and we all rolled up from far and wide. Generally we went to Yarmer for it, as it was not far for the older people to walk across the links, and their carriages then went back to the hotel and the horses stabled. She had it splendidly organised, with great baskets of food awaiting us and Coleman (one of the Coastguards) shinning up the cliffs to hide boxes of chocolates and tins of toffee for us to search for later. Some of us would bathe or paddle, play cricket if the tide were

low, or rounders with a tennis ball. "Rosie" as we all called her, would be beaming with pleasure as the beach became crowded with her guests and Mother always allowed us to wear our Sunday hats, with clean weekday frocks. The ladies carried sun umbrellas and chatted in the shade of the cliffs, while their husbands took off their shoes and socks, rolled up their trousers and joined in our games with a will.

One summer's afternoon the usual great influx of Rosie's friends arrived at Thurlestone, but this time the church bell was tolling sadly and we set our faces to the churchyard, leaving Yarmer Sands deserted. "Poor Rosie, her last and greatest picnic" said an old friend with a half smile of reminiscence.

During one summer holiday kind Rosie invited me to go with her to Salcombe for the day by steamer. Father lent us the pony trap and we set off for Kingsbridge in the early morning, Rosie decked out in her best gown and a big white hat trimmed with lace. I was not so smart but I had done my best. We chattered of this and that as Belle pursued her leisurely way through the sunny lanes until we came to the Anchor Inn, where I stabled her and arranged for a nice drink and a bag of oats. Then we had to go shopping; first to Harris' for sliced ham and a large slab of butter. Parkhouse's next for crisp new rolls, and (my special choice) Congress tarts, which I knew concealed a liberal supply of raspberry jam under an almond filling. Some ginger pop here too, and soon Rosie's capacious reticule began to bulge with our good viands. A couple of peaches from Jordan's completed this exciting interlude, and then it was time for the steamer.

There she lay at the quayside, panting in the sun, waiting to paddle us down the estuary to some chosen spot where we should, I hoped fervently, make short work of all this lovely food. Setting foot on the hot little deck set Rosie off in a flood of nostalgic reminiscences about her voyages to India as a bride. She had gone, she had been seen and she had conquered. Every subaltern seemed to have fallen in love with her and as I looked again at the dumpy little lady, I saw for the first time clearly the short patrician nose, the gaiety of those blue eyes, the smallness of those plump white hands, and my mind visualised the slender, golden-haired loveliness of fifty years ago. Silks and soft laces, wonderful ball gowns, Government House, young men and still more young men, what a life. . . .what a thrill.

So, she prattled and I dreamed, our fussy steamer churned away down the Salcombe estuary, twisting and turning, passing High House Doing and the tiny promontory where stood the cottage home of Dorothy Jackman. Now she was Dorothy Foale and had a baby boy and I hoped if I waved hard enough she would recognise her nursling and wave back, but the tiny walled garden was deserted.

"My husband was very angry" murmured the gentle voice, "and forbade the young fellow to come to our bungalow anymore, so I could not see him again."  
"Were you sorry?" I asked, not really caring what happened to the naughty cavalier, for I wanted to see every inlet as we passed, with the woods coming down to the water's edge and the tiny hamlets with their wee jetties and boats pulled up by the roadside. And now the estuary was broadening; already I could glimpse the masts in the harbour and once round this next comer we should be nearly there, with the lovely yachts, white painted and brass a-gleaming, the sailing boats, the busy prams plying to and fro between yacht and shore; and then Salcombe itself, climbing from the stone jetty terrace by terrace, with its purple grey slate roofs, up and up so high that to see the topmost chimney pots you had to bend your neck right back. Little Italy they called it, but I thought scornfully "Salcombe is Salcombe, and Italy needn't give itself airs."



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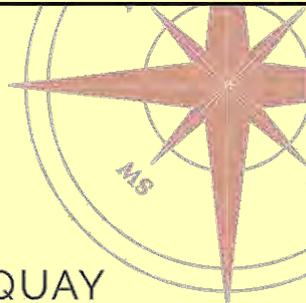


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# TRIED AND TASTED

## **Barbecued butterflied lamb with lemon, garlic and thyme**

With spring springing, and lockdown gradually ending, thoughts are turning to barbecues with the family – even friends, possibly, in the not too distant future!

This recipe originally appeared in Rick Stein's Food Heroes book, and instantly became a firm family favourite. It featured again recently, in his series on Cornwall, with a different, more spicy marinade. If you fancy trying that, you can find it on the internet very easily.

The base of both recipes is whole leg of lamb, butterflied. If you have a sharp knife, and reasonable culinary skills, there are numerous videos on the internet which show you how to do it. If not, buy it from a proper butcher, and ask them to do it for you.

SERVES 6 (at least)

1 2.5kg leg of lamb

### Marinade

2 large garlic cloves, chopped  
1 medium hot red chilli, de-seeded and finely chopped  
1 teaspoon chopped Rosemary  
The leaves from 6 Thyme sprigs  
1 fresh bay leaf, finely chopped  
3 strips of pared lemon zest  
Juice of ½ a lemon  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
6 tablespoons olive oil



Mix all the marinade ingredients together in a shallow dish. Add the lamb, turn it a few times until well coated, and leave it skin side up. Cover, and leave in the fridge for at least an hour – *overnight is even better*. Preferably remove it from the fridge in time for it to reach room temperature before you cook it.

Light your barbecue and let it get hot. Place the lamb on the bars of the barbecue and keep turning it and moving it to different parts. *You need to keep an eye on it, and control the heat of the barbecue, to make sure that the fat in the lamb doesn't cause excessive flare ups, as that will burn it.* It will take about 10-12 minutes a side, or 20-24 minutes in total if you are constantly turning it – *highly recommended, to stop it burning*. If you prefer, you can colour it well for 5-7 minutes on each side, on the barbecue, and then transfer it to a hot oven for 20-25 minutes.

Remove from the barbecue, and put it on a board/carving dish, cover with foil, and leave to rest for 5 minutes. Carve across into thick slices, and serve with your favourite salad, jacket spuds, chips, or whatever takes your fancy.

Simple to prepare, surprisingly quick to cook, and just delicious!

# Thurlestone Golf Club



As the weather improves and we welcome the return of spring, we can hopefully look forward to an uninterrupted summer of our favourite pastimes.

As I write this article (15<sup>th</sup> March), we are busy preparing the course ready for when we re-open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Vic and his team have been working on several large projects around the course. One of these projects has been to supply better irrigation to all the par 3 tees. You may have seen

some of the trench work on the course, in fact we have trenched over 800 metres of pipe work. This pipe work is then connected to the junction boxes. The control of water flow to all the greens and tees is then controlled by the irrigation computer software. Normally, water from our bore hole is applied in the early hours of the morning.

Unfortunately, the winter storms have taken a toll on the Leasfoot Beach boardwalk. Damage has meant we have temporarily removed the boardwalk. It is hoped that during the next few months this will be reinstated. We would ask beachgoers in the meantime to take extra care when using this particular beach entrance.

Although our course opens on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, it will be some time before we can welcome members and guests into the Clubhouse. Therefore, it is with some regret that our Bar & Catering operation will not be fully functional until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the earliest. We hope to have a busy summer and as always we will be engaging competent and assured seasonal staff throughout May, June, July and August to complement our existing team.

Our public car park pay and display machine has had an upgrade. Payment can now be paid by Credit or Debit card as well as cash or by phone. Frequent users of our public car park should consider becoming Social Members of the Club. The cost of Social Membership is £78.00 per year (Subscription Year starting 1<sup>st</sup> May) and one of the many benefits includes free parking. Other benefits include discounts on all bar and catering sales. If you wish to make further enquires please contact the office on 01548 560405. A gentle reminder to all our existing Social Members, please don't forget to let us know if you have replaced your car recently as we will need to update our records.

It has been a very strange year for everyone including our Club Captain, Rob Eva and Ladies Captain, Sally Huntley. Under difficult circumstances they have done extremely well to raise money for their chosen charities. Torcross Heart Ward, Derriford will receive £1324.14 and £1077.45 will go to Bowel Cancer SW continuing the Club's tradition of being a force for good. The changing of the guard will see our new Men's Captain, Mike Allen and Ladies Captain, Diane Baker, take the helm in a few weeks time. Their charities this year are the Devon Air Ambulance and a children's bereavement charity, Jeremiah's Journey.

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# Waggy Tales



Rosie

I have owned dogs for years and never had many health problems with them until the end of their lives. 10 years ago I happened to buy two dogs Lara and Rosie, of different breeds, that turned out to have two very expensive genetic faults.

I told you about Lara in the last edition of Village Voice. Here is Rosie's story.....

I bought Rosie locally, she was born on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011. I had seen her at 3 and 5 weeks of age and along with both parents. I collected her at 8 weeks of age. I was a little disturbed to see her almost hiding under a chair and coming towards me in a submissive manner, however I paid for her and brought her home that afternoon. She was duly fed at 5pm when I realised she was having swallowing difficulties, she was choking with both solids and water. Next day I saw the vet first thing and asked him to observe her drinking some water. Again she choked. He told me to return the puppy to the breeder as he thought she had a brain tumour which could cause this condition in dogs. I phoned the breeder who said she had come with a month's free pet insurance and there was nothing wrong with her so he would not take her back. He said if she had to be put down he would let me have a puppy from the next litter at half price. My husband felt that perhaps he should not be breeding.

From my medical background I knew the term "dysphagia" which means difficulty in swallowing. I entered this, adding "in Dogs", into Google and came up with Crico-pharyngeal achalasia which is a congenital condition making itself obvious after the dog is weaned. The condition occurs in cocker and springer spaniels and more rarely in other breeds. The outlook was poor but there was an operation possible to correct the condition. I returned to the vet the next day to discuss this finding and he suggested that when large enough she should have an oesophagoscopy before referring her to the ENT vet expert in Bath. He suggested I tried to feed her with a bottle plus a teat used for sheep. Rosie did not take to the bottle so feeding was little and often, always with choking, I used to stand with her and have to pat her back firmly to dislodge the food from her wind pipe. Drinking was more of a problem, I read on the internet to put stones in the bowl so the dog could only take small amounts, I bought a bowl with a central mound but, although helping, choking always occurred. The food and water would go into her lungs and she had several aspiration pneumonias so she spent most of her first few months on antibiotics.

At 4 months she was spayed and an oesophagoscopy showed no local obstruction so I was referred to Bath and drove there on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. By this time Rosie was very thin but always lively. I saw the ENT expert who told me in 20 years he could count on one hand the number of dogs he had seen with the congenital form of the condition and congratulated me for keeping her alive. X-rays showed she had another aspiration pneumonia so I had to leave her at the hospital for intravenous antibiotic treatment but she was also taken to the University Veterinary Hospital in Bristol where she was given a small bolus of food which was radioactive so her swallowing mechanism could be investigated by fluoroscopy. This showed the muscle at the top of the oesophagus closed rather than opened when she swallowed so the food and water built up in the pharynx and spilt into the lungs causing pneumonia. She was too ill for surgery so a PEG tube was put into her stomach and she had to be tube fed. She spent 48 hours in the hospital and I then brought her home so the pneumonia could resolve before surgery. I had to liquidise food and feed her every 2 hours from 6 am to 10 pm. She was not allowed anything by mouth. The first time I liquidised the food I could not get it to flow down the tube and rushed to the vet who showed me how to make the food more liquid. After a couple of weeks at home Rosie collapsed and I thought she was dying, I had to take her back to Bath where they kept her as an inpatient for another 10 days. For some reason she had vomited and I think she had inhaled some acidic gastric contents into her lungs. By this time Rosie looked as if she had been in Belsen, her bones were sticking out and I was afraid I could be reported for dog cruelty! Her tubing was kept in place with a body stocking and I put a baby grow over everything so nothing would be displaced. During

her stay in hospital a vet would phone at 8.30 am each day to tell me how Rosie had been during the previous 24 hours (The Nuffield note!). On August Bank holiday she was well enough for surgery and had the operation to cut the crico-pharyngeal muscle in the neck. I had to collect her the day after and, apparently, the first time she was given food by mouth she swallowed well but choked the second time. The ENT specialist was still worried about her but I felt the only hope was to remove the PEG tube and see how she coped as I could not have a dog permanently being tube fed. It appears the operation has a 65% success rate.

Good news! - since that day she has thrived. Her food has to be small otherwise she chokes. She cannot drink too quickly as she sometimes coughs. As the years have gone by these minimal symptoms have got better. She is a fit, healthy, lovely dog. who adores me and never lets me out of her sight.

Sue Dwyer

# SCHOOL REPORT

## Back to the Classroom



**ALL SAINTS'  
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You might have heard a huge collective sigh of relief across the valley on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when children filed back through the school gates as the gradual return to the classrooms began. Not everyone felt the same though and some parents have thoroughly enjoyed the flexibility of not having to stick rigidly to a school day!

There were also a few tears as youngsters made their way into school and it's definitely been a challenging time all round to adjust and re-adjust to the last few months. Measures are still in place to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and parents/carers and we must all still wear masks when dropping off and picking up and adhere to social distancing rules. There is also a continuation of the one-way system in operation with children to be taken to the main front entrance and walk around the side if accessing their classrooms from the playground, adults must also follow the flow through the playground and exit through the bottom playground gate. There are also staggered drop off and pick-up times so it can be a bit chaotic as families are trying to stay 2 metres apart from each other as well as follow the system.

Thanks to the commuters and motorists who have been patient with us during these times, families are doing their best to adhere to the guidelines and get in and out as efficiently as possible. Staff are being tested twice weekly with the Lateral Flow Tests (LFT's) and the Key stage 1 and 2 bubbles remain in place to prevent too much mixing. Suffice to say enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures are in place with many reminders to 'wash your hands!' throughout the day. Most families have said that they still felt part of the school community during the lockdown months since January and that they coped well. Of course, it hasn't been perfect and many have been trying to juggle work and home learning with multiple siblings. From my own perspective, I never want to have to teach multiple fractions with different denominators ever again. I was hopeless. Teachers, I salute you. Getting back into the swing of learning in the classroom can be tricky after being at home for so long and the school is offering support to any child feeling anxious or worried during this time.

The first week back was declared Science Week and was quite gentle with a sense of slowly easing the children back into the swing of things. There were plenty of fun and practical outdoor activities going on involving muddy clothes and shoes, always a good sign! It's a short spell as the Easter Holidays are upon us so let's all hope the declining numbers of Covid-19 cases continue and life can get back to being relatively normal. Well done to all the families, carers, grandparents helping out, teachers and staff who have made it through the last few months.

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# THURLESTONE BAY BIRDS

Lockdown restrictions are still very much in force as I write this report on the 5th March. Since they were introduced on the 9th January all my birdwatching has been restricted to our Thurlestone area which includes South Huish Marsh.

During the Winter months the severity of the weather has a big influence on the birds that can be seen.

In January, after a cold start with easterly winds, a wet spell from the 20th resulted in both the Marsh and the Ley being flooded.

Highlights amongst the 107 species recorded were:-

*BRENT GOOSE* - 7 flew SE across the Bay on 21st.

*PINTAIL* - A flock of 8 flew west on 17th.

*MERLIN* - 1 seen flying over fields around Huxton Cross.

*JACK SNIBE* - 1 on South Huish Marsh on 5th and 7th.

*LESSER YELLOWLEGS* - The rare visitor from North America obviously found the tidal road at Aveton Gifford very satisfactory, present all month.

*MEDITERRANEAN GULL* - A maximum of 10 amongst the *BLACK HEADED GULLS* on South Huish Marsh on 19th.

*KINGFISHER* - 1 present on the Marsh all month, also watched diving for food into the rock pool by the flats.

*FIRECREST* - One in my garden was a nice surprise on the 24th.

*SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF* - As the name implies this is a winter visitor from Siberia, 1 with the *CHIFFCHAFF* flock at South Milton Ley photographed on 23rd.

*BLACK REDSTART* - 2 frequented South Huish Marsh most of the month with 1 in my garden as well - all were females.

*BRAMBLING* - A scarce winter visitor, a pair were amongst the large *Finch* and Bunting flock at Huxton Cross on 22nd/23rd which also included 30 *CHAFFINCH*, 50+ *REED BUNTING*, 40 *YELLOWHAMMER*, 45 *LINNET*, 2 *CIRL BUNTING*, a rare *LITTLE BUNTING* (first since April 2012) and 200+ *SKYLARK*.

I also kept a separate record of birds that I saw from my garden/balcony - lockdown list by 31st was 57. This had only increased to 62 by 5th March.

February was surprisingly cold between the 8th to 14th, although we were spared the snow which covered the higher parts of Devon. This cold spell resulted in some very interesting waders at South Huish Marsh -

*RINGED PLOVER* - 8 on 10th.

*LAPWING* - a single flock of 90 on 10th.

*KNOT* - flock of 6 on 8th with 1 from 14th - 23rd.

*SANDERLING* - 1 on 9th/10th.

*BLACK TAILED GODWIT* - 5 on 10th.

*BAR TAILED GODWIT* - 1 on 10th.

*SNIBE* - 31 on 11th.

*DUNLIN* - 30 from 11th to 15th.



Lapwing

Amongst a large increase in *GULLS* - 15 *MEDITERRANEAN GULLS* on 16th and 17th, 55 *LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS* on 16th.

Highlight of the month for me was a *BARN OWL* which spent an hour late afternoon of 4th and 5th hunting over Thurlestone Marsh, on several occasions flying with 30 yards of my garden - absolutely magical. This was only the 5th time in almost 13 years that we have seen one over the Marsh.

During the middle of February, the numbers of duck on South Huish Marsh increased significantly - *WIGEON* 240 on 16th had reduced to 25 by 28th, *TEAL* from 105 on 15th to 30 by 26th, *SHOVELER* from 7 on 16th had all departed by 28th, briefly a pair of

*PINTAIL* on 11th and 12th.

However, the start of March turned out to be really exciting-

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 male *GARGANEY* were on South Huish Marsh, the first summer migrants to arrive. These ducks, that winter in the large lakes in Central Africa, usually arrive by the 15th to 20th March - these were the first influx to be recorded along the South Coast.

The next day an adult *SPOONBILL* spent the afternoon on the marsh providing some superb views.

By the time the Voice will have been distributed at the end of March the first of our summer migrants of *SAND MARTIN*, *HOUSE MARTIN* and *SWALLOW* should have already been seen feeding over the marsh - a welcome sign that Spring will have arrived. Then in April we can look forward to the distinctive call of the flocks of *WHIMBREL* migrating north to their breeding grounds in SCANDANAVIA along with *BAR TAILED GODWITS*. Over the sea *SANDWICH TERNS* will be feeding in the Bay whilst flocks of *COMMON SCOTER* make their way north to breed and flocks of *MANX SHEARWATER* return from their winter haunts off the coast of Brazil.

These arrivals give you something to really look forward to as well as the Lockdown regulations starting to be lifted (hopefully) and a return to a more normal life.

No separate report on Moths this time, although my new Moth Trap has in the last 3 nights (2nd, 3rd and 4th March) produced 35 moths of 16 species.

For more detailed information, please refer to my website - [thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk](http://thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk) which also includes photographs of both interesting birds and moths.

Mike Passman



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**Kingsbridge Area Foodbank (KAFB) news**

**Notes from the Secretary**

Due to Covid -19, KAFB had to make some very dramatic changes to how things were prepared for Christmas. In previous years we'd organised food parcels for 30 - 45 households.

Last year we took on an even greater challenge – but with the help of our amazing team of volunteers and drivers we succeeded in delivering Christmas presents and food hampers for 204 Children and 211 Adults.

This would have been impossible had it not been for the generous financial donations from the general public. These enabled us to buy additional food and presents from LOCAL shops, supporting the local economy too. Something we've always done - but was critical last year, due to the Covid-19 Crisis.

Since the beginning of March 2020, we have faced a number of challenges - but our volunteer team have taken them all in their stride which has enabled us to help more people, with differing needs.

With the first lock-down came more clients needing help due to financial reasons - but we also saw a rise in people needing help and support in other ways.

Support was difficult to obtain on a grand scale - however our team stepped up to the plate and have been recognised by South Hams District Council as "**Covid Heroes 2020**".

I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating them all for their achievements.

**Statistics.** Here is a good opportunity to share some facts and figures with you.

At the end of January 2021, our client list looked like this:

- We delivered to 158 addresses.
- Broken down, this looks like 63 families plus 45 couples (this includes single parents with one child) plus 50 individuals.
- This adds up to 223 adults and 187 children.

Our referrals currently come from a number of services – as well as people referring themselves. It's important to recognise that "asking for help" is one of the toughest challenges that we, as humans, face.

It is encouraging to note that our client list is constantly changing as we help people out of their difficulties. Over 80 adults have "moved on" and replaced with new, needy people.

We are also issuing laptops to children across the region to help them with home-learning. Again, this has only been possible thanks to our numerous donors who have given us their old gadgets to pass on. Actionwest have spent time clearing them of their old data in readiness for their new users, for which we are truly grateful.

**"It's ok, to not be ok"**

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that the support for those already suffering with Mental Health issues, is limited, but support for those with Mental Health issues as a direct cause of the pandemic is unobtainable. Our fundraising coordinator has secured a small pot of money so that we can provide SOME support, by way of private (professional) counselling.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter. Speak to Mike Stickland, Trustee, if you would like more information.

# Puzzle Page

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: [cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk](mailto:cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk)

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## CODEWORD

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Can you crack the code and solve the crossword?

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.

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## Sudoku - Hard

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## Sudoku - Fiendish

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1	3						6	7
	2						5	
5				3				9
			4		1			
8	1						2	6
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There were 6 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the coveted bottle of wine is Dave Gibby. Commiserations to David and Mary Horne, Neill Irwin, Judith Le Grice, Pauline Lonsdale and Lindy Price.

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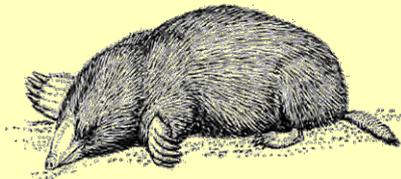
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# ZAN ADVENTURES

by Martin Beck

This is the story of our adventure in Zan, a Catana 50' catamaran, acquired in late 2018, and prepared and ready to depart in June 2019 from Western France, with the goal to fulfil my dream to explore the Pacific Ocean. This is an introduction to our sailing adventure which took place over a period of 18 months, from mid 2019 to the end of 2020.

My father learnt to sail when his father moved to Salcombe in the early 1930's, and I learnt from him. I grew up crewing for him on the Estuary, and later crewed on larger boats, including three Trans-Atlantic trips and 1,000's of miles.

It is customary to wait for the hurricane season to abate by November and many yachts cross the Atlantic at this time. Three local friends joined me for the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers and we arrived in St Lucia in the Caribbean at the beginning of December. It was then just a family affair to cruise from St Lucia to Antigua.

After the children had flown home, we prepared to set sail for the Panama Canal. I had invited a good friend Phil Cornish to join Cheryll and me on this leg. The best way for us to sail comfortably to the San Blas Islands was to head north first and leave from the British Virgin Islands, in order to be a good distance away from the Columbian coast and avoid its notorious high winds and big seas. Cheryll was still not completely sure she wanted to crew the long Pacific crossing and so a longer passage with less risk of putting her off was my plan. At the same time the security situation in Venezuela acted as a deterrent to sail too close to this coast.

We made stops at St. Bartelemy, St Maarten and Anguilla, before arriving in the British Virgin Islands where we provisioned.

We set sail again on the 30th January, the conditions were gentle and the trade winds, which tend to blow between 15/20 knots, were behind us and we made good speed in perfect conditions. With up to 20 knots of wind from astern we moved along at 10 knots in great comfort. Zan sails downwind at half the True Wind Speed; over the whole cruise we were averaging 175 miles per day, with the highest 24 hour run of 237 miles and top speed of just over 20 knots.

It is hard to express the delight in being blown on your way, across the planet ocean. In daytime with blue skies and wispy white clouds and at night under the clear stars and planets. Night time sailing in your shorts and a T-shirt and, for safety, a life jacket and harness, alone on watch, whilst your companions sleep, is a wholly magical experience.

It is important to keep watch 24 hours a day and to be aware, not just of other vessels, but looking for changes in wind strength, particularly a dark low cloud that holds a squall, under which the wind speed tends to double. Anticipating these and reducing the amount of sail before they arrive is the key to a comfortable and safe passage.

We kept a fishing line out most days, and soon landed a small tuna and enjoyed it both raw and cooked. The breeze was gradually increasing as we approached the San Blas Islands off the north coast of Panama and over the last 24 hours the wind and seas were a little more than expected, but had we been further south we would have seen 40/50 knots and rough seas. We made our land fall at the Island of Porvenir on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, having covered the 1,000 miles in a little less than six days.

The San Blas are a wonderful archipelago of some 365 islands. Many of these small sandy islands could be under water in a century's time if sea levels rise. The Islands are a self-governing part of Panama known as Guna Yala, inhabited by the Guna Indians. The Indians

have inhabited the islands ever since they were driven away from their homes inland. This was our first experience of dugout canoes in daily use, some of which even had small sails. The fisherman came to us with fresh fish, lobsters and octopus. The women and children often arrived in their canoes with their traditional “Molas”, these are intricately sewn multi-coloured fabrics with their special designs. We did our bit for the local economy!

We left the San Blas, stopping overnight at Linton, before moving on to Portobelo, just to the east of the Panama Canal. It was from here that the Spanish shipped vast quantities of gold and treasure that they took from Central and South America. It became a Unesco World Heritage site in 1980 and the town and surrounding harbour still has large parts of the fortifications, that were constructed from 1597, visible and intact.

Then on to Shelter Bay Marina, Colon, at the north end of the Panama Canal, which is located within the old American Army base that occupied a vast area which, since the US withdrawal and Canal handover, has fallen derelict, with the rain forest encroaching. Our transit through the Panama Canal was booked for the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The engineering and the sheer height and scale of the canal locks is something to behold; around 40 ships a day pass through the canal. We had a night in the Gatun Lake, which is in the middle of the rain forest and you awake to the sound of ‘howler’ monkeys at sunrise. We emerged in late afternoon out into the Pacific.

With our third and fourth crew members aboard and with a favourable forecast we slipped our lines and ventured out into the vast Pacific Ocean. We were aiming for the Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia (see map) some 3,800 miles away; it was the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

We soon settled into our watch routine and life aboard was exceedingly comfortable. The outside table was laid for supper every evening after our ‘happy hour’ sundowner. We enjoyed a variety of music and games. Tim is a spectacular vegetarian curry master, and every time it was his turn to cook the senses were totally blown away. Cheryl had committed to sailing the passage with me on the agreement that she would not have to do any night watches, but instead would take my cooking shift! We crossed the Equator on the 14<sup>th</sup> March which was Day 5 and to celebrate we dressed up and a little dancing took place to suitable sounds. We were joined by a Red Footed Boobie for a few evenings, which was all well and good except for the waste left on the deck by his resting place. It was on 20<sup>th</sup> March when we received an email from a fellow PPJ yacht that our original landfall of Hiva Oa was no longer allowed but Nuka Hiva was still accepting yachts.

We were also now receiving regular email updates about the COVID situation at home. After a little discussion and on balancing everyone’s different needs, I decided we just had enough beer on board to make it to Tahiti (see map). This added about 1000 miles and 5 days to this leg of our passage, which meant we avoided, what I later heard was a pretty tough experience in Nuka Hiva.



Our arrival into lockdown in Tahiti on the 7<sup>th</sup> April was completely painless, save that the beers had run out and there was a ban on alcohol sales. Not being allowed to celebrate 27 days at sea and a voyage successfully completed was a little sad, until we stood back and looked at the bigger picture....”Where would you have rather been ?”

..... **More to follow in next issue.**



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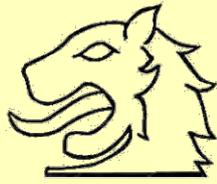
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# TRAMP REPORT



## CAST OFF COVID-19 – WE'RE FREE AGAIN

When I wrote for the last edition of Village Voice it was not at all clear if or when we would resume our walking program for 2021.

Now that the Government “roadmap” for unlocking us seems to be fairly robust, we have decided to re-open our program from April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The first three walks will be under the “rule of 6”, so we are limiting the total number of walkers to 18 and they will walk in “pods of 6”. If you want to join in, you must register with the walk leaders quickly as demand is expected to be high.

As of May 17<sup>th</sup>, we are allowed 30 members walking – but this number has never been realized in my years in Thurlestone!

On our regular walks around the village, we see, and chat to, many of our Tramp colleagues and so it is fair to assume that lots of you will have kept fit over the weeks.

### West Alvington Woods

This is one of our favourite local walks.

We visited the woods last week and, even without bluebells and primroses, there is an air of relaxed solitude in the place. We were there on our own with just the birds singing in the sunshine plus the extraordinary sound of the local woodpeckers ‘grub hunting’. The wild garlic is there in profusion at the moment and we enjoyed a little foraging for a delightful ‘nettle and wild garlic’ soup which was quickly prepared for our lunch. Delightful.

We’ll be going again when the bluebells are in abundance – always a visit not to be missed.

### South Milton Ley – improved access

Only recently, somebody has kindly improved the official access at the North-East end of the Ley. It is now possible to walk all the way up the Ley to Mill Lane, South Milton and access the Lane over a beautifully constructed pedestrian bridge.

### Public Right of Way at Bantham

The pathway from the rear of the Sloop Inn down onto the meadows has been getting more and more dangerous. I am pleased to report that I have persuaded Devon County Council to carry out repairs to the steps and cut back the hedging. This work will be done in March.

**Mike Stickland**

# WEATHER WAG

The winter months have been unbelievably mild overall. February was much drier than usual and March similarly so. Stats:- Rain days - February 7th total = 30mm. This month, to date 14<sup>th</sup> March = 7mm. Although the old adage about February being a 'Fill Dyke month', there is not always a record amount of rain this month. In fact July is usually wetter. So there we have it. February may be classed as winter but this year it has been not in the least like winter.

I hope that some of you will have been out to look at the sky during darkness. The stars have been very clear and sparkly, the plough is lying on its back towards the NE and Venus is, or has been, very bright towards the SW. This should always give an inkling of frost by morning but cloud has come over and formed a warm blanket of air, so no frost. However there has been frost on several occasions, the daffodils and general greenery all bow their heads and look sad but, as the sun rises, so their heads turn up to look at the life-giving celestial body.

This all sounds idyllic but in these last few days all hell broke loose here at Beach Cottage (and elsewhere I suspect). The winds became menacing and there was some rain, not much, but enough to bring awareness of something pending. The sea developed a big swell, this in my book is a forerunner of a big wind. It was so, gusts up to 70mph from the North West were forecast so son Stephen decided to close our shutters. A wise move as later the wind here reached a gust of 77mph (Force 12 just! This is hurricane force on the Beaufort Scale).

In amongst all this there were some stunning sunsets and sunrises. I try to make a note of the days when, at sunrise, the rays reach into my bedroom and at sunset the last rays reach into my kitchen. Only when these two events occur can I say to myself that spring is definitely here. The sun is shining now although the breeze is NW so on the cool side.



On the beach, there is a wonderful lack of big banks of seaweed, there is virtually no litter from us lot or from those at sea. It is always good to see one or two couples with a bag collecting anything that does not belong on the shore. The Ley, having been blocked for some time, filled up to the brim when the seas were rough and yesterday breached the sandbank and is happily running down the beach, draining the reed beds after giving them a soak.

Along the edge of the southern sand dunes, the sand has built up almost to the hedge around the field. This is higher than I have seen it! I never cease to be amazed how much sand the sea can shift in just one tide. I wonder how many other folks find such things startling.

**Jan Turner**

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## PUZZLED?

An elderly neighbour called and said, "Please would you come over and help me. I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle and I don't know how to get started."

I asked "what is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

My neighbour replied, "according to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

I decided to go round and help with the puzzle. I went in and was shown the puzzle which was spread all over the table.

I study it for a moment, then look at the box before saying, "firstly no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster, secondly I want you to relax so let's have a nice cup of tea and then." I said with a deep sigh.....

"Let's put all the corn flakes back in the box."



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# SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

## THE OTHER GREAT RAILWAY ROBBERY: Part 1

A local lad gone bad! John Freer (born 1815) comes from a family originally named Fryer, which I can trace back to a marriage at Buckfastleigh in 1695. Somehow the name got changed to Freer (which I can't account for in terms of local accent) but my story concerns this John Freer and his exploits.

Henry Freer, his father had been at sea working in the Newfoundland cod industry, S. Devon and other West country ports being at the heart of this important centuries-old Devon-centric industry; chief among these ports was Dartmouth. Henry may have been at Newfoundland when the French attacked in the late eighteenth century, and may also have been in the navy during the Napoleonic wars. Sailors were targeted by the 'press gang', even when returning to their home port after a long spell at sea, as their seamanship made them prime targets on sea or on land. Henry was born at Broadhempston, in the hinterland to the North of Totnes and East of Buckfastleigh, but he worked as a labourer in Paignton for a while, then, at this dangerous time, managed to convince the parish of Broadhempston that it was his place of settlement on account of his birth, and he moved back there, married in 1803 (the year of the most savage incursions by the press gangs) and, it seems, like a lot of sailors, hid-out inland.

Henry and his wife (my G-G-G-G Grandparents] had thirteen children, and although not all survived, this was a big family to support for a labourer (which he was in between sea voyages), but this was common amongst the poor. But the parish of Broadhempston would have been willing only to support the family with basic needs, such as bread, until the children were old enough to be apprenticed out by the parish to local farms; the girls as 'indoor servants' or lighter farm work, the boys as plough boys, to learn animal husbandry or to do menial labouring work. Elizabeth their daughter, through whom I am descended, married a local man whose father had also been a mariner, and probably knew Henry Freer. Elizabeth's husband was a labourer, and they lived a steady, work-a-day life in the Paignton area, probably in a tiny, damp cottage, and latterly in a working-class area of Torquay. Her brother John however is a different kettle of fish. He was apprenticed to a Paignton man named Tully (a big name in the area then), and completed his apprenticeship in 1837.

John and three of his brothers decided that their best chance in life lay in London. Who or what put it into their minds I don't know but maybe they did earn more and had a marginally better standard of living? In London, John married a girl from Berry Pomeroy, so the pair of them probably set off from Devon together, followed later by the other brothers. Two of them died in London at no great age, but John is the centre of this tale, and his brother Samuel also gets caught up in it.

John went to London around 1838 and married Hannah Perring Mitchell (of Berry Pomeroy) the next year, having four children over the next seven years. After a brief spell living near Covent Garden where John worked for a brewer (plenty of slums there then, in St. Giles, as portrayed by Dickens) before moving up to Finsbury and Camden Town, which was then at the outer edges of London but sufficiently urbanised to have streets of overcrowded tenements around the St. Pancras area (the parish they lived in).

On Easter morning of 1847, John Freer and a friend, William Martin, were walking through fields near Chalk Farm (today near the Royal Free Hospital if you know that part of N. London). They met another young man they knew and began to plan a robbery. From the surviving evidence it appears that John Freer was the instigator, at least, at this point. The plan was to go to Camden Railway Station and steal some goods.

The goods yard at Camden station was a marshalling yard dealing with goods wagons being shunted about and re-marshalled to go via the various railway companies' routes to the Midlands and the North (& elsewhere). Goods coming in from those areas tended to be coal and industrial goods for the London consumer, whereas goods going up-country included fancy & luxury goods which had come from abroad to the London docks and was passing through.

After further planning involving three other accomplices, the five men met at midnight in the Buck's Head, Camden, and proceeded to the goods yard at 2 a.m.

No railway men were on the premises as it was a holiday weekend, and one policeman patrolled the one-mile perimeter. They had done their homework. They spotted a van covered by a tarpaulin, awaiting transfer into railway wagons, and determining that this van had valuable goods for shipment out of London, the men began unloading it.

The van in question belonged to a firm called Crowley and was loaded to the hilt with luxury items such as silks, fine cloth, prints, hosiery, pharmaceutical items, books, and much more amounting to seven hundred pounds worth – a huge sum in those days - something like £55,000 in today's terms.

John Freer's pal William Martin and another man 'borrowed' a cart, and obtained a horse, and thus the goods were carried out of the yard in the night and taken south of the river to Peckham – then almost at the Southern extreme of the London sprawl. Samuel Freer, one of John's brothers kept a beer house there called 'The Duke of York'. For anyone who knows Peckham, the new modern library stands near to where this beer house stood. It is not certain that Samuel Freer was expecting this nocturnal consignment; the goods were mostly hidden in his cellar and it caused him no end of worry.

Two middle men 'fences' came a few days later and agreed a price - with some persuasion - of £55 pounds, which does not seem a lot considering the actual retail value of the items. They left a deposit and took away about half of the items, but never returned as agreed for the rest, whereupon Samuel Freer was getting agitated and feared being arrested.

John Freer and others agreed to get the rest of the goods away from Peckham on the Friday after the robbery and enlisted a man called John Cherry who had a shed back up in the city to conceal it. This proved to be their un-doing as the goods were later removed from Cherry's premises with the intention of burning them. Things were hotting up now as there was a reward of £80 offered by Crowley's, far more than the Freer gang had got for what they'd sold, even though to them this was a huge sum. The man who took this stuff away from Cherry's shed was spotted by an employee of Crowley's – and the arrests began.

The police searched 'The Duke of York' and questioned Samuel Freer about packing cases and recently burned packaging in the cellar. Sarah, his wife, was questioned about her wardrobe of fancy clothes, but actually, she had been in service prior to her marriage, to the wife of the Bavarian Ambassador who had passed-down to Sarah much of her finery!

All of the men were arrested in quick succession to await trial...

I have only been able to lay out the basic facts briefly here due to space, but it should make sense I hope and keep you in suspense! For the next instalment – see the next Village Voice!

**Michael Stephens**

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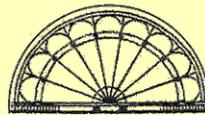
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## **Monday March 29**

### **Lockdown Roadmap - Step 1 (part two):**

- Outdoor gatherings of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed, providing greater flexibility for families to see each other. This includes in private gardens.
- Outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis and basketball courts, will be allowed to reopen, and people can take part in formally organised outdoor sports.
- At this point, the Stay at Home order will end, although many lockdown restrictions will remain. For example, you should continue to work from home where possible, and overseas travel remains banned, aside for a small number of reasons.

## **No earlier than Monday 12 April**

### **Lockdown Roadmap – Step 2:**

- Non-essential retail, personal care premises, such as hairdressers and nail salons, and public buildings, such as libraries and community centres, will reopen.
- Most outdoor attractions and settings, including zoos, and theme parks, will also reopen although wider social contact rules will apply in these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households. Drive-in cinemas and drive-in performances will also be permitted.
- Indoor leisure facilities, such as gyms and swimming pools, will also reopen - but only for use by people on their own or with their household.
- Hospitality venues can serve people outdoors only. There will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcohol, and no curfew - although customers must order, eat and drink while seated.
- Self-contained accommodation, such as holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.
- Funerals can continue with up to 30 people, and the numbers able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15 (from 6).

## **No earlier than May 17**

### **Lockdown Roadmap - Step 3:**

- Outdoors, most social contact rules will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal.
- Outdoor performances such as outdoor cinemas, outdoor theatres and outdoor cinemas can reopen. Indoors, the rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - although we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.
- Indoor hospitality, entertainment venues such as cinemas and soft play areas, the rest of the accommodation sector, and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes will also reopen.
- Larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is lower) will also be allowed, as will those in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4000 people or half-full (whichever is lower).
- In the largest outdoor seated venues where crowds can spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. Other life events that will be permitted include bar mitzvahs and christenings.

## **No sooner than 21 June**

### **Lockdown Roadmap - Step 4:**

- It is hoped all legal limits on social contact can be removed.
- We hope to re-open nightclubs, and lift restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3.
- This will also guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

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## April

## DIARY DATES

Friday	2	Good Friday
Saturday	3	Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
Monday	5	Easter Monday
Monday	12	Parish Council Meeting conducted remotely via Zoom 7.30pm
Tuesday	13	South Devon AONB - Online Event – 'Leaving our imprint' — how we are shaping the landscape in South Devon 7pm to 8pm. Register for your free ticket at <a href="http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events">www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events</a>
Saturday	17	Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Monday	19	South Devon AONB - Online Event – 'A Seasonal Guide to Bird Watching in South Devon AONB – Spring.' 7pm to 8pm. Register for your free ticket at <a href="http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events">www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events</a> .
Thursday	22	South Hams Society AGM (Members Only). Venue to be confirmed
Friday	23	St George's Day
Monday	26	TRAMP - West Buckland and Avon Estuary - Liz and Peter Coates
Wednesday	28	Kingsbridge Arts Society 2pm conducted via Zoom - "FicSon, Fallacy and Fake News" with Dr Geri Parlbay

## May

Saturday	1	Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
Monday	3	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday	3	TRAMP - Stokenham to Beesands and return - John and Priscille Braithwaite
Thursday	6	Devon County Council, and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
Monday	10	TRAMP - Shaugh Bridge to Cadover Bridge 5 miles - Alastair and Gill Durden
Tuesday	11	South Devon AONB – Online Event – 'A History of Orchards and Cider Making in South Devon.' 7pm to 8pm. Register for your free ticket at <a href="http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events">www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/events</a> .
Monday	10	Parish Council Meeting conducted remotely via Zoom 7.30pm
Saturday	15	Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
Monday	17	TRAMP - Down Thomas and Wembury 6 miles - Sue Dwyer
Monday	24	TRAMP - East Soar and Bolthead - Neil Mackay
Wednesday	26	Kingsbridge Arts Society 2pm conducted via Zoom - "English Towns in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century: Society, Art and Architecture" with Caroline Knight
Monday	31	Spring May Bank Holiday

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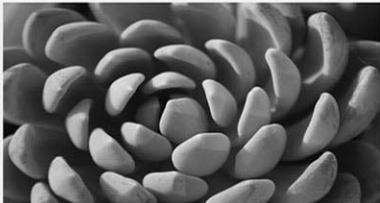
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<b>AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION</b>	Chairman	Stuart Watts	810373
<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b>	Contact	Sian Hodges	07784893405
<b>BANTHAM SAILING CLUB</b>	Secretary	Nikki Smith	560275
<b>BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB</b>	Clubhouse		560447
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> (Wed & Fri 6.30pm)	Contact	Lisa White	560505
<b>BUCKLAND PHONE BOX</b>	Contact	Anna Martin	560796
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING</b>	Contact	Sue Richards	07810751083
<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> (Thurs 2pm - 4pm)	Contact	Angela Luckhurst	521595
<b>FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH</b>	Contact	Phil Millard	560843
<b>HORTICULTURAL SHOW</b> (annual)	Contact	Tom Gilkes	560973
<b>LINE DANCING</b> (Wed 2pm)	Contact	Sue Bain	07989817898
<b>NIA WITH NOLA FITNESS</b> (Mon 10.15am)	Contact	Nola Baylis	842877
<b>PILATES</b> (Mon 2.15pm Wed 9am)	Contact	Franny Morris	07590506027
<b>PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOC (POTS)</b>	Chairman	Chris White	560505
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> (Thurs 7.30pm)	Contact	Paul Ferguson	07866802800
<b>TAI CHI/CHUAN</b> (Wed 10.30am)	Contact	Vida Hodder	561182
<b>THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB</b>	Office & General Enquiries		560405
<b>TENNIS SECTION</b> (at Golf Club)	Book via Pro Shop		560715
<b>THURLESTONE PHONE BOX</b>	Contact	Kit Marshall	560214
<b>TRAMP</b> (Thurlestone Ramblers)	Contact	Mike Stickland	560763
<b>WI</b> (2nd Thurs in month 2.30pm not Aug or Dec)	Contact	Sally Martin	561356
<b>YOGA</b> (Tues 9am)	Contact	Sarah Scott	07879627939

## HEALTH CENTRES

Norton Brook Medical Centre, Cookworthy Road, Kingsbridge TQ7 1AE	853551
Redfern Health Centre, Shadycombe Road, Salcombe TQ8 8DJ	842284
Minor Injuries Unit (NOT 24 Hrs) South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge TQ7 1XT	852349
Non-emergency NHS Direct	111

## POLICE

Emergency 999	Non-emergency	101
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## RUBBISH COLLECTION - Wednesday except

Weeks commencing 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> May - collections may be 1 day late  
Black/Grey Bin (non-recyclable landfill) alternate Wednesdays from 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Brown Bin (garden & food waste) alternate Wednesdays from 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Blue & Clear sacks (recyclables) with the Brown Bin collection

**New Super Recycler Service coming soon**

## RECYCLING CENTRE - Torr Quarry Site, Totnes Road, Kingsbridge TQ9 7QQ T:0345 1551010

Opening Hours:

Mon - Fri 9.00am to 5.00pm, Sat - Sun 10.00am to 6.00pm (1st April - 30th September)

Mon - Fri 9.00am to 4.30pm, Sat - Sun 10.00am to 4.30pm (1st October - 31st March)

## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Kingsbridge T: 853195, Salcombe T: 843927, Totnes T: 01803-411183, Dartmouth T: 01803-834224

## LIBRARIES

Kingsbridge - Ilbert Road, Kingsbridge TQ7 1EB T: 852315 (closed all day Thur, Sun & Sat pm)

Mobile library visits Thurlestone Parish Hall car park Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> April & 20<sup>th</sup> May 3.10pm - 4.00pm but temporarily suspended due to COVID.

## TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

Local Bus Service - Tally Ho! Service No. 162 - Destinations from Thurlestone (Bus stop by Church) are:- Kingsbridge, South Milton, Malborough, Galmpton and Hope Cove.

For timetable contact Tally Ho! on 01548 853081 or see [www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/162-timetable](http://www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/162-timetable)

For other Bus, Rail and Coach information contact Traveline South West T: 0871 2002233 (7.00am - 10.00pm)

Taxi Companies - Taxi-Mike (0771 4512516), see advert in this magazine

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman	Andrew Rhymes	560564
Vice-chairman	Jill Munn	560732
Parish Clerk	Helen Nathanson	07813 689717
Members	Sue Crowther	560098
	Nigel Hurrell	560691
	Kit Marshall	560214
	Charlie Mitchelmore	560602 (and Tree Warden)
	Sian Williams	560339
District Councillors	Mark Long	843828
	Judy Pearce	561370
County Councillor	Rufus Gilbert	856659

### **PARISH HALL** (see Thurlestone Parish Website for more details)

Telephone (Payphone in foyer) 562189

Chairman: Vacant

Bookings: Diane Martin email: via Parish Website or directly on [tphbookings@gmail.com](mailto:tphbookings@gmail.com)  
or telephone 560070 Mon to Sat 9.30am - 5.30pm

**PARISH WEBSITE** ([www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk](http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk)) Mike Bone 288436 Paul Martin 560070

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH** See All Saints' Diary pages earlier in magazine  
Church Meeting Room Telephone 561246

**ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL** Executive Head Miss Lesa Garside 560494

**THURLESTONE POST OFFICE & STORES** Contact Sarah Tyers 561917

<b>Shop Opening Hours</b>	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri	8.00am - 5.00pm
Subject to change	Wednesday	8.00am - 2.00pm
	Saturday	8.00am - 2.00pm
	Sunday and Bank Holidays	8.30am - 2.00pm

<b>Post Office Hours</b>	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9.00am - 4.00pm
Subject to change	Wed	9.00am - 1.00pm
	Sat	9.30am - 12.30pm
	Sun	Closed

Last postal collection: 4.00pm Monday to Friday; Noon on Saturday; NO collection on Sunday.

**BANTHAM VILLAGE STORES & COFFEE SHOP** Contact Kelly Seymour 560645

<b>Opening Hours</b>	Mon, Tues, Wed	Closed
Subject to change	Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun	9.00am - 2.30pm

**PUBS** The Village Inn (Thurlestone) - 563525 The Sloop Inn (Bantham) - 560489

**MILK DELIVERY** Dartmouth Dairy (R Bruckner & Son) 01803-832801

### **PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

- **Thurlestone Parish Hall**
- **Thurlestone Hotel (Garage)**
- **Golf Club (Tennis Pav Wall)**
- **Sloop Inn Bantham (Lobby)**
- **Bantham Quay**
- **Buckland Phone Box**