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Spring is here at last! Despite a short spell of wild winds, we seem to have escaped the very worst of winter weather. Now is the time to look forward to longer days, the joy of seeing flowers, blossom and verdant trees, watching busy birds preparing for their new offspring, al-fresco meals with friends and family-all things to gladden our hearts.

Our front cover marks the 125th Anniversary of Thurlestone Golf Club. A careful perusal of the two photographs, one from 1929 and one of the present day, reveals some interesting changes to the local landscape-spot the differences! Inside these pages you will be able to read about the Golf Club and its growth and development over the years.

Another event on the horizon is the parish celebration of the Platinum Jubilee commemorating Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne 70 years ago after the death of her father George VI in 1952. Exciting plans are afoot for several functions that should appeal to all tastes. You can read about some of these in this issue.

In the short time since the publication of our last edition, much has been happening in the world. There have been life-changing events in Ukraine and knock-on effects that will be felt everywhere. These are worrying times for us all but we can try to stay positive and hope that right will prevail.

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A letter from your MP



Fortunately, I have found that no day in the life of an MP is ever the same. The huge demand, whether locally or in Westminster, means the items that come across one's desk are usually highly varied but also incredibly interesting. That said, over the course of the last two-and-a-bit years there has been one constant area I have been working on – housing.

It is understandable that people want to live in South Devon, thanks to the quality of life, the beaches, the sun and the coastal path. With at home working now the norm, I hope more people decide to abandon city life and move to our special part of the world.

However, to ensure that we can breathe new life into our villages and provide adequate housing for residents, there are a couple of steps that must be taken.

First, we need to find the balance between primary and secondary home ownership. It is welcome that South Devon is a tourist destination as it is a significant share of our economy. However, in some instances villages have over 80% second homes! As a result, our communities are being hollowed out. Busy during the high seasons and empty during the low.

At this current rate, it is unsustainable. Working with Cllr Judy Pearce, we have already closed the loophole that allowed second homeowners to escape paying council tax by claiming business rates. It is estimated that the closure of this oversight in tax policy will bolster the coffers of South Hams District Council by hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Second, we must use up brownfield sites first. The fact we are in an area of outstanding natural beauty and tucked below a national park should mean that the ability for developers to stick up out-of-style estates on greenfield sites is not only restricted but actively dissuaded. Of course, there will be exceptions to this rule, but we can incentivise our housebuilders to use formerly developed sites first and to ensure that we are not reducing the amount of land that is needed to provide our food security.

Third, where we do build, it must have the necessary infrastructure. It is no good building a site and hoping the infrastructure will follow. In Torbay this is a continual problem whereby the roads, schools and even GP surgeries cannot cope with increase in demand from new estates. Developers should only be granted permission if the infrastructure can cope with the increases.

Fourth, the natural beauty of Devon is unrivalled, which means it needs to be protected from out of kilter monstrosities that do not fit in with the landscape. "Building beautiful" must be more than just a phrase but a reality. Providing a guide on local style would be a start, but also being more active in assessing what is in-keeping or not, would help ensure that our area remains as stunning as it currently is.

Fifth, where we do build new houses, we must ensure that the 30% affordable threshold is not diminished and that they are genuinely affordable based on local wages. The statisticians are way off in estimating South Devon's average salary is £27k. We must build for those working in the area already rather than just those who we hope to attract to South Devon.

These five points are part of a long list I have regarding housing. They are less of a wish list but rather the arguments I will be putting across when the Planning Bill comes before the House of Commons in May. We have a chance to get housebuilding right in South Devon. I hope readers of the Village Voice will let me know what I have missed or what they think should be included in the Bill when it is presented before Parliament. We can simultaneously do more for those who work in South Devon and protect our beautiful corner of this silver sceptred isle.

Anthony Mangnall



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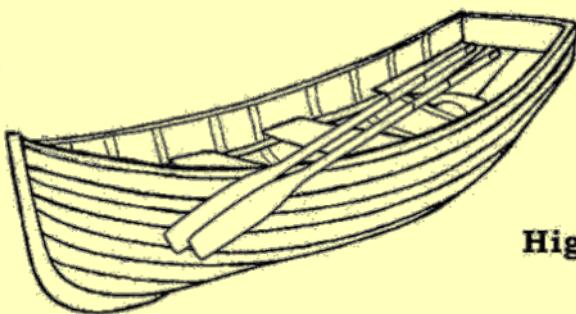
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NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The most recent Parish Council meetings are summarised below. The detailed minutes can be seen online at www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk

Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 at Thurlestone Parish Hall

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

In Attendance: Katharine Harrod (Parish Clerk), District Cllrs Judy Pearce & Mark Long, Alex Rehaag, Senior Specialist Affordable Housing SHDC, and 9 members of the public

Apologies: County Cllr Rufus Gilbert

Open Forum

Residents raised the following matters: (a) The owners of 21 Eddystone Road introduced themselves and invited questions regarding their planning application. (b) A meeting had taken place between SHDC officers, South Devon AONB staff and parishioners regarding the recently published Bantham Estate Management Plan 2021-2034. The Parish Council was asked if they would assist with comparing the Estate's plan and the Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan. (c) Alex Rehaag, Senior Specialist Affordable Housing SHDC, provided the results of the recent SHDC Housing Needs Survey which had concluded that six new properties are required within the next 5 years. All six properties should be rented dwellings to meet evidence of need and subject to a local connection policy in perpetuity. These figures do not take into account the current affordable housing in the area and turnover (churn) within these properties. People's circumstances also change and therefore the survey is noted as a snapshot in time and the Devon Home Choice register will be used as an additional form of evidence. SHDC has a specialist housing panel to help people in existing social housing who wish to downsize and there is currently a £5000 help package to assist them.

Planning Matters

Councillors supported the following applications:

0002/22/TPO, Oakwood House, Buckland Park - Tree felling.

4720/21/HHO, Mountstone, Thurlestone - Reconfigurations/alteration following fire damage.

Councillors objected to the following application:

4754/21/FUL, 21 Eddystone Rd, Thurlestone - Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of replacement house and garage with associated landscaping works.

Decisions: SHDC granted Conditional Approval for the following applications:

0942/21/FUL The Thatches (garage/store), Thurlestone, 1096/21/FUL Land to rear of Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, 3527/21/HHO 12 Court Park, Thurlestone, 3077/21/FUL West Buckland Farm and 3282/21/FUL Thurlestone Court Residential Home. SHDC

refused 2744/21/HHO Madron, Thurlestone and 4254/21/VAR Plot 29 Highfield had been withdrawn.

Parish Matters

The Parish Council has written to the Bantham Estate about parishioners' concerns regarding the Bantham Estate shoot and asking how they can be addressed. Airband has confirmed that all works are due to be completed not later than the end of June 2022. Councillors have requested the cabinet be sited on the edge of the Memorial Green by the entrance to the Yarmer Estate which it is to serve. A meeting of parishioners had taken place to discuss the Platinum Jubilee which is to be a parish-wide event. Much depends on obtaining funding: the Parish Council has earmarked £6000; County Cllr Gilbert has pledged £300 and the District Councillors have each pledged £500 from their Locality funds. The Chairman had met with a Thurlestone Golf Club representative and the club will provide some financial assistance towards the upkeep of the public toilets. The club have no plans for the artisan building and the Parish Council will look at possible uses.

With regret, the Chairman accepted the resignation of Cllr Kit Marshall from 1st May. Cllr Marshall has been a valuable member of the Parish Council for the past 20 years. His input and support will be missed and he was thanked for everything he has done for the parish.

County and District Councillors' Reports

County Cllr Rufus Gilbert reported pot hole reports and repairs are continuing to fall and the quality of repairs has been affected by a wet November/December. The County is awaiting the government's 'Levelling Up paper' and does not support a local government reorganisation or Mayoral system. They favour a (non) Mayoral Combined Authority for Devon tailored to local needs. District Councillors Pearce & Long reported on SHDC Omicron grants available to businesses of up to £3000, with larger businesses receiving up to £6000. There is currently a consultation underway about the role of the AONB which could be expanded. Proposals have been announced to strengthen the powers and resources currently available. The consultation closes on 9th April and can be found at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/>

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In Attendance: Katharine Harrod (Parish Clerk), District Cllrs Judy Pearce & Mark Long, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert and 7 members of the public

Open Forum

Thanks were received for the communication between the Parish Council and the Bantham Estate about the shoot. The Clerk advised that no response had been received.

Planning Matters

Councillors supported the following applications:

4687/21/HHO, The Meadows, Court Park - Alterations & extension

0196/22/TPO, Flat 2, Arden House, Thurlestone - Tree works

0257/22/VAR, Whimbrels Edge, Thurlestone - Variation of conditions 2 & 9 of consent

1603/21/FUL

4301/21/HHO, Appledore, Island View, Thurlestone - Replacement Conservatory windows/doors, window enlargements, timber cladding, installing Solar PV panels, plus part retrospective application

0386/22/HHO, Longstone, Warren Road, Thurlestone - Replacement single-storey extension

0293/22/FUL, Onnalea, Bantham - Demolition & rebuild of existing property

Comments have also been submitted on the following applications:

0467/22/VAR, 18 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone - Variation of condition 2 of consent

1218/21/HHO

0372/22/VAR, Plot 29 Highfield, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone - Variation of conditions 1,5 & 8 of consent 3632/19/ARM

2786/20/FUL, West Buckland Barn, Bantham – Readvertisement (revised plans and amended development description) - Erection of new agricultural store

Decisions: 4720/21/HHO, Mountstone, Thurlestone - SHDC Conditional Approval.

0002/22/TPO, Oakwood House, Buckland Farm - Tree works allowed.

Parish Matters

Councillors resolved to accept the results of the recent SHDC Housing Needs Survey. Further meetings of parishioners had taken place to discuss the Platinum Jubilee and more details are expected in April. Bantham Estate has applied for a licence for 'Mooring maintenance and transit for land management operations on either side of the river' to the MMO Marine Management Organisation.

With regret, the Chairman accepted the resignation of Cllr Charlie Mitchelmore from 1st May. He was thanked for all his time and effort on the Parish Council and all Councillors wished him well for the future.

County and District Councillors' Reports

County Cllr Rufus Gilbert confirmed that there will be a road closure 7pm - 7am on the A381, Halwell, 4th April to 20th May. The Parish Council will be submitting a request for a 20mph zone in the parish, Cllr Williams and a team of volunteers have obtained 200 signatures of support. District Councillors Pearce & Long advised there is a revision to the JLP's Policy DEV 32 in respect of climate change which is out for public consultation. Please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/climate-planning by 21st April 2022 to let them have your views. And finally, the news we all wanted to hear... the brown bin collection will be restarting in the week beginning 28th March 2022.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4th April 2022 in the Parish Hall.

Thurlestone Parish Council

Notices will shortly be issued regarding vacancies on the council. If you would like to find out more about being a parish councillor, please contact us at thurlestoneparish@gmail.com

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 1st May 2022. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgonthenet@themead.co.uk

PUB CRAWL

Use the cryptic clues to find the names of well-known South Hams pubs. No definite article required but please add the town/village where the pub is located.

e.g. A pub resembling a china shop? Ans. Bull Inn (Totnes)

- 1 What a little angel! _____ / ____
- 2 The whole world is here _____ / ____
- 3 Just over half a dozen celebs. drink here _____ / _____
- 4 Where pensioners are welcome _____ / ____
- 5 Draught syrup of figs served here! _____ / ____
- 6 Her Majesty's weaponry _____ / ____
- 7 Sounds as though it should be followed by "Inferno" _____ / ____
- 8 May be the one Betjeman wrote about _____ / ____
- 9 Where anglers put their feet up _____ / ____
- 10 Campanologists welcome! _____ / '
- 11 Charles II hid from the Roundheads here _____ / ____
- 12 This pub is in mint condition _____
- 13 Crossed fingers as you moor the boat _____ / ____ / _____
- 14 A regal residence _____ / _____
- 15 Final stage of a long trek _____ / ____
- 16 St George's enemy seems envious _____ / _____
- 17 Perhaps pontoon is played in this hostelry? _____ / _____
- 18 It's worth 10 pressed men _____
- 19 Where Paddington takes his pony for shoes _____ / ____ / _____
- 20 Only tinned fish on the menu here! _____ / ____

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

1. War of the Worlds 2. Great Expectations 3. The Lorax 4. Jane Eyre 5. One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest 6. Don Quixote 7. Ivanhoe 8. Mamma Mia 9. Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree 10. Blue Suede Shoes 11. No regrets 12. Rawhide 13. Hey Jude 14. La Vie En Rose 15. Madagascar 16. Tristan De Cunha 17. Innisfree 18. Madeira 19. Isle of Man 20. Newfoundland 21. Isla Mujeres 22. Isle of dogs 23. Mysterious Island 24. Atlantis 25. Sandy Island 26. Lilliput 27. Wild Cat Island 28. Isla De Muerta 29. Isle of Thanet 30. Isle of Portland

There were 5 all correct answers last month. First out of the hat and winner of the coveted bottle of wine is Lesley Kalisher. Commiserations to John & Priscille Braithwaite, Viv Gibby, David Stevens and Andrew & Sara White.



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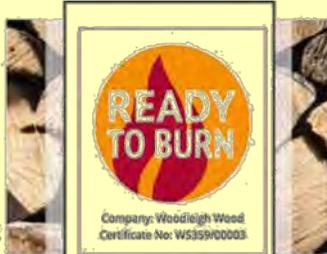
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Village News Round-Up

Graham Worrall

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Graham Worrall after a short, final illness. Until moving to Thurlestone in 1998, Graham had lived in Bolton all his life, enjoying a very successful career with a privately owned, specialist paint manufacturer, whose ethical business approach, generosity and philanthropy greatly shaped Graham's life. In later years he was promoted to the company's Board. Once in Thurlestone, he was soon actively involved with the Kingsbridge Estuary Rotary Club and Thurlestone Church, always going the extra mile in everything he undertook. He was churchwarden for 18 years (2001-2006, 2009-2022) and it is entirely due to his diligence that the fabric of the church is in such an amazing condition. Graham also played an important role in the early days of the Rotary Heartstart initiative, which by 2017 had trained over a 1000 local people in resuscitation skills and installed several defibrillators. His contribution to this and other Rotary activities was recognised with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Other activities included playing golf at Thurlestone Golf Club until recently and singing with the Stanborough Chorus for many years. He was the ultimate team player and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and her family.

Rotary quiz night in aid of the End Polio Now Campaign

Peter Gornall of Kingsbridge Rotary Club has reported that *at least* £1,380 was raised at the Rotary Quiz night recently held at the Parish Hall. He wishes to thank all who supported the quiz evening to make it a great success.

Devon Farm Kitchen

Devon Farm Kitchen, who provide healthy and nutritional frozen meals are now delivering to Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone. The meals are an important service particularly the elderly and vulnerable. Manager Joe Bradshaw said: "We're providing a unique service to our community by lovingly crafting nutritious meals that encourage healthy eating, and by generating profits that help sustain the expert care that Rowcroft Hospice provides to patients across the region."

The meals, made in small batches, use the finest produce sourced directly from local producers in Devon with gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian options and desserts. Delivered ready to heat on ceramic plates and bowls which are washed and returned. There's no plastic, packaging is 100% carbon neutral, fully compostable and 100% recyclable. To find out more about Devon Farm Kitchen or to place an order, please go to www.devonfarmkitchen.co.uk or call 01803 217477.

Wheelie Good News

For those in the parish who may not be aware, it's the moment we've all been waiting for! The resumption of the brown bin garden waste collection started on Wednesday 30th March. You can now mow and prune to your heart's content.

The Parish Helpline 07711 870337

The Parish Helpline which started as a response to the Covid pandemic is still operational and continues to help people in need, especially those without transport or family support. The contact number of Milla, the coordinator, will be permanently placed on the back page of Village Voice under Parish Information.

Ukraine

A local man in Kingsbridge called Andrew Dyas is giving his time to directly deliver items to Ukraine. Details and a list of items required can be found on www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/ukraine-appeal.

Any physical items you are willing to donate can be dropped off at a local Thurlestone address: Linda Quinn, 9 Parkfield.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As the next edition will be the Jubilee copy, we would very much like to hear any stories you may have about meeting or seeing the Queen, any reminiscences about past Jubilee celebrations or the actual coronation 70 years ago.

Village Voice Remembers

Rosemary Mackay 1921 - 2022

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Rosemary on 3rd February 2022 at the age of 100. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family and many friends. A Celebration of Life event was held at the parish hall on 12th March which was very well attended.

The family provided Village Voice with an extraordinary review of her life over the years in the December 2021/January 2022 edition of Village Voice. However, we would like to concentrate on her huge contribution to the Village Voice magazine.

She was also a much-valued member of the Village Voice team; in the archives you'll find the first contribution Rosemary made to the magazine in 1984 which was a crossword she'd compiled. In those days you were informed the solution was on another page, but Rosemary added her own little touch of "don't cheat".

In the mid-nineties she became more involved when she joined the team by helping print and collate in Jo Parkin's cellar. They used an old duplicator which used to cover them all in ink whilst printing. Later on, the process moved to Rosemary's house with the printer in the study and her dining room table used for collating. Bess, Rosemary's Labrador used to wander in and eat bits of the machinery. On the back of the printing cupboard door at the parish hall there is a photograph taken in Rosemary's garden of the team with their well-earned post-production glasses of wine. Once production moved to the new hall these gatherings continued and Rosemary would bring along her new dog Heidi who performed the useful task of hoovering up any crumbs that may have fallen.

At the Celebration one of her grandsons spoke of additional role she played in his life, that of Recruitment Consultant, this was not only confined to family, as when Rosemary decided she'd like to retire from printing in 2015 she didn't just stand down but subtly went about recruiting others to take her place. A couple of the current team were invited to drinks and canapes at Rosemary's house together with other newcomers to the village to plant the seed of becoming printers for the magazine. The result speaks for itself. Her association with the Village Voice didn't completely end there as she and her trusty Heidi continued to deliver copies until 2019 when she really did retire.

During the celebration her son Neil revealed they'd found a hand written note amongst her papers addressed to her friends in the community thanking them for their friendship and help since moving to Thurlestone, ending with 'she loved them all'. A sentiment which I'm sure they all wholeheartedly reciprocate. Rosemary was a truly remarkable lady.

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You will see in "Notes From Parish Council Meetings" that the original completion date for the work was supposed to be the end of Quarter 2, 2022. The Parish's allotted contractor, Airband, now reports that the planned installation in the Parish has presented "significant design challenges", so completion has now been pushed back to an as yet undisclosed date. Village Voice will continue to keep you informed of progress, as and when information becomes available.

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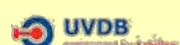
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A recent application by the Bantham Estate to the Marine Management Organisation to lay and maintain moorings in the Avon Estuary has drawn unusual critical attention to a process that has gone on without comment for generations with no obvious damage to the environment. I feel duty bound to express an opinion on behalf of the ACA.

The fresh interest has arisen because Natural England designated the estuary as a Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) in May 2019 (a designation strongly supported by the ACA), stipulating that the following estuarine characteristics should be 'maintained in favourable condition':- coastal salt marshes and estuarine reed beds, intertidal mud, intertidal sand and muddy sand, moderate energy intertidal rocks and the Tentacled Lagoon Worm (whose habitat includes several muddy areas not involved in mooring).

The Duchy of Cornwall licenses several areas in the estuary for moorings. This application involves only the licence held by the Bantham Estate and covers the area loosely referred to as Bantham Harbour. The main environmental features of relevance there are the intertidal sand and muddy sand. Whilst any man-made disturbance of the natural state of the estuary bed should be minimised, I believe that the twice-daily tidal flow will routinely create far more physical change than will the occasional disturbance caused by maintenance of the moorings. Indeed, the unstable nature of the sandy estuary bed is what makes it such a challenging, environment for any organism - as demonstrated, some 15 years ago, by the ACA's Siltation Research Project (<http://auneconservation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/CONCLUSIONS-AESRP-for-website2.pdf>).

To gain a sense of perspective, bait-digging probably causes more habitat disturbance than do moorings.

Stuart Watts (March 2022)

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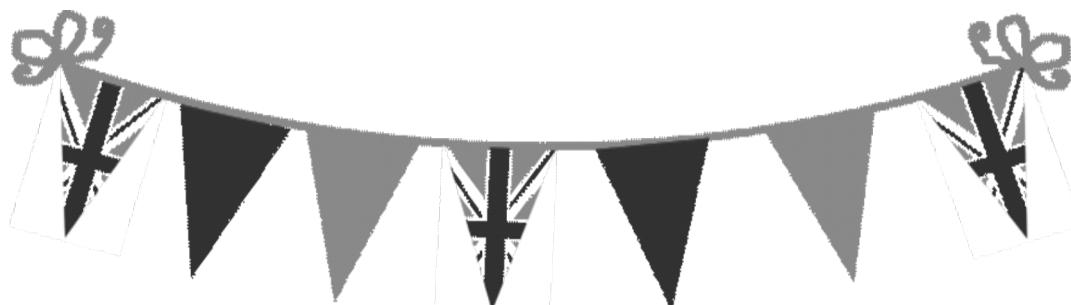


Parish Hall News

By Alison Daily



The AGM held on Friday, 4th March proved to be a very social and enjoyable evening, but much more excitingly for us, was the recruitment of two new members to the committee; Lucy Pannell-Woodward and Karen Barker, both of whom will be a great asset to the team. We look forward to working with them both and there will certainly be plenty coming up to keep us occupied. We were also fortunate that other parishioners who don't necessarily want to join the committee but are willing to lending a helping hand by at events also came forward. They will be much needed to help with things such as setting up tables, staging and manning stalls. All of them will be kept fully informed about what happens at committee meetings but without the necessity of attending unless they wish to do so. This group will be called The Friends of the Parish Hall. If you would be interested in becoming part of this group, please let me know. After the formal proceedings the committee spent time discussing and answering questions about the hall and its future plans – along with a glass of wine.



This brings me nicely to the events the hall is hosting as part of the parish's celebrations for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. We are holding two events at the hall on **Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June**. All the details have yet to be finalised but will appear in the next edition. Friday's event takes place in the late afternoon and will be a **Family Fun Day** with lots of games including boules, kurling and table tennis to name but a few. There will also be a bar and food; this is a perfect opportunity for all the family to spend time together. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind as this event is staged outside as well as inside. On the Saturday evening the **Party from the Palace** will be live-streamed on the big screen and you are invited to bring along your own food and drink to the patriotically decorated hall. The BBC are yet to release times (they just say mid-evening) or the artistes performing but the concert should last 2 to 3 hours. The last time we held such an event was the Queen's 90th birthday and a great time was had by all, so come along and do feel free to dress up in red, white and blue or anything else to make the party a success. Please save these dates in your diary. After the last two years and the current ongoing situation in the world at the moment the celebrations will be a much-needed boost to morale. It really makes you grateful that we are able to celebrate this historical landmark altogether as a community.



Another event planned in June is **Open Gardens** on the 26th, this is a popular event with some stunning gardens for you to visit. Hopefully not too much damage was caused by the storms and the much-anticipated spring weather will enable everything to thrive and bloom in readiness for the day. More information on this will also appear in the next edition.

In early October we'll have an **Autumn Food and Craft Fair**. This is a deviation from past ones as we aim to focus more on local crafts and artisans. The committee will be working hard to sign up stalls for this event. We look forward to bringing you more details of this exciting new venture, so watch this space. We will discuss the possibility of bringing you a musical offering of some kind in the late autumn.

Our classes continue to prove popular and I am pleased to say some of them now have increased numbers attending which is great news for everyone; see Diane's list below of all the classes available with an update on the children's dance class. You can also look on the Thurlestone Parish Hall Facebook page where you can see clips of some classes and other goings-on.

Weekly Groups at Parish Hall (April and May 2022)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contact for Price and Availability</u>	
Monday	9-10am	Yoga	Saffron	07840 788511
	10.30-11.30am	Yoga	Saffron	07840 788511
	10.30-12.30am	Stitch & Bitch	Sally Diane	01548 561356 or 01548 560070
	3.45-4.45pm	Martial Arts	Lesley	southhamstraining@gmail.com
	5-6pm	Yoga	Suzi	07557 334802
	6.30-7.30pm	Martial Arts	Lesley	
Tuesday	9.15-10.15am	Yoga	Sarah	07879 627939
	11am-1pm	Art	Marianne	01548 531413
	5.45-6.45pm	Bootcamp	Kat	07500 870162
Wednesday	9-10am	Pilates	Sharron	07818 410017
	2-3.15pm	Line Dancing	Sue	01548 550348
	6.15-10pm	Bridge	Lisa	01548 560505
Thursday	9.15-10.15am	Yoga	Sarah	07879 627939
	From 12.30pm	French Lessons	Angela	07749 493931
	5.45-6.45pm	Bootcamp	Kat	07500 870162
	7.30-9pm	Table Tennis	Paul	07866 802800
Friday	4-5pm	Badminton	Sian	
			07784 893405	

The Wednesday Children's Dance Classes have had to close (hopefully only temporarily) as Libby, who runs the class for Faye, has received a job opportunity in Cyprus. Well done and good luck Libby. Faye is looking for a replacement tutor to enable her to re-start the class which was so popular with the children.

Diane Martin

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SCHOOL REPORT

Literature, Culture and Keepie-Uppies!



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We welcome the spring at All Saints Thurlestone - the sound of the children playing in the school field rings out merrily, and the sea breeze makes the heads of the daffodils bob in response.

The children have been in high spirits this term, with so much going on to enjoy. World Book Day is always a popular event, with each dressing up as their favourite book character. This year there were virtual workshops for the children with Catherine Rayner (author of Augustus and His Smile) and the world-renowned poet Michael Rosen (former Children's Laureate). We were also so pleased to be able to welcome parents into the school for the first time since the pandemic, to share a story with their children. It was lovely!

Not only literary treats have been in store, though. The children have all been enjoying theatrical delights at the Princess Theatre in Torquay, with the younger ones lapping up the gorgeous classic The Tiger Who Came to Tea, and the older ones revelling in David Walliams' comedy Gangsta Granny.

With the sun shining warm (at times!) on the parish, there has been plenty of outdoor activity too - the Year 6s have completed their Bikeability training to teach them safe cycling, and Mr Nute's tag rugby team has been training hard to be ready for, we hope, some inter-school fixtures.

The whole school was wowed by Dan Magness, the football freestyler and world record breaker, for keepie-uppies, which he managed for 26 hours nonstop! (Although luckily not on the day he was with us!) It was an absolutely brilliant day for the children who loved having the opportunity to develop their ball skills alongside Dan and also watch him perform. He had a very simple message, if you love something enough and want to improve, you need to practise, practise, practise.

History will be coming to life for the older children, as we welcome international author and storyteller, Clive Pig, to work his magic and provide a whole day focused on what it would have been like in Roman times.

None of us can be untouched by the situation unfolding in Ukraine, and our children have shown great understanding and compassion by deciding to support the work of UNICEF and raise money for the children and families affected, by holding a week-long cake sale. The money will definitely go to good use, but unfortunately our waistlines may suffer!!

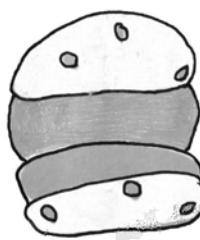
In the kitchen, Parent Lunches are being prepared, as we invite each class' parents to sample the delicious offerings of our fantastic catering team.

And finally, to mark the astounding 70-year reign of Her Majesty the Queen, the school will be holding a Jubilee Cream Tea in the school field on 24th May. We would love to invite the whole community to join us and kick off what will be a wonderful half term of celebrations, so if you would like to attend, please see the advert/notice in this magazine for further details.

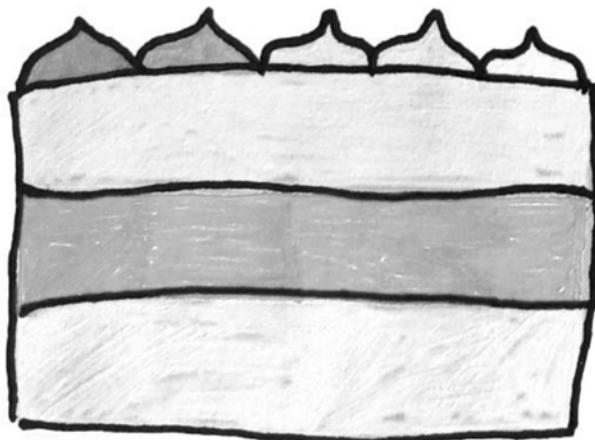
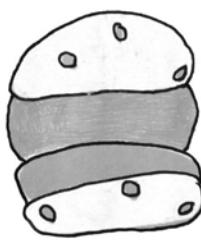
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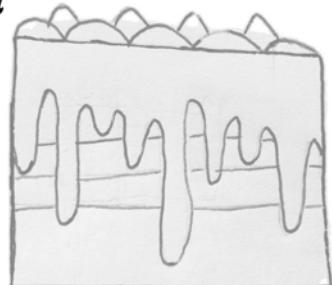
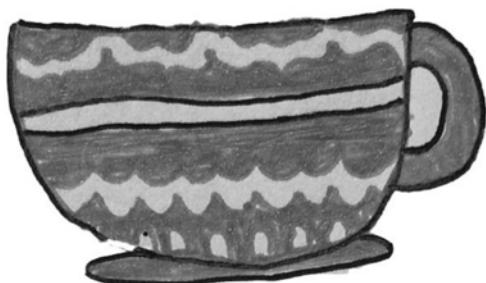
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BOOKSHELF

'Murder in the Snow' by Gladys Mitchell

British Library and Vintage both publish crime classics, novels written in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. These are far away from today's crime fiction and I very much enjoy an occasional satisfying read of them. They are much gentler, there is no swearing, no gory details and everyone is extremely polite. They are a treat for when you don't feel like facing the latest Booker prize winner, or the 500 or so pages of the latest crime novel.

This particular one begins with Mrs Bradley, a celebrated psychiatrist and sometime detective, visiting her favourite nephew at his new home and estate in the Cotswolds for the Christmas holidays. She is introduced to his staff, land agent, gamekeeper, housekeeper, etc. All is well until she discovers her nephew has received an anonymous threatening letter. Once this is known she finds one or two other people have received similar letters. Also, villagers talk of a ghost in the woods.... As you would gather from the title the snow begins to fall thick and fast. They are cut off for a while – and then there is a murder!

This is not quite as good as some I have read, but even so it makes for a contented read.

Carolyn Taylor



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In 2013 they also arranged a very successful twinning of Phone Boxes with Marden in Wiltshire.

This work has been carried out on a very limited budget. Kit, Gillian and other dedicated members of the committee, Margaret, Joan, Alan and Derek, to name a few, have made, decorated and on several occasions repaired many of the display items. It really has been a labour of love.

Their dedication and hard work are outstanding and really appreciated by all.

I have been asked to take over and lead the committee. We will endeavour to carry on this tradition and operate the Phone Box in the same way. We have some exciting ideas for forthcoming events, but our main focus at present is the Platinum Jubilee Decorations.

Our aim is to include contributions from a range of village residents, young and old! We need and would really appreciate your help and participation.

The school has agreed to lead the children in making bunting to decorate the phone box. We are really looking forward to seeing their original designs.

We would like to include a local historical element. If you have any photographs, mementos or souvenirs from the Coronation we would like to photograph them and display them in the Phone Box.

If you have any old unwanted costume jewellery collecting dust, we would be grateful for donations, we can reuse them for decorative purposes. Contact details below.

Also, we are asking keen gardeners to lend a potted flower display for the duration of the celebrations. Preferably, the flowers and pots should be red, white and blue. We will then display them around the outside of the Phone Box. (Remember to place your name somewhere on the pot!) They can be placed next to the Phone Box from 20th May and will need to be removed by 6th June.

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Our Garden April 2022

I am writing this article on March 10th the weather was grey with drizzle this morning but at about 11am the sun came out (not forecast) and I have had a wonderful day potting up seedlings in my larger greenhouse. In part of the large propagator the Dahlia seeds I sowed about a week ago are already sprouting. I also have courgettes, chilli peppers from bought seed, and cleome, Tigridia and camellia seeds I have saved in the heat. I managed to get camellia seeds to germinate on several occasions but have never got them to live longer than a few years. I have bought geraniums, begonias, gazanias as plug plants and potted these individually into cell trays. I find these trays the best as I can take the plants when they are larger and plant them into the soil with no root disturbance. Cobaea seeds, both bought and saved, germinated and are now about 10cms tall in pots. Other plants from cuttings and division are still under glass. If I put them out now, they will get battered by the wind. Hence both greenhouses are bursting at the seams with pots and trays so I hope the weather will be kinder soon.

About 25 years ago I bought 3 pots of different coloured alstroemerias from the Devon County Show, each a couple of stems in small pots. They have multiplied in the garden so now there are a dozen clumps. Each year these are halved in size as if left alone the whole border would have nothing else but alstroemerias. Another problem is each clump requires staking as they grow to about 1 metre in height. Several new species have been developed from seed brought back from the high Andes where alstroemeria originate, their other name is the Peruvian Lily. The growing conditions there must be why most tolerate winter temperature of -10C. The new species I know of are the Planet, Princess/Inca and Inticancha series, I suspect they are all similar. The Princess or Inca series are sterile so do not develop seed heads which means they flower continuously with no dead heading and just as importantly are only about 30/40cms tall so do not need staking. Also having no seed prevents invasive re-seeding which happens with the original three I bought. I have Saturne from the Planet series, this needs no staking, spreads slowly and is an asset to the garden. I did buy several of this series about five years ago but only the Saturne variety survived the winter which was wet and windy, despite them supposedly being hardy. I now have Inca Goal which I bought last autumn so am hoping for great things this year. I am planning to purchase a few more varieties as they flower from May to November and come in a wonderful array of colours.

As I have said before mulching the garden beds with soil improver or compost really does cut down on weeding and after a few years no perennial weeds appear. We have put our homemade compost on the main border for the last forty years, but for the last five years have bought in compost for the other beds. Now we alternate home grown and bought in compost on every bed yearly. I can honestly say, walking round the garden, there is hardly a weed in sight, I do try and hoe each border weekly.

When we bought the house forty years ago there were Amaryllis belladonna lilies and nerines especially at the base of the south facing wall at the top of the garden, getting maximum sunshine. These bulbs come from South Africa. Twelve years ago, when the garden room was built, half of this wall was removed along with the autumn flowering bulbs. I kept the belladonas but disposed of the nerines, which I now regret. In spring last year, I bought some new nerines along with amarines. These are a fabulous cross between a nerine and Amaryllis belladonna and produces larger flowers than the nerine. Like their parents they are easy to grow and are hardy. I was impressed with this combination so have bought more of both and put them below the patio facing south and am looking forward to the autumn flowers.

The garden has been battered with the three named storms over a week in mid-February called Dudley, Eunice and Franklin. The wind burnt many of the tender new shoots just emerging after winter, the leaves turn black but more will come and I suspect in about a month I will have forgotten the storms. Hellebores and alstroemerias were the worst affected as well as euphorbias.

A new feature are two new wooden garden arches to replace metal ones bought about five years ago, which in turn were replacements for other metal ones. Due to the salt air,

wind and wet conditions even expensive metal arches seem to collapse after about five years, probably not helped by the weight of the climbing roses attached to them. So hefty large wooden ones have replaced them and the roses have been heavily pruned but hopefully will cover the structures by the end of the summer.

At present the spring bulbs are in full flower, snowdrops are finished but daffodils, crocus, hyacinths and an early pale blue Iris are giving a good display. I have reduced the number of Daffodils over the years. I do like them but get fed up waiting for the leaves to die back which prevents me from planting new herbaceous plants. Each year I buy new hyacinth bulbs for two patio containers to ensure a good display. The following year I plant these in the borders. The flowers are not as large but they give patches of bright colour to offset the sea of yellow from daffodils, they naturalise and return yearly. I bought several varieties of dwarf narcissus last autumn for my containers.

I saw on *Gardeners World* a feature, about grape hyacinths (*muscari*) which said how improved the new varieties are. I've always considered them a weed and removed them if they appear as they become invasive. I decided to try a new variety so bought *Muscari marleen* which is deep blue. I carefully planted a container of *Tete-a-Tete* narcissus along with the *muscari*. I couldn't see any blue in the container just a fantastic display of yellow, but on a more careful inspection saw lovely deep blue flowers about 10cms tall, deep inside the patch of daffodil heads which were over twice as tall. The message is CHECK the heights of flowers before mixing bulbs.

I tried growing foxtail lilies, (*eremurus*) a long time ago with no success. This year I thought I'd have another go so bought one bulb of *Eremurus robustus*. The name gave me hope. When this arrived along with the other bulb varieties it was huge, much larger than I remember and looked like an octopus with a central body and six long arms nearly 30cms in length. A very wide hole had to be dug and I am thrilled to see a huge spike of leaves has emerged so am hopeful for a lovely flower spike up to 2m tall in the summer. Like all lilies they like water so I will remember to give this a weekly soaking.

The camellias have been out for weeks but the hedge on Ilbert Road is flowering at the moment, I feel sad every time I see an open flower blown off onto the ground. I've read camellias need extra water during dry periods to prevent buds dropping, I've tried this year to water regularly and certainly the hedge seems to have more blooms. Also, regular treatment to maintain the PH at about 6 has helped. Gardening requires patience so, whilst it is OK to buy garden ready plants to be successful, often several years of tender care and attention are needed to obtain a really splendid end result. A friend of my mother, now long dead, visited and when I said a plant was 3 years old before it flowered a look of incomprehension came over her face and she said "I could never wait that long!"

Early perennials are flowering, the first to appear are the bergenias. The large leaved types seem to stand up to the wind better than the dwarf varieties which look rather wind burnt. Pulmonarias are well worth having as they flower for about 3 months and then have interesting foliage all year. I have plants from pure white through bi-coloured pink/blue to a deep blue. The small fritillarias are now flowering in my woodland patch at the bottom of the garden under a camellia whose lower branches were removed last autumn. In the main border *Frittallaria imperialis* has emerged and will flower in about a month. These give off an odour which deters mice and some insects eating plants near where they are planted. Alliums are coming into leaf, not all appear the second year but Purple Sensation is reliable. *Allium schubertii* which produces a really huge 30cm diameter flower likened to a sparkler is visible at the moment. When cut and dried these make very good Christmas decorations, I've had some last for three years. I have orange flowers of an early tulip variety in a patch of bulbs plus another of white ones. Elsewhere others are just emerging although the variety Apeldoorn renowned for its long-lasting qualities have visible buds. They always flower in early April and the main border is a mass of bright red blooms.

In 2 months-time the garden will be transformed by early flowering perennials and the early flowering bulbs will be a memory. The weather forecast seems good for the next fortnight and the perennials should grow well in the sunshine and warmth and hopefully much less wind.

Sue Dwyer



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THURLESTONE BAYBIRDS MARCH 2022

We seem to be having a mild winter with frequent gales including 3 named storms in 4 days in February - DUDLEY on 16th, EUNICE on 18th (gusts up to F11) and FRANKLIN on 20th.

The unusual GEESE reported in my last article brought some more interesting records in January. 4 PINK FOOTED GOOSE near Hatch Bridge from 2nd to 16th, 5 WHITE FRONTED GOOSE on South Huish Marsh from 4th to 11th - These were the Russian sub species, CANADA GOOSE flock on the Marsh built up to a maximum of 175 which also included a BARNACLE GOOSE and a small CANADA GOOSE thought to be a TODDS GOOSE - a species which breeds in Hudson Bay, ours was thought more likely to be an escape from a private collection. Finally 5 BRENT GOOSE -a dark bellied sub species which breeds in Eastern Russia.



Todd's Goose

Seawatching from the car park overlooking the Bay has brought some interesting records - a RED NECKED GREBE on 18th January was only the third record in the last 20 years - they breed on lakes throughout Eastern Europe and Russia.

On 25th January a GREAT CRESTED GREBE - already in its summer plumage drifted SE across the Bay. 2 female EIDER flew across the Bay on 18th February.

Signs that spring is almost here were confirmed by two of our summer visitors being recorded in early March. On 8th March 5 MANX SHEARWATER were watched flying low over the waves - these were the earliest I have recorded them over 20 years, normally they arrive in late March or early April. They are one of the longest living species occurring in the UK some have been known to survive for more than 50 years. They are one of our more unusual migrants - after breeding on islands off the west coast of England and Wales (including the Isle of Man) they spend their winter off the coasts of South America - particularly Brazil - the only time they come ashore is to breed which they do in old rabbit burrows.



Great Crested Grebe

On 9th March the first SANDWICH TERN was recorded, not unusual to see them at the beginning of March - whilst the main wintering area is Southern Europe and African coasts, there are now a small number that overwinter in Sussex and off the Brittany Coast.

Migration of GULLS is also starting in earnest with flocks of over 100 BLACK HEADED GULL moving through, interestingly their summer plumage is a head colour of chocolate brown. However one of the most stunning looking gulls is a summer

plumage MEDITERRANEAN GULL. In the period of 8th to 13th March a total of over 100 have been recorded, mostly around South Huish Marsh. The highest daily count was a staggering 66 on 9th which included one flock of 28. These GULLS are breeding now in large numbers in Hampshire - only 10 years ago they would be regarded as scarce here.

Two interesting records reported from the Hope Cove areas were a RED KITE drifting over the village on 4th March and a DARTFORD WARBLER on 11th February - this is only the second record the area - they used to breed some years ago around the coast between Bolt Tail and Bolt Head.

Anyone walking around the rocks of South Milton Beach particularly at high tide will regularly see up to 25 OYSTERCATCHER. This winter has seen up to 22 TURNSTONE and 6 RINGED PLOVER feeding on the rocks and surprisingly a KINGFISHER diving from the rocks into the small pools for food, we normally expect to see these along the rivers and streams

At South Milton Ley - near the sewage works, the wintering flock of CHIFFCHAFF have regularly exceeded 30 with at least 5 of what used to be a rare visitor - SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF (3 have been ringed) - as the name implies they breed in the taiga forests from the Ural region eastwards.

By the time you are reading the Village Voice at the end of March an increasing number of our summer visitors will have arrived from their wintering habitats in Southern Europe and Africa - keep a look out particularly for SWALLOW, SAND MARTIN and WHEATEAR and the SUN!!

Mike Passman thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk



Mediterranean Gull

The Bantham Swoosh is back ! and it's been joined by the Boomerang

Following the interruption forced on us by Covid, the Bantham Swoosh is back in 2022. It will take place on Saturday 16th July, running from Aveton Gifford.

This year, it will be preceded by a new event, the Bantham Boomerang. This will take place on Friday 15th July, running from Bantham to Aveton Gifford, on the rising tide, and then back from Aveton Gifford to Bantham, on the falling tide.



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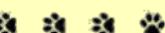
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WI News



THURLESTONE AND WEST BUCKLAND WI CLOSES AFTER 94 YEARS

Unfortunately, the WI meeting held on 10 March 2022 was our last for the time being. The WI went into “suspension” on 31 March 2022 following the members voting in favour of a resolution to close on that date at a Special General Meeting held on 10 February. We had found, like many other groups, that we did not have enough members willing to run the group in the future. We are not the only WI to hit this problem, other organisations are also finding it difficult to continue when they depend on volunteers to run them.

The Women’s Institutes have a system whereby an individual group goes into a three-year suspension before it actually closes. We will be making donations from our remaining funds to local charities with similar objectives to the WI but we will also be leaving approximately £500 to be held by the Devon Federation of WIs for the next three years. If a “phoenix group” arises from our ashes in that time the money will be our legacy to help them establish the new group. They will also be given all our archived records. If no new group is started locally within the next three years, then the money will be transferred to a fund that helps new groups anywhere in the county. If we eventually close then we will endeavour to make sure that our archives are lodged where they can be accessed by researchers well into the future.

Our February meeting had Anita Nowinska as the speaker. She had had a high-flying career but it was directly linked to the “dot.com bubble” and she eventually lost everything. As a consequence, she changed direction completely and began to paint. Her inspiring talk was about how it is never too late to change your life and follow your dreams and what seems to be a disaster can in fact be the opening of new doors to the future.

We were determined that our March meeting should not be a sad occasion. Some members spent the first hour making mosaic coasters under the instruction of Ali Soper. The other members were able to have a look at our old photo albums and even the minutes of the very first meeting in January 1928. One of our members, Jean Yeoman, was awarded a certificate from the National Federation of Women’s Institutes marking the fact that she had been a member of this WI for 72 years, having joined when she was just 16 years old. The other end of the hall had tables brightly decorated with rainbow serviettes and yellow and orange flowers to set the mood and we all moved on to a splendid afternoon tea as good as any five-star hotel and we indeed finished on a high note.

We will be continuing with our monthly lunches at the Golf Club which have been renamed as “Ladies who lunch”.

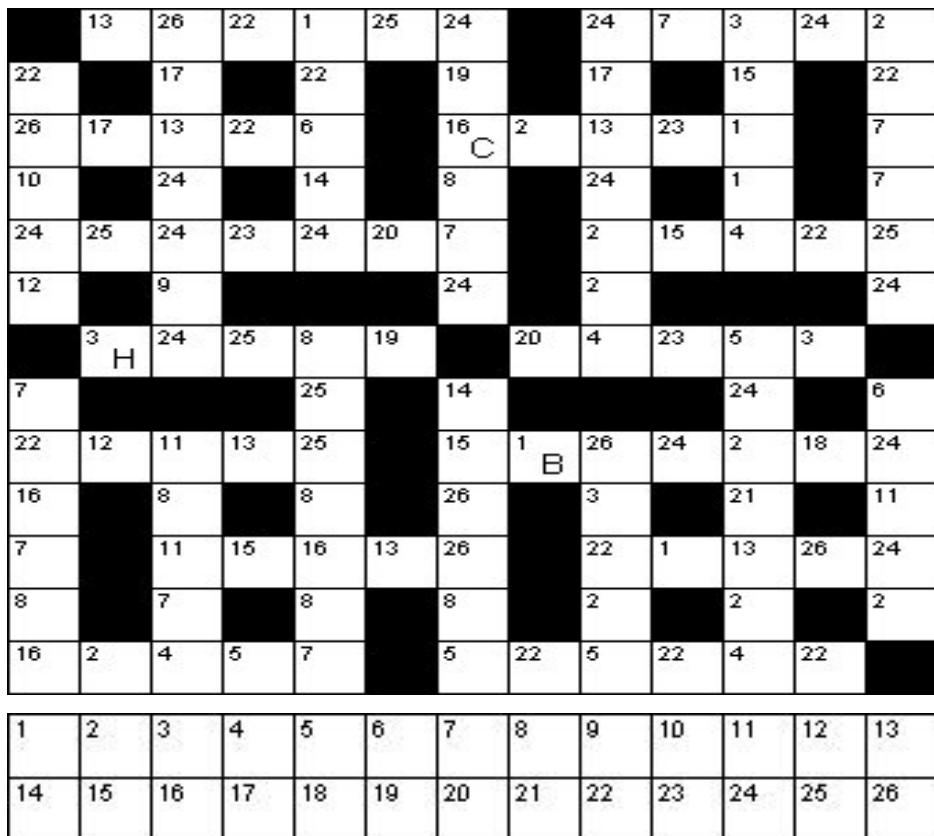
We hope that a “phoenix group” will indeed arise in the village but in the meantime, you can find an evening group at South Milton Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month and an afternoon group at the Salcombe Rugby Club on the third Tuesday of the month. Full details of these and other local groups can be found on the Devon Federation website www.devonwi.org.uk.

Sally Martin

President

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There were 7 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the coveted bottle of wine were Viv & Dave Gibby. Commiserations to Dave Hayward, Neill Irwin, Pauline Lonsdale, Vera Pailthorpe, Susan Penwell and Lindy Price.

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Thurlestone Golf Club



In my previous article we established that this year the Club celebrates its 125th anniversary. We also established that the land for the first nine holes was gifted by local landowner Hubert Brunskill when his “grand plan” for Thurlestone hit the “rocks”. In the meantime, however, Brunskill had proceeded with the project to build a rudimentary 9-hole course. It is interesting to observe that plans to generate a further 9 holes were meant to incorporate part of The Mead. The work in progress was intended as a tangible sign of his commitment to his “grand plan”, and as an encouragement to potential investors. Brunskill employed the services of Charles Gibson, the then Professional of Westward Ho! Golf Club to advise on the layout. Men from the village, mostly tenants of Brunskill, were employed for clearing the fairways and laying the greens in accordance with the Gibson plan. They faced a formidable task of forging the course out of the dense shrub land of gorse, blackthorn and brambles which covered the site along with the massive rabbit warren.

The failure to get backing for the “grand plan” meant the links were to become merely a local amenity for wealthier residents and visitors. Consequently, the need arose for formal arrangements to be made governing golfing matters and day to day maintenance of the course. To this end the various interested parties including H. G. Prowse a brewer, Dr E A Elliot a physician and W M Beer a solicitor, all from Kingsbridge, approached Brunskill with the purpose of establishing the Club. A meeting was called at the King’s Arms hotel on 13th March 1897 and was chaired by H L Jenkins of Clannacombe, Francis Mildmay (later Lord Mildmay of Flete) was elected President and Hubert Brunskill was elected Captain. They were the three leading landowners in the neighbourhood. Samuel Broad, a local farmer and general merchant, undertook the duties of Honorary Secretary and William Coombes was appointed professional.

The involvement of key figures from the local society created a confidence in the future growth of the Club. This led to the transformation of the village into a more modest golfing centre and holiday resort than the earlier plans. It was not long before members began to build houses close by. William Beer built Merchant’s Field in 1902 and Henry Prowse built Heathfield in 1904, by which time the success of the enterprise was virtually assured. It is interesting to note that the ariel shot, on the front cover, taken in 1929 only shows 15 or so houses on the Yarmer Estate.

By the end of the first year there were 48 members, of whom 13 were ladies. By 1906 membership had grown and there were now 60 men and 54 lady members. The first tennis court was laid in 1900 and four more soon followed. The greens and the courts were hand weeded and labourers were paid a penny a square yard for their efforts. In the last 125 years the club has come a long way and I look forward to mapping these years in future articles.

Simon Bawden



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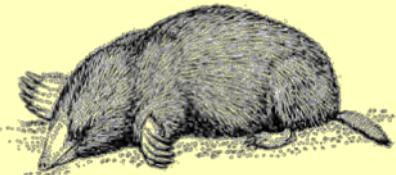
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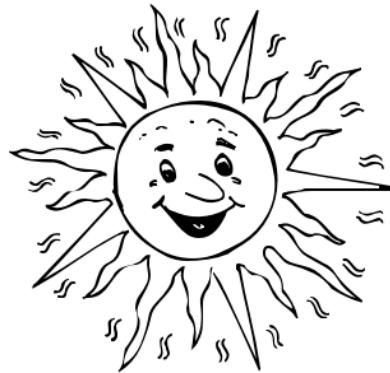
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Weather Wag



After much deliberation on the part of several parties, I now have my computer back. The previous notes have been consigned to the ether, so I will start again.

We are now (18th March) approaching the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. This is a day that in my grandfather's weather diary he always noted with great care the direction of the wind. This, he declared, would determine the dominant wind direction for the next 6 months. Time will tell now in 2022, so make a note and see if his theory holds any sway in today's weather. I certainly will.

Meteorologists tend to say that Spring starts on March 1st, but most people like to think it is the Spring Equinox. On this day of the Autumnal Equinox the length of day and night is equal, also the temperatures rise a little as the sun's input out bids the cooling of the land overnight.

There is a tradition at this time of the year, - Spring Cleaning! It could be anything from your house-greenhouse-car-garage, you name it and it will be able to be cleaned at this time of the year. The whole concept is based on the weather, 20th March marks the day when temperatures rise above 15C(60F) and the home now no longer needs central heating, open fires, wood burners etc. The dust from these is usually evident in corners of the house not usually dusted, as well as deposits on curtains etc, so a Spring clean is a relief in some ways!

Now to some figures over these last months: - Rainfall - Feb had 40.2mm, March so far 60.7mm. There were 3 named storms in February - Dudley on 16th, Eunice on 18th and Franklin on Sat/Sun 20th/21st. All were impressive in their own way. Floods, wind damaged trees and fences down, and the seas were quite lively too, but neither of them brought large amounts of continuous rainfall. Just lots in short spells which caused the flooding, and was mainly due to blocked drains.

Enough of this doom and despondency, there are many rhymes of weather lore that can be born out or taken with a pinch of salt, here are a few to mull over: -

Good Friday was widely regarded as the day for planting potatoes, it being held, "As the day hardained by the Good Lord for plantin' tetties". A possible explanation for this is that for many in the 'old days' Good Friday was one of the few holidays available for the task at the right season, this was a time when weekends were not regarded as holidays. Another plant that can do well if planted is Curly Leaved Parsley!

The weather is set fine for the week ahead so get cleaning and gardening with no division of labour.

Jan Turner.



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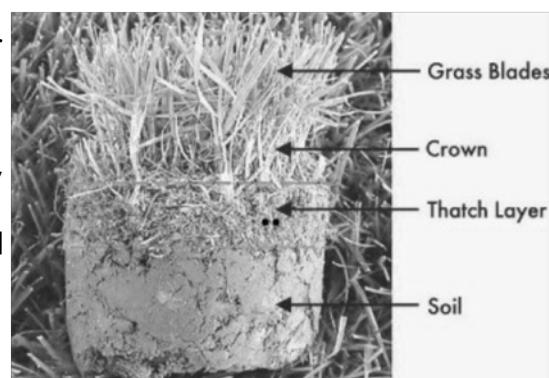
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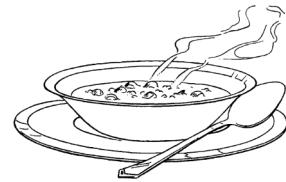


Smoked Mackerel Kedgeree

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 onion, finely chopped
 1 teaspoon ground coriander
 1 teaspoon curry powder
 275g brown rice, cooked and drained
 100g peas
 4 naturally smoked mackerel fillets, flaked and deboned
 A good handful of spinach
 Sea salt and black pepper
 4 hard boiled eggs, peeled and quartered, to garnish



Method:

1. In a large frying pan, heat the oil and gently fry the onion, until soft and translucent.
2. Add the ground coriander and curry powder and continue frying for a further 2-3 minutes. Stir in the cooked rice, peas, spinach and the fish. Continue to cook over a slow heat, stirring continuously.
3. Serve garnished with the eggs.

Ginger, Pear and Cider Trifle

Ingredients:

1 ginger cake
 3 pears, cored and halved lengthways
 1/2 bottle strong cider
 1 tablespoon demerara sugar
 900ml (1 1/2 pint) custard
 750ml double or whipping cream
 1 Chocolate Flake



1. Line trifle dish with the ginger cake, which has been broken into pieces.
2. Simmer pears in cider and demerara sugar until tender but still medium firm. Remove pears and then reduce the liquid until it thickens making it slightly syrupy. Slice the pears and place over the ginger cake.
3. Pour enough of the cider syrup to soak the cake, cover and cool. This can be left in the fridge overnight.
4. When cooled, pour over the custard and allow to cool again
5. Whip cream and cover the custard and return to the fridge to set for a couple of hours.
6. Crumble the flake over the top prior to serving.



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EASTER HOPE IN DARK TIMES

This year we prepare for our Easter celebrations in particularly distressing times. It is against the backdrop of terrible suffering in Ukraine that we must seek to speak of an Easter message of hope. As we watch the broadcasts from Kyiv, Mariupol and other major cities we wonder if there are any words of hope that we might find. In the famous prologue to John's Gospel we read that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it". Well, today, it doesn't feel like that. It feels that the light of humanity is being overwhelmed by the darkness of inhumanity.

So, we might ask ourselves, where is God in the midst this darkness and suffering? The God of the Christian Faith is the God of peace. The God who wills that people should live together peaceably. The God who wills that warfare should end and reconciliation should begin. We must never lose sight of this. But the God of the Christian Faith is also the God of justice. Unless peace and justice go hand in hand, there can be no real peace at all. Peace without justice can often be reduced to mere submission. The people of Ukraine have rejected peace without justice. They are resisting oppression and subjugation. The God of peace and justice is there, alongside the people of Ukraine. He is there, alongside their acts of resistance and defiance. He is there, giving them hope.

As I am writing this article the people of Ukraine have not given up, and neither should we. Their hope is rooted in the dignity of life that they seek to hold on to. Their hope is rooted in the belief that, out of the rubble of destruction, new life might be reborn and remade. This Easter we must join our prayers with the prayers of the people of Ukraine. We must continue to support them through financial donations and through other fund raising. We must not lose hope. Evil only triumphs when good people have given up their hope. The light of hope is shining in the darkness and the darkness is **not** overcoming it. May these words be at the heart of our thoughts and prayers this Easter.

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2ND SUNDAY

(BCP); **4TH SUNDAY (CW) 8.00am** Holy Communion(said)

APRIL 3RD, MAY 1ST/15TH/29TH 11.10am Parish Eucharist(CW)

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10TH

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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17TH

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11.10am Easter Family Communion

APRIL 24TH, MAY 8TH

11.10am Morning Worship

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11.30am Rogation Service at S Milton (see posters)

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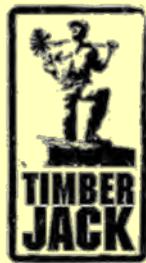


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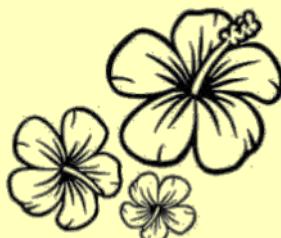
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Tramp Reports for Dec 2021 to March 2022

In the last edition, one of the walk reports was omitted – Linda, my sincere apologies. Trampers, I do recommend that you carefully read this report because it is an interesting walk starting locally at Aveton Gifford.

6th December 2021. Aveton Gifford, Chantry, Stockadon, Lixton and back. Linda Chilcott. 6 miles. 3 hours.

As I sat in my car watching the rain lashing against the car window, I thought that no one in their right mind would want to walk today. But at the bewitching hour cars started turning up for this walk, which in good weather can be enchanting.

People emerged wearing their waterproof gear, walking sticks, and their well-worn Renegades, Berghaus, and in my case a pair of old Italian jobs that no one has ever heard of! 10 of us in all plus 2 very well-behaved dogs who are regular paws with the Tramps. Having already explained some of the hazards on the walk (having reconnoitred a few days previous) we didn't hang about as the rain hit our faces.

Leaving AG behind we squelched our way along Wakeham Lane with hints of blue sky which encourage me and others to enjoy our surrounding, and on entering a lovely Devonshire valley we were now bathed in sunshine.

We had a bit of a slog, working our way out of the valley, through several fields with great views of Dartmoor, and vistas of the patchwork fields. We arrive at Chantry, but made for a barn beyond, where Mr Wakeham had given permission for us to use should the weather be wet, to drink our coffee and eat mince pies, which I had already left in the barn earlier that morn. But the sun was so warm and the side of the barn was out of the wind, so we were able to sit, drink and eat outside and take the opportunity for some of us to shed our leggings. After a good break and some



good chatter, we set off, skirting Chantry, passing a big wigwam to our right (don't ask)

From then on it was up hill and down dale, taking in our stride a particularly difficult stile. We made our way down a stony path to Stockadon which many years ago was an apple farm, a few of the old apple trees still remain. Passing Chestnut House and walking through a narrow lane till we arrived at Lixton, a lovely hamlet, with a dozen or more dwellings.

We skirted a new build in progress which looks fabulous and very in keeping with its surroundings.

On we went slipping and sliding on the muddy track until we crossed a little bridge passing a pond covered in duck weed, then up through the field where we joined the road leading us back to Wakeham Lane. Here we got caught in a deluge, and those of us who had earlier shed our leggings got more than a little wet. We were now on our way back to Aveton Gifford car park in brilliant sunshine; our weather is so wonderfully fickle!

We said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. I was very happy that everyone arrived back with nothing broken, bruised or sprained so my plasters remained steadfast in my rucksack.

I want to thank these nine lovely people who had come together to enjoy a good walk in rough or fair weather for their good humour, their banter and their good company.

20th January 2022. Dittisham Walk Tony Burn. 5 miles. 3 hours.

This week's walk, which started in Dittisham, went through the Raleigh Estate towards Dartmouth and forms part of the Dart Valley Trail from Dartmouth to Totnes.

Nine of us set out from Riverside Road, heading south along The Levels, until we reached the uphill track. A short way up the track we then headed across the fields along the footpath that runs parallel to the river Dart. We walked through fields and woodland with magnificent views of the river over the Dittisham Pool and out to sea. The sunny and clear conditions also enabled us to enjoy wonderful views across Torbay and even as far as Portland Bill in the distance.

The trail then took us south towards the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth and along the banks of Old Mill Creek, before heading uphill back towards Dittisham.

The 5-mile walk was at a relaxed pace, taking 3 hours, including a coffee break half-way round overlooking Old Mill Creek.

10th February 2022. Linda Chilcott. Bantham, Osborne Newton. 5 miles. 2 hours.

Dull overcast and drizzling: dressed in wet weather attire, myself and one other plus our regular paws ventured out to walk.

We set off passing the great building works being carried out for the new Bantham Estate offices. On upwards we went toward Clanacombe passing the newly planted grape vines in West Buckland.

We turned left onto the footpath leading us down to Worthy. Passing Worthy House on our left we headed up to cross the road over a beautiful stone stile and across a field with great views of the valley. The weather was now much improved as we headed down the valley to Osborne Newton, past the cattle barn and on to the road leading to Stadbury. Here

we passed a large group of ramblers walking in the opposite direction.

The views are fabulous looking into the immediate valley and Dartmoor beyond. The skylarks were chirping and one could hear clearly in the distance the tap-tap-tap of the woodpecker and there are snowdrops in abundance. Past Stadbury, we dropped down into the valley and on into Stiddicombe woods, then through the new plantation.

From here we headed back to the Bantham shop where we enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate and for our furry friend a couple of doggy treats. With only two trampers, this walk only took 2 hours.

16th February 2022. Snowdrop Walk from Staverton. Peter & Wendy Gornall.

An hour after our return, no one looking out from Thurlestone would believe what a walking day it has been. The mist is blowing aggressively and The Links is barely visible from the village centre. By contrast the five of us left the Sea Trout car park this morning in clearing skies, and patches of blue and shafts of sunshine followed us all the way. Yes, there were misty showers too, and a rainbow appeared no fewer than four times.

Enough of describing the skies. The stars of the day were the snowdrops. They carpeted the Churchyard and were clearly telling the crocuses there that it was safe to come up now. They were scattered all round the Dart-side walk way. As we headed inland from Staverton Station they were crowded into the neatly trimmed hedgerows, making the best of the light available before the hedge foliage appears. From the hedges they spilled down the banks in every sheltered drove road. A paddock in Sparkwell was white-floored.

Such a walk does have its demands. The recent rains had filled to overflowing some road-width puddles not in existence on the stake-out a week beforehand; and there was mud to match. With just

one slip (and not much mud on trousers to show for it!) we negotiated these inconveniences in the high-banked drove roads while the winds roared overhead.

The last snowdrops were only 30 yards from the Sea Trout Inn, where the cuisine fully rewarded the morning's efforts.

24th February 2022. East Prawle circular. Tony Burn.

There was a forecast of strong wind and rain, but 10 walkers still turned up for a walk at East Prawle. We headed off from the green in East Prawle down the road towards the NT car park, and off on to the track towards Gammon Head. Walking along the track we could see the sky getting greyer, and within moments we were hit by a hail storm. Everyone was starting to think ***what am I doing out here today.***

Once we got to Gammon Head, we were however able to turn east, and head for the NCI Coast Watch, with everyone being thankful that the wind was now on our backs. It remained fairly challenging, with the gusting wind as we negotiated the rocky sections of the path.

After a brief coffee break at the NCI Coast Watch visitor centre, we continued on to Horseye Cove via Langerstone Point, and then made our way up the hill back to East Prawle.

After braving the elements, we retired to the Pigs Nose for lunch, which for a Thursday was surprisingly busy. As ever the food in the Pigs Nose was excellent and a pleasant way to finish the walk.

8th March 2022. Dartmouth's Diamond Jubilee Way. Alastair and Gill Durden

Six of us, with two dogs, met at Little Dartmouth for a walk along the Diamond Jubilee Way, a walk created in 2012 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. It is a circular walk – on the map in the shape of a diamond – which takes in some glorious views over Dartmouth town with a backdrop of the Britannia Royal Naval College, as well as stunning views towards

the mouth of the river Dart. It was a dry day with a moderate wind which we were thankfully sheltered from most of the time. The walk itself commences from Little Dartmouth Farm, proceeds along the edge of farmland, through Higher Week Farm, and down Jawbones Hill. (Where this name comes from; I should love to know!).

A short distance down this road, we diverted into Beacon Park to admire the splendid view over the town. The road then becomes little more than a farm track as it descends steeply towards the town. Near the bottom, we turned in the direction of the sea along the side of Dyer's Hill, with panoramic views over the river estuary, with Dartmouth Castle in the distance standing sentinel at the mouth of the river. At Above Town, we walked along the road towards Dartmouth Castle, taking us past Warfleet Creek where we saw some young men taking part in a coastal rescue training exercise using a RIB and a Jet-ski.

When we reached the castle, we stopped for refreshments at the Castle Tea Room. From here, it was just over a mile back, climbing steadily to the Coastguard Cottages, then following a public bridleway back to Little Dartmouth Farm and the car park.

17th March 2022. Walk around Diptford and environs. Vanessa Barton. 5 miles.

I had anticipated that this mid-March Tramp walk would take place on a bad weather day and we would need a relatively sheltered choice but in fact it turned out to be the most beautiful spring morning!

10 Trampers and one Tramp dog completed the first navigation test and found the start point in Diptford and the route was a 5 miler first going in the direction of Larcombe and into the old quarry and then into Diptford village and down to a little-known bridge over the River Avon.

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leave your cares at the roadside and enter into the valley mood"*

But instead, the roadside markers for Heron Valley list their opening hours. All you'll see from the road is the café's roof – black pressed steel below street level. The fine drive, goes through attractive galvanised gates and down to an ample car park. From your car, you step onto pink shingle which extends to a veranda with lights strung overhead.

We arrived for coffee one Saturday morning. Had it not been cold, we might have chosen a terrace table where young trees in troughs break the monotony – exotics like olive, quince and fig and, beyond them, on the slopes that rise from the banks of the Avon River valley, you see recently planted orchards. The trees are too young for fruit, but the setting is mellow and, when they're mature, they'll bear fruit for Heron Valley's juices.

There was a buzz of people inside. The queue for refreshments was moving forward but, before waiting with them, we wandered around the Weaver Green showroom where tasteful home furnishings, made from recycled plastic, are displayed. The texture of these fabrics, and their draping qualities, belie the material they're made from.

Once our order was placed at the counter, we sat at a central table and were soon chatting to others there. Some tables face windows where customers can view the scenic outlook. For comfort, there are easy chairs by a log fire and a supply of coffee table books. A book-signing was in progress that day - Kate Humble was seated nearby, promoting her books.

Heron Valley serves lunch between 11 and 3. Homemade soup, quiche, pate, toasties and sandwiches. The variety changes each week and all are priced below £10.

Coffee arrived - good wood-roasted coffee from Curator in Totnes, an excellent choice both for its flavour and for supporting local industries. The Devon Tea Company's loose-leaf teas brew well for flavour that's like (but also quite unlike) tea from convenient tea bags. If Earl Grey is your choice, this is a good cup! Local Heron Valley fruit juices, bubbles and cider are here too. Apart from just one multi-layered creamy cake, the tray bakes and scones have a 'whole-food' appeal with gluten-free and vegan options.

Whether here to lunch or to shop from Weaver Green's showroom there's an easy ambience. That everyone is welcome is demonstrated by well thought out access for the disabled; toilets with good baby changing facilities; and they're dog friendly. Visitors are welcome to take an orchard walk through the fields.

From our villages take the A381 through Churchstow and pass Aune Valley café (whose cakes are special and breakfasts at their best). It would be easy to be distracted there, or even be drawn to turn off for Avon Mill where the garden nursery is in view from the under-cover tables. But Heron Valley is different in a nice way so stay on the road which winds up through woodland to the unusual one-of-a-kind village of Loddiswell - a drive that's varied and definitely to be enjoyed. Chilli Farm is temporarily closed, so no temptation to be side-tracked for hot chilli chocolate. Your destination is nearer to California Cross. Look out for the boards, on the right. If you see Ring Feeder's boards, you've gone two miles too far. Take a look at Heron Valley's well illustrated website, <https://www.heronvalley.co.uk/pages/gallery>

Vivien Stickland

DIARY DATES

April

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| Saturday | 2 | South Hams Climate and Nature Fair 10am to 4pm at Malborough Village Hall |
| Saturday | 2 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Monday | 4 | TRAMP - Bere Alston - Robin Hart |
| Monday | 4 | Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Monday | 11-22 | Devon Schools Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday | 12 | TRAMP - Noss Mayo and 9 mile drive anticlockwise - 4 miles - Jeremy Tucker |
| Saturday | 16 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Sunday | 17 | Easter Sunday |
| Tuesday | 19 | Kingsbridge Probus Club at the Mill Club, Kingsbridge - "Criminal profiling" with Paul Lobb 10.30am |
| Saturday | 23 | St Georges Day |
| Tuesday | 26 | TRAMP - West Charleton Estuary Walk - 4 miles - Alastair and Jill Durden |
| Wednesday | 27 | Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall and on Zoom 2.30pm - "Food and Art through the ages: from Renaissance Sugar Sculpture to 3D Printing" with Tasha Marks |

May

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| Sunday | 1 | Salcombe Crabfest from 10am |
| Monday | 2 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| Monday | 2 | TRAMP - East Soar and Bolt Tail - 6 miles - Neil Mackay |
| Saturday | 7 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Monday | 9 | Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 11 | TRAMP - Wembury - 5.5 miles - Sue Dwyer |
| Saturday | 14 | Alvington Singers Concert "The Month of Maying" a charity concert in aid of Kingsbridge and Saltstone Caring and St Luke's Hospice at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe 7.30pm. Tickets £10 available from Kingsbridge Tourist Information Office |
| Monday | 16 | TRAMP - Aune Valley Paddle! Mike & Sian Hodges |
| Thursday | 19 | Kingsbridge Probus Club at the Mill Club, Kingsbridge - Wine Tour, Tasting and Lunch at Calancombe Estate Vineyard |
| Saturday | 21 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Wednesday | 25 | TRAMP - Parke Park, Bovey Tracey - 4 miles - Peter and Wendy Gornall |
| Wednesday | 25 | Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall and on Zoom 2.30pm - Jewellery design for film "From Downton Abbey to Gatsby" with Andrew Prince |
| Friday | 27 - 29 | Kingsbridge Food and Music Festival |
| Tuesday | 31 | TRAMP - South Pool - 7 miles - Claudette Uff |

June

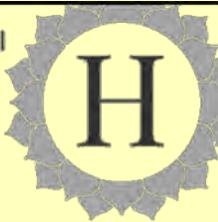
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| Thursday | 2 | Spring Bank Holiday |
| Friday | 3 | Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday |

Bolberry Down Parkrun. A free, weekly, timed 5k walk/jog/run at 9:00am every Saturday. Details at www.parkrun.org.uk/bolberrydown/ or on Facebook.

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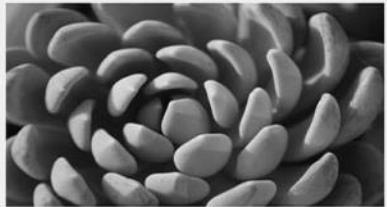
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AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION	Chairman	Stuart Watts	810373
BADMINTON CLUB (Fri 4pm - 5pm)	Contact	Sian Hodges	07784893405
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BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB	Clubhouse		560447
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BUCKLAND PHONE BOX	Contact	Anna Martin	560796
CIRCUIT TRAINING	Contact	Sue Richards	07810751083
FITNESS YOGA WITH SUZI Mon 6pm - 7pm	Contact	Suzi Griffiths	07557334802
FRENCH CONVERSATION Thurs 12.30-2.30pm	Contact	Angela Luckhurst	521595
FRIDENS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH	Contact	Phil Millard	560843
HEALTHY MOVEMENT (Mon 9am - 11.30am)	Contact	Saffron Craig	07840788511
HORTICULTURAL SHOW (annual)	Contact	Tom Gilkes	560973
LINE DANCING (Wed 2pm)	Contact	Sue Bain	07989817898
MUM'S BOOTCAMP (Thurs 6pm)	Contact	Kat Wallace	07500870162
PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOC (POTS)	Chairman	Chris White	560505
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THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB	Office & General Enquiries		560405
TENNIS SECTION (at Golf Club)	Book via Pro Shop		560715
THURLESTONE PHONE BOX	Contact	Mary Horne	561853
THURLESTONE SINGING GROUP	Contact	Alastair Durden	561067
TRAMP (Thurlestone Ramblers)	Contact	Mike Stickland	560763
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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

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

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Mobile library visits Thurlestone Parish Hall Car Park Wednesdays April 3rd and 17th, May 7th and 21st.

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For timetable contact Tally Ho! on 01548 853081 or see www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/162-timetable

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

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	Charlie Mitchelmore 560602 (and Tree Warden)	
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County Councillor	Rufus Gilbert 856659	

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Telephone (Payphone in foyer) 562189

Chairman: Vacant

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THE PARISH HELPLINE Co-ordinator Milla 07711 870337

PARISH WEBSITE (www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk) Mike Bone 288436 Paul Martin 560070

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- Sloop Inn Bantham (Lobby)

