

A Merry Christmas to all our readers



December 2021 - January 2022

The community magazine of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone



Looking back at the magazine for this time last year, what struck us most was the absence of posters advertising the usual Christmas activities, but not this year, because they are back in abundance. You can look forward to Carols on the Green, the carol service at the church and the Alvington Singers are also performing. All will be heart-warming and uplifting occasions. An event that did brighten up Christmas last year were the Illuminations organised by the Friends of Thurlestone School, which was such fun to do and a great success. They are repeating it this year, so help them make it bigger and brighter by either decorating your home or buying the map leading you to the decorations around the village. The new year brings us violinist Tim Kliphuis who returns to the parish hall and those with green fingers are being asked to provide all or part of your garden for an open day in June. The details of all these events can be found throughout the magazine, so put the dates in your diary.

Talking of gardens, the beautiful print of a camellia taken from a watercolour painted by the gifted Margaret Houghton appears on our front cover, you can read all about this impressive bloom in My Garden by Sue Dwyer. Something else to look out for is an article about a significant milestone to occur recently, which was the 100th birthday of one of our best known and loved residents (and long serving member of the Village Voice), Rosemary Mackay. Read a short biography of Rosemary's life penned by one of her sons. Also, if you are in need of affordable local housing, you will find details on how to participate in a survey.

We have been so grateful over the last 21 months for all our regular contributors, plus new ones who provided us with material to ensure the continuation of the magazine. It is a joy to hear about your daily lives, amazing achievements and memories, we hope all you readers feel the same. So, an enormous thank you to one and all. Keep the stories coming in and if there is anyone else who would like to contribute you would be most welcome.

Hopefully Christmas will be near normal and everyone will be able to spend it with family and friends, so have a wonderful time, stay safe and well and we wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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A NOTE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, JUDY PEARCE



The extremely busy summer we all experienced locally in Thurlestone and Bantham was the same all over the South Hams and has only served to highlight the difficulties local people face when trying to find somewhere to live. It is noticeable that there is a very real shortage of properties available to rent. People need to rent when either they need to move into the area to work, or they simply cannot afford the exceptionally high market property prices locally. In either case, the local letting market has reached a crisis point for a number of reasons. The shortage has largely been caused by many owners changing over to short term holiday lets, encouraged by the number of people unable to go abroad this summer. We know this at the council because there has been over a ten percent rise in the number of properties switching to business rates instead of council tax in the area since April 2021. This in turn has made the competition for longer term lets intense and has forced rents up way beyond the affordability of most households.

We need to get government to have a better understanding of the particular challenges coastal areas have with their housing problems. Often Westminster considers us remote and not very important, so we need to beat the drum loudly. By population numbers, the areas affected are very much in the minority, but for local people the problems are huge.

It is evident that just building more and more houses – even if they were all affordable for local people to buy or rent - would not be the answer, so we are looking to other ways of better using the existing housing stock. If you own a property which a local family could rent, you could let it through the Council's letting agency called SeaMoor Lettings. The agency charges are lower than a commercial letting agency. Just enabling even one family to remain in the area means local jobs can be filled to help keep the local economy going. The lower agency charges also mean that the tenants pay less for a similar rent. But please – if you have a suitable property for a local family, just let it to one through any agency!

If you live in a housing association house but are no longer occupying all the bedrooms, you can apply to downsize into a smaller house or a bungalow in the village when one becomes available. The council has officers who can help you through the process and there is a cash grant available to help you with moving expenses. This means a family could then occupy your old house and you may have somewhere that is easier for you to manage and heat instead. Do contact me or the Council if you are interested in this scheme.

We all need to take housing problems seriously – turning ever higher proportions of the housing stock into holiday lets is not the answer if it means all the people who do the local jobs have nowhere to live. The logical consequence is it will mean that, at some point in the future, there is no one here to run all the local facilities. Already this summer pubs and restaurants have struggled to stay open day to day. Unless we all think about the problem and try to do things to help where we can, the system will soon break down.

We all love this part of the world and we all love living here, but spare a thought for those who don't find it so easy to live and work here, even though they may very much want to stay near their family support groups or their friends, or just enjoy the local job they have.

If you want to know more about anything in this article, do contact me.

Judy Pearce, tel: 01548 561370

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



Over the festive period, the Shop and Post Office will change their usual times of operation. The times listed below are a "minimum" guide for the Shop, and may be extended to meet demand. The Post Office will keep its opening hours strictly as per the list:

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Saturday 25 th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday 26 th December	9.00 - 12.00	CLOSED
Monday 27 th December	8.00 - 2.00	CLOSED
Tuesday 28 th December	8.00 - 2.00	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 th December	8.00 - 2.00	9.00 - 1.00
Thursday 30 th December	8.00 - 5.00	9.00 - 4.00
Friday 31 st December	8.00 - 4.00	9.00 - 2.00
<u>2022</u>		
Saturday 1 st January	9.00 - 12.00	CLOSED
Sunday 2 nd January	8.30 - 2.00	CLOSED
Monday 3 rd January	8.00 - 2.00	CLOSED

(Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 4TH January)

Our Christmas Draw will take place on Friday 24th December at 11am. Tickets are available in the shop. All proceeds will be put towards the prizes.

Make someone a MILLIONAIRE!! Don't forget to buy your loved ones a Scratch Card or Lottery Ticket as a stocking filler this year.

Orders for vegetables, bread, mince pies etc, should be placed well in advance, to ensure availability for collection in time for Christmas.

From us all at Thurlestone Post Office and Stores, may we Thank You for all your support over the past year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Sarah and Staff



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 4th October 2021 in the Parish Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs Kit Marshall and Nigel Hurrell

In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Judy Pearce and 5 members of the public

Open Forum

Residents raised the matter of the suspension of garden waste bin collections and whether or not there would be a rebate on council tax for the non-collection. The response was that SHDC is doing all it can to ensure waste is collected but that there would be no rebate for this discretionary service.

Matters Arising

Repairs to the Cobbled Road have been completed; a quote was accepted for installing paving around the Thurlestone phone box; Airband surveys are in progress and we await more information; traffic wardens attend the Parish on request so please contact DCC if enforcement is needed.

Planning Matters

Cllrs supported the following applications:

3306/21/HHO 16 Court Park, Thurlestone TQ7 3LX - replacement extension and cladding

3077/21/FUL West Buckland Farm, West Buckland, TQ7 3AH - replacement dwelling

3011/21/HHO 1 Avonside, Bantham TQ7 3AR - renovation and single storey side extension

3027/21/FUL & 3026/21/FUL Vineyard North of Lower Aunemouth and North West of Buckland - temporary installation of two rows of Paraweb Fencing to protect planted windbreaks

Parish Matters

Friends of Thurlestone Church - extensive repairs have been carried out on some of the church windows and more work is due soon. The current Churchwarden and Chairman will be stepping down and councillors commented on what great work was done by them and the Friends to keep the church looking lovely; Island View Play Area lease - the 99-year lease with SHDC was agreed in 2006 but was not registered because the freehold title was missing. SHDC subsequently registered the freehold title in its name and the PC has now re-applied to register the PC lease; Thurlestone public toilets - some minor defects have been reported via the SHDC cleaning team and will be repaired but otherwise the season has been without too many problems. Councillors will discuss how to raise money for repairs and maintenance in future, including initiating discussions with the Golf Club about potential contributions; and the yellow lines in Glebefield will be repainted.

County and District Councillor's Reports

District Councillor Pearce gave the following updates: Afghan refugees - because of the housing situation in the region they have not offered housing but have offered the services of their letting agency to any councils in the region who might have some. SHDC has declared a Housing Emergency because there are approximately 3,000 fewer lets at the moment than normal and local people are finding it difficult to find somewhere to live. This is having a knock-on effect on businesses who can't get staff. She said that the business rate loophole which people are using for holiday rentals meant that parish councils were missing out on these properties contributing to local services. SHDC is lobbying Government to change this and local MPs are helping.

Meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021 in the Parish Hall

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

In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Gilbert, District Cllrs Long & Pearce, 10 members of the public

Open Forum

Residents raised the following matters: incidents of inappropriate shooting by the Bantham Estate Shoot - a resident has recently needed to call the police because shots had been fired too close to houses and the advice is to speak to SHDC Environmental Health Department; the issue of non-collection of garden waste which continues as a result of driver shortages; the 20mph speed limit in villages – the results of the Newton Abbot pilot will be scrutinised soon and then Cabinet will make a decision.

Planning Matters

Cllrs objected to the following applications:

3527/21/HHO 12 Court Park Thurlestone TQ7 3LX - alterations, extension and demolition of garage

2786/20/FUL West Buckland Barn, Bantham, TQ7 3AJ – erection of new agricultural/estate store

Cllrs supported the following applications:

2867/21/FUL Onnalea Bantham TQ7 3AR - proposed rebuilding and extension of dwelling

3624/21/HHO Hooters Ilbert Road Thurlestone TQ7 3NY - single storey extension

3431/21/HHO Upton Grange Bantham TQ7 3AB - side and rear extensions

3282/21/FUL Thurlestone Court Residential Home Thurlestone TQ7 3LY – change of use to hotel staff accommodation

Parish Matters

Thurlestone public toilets will remain open until the end of November at an additional cost of £660 for cleaning; councillors will meet in the new year to discuss the possibilities for funding future costs of opening, maintenance and refurbishments; the Christmas Illuminations will take place again this year; the Parish Council will be arranging the installation of a Christmas tree on Thurlestone Memorial Green; Carols on the Green will be happening once again this year; Councillors agreed to look at an appropriate place for a new Parish Council noticeboard; the Parish is due an update to the Housing Needs Survey as it is five years since the last one. This time it will only cover affordable housing and will be aimed at local people in housing need, particularly in the present housing crisis.

County and District Councillor's Reports

County Councillor Gilbert - DCC is once again looking at stopping access to the Lees Road by the Golf Club; there will be an online Highways Conference this year and he encouraged councillors to attend; he will ask for traffic enforcement officers to attend the school at busy times to take action on illegal parking.

District Councillor Long - SHDC is trying to improve its planning process with additional funding for two planning specialists in enforcement and a new website; SHDC has established its own company to build affordable housing to increase local stock and they will offer financial help for tenants to move to smaller houses in accordance with their need, freeing up larger houses for families.

District Councillor Pearce - There are a lot of empty shops in Kingsbridge since the pandemic – a new scheme called #myplace has been set up to encourage people to shop locally and help local businesses; Councils have been asked to start organising the Platinum Jubilee for next year and there will be a Bank Holiday on 2nd June, which may well be a busy time for the area; and SHDC is embarking on its new campaign to enhance green spaces. Edges and pathways will be cut through larger spaces but otherwise areas will be left unmown to allow space for wildlife. Notices will be put up to inform residents about what is happening. She suggested that this is something the Parish Council might like to do but councillors would rather keep the grass cut short.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 6th December in the Parish Hall.

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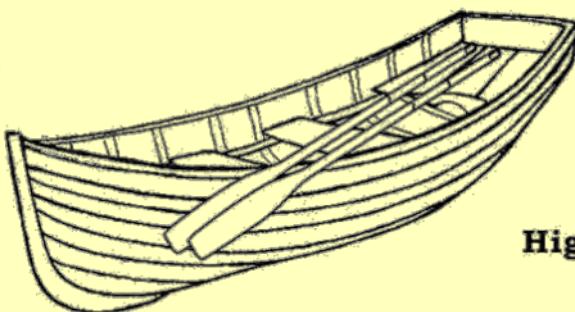
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Thurlestone Parish Housing Needs Survey 2021



In April 2016, South Hams District Council conducted a Housing Needs Survey on behalf of Thurlestone Parish Council to identify the housing requirements of local people. The information was used to help formulate housing policies for the Parish's Neighbourhood Plan.

Five years on, we would be most grateful for your help again, since housing needs are constantly changing and can only represent a snapshot in time. Unlike the previous survey, however, this survey focuses solely on affordable housing needs within the parish.

As you will be aware, the District Council has recently declared a Housing Crisis in the South Hams, primarily because there are not enough properties for local people and people wanting to work in the district. They attribute this to a number of factors, including the lack of rental accommodation available for longer than six months, the excessive rise in house prices due to the number of second homes, the conversion of properties to short-term holiday lets and to people moving into the district since the pandemic.

It is therefore more important than ever that we are aware of our local housing needs and ensure they are met.

The survey is available online at www.southhams.gov.uk/thurlestone-housing-needs. If you are able to complete the survey online, this would be appreciated. However, if you, or anyone you know, would like a hard copy of the survey then they can be obtained by contacting Cllrs Jill Munn, Sian Williams or Sue Crowther, whose telephone numbers are on the back page of Village Voice.

Similarly, if you know of anyone with a local connection to the parish who has had to leave the area in the last 5 years, especially if housing was the main reason, please let them know about the survey.

The closing date for the survey is **Sunday 12th December 2021**. If you are unable to complete the survey online, then any completed hard copies should be placed in the boxes provided at the Thurlestone or Bantham Village Stores. All the information provided will be held securely by the Council and will not be passed on to any third parties or marketing organisations.

The results of the survey will be published on the parish website in due course. If you have any queries about the survey then please telephone South Hams District Council on (01822) 813722 or email affordable.housing@swdevon.gov.uk

Online survey form available at www.southhams.gov.uk/thurlestone-housing-needs

Paper version from Thurlestone & Bantham Village Stores or Parish Councillors

Closing date: Sunday 12th December 2021



ROSEMARY MACKAY 100 YEARS YOUNG



Thurlestone was pleased to welcome its resident of 37 years - Rosemary Mackay to the exclusive Centurion Club on November 10th. Rosemary celebrated with family flying in from Barcelona, Toronto, Vancouver and parts of England for a family party that was held at Thurlestone Golf club.

Rosemary was born Margaret Elizabeth Rosemary Lyon (because her mother liked the initials MERL!) in Erdington, Birmingham back in 1921. With her father's job as a factory inspector, they lived in many parts of the country, from Cardiff to Leeds, Ayr to Stourbridge. At every school holiday she looked forward to the long breaks being spent at the family home near Forfar, Angus. After school, she did a domestic science course in Edinburgh, where she met her future husband Bruce who was up there doing some training for the war. Bruce had gone into the family retail business in Leicester at the age of 14, after his father had died at a young age. So, after the war Rosemary moved down to live in Leicestershire where she stayed until 1984.



These years were spent bringing up 3 sons, teaching domestic science in Leicester City schools, as well as having an active social life and being a member of many clubs/organisations.

They moved down to Devon back in 1984 from their Leicestershire home, having always wanted to retire to somewhere near the sea and also a few degrees warmer! They settled on a house on the Mead Estate where they lived for some 14 years before Bruce died in 1998. Rosemary subsequently moved to her current flat - also on the Mead.

Rosemary threw herself into life in the South Hams when she first moved down making pates, flapjacks etc for a local Salcombe café. Bruce joined the Kingsbridge Lions club with Rosemary being active with the ladies section. Other clubs and associations have included the local Thurlestone Women's Institute, The Bridge Club in the Village Hall, the antiques society known as NADFAS. Her sporting prowess has been seen with the Thurlestone badminton & tennis groups who played at the Hotel. She finally gave up tennis in her late eighties, but still enjoys a game of bridge (and, often wins!).

Bess, the Black Labrador came to live with Rosemary and they both used to go on walks with the local Tramp walking club. Bess was often more interested in what food was on offer as is the case with most Labs!

She has thoroughly enjoyed her time in Thurlestone, exploring the countryside & making many friends along the way, sadly many no longer still with us, such is the downside of a long life, however she has many younger friends, who keep her young at heart!



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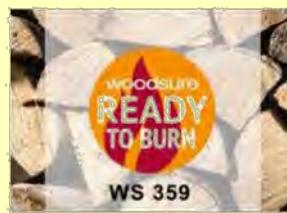
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Our Garden in November 2021

By Sue Dwyer

After a fortnight of gales with heavy rain November has arrived with calm weather, dry with sunshine, day time temperatures lower but as yet no night frosts.

A couple of the *sasanqua* variety of *camellias* originating from Japan and China, at the bottom of the garden are flowering. Many of this species have single flowers and some are perfumed. Usually, the flowers are smaller often single, rather than the eye stopping later flowering varieties. Another member of this group is *Camellia sinensis* grown in mountainous areas of the Far East to produce tea made from the top pair of young leaves which are picked by hand by women. On one of my walking holidays in distant places, I was most impressed whilst walking in West Bengal through a huge tea plantation, as far as the eye could see. In the middle there was a small open sided hut and here a couple of elderly local ladies were looking after babies up to about 1 year of age. This was so the mothers could come at regular intervals to breastfeed their babies whilst working picking the young leaves from the camellia bushes and throwing them back into their basket held in place by a colourful band over their head. Tea picking in South East Asia is a dangerous occupation because of the poisonous snakes attracted into the plantations. Incidentally, loose leaf tea is the only tea you should consider drinking (!). Tea bags contain the sweepings from the hut floors used to store the good loose leaf tea. First flush (leaves cut) is the best though second flush, cut later, has the benefit of the monsoon and grows faster and is supposed to taste stronger. When you add to the list third flush then tea tasting is as complex as wine tasting. The Tregothnan Estate near Truro planted *Camellia sinensis* in about 2000. Their tea plantation now has over 20,000 tea bushes and they produce several varieties of tea now here in the UK.

Their cousins *Camellia japonica* and *reticulata* have each produced many cultivars along with the *williamsii* group. All are bred as ornamental garden shrubs which flower later in the UK, from December to May. The flowers can be simple single blooms to very complex structures in many colours. Bees love the simpler flowers as they can access the nectar more easily.

This time of year in the garden is busy removing dead foliage and cutting plants down ready for mulch to cover them in case of a hard winter. Before the mulch is applied the beds have to be raked to remove debris and any perennial weed, clumps are divided up to remove the often dead centres. This invigorates the remains left of the plant, and you can replant part of the clumps elsewhere in the garden. Then the soil is lightly forked over. I do all this to most plants leaving some such as *penstemons* for the spring. Some people leave the whole job to the spring as this is supposed to be better for wildlife. I'm afraid I cannot bear to look at an untidy garden all winter, and I find it easier now as the bulbs are only just appearing in the borders. Also, the weather is warmer!

I really miss my Brown Bin!! We do compost as much as possible but there is always a residue which needs to be disposed of, plus hedging and rose prunings, which, because of some blackspot, should never be added to the compost heap.

Looking at the garden many *dahlias* are still in bloom as are various *salvias*, plus *kaffir lilies*, *alstromerias*, *Verbena bonariensis* and *gazanias*. A few *rudbeckias* have started to flower again probably because of the very warm temperatures we have had. Autumn *pansies* and *cyclamen* add colour, as well as an early flowering *hellebore* in the small woodland area at the bottom of the garden - this is *Helleborus niger*, the Christmas rose, which flowers every year. The flowers become more visible if the lower leaves are cut off so the flowers are more prominent. This applies to all hellebores when they come into flower. The hardy *geraniums* are still colourful and some sheltered *roses* are still producing a few blooms. The roses must be cut back

soon or else the strong winter gales rock the plants and disturb the root structure to their detriment.

I have taken annuals from the pots and planted a variety of bulbs. I saw Gardeners World a couple of weeks ago and this featured the national collection of *grape hyacinths*. I have always removed any in the garden as I find them so invasive. However, varieties were shown that apparently do not do this, plus now they come in various colours, and some are two toned and also fragrant. So, I have bought a few of a dark blue variety "Marlene" and wait to see the result.

In my last few articles I have written about *Cobaea scandens* which has covered an 8 foot fence since planting in June. This has wonderful purple flowers which the bees (and neighbours!) adore. Now there are a few huge seed heads hanging from the vine. I have collected some and am awaiting these to burst open with the seed which I read is very large.

The next few weeks will be busy cutting down and preparing for the mulch. The garden goes to sleep for a few weeks and then, about Christmas, the first *snowdrops* appear and I look forward to another year of sowing seed and spring bulbs flowering, followed by early perennials. In the garden I think there is about a two-monthly cycle in the borders. Photos taken every 8 weeks or so show a completely different picture depending on what is flowering at the time. I have managed to succeed in my aim, 40 years ago, to have colour throughout the year.

Please note June 26th 2022 when **Open Gardens** is happening after a four-year break. Please see the notice below and book the date in your diaries. All proceeds go to the Parish Hall. If you have a garden you are proud of and would like to participate, please contact me on 560648. The more local gardens the better and it is good fun!

Open Gardens 2022

The Parish Hall Committee are repeating the Open Garden afternoon on
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POSTBAG

Dear Editors.

Val Brown asks in the October-November Village Voice if anybody remembers the milking parlour behind the village shop; I certainly do!!

In the late 1950s, probably later than the time to which Val Brown refers, I filled in for the two milkmen Raymond Jeffery and Michael Robins when they went on leave. Jack Broad's herd which consisted of South Devons and Friesians which were milked by Fred Watts with a milking machine were on the left of the yard, and the Thurlestone Hotel herd of Jersey cows were milked by Roger Jackman and Johnny Batchelor on the right. Milk from both herds was tipped into the cooler from where I then bottled it into narrow topped bottles with plastic pressed on tops.

The crates of milk were then put into the boot of Jack Broad's Austin A60 car and our first delivery was to the Old Lea Side where Vivien Marshall would leave out the tea pot and milk for our first cup of tea. We then went on to Ilbert Road which at that time only went as far as Upper Goosewell, Warren Road only went as far as Edens, and Eddystone Road didn't exist at all. After we had finished the whole round, I would come back to Lower Goosewell for breakfast on one of the farm vehicles, usually the tractor. After breakfast there would be a variety of jobs. Sometimes delivering coal in the van that Jack Broad had used that morning to deliver milk to Cross Park or sometimes take a tractor and trailer to Shute Farm in South Milton which Jack Broad also owned. This involved going via Kerse Lane because the normal route on the road which was on the seaward side of the Links Hotel had a two-ton weight restriction which the tractor and trailer exceeded. We would then probably take a load of sugar beet to Kingsbridge Railway Station where a railway wagon would be waiting in the loading bay platform.

On one occasion I delivered coal to a couple who when they first moved into the village were very surprised to find the coalman having a drink in the Golf Club the following Sunday when they went to join the club. They wondered what sort of village they had moved into!!

I was in good company because Kit Marshall had done exactly the same thing the previous year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Stanier.

Dear Editors

I'd like to give a word of praise for the much maligned Derriford Hospital. Recently I had to wait many hours in A&E after a painful fall. When I finally saw a doctor, she was efficient and compassionate. Realising I hadn't eaten, she went off and brought me a cup of tea and some sandwiches. I was discharged at 3a.m. with no money and no phone. This thoughtful doctor sent me home in a taxi. Thank you to the wonderful staff in A&E.

Maureen Baker

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 January 2022. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgwonthenet@themead.co.uk

NINE LETTER WORD CHALLENGE

The answers to the clues can be found by combining 3 groups of 3 letters from the grid. When complete, 3 groups of letters should remain. Arrange these to make another 9 letter word.

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1. Not faultless
2. Catastrophes
3. N. Yorkshire Spa town
4. A sweet, creamy treat
5. Emergency vehicle
6. Protective wrapping for goods
7. Snappy creature
8. Not feminine or neuter
9. A scary time of year
10. School science subject
11. A letter that is not a vowel
12. Bill, Donald or Dwight for example
13. Samuel Taylor Coleridge's sea bird
14. Causes joint pain
15. Fast food from Germany?
16. Curved swords
17. String-like pasta
18. Eg Gaudi, Frank Lloyd Wright
19. Quirky, unusual person
20. Talented story teller
21. (REMAINING WORD)

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

1. Madeira
2. Canaries
3. Acapulco
4. Majorca
5. Portugal
6. Skegness
7. Turkey
8. Marrakesh
9. Miami
10. Rio
11. Malta
12. Nice
13. Benidorm
14. Newquay
15. Tenby
16. Morecambe
17. Los Angeles
18. Jamaica
19. Lanzarote
20. Cannes
21. Rome
22. Menorca
23. Brighton
24. Orlando
25. Rhodes
26. Weston-super-Mare
27. St Michael's Mount
28. Lyme Regis
29. Bali
30. Disneyland

There was only 1 all-correct answer last month. The winner of the coveted bottle of wine is Dave Hayward

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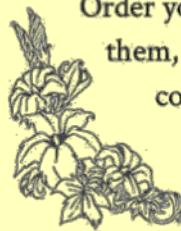
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Farming Diary

October 2021

October started with a very special birthday for Terawhiti. Martin turned 21 again (and again plus 8). We were able to enjoy an evening at the Village Inn to celebrate. It was lovely for Martin to be able to spend time with those he knows the most at such a busy time.

Talking of busy; the pumpkin weekends... what great weekends they were. The first thing to say is that Terawhiti must have been full of the righteous because the sun certainly shone. To hold the event on the best weekends during October felt very lucky, especially, as last year also heralded warm weather. The effort that Terawhiti put into holding those days was clear to see. The gazebos were decorated for Halloween, and a witch (who clearly takes a long time to look so scary) joined the proceedings to help serve. There was veg galore including purple cauliflower, romanesco, rainbow chard, savoy, kale, celeriac and of course their cauliflower. The displays of food looked beautiful.

There was also a rack of brand new, young children's Halloween costumes. These were donated by Tesco to sell at the weekends, the purpose being, to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West.

Rose Farm were there again with their hog roast. The first weekend was steady for them but on the second weekend they just did not stop, as people queued up to enjoy their food.

Along with the patch and the hog roast were the new, accidental, additions of the hay bales. We're not sure what it is about children and hay bales, but they just love climbing on them. It made it quite the day out.

But where did it all start? When they first grew pumpkin, they started with 50 plants. This number increased gradually as the wholesalers and local shops wanted more. Then in 2018, another local company around at the time suggested doing a pumpkin patch day. It was to be an event which had stalls and entertainment for the children. Unfortunately, Storm Brian had other ideas and blew that idea out of the water. However, despite the weather Terawhiti stayed open for people to pop in and grab a pumpkin. As the wind raged, the people kept literally blowing into the field and the day was surprisingly popular. So, the pumpkin day was born.

So, how do Terawhiti grow the pumpkins? Well, they're grown from seed - a simple job when it was 50 plants, a little lengthier when 10,000 were grown this year! But there still wasn't much to harvest for the wholesalers after both weekends. They sow the seeds in May and plant them in June, then during August and September the pumpkins turn from green to orange and by the end of September are ready to harvest. The majority of them will sit, quite happily, in the patch for several weeks waiting to be harvested. Some will rot and it is expected they will lose a proportion of what is grown, but that is one of the perils of farming and the amount does vary from year to year. The pumpkin days are held early in October, because once the remainder are collected and graded for the wholesalers and local shops, it gives them a chance to sell them before Halloween too.

November 2021

Alongside the pumpkins and continuing after they were done, the cauli season really kicked off. You may have seen the tractor going back and forth from Thurlestone as they are picked from the field there. The cauli are planted with the idea there is a steady stream of them leaving the farm. But this all depends on the weather - from when they are planted and during their growth. You may recall that when they first started planting, it went from not having enough rain to there being too much rain so plantings were delayed. Depending on what you plant at the time, some take a while to grow because the weather conditions aren't quite right and then the following one growing quickly because it has the perfect weather conditions and so on. This pattern would result in having a large number come in at once, which increases the risk of losing some and then having a gap whilst you are waiting for another to catch up. Even the best laid plans in farming can be thwarted so easily by the weather.

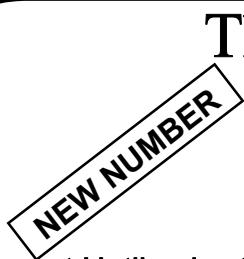
The tenderstem were still going and the kale and rainbow chard was really picking up. All the stems and leaves of these are picked individually by hand.

Another veg that really starts to come in around this time is the celeriac. At this point there are too many to be digging up with a fork, although they started this season that way, which made sense for the few orders here and there. When they first started growing celeriac - on the advice of the wholesaler, as no one else grew it in the area – they started with 3000 plants. That was an awful lot to dig up with a fork but that's just what they did. Thankfully as demand increased Terawhiti invested in an old potato harvester from Jersey, which is attached to the tractor and it digs up the celeriac for you. As it goes round the machine it takes some of the mud, therefore making it easier to trim the leaves and roots off. For such a big machine, it can be a little sensitive, so getting rid of those stinging nettles was vital so as not to clog the machine. The celeriac are also topped before the machine arrives to take as much leaf off as possible. It can be quite fast so it gets the adrenalin going and is a job they all enjoy, although you must be safe and concentrate whilst on the machine. You may wonder how many celeriac were planted this year, well, a slight increase from 3000 to 50,000. Yes, you are reading that right, it really does say 50,000 as in a 47,000 increase. It is a great veg though.

The sprouts are almost ready to harvest, which can only mean one thing; Christmas is coming. More proof of that is the advertisement for the Terawhiti veg boxes, which are collected on the 23rd December ready for the big day. But if you really want solid proof that Christmas is almost here, then it has to be the trees. Coming to the polytunnels from Dartmoor, all freshly cut for us on the 27th November. The smell is glorious and the hunt for the perfect tree is always so much fun. You can book your veg boxes there but bring a little extra cash for the cards and homemade trinkets also for sale on behalf of a couple of local people. Christmas is always an extremely busy time of year but it's such a pleasure to see the excitement and joy on people's faces as they choose their trees. So, when will you be getting yours?

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Natasha Baldwin



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PARISH HALL NEWS

By Alison Daily (Secretary)

As we enter the festive season, I'm glad to say we are in a better position than last year when the hall was hardly used. Even though no events have been staged it is buzzing with activity from all the classes and clubs, it is wonderful having them back. We even hosted a couple of weddings and a charity Christmas Fair. The hall will also be taking part in the **Thurlestone Illuminations** again this year, which is great fun, so don't forget to pop by on your round.



2022 will hopefully be even busier, starting off with a concert by the violinist **Tim Kliphuis** who makes a return visit on Saturday 15th January, full details can be found in this edition. This has always proved a very popular event and we look forward to seeing as many of you as social distancing allows, so book early to avoid disappointment. **Open Gardens** will also make a welcome return on Sunday 26th June; let's make it bigger and better than before and keep our fingers crossed for the weather. More events are currently in the planning stage so watch this space.

We are extremely grateful to **Lynsey Sizer** who has agreed to be our **FaceBook** manager to help us reach a wider audience than we do currently. Her expertise will be invaluable in achieving this aim and she has been busy in the last few weeks gathering videos and information in order to set this up for us, so a huge thank you Lynsey. The page will be up and running very soon, look out for us then do come and say hello and share the page so everyone knows we're here - you may be pleasantly surprised.

On behalf of all the committee I would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy New Year**- hope to see you sometime during the year.

Continuing an insight into groups who use the hall this time it is the turn of - **Table Tennis**. When the new hall was built in 2005 a table tennis table was purchased as part of the sports equipment. The Youth Club played in the Yeo room between 2005-08, but when the club folded in 2008 due to lack of members, the table was banished to the store-room. To try and utilise it once again Robin Macdonald wrote the following item in the Village Voice News Round-up in October 2008.

"With the demise of the Youth Club, there is a first class Table Tennis table standing idle in the Parish Hall store-room. There is therefore an opportunity now for older Thurlestone to come to the fore. A pensioners preliminary Ping-Pong knock-up will therefore be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 5pm, to which all old-timers are welcome to come along and turn back the clock. There must be quite a few pensioners out there who can still Ping a bit. Who knows? There may be enough to warrant a regular Hall booking. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited".

Eight turned up for an hour session and it was decided to continue on a regular basis on Wednesday afternoons and since then has been a consistent and regular hall booking. When the attendance levels increased from the original regulars to a total of fourteen, the options of an extra weekly session, or a second table were considered. The Parish Hall committee was approached to fund the purchase of a new, second table at a cost of £400. This was approved and the new table arrived in January 2013. With the acquisition of a second table a move into the main hall was made. After a fall in numbers for the afternoon class Paul Ferguson suggested the remaining members join him on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. The club operates on a casual pay-as-you-play basis although attendance varies from week to week. Visitors and new members are always welcome - with or without experience, all equipment is provided. If you would like to join them on a Thursday between 7.30 and 9.00 at a cost of £3 per session please contact **Paul Ferguson - Tel: 07866 802800**

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The Alvington Singers are pleased to be back rehearsing in person this term and have prepared a delightful programme of Christmas music, readings and Carols for all at their Christmas concert under the expert guidance of new Musical Director, Matthew Searles. The concert will be in Salcombe Church on 15th December at 7:30. Tickets are available in advance from choir members or on the door for £10 each and the choir is supporting the Kingsbridge Community Sponsorship Group this year.

In January the choir will start preparing for its summer concerts including singing in Buckfast Abbey on 18th June. Although numbers are deliberately capped so that the choir can sing in smaller venues, keen singers who would like to join, especially tenors and basses, can contact Liz Coates on 01548 562295 for more information.

Bolberry Down parkrun has now become a popular and regular fixture for locals and tourists on a Saturday morning. The events, run entirely by volunteers, happen every week at 9am and participants jog or walk around a beautiful 5 km (3.1 mile) course. The parkrun represents a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit, and everyone supports each other. Currently about 80 – 100 participants arrive each week, some with children in buggies, dogs on leads and different generations of the same family. Some come to challenge themselves against the clock, for others the challenge is just completing the course.

Local lady, Karen, summed up the parkrun ethos perfectly: *"Last Saturday (the day after I turned 52) I finally made it to the stunningly beautiful Bolberry Down parkrun where I recorded my fastest time ever. But what is most worth noting is the progression I have made since my first ever parkrun back in February 2018 which I jogged/walked with my then 7-year-old daughter who kept asking why I had to keep stopping! Honestly? It's because I couldn't breathe & my legs wouldn't work!"*

The 2nd time I did it by myself & because I didn't have a tiny bossy human nagging at me to go faster this time, I was even worse & I admit I felt disheartened by the whole thing. This is where I had a choice.

Write it all off as a ridiculous idea, carry on with the sedentary lifestyle, reward myself after a busy day with booze & the occasional ciggie, or keep trying.

The thing with parkrun is that it's inclusive & friendly & there are wonderful people who volunteer to cheer you on. You always have a sense of achievement (or relief) when you finish & it doesn't matter if you aren't sporty or fit, if you are slow or have to walk, the main thing is you are getting outside in nature, moving your body and releasing those happy hormones."

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Autumn Brings A Welcome Return To The School Routine



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Well, what a relief to see the children returning to a school routine that has been restored to near normal! The autumn term has been a pleasure of familiar comings and goings at the school, from playground pick ups, after-school sports clubs and whole school praise assemblies to the much-missed fundraising Friday Cake Stall!

The children also returned to the church with the Harvest Festival which was the first time the whole school was able to assemble at church since the pandemic. The Rector, Daniel, led the service and many of the children had the opportunity to share their wonderful poetry, prayers and artwork. There was also a collection and a vast amount of food was donated to Kingsbridge Food Bank. November brought the children back for a Remembrance Service of readings and prayers.

There has been evidence of the children's guardianship of our community's beautiful coastline in the large footprint-shaped signs which appeared at the entrances to several of our beaches before the summer holidays. In partnership with Thurlestone Golf Club, these were designed and painted by the children to remind visitors to help keep Devon beautiful and take their rubbish home with them! They will be stored through the winter and reappear in the spring to continue their good work.

The older children in Sedgewell Cove, Butter Cove and Bantham classes wanted to give something back to the community and play a wider part in society and so decided to gather with their parents for a beach clean at Leasfoot. A large pile of rubbish was collected and the beach was definitely looking spick and span when they left it! Look out for the younger children of Yarmer and Leasfoot classes who will be returning to spruce up the beach with another clean before Christmas!

The younger children could also be spotted in November walking through the village on the trail of key features and landmarks. As part of their Geography learning, they then used their observations to create their very own maps of Thurlestone village.

This autumn really has been full of wonderful opportunities for the children. The older ones took part in a virtual poetry session with none other than world famous children's poet Michael Rosen! They were treated to lots of his classics, such as No Breathing in Class, Words Are Ours and Hot Food. The children were captivated by his fantastic, animated performances and had lots of questions for him. After the session they were inspired to write their own poems to celebrate National Poetry Day 2021.

Looking ahead into December, there are many of the usual favourite fundraisers organised by the FTS, including the Christmas Fayre on 3rd December 3pm-6pm at The Village Hall. There will be festive fun and mince pies a plenty, so please bring friends and family to enjoy the stalls, the crafts and the sweetie and wine tombolas!

And finally, a new favourite is also returning this festive season. It's with great pleasure that we can announce that the Thurlestone Illuminations will once again light up our streets and bring Christmas cheer to all! Open to the whole community, this is an opportunity to brighten up the darkest days of the year, so if you would like to take part please contact thurlestoneilluminations@gmail.com.

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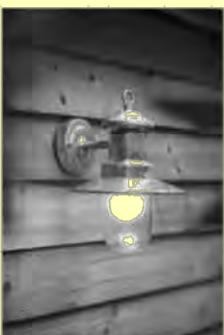


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Christmas Message of Hope

Christmas means many things to many people. For some it is filled with religious meaning. For others it is a family time. For others it is simply a moment of light in the midst of winter darkness. For me it is all of these things, plus more. But, at its heart, for me it is a time of hope. It is a time when I am reminded that God did not give up on his broken and fragile world. Instead of sending judgement and condemnation, God sent hope.

The message of hope is always relevant. But today I feel that it is more relevant than ever. With Covid, with climate change, with economic uncertainty and with so many other challenges, it is tempting to give up on hope. And yet it precisely because of these monumental challenges that we need to be renewed in hope. What's the point of hope if we only have it during the good times? Surely hope comes into its own in the times of despair. Will 2022 be better than 2021? I don't know. But one thing that I do know for certain is that if we do not have hope, then all things will fall away.

So may this Christmas be a time of joy, a time of awe and a time of peace. But, most of all, may it be a time of hope.

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2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

8.00am Holy Communion (said) (2nd: BCP ; 4th: CW)

DEC. 5TH, 19TH, JAN. 2ND, 16TH

11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW)

DEC. 12TH, JAN. 9TH, 23RD

11.10am Morning Worship

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 22ND**



6.00pm Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Collection for *Children in Distress*

CHRISTMAS EVE

10.30pm First Communion of Christmas (CW)

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.10am Christmas Family Service followed by
shortened Holy Communion (CW)

JANUARY 30TH

11.00am Benefice Covenant Service (venue unknown!)

Regular Midweek Services

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10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (said)

THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH

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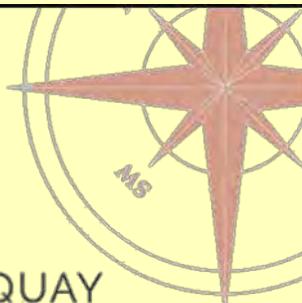
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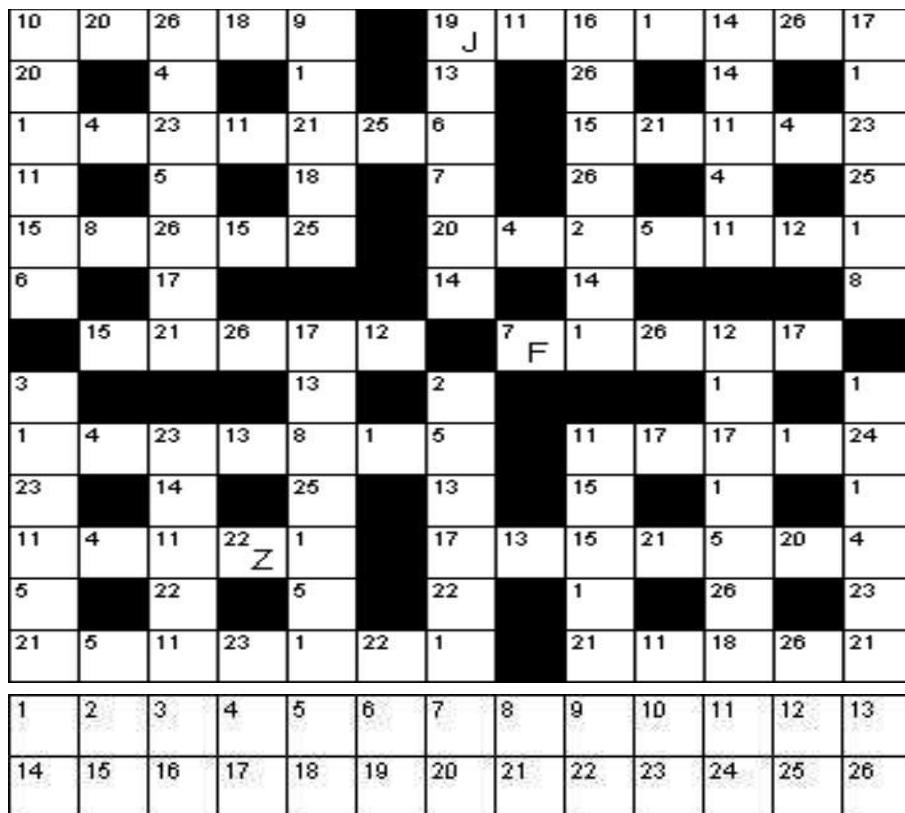
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There were 8 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the coveted bottle of wine is Vera Pailthorpe. Commiserations to Neill Irwin, Pauline Lonsdale, Dave Gibby, Susan Penwell, Dave Hayward, David & Mary Horne and Lindy Price.



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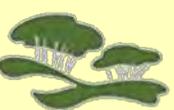
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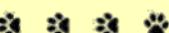
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Whatever happened to autumn? We seem to have rushed through from summer to Yuletide and already talking holly and wondering where on earth we put the Christmas lights. The good news is that having missed out last year we will be re-staging the popular Carols on the Green. Full details can be found on a different page, but please be sure to put Monday 13th December 4.30pm in your diaries and start lubricating the vocal cords. Loads of fun for all ages.

Courtesy of the Parish Council, the area around the Phonebox has been tidied up and hopefully muddy shoes will be a thing of the past. The good citizens of Furzey Close have also just done a grand job clearing up mountains of dead leaves.

It's probably a good moment to thank the Phonebox helpers for their sterling work throughout the year, adding moments of joy to all and sundry during these unusual times.

Look forward to seeing you on the Monday 13th December.

Hoping you have a fabulous Christmas season with mistletoe bursting with berries. All best wishes for 2022 with loads of reading courtesy of your Phonebox Library.



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THURLESTONE BAY BIRDS AUTUMN 2021

The Autumn period leading into early November is always an interesting period - during September a total of 117 species were recorded and in October 112 species, for the first 7 days in November the total is 91.

At the end of September a *LITTLE GULL* was found on South Huish Marsh, usually these are just one day birds - obviously liked the Marsh as it stayed until 5th October. On Sunday 26th October a *SPOTTED CRAKE* found on the Marsh - a most elusive bird spending most of its time hidden in the reeds it was only glimpsed on 4 occasions and once the next day.

The first site record since August 2005.

Whilst watching the *CRAKE* a wader landed on an area of mud, another juvenile *PECTORAL SANDPIPER* - on Friday 5th November yet another was found feeding on the fringe of the pool by the overflow Car Park. These birds breed in the far north of North America to record 3 at the same site this Autumn is unprecedented - photographs confirmed they were different birds.

There were only two other sightings of birds in Devon this Autumn.

On 11th October a *GREAT WHITE EGRET* was found at the side of the pool at South Milton Ley. Although they are increasingly recorded on the Somerset levels and Exe Estuary we still only have 1 or 2 records a year. This bird was also seen on South Efford Marsh at Aveton Gifford whilst the only Autumn sighting of *OSPREY* was along the tidal road. South Efford Marsh also produced the first *GLOSSY IBIS* of the year on the morning of 14th September.

In the Bay there were some very good days for sea-watching records particularly *GANNET* with 995 moving west in less than two hours on 4th October and 850 in a feeding flock on the 29th - a superb sight watching then diving to feed on a shoal of Mackerel.

The last *BALEARIC SHEARWATERS* were watched flying west with 6 on the 27th October. First sightings of *GREAT NORTHERN DIVER* were 3 on 4th November, the same morning that 2 *BRENT GOOSE* were in the Bay.

Some impressive counts of *GULLS* in the Bay - 5th October over 4000 *HERRING GULL*, 500 *BLACK HEADED GULL*, on 29th and 31st October a total of 1540 *KITTIWAKE* logged flying east, normally we would only expect up to 200.

During late September and October you may have seen me standing with my telescope at the side of the Golf Course just up from the Church - the high ground there gives me the opportunity to carry out visible migration counts - on the 6th October 127 *GOLDFINCH*, 6 *SISKIN* and 93 *PIED WAGTAIL*, whilst on the 11th 152 *PIED WAGTAIL*, 205 *MEADOW PIPIT*. On 29th and 31st October a total of 1540 *KITTIWAKE* logged flying east - normally we would only expect up to 200.

Two other sightings are worthy of mention -

On 6th October I watched a *QUAIL* moving through some scrub on the Golf Course a new patch record for me and on 13th October a beautiful adult *HONEY BUZZARD* soared over the Golf Course, only my third record in over 20 years.

Another milestone occurred on 9th November when a *DESERT WHEATEAR* was found on Leasfoot Beach - this is a rare visitor to the UK with only one other recorded this year. Ironically this is the second record for this species on Leasfoot Beach - I also found that on the 8th November 2015.



Spotted Crake

Finally I must end on a disappointing note - most years cold and clear early November mornings result in migration of *WOOD PIGEON* - flying south high in the sky. Best years have seen daily counts in excess of 35,000 with single flocks of more than 5,000, a spectacular sight. This year my highest count was only 1100 on 2nd November followed by 660 on 4th.

So far this year 194 different species have been recorded on the local patch giving you some idea of the fantastic habitat we have that attracts such a range of different species.

Mike Passman Thurlestone Bay Birds.

THURLESTONE MOTHS

With some mild nights in early October the moths continued to visit my garden - 101 on 7th, 145 on 8th, 132 on 9th, 145 on 10th reducing to 50 on 13th and 19 on 27th. By comparison, colder nights in early November saw only 7 on 6th and 13 on 7th.

Some of the more interesting moths have been -

CONVOLVULUS HAWK - 1 on 1st October and 2 on 3rd October - taking the total this autumn to 4 for this large immigrant moth.

RADFORD FLAME SHOULDER - another immigrant moth usually quite scarce, this year the first was on 4th October - followed by 1 on 10th, 2 on 11th, 2 on 14th and 1 on 26th.

GREEN BRINDLED CRESCENT - first recorded on 6th October - very much an autumn moth.

WHITE SPECK - Another immigrant moth that is scarce in Devon, 1 caught on 7th October with another on 7th November.

AUTUMNAL RUSTIC - as the name implies only found in the autumn, so far only 1 recorded on 10th October.

DARK CHESTNUT - A rich dark chocolate brown moth - first garden record on 10th October, a second caught on 7th November.

BRINDLED OCHRE - A scarce Devon moth - only 1 recorded in my garden on 25th October.

BLOXWORTH SNOUT - what a name - A rare Devon Moth - breeds along rocky coastline - only Devon record this year on my house wall on 1st November.

In October the numbers of *LARGE WAINSCOT* were exceptional with 362 recorded - with day catches of 54 on 8th, 53 on 9th and 53 on 10th. This is a moth that likes damp (not wet) reed-beds and ditches, ideal habitat found in Thurlestone Marsh.

So far this year 353 different species have been recorded.

Photographs of the more unusual moths can be found in my web site - thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk under the heading Moth Photos.

Not expecting anything unusual for the rest of this year - will only be putting the traps out on milder nights.

Mike Passman Thurlestone Moths.



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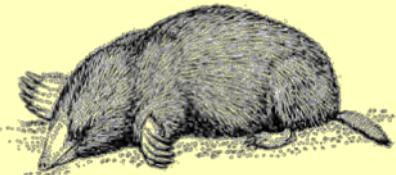
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Thurlestone Golf Club goes green



Thurlestone Golf Club is responsible for a large area of land (300 acres) in Thurlestone and is one of the largest employers in the parish. Over the last few months Thurlestone Golf Club has been looking at ways it can further reduce its carbon footprint and increase its biodiversity. These goals have been given added momentum following the recent COP26 conference that has made us all more aware of looking after our local environment.

So far TGC has...

- Renegotiated its refuse collection contract so that more waste is recycled
- Partnered with Till the Coast is Clear to install new plastic only waste collection bins at Leasfoot and Yarmer beaches
- Worked with the children at Thurlestone Primary school to design, paint and install new signs for beaches at South Milton Sands, Leasfoot and Yarmer – Beach Feet
- In conjunction with Sustainable Malborough and South Huish, TGC has hosted several beach cleans at Leasfoot and Yarmer, latest one held on 6 November
- Cleared several areas on the golf course that were previously grassed over to allow native species to grow and plant other local species that are more friendly to insects, including some gorse and wildflowers
- Moved to using fertilizers based on natural sustainable products
- Spoken with several other golf clubs and their governing bodies to find out what others are doing to reduce their carbon footprint and increase biodiversity

In addition, during the coming months TGC hopes to be looking at the following:

- Reducing the use of single use plastic water bottles
- Phasing out the use of plastic golf tees and using wooden / bamboo tees
- Making further improvements to recycling, including more water recycling by the greenstaff
- Trialling battery/electric hand tools and machines rather than diesel/petrol versions
- Purchasing recycled course furniture and hazard markers that are mainly made of recycled plastic bottles and recycled farmers silage wrap
- Installing Electric Vehicle charging points for members and non-members
- Carrying out a sustainability audit to better understand the opportunities to further reduce their carbon footprint and increase biodiversity

If you would like to find out more about the work TGC has been doing, or get involved in other local environment projects, please contact Tony Adams, tonygadams@googlemail.com or call on 07590 426888.

Best wishes

TGC

Weather Wag

I began the last Weather Wag notes with, 'Today, 14th September, is yet another lovely day- sunny, dry and no wind.' Today, 17th November, is exactly the same, maybe a little cooler but the sun is shining, it is calm and altogether it is an idyllic day.

Usually at this time of the year there are gales, heavy seas, rain and the temperature is falling away sharply. I am, along with many of you I guess, relieved to see the sun and experience the calm but as the saying goes; 'calm before the storm'. There really isn't a storm in the offing, for which I am eternally thankful. However, it has not always been true. I can think of many a day like today with the following days wet and windy, and like now, in winter, it is cold and unpleasant to say the least. NE blast for the weekend!!

This last comment is borne out in my book 'The Wrong Kind of Snow' for 23rd and 24th November gives a catalogue of storms and mishaps both at sea and on land.

(I have just watched the headlines on the lunch-time news.) The situation in Western Canada is devastating. Floods and snow have caused huge problems for the population. Many have had to leave their homes as waters have risen to flood them out. I am reminded how lucky I (and you) are to live in this equable area on the western edge of Europe.

The rainfall in October was quite meagre at 83mm, about half the usual amount for us. Most of it fell in the first 5 days of the month. Thereafter the days were dry and calm until the last week when another 33mm fell on two days. The weekend of 8th-11th was warmer than average with the top temperature at 23C. There has been just one frosty morning, so long may it last as the days get shorter and shorter for just another 5 weeks. November promises to be a rather dry month unless the heavens open in the next two weeks or so. Today the weather is fantastic, calm, sunny and warm, just the day for a spot of clearing up in the garden, which I am about to do. The main lawn was cut two days ago and now the flower beds and veg patch need to be cleared. I feel that Wallflowers and some bulbs need to meet up with the earth which feeds them.

As the winter closes in, I hope that those seeking thrills or just experience on the remote highland areas will obey all the rules and take all the advice that they can in order to stay safe. There have been some real tragedies related to 'fun' on our highlands. The one I read about in the 'Wrong Kind of Snow' took place in the Cairngorm Mountains in 1971. A group of school children, 6 in total, and two teachers were caught out in a blizzard. One teacher went for help but was too late, a helicopter eventually found the group; all but one child had died. She was lifted out and since then it is mandatory for groups to leave a plan of their route, take radios and many other safety effects like survival bags, lightweight spades and survival rations. I'm sure more is required of present-day precautions. Nearer to home we only need to think about the Ten Tors disaster of only a few years ago to appreciate the consequences of inclement weather on remote highlands,

On that note I hope that December and early January will be kind to us even if it is the sort if weather that we expect in the winter months. Look out for the superb sunsets and the bright starry skies that occur at this time of the year. Why is it that the stars look brighter in the winter months?

Take care, and keep weather watching.

Jan Turner





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KINGSBRIDGE AREA FOODBANK. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT. AGM OCTOBER 2121.

For the past year we have continued to operate from the Avon Centre, Wallingford Road. Our very dedicated team of front-line officers and volunteers, efficiently and energetically led by Gerrie, Paula and Jackie, have worked wonders, regularly and reliably preparing and sending out packages of food and other items to a host of clients around the district. The team at the Avon Centre work with amazing thoroughness and attention to detail – sorting, storing, dividing items into small packs, labelling – all necessary before assembling the final packages. And we should note the recent enhanced use of leftovers for cooked and packaged meals.

Client numbers have increased and remained high. Last week, 151 food parcels were delivered, providing for more than 400 individuals. While some have ceased to need our help, others have come on to the list as their circumstances have worsened. With the recent reduction in benefits in Universal Credit and the end of COVID furlough, we anticipate increasing demand in the near future.

All this has required a significant number of volunteer drivers to deliver the items to clients' homes, as this continues to be the only way we now get goods to clients. While there is still the danger of infection with COVID, clients do not yet come to us to collect their packages. We recognize the drivers' dedication, and are immensely grateful for their very significant efforts.

We are also very grateful for the continued practical support of shoppers at Tesco and Morrisons, of churches and other groups, and of local shops and businesses. In the year, arrangements were made for major deliveries of items from Morrisons Wholesale and local bulk suppliers directly to the Avon Centre. The foodbank has had to purchase these items, at large overall cost, hence the need for significant financial donations and grants.

In addition to the regular weekly package supply, the usual special effort was made last Christmas to provide extra, seasonal items. Over 200 normal packages were delivered along with special Christmas Present hampers. Also, clients and others were made aware of available help in the school holidays when free school lunches were not supplied.

We have continued to be involved in offering non-food items. There are donated white goods and items of furniture at the centre ready for clients with relevant needs. We have become involved in obtaining and offering school uniforms - new, as well as second hand clothing. In the summer we cooperated with and helped implement DCC's HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme.

Various social issues and critical needs of clients have come to the fore, into which we (principally Gerrie) have been trying to meet – issues which other groups and agencies have not been dealing with adequately (perhaps because of lockdown problems). We are seeking, through the local Caring Alliance, to discuss this situation with other voluntary groups. There was an attempt by the CAB to offer remote (Zoom) contact at the Avon Centre when our volunteers were present, but little came of that. We also had some funding for counselling support for clients in need of such help.

Our website has been improved and updated – please see what it looks like.

Overall, it has been a demanding year, not without its worries - not least concerning premises and the necessary means to keep going – and all those who have worked so hard and borne most of the burden deserve immense thanks and congratulations.

We must keep at it, support one another to the hilt, and seek to care effectively for our community and our neighbours in need.

Roger Tyler, Chair of the Trustees

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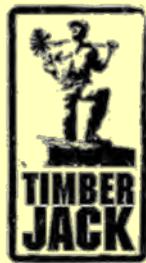
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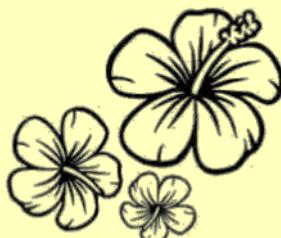
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WI NEWS



For our October meeting the afternoon's entertainment, "Music Halls with Audience Participation", was given by Marilyn Bishop. She presented an illustrated history starting with the troubadours and minstrels. In the 18th and 19th centuries an evening at the Music Hall made a great night out; there were many Halls particularly in London and the audiences sat at little tables where they could eat, drink, and be very merry and throw things at the players, which they often did. We sang several songs from World War 1. Marilyn helpfully had the words on screen and the accompanying music. We don't know what we sounded like but it was fun.

"We don't know what we sounded like but it was fun"

Our November meeting started with a floral demonstration by member Alice Foster. Alice showed us 5 very different arrangements which she made look very easy, nearly all with lovely flowers from her garden. Not only were we in awe of how quickly and easily she put these arrangements together but we could not believe how many flowers were available in her garden.

We then celebrated Rosemary Mackay's 100th birthday with bubbles and lemon drizzle cake made by Joan Booth and she was presented with a WI Centenary mug. Rosemary was in fine form and as the birthday girl she was given Alice's beautiful arrangement of deep red roses. Tea was served by Mary Tregellis and Jo Parkin and the sandwiches and fruit loaf were much appreciated.

10 DECEMBER (Friday) - Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club.

13 JANUARY - Alice Henderson - An Antarctic Adventure

10 FEBRUARY - Anita Nowinska (artist) - Blooming Inspiration - anything is possible in later years.

10 MARCH - Ali Soper - Mosaics - A demonstration followed by a hands on session making your own mosaic tile.

We have been considering the possibility of forming an evening group to enable women who work or have young children to join us. At present they are more often than not unable to come to our afternoon meetings. If you read this article and you would be interested in joining an evening group please get in touch because we need to know you are out there.

"considering the possibility of forming an evening group"

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Sally Martin
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| Wednesday 1 | Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm |
| Thursday 2,3,4 | Salcombe Players present "Christmas Cracker - Deja Revue" at Cliff House, Salcombe 7.30pm |
| Friday 10 - 31 | Thurlestone Illuminations |
| Saturday 4 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am - 1pm |
| Saturday 4 | Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas 10am to 5pm |
| Saturday 4 | St Nicks Christmas Fair Kingsbridge Community College 11.30am - 2.30pm |
| Monday 6 | TRAMP - Aveton Gifford to Chantry and back 6 miles Linda Chilcott |
| Monday 6 | Parish Council Meeting, Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Friday 10 | WI Christmas Lunch at Thurlestone Golf Club 12.30pm for 1pm |
| Monday 13 | Thurlestone Community Carols on the Green by the War Memorial 4.30pm |
| Tuesday 14 | Kingsbridge Probus Club festive lunch at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove |
| Wednesday 15 | Alvington Singers in concert at Salcombe Parish Church 7.30pm |
| Thursday 16 | TRAMP - Christmas Walk and lunch |
| Saturday 18 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am - 1pm |
| Saturday 25 | Christmas Day |
| Sunday 26 | Boxing Day |
| Monday 26 | Bank Holiday (for Christmas Day) |
| Tuesday 27 | Bank Holiday (for Boxing Day) |

January

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| Saturday 8 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am - 1pm |
| Monday 10 | Parish Council meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 12 | TRAMP - Ashby's Salcombe Circuit - Trisha Wilson |
| Thursday 13 | WI 2pm for 2.30pm start Thurlestone Parish Hall - Alice Henderson - An Antarctic Adventure |
| Saturday 15 | Tim Kliphuis in concert at Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 18 | Kingsbridge Probus Club at Mill Club Kingsbridge 10.30am - "Chemicals are Good for You" with Dr David Taylor |
| Wed. 19 - 23 | MAD Kids Group presents "The Wizard of Oz" Malborough Village Hall 7.30pm (Saturday matinee 2pm) |
| Saturday 22 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am - 1pm |
| Wednesday 26 | Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall 2pm for 2.30pm (and on Zoom) - The Opera Singer Phenomenon "How do they make that noise?" |
| Monday 31 | TRAMP - West Alvington Circular, 4.75 miles - Annie Lukehurst |

February

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| Monday 7 | Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Thursday 10 | WI 2pm fpr 2.30pm start Thurlestone Parish Hall - Anita Nowinska (Artist) - Blooming Inspiration - anything is possible in later years |
| Thursday 10 | The Great Thurlestone Quiz Night in Thurlestone Parish Hall |

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TRAMP REPORT

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

I am delighted to advise that TRAMPING is back to normality after our curtailed programme during the pandemic. Numbers on each walk vary considerably but that, I think, is all about choice and availability and no longer Covid regulated. The eight walk reports show the continued variation that we achieve in our walks.

September 15th, Noss Mayo & Lady Baring's Carriageway – Eric & Liz Candy

On a sunny autumn morning we gathered at our meeting point in the Noss Mayo Tennis Court Car Park. This car park was even fuller than last year but fortunately just enough space for those needing to park cars. Six people and four dogs set off on the walk.

The walk has the advantage that the main climb of the walk is at the beginning. This is the walk up the wide track Hannaford Road past Brooking's Downs Wood into rolling open countryside. Turning left at the top of the climb we walked east on the Worswell Farm access road and turning right into the National Trust Warren car park. The southbound track from the car park led us through a gate to join up with the South West Coast Path, which also runs west along part of Lady Baring's Carriageway. Lady Baring's Carriageway is a nine-mile drive that was built by the banker Charles Baring, the First Lord Revelstoke, so that visitors to the estate could admire the beautiful coastal views from their carriages. We walked west past Warren Cottage and along The Warren, a name indicative of its past use for commercial rabbit breeding. At Gara Point the carriageway turns north, then east at Mouthstone Point, where we had magnificent views over the Yealm estuary. This was a suitable place for the group to have a coffee break. The carriageway then started its slow descent passing through Brakehill Plantation and past the Coastguard Cottages. We were then walking above the beautiful River Yealm through Passage Wood and on to Ferry Wood alongside Newton Creek. On reaching Noss Creek, we



turned south walking past The Ship Inn, which was unfortunately closed for the week. This was due to the staff being kindly taken away on holiday by the pub's owners as a reward for the busy summer. We thus walked up the east side of the creek to the Swan. Here we were joined for lunch outside by the Wilsons..

20th September. Hope Cove circular. Linda & Gareth Scott. 8 miles.

Three jolly Trampers left Court Park Road for this circular walk. We chatted happily as we walked through the Mead and on to the coast path heading for Hope Cove. It was a beautiful sunny day and we kept stopping to admire the ever-changing sea views. We went through Hope, up the steps by St Clement's Church and on to a track which gave way to a footpath through maize fields. Just before Burton Farm we turned left and continued through more fields, over the footbridge and into Galmpton. We then walked through Galmpton over the fields and down a lengthy and very pretty green lane to our lunch stop at the top of the hill in a shady place overlooking the beautiful countryside and the sea. We picked up more footpaths heading towards South Huish Cross where we passed The Keeping Place and Jarvis Farm and crossed the ford by the footbridge then uphill to another green lane. After a few more fields we reached Horswell Cottages where we turned right into Mill Lane then turned left through the gate, onto the bridge into the ley nature reserve. We walked along the ley, admiring the reed beds and enjoying the silence - I think we stopped chatting for a while! We walked along the track towards the road, fascinated by the pumpkins in the adjoining field. We crossed more fields heading for Court Park again after a very pleasant morning.

**October 7th. Aveton Gifford - Bigbury.
"Cakes, Churchyard & Company. Jill
Miller.**

When I fixed the date for leading a walk I had not anticipated having to factor in leaving my 5 month old puppy Barney. Therefore a local, shortish walk was required.

Sixteen of us, which included three visitors, met at Timbers car park. The weather was drizzly at first. We followed the A379 and then over the road to Waterhead. From there a steep climb to pick up the Drunkards Hill path heading towards Bigbury.

Why is it called Drunkards Hill ?..... Jill told the story of how a barn, now in a state of disrepair, situated close to the path was once a home distillery owned by John Tremayne and his wife Ivy. As the workers made their steep way home from Bigbury to AG, or vice versa, they would call in for refreshment of what was probably a potent mix, hence the name, Drunkards Hill... “Would I lie to you”? !!

By the time we got to Bigbury we were quite damp and decided to take our break in St Lawrence's Churchyard. Harvey's tombstone at the entrance to the church was the perfect place to set up the Tramps cake table. We shared Carrot cake and Lemon Drizzle cake; the sun also began to make an appearance.

With heightened energy levels, our spirits and the weather improving we made our way gradually downwards following the estuary, taking in the views, toward AG.

When we reached the tidal road six of us extended our walk and went around the inlet. The trees were still green at the time but I am sure that this would be worth a visit when the trees are changing colour.

An enjoyable 4 mile walk, as usual good company, conversation and the bonus of cake.

October 13th Cremyll Ferry & Mount Edgcumbe- Eric & Liz Candy. 4 miles.

There are two ferry routes to the Cremyll landing slip on the Cornish side of the Tamar. The shortest is from Admiral's Yard and the longer route starts from the Barbican Plymouth Landing Stage east of the Citadel via a short stop at the Royal

William Yard. Car parking is available near to both ferry points. Thus, on a sunny autumn morning fourteen people plus three dogs gathered at Cremyll between the Ferry Landing Building & the bus shelter. One additional person joined us during the walk following a prior appointment.

This interesting walk with lovely views is circa four miles taking around three hours. From the assembly point we passed through the entrance to the Mount Edgcumbe Estate, turned left and walked through the entrance to the attractive historic gardens. Walking across the front of the Orangery Café we then headed along the sea front past the columned Thompson's Seat on the right. We then started the long rise up through the woods still travelling parallel to the coast. This led us past the National Camellia Collection, Milton's Temple, the Folly ruin (adjacent to Raveness Point) and Lady Emma's Cottage all on the right. Eventually we reached a fence erected across the footpath because the original path was closed by landslips. Here we almost turned back on ourselves and started one of the two steepest ascents of the walk. This included two flights of steps. The path then continued to run parallel to the coast. Between Redding Point & Picklecombe Point we reached a lookout platform (The Red Seat) with magnificent views of the breakwater and Plymouth Sound. Members of the group took this opportunity for a short refreshment break. Continuing along the coast as we approached Fort Picklecombe, the path turned north around the side of the valley behind the fort, prior to returning towards the coast running south west. We then took a short cut which avoided a descent and ascent, joining with a path going north along the east side of Hoe Lake Valley. At the head of the valley, during the steepish assent up through open fields we stopped for a coffee break to take in the magnificent views including Kingsand and Cawsand. We were joined here by the last member of the party. We then walked north east towards Maker Church, the resting place of the Edgcumbes. The church marked the maximum elevation of the walk. Travelling north west we descended via steep zig zags through Pigshill Wood to Lower Anderton. At one point the path has rope hand rails. When the walk was scouted, the mist was so dense that the

deep bomb crater the other side of the rope hand rails was not visible! In the wet this descent can be slippery and a walking pole is advised. Once clear of the woods we experienced lovely views of Millbrook Lake and the Hamoaze with the Tamar bridges in the distance. The path followed the coastline towards Palmer Point and continued following the coastline north east past the old windmill on the right, along the quaint quay at Empacombe, followed by passing the Obelisk on the right and boatyard on the left, before returning to Cremyll. The walk has the advantage that there is interesting walking within Mount Edgcumbe Park including its lovely formal gardens for those wishing to avoid the steeper ascents and descents.

Most of the walking party stayed on for lunch at the Edgcumbe Arms who had kindly laid out a whole room for us, however as the weather was so nice we ate outside in the garden area.

22nd October. Strete to Dartmouth Food Festival. Jenny Webb. 7 miles.

On a fine, dry day, five walkers met up in the village of Strete and with Heidi the dog set off along the South West Coastal Path heading for Dartmouth. The walk is varied with beautiful coastal scenery. Enjoying the leisurely cliff top walking with sheep grazing freely, it was not long before we reached the steepest and most strenuous part of the walk where the path goes steeply down and then up the sides of a valley. Taking a deep breath, down we went!

Up the other side you cross the A379 and pick up the path that threads its way across the fields and down a well-worn path through the sheltered valley and eventually re-crossing the A379 into Blackpool Sands. Here, two other Trampers who had taken the bus from Kingsbridge joined us and we all enjoyed a coffee whilst sitting on the beach.

Now there were seven of us and we headed for Stoke Fleming crossing the A379 again and walking up the steep but quiet lane to the church in the middle of the village. This is effectively a break in the coastal path but once through the village, the coast path is clearly signposted from the main road which took us along Redlap Lane to Little Dartmouth. From here we re-joined the cliff path and enjoyed taking in the stunning

views over Start Bay and along the Dart Estuary as we headed towards Dartmouth Castle.

After further refreshments and a well earned rest at the Castle Tea Rooms we continued the walk down through Warfleet and into the town of Dartmouth where the Dartmouth Food Festival was being held. This is a yearly three-day event, although last year didn't happen due to Covid. There were marquees and lots of delicious food stalls, chef demonstrations and plenty of tastings to tickle your taste buds! The group split up to walk around, soak up the atmosphere and check out the goodies on sale. It was then down to individuals to catch a bus back from Dartmouth Pontoon to Strete or Kingsbridge for those that hadn't come by car.

25th October. Hembury Woods. Jenny Webb.

On a lovely pleasant autumn day, two couples and one dog turned out for a short circular walk through Hembury Woods on the southern edge of Dartmoor.

Parking in the National Trust car park, we crossed the road and took the lovely looping route along the banks of the River Dart and through the ancient woodland. Following recent rainfall, the river was high and flowing fast, tumbling over the moss-covered boulders. Wet leaves underfoot made the walking a bit slippery - but the scenery was magical.

Following the river and hugging the bank as we went, we crossed some streams where it was passable until we came to a point where it was not so easy. Our two male partners, however, became our knights in shining armour as they came to the aid of their damsels in distress. Safely across the other side, we continued following the river but after a while realised that we were going too far off course. We therefore had to retrace our steps and make the difficult crossing again!

Turning our backs on the river we managed to find the correct path and climbed the track leading up into the forest and the path that eventually took us to the entrance of Hembury Castle - a hilltop area where the remains of a medieval castle hide within the embrace of an Iron Age Fort. We sat for a while and had a coffee taking in the

panoramic views across the Dart Valley and east Dartmoor.

Leaving the site, we headed south and followed the path down through more woodland - oak, silver birch, holly and hazel - back to the car park.

An enjoyable walk and lunch at the Grange Restaurant at nearby Buckfast Abbey.

November 1st. Kingston to Wonwell beach via Scobbscombe farm. Tony Burn.

This 4 mile walk was well attended by 16 people, who were spurred on by the sunny weather and clear skies, even if it was a bit chilly to start with. The walk started in Kingston and headed to the SW Coast Path, via Scobbscombe farm. We then headed to Wonwell beach for a coffee stop, and then back up through the woods and back to Kingston. The most strenuous part of the walk was after Wonwell beach up the steep hill through the woods, before getting the views over to Dartmoor.

November 9th 2021. Uggborough Beacon. Alastair & Gill Durden. 4 miles.

On a nice dry day and relatively warm for the time of year – six of us set out from Wrangaton Golf Club for a shortish moorland ramble around Uggborough Beacon. This is the southernmost (and nearest) part of Dartmoor. We took the path crossing Wrangaton Golf Course, avoiding golfers and sheep (!) and climbed to the summit of Uggborough Beacon, where we stopped for a coffee break. The clouds had lifted, affording us fine views all around. We then headed for Spurrell's Cross which is at the intersection of two paths running North-South and East-West; this was erected hundreds of years ago as a waymarker for the monks' route from Buckfast Abbey to Plympton Priory. From here we descended to Corringdon Wood, following a rivulet carved in to a gully, whence we made our way round the eastern flank of Uggborough Beacon back to the start. A nice ramble with good company and a picnic when we arrived back at our cars.

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Eating Out Locally

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The Beach Club on the waterfront at South Sands has style. It's set back from the road with a wide frontage and, from its spacious elevated terraces, you can take in beautiful views while having alfresco lunches, afternoon cream teas, or cocktail hour refreshments. The outlook below is the hotel's fresh water pond and the view beyond is the estuary. This uncrowded, open-air location, had its first summer season in 2021.

The newly built hotel has a restaurant for 120 diners. Its fresh décor is earthy and easy on the eye with terracotta tiles on walls, oatmeal coloured woven lamp shades and there's deep green on walls and in the upholstery. It's new. It is contemporary and comfortably asymmetrical. Bulky pillars break the expanse of the restaurant's wooden floor. From our table the view of a bar where cocktails were shaken, was broken only by the wide pillars. Being by a window, we had a sea view too.

It was during half term when families were among the hotel residents. A spa crèche is attractive for them as it provides children with activities, leaving parents free to be pampered at the fitness suite while they're supervised. In the restaurant's hum of conversation there were voices from children who sat at tables with grandparents and parents, bringing a holiday mood to the ambiance.

Choices on the menu which come from the ocean include sea bass with lemon beurre at £22.00 and grilled octopus for £21.00. There's baked mackerel, roast salmon and locally caught lobster too. The Beach Club's own fish & chips is £16.00.

Locally-sourced ingredients are used where possible. Seeing locally grown vegetables such as fennel, rocket, potatoes and beans along with these fish dishes and with meats such as chicken schnitzel £21.00 and fillet steak, adds to the feel-good experience of dining on this skilled chef's food.

Crème brûlée, chocolate fondant, lemon tart and sundaes at £6.00 are some of the desserts. The creme brûlée at £7.00 is a masterpiece. It's how crème brûlée should be! Cheese lovers go for the three West Country cheeses for £7.50. Service in the restaurant was fast but with no sense of being hurried.

While this venue suits intimate dinners for two or more people, it's also an ideal coastal venue for wedding breakfasts, ceremonies and receptions (as long as your guest list doesn't exceed 120). For very special occasions, the restaurant seating can be arranged in banqueting style. Whatever the occasion, parking is provided in a decent car park for hotel residents and visitors. The Harbour Beach Club's website illustrations show it well: www.harbourhotels.co.uk/harbour-beach-club.

A beach café is expected to be added in spring 2022.

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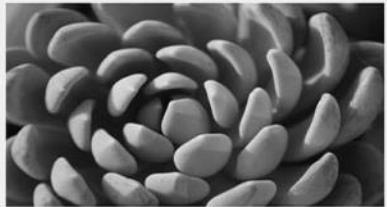
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