

VILLAGE VOICE

February - March 2022



Quiz Master Mike Presents Healthy Cheque to Local Charity

The community magazine of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone



In this first 2022 issue of Village Voice, we hear of the valuable community service that the League of Friends of South Hams Hospital provides. The photograph on our cover shows them receiving a donation of £3664 from quizzers at the golf club.

For anyone interested in photography, there are three months until submissions are due for the 2023 village calendar. The local farm scenes, and other rural and coastal landscapes make a good back drop for photographic compositions. The village calendar for 2022 shows water sports, horse riding, a field of poppies and children at play as well as many where the sea meets the land. Details for submitting pictures for the next calendar are on a poster inside. It's a competition which closes May 1st.

Thankfully, the freedom from restrictions enables the Parish Hall to run their program of hobbies again. Activities for keeping fit like badminton, yoga, line-dancing, Pilates and table tennis – and the mental challenges of bridge and French lessons, are all happening. There's art too, and a friendly get together to sew or knit and chat. See the Parish Hall diary page.

If singing is for you, there's a group in the village that will welcome new members.

Both Bantham's sailing club and, surf life-saving club are active and Tramps continue their varied weekly walks. Information about their planned walks for the year ahead, are inside.

There is no shortage of ways to spend leisure time and we're grateful that many of them contribute to carbon neutrality in these villages. While appreciating the beauty of where we are, we also share with you some realities of farm life, written from a townie's point of view in 'Farming Diary'. Thank you, Natasha.

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A Note from Your Devon County Councillor Rufus Gilbert



As I write this note, I'm looking out of the window at a sharp white frost in mid-January and having just booked a holiday for summer, which hopefully will go ahead. It is not my intention to report on Covid, as I'm sure by the time you come to read this, matters will have improved and you too will be looking forward to summer and holidays.

DCC Finances

We are currently looking for a further £38.7 Million in savings. In 2010/11 we had 6,500 staff and now employ 4,000 full time. The net revenue budget for 2020/21 was £545M with Council Tax contributing £440M. Adult Social Services portion was 49%, Children's Services 27% and Highways 10%.

Devon's Economy

The pandemic's effects are slowly being eroded but will be felt for a long time with hospitality suffering particularly badly. The main problems now are finding people to employ and inflation.

Airband Fibre Broadband

At the time of writing, the build for F30, being Thurlestone/Buckland/Bantham, is still to finish in Q2 2022, although I feel this to be ambitious. The build survey and design stages are now underway. This includes The Mead which is also awaiting the precise build and design detail. It maybe a new green cabinet will be needed in the village and if so, I have requested it not go on Memorial Green and have put forward other suggestions.

Waste

I thought it might be worthwhile getting some 2020 stats out for the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Plymouth which processes some 65,000 tonnes of our waste each year from the south and west of the county.

- Overall Waste Processed 261,000 Tonnes
- Electricity Generated 204,000 MWh
- Steam Generated 57,000 MWh
- Plant Availability 88.93% (target 91%)
- CO₂ Savings 84,000 Tonnes
- Landfill Diversion 99.9%
- Cash Savings (vs Landfill) approx. £12million

Afghan Refugees

We now have about 150 refugees in the county temporarily housed in hotels in Exeter and Exmouth. We should be paid back monetarily by the Home Office, but staff are becoming increasingly stretched by lack of resources.

Roads

With so much rain falling these days particularly in winter it's hard to affect any repairs. Filling potholes full of water does not work and not filling them annoys the public. Schedules slip as does quality. Please keep reporting problems via the DCC website 'Report a Problem'.

Take care and see you around.

Rufus

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 via Zoom

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

In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Judy Pearce, County Councillor Rufus Gilbert and 9 members of the public.

Open Forum

Residents raised the following matters: (a) Continuing problems with roads flooded in the parish – this would be raised with Highways. (b) The recent road works at the entrance to the Parish Hall car park were due to a fault in the main power supply, a new power supply has been installed and a further two days of work is required. (c) Airband works are due to be completed by the second quarter of 2022 but it remains unknown which properties are to be connected this year – the parishioner was advised to speak with Cllr Gilbert. (d) Further problems with noise and incidents of shot from the Bantham Estate Shoot falling on people and their properties were reported – those affected were advised to speak to the correct authorities, SHDC Environmental Health Department and police.

Planning Matters

Cllrs objected to the following application:

4254/21/VAR Plot 29 Highfield, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 - variation of conditions, including approved plans

Cllrs supported the following application:

3727/21/LBC Clanacombe, West Buckland, TQ7 3AF – replacement of roof tiles and roof windows.

Cllrs commented on the following application:

4342/21/ARC Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NN – discharge of conditions, including Construction Management Plan.

Concerns regarding the amount of traffic and traffic routing were raised.

Parish Matters

(a) Thurlestone public toilets: maintenance requirements, costings and the 2022 opening times will be discussed at the Budget meeting on 18th January. (b) New parish noticeboard: the preference is to continue using the existing board. (c) Pump House: the works necessary will be arranged. (d) DCC 20mph speed limit trial: Cllr Williams will collate a dossier of actions taken to support our request to DCC. (e) Len Hubbard's Tree: the planter needs to be replaced or an alternative solution found. (f) SHDC Housing Needs Survey: the SHDC officer working on the results will address the February meeting. (g) Climate Change: DCC have resolved to be carbon neutral by 2030. (h) 2022 Jubilee Celebration: it was agreed that a Parish Committee should be created to organise a community event. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact the council in the first instance.

County and District Councillors' Reports

County Cllr Gilbert gave an update which included a detailed breakdown of DCC Finances.

District Cllr Pearce gave the following updates: Budget proposals have been published and include £200k set aside to initiate community composting schemes to be run by the parish; SHDC have been awarded monies for Omicron grants and ARG (Alternative Restrictions Grant) for hospitality businesses; Devon authorities are to set up a joint scheme in respect of the housing crisis; SHDC have recruited 4 additional planning officers and 2 lawyers; and information is still awaited from FCC regarding the recommencement of the brown bin service, which it is hoped will be in March 2022.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF SOUTH HAMS HOSPITAL

First of all, the Trustees of the Friends would like to extend their appreciation to the Thurlestone Quizzers for their support of our community Hospital and for the wonderful donation of £3,664 presented before Christmas.

The League of Friends was founded in 1973 as a registered charity with an objective "to relieve patients and former patients of the hospital and others in the community who are sick and generally to support the charitable work of the hospital". The Ilbert Day Hospital was their first major project with excellent facilities including a physiotherapy department. This marked the start of great support for the community, and the X-Ray unit was opened in May 1991 with a major contribution from the Friends.

The second major project in the 1990s was the redevelopment and upgrading of the In and Out patient accommodation into a modern unit. The League's share was £500,000. Thirdly, the League proposed and partly financed the upgrading of the Minor Injuries Unit and refurbishment of the wards, to which the League contributed £500,000.

There are currently 8 Trustees on the board. Meetings take place 6 times a year plus an AGM, and we are constantly in touch via email and with the administrators of the South Hams Hospital, Derriford Hospital and Livewell Southwest which together are responsible for the provision of services and the general running of our hospital.

Over the last two years, the pandemic has temporarily changed many procedures at the hospital and the League's activities have been curtailed. The hospital has stripped out many areas to allow for extra beds to take overflow from Derriford if required. Many of the 47 Outpatient clinics had to be stopped from operating at the hospital including the Chemotherapy Outreach and The Triangle Centre. At the start of lockdown, the League jumped into action, organising private local accommodation for any of the SHH staff who needed to isolate due to Covid. Happily, many of the outpatient clinics have returned, thus avoiding many long journeys to and from Derriford and Torbay Hospitals. Unfortunately, the Chemotherapy programme at SHH has not yet been restored and the Triangle Centre has ceased to operate as before. This is largely due to staffing and logistical problems, once again due to Covid. However, the League sees this as top priority to help to return these invaluable services to our hospital as soon as possible, and we shall be working closely with Derriford Hospital to facilitate this if possible.

The current situation with Covid and the NHS in general, has prevented the League from embarking on any major projects. However, the past few years have seen the provision of many items of equipment ranging from specialised furniture, portering wheelchairs, cooling fans, outdoor furniture, to part funding of the new X-ray machine. We will respond to all requests and have provided equipment for other users of the hospital, including District Nurses and the Physiotherapists. More recently, the League has purchased an area of land beyond the ambulance station, and after a lot of clearance work and legal hurdles, 8 extra spaces have been provided in the car park for use by the staff. This has relieved the congestion in the main car park which often caused problems.

The League takes very seriously the welfare and support of all the staff at the hospital. To this end, contributions have been made to improvements of the staff room and, during the pandemic, a fruit basket has been delivered twice a month for their benefit. At Christmas, the Friends decorate the hospital, every member of staff receives a gift from the League, as do all the patients who are in the wards over the Christmas period.

Over the years, enormous financial support has been received from the South Hams community, including many substantial bequests. It is this support which has enabled the League to modernise and extend the building to what it is today, and has almost certainly been instrumental in securing its future where many older and poorly maintained community hospitals have fallen by the wayside. The League of Friends is determined that the South Hams Hospital shall survive to continue providing such a valuable service to the local Community.

Jo Laphorn (Secretary)

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

MISSING VOWELS

Fill in the vowels to find the answers (eg SHLVSY = She Loves You).
7 each of Book Titles, Song Titles, Real Islands, 9 of Not Real Islands:

1. WRFTHWRLDS
2. GRTXPCTTNS
3. THLRX
4. JNYR
5. NFLWVRTHCCKSNST
6. DNQXT
7. VNH
8. MMMM
9. TYLLWRBBNRNDTHLDKTR
10. BLSDSHS
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16. TRSTNDCNH
17. NNSFR
18. MDR
19. SLFMN
20. NWFNDLND
21. SLMJRS
22. SLFDGS
23. MYSTRSSLND
24. TLNTS
25. SNDYSLND
26. LLLPT
27. WLDCTSLND
28. SLDMRT
29. SLFTHNT
30. SLFPRTLND

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

1. Imperfect 2. Disasters 3. Harrogate 4. Chocolate 5. Ambulance 6. Packaging 7. Crocodile
8. Masculine 9. Halloween 10. Chemistry 11. Consonant 12. President 13. Albatross 14.
Arthritis 15. Hamburger 16. Scimitars 17. Spaghetti 18. Architect 19. Eccentric 20. Raconteur
REMAINING WORD: Intellect

There were 15 all correct entries last month from John Ayre, Mary Barons, James Day, Howard Dingley, Alastair Durden, Elizabeth Green, Viv Gibby, Dave Hayward, David and Mary Horne, Jeanette Hodges, Rikki Marks, Vera Pailthorpe, Susan Penwell, Jane Smyth and Michael Stephens. First out of the hat and winners of the coveted bottle of wine are David and Mary Horne.

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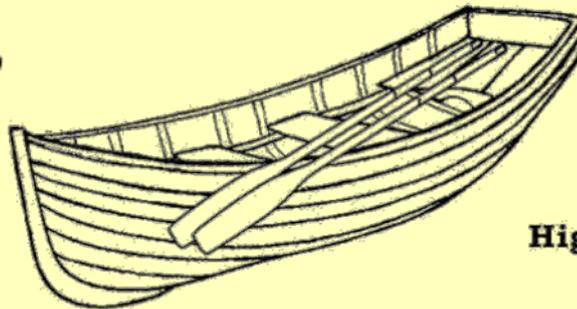
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SECRETS OF THE SAFE

This fascinating insight into past life in the Parish was found during a recent house clearance and was written by KENDALL McDONALD, one time Editor of Village Voice, who makes some strange discoveries among a roll of old documents found hidden at the back of Thurlestone Parish Council's safe.

The thrill of handling the old papers from the safe is not just their age. Nor is it the glimpse of authority which all the little red seals of magistrates and churchwardens dotted on them provide. Many of the papers are now unreadable. Vital names have disappeared with the paper they were written on. One sheet is just a collection of holes.

But what is most exciting is the way that the names you can decipher of people from the past come alive. Many of the papers from the safe are statements made on oath by Thurlestone residents. You can discover from what is written - and sometimes what is struck out - a great deal about the people who walked the tracks and lanes of this parish all those centuries ago. Of course, each old document raises more and more questions the longer you read it. Where for example in 1803 was Thurlestone Mill, run by Hugh Hardy? And was there another Mill in Thurlestone? Or was Hugh Date, described as a Thurlestone miller, a partner with Hugh Hardy?

Many of the earlier documents are concerned with the Poor Law and the Laws of Settlement of 1662. These said that any stranger to the parish who had no prospect of work within 40 days, or did not or could not, rent a property worth £10 per year, could be removed from the parish and sent back whence he or she came. If you wanted to settle in Thurlestone Parish you had to ask for a hearing from local Justices of the Peace. And if you just wanted to be a casual and help bring the harvest home, well you had to have a certificate from your home parish guaranteeing to take you back when the job was complete.

All this produced a lot of documents and there is a thick roll of them among the papers from the parish safe. As the newcomer who couldn't keep himself and his family was a charge on the parish, no one held back from getting what amounted to a local deportation order from the local magistrates as quickly as possible. Thurlestone churchwardens and the parish overseer of the poor were no exception.

So out, for example, in July 1762, went Richard Hodge - all the way back to Marlborough. Out - all the way back to Deal, Kent - went John Carter, his wife Mary and their two children under seven called John and Mary in June 1764.

Out went John Beer in 1776 and with him went Ann his wife. Local J.P's Benjamin Trist and John Wills decided South Pool was where they really belonged.



Mind you, just because you had a local name it didn't necessarily mean that you wanted to stay in the village. Take Earle Yeoman (a good Thurlestone name if ever there was one). He tried to settle in Malborough, but the Churchwardens and the Overseer of the Poor of Malborough weren't having it and complained to George Seale and John Wills, two of the local Justices of the Peace on April 3rd 1777, about the Yeoman family becoming a charge on their parish. The magistrates agreed with them and Earle and his wife Amy and their son who was 12, were dumped back over the parish boundary into Thurlestone to rejoin the other Yeomans who had been here since the early 1500s. All this shuffling of the Yeomans is quite puzzling for there was a long established branch of the Yeoman family in Malborough. But back Earle had to go.

We know a little about Earle and his branch of the family. And it makes it even more puzzling that he was deported back to Thurlestone when his father David Yeoman was from Malborough and had married Charity Snoden (Snowden today?) a Malborough girl, on February 18, 1727. Earle was the sixth of their seven children. Young Philip would appear to have been none the worse for changing homes for he died aged 78 on Sept 5th 1843 and is buried in the graveyard at Thurlestone.

But not all those moved out of the parish took it lying down. Mary Putt for one. In 1793, Judge Abraham Hawkins was careful to stick a little piece of waste paper over the wax of his seal after he had examined Mary Putt about what she was doing in Thurlestone without a certificate of settlement. Whether he or his clerk actually did this to stop damaging the "deportation" document we shall never know but the specially cut little square of paper is still there stuck to the red wax seal of the order of Feb 20, 1793 amid the faded brown ink recording Abraham Hawkins' decision that Mary was to be taken out of Thurlestone and delivered to the Churchwardens of Aveton Gifford and they were to provide for her. And it is probable that Hawkins, known for his strict decisions, thought that the end of the matter. But he had reckoned without Mary Putt. For 2 years later on April 24, 1795 he found Mary standing before him once again. She was back living in Thurlestone and apparently not the least bit frightened of him: asked him for a legal settlement certificate - for Thurlestone!

Another piece of paper covered with similar faded writing records Mary Putt's evidence on oath of why she was sure she belonged to Thurlestone despite the judge's earlier ruling. She said she "had heard and believed that she was born in the parish of Thurlestone where her parents were legally settled". She went on to say that she had lived with her parents there until she was 24 and had then married John Putt who "informed her" that he served his apprenticeship with Mr Harris in Aveton Gifford and lived at several other places as a Servant. About two years ago she was removed from Thurlestone to Aveton Gifford as the place of her husband's last legal settlement. But now she was back in Thurlestone and wanted to stay there and that was why she was trying to get a sworn settlement certificate. Mary was right. Church records showed that she was born in Thurlestone on April 4th, 1768 to Andrew and Anne Hardy and that Mary Hardy had indeed married John Putt in Thurlestone Church when she was just 24 on April 10, 1792. They had a child, a son who died when he was only 3, but whom Mary, obviously proud of her Hardy maiden name, had christened "James Hardy Putt". Hawkins had no choice. She got her legal settlement certificate. She was obviously quite a woman was our Mary, for where the clerk had written "The Mark of...." for her to place an illiterate cross, the words are boldly crossed out and underneath is the signature "Mary putt". She failed to make a capital "P", but I bet she impressed old Hawkins no end!



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VILLAGE NEWS ROUND-UP

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the deaths of a past and present member of the Village Voice team. We send our sincere condolences to their friends and families - they will both be sadly missed by the village community.

Jan Trender

Jan passed away on 23rd December after a short illness. When Jan and her late husband Tom moved to Thurlestone, Jan continued to work as a nursing sister at Derriford Hospital. Tom and Jan became members of the production team in 1999 with Tom being production manager for the 8 years prior to his death. Jan collated up until the present day. They had 2 sons and a daughter.

Ian Fraser

Ian passed away on 26th December after suffering ill health for some time. He was a retired consultant haematologist and initially he worked on the production side of the magazine along with his wife before becoming the distribution manager from 2005-12. His daughter Helen lives on the Mead.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Thurlestone Parish Council would like to hear from anyone organising a public event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee to see if there is any way in which the Council can support it and possibly help with funding. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Problems with Flooding or Roads

If you experience a problem with flooded roads, potholes or overgrown vegetation you can report this as well as many other issues on the following government websites:

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<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/report>

Soft Plastic waste

People need look no further than our local Tesco which is one of a selection of stores in the country to trial the disposal of soft plastic: cling film, fruit/veg/meat packaging, crisp packaging, pet food pouches, wrapping around bread, flowers, loo rolls, sweets and chocolates, re-usable bags, greetings cards, yogurt pot lids etc. It hugely reduces the

amount of waste that goes out every fortnight in the grey bins, so a win/win.

Golf Club Quiz

A huge congratulations to the golf club quizzers who raised an impressive £3,664 for the South Hams Hospital League of Friends. This would not be able to happen without the hard work put into it by Mike and Brenda Jones, so well done to them both.

Thurlestone Warblers (aka Thurlestone Singing Group)

They sing for the fun of it! If you enjoy singing and can spare an hour on alternate Thursdays, they would love to have your company. They meet from 5 till 6 in the Church Meeting Room and sing a variety of music ranging from songs from shows to folk songs, spirituals new and old, and some classical. You really don't need to have a trained voice or even be able to read music to enjoy singing with them. The object is to have fun and experience the sheer joy of being in a group, gently but expertly guided by choirmaster Alastair who is somehow able to produce a lovely sound – much to everyone's surprise! So why not give it a try? There is no charge and at the moment they are meeting with doors and windows open to minimise any risk. The next few meetings are: (all Thursdays from 5 till 6) February 17th, March 3rd, March 17th & March 31st.

A Buckland Farewell

It is very sad that, over the past few weeks, several of Buckland's long-term residents have moved away. First Nigel Hurrell who had lived there for all his life, nearly 75 years, and has been a conscientious parish councillor for some years. His parents had the bulb farm in Buckland. After his mother died the house was too big for just him so he has now moved to Ashford to be near his daughter. Recently Carol Adams and her son Paul and his wife, Bea, and twins, Chloe and Megan, have also moved. Carol's husband and her father-in-law farmed at West Buckland Farm and she had lived there for 45 years and Paul for almost all his life. Carol is moving to a bungalow in Chillington and Paul and his family to Ivybridge. Nigel, Carol, Paul, Bea, Chloe and Megan were all very much part of Buckland life and will be greatly missed by all who knew them.



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OUR PLEA FOR 2022!!

As we enter a new year, the ACA committee has been reflecting on our current situation, membership and activities. Our members are an assortment of some 140 well informed, like-minded people from around the South Hams with a love of the Avon and its estuary. Individuals may differ but the binding influence is an appreciation of the natural environment's involvement with water and a determination to give it the upper hand in interactions with our own interests - be they in recreation, water quality, planning, conservation, etc. Another defining feature of our membership is its age profile which to some extent limits our activity programme. Our organisation would benefit from some youthful revitalisation! The question of how to encourage such a transformation was discussed at a committee meeting late last year and I was asked to contact parish magazines to invite anybody interested in helping with the future stewardship of the ACA to contact me, whether current members or not.

Over the past 16 years or so that I have served as Chairman, I have been conscious of a slow diminishment of the ACA's vitality (as well as my own!) despite our many accomplishments during that period - of which I am very proud. Although the information and intelligence gleaned from email communication with our many loyal members still underpins our actions, the last two years of the Covid-19 pandemic have hardly helped the association thrive as social mingling has ground to a near standstill. We have had to rely on email exchanges, occasional digital newsletters, brief articles to parish magazines and our own website to keep in touch. Fundamentally, however, the advancing age of our membership is a constant factor in limiting our activities. We need an injection of fresh blood, new ideas and renewed enthusiasm if the ACA is to survive for much longer.

Early in my 16-year period of tenure, the ACA was accepted as a *bona fide* charity. By nurturing an extensive network of helpful and influential contacts beyond our membership (e.g. with the Avon Estuary Forum, SHDC, our three riparian parish councils, Environment Agency, Duchy of Cornwall, Bantham Estate, AONB, Westcountry Rivers Trust, Avon Fishing Association, South West Water, Devon Wildlife Trust, Plymouth University, Surfers Against Sewage, Marine Conservation Society, etc.), we have lived up to our charitable objectives (to advance the education of the public and to promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Avon - or Aune - within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). We have been able to make a collaborative and constructive contribution to a wide variety of initiatives and changes, involving the river and its estuary, the people who cherish them both, and the wildlife in, on or around, the waters. Examples are not hard to find; improving water quality, protecting habitat, commenting on planning applications, improving recreational safety and security, clearing of invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam, restriction of poaching activities, academic research collaborations, etc. Many are described in considerable detail on our website at www.auneconservation.org.uk. Other examples do not reach the public domain because of their sensitive or confidential nature. Unfortunately, despite a slow but steady trickle of new members, many local people remain ignorant of the ACA's existence or achievements! Whereas some organisations stamp and shout to gain attention, we prefer to discuss, persuade and encourage to get movement in the right direction, always aligned with the best interests of the natural world. We all have our own operational styles; maybe ours needs updating in this media-crazy age!

If you love the Avon and feel you could make a difference by becoming involved with the ACA's management, please let me know. Otherwise, you might consider making a financial contribution to help keep us afloat via the SeaMoor lottery (<https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/aune-conservation-association>).

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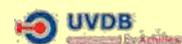
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Parish Hall News

by Alison Daily (Secretary)



Lights Out

We had an electrifying time before Christmas when a power surge caused circuits to be burnt out (fortunately it wasn't more serious). This occurred during a bridge session, which carried on regardless using the still-working stage lights. Timing was not great as we couldn't participate in the Illuminations but most concerning was a family Christmas lunch booking. Thanks to the tenacity of Chris White, J and T Electrical Services and Rob Greenwood Electrical Solutions the hall was up and running with a new power supply in time.

Judith Le Grice

Judith one of our long-standing members is standing down due to family commitments. We are very sorry to see her go, not least because of her dedication, cheerfulness and uplifting nature, but wish her well. During her time, she was secretary and booking secretary. We would like to thank her for her enormous contribution over the years.

Tim Kliphuis

On Saturday 15th January we welcomed the return of the Tim Kliphuis trio who were on stunning form with the audience totally captivated. There was rapturous applause, whooping and a standing ovation at the end. For an encore they played a really quiet piece, you could have heard a pin drop - not a sound came from the audience, they were so enthralled. We've had lots of great feedback thanking us for a wonderful evening. One simply said - Brilliant. We were also pleased the new heating, ventilation, and lighting all worked well. Hopefully, this is the start of things to come.

AGM

The AGM is on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the main hall. Please come along if there is anything you wish to raise or simply to learn more about the hall.

Facebook

The page is up and running, keep looking under Thurlestone Parish Hall and hopefully you will like what you see and share it with others. Great job Lynsey.

Here is an introduction to the brand-new Yoga and Pilates classes started this year. Funnily enough they are all run by ladies with names beginning with S.

Saffron – Healthy Movement

Saffron has been practising Yoga for 20 years and qualified as an instructor in 2020 and holds two Yoga classes on a Monday morning: Foundations Flow at 9 to 10am which is a class suitable for everyone and is a great introduction to Yoga or a continuation of practices already learnt. The class will help you to build strength, stamina and mobility. Wise Warriors from 10.30-11.30am is for anyone looking for a gentle, low impact practice. This class offers ways to regain and maintain mobility, balance and strength and is also suitable for people with limited mobility (can be done from a chair). Contact Saffron on 07840 788511 or saffron.nl.craig@gmail.com.

Sharron - Sea Beyond Pilates

Sharron is starting her new Pilates class on Wednesday 2nd March from 9 to 10am. Sharron recently moved to the area from Sidmouth and has worked in the fitness industry for 19 years. Previously an external trainer for Devon and Cornwall Police for 10 years she has a very good knowledge of working with clients with back issues as well as post and pre op ladies and gentlemen with hip and knee conditions. Classes are a maximum of 10 so she can get to know her clients and doesn't believe in a one class fits all, as it's important that everyone works at their own pace. Classes are designed to work for both beginners and the

more advanced and are very relaxed. She likes attendees to have a giggle, leave with a smile and a spring in their step! For more details contact Sharron: 07818 410017 or sharron05@btinternet.com.

Suzi – Freestyle Fitness Yoga

Suzi has also recently moved to the parish and is a Fitness Instructor, Physical Education and Swimming Teacher and loves nothing better than a fab workout, whatever the style!! She is passionate about fitness and taught a wide range of group exercise classes around the Henley area for many years. Her Mellow Monday Evening Fitness Yoga class is on Monday afternoons from 5 to 6pm. The class fuses traditional Yoga postures with contemporary fitness principles allowing you to gradually develop your practice and build flexibility, muscular strength and endurance at your own pace. It also focuses on breathing, relaxation and embracing an inner sense of calm. You are asked to bring your own mat with you. For more details contact Suzi: 07557334802 or suzigriffiths8@gmail.com.

Weekly Groups at Parish Hall (Feb/Mar 2022)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contact for Price and Availability</u>
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	10.30 - 12.30pm	Stitch & Bitch	Sally 01548 561356 or Diane 01548 560070
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Tuesday	9.15 - 10.15am	Yoga	Sarah 07879627939
	11am - 1pm	Art	Marianne 01548531413
	5.45 - 6.45pm	Bootcamp	Kat 07500870162
Wednesday	9 - 10am	Pilates	Sharron 07818410017
	2 - 3.15pm	Line Dancing	Sue 01548 550348
	4.30 - 5.15pm	Children's Dance	Faye 07414484800
	5.15 - 6pm	Children's Dance	Faye 07414484800
	6.15 - 10pm	Bridge	Lisa 01548 560505
Thursday	9.15 - 10.15am	Yoga	Sarah 07879627939
	From 12.30pm	French Lessons	Angela 07749493931
	2pm (Monthly)	WI	Sally 01548 561356
	5.45 - 6.45pm	Bootcamp	Kat 07500870162
	7.30 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Paul 07866802800
Friday	4 - 5pm	Badminton	Sian 07784893405

The Monday 10.30 - 11.30 Yoga Class "Wise" Warriors" is for those wanting a gentler form of Yoga with exercises that can be done on a chair.

The Children's Dance Classes for ages 7+ are new to the hall this year. The 4.30pm class is for Lyrical Dance, the 5.15pm Class for Commercial Dance. Booking essential.

The Tuesday Art Class is seasonal, usually running for 10 weeks from January to April excluding school holidays.

The Wednesday Pilates Class is new to the hall this year and will start on 2nd March. Booking essential.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Looking Forward to a Fabulous Year Ahead



I'm sure all the staff, children and parents would like to begin 2022 by wishing our neighbours and community a very Happy New Year! We're all excited to be looking forward to spring at Thurlestone All Saints, after a festive season which promised to be 'business as normal', but which had to be tailored a little to the current times.

Sadly, our annual Christmas Fayre and the community Carols on The Green events had to be cancelled at the last minute, and several other events postponed, but there was still much to celebrate and the children enjoyed many of the season's delights despite this.

Most noticeable in the village was the Thurlestone Illuminations which lit up our streets. Open to the whole community, this year we enjoyed 20 residences which brightened the December evenings with magical displays of Christmas lights. A big thank you to all involved!

The children also enjoyed Christmas parties in their classrooms, and although the older children's Carol Service had to be cancelled, the younger children were able to perform their Nativity play, thanks to this great age of technology - it was filmed by one of our parents and streamed online for parents to watch! Well done to all those involved in this memorable and delightful production!

Looking ahead to the Spring, there will be some exciting fundraising events which are organised by Friends of Thurlestone School. The rescheduled Pub Quiz will give our parents a chance to pit their general knowledge against our renowned quizmaster, and a fabulous Spring Ball which will give supporters a chance to dress up for a glitzy night of dancing!

The monies raised from these events will help to fund some long overdue playground improvements including the addition of an outdoor learning area. There's certainly much to look forward to in the coming months!

Emma Richards



'Puppet Show', 'Black Summer' and 'The Curator' all by M. W. Craven

If you are a keen crime reader you may have already discovered this series, but if not, may I recommend them to you. The main characters are Washington Poe, a tough, intuitive policeman, and Tilly Bradshaw, a socially awkward but brilliantly tech savvy young lady. These two are introduced to each other and to us in the first book. Poe, sympathising with her awkwardness, and realising her brilliance, shields Tilly from the snide comments she gets from the rest of her department and so they become firm friends.

The crimes in these books are pretty gruesome, but put that out of your mind while you savour Washington Poe and Tilly unravelling the clues, aided of course by their superiors, who we also get to know through the books. There is of course more to the books than just these two solving the crimes and I found them a thoroughly enjoyable read. Can't wait to read the next one!

I borrowed one of these books from the mobile library, which has a very good selection of books. If they haven't got anything you fancy, then Heidi, the 'lady in the van' will reserve it for you. She is extremely friendly and helpful. Not many Thurlestone readers use this service which is a shame.

Carolyn Taylor

Thurlestone Phonebox Library.....Ring Ring

The days are getting longer, some beautiful sunrises to lift our spirits after listening to depressing things on the morning radio news.

Christmas decorations are packed away, the reindeer back in their stable and we hope you enjoyed the first time Christmas tree on the Green courtesy of the Parish Council.

There is lots to look forward to in the coming year, Winter Olympics, Valentine's Day, Wimbledon and Halloween to mention but a few, but of course the big celebration will be the Queen's Jubilee in June when we hope to do something rather special around our Phonebox. Don't know what anyone else is planning for the Jubilee but the Phonebox makes for a good centerpiece for an event.



And who knows.....by way of thanking everyone who makes our Parish hum we might even host a garden party, BYOB of course!

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Our Garden in January

by Sue Dwyer

Today is January 3rd a very mild windy day with cloud but thankfully dry and very like the days we seem to have had for weeks now. I have spent it usefully in the greenhouse examining all my rooted cuttings of salvias and verbenas. I have already divided many clumps of perennials which have been dug up from the borders, this needs to be done every couple of years to control the clump size and to reinvigorate the plant. Several times a week I look at each pot, particularly the base to remove any slug or snail visible, if left they have a field day eating the leaves.

Perennial geraniums, achilleas and alstroemerias are all doing well, as are some early grown sweet peas from seeds I have saved. The only other plants I have in the larger greenhouse are the Jalapeño peppers which I grew from seeds last spring. They were very late producing fruit but once started they have not stopped and there are still peppers maturing on the plants, plus many more in the freezer. I have several years supply. Monty Don said on Gardeners World to keep the plants and take off the leaves leaving the branching structure and this coming year they should produce fruit much earlier. I am doing this but this year I have also bought a Peruvian variety called Lemon Drops which is supposed to be hot and lemon flavoured just to see what they are like.

I spent time today washing out pots for future use. Having clean pots ready for the job saves time in the long run. When dry I stack them under the greenhouse staging to keep them clean and ready for use in the winter/spring. The pot routine is that after their contents have been put into the garden, I store them unwashed in a large area (under a raised platform made from pallets) at the top of the kitchen garden until they are cleaned. This is an ideal area just above waist height so I do not have to bend and where I work during the warmer months of the year when the greenhouse is full of tomatoes, cucumber, peppers etc. Today I spent time dividing a clump of alstroemeria; I know it is easier to divide into large pieces and then replant. It is best done in the spring, but I wanted small potted plants for the perennial sale in June as part of 'Open Gardens'. The root system of alstroemerias is very bulky and there are large tubers as part of the root structure. Using a large sharp carving knife to cut the clump into quarters, I then prised them apart again into three or four pieces. The roots were washed in cold water to remove any rubbish. I was very pleased to do this today as I found a piece of the dreaded oxalis, the creeping variety with a darkish leaf and pink root, which I find impossible to totally remove from the garden. When dividing a large clump of perennial geraniums before Xmas I discovered vine weevil grubs amongst the roots. These were removed by washing. These grubs cause havoc in pots eating the root system. They especially love fuchsia plants.

I only have a small kitchen garden which comprises of two green houses and a large raised bed, plus a fruit cage. However, I manage to grow a useful supply of salad crops all year and the fruit cage provided enough to see us through the winter. Each winter I grow winter salad leaves which I pick for lunch everyday alongside American land cress, lambs lettuce, and sorrel. I sow all of these in late September in a raised bed as well as sowing some salad leaves in the soil of my small greenhouse which has a soil base. Jeff, my gardener, is always amazed how, even in the coldest months, when the odd frost comes (none yet this winter) I have a steady salad supply. However, in the raised bed this year one row was not growing very well, so I covered them with a cloche a couple of days ago. When I checked this morning, I only had stalks left, the slugs had had a good feast. Those exposed to the elements were fine.

I am very fond of growing San Manzano tomatoes. These are the variety you buy as tinned tomatoes. I grow them to freeze, as during the winter I use them for home-made tomato soup as well as sauces. The flavour is much superior to those in the tins, probably because they are picked when fully ripe. Blackcurrants, rhubarb and lots of autumn raspberries occupy the fruit cage. We mostly eat them with muesli in the mornings. We do eat some in the summer but I freeze the bulk. I use raspberries for making delicious Raspberry Parfait – here's the recipe: 1 lb of frozen raspberries from the freezer passed through a sieve to remove skin and pips, retaining the flesh and juice only, freeze for a couple of hours in a shallow container and then break up the ice crystals with a wooden spoon. Whip 300mls of double cream separately to soft peaks. In another bowl whip two eggs whites until stiff and then add 4 oz sugar one tbsp at a time until stiff glossy peaks are produced, then fold the three items together. You can serve immediately but I freeze in an ice cream container and it is a treat to have after supper during the dark evenings. Red currants are used for home-made red currant jelly, much superior to the commercial variety.

I have been weeding the last border in the main garden which is full of bearded iris which flower in May. This is a fiddly job as the weeds get between the rhizomes which sit on the surface of the soil. This is their third year, so they will require digging up after flowering this year because each rhizome branches several times over the years and a tangled mass of rhizomes develops. As this exhausts the soil and does not allow sun and air to circulate, the flowers steadily decline in size. I lift each group and the younger pieces are cut off from the edge and replanted. The central piece is discarded to the compost heap. Whilst working here a robin always joins me and always finds some morsel to eat in the freshly weeded soil. It shows no fear and comes within a foot of me. We look at each other from time to time but he stays with me whenever I am weeding in the garden.

Walking around the garden, camellias which usually flower in February/March are beginning to bloom, snowdrops are poking their heads up, narcissus have been flowering for about 6 weeks now and other bulbs have their leaves emerging. At the bottom are some Hellebores which are in full flower with more yet to come into bloom. These are such a useful plant at this time of year as they produce lovely blooms which stand up to our winds. Gazanias are producing the odd bloom and the climber Cobaea is still in full flower. This so called annual has been amazing. I am wondering whether it will just continue throughout next year. Cyclamen in pots give weeks of colour on the patio as do winter pansies which need regular dead heading. In the small greenhouse I have a planter of mesembryanthemums which I found in November where I had grown them earlier in the year. These had self-seeded and looked healthy so they were planted up and placed inside in a sunny position as they certainly would not survive outside over winter. They continue to be happy and look about to flower. They have a fleece put over them on cold nights so that, who knows, I could have a display next month. Being home far more has allowed me time to experiment with ideas like this.

The lawn looks awful at the moment as it has many different types of toadstools growing. Most years there are a small brown variety but this year much larger cream-coloured ones have appeared as well as dark red ones which turn yellow. On the internet I have learned that they are a sign of a healthy lawn!! I must say that the crows seem to enjoy eating them. I cannot wait for the lawn to dry a little so I can trim the grass a little with my cylinder mower to re-establish the stripes. I know having a perfect lawn is not considered essential but I love to see the lawn neat and tidy

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Thurlestone Bay Birds

A Review of 2021

Little did we expect to be having to live throughout the year with Covid-19 restrictions, but somehow we coped, took our vaccinations when we could and survived through to December 31st.

Looking back over the year, it provided some outstanding birdwatching moments. Once again the total number of species recorded on the local patch exceeded 200 - albeit just 201 - there are very few other sites in Devon that exceed our total.

Arrival of geese is usually associated with a period of very cold weather either in Northern England or parts of Europe. In December there were 6 species of Geese recorded on South Huish Marsh - *BRENT GOOSE*, *GREYLAG GOOSE*, *BARNACLE GOOSE*, *WHITE FRONTED GOOSE* (last recorded March 2017), *TODD'S CANADA GOOSE* and *CANADA GOOSE*.

A total of 16 species of *DUCK* occurred - highlights being - *PINTAIL* - 8 flew west on 17th January, 4 male *GARGANEY* arrived on South Huish Marsh on 1st March, the earliest ever for this passage migrant which overwinters on the lakes of Africa. A female *SCAUP* seen briefly in the bay on 30th December, was only the second recorded in the last 20 years. A female *EIDER* flew south east across the bay on 9th December while a female *LONG TAILED DUCK* flew through on the 24th March.

There are two local reserves which are attractive to waders, South Huish Marsh and South Efford Marsh adjacent to the River Avon at Aveton Gifford. A total of 29 different species were recorded. The outstanding highlights were *AVOCET* on 16th March and 18 *GREY PLOVER* on the rocks on 24th April. During a brief spell of cold weather a flock of 170 *GOLDEN PLOVER* was seen on South Huish Marsh on 10th February, with a flock of 92 *LAPWING* on the same date. Single records of migrant birds in September and October were *CURLEW SANDPIPER*, *LITTLE STINT* and *RUFF*.

Spring records for *WOOD SANDPIPER* are worthy of note with 1 on the Marsh from 25th to 30th April and another on 14th/15th May - there is only one previous Spring record in the last 20 years.

Two species which originated from North America were recorded - a *LESSER YELLOWLEGS* overwintered on the tidal road at Aveton Gifford, last seen on April 10th, whilst there were 3 records of *PECTORAL SANDPIPER* on 14/15th September, 26th - 29th September and 1st - 20th November - both of these birds attracted many visiting birdwatchers.

Given the right weather conditions, particularly south easterly winds during the last 10 days of April, the flocks of migrating waders can be a wonderful sight - last year was exceptional. On 28th April 38 flocks of *BAR TAILED GODWIT* were recorded flying into the bay and then proceeding up the valley continuing their migration to their Northern Europe breeding grounds. A total of 2,200 birds was logged with the largest flock containing 435 birds. These birds were migrating from Southern Europe and North Africa, the south easterly winds blow them into the bay from the French side of the Channel. At the same time flocks of *WHIMBREL* can also be observed - many of them will rest on the rocks or feed on the Marsh - between 22nd and 26th April a total of 1,120 was logged.

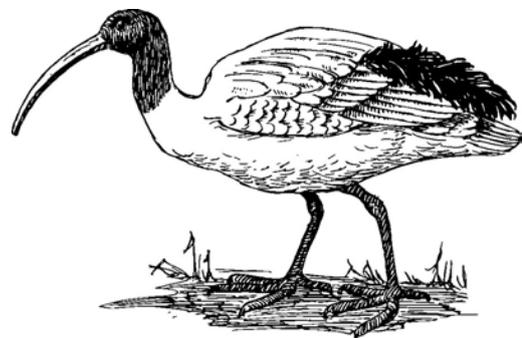
Although only 3 species of Divers are recorded each year, the numbers of birds observed were exceptional, particularly during March and April - a total of 145 *RED THROATED DIVER* in March and 52 in April with high daily totals of 18 on 8th March and 14 on 5th April. *BLACK THROATED DIVERS* are the least likely to be seen in anything other than single figures. A total of 21 for March and April was outstanding. Of particular note was one on 3rd

April which looked superb in full summer plumage. Commonest is *GREAT NORTHERN DIVER* with a March total of 169 birds being by far a record monthly total. A completely white bird which spent part of the winter on the Kingsbridge Estuary was twice recorded flying across the bay.

Evidence of warmer seas was thought to be responsible for a record count of 500 *BALEARIC SHEARWATER* in the bay between the 2nd and 5th of September. These birds breed mostly around the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean and come into the English Channel after breeding to moult. The sight of rafts of birds exceeding 300 feeding only a few hundred yards off Warren Point was something to witness. A few years ago a passage count in a day of up to 20 was considered exceptional.

SPOONBILL are always a magnificent sight to watch feeding, this year a total of 4 individual birds was recorded on South Huish Marsh. *LITTLE EGRETS* have been become a daily sight at both marshes, with a breeding colony now established in the Heronry along the River Avon. *CATTLE EGRETS* are following in their footsteps. Although there were no records of them breeding this year there were sightings in April and September. Just a single record of a *GREAT WHITE EGRET* was flushed from a pool at South Milton Ley 11th October.

Another visitor from Southern Europe is *GLOSSY IBIS* - a single bird on South Efford Marsh on 14th September and 6 in a flooded field near Hatch Bridge from 27th to 31st December (part of an influx along the South Coast Counties).



Glossy Ibis

A *SPOTTED CRAKE* was found at South Huish Marsh on 26th and 27th September - a very rare visitor here migrating back from its Northern European breeding sites to winter in Africa.

SKUAS, GULLS and TERNS always bring rewards for the hours spent seawatching. This year the spring passage of *POMARINE, ARCTIC and GREAT SKUA* was probably the poorest in the last 10 years. However, there's always one shining light - on 12th May I was seawatching and located a *LONGTAILED SKUA* flying into the bay. It eventually flew over the top of my head at a height of 25 feet - a magnificent sight with its slim body and long tail feathers, my first sighting of an adult bird.

LARGE 'WHITE WING' GULLS have become rare sights - only 2 records of *ICELAND GULL* on 25th March and 26th May with a single *GLAUCOUS GULL* on the 19th March. Spring passage of migrant *TERN* was very poor. However, a party of 4 *LITTLE TERN* fishing in the bay on 11th April was delightful. A first ever spring record for *WRYNECK* (a member of the Woodpecker family) - one was found feeding on ants along the coast path by the Golf Club on 31st March.

Nothing spectacular last year for flocks of *HIRUNDINES and SWIFT*. A cold and wet March particularly in Southern Europe resulted in birds arriving late - first *SAND MARTINS* observed on 22nd March, *SWALLOWS* not until 29th March and *HOUSE MARTIN* on 1st April. First *SWIFT* recorded on 23rd April.

Eleven species of *WARBLERS* were recorded - total numbers much lower this year although 5 sightings of *GARDEN WARBLER* on 27th April was a record Spring count. A male *RING OUZEL* at South Huish Marsh on 13th April was another first Spring record - very few of these now breed on Dartmoor.

On 9th November a local resident reported to me a small *WHEATEAR* on Leasfoot Beach - in the darkening gloom I managed to confirm it was a female *DESERT WHEATEAR* - at that time only the second UK record this year. The last record for Devon was found on 8th November 2015 which overwintered, this year's bird last seen on 12th November - even with such a short stay over 100 birdwatchers came to see it.

South Huish Marsh is one of the few sites in Devon that attracts *YELLOW WAGTAILS*. This year the first migrants arrived 16th April - it is in Autumn when small flocks can be found feeding at the feet of the Highland Cattle. On 26th April one of the European sub species was observed on the Marsh, a male *BLUE HEADED WAGTAIL*. Another first record for the Marsh was a male *GREY HEADED WAGTAIL* on 29th April - this was only the 10th record for Devon.

Finally, one of the success stories of recent years with the help and support of Devon farmers, the population of *CIRL BUNTING* continues to rise - at one stage there were less than 100 pairs left the UK, all in Devon. Today, the population is over 1,000 pairs and they can now be found along the coast eastwards into Dorset and a healthy small breeding colony in Cornwall. During the last 5 years they have become regular visitors to my garden.

I hope this extended review provides you with some indication of the outstanding bird life that occurs in our local area.

If you want more detailed information I update my web site thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk daily and also provide some photos which may not be of a professional quality, but at least give you a better idea of the individual species that can be found.

Mike Passman



WI NEWS



The WI held its Christmas lunch party at the Golf Club on December 10th. It was a lovely relaxed occasion; we had a delicious meal and to judge by the noise it was much enjoyed by all. We had a quiz which caused a lot of competition between the tables; the best won of course. The main raffle prize, organised by Barbara Williams, was a hamper containing lots of goodies and was won by Julia Thomson just in time for Christmas. There was a big round of applause for Chris and the staff who, as usual, had done us proud.

“A Patagonian and Antarctic Adventure” was the title of Alice Henderson’s talk to the WI on January 13th. What an adventure it was; there were dramatic photographs of huge icebergs, parts of which came crashing down, beautiful mountains and lots of the wild life. There were whales, penguins, seals and a massive condor and terns which will dive bomb onto your head if you get in their way. Alice apparently spent many hours sitting at the top of the main mast of the sailing ship, which involved a hair-raising climb up the rigging so she could see the amazing, changing view. Alice has had quite a few more adventures so we certainly hope to see her again. She is a natural speaker and her infectious enthusiasm makes you wish you were there with her.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 10th February 2022 when Anita Nowinska, an artist, will be giving a talk entitled “Blooming Inspiration - anything is possible in later years”. She came to painting late and believes anyone can do it.

For our meeting on 10th March, Ali Soper will be demonstrating the art of mosaic followed by the opportunity to take part in a hands on session making your own mosaic tile. It would be helpful if you booked in for this session so we have a rough idea of numbers.



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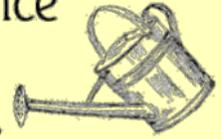
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Farming Diary

December 2021

As the full circle of farming completes for 2021, we are back to Christmas trees and veg boxes. Not forgetting the many crates of cauliflowers, the huge amount of celeriac, the different types of cabbages and all the kales that went out the doors this month. Sprouts are popular this time of year, of course, but it wasn't just stems of sprouts being sold. Nets of them were also leaving the farm. Each sprout picked off the stem by hand. Not an easy job as a huge amount was required for each net.

The lead up to Christmas is always an extremely busy one and thankfully, despite all the uncertainty surrounding Christmas 2021, it was as busy as ever, with the end of the year bringing a well deserved rest, well for 5 minutes anyway, after all there are strawberry plants to trim and prepare and more veg to cut.

Unless something new is introduced, then each year, each month will bring the same. At the same time, where the circle of farming can be relied on, there always come the changes in the weather, in restrictions on our freedom (who would have thought I would be writing that 2 years ago?) in market demands, in crop success, machinery issues, weeds and so much more. Farming, whilst the same each season, also has its differences. Each season brings with it excitement, but also a feeling of relief when it is over, whilst looking forward to the next part. The circle being a comfort whilst the variety keeps it interesting.

January 2022

January 2022 marks, not only a more hopeful start to a new year than the previous one, but it is also marks 5 years of me working at Terawhiti.

Back in 2016, I moved down from Hertfordshire. I was a typical townie. I didn't like dirt, I had a strong dislike for insects and I had no interest in DIY or anything practical.

As is usually the case when you have children I made friends with the parents of my daughter's new school friend. They were farmers. Ever since I read *The Famous Five*, I always wanted to meet real farmers. To say I was excited that I finally knew some and even became friends with them, was, slightly embarrassingly, an understatement. So in a moment on Christmas day 2016 I said I would come along and help. To this everyone laughed and thought "Yes of course you will....not". And so I thought "challenge accepted!" At the beginning of January 2017, I went to help out at the farm, as I said..... and I am still there!

When I first started, I had to pull on all my determination and stubbornness to prove everyone wrong, myself included. This was all I had because my strength and knowledge were definitely lacking. I started in the polytunnels, lugging compost bags up and down..... by carrying only one compost bag at a time, at this point..... then planting new strawberry plants.

I ached in muscles I didn't know existed, especially in my hands where I was separating out the compost. I was dirty, I was sweaty from exertion, but also cold from being outside. I was absolutely shattered but I surprised myself by enjoying every second of it.

I was asked to do more and more and suddenly I am a regular member of staff being asked to come in and pack the cauliflower into crates – resulting in aching elbows. I helped put a

polytunnel sheet on as the roof – my fingers from holding the edge of the sheet and pulling on it were in a lot of pain. I helped to undo bolts next to spiders that were far too big for my liking. I picked raspberries and strawberries with bees buzzing around. I was devoured by horseflies, which I had not been acquainted with before. I had to deal with slugs.....gulp!

I worked outside in the pouring rain, the freezing cold, hail, blistering heat (whilst covered from head to toe to avoid said horseflies!) I helped to hammer nails into posts for various reasons (this one I still haven't mastered, too nervous to really hit it as hard as it is needed, that and just not having the physical strength). I worked physically harder than I ever have before. These are but a few tasks and challenges I have faced over the years.

But then I was finding that with each cauli season, I was getting stronger. My body, whilst still aching, is bouncing back quicker. I am feeling fitter. I am watching how they fix problems when they arise and I suddenly find I have a practical side, so that I can also fix problems and complete tasks at home that I would normally avoid and then ask my dad to do – shhhh don't tell him..... Oh I forget, he will read this!

I am now used to the bees and some spiders, although that can depend on my mood. I still can't handle slugs though, it is just not meant to be, but then you can't win them all. I have achieved many things over the last five years that I would never have thought possible and everyone who knew me pre-Devon could not believe that I said I would work at a farm, let alone stick at it.

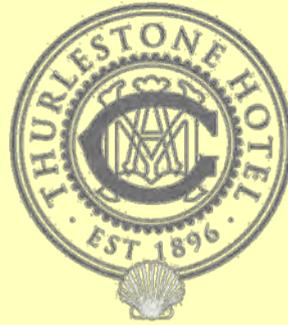
Out of my comfort zone, sometimes feeling overwhelmed, I have been able to learn so much and not just about farming but also about myself. Far from being a mindless job, as I once heard it described by someone who had never farmed, it is the complete opposite. Farming is all about mindfulness. You have to 100% concentrate on the job at hand, for farming is one of the most dangerous jobs you can do. From risking being hit on the head by a cauli, to working with large knives, to the large number of risks working with machinery can bring, being mindless would be dangerous. A farmer isn't just someone who feeds animals or grows and picks veg or just drives a tractor all day. He will have to give his animals medication, you can almost guarantee he will have to fix a tractor or piece of machinery each season, he will be pulling on many other skills that he has had to acquire over the years. I have learnt that farming involves a lot of problem solving and patience.

With regards to myself, I have learnt that there is nothing you can't do, if you set your mind to it. That even if you do have some limitations, you can still do a job well, as there is still a place for you. I have learnt that I can work hard, outside in the rain and even enjoy it. On the very few days that the weather has got to us, I was still able to look back at the end of the day with pride as well as relief that it was done for that day. I have learnt the joys of being with nature, the beauty of looking out over the green fields with the sea in the background and have learnt to appreciate the sounds of the natural world. Each day I pick the veg I thank the plants for their generosity, learning to be more grateful to nature and all those who make it possible for us to eat. I have learnt that farming can be hard whilst also being rewarding and fun. The camaraderie between staff and the laughs had when people have slipped in or got stuck in the mud for instance, have me giggling many years later and will for many more to come.

With us all having busier lives than our ancestors, with many issues and situations that test us, if there is one thing we can all take from my time farming, it is to never underestimate your abilities, don't give up and when times are tough, get out into nature, get muddy if you can and look and listen, as in nature you really can find peace.

I hope everyone's 2022 is a fruitful one.

Natasha Baldwin



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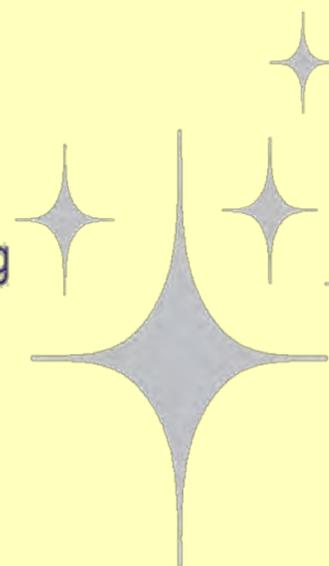
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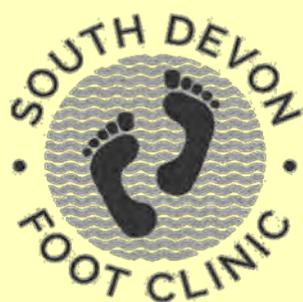
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Across the country it is sad that shows of this type and quality are closing because of the reluctance/unwillingness of volunteers to spend very little time, perhaps two days a year, in arranging and staging the show, together with three or four short committee meetings and a small amount of shared administration. We hope that it will be possible to keep our Show going, so we need ideally, but not necessarily, those interested in any of these ~ gardening ~ photography ~ arts and crafts ~ floral arrangement etc. Mary Tregellis, Diane Martin and, of course, Pat Macdonald - all former members, will be happy to fill in any background information, as of course will I. I look forward to being overwhelmed with calls!

Tom Gilkes 01548 560973

Dear Editors,

I want to say a big thank you to Doreen Moore for rescuing me outside the shop when I had self-inflicted damage to my car. She was so kind and helpful and even took me to the hotel for a lovely cup of coffee. Gavin and Lindy Price took me home so I was well looked after. Thurlestone really is a special place to live in. We are incredibly lucky to have the Village Voice team who have kept going all this time, it must have been so difficult during the lockdown, so many many thanks to them all.

Jo Parkin

Dear Editors,

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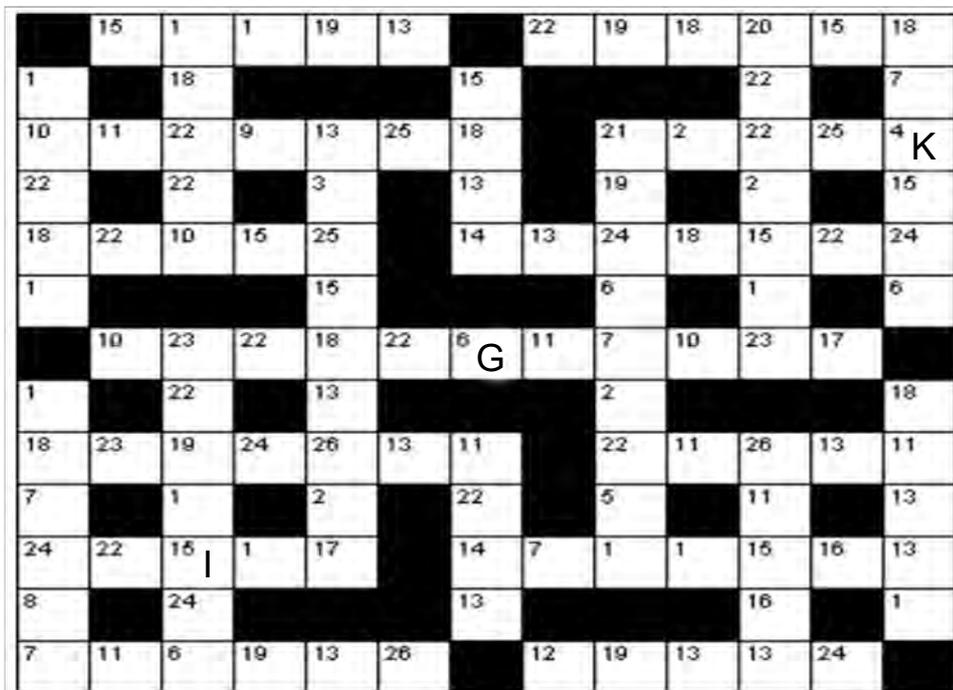
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Joel Barry

Puzzle Page

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There were 10 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the bottle of wine is Helen Edgeley. Commiserations to Dave Gibby, Dave Hayward, David and Mary Horne, Neill Irwin, Judith Le Grice, Pauline Lonsdale, Vera Pailthorpe, Susan Penwell and Lindy Price.



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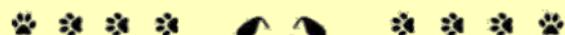
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Thurlestone Golf Club



Happy New Year!

2022 sees Thurlestone Golf Club celebrate its 125th anniversary. We are planning a variety of events to commemorate this milestone.

The Club was officially founded at a meeting held in the Kings Arms in Kingsbridge on the 13th March 1897 and it is from this date that we record our 125th anniversary. At this time the original nine-hole course and simple clubhouse had already been constructed on some 50 acres of land known as the Warren.

This area comprised the clubhouse, tennis courts, lower practice ground and first seven holes that we have today. The western limit was the wall on the right of the approach to the seventh green which then extended diagonally back across the present 18th fairway to meet the exit of the pathway from Yarmer beach. Beyond the wall there were no houses merely pastureland grazed by sheep right up to the church which was the first building on the approach to the village.

Construction of the course had begun in 1895 as part of a grand design formulated by Hubert Brunskill, a major landowner in the area, to turn Thurlestone into a fashionable resort development. The completion of the railway link to Kingsbridge in 1893 had raised the potential for developing facilities to attract summer visitors.

Just a little about Hubert Brunskill, a keen sportsman himself, he had inherited the family estate at an early age following the death of his father and elder brother, but did not acquire the estate until 1894, when he attained his majority and had completed his time at Cambridge. The family fortune had been built off the success of his grandfather who had established himself as a prosperous mercer and tailor in Exeter during the early part of the 19th century. The family home was Buckland House, which was until recently Buckland Tout Saints Hotel, which young Hubert immediately set out to make the centre of social and sporting life in the area. Whilst his passion would always be hunting, he had played cricket and golf regularly during his time at Cambridge. Occasional cricket matches were arranged on the lawns at Buckland House and discussions with his guests about golf would undoubtedly have been prompted in 1894 with the success of J. H. Taylor, from Devon, in winning the Open Championship at Sandwich, which he repeated the following year at St. Andrews.

Lord Mildmay of Flete was invited to be President in December 1896, some months before the official formation of the Club in March of the following year. He was known to Hubert through their interest in hunting and racing. His son Anthony became a famous jockey and has a stand named after him at Aintree and they still run the Mildmay Handicap at Cheltenham. Frances Mildmay was MP for Totnes for many years and remained President of our Club for 50 years until 1947.

I hope to give more insights into the early years and history of Thurlestone Golf Club throughout 2022.

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The Writing on the Wall



Belshazzar's Feast, painted by Rembrandt and set to music by William Walton, is one of the really alarming stories of the Old Testament. King Belshazzar presumed to use at his feast the captured holy vessels of the temple in Jerusalem. He paid dearly for the presumption. The phrase from the story in chapter 5 of the book of Daniel in much current usage is "the writing on the wall": it is used often and with force in the forecasts by climate scientists of a dreadful future if global warming exceeds a critical threshold. The imagery in the story may bear the comparison of desecrated holy vessels with the casual and unthinking use of the Earth's vast carbon resources, laid down over aeons of time and consumed daily by virtually all of us in some way.

We all know we have some contribution to make, some self-denial to impose, some change of lifestyle to adopt, in order to crawl towards "carbon neutrality". In Britain our individual annual average carbon footprint is around 8 tons, so many times higher than people living on islands defenceless against rising seas or tornadoes, or beset by drought and the advance of the desert.

The Church of England has set a target date of 2030 for the entire organisation to achieve carbon neutrality: no mean ambition given the buildings which typify the Anglican scene. In Thurlestone a start was made in saving so much oil when the roof renewal included a layer of insulation. The restoration of the south windows was prompted by the need to waterproof them, and save the fabric from the ravages of damp. If water can get in, warmth can get out. Clearly there is going to be a great deal more to do. We shall need expert help, funds set aside and a careful examination of how we work.

Faith and hope, two of the abiding virtues, say the Church will reach the target. Will the same be true of the parishioners, whether those with faith or those with none? How will we also help and rescue the worlds of those with nearly no carbon footprint and who may be about to pay the price for our presumption? That will take much more expert help and funds. And real practice of the greatest virtue of the three – love.

Would it not be a target to set, that we truly heeded the writing on the wall, and look forward to the voice of that other King "Well done, good and faithful servants"?

Every Blessing!

Peter

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Church Services

Sundays

- FEB/MARCH 13TH (BCP), 27TH (CW)** **8.00am** Holy Communion (said)
- FEB. 6TH, 20TH, MARCH 6TH, 20TH** **11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)
- FEBRUARY 13TH, MARCH 13TH** **11.10am** Morning Worship
- FEBRUARY 27TH** **11.10am** Matins (BCP)
- MOTHERING SUNDAY MARCH 27TH** **11.10am** Mothering Sunday Family Service

Weekdays

- ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND** **10.00am** Benefice Communion (CW) with hymns
- EVERY WEDNESDAY** (except March 2nd) **10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) (said)

CW = Common Worship (modern language) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (traditional language)

Regular Activities

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- EVERY MONDAY** **7.15pm** Home Group at 11 Mead Lane/Zoom 561124
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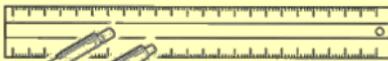
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Tramp Reports for Nov 2021 to Jan 2022

Well, 2021 has been a difficult year for our walking community but I am delighted to report that, in spite of all the problems, Tramps achieved a total of 30 walks since being "unlocked" on April 26th. Looking back, it is hard to remember how we had to operate in "bubbles of 6" as allowed by legislation at that time!

Old acquaintances were reunited plus a few new faces but, regrettably, a number of older members deciding that perhaps the walks were now too long for them.

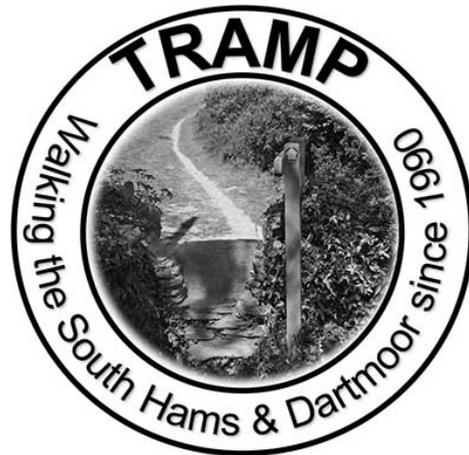
Our planning meeting for 2022 took place in November, as usual, and was well attended. The outcome is that we have a full (nearly!!) programme for 2022 which is included in this edition of Village Voice. It can also be found on the Thurlestone Parish web site.

17th November 2021. Bolberry Down. Annie and Harry.

We could not have been more fortunate with the weather today ... not a breath of a breeze, warm sunshine, no chance of rain ... but the mud beneath our boots revealed that the weather has been far from settled in recent weeks. Another reason for celebration ... the NT car park machine was broken so parking was free!

It's been clear, since Tramps reconvened earlier in the year, that our walks often get quite strung out, especially when there is a big turnout. With this in mind, Harry and I had planned a walk with the option of splitting half way round ... Harry accompanying those who preferred a gentler descent to the cove, and I led the rest on a slightly longer loop along the coast path and down a well-defined but rocky path to the beach below, where we met up once more for a quick coffee followed by a gentle climb up the valley to the car park at the top of Bolberry Down.

The pace was steady and there was time to get the binoculars out to study the Roe Deer grazing through the bracken on the far side



of the valley, to listen to the birds and see the skylarks soaring above us. We encountered Belted Galloways as we emerged onto the cliff after passing the Admiralty Signal Station, then the wonderfully docile Highland cattle, followed by Aberdeen Angus as we rose up the valley.

The only casualty of the morning was yours truly, who slid on a cowpat, and with no grace at all landed on her posterior. Did the men come rushing to my aid? Not one of them! I was swiftly lifted to my feet by the kind Siân & Jenny ... thank you. No injuries ... just hurt pride and muddy jeans. Thank you to those ten who came out to enjoy such a sociable morning.

22nd November 2021. Historic Modbury. Monday. Robin Hart.

12 Trampers, plus Heidi the dog, set out on a pleasant day from Poundwell carpark. We climbed steadily parallel with the Main Street up Church Lane, past the Church and then we walked down the famous Runaway Lane. The history is recorded at the entrance:

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on there is a stream crossed by a plank. As Runaway Lane begins to climb there are views across the valley and downstream towards Ayleston Brook where it joins the River Erme at Oldport.

We then met the road turning left and then left again in 200 metres down the track to Cottlass Farm. We rested there and enjoyed refreshments overlooking Ayleston Brook. As a result of Mike's annual get-together where we had a magnificent array of cakes, Harry said he had expected something similar on today's walk. Sure enough, Pat had made more than enough delicious Lemon Drizzle cake to keep everyone happy!

After our rest we crossed the brook and went past an attractive house with a barn. Going on uphill - the top is known as Rogues Roost - there were some stunning views to Ermington Woods and Dartmoor. At Butland we started the descent towards MODBURY. The last stretch downhill took us back to the car park where a number of Trampers enjoyed coffee and a light bite at the Cool Beans café.

29th November 2021. Jeremy Tucker

East Soar Farm to near Overbecks and along the Coastal Path to Middle Soar and back.

4 of us braved the cold conditions for this gentle 3 mile ramble. The weather became ever better and sunny with lovely conditions and glorious views from the Coastal Path to a dead calm sea. Lovely inland country views including Dartmoor. At the end, a pleasant picnic with mince pies!

16th December 2021. Christmas Walk and lunch at The Cottage Hotel. Mike Hodges.

The Tramp Christmas lunch 2021 was to be held at the Cottage Hotel so we started our walk from the upper car park at the hotel at 10 a.m.

It was a beautiful clear sunny morning and having taken in the view out across Hope Cove and Bigbury Bay we headed down through the hotel grounds to sea level, only to immediately climb to the ridge north of

Hope Cove passing the continuing development of luxury flats at Lantern Lodge.

Turning off the cliff path between Outer Hope and Beacon beaches, we took the bridle-way inland to the East, changing first to a green road and later joining the road between Galmpton and South Huish. This route gave us excellent views to Dartmoor to the North.

Picking up the footpath and heading south back to Galmpton, crossing a field of kale, we were treated to a great view down the valley over Galmpton church and out to Bolt Tail. The public footpath continues across upper and lower town roads in Galmpton, down into the valley and up onto the ridge between the hamlet of Bolberry to the south and village of Galmpton to the north. Turning right and west, leaving the wind turbines to the east, we headed along the ridge to Hope Cove, with views of the plateau from Bolt Tail to Bolberry Down to our south, Dartmoor to our North, and views across Bigbury Bay to Plymouth ahead.

We crossed the road and headed down past St Clements, the fishermen's church, to a welcome sight of Vivien and Mike serving up a glass of warm mulled wine and mince pies in the square at Inner Hope. For those still keen there was a brisk pre-lunch walk up from the square onto Bolt Tail; for others a gentler stroll to the Cottage Hotel. There we all enjoyed further views out across the break water from the dining room and an excellent lunch whilst conversing with friends.

3rd January 2022, West Alvington circular. 5 miles. Annie Lukehurst.

There was a good turnout for the first Tramp of 2022. We had ordered fine weather, still remarkably mild, and the rain was holding off as promised. After all the indulgences of Christmas and the New Year, not to mention the uncertainties of whether we would be able to get together with all our loved ones it was so lovely to return to some sort of normality and enjoy the company of friends and to share all our stories.

We headed south from West Alvington towards Longbrook, passing the impressive

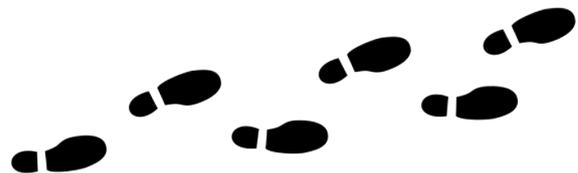
staddle stones, then turning up the steep track to the radio mast above Easton. Heading south still we passed through the hamlet of Auton where the kiddies always leave their soft toys to greet passers-by. Arriving at Youngcombe Farm we came to the end of the road and headed out across two or three fields, climbing up to the village of Woolston. Turning east we soon reached the second high point of the walk, which afforded panoramic views across Kingsbridge estuary and up Frogmore Creek. Once on the Old Coach Road to Salcombe, we turned towards Kingsbridge, dropping down to cross the creek at Collapit, and then off into the fields once more for the final mile into West Alvington.

At Batson Creek we meandered along the estuary admiring the calm water - not a ripple. It was then up a steep hill where we paused to take in the lovely views of Salcombe. On through the woods and passing the Bonfire Hill Cemetery. In addition to the thirteen named burials, it contains the grave of an unidentified sailor of the Royal Navy.

Once up at Batson Cross, we walked back to Ashby's along the cycle track - approximately 20 minutes. Due to staff shortages, Ashby's were only able to offer a reduced menu of an all-day breakfast, plus coffee, tea etc.

12th January 2022. Circular walk to Batson from Ashby's store. Trisha Wilson.

On a beautiful sunny winter's day, 17 TRAMPS (is this a record?) turned out for a short walk. We met at Ashby's on the Salcombe Road and then turned down hill to Ilton Farm, Castle Farm and on to Lower Batson; all on quiet dry lanes.





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Feb 24th	Thurs	Tony Burn	4	East Prawle
Feb 28th				
Mar 8th	Tues	Alastair & Gill Durden	4.5	Dartmouth Diamond Jubilee Way + coast path
Mar 17th	Thurs	Vanessa Barton	4.4	Diptford
Mar 21st	Mon	Mike & Sian Hodges	4	Snapes Point, Salcombe
Mar 28th	Mon	Liz & Peter Coates		TBA
Apr 4th	Mon	Robin Hart		Bere Alston
Apr 12th	Tues	Jeremy Tucker	4	Noss Mayo & 9 mile drive - anticlockwise
Apr 21st	Thurs	Jill Miller		TBA
Apr 26th	Tues	Alastair & Gill Durden	4	West Charleton estuary walk
May 2nd	Mon	Neil Mackay	6	East Soar and Bolt Tail
May 11th	Wed	Sue Dwyer	5.5	Wembury
May 16th	Mon	Mike & Sian Hodges		Aune Valley paddle!
May 25th	Wed	Peter & Wendy Gornall	4	Parke park, Bovey Tracey
May 31st	Tues	Claudette Uff	7	South Pool
June 6th	Mon	Alastair & Gill Durden	4	Norsworthy Bridge to Down Tor (Burrator)
June 14th	Tues	Linda Chilcott		Ashprington to Totnes & return
June 22nd	Wed	Christine Wilson		Jennicliffe, Plymouth
June 30th	Thurs	Liz & Peter Coates		Ringmore and Kingston
July 4th	Mon	Mike & Sian Hodges		Dartmoor charity walk - TBA
July 14th	Thurs	Vanessa Barton	8	Widdecombe
July 18th	Mon	Linda & Gareth Scott		Ivybridge & Erme Valley
July 26th	Tues	Claudette Uff	4.00	Archery Close, KB
Aug 3rd	Wed	Trisha Wilson and Jenny W		Dartmeet & Brimps Woods
Aug 11th	Thurs	Alastair & Gill Durden	6.25	Loddiswell circumnavigation & Avon valley
Aug 15th				
Aug 22nd				
Aug 29th				
Sept 7th	Wed	Sue Dwyer	5.5	Wembury
Sept 13th	Tues	Eric Candy		Noss Mayo & 9 mile drive - clockwise
Sept 19th	Mon	Neil Mackay	6.5	Wistmans Wood, Dartmoor
Sept 26th	Mon	Gareth & Linda Scott	4.5	Plymbridge & Boringdon
Oct 7th	Fri	Linda Chilcott	5	Dartmouth Castle & Kingswear
Oct 12th	Wed	Eric Candy		Mount Edgecombe
Oct 20th	Thurs	Tony Burn	5.5	Kingston to Wonwell beach via Hoist Point
Oct 24th	Mon	Annie Lukehurst	4.75	Dartington & Staverton
Oct 31st	Mon	Robin Hart		Modbury
Nov 7th				
Nov 14th				
Nov 21st				
Nov 29th	Tues	Jeremy Tucker		East Soar - clockwise
Dec 6th	Tues	Linda Chilcott	6	Worthy & South Milton
Dec 15th	Thurs			Christmas walk and lunch



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Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday is a reminder of simple delicious and often overlooked pancakes. This year it's 1st March.

To make 6 pancakes (crepes)

2 eggs
110gms plain flour
275ml milk
Oil or butter for frying the pancakes

Sieve the flour into a bowl. Make a well in the flour and break the eggs into it. Stir a little, incorporating flour as you mix and then pour the milk in slowly, still stirring and continuing to incorporate the flour until the mixture has a smooth creamy texture. You can make this batter well before cooking – it will improve for resting.

To cook: Pour just enough oil into a medium to small frying pan, to lubricate it. Heat to a moderate temperature before adding enough batter to thinly cover the base of the pan. Cook for half a minute then lift the edge of the pancake with a spatula to check its colour. The underside should be golden and ready to turn. Toss or turn over with an egg slice. The other side won't need more than ½ a minute.



Sweet pancakes:

- Turn the newly cooked pancake onto a plate that's prepared with a dusting of caster sugar.
- Continue with the remainder of the batter, piling up the cooked pancakes (don't despair if the first one flops).
- Serve warm with caster sugar and a sprinkling of lemon juice; or a dusting of cinnamon.
- Or serve with maple or golden syrup.
- Or rolled around a fruit filling such as stewed apple.

Fillings For Savoury Pancakes:

- Home-cooked ham, with chopped parsley.
- Spinach and feta.
- Mushroom, cottage or cream cheese and chopped spring onion.
- Chicken and mushrooms with thyme and sage.
- Cooked fish, with chopped parsley, fennel or dill.

To prepare: Make the pancakes above leaving out the sugar.

- Prepare a white sauce and stir in meat or fish of your choosing.
- Place a good spoonful of the filling on the lower third of each pancake and roll into a cylinder. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and it's ready to serve.
- Or arrange the 'cylinders' in a shallow ovenware dish. Spread over with more of the white sauce used in the filling. Sprinkle with grated cheese and brown under a medium grill.

Serve with a salad.



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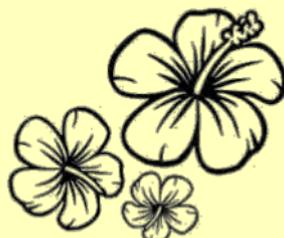
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The Ring Feeder is in farming country and its setting is where fields roll to the horizon. It began, before covid-19, as a café-bar in a field! Just a cattle box with seating at outdoor tables built from planks. Popularity grew for the uniquely fresh food which represented farms in the immediate area and, in 2021, they built the new spacious venue where there’s a cosy ambiance in spite of its size. There was just one table free when we arrived on a Tuesday for brunch at ten.

Whether seated outdoors or inside, the farm feeling prevails. Inside, it’s reflected in the décor’s natural colours where wood, cane and straw are obvious. You have to look hard to find plastic amongst the cow-inspired interior design. Surprisingly, clear resin tiles with straw embedded in them is flooring for the toilets. Gingham and fresh flowers bring brighter shades and pages from Farmers Weekly are pasted as wallpaper on a couple of walls. We settled into a mood which is warm and easy and, from a window, could see sheep grazing. There was a relaxed buzz of conversation from people meeting friends, some taking a break in their journey from the A38. Here and there, people were working at laptops while having coffee and a break from being on the road. If the service had been slow (it wasn’t) we’d have been too distracted to notice.

On that Tuesday’s page in the diary, the reasonably priced ‘Daily Fodder’ was listed. Lunches, served between twelve and three, have the same, grown-at-home vernacular as breakfast and are brought to the table with friendly service – service that’s so right for a farm-based café. There are ‘staples’ on the menu to go back for again and again, as well as ‘changeables’. The homemade soups are hearty and among the hot lunch dishes, made by Harriet the chef, there’s Mozzarella, tomato and pesto bread & butter pudding; Chilli burrito; Cauliflower cheese & bacon bake; Beef Thai curry, to name a few. They’re served with salad or other accompaniments on the side, with very reasonable pricing. We saw nothing over £10.

If afternoon tea is what you’re looking for, there are cakes, traybakes, scones or ice cream and Ring Feeders continues to support local businesses by serving Devonshire teas and Owen’s organic coffee, aware that while helping the area to thrive, it reduces food miles.

On the way out, you’ll see ‘The Farmacy’. The farm shop displays fresh vegetables, meat and home baked pies and pastries as well as many other local products.

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K	T	Z	F	G	G	S	P	D	M	R	A	I	R	F	K	C	F	KNIGHT
Z	H	A	D	F	V	E	P	D	T	I	V	N	I	X	A	N	K	CASTLE
E	H	R	X	R	F	Z	D	A	Y	G	O	Z	A	S	E	I	I	SWORD
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D	M	R	I	E	X	Y	L	A	T	Z	E	A	N	C	B	A	C	PRINCE
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Z	F	A	K	U	N	F	D	Q	K	D	Y	C	G	R	N	G	A	TAPESTRY
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- Saturday 5 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Monday 7 Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 9 Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm
Thursday 10 WI 2pm for 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
Wednesday 16 TRAMP - Snowdrop Walk, Staverton 4 miles - Wendy and Peter Gornall
Saturday 19 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Monday 21-25 Devon Schools' Half Term
Tuesday 22 Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall and on Zoom 2.30pm - "George Stubbs: The English Leonardo with Christopher Garibaldi
Thursday 24 TRAMP - East Prawle 4 miles - Tony Burn

March

- Saturday 5 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Saturday 5 Kingsbridge Choral Workshop 2022. John Rutter Requiem led by Alastair Durden at Kingsbridge Community College 10.00am - 5.00pm - Cost £25
Sunday 6 Kingsbridge Walk All Over Cancer 2022 and Kingsbridge 21K as a joint approach for Cancer Research UK. The 21K will be 16 circuits along The Promenade in Kingsbridge from the Town Square to the Crabshell Inn from 8.30am to around 1.30pm
Monday 7 Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 8 TRAMP - Dartmouth Diamond Jubilee Way + Coast Path 4.5 miles - Alastair and Jill Durden
Wednesday 9 Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm
Thursday 10 WI 2pm for 2.30pm start Thurlestone Parish Hall - Ali Soper - Mosaics - A demonstration followed by a hands on session making your own mosaic tile
Thursday 17 TRAMP - Diptford 4.4 miles - Vanessa Barton
Saturday 19 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Wed 23-26 KATS presents "9 to 5 The Musical" Malborough Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £14 from kats-kingsbridge.co.uk or Kingsbridge Information Centre 01548 853195
Sunday 27 British Summer Time starts at 1am when clocks go forward 1 hour
Monday 28 TRAMP - TBA - Peter and Liz Coates
Wednesday 30 Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall and on Zoom 2.30pm - "From Holbein to Byrd: The Art and Music of the Tudor Century" with Mark Cottle

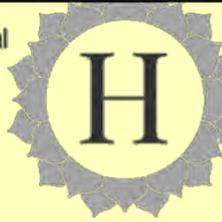
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- Monday 4 TRAMP - Bere Alston - Robin Hart
Monday 4 Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm

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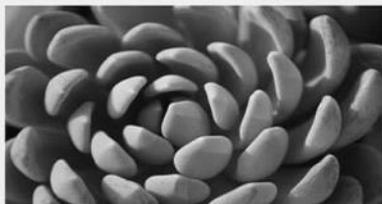
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