

VILLAGE VOICE

October -November 2022



Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022

Long Live the King



Over the last two editions royal events have featured on our front cover and we make no excuse for doing so again.

In the summer we marked the remarkable achievement of Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne, culminating in the fantastic Jubilee weekend when our community and others, all over the country, came together to celebrate this momentous occasion. It was a show of appreciation for all her years of dutiful service and the deep affection the country held for her.

Sadly, this edition marks the occasion we knew would happen, but hoped never would, and so quickly. The death of our greatest and much esteemed monarch, who united us through both good times and bad. For 10 days the country mourned not only the loss of the steadying influence most of us have only ever known, but a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. It was said she made every person she met feel important and much was made of her lovely smile and sense of humour, evidenced in the James Bond and Paddington Bear sketches, which she herself wanted to appear in. Reality dawned when her coffin, accompanied every step of the way by the Princess Royal, made its way back to London on the plane used for the repatriation of the fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Queen's reaction to this plan was "If it's good enough for my boys, then it's good enough for me." The boys and girls of her armed forces certainly did their 'Boss' proud over the following days. Her Majesty also once said "grief is the price we pay for love" so if the tears and respectful silence shown by the many thousands who queued to pay their respects at the lying-in-state, laid flowers and lined the street was anything to go by, she was incredibly well loved.

On 19th September the nation, and indeed the world, stopped to witness possibly a once in a lifetime historical event; Her Majesty's state funeral. The magnificence and emotion of which is difficult to put into words, but included so many poignant moments such as the pulling of the gun carriage by Royal Navy personnel (including some from Plymouth) and the young Pallbearers who carried her safely but gently throughout. Amongst all the sombre pageantry, there were little personal touches such as the Queen's pony and corgis as well as the borders laid on the lawns at Windsor with some of the floral tributes. The service featured a never before seen moment; the breaking of the wand. Everything was meticulous and fitting as you would expect with the Queen having a hand in its planning. A day which will live long in our memories. Thank you, Ma'am, for everything, may you rest in peace.

With the end of the Elizabethan age, a new chapter began with the proclamation of King Charles III, (another unseen before event), and the start of the third Carolean age. Judging by the relentless schedule of the new King, he will also work hard to serve us along with the rest of his family. Now the period of private mourning has concluded, we shall find out more about how the King's reign will unfold. We wish him and his family well in the difficult task of following the exemplary example set by the late Queen.

God Save the King.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

1926 - 2022

A few words from **Judy Pearce**.

As I write, we have been, and shall be spending the rest of this third week of September 2022, remembering and mourning the loss of possibly the greatest monarch our country has ever known in its long history, and certainly the longest reign ever. My first memory of watching television was the Coronation on 2nd June 1953, by which time Queen Elizabeth II had already been queen for over a year. The event was forever unforgettably etched in my memory: the huge golden coach, the elegant outriders, the trumpeters and their fanfares, and the incredibly heavy crown which the Queen so obviously found so burdensome to wear once she was crowned.

She has been the nation's rock through most, if not all, of our lives. Her dignity, grace and devotion to service of all the peoples she reigned over both here in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth and Overseas Territories, and as head the Church of England, have been an example to all of us, especially those of us in any kind of public service.

Devon played an important part in our late gracious Majesty's life. It was after all at The Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, that she first met her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Her special fondness for our county remained with her. She was always passionate about our military forces and so looked with pride on the serving personnel based here. She was, for instance, patron of the Royal Marines Association, which represents Royal Marines who have retired. She came to the Cadet 150 at Wyvern Barracks in Exeter in 2010.

In 1949, then still Princess Elizabeth, she opened the post-war development in Exeter, to which she lent her name when it was called Princess Hay. As Queen she made regular visits throughout her reign to Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay and also visited on the Jubilee Tours: Silver, Golden and Diamond. Many of you will have treasured memories of seeing her or even speaking to her on one or more of these occasions.

Before decimalisation, we were used to coins with the heads of several predecessor monarchs on them. It was always a special treat to be given an often badly worn penny with Queen Victoria's head on it in change. Now once again we shall soon have two monarch's heads circulating on our money – even though coinage is now so little used. Our stamps, bank notes and passports will also change, but anything issued in the name of Queen Elizabeth will remain valid, for such is the enduring quality of our monarchy. For a while we shall have to pay special attention to the National Anthem, and I fear many of us will only ever sing 'God save our gracious King' for the rest of our lives with two more princes next in succession.

So now we shall have no more new memories of our dear Queen Elizabeth, but rather hope that our new King Charles will not be long coming to visit us here in Devon. May our late and gracious Queen rest in peace.

God save the King!

A Note from your MP Anthony Mangnall



The course of the last three years since the General Election of 2019 has had every twist and turn. From the pandemic to the war in Ukraine, and most recently the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. These are certainly interesting and difficult times to live and work through.

While we continue to mourn the loss of our greatest public servant, The Queen, it is right and necessary that we give focus and attention to what needs to be done. Over the course of the summer, the welcome respite from the Westminster bubble gave me the chance to get out and about. It is an opportunity for us MPs to re-immersing ourselves in our constituencies away from the gossiping and plotting of politics. Criss-crossing south Devon this summer has reinvigorated my sense of mission to deliver on my priorities for our area. Listening to constituents, organisations and businesses over the past six weeks has firmly put wind in my sails as Parliament returns.

Of course, Parliament returns with a new Prime Minister, a new Government and a new King. The overwhelming priority going forward is to support the new Government in tackling the immense challenges that lie ahead. We need to rally round the new Prime Minister and ensure those most in need are given the support they need. We all want her to succeed – the British people are depending on us to deliver.

A new Government possesses fresh eyes and I hope with it will come new opportunities for MPs to highlight the matters and issues that are relevant to our corner of the country. My conversations in the constituency over the summer have therefore been invaluable.

For example, I donned my wellies on quite a number of occasions to visit some of our farms around south Devon to hear farmers' hopes and concerns. I was then able to put these conversations to great use in Parliament's first week back. I know some farmers are concerned about the impact trade deals with countries like Australia and New Zealand will have on producers here. Having witnessed it with my own eyes, I often wax lyrical about the quality of south Devon's produce and highlighted in my speech debating the Trade Bill (the purpose of which is to ratify these deals) the export opportunities for such world-beating produce. Not only this, but I was able to ask the new Environment Secretary about food security which demonstrates the importance of producing as much of our own food as possible.

And so, there are new Ministers to mither and lobby on issues I know the people of south Devon care about. From farming to planning; broadband to buses, and – of course – energy bills and the cost of living.

There can be no doubt as to the new Government's immediate priority. It is a daunting in-tray, and I will be supporting the Government to deliver for the British people during these difficult times. It is reassuring to see that in only her second full day in the job, the Prime Minister has announced decisive support for households' energy bills over the coming winter.

A new Energy Price Guarantee – superseding the Ofgem energy price cap – will give people much needed certainty on energy bills over the next two years. I am also pleased that action has been taken in other areas which have concerned me greatly such as establishing an equivalent fund to support those using heating oil or living in park homes which I know affects many in south Devon, and an equivalent guarantee for businesses who are not protected by a price cap.

However, it is positive that the Government is not only concerned with the immediate term impacts but is also looking to the future to ensure we never again find ourselves in a situation like this one. Two reviews planning for the future as well as increasing support for nuclear energy will guarantee our energy security in the decades to come and protect us from exposure to malign international actors weaponising energy supplies.

The coming months will not be easy, but I am certain Britain will navigate through these choppy waters and reap the growth and opportunity that people across the country need.

There is then, no shortage of matters which demand my attention as your Member of Parliament in the months ahead and I return from the summer refreshed and re-energized in service to south Devon's village communities like Thurlestone.



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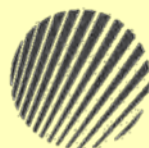
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NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The most recent Parish Council meeting is summarised below. There was no meeting in August. The detailed minutes can be seen online at www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk

Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Jill Munn (Chairman), Sue Crowther, Paul Gunning, Rosa Lewis, Adam Ryan-Carter, Gill Stone and Sian Williams.

In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, District Cllrs Judy Pearce and Mark Long and 12 members of the public

Open Forum

Information had been received from Bantham Estate that no overnight parking is allowed between the two gates.

Clerks Report

Cllr Gilbert was thanked for his support with both a Localities payment towards the Jubilee celebrations and for his help in obtaining additional enforcement over the busy summer period. Councillors have received requests for advice and/or assistance with tree issues in the area. A Tree Protection Order has been requested at Clanacombe. The Council would encourage anyone considering tree works to contact them prior to submitting an application. The next Avon Estuary Forum meeting is on 27th September. There are road closures 24th – 28th October between Kerse Cross - Whitley Cross and Eddystone Road - Kerse Cross. This is an Openreach application to allow for safe access to underground/overhead cabling. Mike Stickland was thanked for erecting new footpath signage by the lane down to Coronation Quay. The Public Right of Way team have been contacted to obtain information regarding the continued closure of the route to Bantham Quay. A temporary Tree Preservation Order reference TPO1069 has been served at 2 Leonards Close and residents had been asked for their comments.

Parish Matters

A drunk driver had ploughed into the stone wall and kissing gate by the entrance to the beach car park. Bantham Estate requested the views of the Council in respect of how the wall is rebuilt and if the gate should remain. All Councillors felt it was essential for the kissing gate to remain, as it prevents walkers being on the same road as vehicular traffic. Complaints had been received regarding noise issues with outside events (Rockbox & weddings) and regarding the state of the public toilets. Any complaints should be made to SHDC so they can be taken into consideration when assessing any future licences. On the morning of the Bantham Swoosh, there were a number of medical emergencies and these were not satisfactorily managed. TPC will write to the organiser to raise the issues of traffic management, insufficient infrastructure, risk management and the need for communication with the Council prior to the event. Devon Association of Local Councils are to provide face to face training for Councillors. The following Councillor roles were agreed: Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Crowther; Footpaths – Cllr Gunning; School Liaison – Cllr Gunning & Parish Clerk; Water/Electric Meter Readings – Cllr Lewis; Snow Warden – Cllr Munn; Tree Warden - Cllr Ryan-Carter; Climate Related - Mike Hodges & Cllr Ryan-Carter; Avon Estuary Forum and Parish Hall liaison - Cllr Stone; Friends of Thurlestone Church – Cllr Williams; Police Liaison and GDPR Officer – Parish Clerk.

County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Gilbert commented that this August has been particularly quiet, much more so than usual. He reported that DCC finances are in dire straits, Child services post-pandemic is haemorrhaging money to around £1,000,000 per week. Inflationary pressures are

further impacting the issue. DCC is presently awaiting an update from the new government regarding funding for the county and the availability of Localities monies is going to Cabinet next week. Vehicular enforcement across the area has received positive feedback.

Cllrs Pearce and Long reported that the Bantham Vineyard applications 3026/21/FUL & 3027/21/FUL will be considered at Development Management Committee on Wednesday 7th September. Information regarding cost-of-living help is now available on the SHDC website and the Waste service comes back inhouse on 3rd October. There will be no changes to the service unless parishes have been consulted and the solution is an effective one. There is a lot of discussion regarding the brown bin service and how that should be taken forward.

SHDC have allocated a nine-month period to correct the issues with the service. Any problem areas should be reported to the Parish Clerk who will forward to SHDC. There are now 167 Ukrainian guests in the South Hams, with over 71 hosts. Arrivals are slowing but SHDC are still receiving up to 3 families per week. A new Assistant Director of Planning has been appointed and decisions are now being processed quicker than they were, partly due to new planning officers. Parts of Devon/Cornwall/Somerset are now in an avian flu zone. Avian influenza (bird flu) is a notifiable animal disease and must be reported immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. Birdfeeders should be cleaned to prevent spread. Rural England have announced a Prosperity Fund with over £800,000 being allocated to the South Hams. Applications can be made via SHDC for rural tourism, infrastructure such as cycle paths, village hall technology and more.

Planning Matters

2614/22/FUL, Summerstrand, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone. Alteration to form ancillary accommodation. **Support.**

2489/22/TCA, The Old Workshop, Parkfield, Thurlestone. Tree works. **No Objection.**

The following applications were ratified:

3026/21/FUL & 3027/21/FUL. Temporary Paraweb fencing for Estate vineyards. **No further comments.**

1416/22/HHO, 2 Valleyside, West Buckland. Extensions to north/south. **Support.**

1251/22/HHO, Tree Tops, Thurlestone. Single storey extension & alterations. **Object.**

2160/22/HHO, West Buckland Farm. Ground floor extension & outhouse rebuild. **Object.**

2178/22/HHO, Lower Furlong, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone. First floor extension above garage. **Object.**

Decisions:

SHDC **approved**: 1601/22/FUL, The Pillars, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone; 1441/22/FUL, 29 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone; 1633/22/FUL, 21 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone; 1689/22/VAR, Plot 29, Highfield, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone; 2178/22/HHO, Lower Furlong, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone; 1657/22/VAR, Buckland Park Farmhouse, Bantham.

SHDC **refused** 1017/22/HHO, 24 Court Park, Thurlestone; and the following applications were **withdrawn**: 1416/22/HHO, 2 Valleyside, West Buckland; 1610/22/HHO, 31 Court Park, Thurlestone; and 4301/21/HHO, Appledore, Island View, Thurlestone.

Tree works: 1520/22/TPO, Buckland Park, Bantham. Lesser Tree Works were allowed; and 2070/22/TPO, Marshalls, Thurlestone. A split decision was issued.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3rd October 2022 in the Parish Hall.



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The day was made even more special, as my son was also there with his 1969 MGC – quite a rare bird, these days.



There's always a wide variety of historic cars – this year there were 150 pride and joys, ranging from a beautifully restored Citroen 2CV (owned by Terry Cooke, the son of well known Thurlestone residents, David and Kitty Cooke), to a truly enormous 1959 Cadillac Coupe Deville, and a stunning old Bentley, called the Beast.

The Cadillac wouldn't be for the faint hearted, as it weighs 2.5 tons, and achieves a frightening 8 mpg!

In addition to the cars there is always a range of motorbikes and some tractors.

The AG car show is a particularly nice one to visit, as it's local, is busy without being crowded, has good food stalls, is located right next to the Fisherman's Rest, and all the proceeds go to deserving causes in Aveton Gifford.

What's not to like?

See you there, next year?

Chris White



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On November 25th Martin Lloyd will entertain and inform us about “Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies”. There will be a dramatic account of how the actions of a group of assassins brought about a change in the passport regulations, how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design, and how for one man the passport itself turned into a killer.

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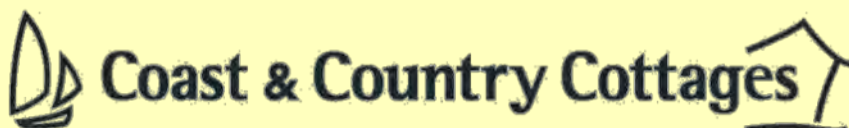
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Our Garden September 2022

by Sue Dwyer

I am writing this article a little early as I go away on holiday in mid September. The weather has been so hot and dry and the garden has suffered from the drought. However, certain plants have done well. I remember 1976 when the golf course looked exactly like it is now with brown fairways and sparkling green greens. That year we went away at the same time by ferry to Spain. The view of Plymouth Hoe was a brown desert. When we returned 3 weeks later Plymouth Hoe was green and lush as I hope my lawn will be when I return from walking in the Peloponnese and Kythira this time. It was just as well "Open Gardens" was held when it was as soon after that the drought really started to make its mark on our gardens.

This summer I have noticed the lack of small bird song in the garden. The robin that accompanies me when I am weeding has not appeared. He could have succumbed to nature but I hope like other birds he has been hiding from the heat. I have never seen my garden so colourless in 40 years but there are pockets of plants that have not suffered as much. Very noticeably in the shady border on the east side, protected from the sun's glare by a fence in the morning and a herbaceous border in front in the afternoon, lupins, thalictrums, lilies and perennial geraniums along with Rugosa roses have been a beacon of hope this year. Also of note is that the plants originally coming from South Africa have performed well. Usually at this time of year I do not see any soil in the herbaceous borders as the plants cover everything. Due to the stunted growth and no second flush of growth I am seeing many bare earth patches.

I have only regularly watered newly planted specimens, pots and my vegetable garden. The rest has just had to cope. I have 3 large water butts but these were emptied very early on in the drought. The dishwasher packed up about a month ago so I have had to wash up the old fashioned way. I am amazed just how much water I have used doing this when my 2 day old newly installed dishwasher only uses 9 litres for a whole cycle. The washing-up water has been concentrated on the camellia hedges which, unless they get sufficient water from August to October, will have dropped their flower buds next spring, hence having fewer blooms to enjoy. I have dug up most of the newly planted plants, cut back the foliage and put them into pots placed in my newly created convalescent plant area in the shade outside my kitchen window. Their root balls were bone dry when I dug them up despite spot watering them regularly. However, soaking the roots in water prior to potting them up revived all of them and I have them on plant saucers so no precious water is wasted. If the pot seems too wet I remove them for a few days to avoid waterlogging the roots. They are growing away in shady conditions to be re-planted in early autumn to their original places.

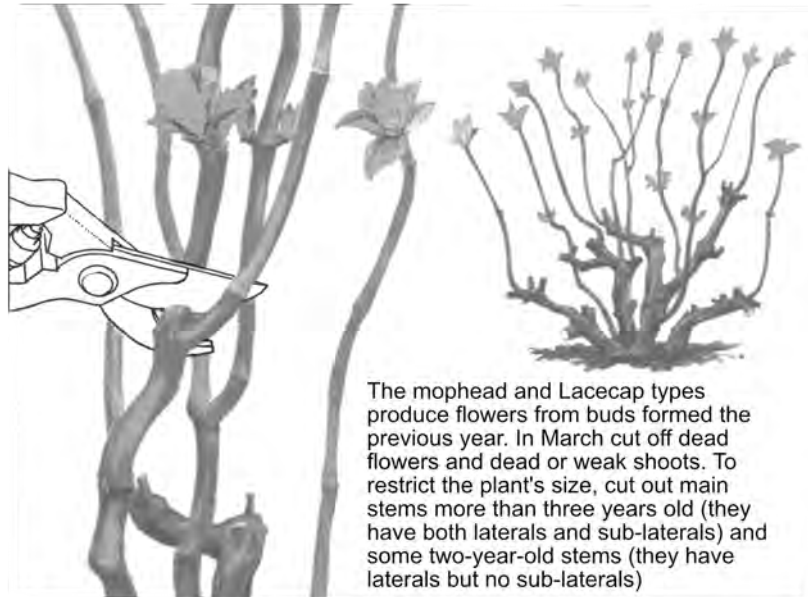
Some of the South African plants in the garden which have been beacons of hope are firstly agapanthus. The agapanthus gall has not affected the flowers as was the case last year. I dutifully removed all the affected flower heads a year ago as directed by the RHS and this year I have not had a return of the problem. Last year I bought a few osteospermum to fill in a few gaps at the front of the main border, I left them there all winter, in fact they kept on flowering most of the time and this year have produced a fantastic large display of vivid colour. I did not expect these plants to survive the winter. Eucomis or the pineapple lily which grows in the Drakenberg Mountains has done better than ever. Most were in the garden when we came here but usually grow quite tall and the large flower heads topple over. This year they have only made 50 cms but the flower heads are bolt upright giving a really good display. The speciality variety Eucomis Comosa with the purple edged leaves and flowers has increased from 3 to 5 flower spikes over the winter. Another new addition last year was Kniphofia Alcazar or red hot poker which has never thrived in the garden before. Kniphofia originate from South Africa as well as other African countries up to the

equator. I bought 3 plants which produced a few red spikes last year but this summer the two which survived had up to 15 red spikes about 1.5m in height. These are in my small prairie bed which will be removed this autumn but each plant can be divided into 2/3 so there will be red spikes at the back of the main border next year. When you buy bulbs, occasionally they do not produce what you anticipate. I have a clump of pink crinums, a type of late flowering lily which grows to about 4ft, at the bottom of the garden, again from South Africa. They produce multi headed fragrant trumpet flowers in late summer, so I decided to buy the white variety. Last year no flowers were produced but this year the flowers have come but are a dark pink, not the white I was expecting. I have contacted the nursery who have asked for a photo. This has been sent and I await a reply. Late flowering bulbs are a bonus in the garden. The belladonna lilies are just appearing from the bare earth and a few are beginning to open, their leaves come in spring and disappear in mid summer. Nerines and amarines a cross of the previous two plants have yet to send up their flower spikes.

The alstroemerias, originally from South America, gave a wonderful flower display early in the summer and usually, if you pull all the spent flower stems up, they have a second flush of new flowers which continues until November. This year this has not happened. I have pulled all the dead flowers up and am left with bare earth patches, but hopefully with rain forecast for the first week of September all may not be lost and new growth will emerge. The most impressive alstroemeria I have is "Indian Summer" with its dark foliage and orange flowers and this has thrived in the drought. Because I like the foliage I have left this one alone and the plant remains a highlight in the border. Another bonus is despite being relatively tall, about 1 metre, the stems are strong, unlike many of this species, so it stands the wind and needs no staking. I purchased four different types in the Princess series which I wrote about last time so I now have eight types all different colours so I can compare how they grow and develop. The white variety Princess Claire is by far the most impressive in vigour and colour. A new one with a variegated leaf, Princess Fabiana, has a creamy striped flower and is delightful and very different, whilst Princess's Kate is vivid red and Eliane a very attractive pink. Princess Lisa is a vibrant yellow, the rest are various shades of purples. I like plants to make a statement with colour. Personally I find purple flowers get lost amongst the greenery and sort of disappear in the border. All these alstroemerias are short varieties needing no staking so will be placed at the front of the borders next year.

Several people have asked me about their hydrangeas which are looking very sad, due to the drought, even to the point of asking whether they should be cut to the ground. I have noticed, walking around the Yarmer Estate, where hydrangeas have been in the shade facing north so getting little sun all day, they look quite healthy. Maybe as they are near the house they get watered with waste water occasionally. Any in gardens in full sunshine look dreadful with brown foliage and flowers. I tried the scratch test using my nail on some dead looking branches and underneath the apparent dead wood was healthy green bark. So leave well alone. If the dead heads disturb you too much you can take these off but wait until early March to prune mopheads and lacecap varieties. These flower from buds produced the previous year. Most hydrangeas I see, even if a gardener prunes them, are a mass of stems as only the dead flower heads have been removed. All main stems that are 3 years of age or older should be removed. These have lateral and sub lateral stems that is lots of branching off the main stem. When pruned correctly the plant looks very bare but you get larger flowers produced and a healthier shrub. I learnt this from an old Readers Digest "New Illustrated Guide To Gardening" I bought when we bought the house in 1982. I have inserted a copy of the illustration "How to prune a Hydrangea", which shows what it should look like in March each year. The book was first published in 1979 and still today is my bible for pruning, I follow the pictures. I looked this up online and it is still available second hand between £3 to £5 from various sources.

I had an interesting encounter about a month ago walking early one Sunday morning on the cliff path above the green hut. I saw a small snake about 20 cms long crossing in front of me. My spaniel was 100m ahead and my Tibetan on a lead behind me. The snake coiled up and looked at me and I realised it was a young adder. I stayed still and it uncoiled and went into the undergrowth where it was originally heading. In the 1950's as a child we had a beagle which was bitten by



an adder on my family's land about 20 miles away when sniffing in undergrowth. My sister, about 7 yrs old, was with the dog and could not explain what had happened, just that the dog had collapsed. Only when we rushed this collapsed dog to the vet, who showed us the bite marks on the dogs throat, did we realise the dog had been bitten by a snake. The dog survived after a stormy few days. I doubt if this young snake would have done much harm but I did warn a couple with a small dog off the lead whom I met a few minutes later coming towards the spot where I had seen it.

Our garden has little colour but other people who have dropped in say how colourful it is in comparison to theirs. Certainly the salvias, verbenas and roses are looking good, as well as the alcalthaea which is a hybrid of mallow and hollyhock which I have mentioned before. This has flower stems at least 2m tall full of creamy/pink flowers, and has not been watered at all, yet has thrived. It has to be propagated by cuttings as no seeds are produced, so hopefully some will take and I can have more plants around the borders next year. The cobaea has lots of flowers, this year I am enjoying the white as well as the purple variety.

When I return towards the end of September hopefully enough rain will have happened to kick start plants into their autumn displays, hopefully the dahlias will have turgid leaves not floppy ones, and the flower heads will be larger than the present miserable specimens. I must remain optimistic that the garden will return to its former glory next year.

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Bantham Giant Onion Competition

The inaugural 'Regulars of the Sloop Inn Banthams' Biggest Onion Growing Competition' was a roaring success on Friday 2nd September 2022.

With nine enormous entries, the judge Tim Staples awarded Alastair & Siobahn Meikle first place with an extraordinary 1765g onion. A close second place went to Ronald Kibbler, and third place to Peter Weedy.

With many thanks to Ronald Kibbler for germinating the original seeds and distributing the sprouting plants to those involved in this year's competition.

2023's event will see the Sloops' locals compete for the largest onion and marrow in September.

Details can found on the poster at The Sloop Inn or by contacting Ron Kibbler or Tim Staples.



Pictured: L-R, William Southcott, David Lynch, Gordon Southcott, Tim Staples, Peter Weedy, Alastair Meikle, Ronald Kibbler.

Fran Staples

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- work with other local organisations to deliver local projects in the areas of renewable energy, enhancing biodiversity, and the circular economy.

The Sustainable Thurlestone/Buckland/Bantham group is supported by the South Hams District "Sustainable South Hams" community not for profit company which provides inspiration, knowledge, training, and links with local organisations and funding to help us make a real difference in our Parish.

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Grey Matter

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 - 14 Put the freshness back.....
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 - 23 Just do it.....
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 - 25 Second class return to Dottingham please.....

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

1. Waterloo 2. Cockfosters 3. Swiss Cottage 4. Canning Town 5. Kew Gardens 6. Tooting Broadway 7. Seven Sisters 8. Angel 9. Chalk Farm 10. East Ham 11. Oxford Circus 12. Blackfriars 13. Burnt Oak 14. Southgate 15. Hanger Lane 16. Wimbledon 17. Tower Hill 18. Liverpool Street 19. Monument 20. Grange Hill 21. Earls Court 22. Nine Elms

There were 11 all correct answers last month. First out of the hat and winner of the coveted bottle of wine are Karen and Brian Barker. Commiserations to Mary Barrons, Adrian and Sue Durant, Viv Gibby, Dave Hayward, David and Mary Horne, Linda Scott, Anne Rainbow, Peter Stanier, Mike and Vivien Stickland, Andrew and Sara White.

POSTBAG



Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed so many bottles of all shapes and sizes, some alcoholic, some fizzy and some sparkling. We estimated that we were given approximately 230 bottles which resulted in what we think is a record collection of £820!

The trouble is that the fete committee will expect the same next year! We will be in touch!

On behalf of us all, thank you.

Liz and George Lacon
Mary, David and Patrick Horne

Dear Editors

Please will you print this letter in the next issue of Village Voice.

Having lived in Thurlestone for nearly 20 years and being a keen gardener, I was delighted to be asked along with Sue Dwyer to judge the flower section of the South Milton Horticultural Show this year.

This was a truly enjoyable experience that I would be most happy to repeat next year.

Taking part in a village show is the best demonstration that we care about our gardens, our countryside and our rural communities.

After over 40 years of sharing the horticultural show with South Milton, Tom Gilkes wrote a plea in Village Voice earlier this year, for some representation from Thurlestone. Regrettably only one person replied to help and so the long association of a joint village show ceased due to lack of interest from Thurlestone people.

This is such a shame to lose the joint event.

Lesley Ferguson

Dear Editors

I felt on hearing of the sad death of an old friend Jenny Underhill, of her many involvements and activities. Bridge tuition, N.S.P.C.C. (book stalls), golf and tennis to mention a few items.

Jenny will be sadly missed, and there is nowhere quite like Thurlestone! I miss you all.

Monica Dickens

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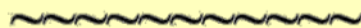
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Parish Hall News

By Alison Daily



New Committee Member

We welcome Gill Stone who has joined the committee as the representative for the Parish Council and will also be a voice for Bantham and Buckland.

Autumn Fair

The first thing I would like to say is how very sorry we are that the Autumn Fair will not be taking place due to an already packed season which made it difficult to recruit enough stallholders. We were very much looking forward to hosting it but are considering one during spring instead.

Questionnaire

This leads me nicely onto the questionnaire you'll find inserted in this edition. Please would you spare a few moments to complete it, as your views will help us understand the needs and wishes of the community and enable us to shape events and activities accordingly? Your time would be greatly appreciated and I would like to thank you in advance. You can also complete the form on the Thurlestone Parish Hall Facebook page and the Thurlestone Parish website. The information gathered will help in deciding next year's programme and the way the hall is used in the future.

The start of Autumn has seen clubs and classes re-starting; there is no excuse for being unfit in this parish! Details of all the classes are shown below:

Weekly Groups at Parish Hall (Sept/Oct 2022)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contact for Price and Availability</u>
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	10.30-11.30am	Yoga	Saffron 07840788511
	10.30-12.30am	Stitch & Bitch	Sally 01548 561356 or Diane 01548 560070
Tuesday	5-6pm	Freestyle Fitness	Suzi 07557334802
	9-10am	Yoga	Sarah 07879627939
	11am-1pm	Art	Marianne 01548531413
	2-3pm	Power Hour Yoga	Suzi 07557334802
Wednesday	6-7pm	Circuit Training	Andrea 07545070430
	9.30-10.30am	Pilates	Sharron 07818410017
	2-3.15pm	Line Dancing	Sue 01548 550348
	6.15-10pm	Bridge	Lisa 01548 560505
Thursday	9.15-10.15am	Yoga	Sarah 07879627939
	From 1.30pm	French Lessons	Angela 07749493931
	6-7pm	Smash HIIT	Suzi 07557334802
	7.30-9pm	Table Tennis	Paul 07866802800
Friday	4-5pm	Badminton	Sian 07784893405

The Martial Arts classes have moved to a new venue in Kingsbridge
Bootcamp classes have finished. Kat's stopped teaching to go travelling - lucky lady.

New this season

Andrea Mahn is starting a new Circuit Training class on Tuesday evenings (currently from 6-7 but this may change to 5.45 – 6.45pm). For full details contact her at andrea.mahn@btopenworld.com or ring her on 07545070430.

Thurlestone Phone Box

Well, it's been a glorious summer, maybe too hot at times for some! Thurlestone has been a very popular destination for holiday makers so the books have been flying out of the phone box and our book reserves are running low. Many will be looking forward to a quieter and gentler pace in the coming months as visitors and family return to their busy lives.



If you have any novels that you've enjoyed reading over the summer and would like to donate them, we would be grateful. As the evenings draw in a good book is often more satisfying than the television! We will endeavour to provide a good selection for the community.

Our Phone Box committee will be meeting soon to decide which events we'll celebrate throughout the year and appropriate decorations needed for the Phone Box. If you have an idea or a special event that you would like us to consider we would love to hear from you and if feasible implement them into our schedule.

We have had lots of compliments regarding the flowers surrounding the Phone Box. All have been kindly donated by locals. We'll tidy up this area for the winter and hopefully replant and refresh in the spring.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mary Horne



Outside



A new activity centre has been set up by a local family man, Paddy Wellens, near Bantham.

Crowdfunding got the project off to a good start, with the enthusiasm and cooperation of some skate-boarders and other interested locals. With the aim of providing sports, education, creativity and food, they acquired planning permission to update and renovate a barn on two acres of land. The resulting facility called 'Outside' opened in August, and has a skatebowl which compares well with the very best in England. Preparation for a soccer pitch is also underway.

The reconstructed barn has pottery wheels and other facilities for working with clay. Classes are running for children as well as adults. Instruction for surfboard shaping is also going to be on site this autumn. It's all just off the A 379 on the lane to Bantham, where white roadside boards give the Outside café's opening hours. Post code TQ7 3AA.

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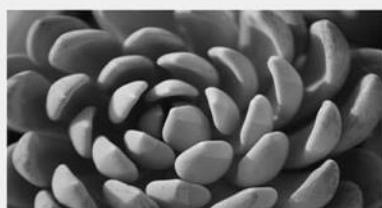
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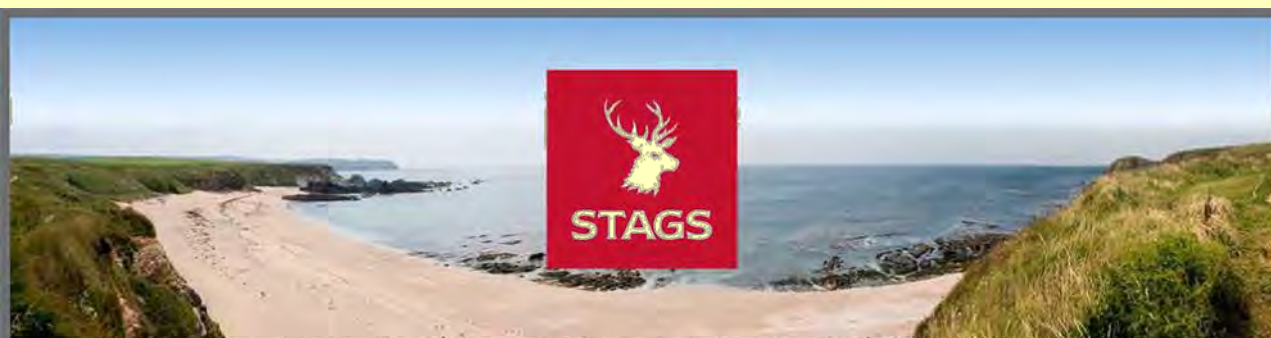
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Village News Roundup

Jenny Underhill

We were sad to hear of the recent passing of Jenny Underhill, who had a long association with the Parish, after moving here with her parents in 1966. She was a keen golfer, starting her career with Yelverton Golf club, and after moving to Thurlestone, became a prominent member of the ladies' section at Thurlestone Golf Club, serving on many club committees as well as being a past Lady Captain in 2004. Jenny was also involved in many other activities in the Parish, most notably as a Bridge player and teacher. Jenny will be sadly missed by all her friends.

Church Fete

Congratulations to all the church fete committee who did such a splendid job in organising this annual event after a 2-year gap. Well done to all those who helped set up, man and dismantle the stalls, without everyone pulling together they wouldn't have raised the incredible amount of £6,398.59.

Local Shops

We have heard many comments about how well the local shops coped with the influx of extra customers and sometimes erratic deliveries in the last couple of months. Thank you from the parish for your hard work and providing us all with such a valuable amenity.

Adders

Two of the Village Voice team have had close encounters with adders crossing the coastal footpath, one on the Bantham side of the green hut and the other, at the end of August, as they approached Hope Cove. It might be an idea to be prepared if you, a companion or dog is bitten by our only poisonous snake. You can find relevant information on the **NHS website, www.nhs.uk and look at the section on "snake bites"**.

Avian Bird Flu

There have been sightings of dead birds on our shores and the advice from the government is as follows: "Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find. You should call the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77) if you find: one or more dead bird of prey or owl, 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks) and 5 or more dead birds of any species". Some of these birds are collected and tested to help them understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird. Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>.

Editor Wanted

Sadly, Vivien Stickland has had to relinquish her editorial role; we thank her for her calm, steady influence and contribution over the last 4 years. We have already welcomed Barbara Smith to the fold but feel we need another to bring the total to 6. We are a happy, social group of people and are looking for someone with the same qualities who would be prepared to give up some of their time. Currently the editors work on every bi-monthly edition, but if another volunteer is found then 2 or 3 editors could be allocated per issue enabling the others to take a break; this will bring the editing in line with how the compilers work.

Pumpkin Patch Weekends

It's that time of year when pumpkins make their appearance. You have the chance to pick your own at the two pumpkin patch weekends held on 8th/9th and 15th/16th October at Terawhiti Farm, South Milton. You will be able to pick your own pumpkins and perhaps use them to cook the recipe on our 'Tried and Tasted' page. More information can be found on the Terawhiti Facebook page.

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- SUNDAYS 8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP: Oct 9, 16, Nov 13; CW: Oct 23, Nov 27)
- OCT. 2ND 11.10am** Harvest Eucharist (CW) (see notice below)
- OCT. 9TH 11.10am** Morning Worship
- OCT. 16TH 11.00am** Benefice Pet Service at Churchstow
- OCT. 23RD 11.10am** Bible Sunday Matins
6.00pm Annual Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service (see notice overleaf)
- OCT. 30TH 11.10am** All Saints' Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 6TH 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 13TH 10.50am** Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths **(please note time)**
- Nov. 20TH 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW) & Stewardship Service
- Nov. 27TH 11.10am** Advent Sunday Service
6.00pm Benefice Advent Carol Service at Thurlestone

WEEKDAYS

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REMEMBRANCE AND TRUTH

Autumn is a time of reflection and remembrance. This September, pageant and ceremony affirmed the passing of the monarchy from the late and so much loved Queen Elizabeth to King Charles. We heard and watched as 96 years of history were publicly evaluated. From commentators and conversationalists the recurring theme was that this small, self-controlled, shrewd and sparkling lady had undertaken to hold these islands, the Commonwealth countries and so much of the rest of the world in a fellowship of peace and common endeavour: and that because of her personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour her 1947 vow and the life-mission expressed in it had been fulfilled. True, there were times of sadness and perplexity, including that as a teenager the Queen lost her uncle, the Duke of Kent, serving in the RAF in World War II. Above all the atmosphere has been of profound thanksgiving.

In this month and next occur two important collective acts of remembering (see below). Often, what we remember about departed friends and family members will bring the important thought of how our current selves have been shaped by their influences; how they are part of our identity now. Some memories may be tough to re-open, especially when someone died unfulfilled or tragically. We must be truly grateful when personally understood truths reveal so much richness gained from others; including when the pain of recall jolts us into realising how precious our every moment is. When those we loved have become part of the fabric of us, the remembrance steadies the footsteps of our pilgrimage.

Much more problematic are the acts of Remembrance of the war-dead by communities and nations. There is shared pride in unknown forebears of whose names on the memorials some may sound familiar; but their owners are unknown to us. We ascribe to them defence of our freedom and nationhood, courage and sacrifice. Yet we know little of their motives, or those of their political and military leaders. Much of the truth is hidden, lost in time. Siegfried Sassoon lamented the "intolerably nameless names" on the Menin Gate at Ypres, which he called "a pile of peace-complacent stone".

Worryingly, peace-complacency is surely in us and our leaders, not in stone. We tend to think that we know much of what goes on in Ukraine, of its peoples' suffering, heroism and determination to stick by truth; and we pray that the truth may keep them free. But what can we say to grieving Russian families deliberately kept in a fog of fake news, under malign manipulation of the media and forbidden to question the government stance? At Remembrance tide we will hold before the God of truth those whose war-suffering is wicked deprivation of truth. Would God they had leaders with faith like the one we were recalling.

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We should like to invite you to our
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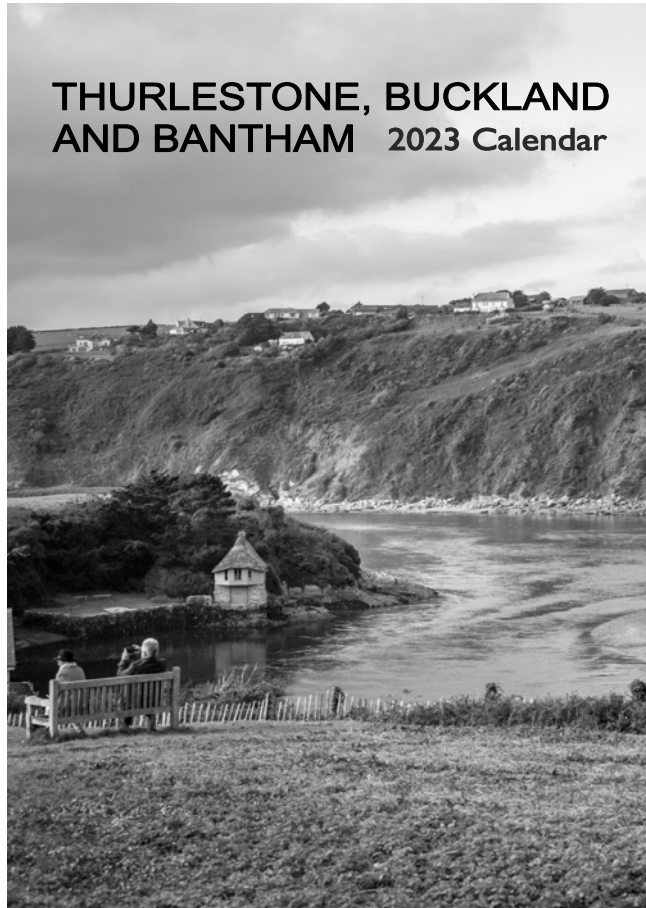
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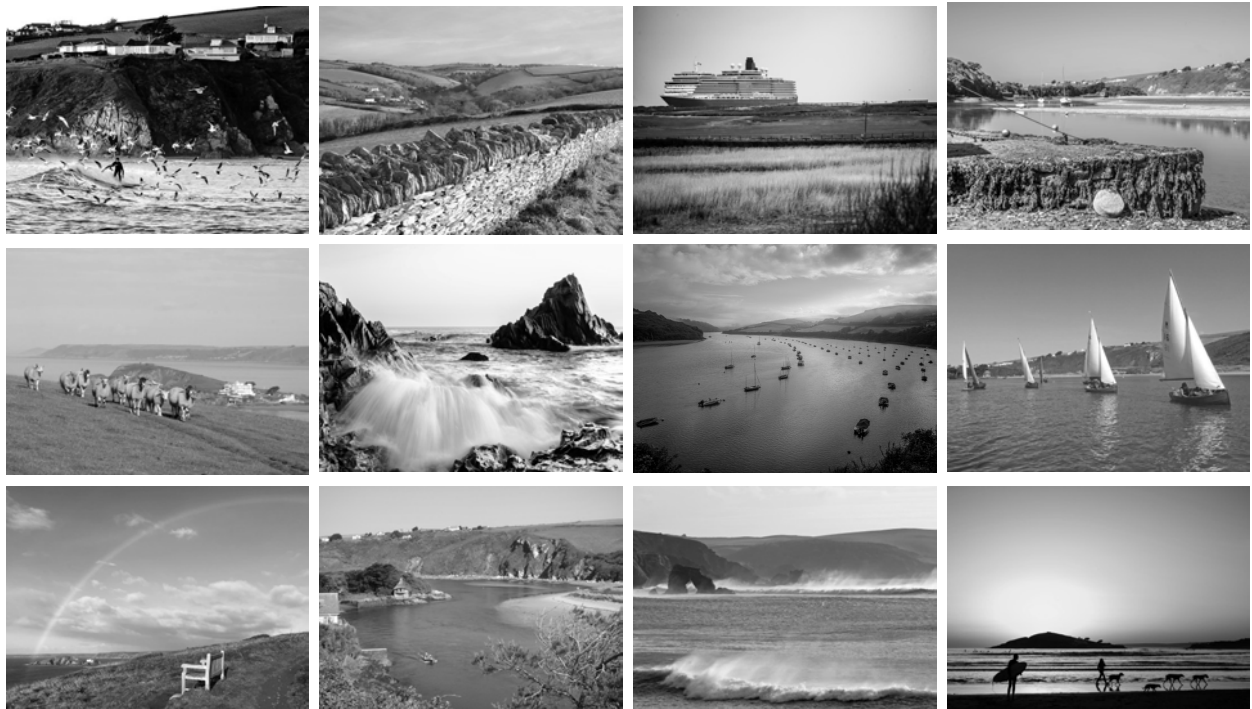


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With prices on the Dolphin's main course menu between £9.95 and £11.95, you could mistakenly believe that they are not up to date, but these were the prices in August 2022 when we enjoyed generous pub fare, freshly cooked to order. For those of you with children there's a special menu. We saw a family with three in tow and their chicken nuggets beans and chips were reasonably priced and everyone looked happy.

Desserts are £3.95 and delicious. Here are a few examples to whet your appetite:

White chocolate and raspberry cheese cake
Apple and blackberry crumble
Treacle tart

The drive to The Dolphin Inn in Kingston is along lovely Devon lanes. Whether you take the tidal road that leaves the A379 at Aveton Gifford and go via St Anne's Chapel, or drive the longer route, Kingston is about 25 minutes from our villages. For it to take the same time on either route says more about the lanes than the distance. (I'm confident that we who live in these villages are cool about lane travel.)

The Dolphin is a memorable place to stop either for lunch, or for good between-meal refreshments, and for dinner. There's an ample garden and it's ideally situated for ramblers, like the Tramp Walking Group to take a break when on one of the local footpaths. Once they've walked the two-and-a-half hour circular trail through woodland, along the coastal path and the Erme estuary, and across farmland, most are ready to drink a glass of beer or wine. As well as food and drink there is B&B accommodation to be had at this inn.

The entrance is through a solid doorway into a setting with ceiling rafters, stone walls and a cosy area for tables near the bar, where an open log fire warms the space on chilly nights. A second dining area, away from the bar, has more tables and another inglenook fireplace. As we made our way to the bar, we received welcoming vibes from the new proprietors of the lovely 16th century Devonshire pub. It was early but, even at 5.30 pm the bar was busy with locals and holiday makers. Drinks are reasonably priced, with beer at £4.50 and a glass of wine at £5.10. When selecting their stock, they pay good attention to what is preferred by the local villagers.

There was friendly waitress service which was at a comfortable pace, delicious generous meals sourced from local farms and the sea, and good value for money. Options available on other days include steak & ale, or fish pie as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options. If you would like fresh lobster from the river Erme, or mussels from the river Yealm, let them know when you call to book a table. Tel: 01548 810314

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“THE TRUFFLE HOUNDS OF EAST CLANDON CORNER THE MARKET IN THE SURREY HILLS....”

...Or so stated the BBC reporter, Luke Hanrahan who came to visit the Tindale's of High Clendon Vineyard and film the 'sniffer dogs' of Surrey! (The Tindales are close to Thurlstone having had many memorable holidays here since 1991 and more recently a home in Thurlstone.)

Persephone and Juno, cocker spaniels, were stars of a short 'feel-good' article on BBC News this year. The dogs were filmed with their owner to search for this rare underground delicacy at their truffière (truffle orchard) in a secret location in the Surrey Hills.

'Burgundian' Truffles grow naturally in chalky, high pH soils and have been a food source over centuries in the Surrey Hills and elsewhere in England but the art of truffle hunting was lost in the 19th Century and is now being revived to find this expensive delicacy. Foraging animals such as deer, badgers and foxes are attracted by the intense, earthy, erotic scent of these underground fungi and in consuming them they help to distribute the spores. Sibylla, owner of the spaniels, explained, "they get mega-excited by the scent and furiously dig at the soil to reach the truffle. I have to stop them. Then to unearth this prized fungus, I bury my nose in the soil to find the earth-encrusted truffle then gently dig it out. It's a race before the dogs grab and consume them."

The dogs were initially trained by James of English Truffles who two years ago with his beautiful Labrador found in the Tindale truffière what was thought to be England's biggest truffle weighing in at 606g; the size of a small football. In truffle season running from September to February a little band of four young trainee dogs meet up most Friday mornings to search for the truffles, the star hound being a young dachshund, Moppet. More is expected of young Persephone and Juno!

Truffles are much prized and have become synonymous with Italian and French cuisine. The finest way to enjoy this delicacy of truffles is to shave thin slivers raw over warm pasta or risotto, warm potatoes, warm grilled steak or sublimely on an omelette or scrambled eggs. As the truffle warms over the food, the glorious erotic scent assails one's nostrils and the flavour is sublime. It is like an intense mushroom flavour with earthiness and perfume! I call it "sex on a plate". My all-time favourite recipe is my Truffled Cheese Gougères which I am happy to share with all. This recipe has also recently featured in a new book – a Celebration of Recipes and Wines from English Vineyards - to visit the finest with stories of the owners, their favourite recipes and featuring their beloved vineyard dogs. It is titled *Watercress Willow and Wine* by Cindy-Marie Harvey.

The Burgundian truffle, Tuber Uncinatum, is the truffle found most commonly in English woodlands where chalk is the underlying soil type. Truffles need to grow in a high pH soil to enable them to outperform other subterranean fungi. Today the technology is available to buy oak, hazel or beech tree saplings with the roots having been 'inoculated' with truffle spores. It takes about 10 years to establish a fruitful truffle orchard.

There is a hierarchy of truffles in price and supposedly intensity of flavour too—the very rare and expensive white Truffles of Alba in the Italian Piedmont which is the gold standard for truffle connoisseurs. Then the Black truffle mainly from the dry areas of the Perigord southern France and followed by the Burgundian (dark brown) truffle which is more commonly cultivated in the Piedmont, Burgundy, New Zealand and increasingly in England. Even the late HRH Prince Philip had a truffle orchard near to Sandringham.

Truffles over the centuries in England were a valuable food source during the winter months when other fresh food sources are depleted. Queen Victoria famously adored truffles and frequently they featured in her menus. People in previous centuries had the skills to detect and unearth them with dogs and or pigs. This skill has largely been lost in Britain though is alive and strong in the southern parts of France (Perigord) and of course, famously in Italy and especially in the Tuscan hills and more especially in the Piedmont at the foothills of the Italian Alps where the highly prized white truffles of Alba originate.

So we are hopeful that Persephone and Juno will contribute to the charge to relearn truffling in the Surrey Hills.

Sybilla Tindale

BOOKSHELF

One Enchanted Evening by Anton du Beke

This book was given to me and although I knew Anton could sing and dance the question was could he write as well? The answer is yes, he can; I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly I forgot he was the author and became engrossed.

The book covers the five months leading up to New Year's Eve 1936, when the Masquerade Ball is due to take place in the Grand Ballroom at London's glitzy Buckingham Hotel. A very special guest, King Edward VIII, is due to attend and Raymond de Guise (don't be put off by the name), his dance partner Hélène Marchmont and group of ballroom dancers enchanted guests here every evening. The success of the Ball is vital to the hotel's reputation, but both Raymond and Hélène have other concerns in their life.

Behind the scenes Nancy Nettleton arrives as a new chambermaid, and although a hard worker she finds it difficult to settle in, but soon becomes captivated by the ballroom. Her wish is to have her brother eventually join her.

Maynard Charles the Hotel Director prides himself on being invisible, but is under continual pressure to please the hotel owners and ensure the hotel remains successful. He has more than one secret to keep.

Vivienne Edgerton, the American step-daughter of the owner, is a permanent guest at the hotel against her will, and consequently takes evermore desperate measures to relieve her boredom, until she spirals out of control.

Portraying all the glamour of 1930s London, but also covering deeper issues such as the rise of Fascism and the contrast between the different social classes of the time, the narrative intertwines with real life events making this a captivating read. Len Goodman always mentioned that a dance should have light and shade and this is a good description of what this book delivers. A hotel being the perfect backdrop for hidden secrets and forbidden relationships. I enjoyed this first book of the series and have since read the second. Anton certainly is a man of many talents.

Alison Daily

A Fortnight in September by R.C. Sherriff

Shortly after deciding I should read some more modern classics, I came across this book in our local bookshop and was intrigued by the reviews, with one stating that 'although being about ordinary things this makes it extraordinary'. How right they were, it was a delightful read. It follows the 5 members of the Stevens family on their annual 2 week holiday to 1930s Bognor, where they have been holidaying at the same increasingly shabby boarding house "Seaview" for the last twenty years.

The story begins on the eve of their departure, describing the excitement of finishing work and school, then the anticipation and trepidation of the holiday ahead. But before they leave there are "Marching Orders" to be completed; a list of tasks to be done before departure. You then embark on the train journey with their descriptive images and individual thoughts and arrive at their destination. Then it follows the joy of re-acquainting themselves with the sea once again. Their days are filled with cricket on the beach, swimming and daily walks, all told in a simplistic but beguiling style. Each member of the family has different aspirations regarding the holiday, but all gain from their sojourn with sometimes something happening to interrupt their normal routine.

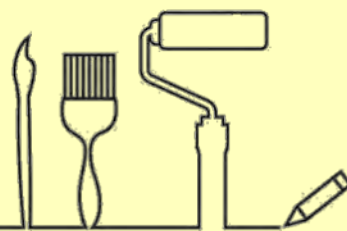
The moment is then reached half way through the holiday, when the excitement of what's ahead turns into the fast-approaching realisation that it's heading towards its conclusion. I was as sad as the Stevens family when it finally came to the end of their stay.

The joy of this book is how evocative it is in bringing back memories of one's own experience of pre-holiday rituals, the sense of freedom, journeys, excitement when reaching your destination and the responsibility of ensuring everyone has a good time.

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..... **we made a start in Modbury.**

In May, we set up at the back of our cars (with the addition of a gazebo ready for any showers) at the May Fair Car Boot Sale. This being our first venture we certainly learnt a lot!! It was very interesting to see what items sold and what didn't.

The following Saturday we had a market stall, again part of Modbury May Fair. From our previous experience we took a more streamlined stock of better-quality items, which included a lovely white Quba Sails waterproof jacket which we sold immediately at an excellent price.

We also attended Malborough School Fun Day where we had an indoor double table stall and again had a successful day.

We sold some items at the Quay car boot sale and also a successful Tabletop sale was held in Kingsbridge Fore Street.

These are fabulous opportunities to convert saleable donated items of toys, children's clothes, books, beauty products & kitchen equipment- all very gratefully received but not edible, into cash to buy food.

Our next 'pilot' event was the **Big Breakfast**, Held on a beautiful sunny June Saturday at the QE Recreation Ground in Modbury. We offered the Full English or American Style (with pancakes) with unlimited tea, coffee, and toast for £7, children's portions were £5.

We had no idea how many would turn up but were delighted with over 70!

Other events are planned including a pub quiz and coffee morning, and we will be having a stall at the Kingsbridge Show.

If you would like to hold similar events in your village or manage a stall at a local car boot sale, please do let us know. We can supply all stock and promotional material and will help you with advertising the event.

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Our volunteers continue to work tirelessly to help all in our community who need our support. Despite our application for funding from Devon County Council being unsuccessful, we went ahead anyway and delivered 244 hot meals to every child we support over the Easter holidays.

In the week ending 13th May we delivered 130 food parcels. This means we fed 350 individuals; 191 adults and 134 children. This equates to over 1000 meals a week to help those struggling to feed themselves. We also helped 45 clients with fuel top-ups. We have 5 new referrals each week.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, more and more people are facing financial hardship and struggling to meet their basic living costs. Our support helps those most in need by ensuring they have food and fuel which avoids them having to make difficult decisions between eating and heating or paying their rent.

Sadly, the cost of living crisis is affecting everyone and will continue to do so for some time to come. We already supply some pet food for owners who are finding it difficult to provide for their pets. The last thing we want is for a loving owner to have to give up their companion and real source of comfort, so we're setting up collection points across the area in the hope that we can keep families and their pets together.

Every donation of food or money is so gratefully received and goes directly into helping to provide food parcels for our clients. However, a **standing order is the most helpful way** to help guarantee a monthly income for the food bank to help us budget and more strategically meet the rising demand for our help.

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School Report



Welcome Back to The New School Year!

As the autumn brings dewy mornings, much needed rainfall and some blackberry-stained fingers, we bid a big welcome back to all the children and parents in our school community.

Following an action-packed summer term, the main focus in autumn is settling back into the routine of learning, after the adventures of our summer holidays. The uniforms all look so fresh and bright at this time of year, and now that my own child enters Year 4, the youngest and newest students have begun to look so small in comparison!

At All Saints this community has been steadily growing and we now boast more children in our school family than ever before. This brings a bustle and vibrancy to each day and I'm sure some of the surrounding village will hear the joyous sounds of break times floating over the air on still days!

Although sports are always high on the agenda, the shorter, cooler days bring an opportunity to get involved in some of our indoor activities. With the exception of the newly appointed Garden Gang (who have wellies at the ready), we have also been busy setting up our Eco Team, Librarian Team, School Council and Ethos Team. The children love to get involved in these organizations and enjoy the responsibility of tackling some important issues.

As I wrote this, Queen Elizabeth lay in state and the crowds gathered along the river Thames for a chance to pay last respects to our much-loved monarch. At All Saints we marked the occasion by holding a special commemorative church service to celebrate her life.

Returning to church once more in October with happier hearts, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival service with readings and contributions by the children, and a collection of donations for the Kingsbridge Food Bank.

At this time of year, we also host our annual Macmillan coffee morning which was held on 30th September and, as always, was open to the whole of the parish community.

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Tried and Tasted

Pumpkin, kale and halloumi traybake – Serves 4

Ingredients

1kg pumpkin flesh, cut into 2.5cm chunks
2 red onions, cut into wedges
2½ tbsp olive oil
2 eggs
1 tsp cumin seeds
1 tsp hot smoked paprika
2 cloves garlic, unpeeled
150g kale, stems removed, leaves torn
250g pack halloumi, sliced
1 unwaxed lemon, zest and juice
1 tsp nonpareille capers



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C, gas mark 7. Put the pumpkin and onions in a large roasting tin with 1½ tbsp oil, the cumin and paprika; season and toss together. Roast for 20 minutes until tender. Reduce the oven to 200°C, gas mark 6. Put the garlic and kale in another tin, drizzle with ½ tbsp oil and season. Add the halloumi to the pumpkin tin and roast both tins for 15-20 minutes, until everything is golden.
2. Remove the garlic and squeeze out of its skin into a small bowl. Mash with a fork, then whisk in the lemon zest and juice, capers and remaining ½ tbsp oil. Tip the kale into the pumpkin tin, drizzle over the dressing and stir before dividing between 2 plates.

Cook's tip - You can use feta or any other salty cheese instead of halloumi.

Blackberry Baked Oats - Serves 3/4

Make the most of tart, juicy blackberries – which grow wild in hedgerows

Ingredients

100g porridge oats
1 tsp baking powder
1 tbsp runny honey or maple syrup plus extra to serve
1 orange zested
1 banana peeled and chopped
Flavourless oil for the tin
100g blackberries

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Put the oats in a food processor with a small pinch of salt and whizz until they resemble wholemeal flour. Add the baking powder, honey or maple syrup, orange zest, eggs and banana, and blend again until smooth.
2. Lightly oil a medium baking dish (about 15cm x 20cm and 5cm deep) and pour in the batter. Dot the blackberries over the top, pushing them into the batter slightly. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the oats are golden brown and risen, and a skewer comes out clean. Top with a drizzle of more honey or maple syrup (orange blossom or thyme honey would also work well here) and serve with ice cream, yogurt, cream or custard.

THURLESTONE BAY BIRDS

During the summer months bird watching has been quieter than expected due to South Huish Marsh outlet pipe being blocked - this was partially cleared on 4th September and as soon as the shores of the Marsh drained to reveal their food enriched fringes the migrant waders returned. Unfortunately due to the high spring tides it became blocked again by the 8th September.

Considering the almost drought like weather conditions the only area of water that was much higher than normal was South Huish Marsh. The National Trust who are responsible for the water drainage pipes have confirmed that work to install a new outlet pipe has been approved, they are now awaiting confirmation from the Contractors of when the work will commence.

Meanwhile during that brief period when feeding conditions were available the waders recorded were; -

4 *GREEN SANDPIPER*, *COMMON SANDPAPER*, *DUNLIN*, *RINGED PLOVER*, *SNIFE*, 2 *CURLEW SANDPIPER*, 7 *BLACK TAILED GODWIT*, 2 *BAR TAILED GODWIT*. A flock of 8 *BAR TAILED GODWIT* flew over the marsh on 8th September but could not find any suitable area to land and feed, after several circuits of the marsh they flew out over the sea to continue their southwards immigration.

On the 5th September a juvenile *BLACK TERN* arrived and spent the next 4 days constantly feeding over the water. This was only the third record of this *TERN* for the marsh.

Accompanying the *BLACK TERN* was a flock of over 120 *SAND MARTIN* which spent the same period feeding over the marsh, normally at this time there would be flocks of *SWALLOW* and *HOUSE MARTIN*: rarely were there more than 10 of each.

During the summer the marsh also produces a source of food for migrant passerines. A surprise on 24th July to see a young *CUCKOO* flying through on its long migration culminating hopefully in Central Africa.

Other migrants recently seen have been *WHEATEAR* - from 16th August with 14 on September 14th, *WHINCHAT* which breed in Devon on the high moors have been seen daily in early September with up to 4 at times - normally we would only expect single birds so they must have experienced a good breeding season.

One consequence of higher water levels is the marsh becomes more attractive to *DUCKS* - above expected numbers of *TEAL* in early September with up to 55 present. Juvenile *SHOVELER* has been present and surprisingly a female *TUFTED DUCK* - this is a diving duck which in normal summers would fly straight through. Up to 3 *LITTLE GREBE* have returned and are likely to spend the Autumn and Winter with us.

A sign that Autumn has arrived is when the first of the ducks that have bred in the Arctic region return - 3 *WIGEON* arrived on the 9th September. In recent days the calls of *CANADA GEESE* have started to echo over the village as they make their daily pilgrimage to bathe in the Marsh - already over 150 are present - numbers will increase over the next few weeks up to 600.

In late July the flocks of *BLACK HEADED GULLS* return from their breeding sites accompanied by small numbers of *MEDITERRANEAN GULLS*, this year on 24th/



Sand Martin

25th of August a young *LITTLE GULL* was present - the nearest breeding sites for these are in Holland and Scandinavia. On 24th August a rare visitor was watched resting and preening on the rocks a *GREY PHALAROPE* the small wading birds breed in the high arctic and migrate to spend the winter in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of South Africa.

As I write this article - there are reports of dead birds being washed ashore onto our beaches - at the moment these are mainly *GANNET*, *CORMORANT* and *HERRING GULLS* all suffering from Avian Bird Flu. Hopefully the numbers do not increase during the Autumn. Take care when walking the beaches particularly with dogs, there is no evidence of this virus spreading to humans - yet.

Mike Passman. thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk

THURLESTONE MOTHS

What a superb summer - not only for the weather but also the Moths.

Several new records have been set - on 17th July a day total of 280 moths of 86 species, during that week daily totals were regularly in excess of 150 so some mornings it was taking me almost 3 hours to record the previous night's catches. Total for July were 3888 moths of 199 species and for August 3716 of 191 species.

Highest number of *HAWK MOTHS* were 16 *ELEPHANT HAWK* on 17th July, a *POPLAR HAWK* on 19th July, an *EYED HAWK* on 1st July a *HUMMINGBIRD HAWK* on 10th July, 2 *PRIVET HAWK* on 11th July. First of the immigrant *CONVOLVULUS HAWK* on 20th August with further records of singles on 24th and 31st and 2 on 29th with 1 on 2nd September, making 6 for the year so far. Also, a resident of Meadfoot found one in their log store in early September. Being so close to the coast the list of immigrant moths, some from Southern Europe and even North Africa continues to grow. So far this year.



July – August: -

20th *SPLENDID BROCADE* - only 10 previous records for Devon.

6th *SMALL MOTTLED WILLOW* - another 2 on 13th.

13th *WHITE SPECK*.

17th *DELICATE* (at least 15 in total by now), *SCARCE BORDERED STRAW* (another on 24th.)

18th *BLAIRS MOCHA*

28th *BORDERED STRAW*

9th *PORTLAND RIBBON WAVE*

September -

Some of the commoner immigrants that are regularly caught are *RUSTY DOT PEARL*.

9th *VESTAL*.

12th *TURNIP*, *RUSH VENEER*, a record day total of 26 *SILVER Y*.



Three moths that I have been expecting arrived within days of each other - 7th September *RED UNDERWING*, 11th September *OLD LAY* (another on 12th) and a *SALLOW*.

With permission of the landowners on the evening of Sunday 11th September, 5 intrepid moth-ers visited South Milton Ley - 5 traps situated at the southern entrance to the marsh near the footbridge produced a total of 279 moths of 69 species of which 7 species were migrants. Amongst those were two very scarce visitors to Devon, they are micro moths so they only have Latin names *ANTIGASRTA CATALAUNALIS* and *LOXOSTEGE STICTICALIS*.

As the nights start creeping in earlier the autumnal moths will be arriving which means that I can retire to my comfortable bed earlier.

All the moths caught are released unharmed back into the garden the following day.

Describing some of the moths without supporting photos is difficult, most of these I have mentioned are on the Moth Photos page on my thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk website - well worth a look if you can spare the time.

Mike Passman

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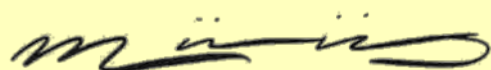
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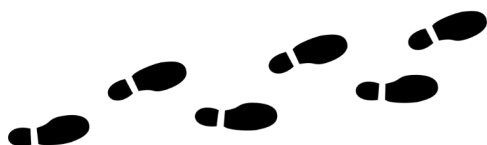
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Tramp Reports June to September



June 30th. Avon Valley and outskirts of Loddiswell. Alastair Durden.

On the last day of June, six of us and two dogs gathered at Avon Mill Garden Centre for a lovely walk following the River Avon for much of the way and also along quiet country lanes. We set off towards the former Loddiswell Station from where we picked up the old railway track which follows the river upstream. After nearly a mile along the riverside, we crossed over the river on the first railway bridge and followed a bridle path with all the features of a sunken lane, which led us to the main road near Ham Farm north of Loddiswell. A few hundred yards along the main road, being very wary of passing traffic (!), we picked an almost traffic-free lane which brought us to a footpath through Idston Wood; very beautiful walking here past elegant trees. Anyway, in the hamlet of Idston, a bit of road walking, then another footpath over fields taking us to the beautifully named 'Hoppy Green Lane'! This narrow track led us downhill to the Avon Valley in about two-thirds of a mile, but not without incident, as near the bottom we encountered a local farmer on a quad bike coming up the hill, and there was literally no room to pass! He very graciously (and expertly) reversed quite a way down the hill to allow us to go past. At this point, we had reached the road which goes past Knapp Mill and over Hatch Bridge and the river. This road is liable to flooding, even in dry weather, and indeed there was quite a bit of surface water just past Hatch Bridge, but not enough to impede our progress. A footpath alongside the river brought us to New Mill Bridge, then the road back to Avon Mill. This six-and-a-half-mile walk was very gentle and much enjoyed by all, who then gathered in the cafe at Avon Mill for a light lunch.



July 8th. Dartmoor Circular Walk Sharpitor Area. Mike Hodges.

On a warm still day in July a good group of people, but no dogs, completed a well contoured 7 mile walk in the Sharpitor Area of Dartmoor. The walk started from the Lowery Cross Car Park, on Yennadon Down, Grid Ref 54785 6925, and quickly joined the track bed of the long disused Princetown branch railway line. Heading out to the north west and gently climbing we had good views of Brent Tor Church on the horizon to the north west, Cornwall to the west and Plymouth Sound to the south west. On reaching Ingra Tor (just to the left of the track bed) we headed inland and up to Leeden Tor, a climb of about 400 feet across open moor. Leeden Tor offers lovely all-round views, so a leisurely lunch was spent spotting many tors on the southern moor and a few on the north moor. After lunch it was down and across the Yelverton to Princetown Road, passing south of Black Torr to join with the Devonport Leat where it crosses the river Meavy via an aqueduct. Heading south we joined the path along the leat which would take us back to the Princetown branch track bed where we had joined it. The walk along the leat is particularly picturesque, passing from open moor to woodland, in some places the water appears to flow up hill, while in others fish dart between the broad leaf weeds along the leat bed. After leaving the leat near the Princetown branch a gentle walk up hill with views over a much depleted Burrator reservoir lead back to the car park.

August 11th 2022. Ringmore and Kingston. 5 miles. Liz and Peter Coates

'Mad Dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun', so four mad dogs and 10 Trampers set off from Ringmore with the temperature set to climb to nearly 30 degrees. Luckily there was a good breeze off the sea to help and we were all well-armed with bottles of water. We took the shaded path down to Ayrmer Cove where the dogs had a dip in the sea and some of us enjoyed a coffee break. Crossing the wooden footbridge at the back of the beach we climbed the stone steps that begin the stiff climb over the hill to Westcombe Beach, where at the top we were treated to a view of Burgh Island and Bigbury Bay in one direction and Westcombe Beach and the

cliffs behind in the other. It is a steep grassy slope down to the beach and we were quite glad that we weren't following the cliffs up the even steeper hill the other side to Hoist Point but turning inland on the footpath to Kingston. We followed the footpath up the valley alongside the stream and then up through the woods on the bridleway, passing the series of man-made ponds and mill and cottages of Oakenbury Manor – apparently mentioned in the Domesday Book – and on reaching Kingston we turned right to take the footpath back to Ringmore. The walk along the fields of the Oakenbury Estate and then down through the trees to the pine trees of the Oakenbury Plantation was a big contrast to the coastal paths earlier on. After crossing the stream, we had been following over a stone bridge by the ruins of Nodden Mill, we took a deep breath for the climb back up to Ringmore. The last climb up a steep grassy slope left most of us feeling that we had had some good exercise despite the heat and were ready for our drink and tasty lunch at the Journey's End.

August 17th. East Soar. Annie Lukehurst

"Cake and champagne", I hear you say! Well, it was one of those landmark birthdays that couldn't be ignored. But I guess you want to hear about the walk. We met up at East Soar NT car park, with the promise of maybe thundery rain. Much needed for the farmers and allotment owners, but it never materialised. We headed down towards Middle Soar and then cut across farmland to the village of Higher Soar, turning back towards the coast past the Signal Station. There had been talk of combine harvesters going up in flames during the recent heatwave and, sure enough we came across this shocking sight.

Having reached the coast path, the walk headed east round Bolt Head and down to Starehole Bottom, and finished with a short coffee stop at the Grab'n'Go followed by the aforementioned lemon drizzle cake (a triumph for Harry) and champagne. Hope the bar hasn't been set too high for future Tramps! 😊

August 24th. Dartmeet and Brimpts Wood. Circular approx. 5 miles. Jenny Webb

Nine of us plus three dogs met at Dartmeet on Dartmoor. Turning right from the car park entrance, we crossed the bridge and, on the

left, took the path signed for Huccaby. We followed the path across a field, turned right onto an old stone path set between granite walls, crossed a stile and continued up hill and down again coming out onto the lane at Huccaby Farm. A right turn took us uphill to join the B3352, another right turn for 100 metres then crossed the road and headed down a track for Brimpts Farm passing under a wonderful avenue of tall beech trees which led to the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust. Bearing left before reaching the farmhouse, we came upon some outbuildings where there was an interesting Dartmoor Tin working display. We followed a bridleway down to a gate and continued along the bridleway with views of Yar Tor on the other side of the valley. Here was an ideal spot to have a coffee break. Neil produced a lovely chocolate cake made by his mother, the late Rosemary Mackay, found in the freezer when clearing the kitchen ready for completion on the sale of her property! Still very moist and yummy and enjoyed by all. Across fields the path descended gently along the bank of the valley and the sparkling East Dart appeared through the trees below. A delightful path led us down to the wooded banks of the river. We continued along the riverside path until we came to the stepping stones where we had great fun crossing the river over the massive granite stone boulders. Fortunately, no-one fell in but the dogs had a great time in the water! We continued along a path on the other side by a stream which in due course we crossed again over a lovely old clapper bridge. Eventually bearing away from the stream we came up to an opening in the woods where we stopped for our picnic lunch. Whilst enjoying the sit down and our refreshments we had the pleasure of seeing some beautiful Shire Horses pass by (presumably from the Equine Centre at Brimpts Farm) out for their daily exercise. Lunch finished, we continued our walk along a quiet road for a short while then a turn right through a gate took us across some meadows and uphill to a stile. Over the stile the path meandered along the eastern flank of Yar Tor. The bracken however was so overgrown it was sometimes difficult to keep on the right track. He-up-front took us on an unplanned detour and we soon found ourselves in a "jungle" of head high undergrowth! Fortunately, we found our way back on to the right path and descended back down to reach the river again and a

pleasant walk along the river back to Badgers Holt and the car park at Dartmeet. A very enjoyable walk on what is a delightful route with a rare mix of Dartmoor countryside.

August 31st. Brixton circular walk of 5 Miles. Gareth Scott.

16 Tramps and 1 dog set off from Elliots Hill in sunny but blowy weather.

Heading down through Winston we made our way to the edge of Silver Lake where it meets the backwater of the river Yealm. From here, looking out over the water we could see the start of the Kitley Estate woods. Following the river downstream we came to the old Plymouth to Yealmpton railway. This was opened in 1898 and although the passenger service closed in 1930, it was reinstated between 1941 and 1947 to move people out of the city each night. The goods service finally ceased in 1960.

Having walked along the track bed for a bit we took a short detour to take a coffee stop and admire the view down the estuary. Carrying on along the track we arrived at the entrance to the old brickworks where a number of tramps noticed a large apple tree and a good stock of blackberries so lunch boxes and bags were quickly repurposed and crumbles planned.

After a shortish walk along the surprisingly busy road, we turned off across the fields and headed for Cofflete Creek and from here it was a short road walk to Brixton Tor where we turned off the road past the cottages. Having crossed under the old rail line we followed the footpath to Combe and on across the fields (avoiding the almost invisible electric fence) towards the garden centre which looked very busy so we carried on over the main road and up the hill behind Brixton. Having stopped at the top to take in the view over Dartmoor, Plymouth and Sherford we headed back towards Brixton over the fields. Coming in to the village we passed the parish church St Mary's, where, according to legend, in 1642 the Parliamentarian cavalry stabled their horses after the battle of Modbury. Having crossed the main road again it was only a short walk back to the cars.

September 7th. Down Thomas. Sue Dwyer

The forecast was for windy stormy weather but 6 Ladies, 2 men plus 2 dogs set off to Down Thomas Silver Jubilee Hall car park where 2 more ramblers with 2 dogs joined

us. We started walking along a narrow footpath which led into a field and had views over Plymouth Sound, the Breakwater and Cornwall. The skies lightened and hazy sunshine came out which continued with us for the whole of the walk. This walk has amazing sea views. Several naval boats were anchored inside the breakwater plus small boats were braving the rough seas. A coffee break was had just before Wembury Beach where we looked over at the Mewstone. When we arrived at Wembury Beach we walked through Ropers Field to a bridleway and then across fields below Langdon Court to Down Thomas. Neil Mackay proved to be an excellent herdsman as our path was blocked by a herd of about 20 cows crowding at the entrance to a gate which we had to get through. He calmly walked through them and moved them through another gate into a field containing the rest of the herd so we could safely continue our walk. Yippe Yi Yo! We arrived back in Down Thomas where most went off to the Mussel Inn for lunch. The total distance was a pleasant 5.8 miles.

September 13th. Noss Mayo & part of Lady Baring's Carriageway. Eric & Liz Candy

On a grey autumn morning with ominous clouds the group arrived at our meeting point in the Noss Mayo Tennis Court car park. As we gathered the forecast obtained before leaving Thurlestone of wind ESE Force 4 with 10% to 25% chance of <0.1mm rain, for a few minutes proved itself wrong, with the party sheltering under the trees. Fortunately, the rain was short lived. Prior to setting off a minute's silence was held in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. Ten people and two dogs then set off on the walk. An advantage of the walk, is that the main climb of the walk is at the beginning. This is the walk up the wide track of Hannaford Road past Brooking's Downs Wood into rolling open countryside. Turning left at the top of the climb we walked east on the Worswell Farm access road and turning right into the National Trust Warren car park. The southbound track from the car park lead us through a gate to join up with the South West Coast Path, which also runs west along part of Lady Baring's Carriageway. The mainly easterly moderate breeze was pleasantly blowing over the land for the part of the walk along the coast. The Carriageway is a nine-mile drive that was

built by the banker Charles Baring, the First Lord Revelstoke, so that visitors to the estate could admire the beautiful coastal views from their carriages. Walking west past Warren Cottage and along The Warren, a name indicative of its past use for commercial rabbit breeding. At Gara Point the carriageway turns north, then east at Mouthstone Point, where we had magnificent views over the Yealm estuary. This was a suitable place for the group to have a coffee break facing west sheltered from the wind by

the land. The carriageway then started its' slow decent passing through Brakehill Plantation and past the Coastguard Cottages. We were then walking above the beautiful River Yealm, as we passed through Passage Wood and on to Ferry Wood alongside Newton Creek. On reaching Noss Creek ahead of schedule, we then walked across the Noss Creek Voss (tidal walkway) by which time the tide had dropped to expose the Newton Creek Voss, which we walked across to reach the Dolphin Inn. An excellent lunch was promptly served.

Highway Code changes for 2022.

There are eight new rules being added to the Highway Code, with the new hierarchy of road users being the most significant change. This is split up into three rules: H1, H2 and H3.

Rule H1: The first of the new rules in the Hierarchy of Road Users puts more responsibility on the drivers of larger vehicles to look after more vulnerable road users.

The proposal states that:

'Those in charge of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger they pose to others.'

'This principle applies most strongly to drivers of large goods and passenger vehicles, vans/minibuses, cars/taxis and motorcycles.'

Rule H1 also says that cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to look after pedestrians. It also stresses that all road users have responsibility to ensure their own safety, as well as that of others.

Rule H2: Rule H2 is for drivers, motorbike riders, horse riders and cyclists. It states: 'At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.'

Essentially this means if you are turning into a road and there's a pedestrian waiting to cross, you should give way to them. Cyclists also have to give way to pedestrians on shared-use cycle tracks.

Rule H3: This next update is aimed at drivers and motorcyclists, it states that 'You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane.'

You shouldn't turn at a junction if doing so would cause a cyclist or horse rider to stop or swerve. Instead, you're advised to wait for a safe gap before turning in.

What other rules have been introduced?

Several other new rules have been introduced to further clarify when pedestrians have priority on the road. Cyclists are advised to take care when overtaking pedestrians and horses by slowing down and alerting them using their bell.

Cyclists are also now advised to ride in the centre of their lane to make themselves more visible on quiet roads and in slow moving traffic, or on the approach to junctions when it would be unsafe for a vehicle to overtake.

When riding a bicycle on faster moving or busier roads, it is advised that you leave enough space for drivers to overtake when it is safe to do so.

The gov.uk website has more information on the new rules.

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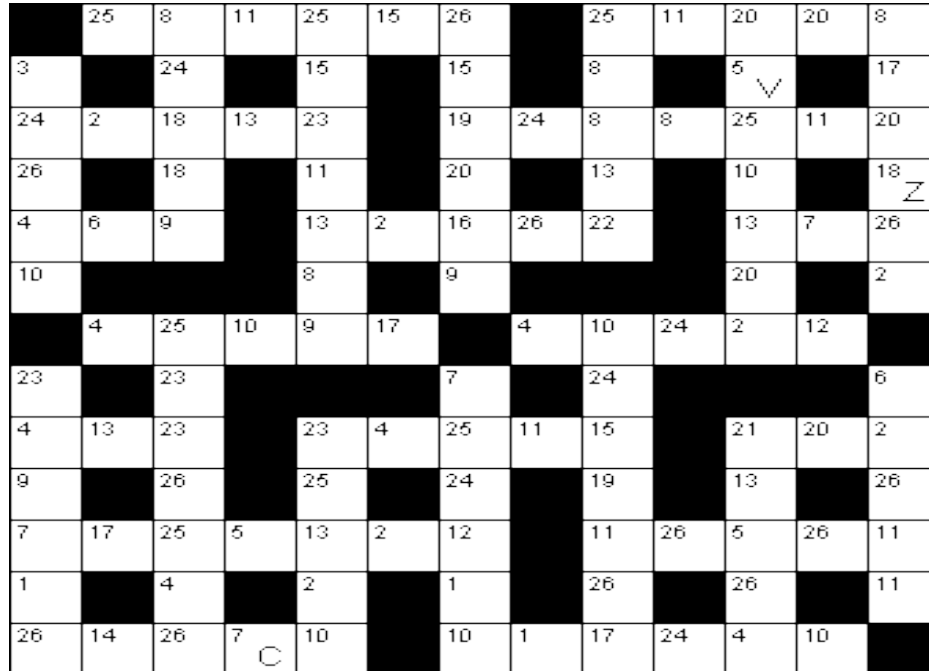
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Puzzle Page

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CODEWORD

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

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Sudoku - medium

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Sudoku - easy

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There were 7 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the coveted bottle of wine was Linda Scott. Commiserations to Dave Gibby, Dave Hayward, David & Mary Horne, Neill Irwin, Pauline Lonsdale, and Lindy Price.

Thurlestone Golf Club

With our thoughts and sentiments consumed following the recent passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the history and interests of our monarchs have been well recorded through documentaries and archive footage.



We know that country and sporting pursuits are of keen interest and enjoyment to many members of the Royal family past and present. The Duke of Edinburgh loved competition sailing, polo and more latterly, competing in carriage driving events. Princess Anne was the first British Royal to compete in the Olympics. In the 1976 Montreal Olympics she rode Goodwill, her mum's horse, in the three-day equestrian event. Although she did not win a medal, she did win individual gold at Burghley and team silver at the Worlds in 1975 at Luhmühlen. More recently and following in her parent's footsteps, Zara Anne Elizabeth Tindale, nee Phillips, entered and competed in the London 2012 Olympics with the equestrian team, winning a silver medal.

Many Royals have taken up the sport of golf with varying degrees of success. These links have led to some clubs being bestowed a Royal patronage like Royal St Georges, Royal St Andrews and Royal St Annes. Another club that has the Royal Prefix is the little-known Royal Household Golf Club, set in the grounds of the Royal family's Windsor Estate. It is only a short nine-hole course, measuring 4,560 yards when played as an eighteen hole off alternate tees against a par of 62. Despite its short length, I am told it is a very good test of one's golfing ability.

The new Prince of Wales endured injury playing golf at an early age of 8 whilst at Ludgrove School. He suffered a blow to the head from a stray golf club which required 24 stitches! This did not put off the young royal as he was often seen before and after lectures playing golf on the famous old links at St Andrews where he went to university.

Prior to the war whilst the late Edward VIII, then Prince of Wales, was a cadet at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth he was a regular visitor to Thurlestone to play golf. The college has enjoyed a long association with the Club which continues to this day. The arrival of the prince at the club would be heralded by his motorcade sweeping through the village in a cloud of Devon dust, horns sounding to warn villagers, poultry and animals of the approaching vehicles which was a very rare sight indeed! After enjoying their round, they would retire to the Village Inn where, after a few beers, the cadets would hold a mock coronation for the prince utilising the services of a chamber pot to represent the crown. The prince would remain a keen golfer throughout his life, but his most notable contribution to the sport was off the course, in breaking down the taboos which had denied professionals access to clubhouses. He had clearly developed a love for the Thurlestone area, during his days at Dartmouth, since he was to return, whilst courting Wallis Simpson, to stay at the newly opened Burgh Island Hotel.

It seems that our new King Charles III has little interest in playing golf therefore we are unlikely to see him walk the links of Thurlestone – but you never know.

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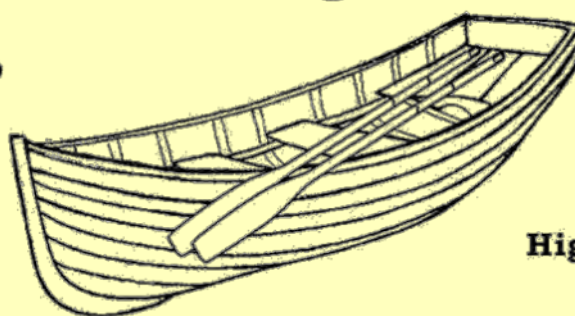
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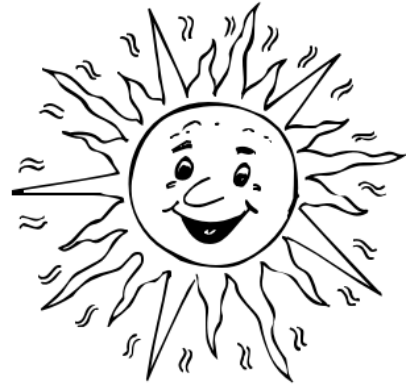
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Weather Wag



All is very quiet here on this day - Sunday 11th September. It has been quiet for quite a long time now, with just a few blips to spoil the summer months. There has been very little rain over these last weeks, but when it did decide to rain: IT DID! September 4th/5th saw 28mm, just over an inch. The 'Golf Club dip' was flooded overnight but the water was gone by the morning. Just a 'tide' mark to show how far it reached.

Overall, this summer has been warm and dry. I am afraid that it will make up for it in the not too far distant future. Having said that, we really do need some steady rain pretty soon. As is the wont of the weather, it will probably go mad, drown us and wash the new plants out of the ground. It is the time of the year for freak hail storms and wild winds. This was evident in 1800 on this day: - it had rained every day since August 19th. In the *Wrong Kind of Snow* reference book, the text continues; Following an intense July drought - no rain had fallen on London all month - and severe hailstorms in August, the wheat harvest is ruined. Between January 1799 and March 1801, the price of bread trebles and the Bread Riots - the 'evil necessarily arising from unseasonable seasons', as George III puts it - follow. William Pitt's government bans the distillation of spirits and the powdering of wigs with flour, and offers a bounty to importers of grain. At the back of the government's mind, of course, is the French Revolution twelve years earlier. Crop failures there led, ultimately, to the storming of the Bastille.

We are, at the moment experiencing problems with the provision of wheat from Ukraine because of political unrest in the area. Until there is a shortage, or a threat of a shortage we don't really appreciate how much we rely on imports from foreign lands who produce the grain in huge amounts. Despite the best efforts of our farmers as we are such an over populated island, we need these imports. Some of these problems are simply 'Weather vagaries'. Our summers are notoriously unpredictable and even in the East of our country rain can be a pest as well as a necessity.

September is also the month which in some old tales can dictate the weather for some time to come. Michaelmas Day (usually 20th/21st Sept) traditionally decides the weather for the next 3 months. If warm with a south wind, the next three months would experience similar weather; if stormy or wet, the next three months would be cloudy. There are other versions but one is enough here! In Cornwall the critical date is October 10th - Michaelmas (Old style). St. Matthew's Day (Sept. 22nd), has an old saying - *St. Matthew's Day, bright and clear, Brings good wine in next year*. One saying, quoted by my dad on many occasions: - 'When the wind is in the east, tis neither good for man nor beast', he also said that it 'Blows through you and not around like other winds!' This latter is, in my book absolutely correct!

To conclude: I hope that this spell of fine warm weather continues for a bit longer, it makes the winter a bit shorter and autumn much more colourful. As a final comment from the *Wrong Kind of Snow*, 'At Raunds in Northamptonshire in 1919, 11th Sept was the hottest day of the year. The temperature reached 32.2C (90F). Nine days later there is snow in Wales, Scotland, and Northern England!

Jan Turner

DIARY DATES

October

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| Saturday | 1 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Stokenham and Chillington Apple Day in Chillington Park |
| Monday | 3 | Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Friday | 7 | TRAMP - Dartmouth Castle and Kingswear 5 miles - Linda Chilcott |
| Friday | 7-9 | Salcombe Live Festival - Live Music, Comedy and Entertainment in venues across the town |
| Saturday | 8-9 | Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm |
| Wednesday | 12 | TRAMP - Mount Edgecombe -Eric Candy |
| Saturday | 15 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Saturday | 15-16 | Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm |
| Saturday | 15-30 | South Hams Arts Forum Arts Trail |
| Thursday | 20 | TRAMP - Kingston to Wonwell Beach via Hoist Point 5.5 miles - Tony Burn |
| Friday | 21-23 | Dartmouth Food Festival |
| Saturday | 22-23 | Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm |
| Monday | 24 | TRAMP - Dartington and Staverton 4.75 miles - Annie Lukehurst |
| Monday | 24-28 | Devon School's Half Term |
| Wednesday | 26 | Kingsbridge Arts Society, Methodist Hall and on Zoom (01548 532850 for a link) 2pm for 2.30pm - "The Artists of Montmatre" with Douglas Skeggs |
| Friday | 28 | Kingsbridge Estuary U3A monthly talk at Malborough Village Hall 10.30am - "Papua New Guinea: Tribes, Culture and Birds of Paradise" with Ian Gasper |
| Sunday | 30 | British Summer Time (BST) ends at 2am. Clocks go backwards one hour (to GMT) |
| Monday | 31 | TRAMP - Modbury - Robin Hart |

November

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| Saturday | 5 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm |
| Monday | 7 | TRAMP - Wistmans Wood, Dartmoor 6.5 miles - Neil Mackay
Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Saturday | 19 | Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
Christmas Craft Market (organised by Sue Durant) in Thurlestone Parish Hall 11am - 5pm.
STANBOROUGH CHORUS - Christmas Music from Messiah and Eternal Light: A Requiem by Howard Goodall 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed. |
| Thursday | 24 | Thurlestone Hotel Christmas Shopping Night from 5pm to 8pm with over 30 local artisans attending |
| Friday | 25 | Kingsbridge Estuary U3A monthly talk at Malborough Village Hall 10.30am "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies" with Martin Lloyd |
| Tuesday | 29 | TRAMP - East Soar - clockwise - Jeremy Tucker |
| Wednesday | 30 | Kingsbridge Arts Society, Methodist Hall and on Zoom (01548 532850 for a link) 2pm for 2.30pm - "How Napier Became the Art Deco Capital of the World" with Martin Lloyd |

December

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| Saturday | 3 | Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas |
| Monday | 5 | Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | 6 | TRAMP - Worthy and South Milton 6 miles - Linda Chilcott |
| Wednesday | 7 | ALVINGTON SINGERS Christmas Concert - St Edmunds Church, Kingsbridge 7.30pm |

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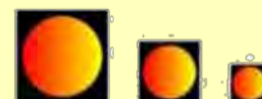
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	Saturday	8.00am - 2.00pm
	Sunday and Bank Holidays	8.30am - 2.00pm

Post Office Hours	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9.00am - 4.00pm
	Wednesday	9.00am - 1.00pm
	Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm
	Sunday	Closed

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

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Opening Hours	Mon, Thurs Fri, Sat, Sun	9.00am - 1.00pm
(May be extended in October)	Closed Tuesday and Wednesday	

PUBS

The Village Inn (Thurlestone) - 563525

The Sloop Inn (Bantham) - 560489

Organic Milk Delivery- How Now Dairy 01752 466870 - Monday and Thursday

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

- Thurlestone Parish Hall
 - Thurlestone Hotel (Garage)
 - Golf Club (Tennis Pav Wall)
 - Sloop Inn Bantham (Lobby)
 - Bantham Quay
 - Buckland Phone Box
- Scan the QR Code to see these locations on a map

