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Your New Parish Council



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The community magazine of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone



As a very warm and wet summer comes to a close, it has been lovely to see the gardens flourish and the abundance of moths and butterflies around. There have certainly been some beautiful and new varieties spotted in the parish - find out more in Mike Passman's article.

There has been a lot happening over the summer season. We had songs of the sea echoing across the parish when "All Hands on Deck" entertained us; there were cries of joy and sadness whilst we watched The Lionesses in the World Cup Final; many of us shared the excitement of the annual Bantham Swoosh; as always, many visitors were welcomed to our beautiful part of Devon. Let's not forget our very own comeback queen Vicky Carpenter who represented GB in an international Triathlon event.

As we move into autumn it is a good time to see what "Fiction Addiction" members have been reviewing - it could help you to build up your reading list for when the nights draw in. There are also some new faces to welcome into our community. Thurlestone School has a new permanent Head Teacher, Miss Coombe, and we have several recent additions to our new Parish Council - they are showcased on the front cover of this edition. Find out more about our councillors in their biographies which appear inside the magazine.

You will be pleased to learn that there is a vast programme of activities and classes restarting at the Parish Hall along with a variety of events to look forward to, including the highly acclaimed Divertimento String Quartet concert. See the poster for details about how to book your tickets. There is also (dare we mention the 'C' word?) the ever popular Christmas Fair in November.

If any of you are looking to get involved in a local charity why not take a look at the opportunities available - Aune Conservation Association is looking for a new Chair and Thurlestone Parish Hall a new Treasurer - both valuable and interesting roles.

Now that our barbecuing days are sadly becoming less frequent, we suggest you spend a couple of cosy evenings indoors enjoying what Village Voice has to offer, perhaps tackling some of the puzzles or even contemplating writing a contribution of your own? We would love to hear from you.

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NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Meeting held on Monday 17th July at Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Rosa Lewis (Chair), Eric Palmer, Adam Ryan Carter, Gill Stone,

In Attendance, Helen Leather (parish clerk) six parishioners/guests

Apologies: Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Mark Long

Open Forum

A question was asked about what powers the parish council had regarding the conversion of bungalows into houses. Cllr Lewis confirmed the council can comment on questions of permitted development.

Clerk's Report

A vehicle signage update was given about how poles are needed and volunteers to erect the signs and it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

Nigel Hadaway, Michael Hodges and David Smyth were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Planning and Tree Matters

0915/22/FUL. Revised plans & documents - Erection of replacement beach shower/toilet block, replacement village sewage treatment plant, new residents/mooring holders car park and new parking, ANPR system and associated signage on the beach road and car park. Site Address: Land off Bantham Beach Road, Bantham. **OBJECT**

Cllr Palmer left the meeting

2116/23/FUL. Conversion, restoration & alterations to outbuildings & associated landscaping. Demolition of Piggery & replacement with walled garden with natural pool, pool house & greenhouse. Change of use to provide ancillary accommodation & associated spaces for Farmhouse. Site Address: Worthy, Bantham, TQ7 3AA. **OBJECT**

2117/23/LBC. Listed Building consent for conversion, restoration & alterations to outbuildings & associated landscaping. Demolition of Piggery & replacement with walled garden with natural pool, pool house & greenhouse. Change of use to provide ancillary accommodation & associated spaces for Farmhouse. Site Address: Worthy, Bantham, TQ7 3AA. **OBJECT**

Cllr Palmer returned to the meeting

1854/23/HHO. Householder application for prefabricated garden studio, replacement garden shed & replacement oil tank. Site Address: Court Cottage, West Buckland, TQ7 3AQ. **SUPPORT**

1855/23/LBC. Listed Building Consent for prefabricated garden studio, replacement garden shed & replacement oil tank. Site Address: Court Cottage, West Buckland, TQ7 3AQ. **SUPPORT**

2227/23/HHO. Householder application for removal of part first floor balcony & replace with proposed first floor master bedroom extension & reinstate existing integral garage (resubmission of 1608/23/HHO). Site Address: 16 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3TB. **OBJECT**

South Hams District Council Decisions:

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1580/23/ARC, West Buckland Farm. **Split Decision**

1736/23/ARC - Development Site Sx 679 438 West Buckland TQ7 3AF **Split Decision**

Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Rosa Lewis (Chair), Nigel Hadaway, Mike Hodges, Eric Palmer, Adam Ryan Carter, David Smyth, Gill Stone,

In Attendance, Helen Leather (parish clerk), Cllrs Samantha Dennis, Rufus Gilbert, Mark Long.
46 parishioners/guests

Open Forum

Following a complaint received by the council from a member of the public there were many expressions of support for the Rockbox from the attendant parishioners. The Chairman of the Thurlestone Golf Club explained how bad weather had prevented the Rockbox from leaving the site on the proposed date but that appropriate agencies had been contacted and approved the extension.

Assurances were given that issues regarding an overhanging branch on Memorial Green and grass cutting at Seaview play area and on the raised path in Thurlestone would be investigated and resolved.

Concerns were expressed about illegal parking in the high season months and the lack of enforcement or police presence.

Clerk's Report

Posts for the new vehicle signage regarding 'avoid sat nav' in Bantham need to be purchased and it was agreed to accept a quote received.

Adverts for the road warden scheme have been on Facebook and in the Village Voice, but no volunteers have come forward. The Clerk will publicise with more information and make it clear how much training is involved, how long it takes, and that anyone undertaking work would be properly trained and covered by Devon County Council insurance.

Details of a road closure at Eddystone Road between the junction for West Buckland and Kerse Cross is due to start on the 23rd October for the National Grid to put a high voltage mains down.

Parish Matters and Councillor reports

Lucy Powell gave a report from Bantham Swoosh thanking the parish council and residents for their feedback and support which had made the event successful with traffic problems and parking issues better managed. She asked for ongoing feedback to help the organisers continue improving the management of the event and promised better and clearer communication next year about route or one-way changes on the day.

Councillors discussed the Rockbox and concerns were expressed about the lack of recycling bins, despite the use of recyclable containers. Cllr Carter said he had written to the owners to urge them to address the issue. Mr Fairley said he would raise issues discussed with the Rockbox in their annual meeting.

There was a discussion about capacity, collection and location of dog waste bins. Councillors agreed to look at best bin design and location. Cllr Dennis reported she was looking at the collection map on SHDC webpage to add any bins that are missing.

Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Devon County Council

Regarding the traffic situation in one of the busiest tourist areas in Devon he said many parishes are swamped with cars parking badly. He hadn't been asked for additional enforcement from Thurlestone and advised that it always helps to have an enforcement officer come to raise tickets. Next year it would be helpful to discuss before the season starts and he can help the parish get more enforcement. The Clerk will liaise with him next spring. A member of the public asked if there was a likelihood that the potholes on the lane from Woodicombe could be fixed. Cllr Gilbert replied that for potholes to be mended they must be reported online on the South Hams portal. If any potholes have been reported and are not repaired, then to let him know.

Cllr Sam Dennis, South Hams District Council

She said she was delighted to report that the District Council will be asking all business ratepayers for proof of their commercial waste contract. As a lot of you know where we have holiday homes that haven't arranged for commercial waste to be collected, the owners advice

is often that the holidaymakers put the litter into public litter bins or take it home, which obviously doesn't happen. Hopefully the change will solve the huge problem of overflowing bins next summer.

There is a housing needs survey that's active now. Only 23 Thurlestone residents have so far completed the survey and people should fill it in as soon as possible. It's useful to get a clear picture of where the needs are, but also to consider people that you know, your family members that might be having to live away from the area in the village now but might want to come back in the future. Family members are allowed to fill it in as well. So, signpost them to it and to anyone that works in the parish but does not live here. The survey is open until the 22nd of September. It's available online. All residents would have had it through the letterbox.

Planning and Tree Matters

2312/23/HHO - Lower Goosewell Cottage, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone. Householder application for alterations and extension to existing dwelling with associated works. **Support**

2451/23/HHO - West Wing, Warren Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NT. Householder application for new porch to provide utility/boot room & shower room. **Object**

3013/22/FUL - READVERTISEMENT (amended plans) Aune Cliff, Bantham, TQ7 3AW. Demolition & replacement of existing dwelling & related landscape enhancements. **Object**

2198/23/VAR – 5 Sea Haven, Old Rectory Gardens, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PD. Application for the variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 0334/21/VAR. **Object**

2510/23/HHO -1 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3TB. Householder application for cladding, replace pebble dash rendering & replace handrails on flat roof sections with stainless steel & glass system. **Support**

2722/23/HHO - 7 Meadfoot, Thurlestone, TQ7 3TD Proposal: Householder application for extension & alterations to dwelling. 21 September 2023 **Support**

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

1854/23/HHO. Court Cottage, West Buckland, TQ7 3AQ. **Conditional Approval**

1855/23/LBC. Court Cottage, West Buckland, TQ7 3AQ. **Conditional Approval**

0856/23/FUL. Summerstrand, Eddystone Rd, 20/4 **Refusal**

New Parish Councillors' Biographies

Nigel Hadaway

Hello everyone,

It's been great to have the opportunity to join the Parish Council in August this year and to be involved in the local community in which I live. There's definitely a lot to learn as it's my first time being part of a Parish Council and I unquestionably feel like the new boy on The Team.

I have lived in Thurlestone since 1999 and have been field based, working from home, for the last 6.5 years as a Sales Development Manager for a group of major motor manufacturers.

I'm hoping to be able to use some of my existing skills to support me in this role and I'm expecting to be able to contribute for the benefit of the community and the Parish Council wherever I can.

When I'm not working I love to walk the coast paths and beaches to try and keep fit and also kayak and paddleboard (as an enthusiastic novice) So if you see me out and about feel free to say hello.

Michael Hodges

I grew up in Bolberry and went to school in Malborough and Kingsbridge. I have always enjoyed the outdoors and outside of school I spent my time dinghy racing, cycling, walking the cliffs and tors, and working on many of the local farms. Following 6 years at university studying chemistry, I spent 35 enjoyable years working as a senior technical specialist and project manager in the Oil Industry.

Sian and I lived our working lives and brought up two children in the Surrey Hills. We are both community people and have been heavily involved in church life all our adult lives. We were frequent visitors to my parents, who lived out their days in Bolberry and Hope Cove and always wanted to return to the South Hams. Searching for a new home post retirement, we were impressed by all we read about community life in Thurlestone. We were delighted to be able to move to the Mead in 2019 and become part of that community.

I am enthusiastic, deeply technical and practical, and have always been interested in the environment, nature and energy. Since returning to Devon I have focused on sustainable living, renewable energy (Heat Pumps, Solar PV & Thermal) and our parish church. I lead the parish sustainability group, am a parish website editor and one of your two Church Wardens. I have returned to regular dinghy racing at Salcombe, enjoy sailing at Bantham and rambling with TRAMP.

As a Parish councilor I am keen to help ensure our community remains sustainable, diverse, inclusive to all ages, and that local biodiversity increases despite the pressures from climate change, changing demographics and the holiday industry.

My special responsibilities on your council include the Climate and links with the Church.

David Smyth

I was introduced to the Kingsbridge area getting on for sixty years ago by a combination of relatives in the locality and a year at BRNC, Dartmouth. Thereafter it seemed only natural to gravitate in this direction when we as a family came back to the UK on our annual leave. The ties then became rather more substantial when our girls came back to boarding school in the mid 1990s and we bought part of a barn conversion at Collapit. Subsequently, like many others who move to the area in stages, we graduated to our current house on the Bantham road when we returned to the UK on a more permanent basis nearly twenty years ago.

To explain the to-ing, fro-ing and long leaves I should clarify that my naval career was fairly short and what became my principal occupation, and took my family and me to many beautiful and interesting parts of the world, was a career as a tea buyer.

Since retirement and on a local level, I have been involved with the Prince's Trust and was the Captain of Thurlestone Golf Club back in 2014 and thereafter served for six years on the Club's Executive Committee. As of now, having enjoyed much of what the area has to offer but at times being frustrated by, amongst other things, the state of our roads and general littering, I felt it was time to stick my head above the parapet and make what will hopefully be a constructive contribution to the community- in which regard I have been entrusted with the role of Police Liaison on the Parish Council. I am in the process of discovering exactly what this will involve but have no doubt all will become clear in the coming weeks and months.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know many more of the community over the coming year.

Helen Leather

I am originally from North Wales. I have a BA Hons degree in Humanities and a PG in Business Admin. I lived in the Midlands for many years, working for the NHS, Oxfam and then ITV where I was involved in the production of schools and educational programmes for ITV, Channel 4 and the BBC. I moved to Devon in 2011 with my family and worked for a number of years as a senior administrator in a number of local primary schools, responsible for HR and Health and Safety. I joined Thurlestone Parish Council as Clerk in July 2023 and am looking forward to getting to know the parishioners and helping the community as much as possible.



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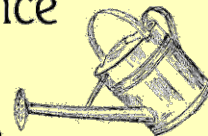
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Parish Hall News

by
Alison Daily

I can't believe we've arrived at the last quarter of the year already, where does the time go!

Our excellent treasurer of the last 12 years, Lisa White has decided now is the time to pass the baton on to someone new who is willing to join the team. If that person is you the details of what's involved is shown in the advert following this article. Lisa will carry on until the right person is found, but in the mean time I would like to say how appreciative we are of her commitment and dedication to this role.



As mentioned in the last edition on **Saturday 22nd July** the sell out sea shanty concert by **All Hands on Deck** took place on a somewhat inclement evening with nearly 100 gathering to listen to songs of the sea during which we were encouraged to join in with the chorus. When the audience recognised particular tunes the singing became noticeably louder and more enthusiastic. We are very pleased to say that **over £500 was raised for the RNLI** with a bucket collection and sale of Lotto tickets. I'd like to thank Debbie White for helping with the evening and ensuring the evening was successful.



On Saturday 19th August some of the committee assembled in the car park for a spot of tidying up, as often happens once you start these tasks you quickly realise it's a bigger job than initially thought! After a couple of hours and with backs beginning to ache, 7 dumpy bags of greenery were amassed but thankfully you could actually see an improvement. Thank you to all those who gave their time. There is still much to do and as we can't manage this alone, we shall be asking for extra help next time to ensure the task can be completed.



An impromptu streaming of the final of the **Women's World Cup** took place on Sunday 20th August when over 40 people turned up to cheer on England. Once again the weather was not playing ball (forgive the pun) so we were pleased to welcome families on holiday as well as familiar faces. In spite of not achieving the result we all wished for, it was a great morning with a warm friendly atmosphere. When Mary Earps saved the penalty a huge cheer went up, one can only imagine the reaction if we'd actually scored or won, I'm sure the roof would have been raised. In the event that one of the home nations gets to the **Rugby World Cup final** then we'll

do the same with a bar. If there are other events you'd like us to stream then don't hesitate to contact us.

There is a musical treat in store for you as we welcome a performance from the highly acclaimed **Divertimento String Quartet on Friday 20th October**. One member studied with Yehudi Menuhin, two at the Royal College of Music and another has performed with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. Their programme will include works by Mozart, Britten, Purcell and Elgar. A bar will be open for your pre-concert drinks as well as during the interval so you can replenish your glasses. Details can be found on the poster within this magazine, why don't you come along and join us.

Our **Pub Night** in November has changed to **25th** so the Christmas Fair can be accommodated. This is another chance to get together with friends or meet new ones and challenge them to the various games on offer, as always we are open to suggestions on how to improve or ring the changes on these evenings.

Our 2024 programme is currently being finalised and using the information gathered from the questionnaire have hopefully produced a varied list with something for everyone. The complete list of events will appear in the next edition of Village Voice in readiness for putting in your new 2024 calendars and diaries.

Have a good couple of months and we look forward to welcoming you through our doors once again.



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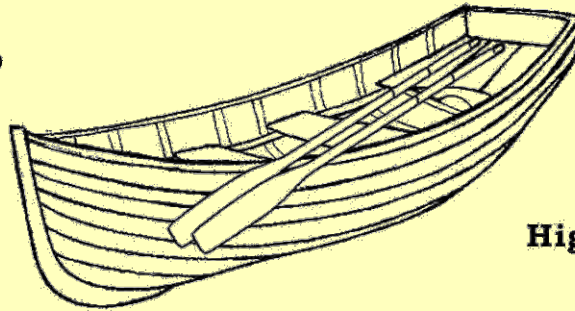
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LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

As you will know from my article in the last edition of the Village Voice I have, over these past few months, been exploring a move back to the north of England. This exploration has now reached a decisive conclusion as I have been offered, and accepted, a post in the Sheffield Diocese. I have been appointed Priest in Charge of St Mary the Virgin, Beighton and St James' Woodhouse, and Oversight Minister in the South East Attercliffe Mission Area. Both Parishes are within the City of Sheffield, on the south east side, but are also very close to the border with Derbyshire and close to the Peak District.

My last service in Thurlestone will be on Sunday October 22nd at 10.30 am and all are very welcome to attend. This will be a Benefice Service (a service for all five church communities that I serve) and it will give me an opportunity to say goodbye. (I will be working up until 29th October, but 22nd October will be my "leaving" service.)

It has been a great joy to serve in the Aune Valley Benefice and Mission Community over these past 8 years. I will take many happy memories with me, memories that will help strengthen me in my future ministry. Here in Thurlestone I have taken many weddings and many funerals, and the odd baptism here and there! These services have been a wonderful way for me to engage with the local community and, in the case of weddings, with visitors from far and wide. It is one of the greatest privileges in ministry to be alongside people at times of great joy and times of great sadness. I've also enjoyed the community events that I've been involved in, particularly the Church Fêtes and Barbeques. I shall never forget my regular gig of manning "splat the rat"!

Now is the right time for me, and for my family, to make the move north. Moving on is never easy and I will be sad to say goodbye to so many people down here in Devon. There is much that I will miss, but there's also much that I will look forward to. We've moved around a few times during my time as a priest (Richmond in North Yorkshire, Barnard Castle, Sheffield and Thurlestone) but now it's time to put down some roots. Sheffield feels like the right place to do this. It's time for a wandering Yorkshireman to return home!

Every Blessing

Daniel Hartley

We should like to invite you to our
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These services have been greatly appreciated in the past and we hope this may help some of you on the difficult journey through bereavement and allow others to give thanks not only for their loved ones' lives but also for the Christian hope of eternal life.

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- OCT. 1ST 11.10am** Harvest Eucharist (CW) (see notice below)
- OCT. 8TH 11.10am** Morning Worship
- OCT. 15TH 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)
6.00pm Annual Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service (see notice overleaf)
- OCT. 22ND 10.30am** Benefice Eucharist (CW) - Daniel's Leaving Service **(NOTE TIME)**
- OCT. 29TH 11.10am** Morning Worship **(CLOCKS GO BACK)**
- Nov. 5TH 11.10am** All Saints' Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 12TH 10.50am** Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths **(NOTE TIME)**
- Nov. 19TH 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 26TH 11.10am** Matins (BCP)



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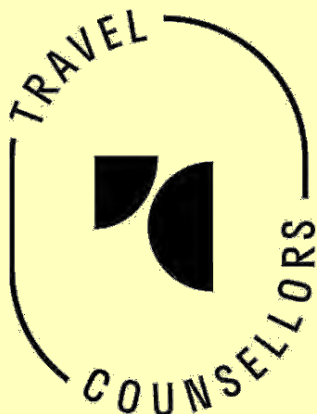
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OCTOBER 1ST
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CRYPTIC

1. Popular Christmas fare (6)
2. Stylish headgear found here (6)
3. Is it full of angry people? (7)
4. Sounds as though they're starving here (7)
5. Breakable tableware (5)
6. Warmer than it sounds (5)
7. Read carefully then remove the ending (4)
8. Someone in a hurry (6)
9. Rearrange mail in West Africa (4)
10. Radio---a blast from the past (10)
11. Sounds like setting for a John Travolta film (6)
12. No shortage of supermarkets here! (7)

ANAGRAM

13. Nivea sol (1 word)
14. Sand hour (1 word)
15. Slander then (1 word)
16. I untied camera's fat toes (4 Words)
17. Plug rota (1 word)
18. Untame aria (1 word)
19. Sofa air bunk (2 words)
20. Regalia (1 word)
21. I rank Sal (2 words)
22. A thin lad (1 word)
23. Aim a nib (1 word)
24. My anger (1 word)

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:

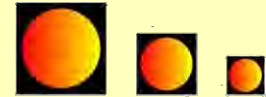
1. Swift 2. Wren 3. Stork 4. Chough 5. Tern 6. Robin 7. Mynah 8. Penguin 9. Kiwi 10. Dove/Linnet 11. Eagle 12. Hobby 13. Puffin 14. Cuckoo 15. Heron 16. Raven 17. Swallow 18. Bittern

There were 13 all correct entries last month. First out of the hat, and winner of the coveted bottle of wine are David and Mary Horne. Commiserations to Brian Barker, Linda Chilcott, Gaynor Day, Howard Dingley and Marian Bushell, Viv Gibby, Dave Hayward, Lesley Kalisher, Duncan Miller, Diane Pengelly, Susan Penwell, Jane Smyth and Andrew and Sara White.

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Our Garden August 2023

by Sue Dwyer

We are having some welcome rain today. I have been generally weeding and tidying up the borders over the last couple of days. There is still much to do before I go on holiday as there is little worse than coming back to an untidy garden. I know my gardener will keep the garden in good condition but it needs to be immaculate before I go.

The size of the herbaceous borders make it a hard work garden and I am working on them at this time of year at least 4 hours daily. I finished a little earlier than planned as heavy drizzle started at 3.30 and I did not want to get too wet. I have also been dead heading, mostly dahlias now. I regret not staking all the tall ones better earlier in the year. Usually they withstand the wind well if staked and although most were done, a few in the bottom of the main border were left. These have been damaged by the easterly winds. They are not flattened but have a definite tilt to the back of the border. Tomorrow I plan to put stakes around them and tie with soft rope which makes dead heading much easier than rummaging around looking for spent blooms.

I was pulling up spent *Alstroemeria* heads so the plants will flower again until late autumn, when I saw a large moth about 9cms long in the area where I had removed a mass of stems. I took a photo and sent this to several friends who identified it as a Privet Hawk Moth. After some investigation I identified it as a *Convolvulus* Hawk Moth which Mike Passman confirmed and said it was the first seen in our local "patch" this year!

The moth loves *Nicotiana* of which I have a lot in the garden. I sowed *Nicotiana Sylvestris*, the tall variety, as well as the ordinary variety *Sensation*. These plants give off a lovely perfumed smell in the evening, especially if it is warm and sunny and it enhances an evening meal eaten on the decking. This year I seem to have seen so many small hawk moths and bees taking nectar and hence pollinating flowers in the border. The moths seem to like the many *Salvias* and *Nicotianas* whilst the butterflies love the *Agastache*. I was stung by a bee whilst dead heading a dahlia a couple of days ago and still have a red swollen itchy hand.

I have a new toy, a *Hydropod*. My favourite way to root cuttings is to put them in water. I feel in control so when roots appear I plant them into a pot of compost. I do this in the utility room on a north facing window ledge. The problems I have is keeping the cuttings upright and as I spray a water mist over the cuttings frequently during the day the whole area gets messy. To keep the cuttings upright I have various methods, probably the best is cling film stretched over a jam jar and make several small holes for the cuttings. When the roots appear I have to remember to enlarge the opening so when I pull the delicate new roots they don't get torn off exiting the jar. However, I saw something called a *Hydropod* in a gardening sales booklet. This comprises a reservoir, a propagator lid with vents, submersible water pump and an optional external LED light. The cuttings are placed individually in a sponge disc with a central hole accessed by a slit so the cutting remains upright. This is placed in a mesh pot which in turn is placed into a support tray. The pump is attached by suction to the bottom of the reservoir and is attached to an H shaped spray device. The reservoir is filled with water to just below the spray delivery system. The constant spray around the base of the cutting has the added advantage of encouraging the roots to develop quickly to access water. The lid maintains humidity and heat. The water needs topping up rarely and the device needs looking at every 7-14 days so is fine when I go away for a fortnight. They say it costs a penny a day to run. The *Hydropod* comes in three sizes for 20, 40 or 80 cuttings. I have chosen the 40 size.

The first cuttings, all *salvias*, were put in 4 weeks ago. 2 weeks ago I potted up 22 healthy rooted cuttings into compost in 9cm pots and the roots are already showing through the bottom of the pots. I have already given away 5 pots to a neighbour. Yesterday another 18 were potted on and the mesh pots are washed along with the discs and re-used with yet more cuttings. I tried *salvias* first as these are easy and I wanted to see how the device worked. I have taken some *Alcathaea* cuttings as these all failed when I tried them last year. I

can see I will be having great fun with this and think of the number of plants I can produce for Open Gardens next year when there will be a plant sale here in my garden. After removing the rooted cuttings I placed them in a half way house. This is a 3cm deep tray lined with a length of capillary matting made from wool soaked in water and covered with an old propagator top with vents. This plus spraying the leaves with a garden mister keeps up the humidity level and I did not get any wilting of the newly planted plants. After about a week I removed the cover and kept them in the greenhouse for another week until I placed them outside in another tray lined with the matting. They are looking very happy today in their new environment.

I buy plants online and do have my favourite suppliers. I buy roses from David Austin as they do have a 5 year guarantee. I have had the occasional rose which has failed and this has always been replaced even once when I bought it 4 years previously. I bought 16 Silver jubilee hybrid tea roses last year to replace those I had had for 35 years and which I had removed 3 years previously. I always buy bare rooted roses for November planting. These started well until about March when they died. I waited for several months and 5 have recovered to some degree. I took photos and sent them to David Austin and 11 are being replaced in November with the remaining ones having tender loving care by myself in the hope they will thrive again.

Another online purchase was for 36 salvia cuttings for £36, 3 of each from 12 varieties which arrived on 16th June. These arrived as rooted cuttings which were potted up and grown on in the unheated greenhouse, re potted after about 4 weeks and hardened off outside. I planted them in the bare earth rose bed. They are mostly now in flower and the colours are lovely. One is dark pink and I am sure is a salvia I have had for years but never knew the name, Salvia Neon, a good description of the colour. Another is Salvia La Mancha which is cream in colour with a touch of pink on the upper lip. Salvia Amino is blue and a sister to the excellent purple Salvia Amistad and to Amistad pink. S. Peach Cobbler is gorgeous colour as its name suggests. S African Sky pale blue and S Microphyllia Glacier pure white. I had not realised Salvias come in such a range of colour. As you might guess several of these plants have cuttings developing in the Hydropod as from yesterday.

I begrudge seeing 3 plants for £12 and 12 for £24 as the postage is the same. Those with small gardens cannot cope with the larger number of plants. I can and always buy the larger amount. Sometimes I share an order with my sister and we take half each making buying this way economical. Try it!

Buying online gives me a bigger range and variety of plants than I can find in any garden centre. The best centre I know locally is Hill House Nursery at Landscope. Besides the big names there are specialist nurseries where I can find a range of a particular type of plant. One of these is Penberth Plants a small Cornish nursery which has a limited range of specialist plants, are mail order only but do attend RHS plant sales. I wanted some Watsonia plants which duly arrived nicely packed in mid July and one has flowered this week. I did not expect to see any blooms until next year so was a pleasant surprise.

Soft fruit is grown in a large fruit cage and the Autumn raspberries have been ready to pick since early August. Whatever I do a few birds seem to find a way in. However, I decided to feed the birds with a bird feeder as we normally only do in the winter when no wild food is available. From day one this has cured my problem, much easier to go to a ready source of food than find a way into the fruit cage.

The ground is still very dry and rain is a blessing to produce a great display of Dahlias and other late flowering plants as well as the second flush of Alstroemerias, Phlox, Delphiniums and Geraniums. In some ways this time of year produces the most colour and looking at the borders there is a blaze of bright colours which will last until the end of October. Then the cycle will continue by cutting own and dividing plants before covering all the beds with a thick layer of Compost, their winter blanket. Please enjoy the next few weeks and start looking at seed catalogues to start the cycle again next year.



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BOOKSHELF

Tell No One by Harlan Coben

What can we say about this book, it certainly divided opinion amongst us with one member proclaiming "I am having trouble putting the book down, it is seriously disrupting my day-to-day plans!!" and another saying they "hated it because they disliked the characters and thought it badly written"!

So, what is the book about – Dr David Beck last saw his wife Elizabeth alive 8 years ago when he was knocked unconscious and left for dead and he is having difficulty moving on. Out of the blue an anonymous message appears on his computer using a phrase only the two of them would know and starts him wondering if his wife may be alive. He is warned to tell no one, which he doesn't, but while he tries to identify the sender of the message he's being watched and pursued by unknown assailants whose aim is to stop him finding out dark secrets, as well as the FBI who want to implicate him in the murder of his wife. His attempts to evade capture force him to go on the run leaving devastation in his wake.

Some scenes are not for the squeamish but if you like fast-moving action-packed thrillers then this is for you. Another observation was that it read like a TV script, which as many of Harlan Coben's books have been adapted by Netflix could explain this. It's not a soporific read as some of us were kept on the edge of our seats all the way through and almost breathless at times with twists and turns aplenty right until the very last page.

Notes on a Scandal by Zoe Heller

This book generated the most discussion we've had since starting the book club as we found it compelling in spite of the immoral theme.

Sheba Hart joins the staff at a run-down school in London as a pottery teacher where she meets and befriends history teacher Barbara Covett (the narrator of the story).

They have very different backgrounds as well as personalities - Sheba is middle class, more care free and bohemian whereas Barbara is nearing the end of her teaching career and leads a very structured and lonely life.

When Sheba embarks on an illicit affair with fifteen-year-old Steven Connolly Barbara sees herself as her saviour and becomes more and more involved in the life of Sheba and her family. As events unfold, the dark obsessions and desires of both women are uncovered.

Due to the subject matter we found this at times quite an uncomfortable read but it is well written and does contain a little humour. It kept us engrossed but didn't stop us questioning some of the decisions the characters took with their behaviour exasperating us at times.

The storyline was different to what was expected due to the complexity of the relationship that evolves between the main protagonists with the dynamics shifting between them as the novel progressed, changing our initial feelings we had towards them.

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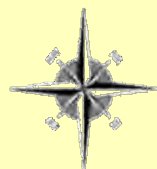
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The Bantham Swoosh is such an important event for so many people and it simply wouldn't happen without the support of the local Bantham, Thurlestone and Aveton Gifford residents and businesses. On behalf of all of us at Level Water we would like to thank you very much for all your support this year.

All proceeds from the Bantham Swoosh swim go to the charity Level Water, providing 1-1 swimming lessons for children with disabilities. Hundreds of swimmers also chose to fundraise for the charity, raising £170,000 between them. This is the equivalent of over 11,000 swimming lessons, giving disabled children the chance to fall in love with the water. These lessons simply wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the Bantham Swoosh.

As the swimmers gathered in Aveton Gifford, you could feel the excitement brewing. The Hive Primary School sold out of tea, coffee and cakes, raising over £500, while swimmers shared stories of their past adventures. Swimmers with disabilities were first into the river, with volunteers taking responsibility for prosthetic limbs and crutches to be returned at the finish line. Then the rest followed, down the creek and out into the wider expanses of the river, swimming 6km surrounded by the most stunning views of the south Devon countryside. As the river widens and silt gives way to sand the visibility improves, with clear view of the seashells below, before seeing moored boats and Bantham village. This is their sign that the Swoosh is coming, and as the river picks up speed many swimmers stop and watch the view go by as they float past the iconic pink boathouse at Jenkins Quay before getting their feet onto Bantham's sandy shore.

Water safety teams were strategically positioned on boats and paddle boards along the way, giving assistance to any swimmers who needed it. The wind danced across the waves at the finish as hundreds of swimmers found themselves engulfed in a huge downpour. They all stopped, looked up, and laughed together. Volunteers were on hand to help people out of the water and safely back onto dry land where they were given a cup of hot chocolate, a Bantham Swoosh commemorative towel and a big hug. Cold swimmers huddled in the warm-up tent until they could feel their toes once more.



A new feature of the event this year was a guided walk, run by the Ramblers Association. To reduce traffic and give spectators the best of their trip to Devon, 150 people walked from Aveton Gifford to Bantham Beach. The route meanders through fields and woodlands, at certain points breaking out into views of the swimmers down in the estuary below. The trip attracted ramblers from all walks of life, children as young as five and older participants too. The guided walk was a huge success and it's most definitely on the cards for future events.

At Bantham, the Gastrobus was open for business as usual, as well as a few extra caterers brought in for the event. The swimmers and their supporters were spoilt for choice, from Thai to vegetarian street food and amazing coffee, there was something for everyone.

After the main event was the children's event, the 'Mini-Swoosh', where kids aged 8-15 got in the river to swim the Swooshiest last kilometre of the route. The children whooped and laughed as they got into the water, attracting the attention of many Bantham residents. The swimmers included seven children with disabilities who learned to swim at Level Water lessons. Swimming outside with nature around them is something that wouldn't have been imaginable for them before their 1:1 swimming lessons, and it's incredible to have fundraisers, children and their families all finishing the same swim on the same beach together.

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Thanks again for playing your part to make this all happen. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

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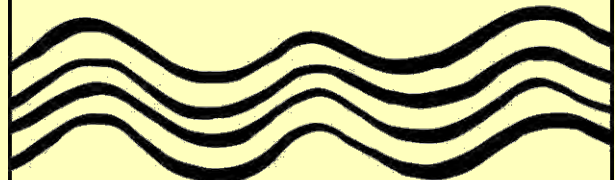
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The Accidental Environmentalist

Saving the world one compost heap at a time

By Adam Ryan-Carter



It's that time of year when the nights are drawing in and you start to think about preparing for the winter ahead. For me that's seeing how many sailing sessions I can squeeze in before I reluctantly have to take my laser off the water, or checking my winter wetsuits for tears, my surfboards for repairs and dragging my old 'foamy' out of the garage and into the living room for my pre-season 'pop-up training, to make sure I'm match fit for the October swell (or as match fit as a 59 year-old surfer can be).

Apparently, this isn't the case for the wife in Autumn. Instead, Monty Don has been filling her head with ideas for literally 'taking stock' of the garden. She is busy making cuttings of favourite plants in case she loses them in the winter frosts and to increase quantities of the same plant to use in 'drifts' to help create the 'rhythm' in the garden that Adam Frost, her other gardening guru, is always banging on about (see what I did there?!).

Allegedly this is going to both save us money and be more environmentally friendly because it'll mean less trips to the garden centre as she claims she will no longer need to buy plants if she can 'propagate' her own. She uses big words like that now and she's started to spout Latin plant names too, (so how come in a boat, she still doesn't know the difference between the kicker and the downhaul). I am dubious about this claim of saving money by going to the garden centre less, as I've now spotted her internet searches for a 'Victorian style' green house for £950. I can't help thinking you could not only buy a heck of a lot of plants for that, but more importantly a pretty decent surfboard. When she challenged me and asked 'how many surfboards do you need?' I referred to my surfboard calculator and used this mathematical equation; $x = \text{the number of surfboards currently in your garage} + 1$

Besides she's not factoring in the compost costs for her cuttings and seedlings, so that's why I'm going to be thrifty and make it a priority to go to the **composting workshop** being run by **BBATS** (Bantham Buckland and Thurlestone Sustainability group) on **Sunday 1st October between 2-4 pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall** to learn how to make our own. I'm hoping this will stop me having to lug heavy dirty sacks into the car and save money and plastic packaging at the same time.

We have both been reflecting on the successes and failures of the spring and summer season in our own ways. Although I'm delighted to report I came second in the Bantham Sailing club regatta, I have to admit another highlight we both shared was watching our great tits and sparrows raise their families in the birdboxes we put up earlier on in the year. We got thinking about the parallels between the bird's life cycle and the raising of our own children.

Of course, the first stage is finding a house just the right size, that isn't overlooked by the neighbours or the local predators, has a decent roof that doesn't leak and has a garden. Then there are the trips back and forth to John Lewis, to choose the perfect cot and bedding; twigs, moss, dog fluff, spider's webs etc. Next, the excitement of awaiting the arrival of the babies, followed by the realisation that they are constantly hungry and want feeding round the clock, and the shop that sells

caterpillars isn't open if there's been a hot dry spring. Later come the teenage years when the volume from the birdbox gets louder and louder and the experimenting and pushing of boundaries begins; like stepping on your siblings heads to see if you can take a peek out at the real world beyond the birdbox, and the emptying of the fridge the second the groceries are delivered, and the fighting over who gets the biggest worm.

We watched on with pride as our busy great tits serviced their brood. We witnessed them losing weight as they relentlessly flew around searching for caterpillars and grubs largely ignoring their own need for sustenance. Then finally came the day that anyone with teenage children can identify with, the day the parents had had enough. They were exhausted and the house was no longer big enough. Early one morning in the first week of June the parent birds flew to the safety of nearby branches and chirruped and squawked to encourage their youngsters, not just out of bed, but out of the box for good. As we ate our muesli, we witnessed the drama unfurl as the cockiest bird fledged first, swiftly followed by its 4 siblings. It wasn't until the next day that a weaker smaller fledgling plucked up enough courage to not so much fly, as plop out of the box and hurtle like a dead weight towards the ground. We nearly broke our necks scrambling to be the first to look out of the bathroom window to see if the baby bird had survived the fall. Jubilantly we found that it had, and by now was noisily shouting for its mother on the concrete ledge below. There followed a nervous period of several hours before Mum and Dad arrived on the scene. I worried it had been abandoned and fought the strong urge to interfere and instead let nature take its course. It's a good job I did because sure enough Mum and Dad arrived on the scene with beaks full of grubs. The relief was immense. We had grown to love these little creatures over the last 3 months and felt fiercely protective of them. Finally, a few days later, the frantic chirping ceased, our family had moved on in their search for food and survival. We both experienced 'empty nest syndrome' for a while and missed their daily antics and activity. We felt proud of ourselves for providing a garden environment that not only provided them with nesting materials and a safe home but food, by planting species of plants and trees that would bring in the insects to nourish them. However, some days later on a trip to hang out the washing, my wife found the fly infested carcass of a dead baby great tit by the backdoor and the sadness we both felt in that moment was very real, but hey that's nature. You have to take the crunchy with the smooth.

Nature can be brutal. One day, I stood by the kitchen window watching our own David Attenborough TV special unfold in the back garden as a blackbird wrestled with a slow worm. I felt amazed at the fact we now had a plentiful population of slow worms in the garden but horrified at the painful and prolonged death it endured at the beak of a ravenous blackbird as it thrashed it on the rocks to kill it and when it refused to die, eating it alive. A large grasshopper lost a similar fight with a sparrow and all that was left on the wheelie bin as evidence was a pair of uneaten legs that reminded me of when my fussy daughter used to leave her crusts on the side of her plate.

Our other major success, after the initial attack of blanket weed, has to be our new pond. The damsel flies and dragonflies, took no time at all to dip their tails in to lay their eggs in and we enjoyed the company of a spectacular broad-bodied chaser flashing its pale blue body at us in the sunlight. The birds swoop down for a bath and a drink and it provided a cool haven during the very hot spells. This week when pulling out more weed I discovered dragonfly nymphs which I swiftly returned, the water boatmen have started their shifts across the pond and water snails have also recently appeared but I have to say I'm holding out for some frogs or newts but have heard they aren't compatible. Who would win in a fight? Well, the truth is the newts would probably eat the tadpoles so you'd probably never find out.

The third highlight has been our flower meadow which was a great spot for a morning coffee and very busy with bees, butterflies, hoverflies and moths. I particularly enjoyed watching, what I have since learnt is called a humming bird hawk-moth, poking its long proboscis (my wife taught me that new word) into the tubular flowers like Penstemon and salvia (to be fair I had to double check those names with the new expert of the house too). And I am delighted to report that this very day I heard on the Radio that 2023 has seen a dramatic increase in the number of butterflies since 2019. Reasons for this may include the wet summer which meant there was lots of lush greenery for caterpillars to feed on but I also like to think that communities like ours which have prioritised the growing of wildflowers and meadows have played their part. I am also delighted to report to Linda, one of our readers, that we even spotted glow worms in our back garden which have never been seen before. It's all encouraging stuff.

Downsides of this year have been the wind born fungus that thrived in the damp conditions and has now decimated the foliage of our brand-new silver birch trees. The suppliers say if I collect all the dead leaves and burn them, hopefully the new growth in Spring, will be unaffected. Fingers crossed. Only 40,000 left to collect by hand as I can't use a rake as they are so heavily mulched with bark chippings!

So, our autumn jobs will include getting the ladders out and cleaning the birdboxes with a non-toxic detergent to kill off any mites or disease. We will try relocating the open fronted robin nest box as that was the only one left unoccupied and will add a swallow/swift box to the highest darkest corner of the wall in the garden. Apparently, they are natural cave dwellers and like a ledge to sit on. My neighbour found this out when she returned to a bedroom of swallows busily beginning their nest building on top of a wardrobe.

Other plans include the aforementioned composting whilst finding the best rodent preventatives and exploring various new options of harvesting rainwater without rainwater goods. Talking of which I am absolutely delighted to report that despite being public enemy number one, South West Water have finally done something well. Tom Gilkes rang us to let us know that he had followed the last issues instructions to get a free water butt and despite warnings this might take up to 16 weeks to arrive, he was delighted when it was delivered the very next day along with a bonus shower timer. Tom mentioned it to his neighbour who also placed an order that was honoured within 24 hours so there are at least 2 happy customers out there! Quick get yours ordered whilst stock lasts!



Laughter Corner



I started dating a zookeeper, but it turned out he was a cheetah.

The most British thing I've ever heard? A lady who said 'Well I'm sorry, but I don't apologise.'

Last year I had a great joke about inflation. But it's hardly worth it now.

I thought I'd start off with a joke about The Titanic — just to break the ice.

Nationwide must have looked pretty silly when they opened their first branch.

My friend got locked in a coffee place overnight. Now he only ever goes into Starbucks, not the rivals. He's Costa-phobic.

Thurlestone Telephone Box

It's been a busy summer at the Phone Box, as soon as we fill the shelves with books they seem to disappear. We hope they have kept you entertained, particularly on the rainy days we've experienced this year!

As space is limited in the Phone Box, in future if you would like to donate large quantities of books, (fiction seems to be the most popular) it would be really helpful if you could call me and arrange to drop them off at my home, rather than leave big bags inside the Phone Box. (01548561853)

We hope you have enjoyed the lovely flower displays outside the Phone Box. Caro has been the leading force here and we are extremely grateful for her hard work. Watering the plants has been a major effort at times as there is no supply nearby and she often transports water from her home.

Unfortunately, our display for the Lionesses didn't spur them to victory in the final of the World Cup. However, their achievements were remarkable and well worth celebrating. Our next display will probably be Halloween, so popular with the children. I know it's only September and I hate to mention Christmas! However, this is the last VV edition before then, so I need to give advanced notice that our Carol Service on the Green will take place on Monday 11th December, let's hope it won't be as cold as last year!

Finally, a very big thank you to those who prefer to make a financial donation rather than exchange a book. The Phone Box money tin located in the shop has been rattling away this summer!

Mary Horne



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Aune Conservation Association

By Stuart Watts



Aune Conservation Association

After a great deal of thought, I have decided to resign as Chairman of the ACA by the end of 2023 and I want to organise an orderly transition. If nobody either from the existing committee or from the wider membership steps forward to guide the organisation through the future, we must plan to wind up the ACA and tidy up any loose ends. These loose ends include: the ACA's charitable status, funding through involvement in the Seamoor lottery, the voluntary contribution to the Avon Patrol, the ACA website, what to do with residual funds, notification of collaborators and associates etc.

If you or anybody you know might be interested in running the ACA according to its stated purpose (please see <https://auneconservation.org.uk/about/>), please get in touch by reply to this email address or telephone 01548 810373.

Meanwhile, some of you already may be familiar with a new organisation, Avon River Champions (ARC), which is part of the larger network – **South Devon River Champions** www.south-devon-river-champions.org. The concept behind this network involves the generation of sufficient local momentum to gain real influence over improving water quality throughout the South Hams. I shall continue to take a background role in offering advice about the Devon Avon/Aune where relevant. Further details about the ARC are available from Louise Wainwright, as below:-

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Presently, we are experiencing unseasonal weather, early September has brought with it a mini heat wave. April was incredibly wet, May and June were hot and dry, July and August best forgotten. As a Golf Club that covers 300 acres and cuts and prepares 240 of them, the weather and its shorrange vagrancies can be something of a challenge.

At this time of the year our Course Manager, Russell Abernethy (Vic's successor), is preparing for the one of the most important weeks of the year – Maintenance Week. Presently the greens are running fast and true, and it seems a sacrilege to destroy them with an aggressive programme of maintenance, but this is essential for the wellbeing of the plants and surfaces of the green.

First, the green staff will deeply double scarify all the greens to remove any lateral growth and excess thatch. This is followed by hollow coring aeration, the verti-drain punches hollow tines into the surface of the greens and the machine deposits the hollow cores in rows ready for collection by the core harvester. The diameter of the core tines and depth vary each year, this year we will use hollow tines with a diameter of 15mm and go to a depth of 80 - 100mm. The core harvester is attached to the small compact tractor. We recycle these cores by scattering them in areas of high wear. The greens are then over-seeded and fertilized; overseeding is the planting of new grass seed directly into existing turf, without tearing up the turf or the soil. It's an easy way to fill in any bare spots and introduce grass varieties into the older greens, it also helps improve the density of turf.

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Given good conditions, dry and warm, the programmed maintenance will take over 250 man hours, that's 7 guys working 8 – 10 hours a day for 4 days. The cost of the operation in machinery hire, man hours and materials run into tens of thousands of pounds.

Returning to my original thread of the weather, once the green staff have completed this task and sit down for a well-earned rest, they will soon be up doing a rain dance! As there is nothing like natural rain to aid a swift recovery.



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THURLESTONE BAY BIRDS

SEPTEMBER 2023

The mid- summer time between 11th July and 11th September has probably been the quietest time for birdwatching during the last 20 years.

Preparation work at South Huish Marsh has meant little areas of suitability for the anticipated passage of returning waders from their breeding grounds in the far north.

My visits have been significantly less this year due to both holidays and the inevitable traffic jams around the lanes leading to South Huish Marsh.

Mid to late July sightings were:-

A roost of over 200 *SWALLOW* at Thurlestone Marsh also produced a *CURLEW* flying in to spend the night.

On the beaches and rocks small numbers of *SANDERLING*, *DUNLIN* and *RINGED PLOVER* were feeding on the tidal shores before the day visitors arrived.

On South Huish Marsh the pair of *MUTE SWAN* has nested, originally raising 2 cygnets, unfortunately only one has survived. Other water breeding species have been *MALLARD* - lots of broods, *MOORHEN*, *COOT* and *CANADA GOOSE*.

Late July saw the return of small flocks of *BLACK HEADED GULL* and *MEDITERRANEAN GULL* -

because of the bird flu virus only a small number of juveniles were present. Local breeding *HERRING* and *GREATER BLACK BACKED GULLS* do seem to have raised the usual numbers that I would have expected.

On the local marshes small numbers of waders and egrets started to return from 20th July with 13 *CURLEW*, 8 *REDSHANK* along the tidal road and *GREEN SANDPIPER*, *BLACK TAILED GODWIT*, *BAR TAILED GODWIT* and *DUNLIN* on South Huish Marsh.

Amongst the flock of over 20 *LITTLE EGRET* (these have a breeding colony along the River Avon) was a *CATTLE EGRET* - first one on the patch this year.

Early August brought a few days with windy conditions bringing passage migrant sea birds in to the Bay. Off Hope Cove on 5th August were 3 *ARCTIC SKUA* and a flock of 20 *SANDWICH TERN*. Two weeks later on the 19th, a *BLACK TERN* was in the Bay whilst offshore a total of over 700 *COMMON/ARCTIC TERNS* was flying across the Bay.

The first *TEAL* returned to South Huish Marsh on 14th August with 5 feeding there by 19th. Late August records for waders on the Marsh included 15 *WHIMBREL* that flew over on 19th with *REDSHANK*, *GREEN SANDPIPER*, *BLACK-TAILED GODWIT*, *GOLDEN PLOVER* and *SANDERLING* between 23rd and 25th August.

Ringling activities at South Milton Ley have provided some stark evidence of how the poor summer weather curtailed a lot of the breeding warbler numbers. At the end of July no *SEDGE WARBLERS* were ringed - the first time in over 11 years this has occurred. By the 7th August only 2 were present compared with 5 *REED WARBLER*. It is not many years ago that Bob Burrridge would have ringed over 50 of each in a single morning.

The tidal road at Aveton Gifford is our regular place to find *OSPREY* fishing over the river and gaining weight before their long journey to the west coast of Africa.

Early September produced a *POMARINE SKUA* in the Bay on 1st whilst many juvenile birds take advantage of the food available on South Huish Marsh - over 30 *PIED WAGTAIL*, several *YELLOW WAGTAIL*, 4 *STONECHAT*, flocks of over 30 *LINNET* and *GOLDFINCH*. Young *WHEATEARS* are in the field behind the cafe with 4 there on the 1st. Finally, waders reported on 11th September on the rocks were 3 *KNOT*, 2 *BAR TAILED GODWIT* and 5 *TURNSTONE*. As we move to Autumn there will be plenty of bird activity to witness over the coming weeks.

Mike Passman. thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk

THURLESTONE MOTHS

The summer months produced some poor weather which resulted in lower than expected catches although the total number of moths trapped in August was 3677 of 163 species.

More interesting additions to the ever growing year totals were – *WEBB'S WAINSCOT* - new for the garden and *DEVONSHIRE WAINSCOT* on 27th July. By August 15th nightly totals were increasing to around 175 with new additions of *OAK EGGAR*, *DUSTY THORN* and a maximum of 251 on 15th August included *SIX STRIPED RUSTIC*, *FLOUNCED RUSTIC*, *DINGY SHELL*, *FROSTED ORANGE* and *SCARCE FOOTMAN*.

By the end of August *BLACK ARCHES* had arrived and on 23rd a large *OLD LADY* flew onto the white sheet. Late afternoon on 26th a *HUMMINGBIRD HAWK MOTH* was flying around - makes a superb picture watching it taking nectar from the flowers.

One of the most beautiful moths to find in a trap first thing in the morning is a *LEOPARD MOTH*. - the black and white spots with almost translucent wings make a wonderful sight, one on 27th August and another surprisingly on 7th September.

August finished on 31st with two noteworthy moths a *JERSEY MOCHA* - a scarce immigrant in my garden and a *CONVOLVULUS HAWK MOTH* in a local residents garden - another immigrant from Europe.

If August was good it was nothing compared to what the first 12 days of September produced. The weather became warm with overnight temperatures getting close to a low of 20 degrees.

Comparison with the same period in 2022 makes interesting reading.

	2023	2022
Total moths trapped	2978 of 82 species	541 of 61 species

Immigrant months that arrived this year included *MAIDEN'S BLUSH*, 4 *CONVOLVULUS HAWK MOTH*, 4 *RADFORD'S FLAME SHOULDER*, lots of *SILVER Y*, *WHITE- POINT*, *TURNIP*, *DARK SWORD- GRASS*, *PORTLAND RIBBON WAVE*, *PEARLY UNDERWING*, *EUROPEAN CORN BORER*, *VESTAL*, *L-ALBUM WAINSCOT* (max of 6 in one night), *HOARY FOOTMAN*, *SCARCE BORDERED STRAW*.

However, the best of the year were trapped on 10th and 12th September.

A very small moth on the 10th was one that I did not recognise. Photographs were forwarded to well known experts - the identity was confirmed as an *OLD WORLD WEBWORM* - the 6th record ever for Devon. It's likely to have arrived from the Canary Isles or a West African country.

On the same date a moth from Southern Europe arrived - *PALPITA VITRALIS* – it has completely white translucent wings with a dark border.

On the morning of 13th, 2 very fresh looking moths were an addition to the garden list - *BEAUTIFUL GOTHIC*, a very rare moth limited to only a few grassy areas along the coast of Devon and Cornwall. In 2022 there were only 6 records for Devon.



Old World Webworm

As I am writing this report the spell of warm weather is just changing to the more anticipated autumnal fare of sunny periods and showers. The next two weeks will start to see the arrival of the autumnal moths. Makes my life even more interesting.

It's very difficult to describe the beauty and colours of the moths I trap (and release). Lots of photographs can be viewed on my website - thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk.

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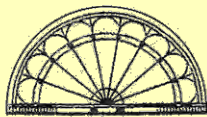
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Fond Farewells and New Beginnings

The new term started with a wonderful late summer blast which saw many of our children at the local beaches after their first days back, dipping in the sea to cool off and enjoying the warmth.

We said a fond farewell to several members of staff at the end of the summer term, which means that we are now delighted to extend a huge warm welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs Willow has joined our team as our Reception/Year 1 teacher in Yarmer class, and Mrs Peppiatt has joined us as Year 4/5 teacher in Butter Cove.

Not only that, we also have the privilege of welcoming Miss Coombe as our new head teacher. We are thrilled to welcome them to the All Saints Thurlestone team!

We are very lucky at Thurlestone, to have an active parent association (Friends of Thurlestone School) which raises funds to enrich the children's learning. They very kindly funded a local artist Michelle McQuinn to join us for some creative sessions and she came in to work with our children during the last few weeks of the summer term, during which time they designed and created a beautiful mosaic for our school grounds.



Proudly displayed looking out over the playground and towards the sea, the mosaic displays our five school values of Love, Truthfulness, Respect, Service and Thankfulness. It also commemorates the Coronation of King Charles III as it has a little hidden crown within the design.

In other news, our Eco team will also be working alongside Mike Hodges this year as part of the Devon Living Churchyards project to increase biodiversity in Thurlestone churchyard. They will be supporting the project with wild flower seed planning, bulb planting and the installation of bug hotels - how exciting!

Emma Richards

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Village News Round-Up

The Comeback Queen

Vicky Carpenter, a Thurlestone resident and retired teacher at the village school, has recently made a comeback to competing in events after a major shoulder, arm and hand injury 4 years ago.

Vicky, a mother of 4 and grandmother of 9, qualified at the Luxembourg Ironman 70.3 miles event where she earned the opportunity to represent GB in the International Triathlon Union Middle Distance European Championships in Menen, Belgium in August. She was delighted to come home with the Silver Medal for her age category. (For the uninitiated there is no handicap system for age or gender - the distance is a 1.9km Swim, 90km Bike and 21km Run = 70.3 miles in under 7h 30m for all).



She is enormously grateful to her long suffering family, supportive friends and health and sport professionals who make up the team that got her there.

She was heard to say, "Never again, 'til next time" So watch this space.....

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A mystery to solve

Andy Cranham has a mystery to unravel and believes our readers may be able to help.

He and his wife were married in Thurlestone in 1996 as her family have been residents in the area since the 1920's. Her paternal grandparents Theresa and Armitage Bryan-Brown had Albineham built in the 1960's and were involved in the golf club.

He recently found a book of negatives in a barn on their farm in Fleet Hampshire, which show Thurlestone and the surrounding area with his grandfather on his mothers side (Bolton) holidaying. He and his brother Bill are the only people he can identify.

He's looking for any help to identify anyone in the photos, especially the golfers as in the 1920's/30's they must have been regulars at the club. The tennis photos may also have been taken at the club.

He hopes that the running of the hounds to Burgh Island must be an occasion that some readers may have knowledge of. He has supplied the photos described and has plenty more, but they are too large to include here, so can be found at:

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TRAMP Reports

July/August 2023

Aveton Gifford - 19th July - Annie Lukehurst

We were blessed with a fine and breezy morning as seven tramps and one dog assembled in the car park by the tidal road in Aveton Gifford. When was low tide? Would we be getting our feet wet? No the only discussion was ... clockwise or anti-clockwise? Did we want to tackle the steeper slope on the uphill or the downhill? The decision was made and we headed off through the village, stopping to admire the village stocks and photograph them then turning left onto a footpath soon after passing the church. Across field after field climbing slowly up to Combe and eventually on a bridle path up towards Chantry. The National Trust volunteers had, only yesterday, been installing a bridle gateway over at Southdown Farm so the topic of conversation turned to the various gate latches and their uses. We're just grateful that so many stiles are being replaced by gateways.

At this point (yes, it was a popular feeding ground for the local population of horse flies) we stopped for coffee and a delicious slice of lemon drizzle cake. We continued on the bridle way heading north through Stockadon and on to Lixton and the turning point of the walk. Can anyone tell me the name of the stream that runs down to the tidal road on the Avon estuary? It is the most beautiful valley and our return journey was to take us back to Aveton Gifford along the western slopes of the valley past Wakeham and onto the old Plymouth Road, which took all the traffic before the bypass was built in 1990. How many of us remember the traffic lights at each end of the village, regulating the flow of traffic and preventing buses from meeting head-on in the middle of the village?

There had been no rain for a couple of days, the ground underfoot was dry and most walkers were in lightweight trainers. At least two of us were gathering a fine



collection of grasses, just wedged into that gap where the upper of the shoe decides to part company with the sole. How to keep those trainers going for a few more miles? Superglue for sure, but what about a sturdy rubber band? You could always take the replacement trainers out of the cupboard and introduce them to the great outdoors. I know, it's easy to get attached to your favourite footwear!

As we slowly ambled back into the car park, the final topic of discussion was do we trust the Fitbit, or the OS app, or Strava, or Komoot ... was it 4.6 or 4.8 miles? Who cares?

Dartmoor walk from Cross Furzes – 24th July - Alastair Durden

Well, pretty well the whole of July has been marked by unsettled weather. For instance, no tennis on the outside courts at Wimbledon some days because of rain, and rain on the last two days of the Golf Open at Hoylake. So it was with some trepidation that twelve of us met up at Cross Furzes, near Buckfastleigh, for a ramble on Dartmoor, with any rain predicted to be light and short-lived. Well, our hopes were dashed after going along the Abbots Way for about a mile as, once we were on the open moor, we were plagued with persistent rain, mist and wind. So much so that we took the wrong track! So we missed seeing the Avon Reservoir and Huntingdon Warren, and ended up on Pupers Hill, where we stopped for shelter and a well-earned coffee break and a treat of home-made chocolate tiffin which I had brought for

everyone. This deviation meant that the walk was a good mile less than planned, which was just as well in the wet and windy conditions! We then descended – fairly steeply – to Lud Gate, and followed a tree-lined stony track past enclosures to the entrance to Hayford Hall. From here a road took us back to our cars which we arrived at with some relief as we were all wet and cold by this time! So, next time on Dartmoor we all hope for better weather, such that the extensive views can be enjoyed!

5 mile walk along the foreshore at Frogmore - 1st August - Pat & Robin Hart

There were 5 of us who braved the High Street walking along the very busy road. Amazing how the traffic has changed since we first came down to Thurlestone 30 years ago. We found a narrow access down to the Public Footpath along the foreshore. The Frogmore name comes from the Saxon name which means Frogs Pool.

We went just above the shoreline and past the old Geese Quarries. The stone from this area was used to build the Tower at Dartmouth Castle. Similar stone was used to build West Charleton Church.

We went a long way along the foreshore through some new metal gates. We then turned right into woodland towards West Charleton. We then went across a cornfield and saw an ancient beacon. At the main road we turned left towards Kingsbridge and access on the other side of the road heading back towards Frogmore.

We encountered a steep stile before heading along a heavily guarded path with high hedging etc. on a steady incline towards Frogmore then dropping down to the Pub Car Park.

The Globe Pub was closed (Tuesday) so we went to satisfy our appetites at a farm 1 mile outside Frogmore on the way back. This is a newish set up but very well organised. We all enjoyed the delicious Cornish pasties and a coffee.

Kingston to Wonwell Circular - 10th August - Liz Coates

At last a sunny day was forecast and it didn't disappoint. Being the school holidays, many Trampers were busy with family and friends, but nevertheless six of us plus Barney set off from Kingston for a good walk.

At Scobbiscombe farm we took the footpath over fields and farmland passing fields of potatoes where harvesting was well under way. The footpath then took us down to the South West Coast Path at Fernycombe Point and on to the Erme estuary with great views across to Wembury and Mothecombe and the Flete Estate. After an enjoyable coffee break on Wonwell beach we left the river via the footpath through Furzedown Wood, a long steady climb back up the hill. On emerging from the wood into the fields at the top we were greeted by great views over to Dartmoor in the distance.

Sadly the Dolphin at Kingston is no longer serving meals mid week so we went on for refreshments sitting in the sun at the Pickwick Inn at St Ann's Chapel on the way home. A good morning's walk with good company – what more could you want?

The walk was 4.5 miles and took approx. 2 ½ hours

Lowery Cross, Dousland - 18th August - Vanessa Barton

18 August saw 6 Trampers and one dog set off from Lowery Cross near Burrator on an 11+km circular taking in Ingra Tor, Leedon Tor, Black Tor and the Devonport Leat.

The forecast was for rain by 3pm so we all had a focus to get back to the cars before Storm Betty arrived but nonetheless we had time for a lovely coffee stop in the lee of Ingra and lunch along by the leat.

Unusually for most of the Dartmoor walks I lead, we didn't have a brutal immediate hill to climb as the path is flat and winding at the start with lovely views from this ridge tramway. The cloud and mist descended a little which always

makes the moor look more mysterious especially as only the very top of the North Hessary mast was above the cloud level.

And yes, it didn't start to rain until we got back to Thurlestone!

Yealmpton - 21st August - Linda & Gareth Scott

On a dull but dry August day 7 TRAMPERS and 2 dogs set off from Yealmpton for a 5 mile circular walk. We walked along Church Lane, by the playground then through the woods and followed the footpaths alongside the River Yealm until we reached the open fields which we followed for half a mile or so. We then walked up the road up to Dunstone, past where the Shire Horse Centre used to be. We stopped to admire the statue of St Dunstan which is set in a

huge wall in the hamlet and wondered who put this here and why.

After Dunstone Farm we walked onto more fields where we stopped for our snack. The dogs were grateful for their drink as by now the sun was shining and it was a lovely day. After a couple of boggy bits and a pretty woodland section we passed through Marland Cross and Higher Tor then back through fields of ripe corn from where we had a fantastic view of Dartmoor. The fields were traditionally small and we stopped to listen to the amazing selection of birdsong from the woods and field boundaries. We followed green lanes then footpaths back into Yealmpton. It had been a really pleasant morning and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the walk which was interesting, varied and not too strenuous although there had been several stiles – all dog friendly! This will certainly be on next year's programme!



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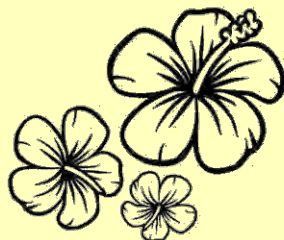
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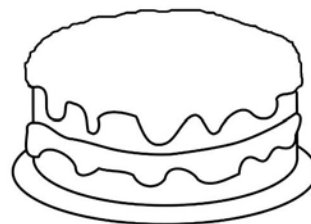
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 1 tsp mixed spice or ginger
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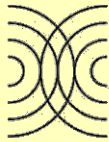
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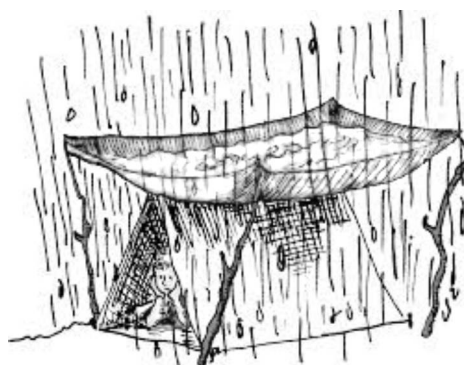


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Weather Wag

I always thought that an Indian Summer occurred in late October and into November but I could be mistaken. Whatever is the case, the sunny, calm and warm spell we are having at this time is just wonderful and being enjoyed by everyone including all the animals and birds in my garden.



Having consulted my weather bible "The Wrong Kind of Snow" the heading for the chapter is 'Battle of Britain'. Interestingly the section begins- 'Exceptionally early snow across north east Scotland today in 1782 becomes known as 'the Black Aughty Twa' (Scots for 'eighty-two'). It sets the oat crop back two weeks. It is Christmas before all the corn is cut and most of it threshed and given to the cattle. The Duke of Gordon saves his tenants by rent rebates and imported meal'.

All in all then we are not doing too badly in 2023.

Then in 1940, a spell of lovely weather sees the Battle of Britain waged across the south east. It is affectionately called, 'Hitler's weather'. The spell is broken by a raid by 400 or so German planes pouring across the channel. Many are shot down and the plan fails. The invasion plans are abandoned by Hitler on September 22nd 1940. So many events such as this have been thwarted by the weather or the opposite – a brief spell of fine weather has sometimes aided a battle of one sort or another.

Here at Beach Cottage I continue to record the basic stats for my own interest and others who sometimes want to know what the conditions were like on a given day.

August was not a very good one for outside events and the holiday-maker, the first week was WET- 65 mm. then, although drier, the wind was blustery and mostly from the west/north west, so cool and showery. This month has been much nicer- southerly winds, dry and warm for the time of the year. Most days have seen the top temperature above 20C (Friday 8th and Sunday 10th hit 26C). Your gardens should be tidy and weed free by now and new seeds or plants in, ready for the long dormant winter months. How splendid Mother Nature is in organising our plant growth and die-back.

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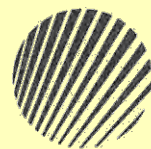
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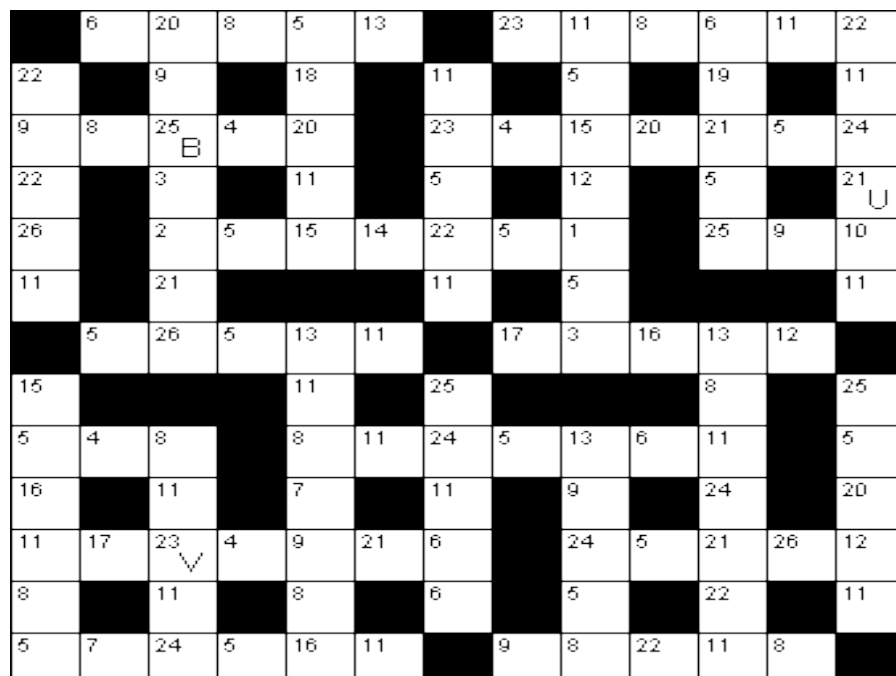
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Puzzle Page

A BOTTLE OF WINE to the first all correct entry drawn on 1st November 2023. Please submit entries to: 5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email: cgwonthenet@thamead.co.uk



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

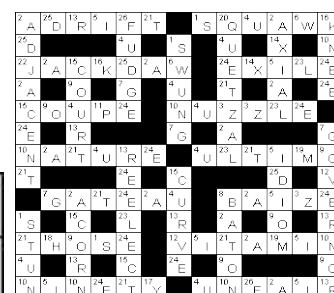
CODEWORD

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

Can you crack the code and solve the crossword?

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

Answer to last puzzle.



Sudoku - hard

	1					9	6	
6							1	3
8								2
9			1		3		7	
7		3	6					
3			9		1			8
	2		7			5		
						2		

Sudoku - medium

		5	4		8		7	
	7			9		1		
		8	3					9
			5		9	7	1	3
9							4	
			7	3				6
				1		9		8
				5	4	6		
3	6					4		

There were 6 all correct entries last month. First out of the hat and winner of the coveted bottle of wine is Susan Penwell. Commiserations to Dave Gibby, Dave Hayward, David and Mary Horne, Neill Irwin, and Pauline Lonsdale.

DIARY DATES

October

- Monday 2 Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
- Wednesday 4-7 KATS present "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie - 7.30pm Malborough Village Hall
- Thursday 5 TRAMP - Avon Valley Circular - 6.25 miles - Harry Forester
- Friday 6-9 Salcombe Live Festival - Live Music, Comedy and Entertainment in venues across the town
- Saturday 7 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
- 7-8 Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm
- Wednesday 11 TRAMP - Cremyll Ferry, Mount Edgecombe Circular - 4.5.miles - Eric Candy
- Wednesday 11-12 Kingsbridge Craft Market in Market Hall
- Saturday 14-15 Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm
- Saturday 14-29 South Hams Arts Forum - Arts Trail
- W/c 16 TRAMP - Kingston - Tony Burn
- Friday 20-22 Dartmouth Food Festival
- Friday 20 Divertimento String Quartet - Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
Doors open 7pm Tickets £15
- Saturday 21 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
- Monday 23-27 Devon Schools Half Term
- Wednesday 25 Kingsbridge Arts Society, Methodist Hall, Kingsbridge 2pm for 2.30pm (and on Zoom - 01548 532850 for a link) - "Cabbages, Carrots and Lamb: Spanish still life 1600 -1812" with Dan Evans
- Thursday 26 The Rotary Club of Kingsbridge presents a "What's My Wine Bluff" Tasting Evening at the Thurlestone Hotel at 7.30pm. Tickets £20 per person. Proceeds in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. See poster in magazine.
- Friday 27 Kingsbridge Estuary U3A monthly talk at Malborough Village Hall 10am until noon - "Behind the Scenes at the BBC" with Alex Leger
- Saturday 28 Slapton's Horrible History - FSC Slapton Ley Field Centre 5pm Booking required
- Sunday 29 British Summer Time (BST) ends at 2am. Clocks go backwards one hour (to GMT)
- W/c 30 TRAMP - Modbury Circular - Robin Hart

November

- Saturday 4 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
- Monday 6 Parish Council Meeting Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 6 TRAMP - Blackawton Circular- 6 miles - Alan Rustad
- Sunday 12 STANBOROUGH CHORUS - Karl Jenkins Modern Masterpiece "The Armed Man" 7.30pm St Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge
- Saturday 18 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm
- 18 Christmas Craft Market (organised by Catherine Shea) in Thurlestone Parish Hall 10am - 4pm.
- 18 Arts, Crafts and Collectables Market at Kingsbridge Market Hall 10am - 4pm
- Wednesday 22 Kingsbridge Arts Society, Methodist Hall, Kingsbridge 2pm for 2.30pm (and on Zoom - 01548 532850 for a link). AGM at 2pm followed at 2.30pm by the talk "Inspired by Stonehenge" with Julian Richards
- Friday 24 TRAMP - Blackpool Sands inland to Stoke Fleming - 4.25 miles - Alastair and Gill Durden
- 24 Kingsbridge Estuary U3A monthly talk at Malborough Village Hall 10am until noon - "Living in a Lighthouse" with Kathryn Kelly
- Saturday 25 Pub Night in Thurlestone Parish Hall 7pm to 10.30pm

December

- Saturday 2 Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas
- 2 Kingsbridge Farmers Market 9am to 1pm

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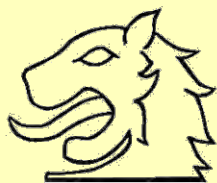
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FITNESS YOGA with SUZI (Monday 5pm - 6pm)	Suzi Griffiths	07557 334802
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