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A Modern Magna Carta

Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by local communities to spell out a vision of their own future - what kind of developments they want to encourage, and also those they want to avoid.

After approval they will have legal force, and provide guidelines for developers and architects, and benchmarks for planning applications.

The parish of Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan, following long and exhaustive preparation, began its six week public consultation period on 15th September, and this continues till 27th October.

You may already have been involved in some way in its preparation, or you may have no idea what it's about. In either case, you should make sure that you read it, digest it, and - if you do not agree with its proposals - use the Comment Forms to express your views.

Finally, in a referendum, you will be able to vote for or against the Final version of the Plan.

In this issue Tony Goddard (Chairman) and Sue Crowther (Project Director) of the Steering Group explain more about the Plan and the Consultation process.

Now it is up to you, the Baron Knights of the Parish, to exercise your powers to ensure this Charter for Thurlestone's future is a true and faithful statement of our best way forward for the next thirty years of this century.

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A LETTER FROM YOUR MP

By Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

It was lovely spending more time in the constituency this summer and a chance to catch up with local businesses like Ed Fagan to discuss what happens to the high tech and science sector after Brexit and to meet local farmers and members of the fishing community. Having returned to Parliament I can now discuss their ideas and concerns directly with ministers. Other businesses have raised the special circumstances of their own sectors in writing and again I'm keen to raise these with the negotiating team so please get in touch as soon as possible if there are issues that you want me to know about.

Over the summer I was also delighted to attend the opening of the new x-ray machine at the South Hams Hospital. Many thanks to the League of Friends, staff at South Hams Hospital and all those who helped to make this happen. It was also great to meet the inspiring trailblazers on course to become Nurse Associates. This provides a new route into nurse training, including opportunities for those who have been working as health care assistants. In the past, HCAs have been denied career progression and continuing professional training opportunities so this is an important step which will also help to stop us losing a dedicated group of carers. I hope it will also make this a more attractive career choice, especially as NAs can progress if they wish via the apprenticeship route to degree level nursing.

I have been very concerned about the pressures on our nursing workforce and the need to recruit and retain more staff, especially in community settings. Whilst this new route into nursing should help, it is not the only answer and for that reason I'm glad that the Health Select Committee, which I chair, has announced that our first inquiry will be into the wider issues affecting the nursing workforce so please do get in touch with your views.

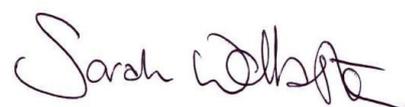
Join The South West Coast Path Challenge 2017

We are all so lucky to live next to the fabulous coast path and this October 'The Challenge' returns. Your Challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to help beat the record for the number of miles of Coast Path covered collectively in a month - and raise vital funds for the upkeep and improvement of this beautiful trail. Join one of the organised events throughout October, or set yourself a personal challenge. Walk, jog, skip, hop or run as much or as little of the Path as you like – it is totally up to you! Grab your friends, family and colleagues, head down to your favourite part of the Path and achieve something amazing together.

The Challenge raises money for two registered charities - the South West Coast Path Association, and the National Trust. They work together to care for and improve the Path, ensuring the unique and precious coastal landscape of the South West can be enjoyed on foot, for free, now and in future generations. Registration is just £10 and includes an official 2017 Challenge t-shirt. You can either add a donation or fundraise. Your support makes a real difference to the millions of people who come from near and far to explore, keep fit or find peace on the Coast Path each year – thank you! You can find out more details here: <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/events/challenge-2017/>

Surgeries and Contact Details

In order to make a surgery appointment please email nina.smith@parliament.uk or call my office on 01803 868 378. My constituency office is open for members of the public to drop in between 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm from Monday to Thursday, however it is always advisable to call first. You can keep up with what I have been doing via my website at: <http://www.drSarah.org.uk/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/drsarahwollaston> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/sarahwollaston?lang=en>



Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on 4 September 2017

Report by Citizen

There were seven Parish Councillors, the County and District Councillors, and 19 members of the public present at the September meeting. Also in attendance the outgoing Parish Clerk, Phil Millard, and his replacement Graeme Martin.

OPEN FORUM

Parish Hall Autumn Fair. The Parish Council agreed to provide goods for a raffle and District Councillor Judy Pearce volunteered to sell the tickets.

Rebuilding work at the Golf Club: Details of this will be presented to Club members on 5 October but residents should be made aware of the possible impact on the community.

Bantham Quay. The poor condition of the road here was the cause of a lady breaking her leg.

Pot-holes. In Bantham and Buckland these are endangering cyclists.

Tribal Clash: No official report has been received. Some people appear to have been directed to South Milton beach in error.

TREES

Councillor Charles Mitchelmore said trees at Chapel Cross are a problem and District Councillor Judy Pearce said she would follow this up.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Tony Goddard said the Plan would be on the parish website by 15 September and the consultation period would run from that date to 27 October, with four Saturday consultations sessions at the Parish Hall.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The new Parish Clerk, Graeme Martin, was introduced.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Tribal Clash : The 'park & ride' had been almost empty and no complaints received.

Farm Machinery : Farmers have been successful in identifying where roads need to

be clear for the movement of large farm machinery.

Road at The Mounts : Upgrading of this road had now been completed.

Pot-holes ; These should be reported via the SHDC website. Each one should be acknowledged, but if no action follows then both Rufus and the Parish Council should be informed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Tribal Clash: The organisers' plan for management of the event seems to have worked satisfactorily.

SHDC/West Devon Merger: The public consultation closes midnight 8 October. On the SHDC website you can vote for or against and comment online - but only 350 characters! Or obtain a paper copy of the form from Judy on 561370. This is a very important issue - have your say!

Joint Local Plan ; The Inspector has been appointed and Public Examination will start on 29 January 2018 and last 2 to 3 weeks.

Road Kill: Judy to be advised if road kill animals are not removed.

CHAIRMAN

Wi-Fi & Broadband Reception: Following a meeting on 22 August in the Parish Hall, Bantham, Buckland, Thurlestone and Bigbury residents will choose representatives to progress matters.

Non-designated heritage assets; These have been listed and a query was raised as to whether this included the bust of Queen Victoria on the school's exterior.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 October, at 7.30pm, in the Yeo Room.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



My last Update for the August issue reported that the first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to an Independent Examiner for a **Healthcheck**. The purpose of the Healthcheck was to ensure that the Draft Plan would satisfy the four basic conditions prescribed by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

The Examiner's comments were implemented and the amended Draft returned for her final approval in the form of a Healthcheck Report which has now been received.

At the Steering Group meeting on 30th August we had the excitement of having our Project Director Sue Crowther present the amended Draft Plan. Running to some 87 pages without yet including all of the supporting maps, photographs and graphics it is a work of meticulous scholarship.

It was my pleasurable duty to congratulate her on a magnificent achievement.

Members of the Steering Group contributed their comments some of substance and some merely grammatical.

I was able to announce at the Parish Council meeting on 4th September that the **Pre-submission Consultation Draft Plan** would be posted on the Parish Website on Friday 15th September as the start of the Parish Consultation period running from that date until 5pm on Friday 27th October.

The Draft Plan now runs to 110 pages but, despite its length, is very well illustrated and readable and, bearing in mind its importance to the future development of the Parish, I do earnestly recommend everyone to make the effort to visit the Parish Website at < www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk > and read it.

The purpose of the Consultation is of course to invite comments (hopefully constructive) and an online Comments Form for this purpose will be found on the Website.

There are also two short documents that I would urge you to read before reading the Draft Plan. These are the **Plan Overview** and **Summary of the Draft Policies** which are reproduced in this issue of Village Voice.

For those who find it difficult to go on the Parish Website paper copies of the Draft Plan will be available for people to read at four **Consultation Sessions** which will be held at the Parish Hall between 10am and midday on Saturday 30th September and for the next three Saturdays on 7th, 14th and 21st October. Paper copies of the Comments Forms will be available and members of the Steering Group will be on hand at these sessions to give any assistance that is required. Secure ballot boxes are located in the two village shops for completed Comments Forms.

Paper copies of the Draft Plan can also be obtained by contacting the following members of the Steering Group:

Tony Goddard (Bantham) 560327

Gary Luddington (Buckland) 560287

Sue Crowther (Thurlestone) 560098

A copy of the Draft Plan has also been circulated to numerous statutory consultation bodies whose interests may be affected by the Plan as well as to people who work or run businesses in the Parish, landowners and developers, and adjoining Parish Councils, for their comments.

During this Consultation Period further documents will be prepared which will be lodged with the Draft Plan when it is submitted to the District Council. These include a **Conditions Statement**, a **Consultation Statement** and the **Evidence Base** upon which the Plan's proposed Policies are based.

At the end of the Consultation Period, all Comments that have been made will be considered by the Steering Group and may be used to amend the Plan. A Schedule of Comments and how they have been considered will be included in the Consultation Statement.

As reported in previous issues, **South Hams District Council** then have six weeks to publicise the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will include notifying the same individuals and organisations referred to in the Parish Consultation and any further comments they may raise will be dealt with as part of the Independent Examination.

Once the District Council is satisfied that the Draft Plan complies with all the relevant statutory requirements, it will then submit the Draft Plan and its supporting documentation to an Independent Examiner who will decide whether or not the Plan can proceed to a **Referendum** in the Parish. The Referendum will be organised by the District Council.

Tony Goddard
Steering Group Chairman

THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OVERVIEW

This draft Plan has been produced by members of our community who have volunteered their time in response to the government's Localism Act 2011 which gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. The Plan is based on information gathered over the past two years from conducting surveys and meetings across a wide spectrum of the community.

The Plan focuses on 29 policies identified by the prefix "TP" which denotes Thurlestone Parish. These policies will have legal weight once the Plan has been made (adopted) and will become part of the development plan used to decide all planning applications within the parish. They must be taken into account by the local planning authority, South Hams District Council. Our own parish council must also use these policies to support their comments on all planning applications.

The Structure of the Plan

The Plan is set out in 9 sections with Appendices.

Sections 1 and 2 cover the aim and purpose of the Plan. They explain how the community's Vision - which received overwhelming support in the responses to the Questionnaire - will be delivered. Sections 3-9 cover the individual topics: Housing, Local Economy, Wellbeing, Heritage, Environment, Infrastructure and Resources.

Each section starts with objectives (in green boxes), the background to that section, the planning context and policies (in blue boxes). Each policy is followed by the justification for that policy and the relevant higher-level policies and material considerations, which include the National Planning Policy Framework. A summary of the policies is available on the parish website at <http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/pre-submission-consultation> and at the advertised consultation sessions.

Your comments

Please note that this Plan is a working document for use by planning officers, district and parish councillors, landowners, developers and residents, planning inspectors and the Court. It is not an anti-development Plan - on the contrary, it supports the right type of development in the right places. It is therefore important that your comments are positive and constructive.

Next steps

Following on from this consultation and taking into account all the comments received, the Plan will be submitted to South Hams District Council which - following their own six-week public consultation - will submit it to an independent examiner. It will then be for the examiner to decide whether the Plan can proceed to a local referendum.

THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT POLICIES

Please note that all policies are subject to specific criteria that take into account local circumstances, specifically, the South Devon AONB, the Heritage Coast and the Undeveloped Coast.

- TP1** All proposals must meet certain general development principles relating to residential amenity, design, infrastructure, dark skies, the natural environment, historic environment and traffic impact.
- TP2** Settlement boundaries are designated for Buckland and Bantham, and the Thurlestone settlement boundary has been updated.
- TP3** Affordable housing will be supported as infill within the designated settlement boundaries and on sites that would not normally be used for housing if it meets clearly identified local housing needs.
- TP4** Open market housing will be supported as infill within the designated settlement boundaries if it reflects clearly identified local housing needs but will be restricted elsewhere.
- TP5** The reuse of farm and rural buildings for residential purposes will be supported if they are no longer viable for agricultural or any other economic use.
- TP6** All new open market housing (excluding replacement dwellings) will be subject to a principal residence requirement.
- TP7** Replacement dwellings and extensions must meet certain criteria.
- TP8** Economic development will be supported, including homeworking and flexible working practices.
- TP9** The expansion of existing shops, cafes and restaurants, B&Bs, hotels and pubs will be supported.
- TP10** New premises for cafes and restaurants, arts and crafts workshops, farm and surf/water sports shops will be supported.
- TP11** The expansion of existing caravan and camp sites where there is a proven need will be supported but not new caravan, camp and chalet sites.
- TP12** A new business hub with shared facilities for small businesses will be supported.
- TP13** New small-scale marine-related workshops will be supported.

A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT POLICIES (contd)

- TP14** More storage space for local business or commercial use will be supported but not the loss of storage space.
- TP15** The conversion of farm and rural buildings for local business, commercial or storage purposes will be supported.
- TP16** The loss of employment land, business and commercial premises will be restricted.
- TP17** New footpaths and cycle tracks will be supported.
- TP18** More play areas and youth facilities for recreational and sports purposes will be supported but not on or within the immediate vicinity of any of the beaches.
- TP19** More open space, sport and recreational use of land will be supported where there is a proven demand.
- TP20** The loss of open space, sport and recreation land and facilities will be restricted.
- TP21** Locally significant heritage assets that have no statutory protection will be conserved and enhanced.
- TP22** Strict criteria will govern the natural environment, including the protection of long uninterrupted views, woodland and wildlife.
- TP23** The management of coastal erosion and dune preservation will be supported.
- TP24** Community WiFi will be supported.
- TP25** A new car park on a greenfield site for any of the villages will be supported.
- TP26** An air ambulance night landing site will be supported.
- TP27** Solar panels and arrays on or close to farm buildings will be supported but not in the open countryside unless their impacts are addressed.
- TP28** Wind turbines will only be supported where they are on or close to farm buildings and have community support.
- TP29** A small-scale community heating scheme for Thurlestone will be supported dependent on its feasibility.

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PARISH HALL NEWS



Chairman: Neill Irwin

Our next big event at the Parish Hall is the return of the outstanding and internationally acclaimed jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis, accompanied by his regular trio colleagues Nigel Clark (guitar) and Roy Percy (bass). Tim's virtuoso performances are always stunning. If you have been to one of his concerts here in previous years you will know that Tim is a huge talent with a stage presence that always guarantees a full Hall. With his increasing international commitments, however, this could possibly be our last opportunity to hear and see him live in Thurlestone. So be sure to clear your diary and do NOT miss this event on **Saturday, 18th November**. Full details are given elsewhere in this issue.

We had a very successful Autumn Fair, a very important fund-raising event which every year makes a significant contribution towards the upkeep of our wonderful Hall. My thanks go to the Bridge Club, Horticultural Show, Parish Council, Table Tennis, W.I. and all the groups who regularly use the Hall and show their support by running a stall or some other activity at the Autumn Fair. The biggest financial contribution came from the Bottle Tombola (no comment!) and the funniest contribution was the Human Fruit Machine. If you do not know what a Human Fruit Machine is then you must come to our events next year and find out. It puts many TV shows in the shade.

2018 will soon be upon us. Fear not, your committee is already working on producing a varied and entertaining programme for the coming year. There will be a few tried and tested events and new style activities to keep you entertained. We will be publishing the list later this year but there is still time for you to suggest ideas to the committee for incorporation into the programme. If you have been to an event such as a dance, concert, quiz or anything else which you think would be successful to run in the Parish Hall, then do please let us know and we will do our best to try and include it.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are in the process of installing a new **defibrillator** at the Parish Hall. This potentially lifesaving device will give us the facility to help deal with an emergency during any of the many large gatherings at the Hall. It will be fitted in the covered porch outside the entrance to the Hall so that it can be easily accessed even if the Hall is not being used. This will increase the number of defibrillators in the parish to six and give wider cover than previously. The next stage is to increase the number of people who can use the defibrillator correctly. It is our intention to organise training sessions once the equipment is in place. If you are interested in getting this training please get in touch. More details are given in this issue of Village Voice. It is to be hoped that we never have occasion to use the defibrillator but it is reassuring to know that it is there should we need it.

I have over the years made the point that if you live in the parish then this is your Parish Hall. Running it is a vital role in the parish and I would like to invite you personally to come and join the committee to play a part in its continuing success.

Thurlestone Phonebox..... Ring Ring

Summer has been (has it?) and gone and our Chief Librarian reports that business throughout the holidays has been brisk with a great coming and going of books. The "Fifty" group on the top shelf have been particularly in evidence which must say something for our summer visitors!

A Danish couple were found admiring the phonebox. Trying to reciprocate their enthusiasm I spoke highly of how the world greatly appreciated their Danish Pastries. They looked surprised and said they didn't know what I was talking about. In the end it transpired that what we call Danish Pastries they call Wiener Broed, or Vienna Bread so they, the Danes, are totally unaware of the high regard the world has for their culinary expertise....we live and learn! In the end the only Danish thing I could think of to praise them for was their bacon.



A double whammy if you were sitting by the Phonebox in the pouring rain last Saturday.

A vintage RR, a Daimler and a repro American Roadster awaited bride and groom who appeared under a white (what else) umbrella. Then a bustle of antique buses, part of the annual bus running day. At one stage three came through at once but the middle one was the regular Tally Ho with one passenger whereas the two elderly ones were full, full..... proving the adage "the old ones are the best" (quite heartening for the residents of Thurlestone!)

As I write this the preparations for the **grand Twinnathon celebrations** are being finalised and we hope that many Thurlestone Phonebox fans will be with us **on Saturday 30th September at noon** to witness this unique event and join us for a toast or two of local cider, the rendering of a new Thurlestone anthem, and BBC Radio Devon's Shep compering for us and to the world. We are expecting a dozen or so yokels from Marden in Wiltshire to be making the long trek and we intend giving them a right royal Thurlestone welcome to return the hospitality which they gave us a couple of years back. Gladys, the ravishing maid from the Marden Phonebox will be guest of honour, and haven't we got a surprise for her!

And if you are reading this as you got your copy of Village Voice early you might just be in time to join in the celebrations!

So autumn leaves are starting to fly, rather than drift, past our Phonebox windows, but never mind the weather we will be open 24/7 to provide you with your intellectual stimulus, but be careful of that Ring Ring over Halloween. Have fun.....

Kit Marshall

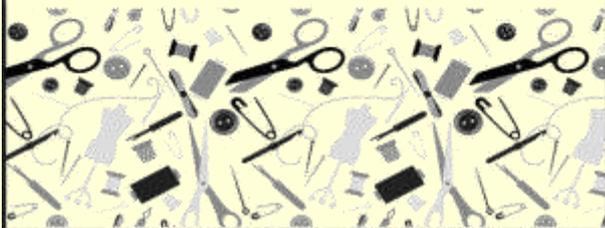
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POSTBAG

Dear Editor

I wonder how many residents and visitors are aware of yet another "blot on the landscape" which will appear in the near future in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty unless we all take immediate action.

Soon, as you approach Thurlestone GC from either the village or down the hill from South Milton, you will see a 40ft SHIPPING CONTAINER permanently sited in the Golf Club car park if their application to South Hams District Council Planning Department proves to be successful.

The purpose of this is to provide storage for buggies for which I can see a need due to the increased number of ageing members of the Club. However, this is neither in the correct place nor an appropriate means of storage. Its installation, which I understand is to be equipped with electricity, will cause problems and providing such a service proves that this will not be a temporary measure. In addition it is to be sited on the car park and will therefore take up valuable spaces which are required in the summer months. This was recently seen to be the case at the last August Bank Holiday when the fine weather brought many locals and visitors to Leasfoot beach which caused huge traffic chaos.

The Golf Club are claiming that they do not require full planning consent but merely need a Certificate of Lawful Development (CLP) as the container will be sited in a position currently used for storage. This is simply not the case as there is currently, and never has been, any storage whatsoever in this location. Many members of the Golf Club live in

the Parish but may not know about this proposal as nothing formally has been published yet. They do know, however, that the Golf Club is wanting to be included in the list of the top 100 Golf Clubs in the country. Surely storing buggies in a tatty tin shipping container is not the way forward to achieve this and attract future members.

I hope that many of your readers do not want to see an eyesore such as this spoiling our lovely village in such a beautiful location close to the heritage coast and would like to preserve what we have. If that is the case you can help by commenting on this application. To do so simply go to the South Hams website at southhams.gov.uk and select planning application number 2645/17/CLP - Thurlestone Golf Club. *Comments need to be submitted by 24 October 2017.*

Many thanks

Polly Petty,
Mariners, Thurlestone

Dear Editor

A beautiful September Sunday afternoon with the sun streaming into the Parish Hall was the perfect setting for a stunning performance of cello and piano playing by Philip Daish-Handy and Martin Penrose who enchanted us with their beautiful and varied programme.

It was such a shame that there were fewer than twenty of us to enjoy it.

What a treat was missed!

Sincerely

Pat Townsend,
4 Parkfield
Thurlestone

Village News Round-Up

Parish Clerk

It was a sad farewell to our long-serving Parish Clerk, Phil Millard, at the September Parish Council meeting. He has served this parish well for eight years, originally intending to spend only two in the post, and will be very much missed particularly by Parish Council Chairman, Jack Rhymes, who paid tribute to him. The Chairman will not be the only one to miss Phil's ever cheerful and helpful presence, and we wish him well in his 'retirement'.

His role will be taken on by Graeme Martin of Aveton Gifford. Welcome Graeme! He is no stranger to Thurlestone, as his daughters attend the school here, as did his two sons - one of whom has just started at Manchester University. Graeme was born and raised in Paisley, Scotland, but came to live in England in the 1980s, and runs his own business as a plumber. His contact details appear in the Directory page at the back of this issue.

Road Kill

Some weeks ago, on the road 100 yards north of Kerse Cross, a badger had been killed. A resident wrote "It was there for a couple of days and then when I was on my way to Kingsbridge I spotted a SHDC van close to it. I was cheered as I thought it would be removed but no such luck. When I came back the van had gone but the animal was still there, by now more squashed as traffic had obviously run over it - a very sad and unpleasant sight. It was never removed, gradually becoming just a bit of what looked like old black and white fur having providing food for crows and magpies. Are SHDC responsible for removing road kills such as this?"

The question was also raised at the Parish Council meeting and District Councillor Judy Pearce said there was a facility on the SHDC website Home Page under "Report It". Click on this heading, then click on "Report a problem on our streets", and select from the menu list and identify the location.

Indoor Kurling Anyone?

If you would like to have some fun exercise you will be pleased to know that Diane and Paul Martin are in the process of organising indoor kurling sessions at the Parish Hall, and

would like to hear from anyone who might fancy a go at this. Tuition will be given. You can also lend support by coming as a spectator to cheer the others on! Please contact Diane on 01548 560070.

Non-designated Parish Heritage Assets

The Parish Council is responsible for looking after these assets, such as the cannon, the phone box, and the water troughs, and has asked POTS (Parish of Thurlestone Society) to organise a group of volunteers to both monitor and maintain them on the Council's behalf. If you would like to join this group of volunteers, please contact Chris White on 560505 or at chrisandlisa@themed.co.uk



Spirit Moves Again

Visiting Maine Coon cat, Spirit, absconded from his holiday home at Thurlestone much to the dismay of his owners. His details and picture were widely distributed round the area without result but then, some days later, he strolled back to his holiday home looking none the worse for his adventure. His owner, Graham Chadwick, says "*Spirit must have very few of his nine lives left, as he has had several near misses!*"

[Footnote: I recall some years ago Spirit vanished one Christmas but was found at New Year trapped in someone's coal bunker on the Mead. Ed]

Tribal Clash

Although no formal communication has been received by either the Parish or the District Council from the organisers of this event, it seems to have been very well managed with minimal upset to local residents, and no complaints have been received.

Front Cover

Village Voice is grateful to Shirley Chapman for kindly allowing us to use her painting of *Autumn* for our front cover picture. It makes a very attractive and appropriate introduction to this issue of the magazine.

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Eating Out Locally

Vivien Stickland reports on two more local hostelrys.

Dodbrooke Inn, Kingsbridge.

Dodbrooke Inn is just a few miles from Thurlestone and some say it has the best fish & chips. At Dodbrooke you have small medium or large to choose from so you should not be either under or over-whelmed by the fish portion when the waitress places it before you. Freshly cooked peas, chips and homemade tartar sauce complete a superb meal for £10-£14.

Other favourites on their menu are the steaks and again you have a choice according to your preferred steak type and the size of your appetite. The choices that were chalked on the blackboard list of chef's specials included stroganoff, a dish of tender pieces of steak in a creamy sauce. It was reasonably priced and delicious. Scallops for starters were excellent, generous and well flavoured, as were the whitebait. To end the meal, spotted dick with custard was light and reminiscent of puddings we had decades ago. Sticky toffee pudding was equally good and served with perfect custard too.

Good meals come from this kitchen and no diners were disappointed whether they favoured steak, fish or a vegetarian dish. Dodbrooke Inn is set between terraced cottages on Church Street. Nearby road-side parking is round the corner in Waterloo Road, or a walk from Kingsbridge town is not far. Inside, the character has retained its traditional cottage style with dark furniture, deep red carpet, wooden overhead beams and open fires. Artefacts salvaged from farms, and boating sources, bring reminders of a Devon coast-and-country flavour that has endured since the last century. Call 01548 852068 or view their website.

The Bear & Blacksmith, Chillington.

The choices for eating out locally are numerous and varied, and pub restaurants can be found in almost every village. A few miles from Kingsbridge, between cottages on the main road in Chillington, is The Bear & Blacksmith. Its appearance outside is in keeping with the village, but the inside is refurbished to a contemporary style and has a modern kitchen. Gone are the traditional dark furnishings and decor except for a couple of overhead beams that contrast the white decor. The new bar was updated to light wood and is lit by trendy oversized electric bulbs. A good number of people enjoy the bar area where drinks are served quickly. This village local pub has an ambiance that is welcoming and comfortable. It was once known as The Open Arms, but its new name, The Bear & Blacksmith, recalls the village's last dancing bear whose paws were kept for display in the blacksmith's forge.

For diners there are tables set in three bright rooms and an enclosed al fresco garden. Sunday lunch is nicely done for £11 - a call to book a table on 01548 581171 is advisable. The a la carte menu is priced reasonably, and some specials, like surf & turf with sweet potato chips on the side, for £21, were creative items that made the pub meal into a feast. If you are vegetarian, £11 buys Goan vegetable curry and wild rice. Your meal can start well with garlic mushrooms at £6, fish cakes £7, or whitebait £7. The deserts wonderfully included chocolate profiteroles £6, seasonal fruit (apple crumble) £6, and ice cream £4.50.

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A New Defibrillator for Thurlestone Parish Hall

The Parish Hall has been given a defibrillator and training materials by the British Heart Foundation, in return for a donation of £600, which is very good value. Judy Pearce, our district councillor, and Rufus Gilbert, our county councillor, have both given the Parish Hall grants, which have enabled us to buy a heated and alarmed cabinet, to keep it in, which also has a fan to cool it down on hot days. This brings the total of defibrillators in the parish to 6, so we are very fortunate, and we hope that more people in the community will be prepared to train to do Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and learn how to use defibrillators.

Approximately 30,000 people a year in the UK suffer a cardiac arrest outside a hospital environment. Fewer than 1 in 10 of these people survive. In Norway, where all children are taught CPR in school, the survival rate is 1 in 4. If the UK had the same percentage of the population trained to do CPR and use a defibrillator, more than 5,000 lives would be saved each year.

The training materials consist of 10 inflatable mannequins and DVD's which will train you to do CPR and show you how to use a defibrillator.

You may hear a defibrillator referred to as an AED, which stands for Automatic External Defibrillator, or as a PAD, which is a Public Access Defibrillator. Many manufacturers produce defibrillators, which all look slightly different but they all do the same thing which is to give a patient an electric shock, when their heart has gone into an abnormal rhythm, which stops the heart functioning as a pump. All AEDs will tell you when to shock the patient and tell you what to do after you have administered a shock.

The Parish Hall defibrillator and the one in the Buckland Box have a single pad which is easy to attach to the patient, and which assesses whether the person doing CPR is pressing hard enough on the patient's chest, and will advise the user to press harder if necessary. Most AEDs have 2 pads, and their positioning on the patient's chest will be illustrated on the packet of pads.

Some AEDs are in locked cabinets, and you will have to telephone the ambulance service on 999 to get a code to open it. The trend now is to have unlocked cabinets. Although there is a risk of theft or vandalism, it means that the device reaches the patient precious minutes before one that is locked, and is therefore likely to be more effective in saving a patient's life. The defibrillator on the quay at Bantham has a locked cabinet, but there is a 'phone by the side of it which goes straight through to the emergency services, who will give you the code to open it.

In fact, vandalism and theft of AEDs happens infrequently as the devices, as well as their components, cannot be resold easily. However, if you see someone tampering with an AED, do ask them what they are doing, or report it to the police. Having said that, I would encourage, people to go and look at the AED's in our parish and

open the doors. The alarm may go off, but it will stop as soon as the door is closed again.

AEDs are placed in the following sites in this parish:-

- **Thurlestone Parish Hall** - outside the main door
- **Thurlestone Hotel** - just inside the garage on the left
- **Thurlestone Golf Club** - just inside the main door of the club house, on the wall opposite and to the right. **N.B.** This is only accessible during opening hours of the club house.
- **Buckland Box** - in the old telephone box on the main street of Buckland
- **Sloop Inn, Bantham** - just inside the side door of the pub, marked "Private - Residents only", on the right hand wall
- **Bantham Quay** - to left of the main door of the larger boat house, facing you as you walk down to the Quay. **N.B.** This AED is locked, and you have to use the emergency phone to the left of the AED to get the code to open it.

The location of these, and all the other AEDs in the South Hams can be seen by using the QR code on the back page of the KingsbridgeGazette, or by looking at tinyurl.com/southhamsdefibs via your internet browser.

Anna Martin

National Trust South Hams Centre

Programme for October and November 2017

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| Thursday
5 October | A walk from Dittisham. 10am meet at the car park by the river (GR866551) for a walk of about 4 miles on quiet roads and footpaths towards Cornworthy. Return in time for a pub lunch. |
| Thursday
19 October | Coach trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, famous for its beauty, mystery and fascinating history. Arrive in time for lunch (café or bring a picnic) before spending the afternoon exploring the garden. |
| Friday
3 November | Coffee Morning at Avon Mill, Loddiswell, 10.30am to noon. Meet for coffee upstairs, above the café, and enjoy choosing cards and gifts from the 'Overbecks' sales table. Afterwards visit the garden centre's tempting shops - perhaps have lunch in the excellent café. Entrance including coffee £3.50. |
| Thursday
16 November | 'Master Mason from Beer to Brisbane' 2.30pm. Fascinating talk by Peter Dare, for 15 years a master mason at Exeter Cathedral before working on Australian government buildings and cathedrals. PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE - Kingsbridge Methodist Church Hall (top of Fore Street). Entrance including tea £4.00. |

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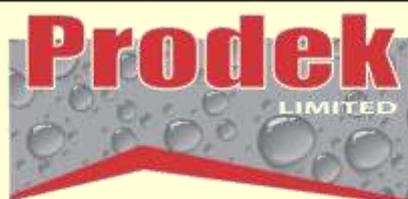
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The Reformation at 500



It is always good to have a 500-year-old to write about – especially if still alive and pretty fit. This 31st October is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's famous act of nailing his 95 "theses" to the Church of All Saints, Wittenberg. The same day he also posted them with a covering letter to the Archbishop of Mainz. These two acts represent the start of the Reformation. And so much of the Reformation is indeed still alive and very well.

Luther wanted debate, chiefly about the sale of indulgences, "get-out-of-purgatory" cards in the theological Monopoly of the day. "Out of love and zeal for clarifying the truth, these items written below will be debated at Wittenberg. Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology and an official professor at Wittenberg, will speak in their defence..... In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen." He certainly got debate; with politicians who wanted control of indulgences and to stop big money going out of their territories; and of course with the Church, whose secular power and control in that age is inconceivable to our 21st century minds. The debate with the Church ended in his excommunication.

But it did not stop Luther translating the Bible into German, with the remarkable effect of unifying the great majority of many dialects into one "high German". It did not stop the massive swing against the temporal power of the Church. Few European countries now make significant provision for the Church to take any role in government, and some constitutionally prevent Church involvement.

Curious then that this off-shore bit of Europe still has the Church so woven into its civic life and government. Henry VIII attacked Luther and earned a papal title. However, quite apart from the quarrel over his marital problems, he overthrew the power of the Pope by taking the role of Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Dissolving the monasteries reduced the Church's financial power. The door opened to many benefits of the Reformation, particularly worship in the vernacular, the English translations of the Bible, and the founding of schools where the English version could be studied.

So how is the Reformation doing in Britain now? We might feel it is time to stop bishops' reserved places in the House of Lords, or to disestablish the good old C of E altogether. These are mere administrative diversions. The Reformation, in Luther's conception, is the freedom to think again ("repent") about ourselves, our communities and our world; and to have ticket-free access to bring our deepest concerns to the One who said that He came, not to judge the world, but to save it. No "get-out-of-purgatory" card needed for that.

Every Blessing *Peter Gornall*

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- OCT. 8TH 11.10am** Morning Worship **4.00pm** Deanery Confirmation at Modbury
- OCT. 15TH 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW) and Stewardship Service
- OCT. 22ND 11.10am** Bible Sunday Service **6.00pm** Annual Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service
- OCT. 29TH 11.10am** Benefice Operation Christmas Child Service at Churchstow (see below)
- Nov. 5TH 11.00am** All Saints' Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 12TH 10.50am** Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths *(please note time)*
- Nov. 19^H 11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)
- Nov. 26TH 11.10am** Morning Worship **6.00pm** Prayer & Praise

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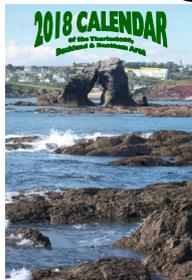


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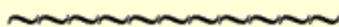
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September

In August we do not have a meeting, but there was a full house in September, all keen to have a go on the promised Taiko drums! Alas it was not to be for Hannah-Jasmine Brunskill, the lady booked to tell us about this ancient Japanese art, had a poorly little daughter to look after so could not be with us. She will come, instead, to our meeting on 12 October. Fortunately the speaker due to come in October - Gill Matthews of Kingsbridge in Bloom - was able to step into the breach at the eleventh hour to tell us about this highly successful local enterprise, and what a stimulating and interesting talk that turned out to be.

"Growing Pride in our Town" is their very apt motto and their endeavours won a well-deserved Royal Horticultural Society Gold Award in 2016. At the moment they are eagerly awaiting the results of this year's judging. Ten years ago Gill was one of three residents of the town who thought certain spots were looking a bit run-down, so they undertook to make some flower beds in neglected places.

Their ideas snowballed and more and more, mostly retired, people volunteered to help them. Their work gathered fans as businesses and other organisations joined in to add colour in and around the town, with the group always willing to offer expertise and help. The 'before' and 'after' photographs Gill showed us were amazing. They are mainly self-funded with a little sponsorship and they grow many of their own plants. Gill has a good singing voice and finished her most enjoyable talk with a song, using her own amusing words, to the tune of "Some of My Favourite Things".

President Judith Le Grice opened the meeting by welcoming visitors Linda and May, who had come especially to learn

about the drums. They were not disappointed by the change of programme, however, and thoroughly enjoyed hearing Gill.

Members were sad to learn of Val Morrison's death and a memorial service was going to be held at Thurlestone church on 29 September, at 2 pm.

The WI bakery stall held at the Parish Hall's recent autumn fair raised £120 and all the contributors to this successful outcome were warmly thanked.

Future Events

A reminder was given about the Phonebox Twinnathon event at noon on 30 September - should be fun!

The sewing group was about to re-start for the winter on Mondays from 10 - noon in the Yeo Room and anyone with any form of 'needlework' is invited to come along - be it knitting, darning, embroidery, turning up hems, whatever (or even just a chat and a coffee!).

The next pub lunch outing would be to the Seven Stars in Kingsbridge on 21 September.

Diane will be organising Kurling sessions, enquiries to her on 01548 560070 - and Walking Netball will probably start after Christmas.

Our annual Christmas Lunch will be at the Golf Club on Friday 15 December.

Next year will mark 90 years since our WI was formed in the old Rifle Club meeting place at Buckland. It is hoped to celebrate this great milestone by some sort of special event, but what? Judith set us the task of suggesting what sort of thing would be enjoyable and fitting and to let her know by filling in the form on the Information Table at the October meeting.

Grey Matter

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2. It Costs A A A A L
3. T L Arm O T L
4. T Stab S I T B
5. A Smooth A A B B
6. T Warm T C O Y T
7. O T Tip O Y T
8. T S Someone O T F

Food and drink related.

9. I N U C Over S M
10. L A C E, Good I P
11. T Have Y C A E I
12. E I A Good A A F
13. O O T F P I The F
14. T P Of T P Is I T E
15. T Have A S T
16. T H E O Your F

No words, but clues.

17. T N F L A O F (senior idiot ?)
18. A S L T W (do it, don't say it !)
19. A G T C T T W W (patience rewarded ?)
20. H W L L L L (final hysterics ?)
21. P C B A F (smug tumble ?)
22. A F I L A W (kissing and killing are OK)
23. H W H I L (er..um..er..too late !)
24. L T P L M (bijoux for low IQ)

Solutions to the previous Grey Matter

1. Kangaroo 2. Bali 3. Newfoundland 4. Honshu 5. Reunion 6. New Guinea 7. Virgin 8. Brownsea 9. Seychelles 10. Man 11. Churchill 12. Jersey 13. Heligoland 14. Drake's 15. Capri 16. Iceland 17. Bikini 18. Mull 19. Alcatraz 20. Kefalonia 21. Holy 22. Skye 23. Burgh 24. Fuerteventura

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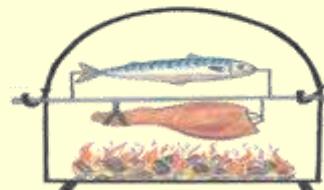


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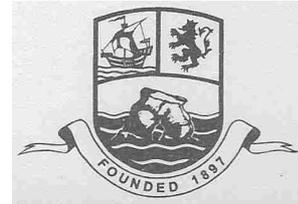


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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Autumn has now arrived, all the summer visitors have flown back to their main residences, and the club settles back into a normal routine again. The summer started well, but August was disappointing, with poor weather affecting attendances at the club. When the sun shines and all the tennis courts are being fully used the club has a wonderful ambience; we look forward to next summer.

Although we have been spared the devastating destruction of hurricanes, we have experienced some very strong winds, the strongest winds being experienced on the day of the Men's Club Championships. The Men's competition was scheduled for 36 holes, the Seniors and Juniors only required to play 18 holes. In the afternoon the winds were so strong that the balls were being blown off the tee pegs, and moving on the greens, so play was abandoned.

Steve Pike emerged, again, as the Club Gross Champion, Noah Mulligan – only 9 years of age – played exceptionally well in the testing conditions to win the Net competition, and also the net Junior competition. George Messias won the gross junior championship. Peter Eva won the Seniors' trophy, having qualified as a Senior just this year, not that he wished to admit to it! Golf runs deep in the Eva family, Peter Eva's brother, Dave Eva, has been selected to play for the County Senior team this season, and has been instrumental in helping them to win the Channel League competition, with one match still to play.

The Dartmoor League team played Bovey Castle at home the day prior to the club championships, needing a comprehensive win to achieve promotion to division one of the league. They were without their talismanic captain, Tony Adams, and only

managed a 3/2 victory; therefore they missed out by 1.5 points after 10 games. However, it has been a good season under Tony's leadership and we look forward to next year, hoping to avoid the curse of 'the wooden spoon'.

There was a farewell party held at the club for Keith Crawford and his wife Denise. Keith has been the General Manager for 18 months, and has been drawn back to his native Scotland for his retirement. He came dressed in the traditional Scottish kilt and presented the club with a framed photo of the Men's team winning the Palaret Trophy, the biggest achievement in the club's history. Keith taught in the local schools for many years, before moving away to Hereford, then returning to Thurlestone again. He has represented the club for many years as a competitor, and was not only part of the Palaret winning team, but also won the Canada Cup with Harry Cattell last year. We will be sad to lose him and Denise, but wish them well for their new life in Scotland.

In his place we welcome Simon Bawden, who has worked at nearby Churston GC for over 17 years, so brings a wealth of experience with him. He joins at an interesting time when the club are considering expanding the course to guard against coastal erosion, and considering radical plans for the clubhouse. We wish him well and all our support.

Stewart Barnes

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The President's Team played in the Quarter Finals on Friday 18th August and won 4/3 in a very thrilling match which went down to the 19th Hole with a win for Barbara Smith. The Semifinals were on the 8th September against Dainton Park at Staddon and it was another very close match. Although Thurlestone lost

by 4/3 matches they celebrated at having reached the semifinals, which they haven't done for many years. Well done to all the team. The Sheelah Creasy team have won 3 and lost 3 matches but have not qualified for the Quarterfinals. The League team have played their last match and won 3 and lost 5 but team Captain Sue Curry thanked the ladies and said they played with 'great enthusiasm and determination and above all a sense of humour'.

The weather was very disappointing for us in July and August with three consecutive Wednesdays with no competitions played. The fog made the July Stableford with Vets and Venerable Vets trophies unplayable as the back nine of the course was closed due to extremely poor visibility. The trophies have now been played for at the August Stableford. Congratulations to our Vets Trophy winner Liz Hay and Venerable Vets Trophy winner Lyn Hicks.

The Scotch Foursomes competition was cancelled due to rain but some ladies played a few holes later. The Allcomers Cup and EG medal should have been played on 2nd August but was another victim to the weather and was postponed to 30th August when Gill Hicks won with nett 69 and a handicap reduction to 13. In the Duchess and Junior cups competition, Zoe Lepere with nett 71, won the silver division and Duchess cup, while Gill Markham with nett 68 won the Junior cup in the bronze division.

Liz Hay is in winning form now as she and Lesley Saffin won the Vets Salver in August against Liz Sharman and Barbara Smith. In another thrilling final for the Betty Ord cup, Gill Hicks beat Liz Sharman on the 18th hole. Wendy Laud and Pam St. Leger continue their winning form too in the County Vets Knockout semi final. They played Saunton at Okehampton and after a very enjoyable nip and tuck game won 2/1. They are gearing up for the final now. Congratulations to you all.

The wine tasting on the 14th was a sell out and was a very successful evening with Richard Bampfield, Master of Wines, imparting his considerable knowledge to us. We tasted eight wines mostly at the lower end of the price range. Richard showed us

how good these 'cheaper' wines are. Thank you to Lyndsey Fletcher for organising this event.

I am delighted, along with the Executive Committee to state that we have appointed Simon Bawden from Churston as our General Manager. He is starting on 11th September with a short handover from Keith. He is very experienced as a manager, having been at Churston golf club for 17 years, and is enthusiastic at seeing our Club into the future. I am sure he will do a good job for us. We had a farewell party for Keith and Denise to wish them well in their new life in the Mull of Kintyre. We shall miss them very much.

Sheila George

JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

The junior team reached the semifinals of the Tamar cup, and played the match on the 17th September against Staddon juniors at Yelverton. Look out for the results on the club website.

The juniors have been very successful over the Summer months in winning some of the men's competitions and bringing their handicaps down. Junior Alfie Messias had his share of fame as he won the men's Allcomers cup in the Stableford competition. Alfie (14) had an excellent score of 42 points and earned a handicap reduction to 11. In August they played a junior medal competition off the white tees and 9 year old Noah Mulligan (18) was in top form as he scored a gross 75, nett 57 and earned a handicap reduction to 14. In second place was Ollie Griffiths (13) with nett 69, and a reduction to 12.

In August the annual Yarrow putting competition sponsored by the Yarrow family was held for juniors of 16 years and under. The winner was George Messias and the runner up was his younger brother Alfie. The Thurlestone Junior Team attended the West Devon Junior League finals day at Stover on 7th August. The team consisted of Finn Whelan, Sammy Ingham, Ethan Bellamy, Charlie Evans, Ben Woods and Oliver Griffiths. The match against Boringdon in the morning was evenly contested throughout with

victories for Charlie Evans and the foursomes pairing of Ben Woods and Oliver Griffiths, with narrow defeats by the singles matches all finishing on the 17th, making the final result a 2-3 defeat. This meant that Thurlestone were in the play-offs in the afternoon against Bigbury Golf Club, and Thurlestone won 4.5 to 0.5 thus confirming third place in the finals for the 2nd year running. The final was played between Borringdon and Tavistock Golf Clubs and it was victory to Borringdon Golf Club.

The weather for the junior championship in September was atrocious, with strong winds and heavy showers. The junior Scratch cup went to George Messias (7) with gross 83 from Sammy Ingham (10) with 86. The junior handicap cup went to Noah Mulligan

with nett 74 from Sammy Ingham nett 76. The very bad weather had a massive impact with the 36 hole Club Championship reduced to 18 holes as the wind reached the point where balls were moving on the greens. Steve Pike was the club champion with gross 80, but nine year old Noah Mulligan won the club handicap prize with nett 74.

The Friday junior club evenings are still very popular, with pro Steve White and parents organising nine hole competitions. Please ring the Pro shop if you would like to join in the junior Academy lessons on Saturday mornings. There are six groups running with juniors of varying abilities.

Liz Line

DUNKIRK REMEMBERED

Thurlestone resident Rosemary Mackay went to see the new film 'Dunkirk' and writes:

"What a really awful film it was. It had endless repetitions of the same shots with no dialogue from the troops waiting on the beach or in the water - no mention of how many days they had walked to get there or what food, if any, was there for them. There was only one small boat featured going to the rescue until right at the end when, lo and behold, an armada of small boats appeared as if by magic. It was an incredibly noisy film and I was sorely tempted to walk out half way through....."

Rosemary's late husband, Bruce, served in the RAMC from September 1939 to December 1945. He was evacuated from Dunkirk and wrote the following account of his harrowing experiences.

France, May 1940

War had finally come to France, though it had actually been declared more than eight months earlier. The bombs were beginning to fall on French towns and villages. The French army had been mobilised many months ago but only 10% of its weapons were modern. I was living in Bethune, northern France, having billeted myself on the local butcher and his wife, their son being in the French army. Madame's old mother lived with them. I was treated as their son, or better. Madame often cooked me her favourite *omelette aux pommes*. Grandmere would darn my socks.

Then the land war began in earnest and had come to France itself. We awoke on 19 May to the sound of bombs on Beuvry, and were told that the German Army was some 20 miles away and advancing fast. The guns got louder. Rumours were rife of Nazi parachutists dressed as priests and nuns to cause havoc amongst the columns of refugees who had begun to stream towards the coast - anywhere to

escape from the terrors of the *Blitzkrieg*.

I bade farewell to my kind friends, the Clarisses, as they joined the fleeing throngs. Grandmere told me that it was the third time in her life that she had fled from the Germans - in 1870, 1915, and now in 1940.

My unit, which was a casualty clearing station, RAMC, was ordered to move across the border into Belgium. We were of course unarmed under the Geneva Convention. The fact that we were British troops made little impression on the civilian refugees who made up the saddest sight in the world. Thousands fleeing their homes, taking their most treasured possessions on carts and barrows and in trucks, lorries and cars.

Amongst the throng we came across a mounted column of French colonial troops from Africa - *Spahis* - in their long white robes. These made a wonderful target for the German Stuka dive bombers which dived, with sirens screeching, machine-gunning the columns of troops and refugees. Many hundreds were killed and injured. Later, we passed horse-drawn ambulances and cannons, both relics of the 1870 Franco-Prussia War but of little use some 70 years later.

We billeted on a hill at Roodenberg, in Belgium, and promptly at noon the next day, with Teutonic precision, the *Luftwaffe* obliterated the towns of Menin, Ypres and Poperinghe. It was like watching a film to see the three towns exploding into dust in as many minutes. Then we were ordered to set up a hospital for any casualties and by the evening of the 28th May we had taken in 450 wounded civilians and military. Pressure of work was intense. The dead were buried at once - one's senses almost became anaesthetised to suffering. Next came an order to hand over all the wounded to the care of French nuns and to evacuate on foot towards Dunkirk, some 30 miles away.

It was a hot night and we shed kit and equipment along the way, finally arriving at the coastal dunes about 11pm. We could see the masts of many ships just off shore and cheered loudly. We spent the night in shell holes on the beach, which was being strafed by German field guns and bombers. When dawn came it was evident that every ship's mast visible belonged to a sunken ship. Our disappointment was more than somewhat.

Life for the next three days was not very pleasant. We were hungry and thirsty. Bombs and shells fell often. Dunkirk town became a pall of thick black smoke as bombers hit petrol stores. On 30th May more Royal Navy ships plus an armada of small ships began arriving to take off the troops - British and French. In all 338,226 men were picked up from Dunkirk and the nearby ports, all of which were under constant attack.

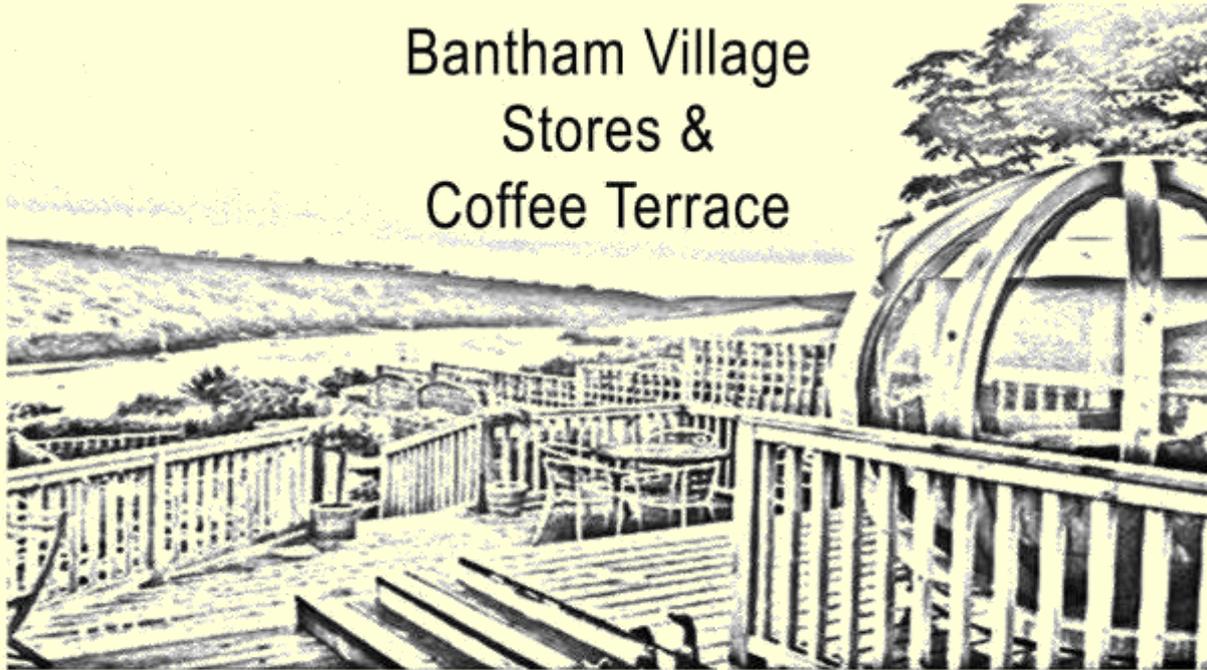
On the beaches the waves lapped over the bodies of men who had been hit or drowned. Inland, corpses, dead horses and cattle swelled obscenely in the heat. It was not possible to uplift the forces equipment and vast amounts of ammunition, guns, lorries etc littered the approaches to the coast.

I got away in a small Dutch ship, the '*Frisco*', after waiting a long time in the water. It was a hairy voyage due to mines, coastal guns firing on us, and several machine-gun attacks. One torpedo fortunately passed astern.

An hour later we were stuck fast on the Goodwin Sands, but the tide floated us off and we put into Dover. We were not overjoyed to be ordered out to sea, to proceed to Ramsgate. It was, however, good to be on English soil once more. We were put on a train for Plymouth.

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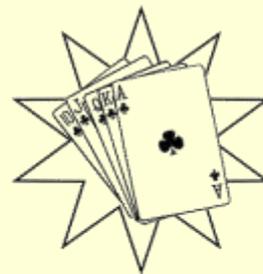
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BOOKSHELF

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir

by Jennifer Ryan
(The Borough Press £12.99 hardback)

This is a nice gossip read - just the thing for summer reading on the beach or in the garden. The book takes the form of letters and diaries written at the time. It is set in a village called Chilbury in 1940 and the Vicar has just posted a notice outside the church declaring that as the male members of the choir have now been called up for the war, there will be no more choir at the church.

The ladies are indignant and vow they will carry on. Fortunately a music teacher has just moved to the village as she will be teaching at the nearby university. Her name is Primrose Trent (known as Prim) and she enthusiastically jumps in to tutor them.

However, while this is happening there is so much else going on in the village (but nothing, apart from the bombings, too violent) - black marketeers, hop pickers, spies, a dodgy midwife, evacuees, blackmail, bombings, a bad-tempered Brigadier, and of course love. And the Chilbury Ladies' Choir goes from strength to strength.

Carolyn Taylor

Our Times - the Age of Elizabeth II

By A N Wilson
(Arrow £12.99 paperback)

This was such a fascinating book about our times - I couldn't wait to get to bed and read well into the night. It was so very well written and seemed to find most of our politicians and notables had feet of clay. Good old mobile library - so helpful an attendant and time to browse and order for the next time any book you wanted.

Rosemary Mackay

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

by Fannie Flag
(Vintage £8.99)

The story starts in 1908 when Stanislaw Jurdabralinski, aged 14, escaped life in Poland and joined his brother in New York. We then switch to Point Clear, Alabama, in 2005 and Mrs Earle Poole Jr, known as Sookie. Sookie is worrying about how to stop aggressive blue

jays from frightening all the 'little birds' away from the food she puts out. She is also trying to relax after organising three daughters' weddings in the space of two years. Her very strong-willed, exuberant mother is another problem for Sookie. But there is a huge surprise in store for her which will make relaxing more difficult.

We return to Stanislaw in 1928, living in Pulaski, Wisconsin, now married with three daughters and a son. He has worked hard, and with the help of a loan buys a Phillips filling station to be on the empty plot beside the house he has built for his family. As they grow up, all the Jurdabralinski children help at the filling station, all perfectly familiar with the mechanics of a car. In 1938, Phillips hired skywriters to fly over their gas stations, and so Billy Bevins, a pilot, enters the story.

He teaches all the children to fly, including the girls. So when America joins the Second World War the girls all join what was called The Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS), flying military aircraft for the US Army Airforces.

There is so much in this story and these are but the bare bones of what I found to be a highly satisfying, cheerful, sometimes funny, read....and another good book found in the Mobile Library!

Carolyn Taylor

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Ingredients

- 100g/4oz unsalted (or lightly salted) butter, melted, + a little extra for greasing
- 150g/5oz white sugar and 2 tablespoonsful extra sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 lemons, juice and zest
- 125g/4.5oz plain flour
- 1 teaspoonful baking powder

- For the fudge: Zest and juice of 1 lemon
200g condensed milk

Method

- Preheat oven to 200°C.
- Lightly butter 6 ramekins then sprinkle inside evenly with the extra sugar.
- Make the lemon fudge by combining the condensed milk and the lemon zest and juice, then set aside.
- For the pudding put eggs and sugar in a bowl and whisk until light and fluffy. Stir butter, lemon juice and zest into the egg mixture, then fold in flour and baking powder.
- Put a good spoonful of pudding mixture into the bottom of each ramekin.
- Spoon lemon fudge on top, then top this with rest of pudding mixture and smooth with a palette knife.
- Put the ramekins on to a baking tray and bake 15 minutes until the puddings are puffed up and golden.
- Serve with crème fraîche or vanilla ice cream.

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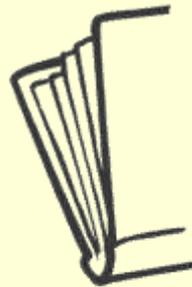
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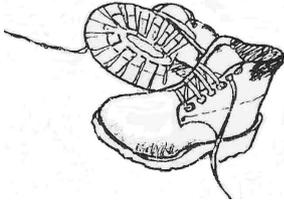
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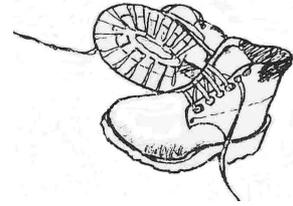
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1 A small group setting off for a short walk on Thursday 13th July, we were rewarded with some of the most stunning views round Froward Point.

From Brownstone car park we followed the path past the day mark (a stone tower built some 150 years ago to guide seafarers into Dartmouth) and on to the Coastguard Lookout and old gun emplacements from WW2. After a brief time spent in the newly restored museum there, which was most interesting, we walked east in glorious sunshine along the rugged coastal path with its breath-taking scenery.

Midway we paused for refreshment and time to drink in the beauty of the collision between the rocks and the sea. We continued to the back entrance to the magnificent gardens of Coleton Fishacre. There was more refreshment there for those patient enough to endure the long queue and slow service at the cafe, and then back to our cars uplifted and spiritually renewed.

Sue and Andrew Girling

2 Wednesday 2nd August dawned to terrific rain storms which didn't let up all day. So the leader decided to postpone the walk for 24 hours. The weather, fortunately, was super on Thursday. Seven of us set off from Plym Bridge to do a circular walk to Saltram House.

First, we followed the bank of the Plym River and at the end crossed the old Tramway Bridge and joined up with the Cycle Route 27 which took us under the A38 (a bit scary) and on to the pedestrian bridge which leads to the Saltram Estate. We stayed close to the river and paused awhile at the bird hide and also the ruins of the Amphitheatre, eventually arriving at the top of the Estate via the Dell Walk (a favourite of the Parker family) and had our well-earned picnic on benches overlooking the Plym with good views of Plymouth.

Coffees and ice creams were purchased at the entrance to Saltram House before we set off on the return trip, again walking under the A38 and back via another route beside the

disused Cann Canal, built to bring produce down to Marsh Mills, where the mills used to be. Along the way there were several metal sculptures, made by father and son Garry and Thomas Thrussell, artist metalsmiths from Bodmin Moor. We saw the Sea Salt (under the A38), the Giant Dragonfly, and the Beatle on a Motorbike. The fourth sculpture was of a Peregrine Falcon but we did not see that as it was on another path.

Also there are 10 metal benches which were installed in 2014 as part of the Plym Valley Heritage Project. Each bench is based on a different Plym Valley tree, and situated between Saltram and Plym Bridge woods. Well worth a look.

A very pleasant, easy seven mile walk.

Trisha Wilson

3 Thursday 10th August and what a glorious day for a walk on the fringes of Dartmoor. The sun shone all day with hardly a cloud in the sky when four ladies and two gents set off for the eastern fringes of Dartmoor adjacent to the River Dart.

The initial descent to the Dart was quite steep but nobody complained that we would have to climb up again later! We strolled along the road by the river admiring the gurgling waters and the superb colours all around us. For the next 90 minutes we climbed steadily uphill but on such gentle slopes that no one complained or commented. We walked through amazing woods, through strangely named hamlets, enjoyed the best views of the season, admired the idyllic thatched houses snuggling in their surroundings, drooled over the local manor house, Spitchwick Manor, once owned by Dr Blackall (Sheriff of the City of Exeter – see link below) and walked through green pastures and up ancient lanes to our "summit" for the day.

At the summit, we were treated to the sight of an ice cream vendor selling 'real Devon ice cream'. What a treat on a hot day like this! And yes, it was downhill all the way from there! We crossed a bit of rough moor and

then accessed Dr Blackall's Drive which meanders along the side of the Dart valley high above the river and the thick woodland. This made for a really easy and gentle descent and all the while we were enjoying both the sunshine and the incredible views.

The walk was just 3 hours duration and 6.0 miles in length. The repeat of last year's walk came as a result of a request from last year's group. We certainly enjoyed all that is on offer in this beautiful corner of Devon. We lunched at the Tavistock Inn in Poundsgate. This old pub dates back to about 1413 and is one of the oldest pubs in England.

Link to website information;
http://www.legendarydartmoor.co.uk/blackalls_drive.htm

Mike Stickland

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With a forecast of sunshine, wind, and the possibility of the occasional light shower on Friday 18th August, eleven of us plus dogs Ben and Peggy set off from Hallsands South car park, first stopping off at the platform above the remains of the ruined village of South Hallsands. The display boards show photographs and explain the history of the disaster that struck in 1917.

We then had a steady climb along the coastal path towards Start Point with beautiful views over the whole of Start Bay out to the mouth of the river Dart and beyond. At the Start Point car park we turned off in a SW direction along the footpath down to Great Mattiscombe Sand, a beautiful secluded sandy bay, where we joined the coastal path again, continuing along the back of the beach passing the pinnacles and across grass fields called The Narrows beneath the top of Kings Head Rock. It was then a level easy stroll to Lannacombe Beach, allowing the sharp-eyed among us to point out an adder curled up in the sunshine and a slow worm on the path.

At Lannacombe Bay we stopped for a short breather, watching families with small children enjoying the summer sunshine. The 2½ miles to East Prawle started with a long diversion behind the old coastguards' cottages, put in after the cliff fall four years ago. The path climbed upwards with rough-hewn steps and worn rocks and stones around the back of Stinking Cove with a view over the seabirds on Ballsaddle Rock. It then levelled out, passing the new house which replaced the Edwardian

mansion of Maelcombe House. A hard climb up the fields to East Prawle ended with a well-earned lunch break at the Pig's Nose, enjoying their selection of well filled sandwiches and generous ploughman's lunches. At the pub we were joined by two Tramps who were 'off games' but enjoy a pub lunch (!) and they then took back the 5 walkers who had opted for the morning only bit of the walk.

The remaining 6 of us, revived by our lunch, headed back to Hallsands through farmland, following the diversion around the farmsteads at Woodcombe and Higher Borough. Most of the fields had been harvested, and in the sunshine we could enjoy the colours of the Devon countryside, with distant views to Dartmoor. The footpath then dropped sharply downhill to the road where we turned right for another hard climb back to Hallsands before dropping down to the car park. Another good day out in this lovely part of the country.

Liz Coates

Footnote:

If you want to try the walk it's best to do it now before the crowds, as we found that the walk, or most of it anyway, had been named as No 1 in *The Times* survey of The 20 Best Coastal Walks in Britain!

Tramps is obviously ahead of the game!

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I guess the walk on Tuesday 22nd August actually started aboard the bus from Marlborough to Salcombe, where we all met en route to the East Portlemouth ferry. We found that Salcombe was buzzing already so there was little time for any window shopping!

As the tide was still high, we took the road from East Portlemouth for Mill Bay, dodging the vehicles competing for the last few places in the car park. We followed a clockwise route up through the car park and the woods and across the fields to Gara Rock. Here we had a short break for coffee in glorious sunshine.

The return route along the coast path afforded fantastic views along the coast and into Salcombe Estuary. At Mill Bay we were able to take to the beach as the tide had dropped sufficiently for a walk back along the sand to the ferry.

A really wonderful walk!

Annie Lukehurst

6 The day we chose for our walk from Dartington to Staverton gave us perfect weather for walking, as it was sandwiched on Tuesday 12th September between two rather stormy days.

Eleven of us and two dogs drove to the Cider Press Centre at Dartington where we parked, then set off past the shops along the cycle track towards the River Dart which we met at the entrance to the Dartington Estate. From here we walked along the bank of the river following it upstream for about 2 miles, then through the beautiful fir trees of North Wood until we reached the road over Staverton Bridge. For this section of the walk, we had been joined by a twelfth walker – an old friend of one of our group who had recently moved to the area. Also we had two sightings of the steam train carrying passengers along the South Devon Railway on the opposite bank of

the river. Having crossed the rather narrow Staverton Bridge, we then followed a footpath which took us alongside the river, but this time going downstream for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile past a weir. We walked past an old mill stream, crossed the railway - waving to the passengers on the train as it went past, then made our way past the church into Staverton village where we had arranged to have lunch at the Sea Trout Inn.

After lunch we re-crossed Staverton Bridge, made our way back to the fir trees of North Wood and, after a bit of a climb, followed the path directly back to Dartington, passing the rather magnificent building of Schumacher College and a splendid sunflower in a private but well-stocked garden! We all agreed it was a very enjoyable and relatively easy walk.

Alastair and Gill Durden

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Digital Clash

Evidently preferring an armchair challenge to a wet Sunday on Bantham beach our regular digital clashers Messrs Delafield and Irwin and Mesdames Killingsworth, Leare, Lonsdale, Pailthorpe, and Pollard all contributed four correct solutions to the puzzles set in our last issue. Congratulations to all, but the winner by ballot was **Neill Irwin**, who will receive a bottle of our best "Splash-from-the-Clash" in due course. Entries for this month's *Bonfire Night* competition to 25 Mead Lane as usual by 5th November 2017.

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Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show

This year's Show was held on Saturday, 5th August in South Milton Village Hall. The Committee would like to thank everyone who entered the Show with special thanks going to the Judges, Stewards and other helpers for their hard work, attention to detail and cheerfulness. Val and Graham Palmer, judges of the children's entries, were so inspired by what they saw in the morning that went home and put pen to paper, coming up with the following verses which they read at the Judges Lunch prior to the Show.

*We walked to South Milton our eyes all aglow
Prepared for the judging at the annual show.
With some trepidation we approached all the entries
Where folks in green polos were standing like sentries
We thought after last year when exhibits were few
There'd be not much to look at and little to do
But oh goodness gracious what a mood-lifting sight
The tables were heaving with child-made delights
So the news is all good thanks to hard work and striving
This great institution is healthy and thriving.*

CUP WINNERS

Stewart Goodwin Cup –	<i>P. Macdonald</i>	Oswald Junior Cup –	<i>O. Joyce & J. Lennard</i>
Ben Horn Memorial Cup –	<i>D. Coward</i>	Master Chef Trophy –	<i>R. Carelli</i>
Yeo Cup –	<i>D. Coward</i>	Doris Tyler Trophy –	<i>J. Turner</i>
Fruit & Vegetable Cup –	<i>D. Coward</i>	Domestic Challenge Cup –	<i>L. Gunning</i>
Cut Flowers & Pot Plants –	<i>D. Brown</i>	Doris Jackson Trophy –	<i>L. Anderton</i>
Marshall Cup –	<i>D. Brown</i>	Handicraft Cup -	<i>E. Gilkes</i>
Wray Cup –	<i>D. Parker-Swift</i>	Millman Cup -	<i>M. Sparrow</i>
Kingsbridge Gardenshop Cup –	<i>A. Rogerson</i>	South Milton Resident`s Cup –	<i>T. Gilkes</i>
President`s Tankard –	<i>D. Osmond</i>	Thurlestone Resident`s Cup –	<i>D. Coward</i>
Under 5`s Cup –	<i>E. Luscombe & D. Tabiner</i>	Lonsdale Cup –	<i>A. Masters</i>
5 - 7`s Cup –	<i>E. Midgley & A. Tabiner</i>	Gunning Cup –	<i>J. Lennard & J. Sparrow</i>
Derrick Yeoman Cup –	<i>O. Joyce</i>	Macdonald Vase -	<i>L. Gunning & M. Wright</i>

Certificates of Merit awarded for the best exhibit in a whole section or a range of classes:

Cut flowers and pot plants - P. Macdonald; children under 5 - F. Tabiner;
children 5-7 years old - D. Bunn; cookery - R. Carelli; handicrafts - L. Anderton;
Art - J. Howey; flower arrangements - A. Rogerson.

Individual class winners:

Vegetables and fruit:

White oval potatoes - K Luscombe; Coloured oval potatoes - D Coward; White round potatoes - D Coward; Coloured round potatoes - D Coward; Shallots, excluding hybrid - D Coward; Runner beans - D Coward; French beans - T Gilkes; Onions from seed - B Newman; Onions from sets - K Luscombe; Peas - D Coward; Bowl of salad - J Clift; Carrots, stump - D Coward; Carrots, long or intermediate - D Coward; Beetroot - D Coward;

Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show (contd)

Tomatoes, excluding cherry - T Gilkes; Tomatoes, novelty - A Masters; Tomatoes, cherry - T Gilkes; Parsley - D Coward; Marrow - A Masters; Cucumbers - C Alderton; Herbs - M Wright; Two of any kind of vegetable not quoted on the schedule - J Clift; Longest runner bean - K Luscombe; Heaviest onion - D Coward; Collection of four named potatoes - D Coward; Salad potatoes - A Masters; Top tray - D Coward; Joy of my garden - M Tregelles; Funniest misshapen vegetable - T Gilkes.

Cut Flowers and Pot Plants:

Fuchsia heads - M Wright; Ball dahlias - M Tregelles; Decorative dahlias - A Masters; Pompom dahlias - T Gilkes; Cactus dahlias - M Tregelles; Sweet peas - J Clift; Single rose - D Brown; Floribunda rose - D Parker-Swift; Hydrangea - M Wright; Most perfect bloom in my garden - L Anderton; Cactus plant - D Brown; Foliage pot plant - D Brown; Flowering pot plant - D Osmond; Fuchsia - D Osmond; Pot grown Pelargonium - D Brown; Three stems of flowering herbaceous perennials - D Parker-Swift; Vase of garden flowers - P Macdonald.

Cookery:

Marmalade - M Wright; Raspberry jam - M Wright; Any other variety of jam - M Wright; Jelly - L Gunning; Lemon curd - E Gilkes; Chutney - P Macdonald; Impressive loaf for a table centrepiece - E Gilkes; Hand made loaf - T Fountain; Cheese muffins - L Gunning; Decorated chocolate birthday cake - J Sparrow; Swiss roll - J Turner; Cheese straws - R Carrelli; Butterfly cakes - J Lennard.

Handicrafts:

Any handicraft item made from any material - T Burn; Hand knitted hat - J Sparrow; Embroidered item - V Brown; Hand or machine sewn item - L Anderton; Necklace - L Bunn; Drawing of any subject in any medium - C Alderton; Painting in any medium of any subject - E Gilkes; Black & white sketch - J Howey; Drawing or painting of flowers, fruit and/or vegetables - J Howey; Colour photo of flora or fauna - J Sparrow; Black and white photo - M Sparrow; Colour photos of South Hams views - E Gilkes.

Flower Arrangements:

'All Foliage' - A Rogerson; 'Market Day' - D Osmond; Buttonhole - A Rogerson; 'Colour Coding' - A Rogerson; Wedding table decoration in a jam jar - A Rogerson.

Children's Sections:

Under 5 Years: Garden in a seed tray - F Tabiner; Playdo animal - E Luscombe;

5 - 7 years:

Garden in a seed tray - D Bunn; Greatest number of different items in a small matchbox - A Tabiner;

8 - 10 years:

My hobby or collection - O Joyce; Your poem in your handwriting about something which makes you happy - J Lennard; Glove puppet made from a sock - O Joyce.

Monday 16 October is the date for the show's annual general meeting - 6pm in South Milton Village Hall - and a cordial invitation is issued to come along and meet us. In common with most other organisations, our annual general meetings are rarely overwhelmed by the numbers attending, so we would really welcome your presence. New faces to augment our small committee are being sought. Requirements are not onerous, just two or three meetings a year to organise the annual show in August and plant sale in May. How about it?



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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

What a disaster for the Caribbean Islands and Florida this year. Over two weeks now has seen hurricane Irma wreak havoc and death across the region. But you will know all that there is to know about hurricanes from all the newscasts, pictures, interviews and personal accounts, so I'll not go into the details of how and why hurricanes happen. I have written about them before, so on to a series of new tit-bits of interest collected over a few months of eclectic reading.

During this summer there have been some very high temperatures from varying locations across our islands. Some are normal and expected but some were in the abnormal section. I'm thinking of the highs, when we had 30°C+ in several towns across the south east. We have all noticed the air rising from road surfaces in wavy patterns. They even produce shadows in bright sunlight. It is like the hot air rising from a radiator which can distort a view from the window. Solid surfaces soak up the heat from the sun on a summer's day and can become almost too hot to stand on. I heard many folks coming off the beach this year, saying the sand is so hot it is quite painful to walk on it. This is the situation on any tarmac road which is in direct sunlight from sunrise to sunset. It follows then that radiated heat from this surface causes the air just above it to become overheated, hence high temperatures. In urban areas this is called an Urban Heat Island. It is not just the roads, as the buildings give off some heat as well which increases this heat island effect. If you have been in London for example, you will be well aware of the stifling heat on some days, especially if the air is still and humid.

Cities in the Southern Hemisphere have higher temperatures in their summer months than we do. An example is Melbourne in southern Australia, where Councillors are asking what can be done about cigarette butts. Some research began among scientists in the city and they came up with a surprising theory. Bearing in mind that a cigarette butt is highly toxic, having trapped some of the toxins in the cigarette itself as it is supposed to do, they become a deadly pollutant. If entering ground water or a water supply from a landfill site there is a serious problem. The butts can take years to decompose, so are to many a serious problem. I find them washed up on the tide line frequently, summer and winter.

About 4.5 trillion cigarette butts are thrown away each year world-wide, leading to 1.2 million tonnes of toxic waste. What can be done with this waste? The researchers in the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology have found a solution. They turn the waste into road materials by mixing it with asphalt. Paul Simon goes on to explain the effect of this mixture. "The road surface not only locked away the toxins and waste, it was good at supporting heavy traffic and also helped to cool the road. That, in turn, would reduce the urban heat island effect, in which roads and building materials in built-up areas absorb solar energy during the day, in a similar way to a storage radiator, and then radiate the heat at night. This heating effect leads to much warmer nights than in the surrounding countryside, and intensifies the effect of heat-waves. So the simple butt can be of use.

That is not all either. Encapsulated cigarette butts are being used in the construction industry. This was developed by Dr Abbas Mohjerani whose research led to lightweight composite products for use in the construction industry. Their inclusion helped with insulation and saved energy in buildings. According to that study, published in the Journal

of Waste Management, "... adding as little as 1% cigarette butt content to bricks can cut the energy needed to fire clay bricks by up to 58%. The bricks that contained the cigarette butts were also lighter, and had better insulation properties, thus cutting down household heating and cooling costs."

I wonder if the system will really catch on? There are certainly many containers outside pubs, super-markets, etc., where there is a concentration of such waste. Perhaps the British are actually cutting down on smoking, I don't know, but it would be great to be able to recycle these toxic mouth-pieces safely in a useful product.

Now to a more local note. Last Sunday's (3rd Sept) rainfall was quite something if you are into recording the amount. During the night Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd there was 10mm here at Beach Cottage (nearly 1/2ins) then from 9am until about 4.30pm another 53mm was measured. This was a full measuring flask and 3mm. So in less than 24hrs we had 63mm rain (2 1/2 ins) rain most of which fell in about 7 hours. There was some flooding as the ground was hard, having had no rain for a while, so much of it ran off swiftly leading to some blocked drains and accumulations in vulnerable points. How our weather can alter so quickly! Kingsbridge Show the day before was superb - warm, dry, and calm - a refreshing change for all concerned.

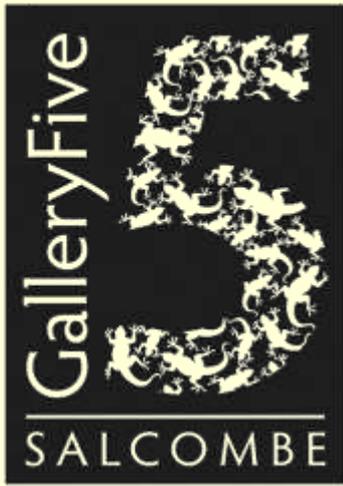
There have been some lovely summery spells during June, July and August, but also some fierce gales and rainfall. Firstly, on the three summery days - June 18th, 19th, and 20th - the maximum temperatures rose from 25°C to 27°C and then 28°C. It was nearly the time of the Summer solstice, winds were light, the sea calm and the beach clear of seaweed, more or less. These temperatures were not repeated throughout the rest of the summer except 26th July, which was 25°C. August barely got to 20°C for most of the month except Bank Holiday weekend, when it was lovely, dry, sunny and warm, but not hot.

Rainfall was more than usual as we all know, there have been plenty of remarks in the press. June 6th saw a severe gale with 20mm of rain, 29th June another 20mm, total for the month 57.5mm. July 17th (not here but Coverack) had a flash flood through the village, and as we saw, the amount of water that accumulated from the storm was phenomenal. 27th and 29th we had 23mm and 20mm. I know because it was South Milton Church Fete Day and we were forced inside for the first time in 10 years. Total for the month was 108mm. Now August, 2nd/3rd saw 23mm, just before the Horticultural Show. Damage limitation was the order of the day, but all was well for most people. There were 11 rain days excluding, thankfully, the Bank Holiday weekend which was lovely, warm, sunny and calm for a change.

September has already seen 69mm and it's only 12th today, still the sun is shining and there is a moderate westerly breeze. How the grass has grown this year, a sure sign of more than adequate rainfall. At least most farmers were able to finish their harvest without too much trouble from too much rain when it mattered.

I wonder what the winter will bring, we are due for a really cold snap at sometime. I am reminded of the 10-12 foot icicles hanging off the high sandstone cliffs along the beach in 1987. 30 years is a good number for a cycle of weather patterns! We shall see. Have a safe winter, get in some supplies of salt for your drives, wood/oil/gas/solid fuel for your heating, and stock your freezers with some tasty morsels in case!

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Saturday 7 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Parish Hall, 10.00am-noon
Thursday 12 WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Taiko Drumming)
Friday 13 TRAMP Lustleigh Cleave (long)
Saturday 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Parish Hall, 10.00am-noon
Monday 16 Hort Show AGM, South Milton Village Hall, 6.00pm
Thursday 19 TRAMP Ashburton (short)
Saturday 21 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Parish Hall, 10.00am-noon
Wednesday 25 TRAMP Avon Valley from W Buckland (long)
Wednesday 25 ASK, K'bridge Methodist church, 7.30pm (History of Harps)
Thursday 26 ASK, K'bridge Methodist church, 10.30am (Sarah Deere-Jones)
Monday 30 TRAMP Prawle village, Eleander Cove (short)

November

- Monday 6 Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 9 WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm 'Presents for good children'
Friday 10 TRAMP tba (long)
Tuesday 14 TRAMP Revelstoke & Stoke Point (short)
Saturday 18 **Tim Kliphuis Concert, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm**
Wednesday 22 TRAMP tba (long)
Monday 27 TRAMP Ringmore circuit (short)
Wednesday 29 ASK, K'bridge Methodist church, 7.30pm (Cumberland Gallery)
Thursday 30 ASK, K'bridge Methodist church, 10.30am (Linda Collins)

December

- Monday 4 Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
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