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**New signage
for
Thurlestone**

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The new signs at both ends of Thurlestone are the result of an initiative by Trojan community volunteer Paul Martin. Prompted by a complaint that the north sign hindered visibility, he arranged (on a suggestion from Chris White and with the support of the Parish Council) a design competition with Kingsbridge Community College, won by Libby Rodwell-Lynn, who was presented with the £25 prize by PC Chairman Jack Rhymes. The winning design was sent to A-Signs of Newton Abbot, who manufactured two aluminium plates featuring the new design for bolting on to the existing road-signs. Paul then fitted the two logo-plates to the road signs by the golf club and at the end of Court Park Road.

To resolve the visibility issue with the Court Park Road sign, he lowered the height of the sign and renovated its low stone tower base, removing the existing soil and dead plants, installing a weed-resistant membrane and pea shingle inside it, and new compost all around the outside with new plants that would flower all through the summer (tended with loving care by Richard and Susan Penwell).

All this work has transformed the village road signs for all to see, and will brighten the approaches for residents and visitors for many years to come. The Parish Hall itself, the Autumn Fair, and the beavering Neighbourhood Plan working groups all demonstrate that the volunteer work ethic remains alive and well throughout our three-village Parish community, so this welcome initiative from Paul Martin should come as no surprise. And yet the Parish Hall is still waiting for a Booking Secretary to step forward!

Come on, Delson ... (as the Parish football team supporters used to shout) there's no rocket science required. Just a volunteer.

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A Letter From Your MP

By Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

Dear All

20 September 2016

An hour is a long time in politics.

It has been a roller coaster summer. First the referendum result, David Cameron's resignation, the twists and turns of the leadership campaign, and now a new Prime Minister. I am sad to see David Cameron now also stepping down from his role as an MP but I don't think this will be the last we will see of him on our national stage. David exited in the same way he entered politics, with warmth and sincerity and I think he will be missed.

Many people are asking whether I will support the Brexit vote if there is a vote in Parliament. I always promised that I would respect the result of the referendum and will now be trying to make sure that it is taken forward as constructively as possible. It looks likely that Theresa May will trigger Article 50 in the New Year to allow formal negotiations to begin. This allows more time to make sure we have the right team in place and I'm keen to hear from local businesses, the farming and fishing community and anyone else who would like me to put their points to the ministers who will be leading the talks.

Grammar Schools: Share Your Views Now

The big political news over the last few weeks has been Theresa May's speech on the great meritocracy, including her plans to allow for more grammar schools to be created.

Personally, I want an education system that makes sure everyone, regardless of their parents' wealth, has the chance to get ahead in life. There are strong voices on both sides of this issue, putting forward their arguments both for and against the expansion of grammars.

The consultation on the proposals states that 'there were significant improvements in the number of pupils able to access a good school over the last Parliament. At the end of March 2016, 86% of schools were rated good or outstanding by OFSTED, an increase of 17 percentage points since 2010. This allowed an additional 1.4 million pupils to access the best schools.' Given that progress, I question whether a further large scale reorganisation is the right way to go. Kingsbridge Academy is rightly praised as an outstanding school and is now working in partnership to support Dartmouth Academy which has just been celebrating a major improvement in its academic results. I am concerned about the potential to disrupt the new partnerships and improvements and many teachers have told me that they are dismayed at the prospect of these changes, but please send me your views.

The Department for Education, is now consulting on this until the 12th of December.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

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In order to make a surgery appointment please email nina.smith@parliament.uk or call my office on 01803 868 378. You can keep up with what I have been doing via my website at <http://www.drsarah.org.uk>

Best Wishes



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



My last update in July reported the publication of the results of the **Housing Needs Survey** carried out in April 2016 by South Hams District Council, the completion of the **Parish Questionnaire** in June 2016 and the publication in July 2016 of the **Plymouth and South West Joint Local Plan** consultation document entitled 'Thriving Towns and Villages.'

The completion of the Parish Questionnaire based upon the issues identified at the Community Engagement Meeting held on the 29th September 2015 and evidence gathered over the following seven months was a watershed event in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. Similarly, the decision by the South Hams District Council to work with its neighbours Plymouth City Council and its long time partner West Devon Borough Council in producing a Joint Local Plan was an equally important development, bearing in mind that our Neighbourhood Plan has to generally conform with the strategic policies in the Joint Local Plan in order to proceed.

Accordingly, the publication of the results of the Questionnaire, seen initially by the Steering Group on the 15th August and presented to the Parish at an open meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 6th September, was an important event and was very well attended. The presentation was made by Tim Beavon of the DR Company, a specialist Devon-based Community Interest Company who produced the Questionnaire and analysed its responses.

Although the presentation, illustrated by a comprehensive series of slides was very professionally done, Tim Beavon himself volunteered that it was difficult in the time available for people to fully absorb and understand the effect of the responses. The **Results Presentation** is therefore now up on the Parish website for you to browse at your leisure. We will also be following up with a number of Focus Groups to discuss the results in more detail and how they will be used to formulate the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan.

Some reminder of the background may perhaps be helpful.

Neighbourhood Plans are evidence-based and their preparation is largely a legal exercise prescribed by Government Regulations. In the final stage of preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, an Independent Examiner will be appointed to examine the draft Plan and test whether it meets a set of basic conditions set out in the legislation before it can proceed to the Parish Referendum.

- The procedure begins with the Notification to the Local Authority of the Plan Area and the Appointment of a Steering Group. The Steering Group is then required to produce a Project Plan setting out the steps in the process and a Community Engagement Strategy indicating how they intend to engage with the people for whom the Plan is being prepared.
- In our case, the Strategy included a publicity campaign using Village Voice and, as soon as it was operational, the Parish website. That publicity material included frequent requests for parishioners to participate and join the Steering Group.
- The Strategy continued with an extensively advertised Public Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September last year which was well attended and where those attending were asked to note under various subject headings the issues which they regarded as being the most important to the life of the Parish.
- The results of that meeting were very carefully analysed to identify the key issues and themes that needed to be examined and for which evidence would need to be obtained. Like all legal exercises, the issues all require a firm evidential base.
- This was followed by some seven months of detailed research with the Steering Group, as reported in the Village Voice, dividing up into four Working Groups and recruiting additional members from across the Parish to assist them.

- These groups conducted interviews with local landowners, businesses and residents in the Parish and ran Well-being Workshops aimed at young families. *Devon Communities Together* gave a Talk to the Parish explaining what a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot cover, and a Housing Needs Survey was undertaken by the District Council.

Also, at the beginning of this year, Government and Parish Council funding was obtained to enable the Steering Group to commission the DR Company to prepare a Questionnaire based upon the issues and themes identified at the public meeting on the 29th September together with the benefit of the evidence obtained since by the Working Groups. **The DR Company** is an independent organisation with considerable experience in carrying out community surveys. The questions were designed to be entirely open and not subject to any kind of bias and the results were analysed by the DR Company, usually in the form of percentages.

The next stage in the preparation of the Plan is the drafting of the policies as well as the narrative of the Plan, based upon the evidence obtained in the course of the past twelve months and the results of the Questionnaire. This is then followed by the draft Plan being formally consulted upon within the Parish and by consultation bodies, such as the Environment Agency and Natural England, over a six-week period.

However, given the amount of data presented at the Results Presentation and the limited time available to discuss the results in detail, the Steering Group will be holding **Focus Groups** for parishioners to have the opportunity to discuss and comment upon the results and the emerging policies of the Neighbourhood Plan and how they have been arrived at. The first Focus Group will be on the local Economy and will be held on Tuesday 18th October at 7.00pm. The second Focus Group will be on Housing and this will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 7.00pm. Do please try to attend these Focus Group meetings.

As to the **Joint Local Plan (JLP)**, the Steering Group and the Parish Council have submitted a joint response to the JLP consultation document entitled '*Thriving Towns and Villages*' in which we criticised the lack of prominence given to the South Devon and Tamar Valley Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). We also strongly emphasised that Neighbourhood Plans are best placed to deliver housing and employment required to sustain village networks, such as our own, where there are environmental constraints and issues of accessibility, sustainability and land availability. We concluded by saying that since Neighbourhood Plans can only be 'made' (adopted) if they contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, housing targets should be left to the Neighbourhood Plan process in the case of village networks rather than imposed upon them by the local authority.

Another important factor in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan was the publication of the **South Devon AONB Planning Guidance** consultation document, given that the whole of the Parish is within the AONB. This document is an annex to the South Devon AONB Management Plan 2014-2019 and provides detailed guidance on how development can respect and contribute to the special qualities of the AONB whilst complying with the National Planning Policy Framework. The Steering Group has submitted a detailed response in support of this Guidance which, when adopted, will be critically important in informing both the Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies, and the planning decisions subsequently taken in accordance with them.

Finally, in a wider context, there is more Neighbourhood Planning legislation on the way including the Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill that is aimed at strengthening Neighbourhood Planning, and the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance. Changes to the Neighbourhood Planning regime will also come into force on 1st October that will impose tighter deadlines on local authorities to progress Neighbourhood Plans and make their duty to support neighbourhood groups "more transparent". The Steering Group will be keeping an eye on all these developments, so please watch this space!

Tony Goddard (Steering Group Chairman)

Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held 5 September 2016

News & Views by Citizen

Seven Parish Councillors the Parish Clerk, Devon County Councillor (Rufus Gilbert), District Councillor (Judy Pearce) and 26 members of the public attended including Nicholas Johnston the owner of Bantham Estate.

OPEN FORUM

* The Parish Council and Paul Martin were thanked for the two very attractive Thurlestone village signs.

* The Parish Council agreed to support the Parish Hall's forthcoming autumn fair by contributing raffle prizes.

* Several parishioners voiced their great concern over the latest planning proposals for 16 Meadcombe Road which were considered to be overbearing. It was hoped the Parish Council would support their objections.

* Bantham Estate. Mr Johnston said he had no development plans he was able to lay before the meeting but was willing to answer questions. The following is a very brief summary of questions raised and his answers.

1. Are changes proposed to farm buildings? *None at the moment.*

2. What is the estate's policy on traps and snares? *Only magpie traps are used but if any others are found Mr Johnston wants to be advised.*

3. Planning for 20 homes - what is the situation? *No specific proposals have been considered by the Estate but any plans for further development would have to take into account all aspects of planning policy, including those relating to traffic.*

4. Are more beach shops proposed? *No changes, but in a recent conversation with the National Trust Mr Johnston found that had the Trust been successful in its bid for the estate they would have applied for planning permission to build a cafeteria on the beach*

5. Wildlife conservation? *Mr Johnston wholeheartedly in favour, and shooting estates have proved beneficial to songbirds*

6. Many fewer buzzards in the parish coinciding with the new shoot arrangements. *Mr Johnston advised that under no circumstances whatsoever would the gamekeepers be authorised to interfere with any wildlife or birdlife.*

7. Proliferation of 'Gastrobus' signs. *This is not the estate's responsibility*

8. Villa Crusoe? *This is now part of the estate*

9. Jenkins Quay - metal chimney stack is an eyesore. *Conforms to safety and planning rules*

10. What is the situation re beach road barriers? *The Estate continues to believe that a barrier based system offers greater fairness and transparency on charges. Someone using the car park for an hour would only pay an hourly rate whilst someone staying for the whole day would pay the current day rate of £6.*

11. Will there be a new estate office built? *A necessity - current available space is inadequate*

HIGHWAYS

Current parking alongside The Old Rectory an increasing problem.

A request by a farmer to stop all parking on the lower end of Main Street to allow him to take a large piece of farm machinery to and from one of his fields had proved very successful.

Overhanging trees between West

Buckland and Bantham have been cut back but responsibility is the landowners.

FOOTPATHS

The path by Summer Cottage, West Buckland, became very overgrown making it almost unusable and was cleared voluntarily by Parish Councillor Nigel Hurrell. The owners of Summer Cottage are to be advised that such maintenance is their responsibility, and should they not do this the Parish Council will get the work done and pass on to them any costs involved.

TREES

Parish Councillor Charles Mitchelmore said the roots of the cherry tree on the War Memorial Green project above the grass, creating a hazard when events are held on the Green. Agreed that the tree should be removed and a new tree planted with the root guard.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September in the Parish Hall to report on the results of the questionnaire.

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Phil Millard said the proliferation of the Gastrobus signs had been reported and he had raised the necessity for planning permission with Adam Keay of Devon County Council, who said this depends on size and location. If on private property this is not their concern, although the District Council might take an interest. If on the highway the signs can be removed but they do give leeway to local businesses trying to survive.

The War Memorial was recently cleaned by the Parish Clerk and Paul Martin, saving over £400 based on previous costs.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Rufus Gilbert said that the barrier placed by the Golf Club at the storm-damaged road should only be allowed once the road had been 'extinguished' - to use the legal terminology - which has

yet to happen.

He was thanked for his £2000 donation for Parish Hall IT equipment.

Broadband Phase 2 is going ahead with a £40 million spend with Phase 3 to follow.

Footpath to Hope Cove near Beacon Cottage much improved.

He had not received any phone calls from the public about parking problems. Traffic enforcement officers are on call 7 days a week.

Looking to the future, he said the first person reckoned to live to the age of 150 had just been born.....but he didn't say where!

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Judy Pearce confirmed that the barrier put up by the Golf Club does need approval. Advertising signs larger than A3 do need planning permission but, depending on what is being advertised, could be OK if removed at the end of each holiday season.

In the new South Hams Local Plan no housing sites have been proposed within Thurlestone parish. Some vacated local authority housing in Sea View Terrace is in need of restoration.

BUSINESS BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Rhymes said the large pine tree by the War Memorial needs a 2-metre reduction following last year's report.

The Parish Council had not been advised of a badger cull in the parish and only knew what had been reported in the media.

Councillor Bronwen Zaffiro had kindly undertaken to organise the Autumn Fair raffle.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

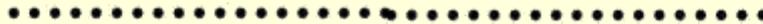
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Village News Round-Up

WRITTEN OFF?

Here is a copy of a letter written by Thurlestone resident Joyce Drummond and published recently in the Daily Telegraph which we think readers will enjoy. "On being informed at the petrol station recently that the card payment machine was not in use I asked 'What about cheques?' 'Checks are made every 30 minutes' came the reply."

NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT

If you are suffering, or have suffered, from hayfever this year, read on. Ragweed or *ambrosia* (not to be confused with Ragwort) is an annual weed and before flowering looks much like a Michaelmas Daisy at roughly 3ft or so. When it flowers it has an upright 'candelabra' of tiny yellowish-green clustered spikes which are extremely liberal pollen producers, one of the main causes of this seasonal affliction. Indeed in the USA this plant is called hayfever-weed. It is not native to Britain but today it is becoming an increasingly rampant invader across the parish. Although a generous self-seeder, this undesirable and unattractive-looking alien pulls out very easily!

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Does time sometimes hang heavily on your hands? Are you perhaps new to the village, or lonely? The following might be just the thing for you! The present Parish Hall Bookings Clerk wishes to retire and we are seeking a replacement. It is work you can comfortably do from home, would not take up much of your time - you would not even be required to go to the Hall - and it would be filling a vital role in the life of our parish. Please give serious consideration to this appeal and if you have a little spare time on your hands and are willing to help get in touch with Diane Martin on 01548-560070.

NATURE NOTES

At last, a Jersey Tiger Moth has been sighted in Thurlestone, but almost a month later than it normally appears. Jerseys have been spotted every year since 1994 (when records of its sighting first started) and this year our

correspondent thought that it was going to be missing in line with the recent gloomy forecast about the loss of wildlife in UK. Earlier in the year there were a few Orange Tips about and one Brimstone and recently a Comma and a Red Admiral (both at the same time on the same day), with a few Speckled Wood and several Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, but not nearly as many or in such variety as in other years.

GUESS THE MARROW'S WEIGHT

If you weighed up the marrow on the Horticultural Show's produce stall at the recent Autumn Fair you might be interested to know that the answer was 5lb 2oz (you can work the metric equivalent out yourself). The winner was Monica Dickins, who got the answer spot on and was awarded with the prize of a bottle of wine.

COASTAL PATHWAY TO HOPE COVE

The muddy detour is no more!

Devon County Council has finally delivered on its promise to re-route the South West Coastal Path diversion at Great Ledge/ Beacon Point. The new pathway simply goes around the houses on the Point to circumvent the cliff fall so that the distance to Hope Cove is restored to its original length.

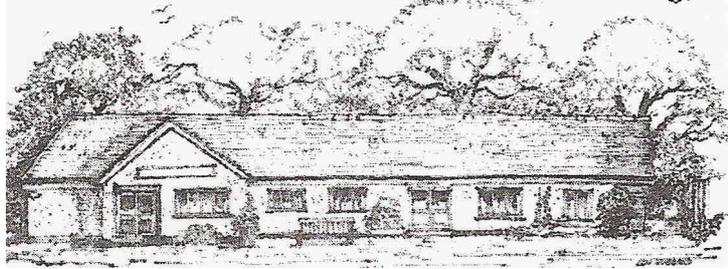
Now that we have a decent dry path, we no longer have any excuse not to go to Hope Cove for coffee!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all for your kind words and congratulations on our 200th. Although I have been in the Editor's chair for only the last 137 of these, the time is fast approaching when a new Editor should take on this role. There is a great supporting team in place, but in line with current practice, it is time for a new leader to step forward and take over.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in accepting this fun challenge. Phone Pat on 560436.

PARISH HALL NEWS



Chairman: Neill Irwin

In the words of that late great philosopher Elvis Presley "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" Living in this parish there is no need to be lonely as there is always something to be done or someone to be helped. For example, we are still on the lookout for a new Bookings Secretary for the Hall, a job which presents a wonderful opportunity to get involved in village life. It can be done entirely from the comfort of one's own home - without ever having to set foot in the Hall if so wished. No previous experience at this sort of work is necessary, as we will give you all the help needed. We will even lend you a computer if yours is a little creaky. To grab this opportunity just give me a call on 01548-561661.

Our summer is fast disappearing but the memory of our Hall summer activities lingers on. The Family Fun day was, as the title implies, a bundle of fun for all the extended families attending. Naturally an event like this attracts a lot of people and sometimes has an international flavour, as the highest score on the Dutch 'shove half-penny' game was achieved by seven year old Alex Stein from the USA. There is one sad note, however, as the Thurlestone Telephone Box committee, who have run the barbecue part of this event since it was first held, have decided that the time has come for them to 'hang up their cooking irons'. We would like to say how grateful we are for all the time and energy they have put into providing this most important part of the Fun Day and cooking such lovely grub. You will be missed!

Another annual tradition, the Autumn Fair, on 17 September this year, was highly successful with all the stalls provided by the groups and individuals who use the Hall. This is one of our principal fund-raising events during the year and helps keep our wonderful Hall and all the facilities it offers in good condition. If you were there I am sure you were as impressed as I was by the enthusiasm of people in this parish, stall holders and visitors alike, and it was a pleasure to talk with the people who organise such a wide range of activities and make use of the Hall. I can report that £684 was raised and warmly thank all involved.

Looking forward to next summer we are constantly thinking of entertaining new events, and currently there is one name we are batting back and forth.....Wimbledon. No, we are not suggesting a coach trip to London. Much closer to home we could have a Men's Final match on the larger-than-life Parish Hall screen with perhaps strawberries & cream being served as we cheer our favourite to victory. Keep an eye on Village Voice for adverts for this and other events at the Parish Hall.

In the immediate future we have two very different musical evenings planned. On Saturday 12 November the very talented Gilbert & Sullivan Fellowship from Plymouth will give a performance of *Iolanthe*, and then on Saturday 3 December, we welcome a return visit of the highly acclaimed jazz band *High Society* for an evening of jazz music and dancing. Details of both these events can be found elsewhere in this issue. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

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September

The September speaker was in the person of Stella West-Harling, the founder of the celebrated Ashburton Cookery School, one of the first such establishments in Britain. The theme of her talk was how much our relationship with food has changed over the past 50 or so years.

In the present world of fast food and ready meals a lot of us have lost the art of cooking - a skill which was once very much part of who we were. Her cookery school was established in an effort to teach cookery and how to be passionate about it, and she bemoaned the fact that cooking is no longer taught in schools. Use good quality local produce and cook it simply she urged and above all avoid food waste and food additives.

She also founded the Cookery Schools Association, which now has more than 40 members including such cookery elite as Michel Roux, James Skinner and Gordon Ramsay. The WI's own Denman College is an important member.

She moved to Devon in 1992 and in due course set up catering establishments around Dartmoor promoting locally sourced produce, as well as running her own Cookery School. She has had her ups and downs throughout, some of which she has written about in her lovely "A Cook's Book", which is also full of great straightforward recipes for traditional British food (happily without requirements for those unknown foreign ingredients which, when purchased for a chi-chi recipe, are never used again). Much to her surprise, her efforts were rewarded with an MBE in 2014 as founder of the Ashburton Cookery School and for services to hospitality and tourism in Devon and the South West. What an interesting lady!

Future Events

We are hoping to re-start our former and popular **pub lunches out** soon, as well as getting some other outings organised.

Traditionally the WI provides a bakery stall at the Parish Hall's annual Autumn Fair (17 September this year) and an appeal was put out for goods to which members responded well as over £100 was raised for the Hall.

Foods Crafts & Skills, South Hams Area, reported that their workshop on Chinese brush painting (6 October) was fully booked.

There will be a Macmillan Cancer fund-raising evening, "Call My Bluff", at the Hall on Thursday 13 October so make a note of this and look out for local posters.

On 22 October, at 7pm in the Parish Hall, we are holding an indoor curling session - not hairdressing but the kind of curling practised in Scotland, although on the polished Hall floor in the absence of ice. Tickets are £5, limited to 40, and must be purchased in advance. More details will be available at the October meeting. We are urged to let the committee know if we change our current e-mail address.

The profit from our October raffle will be donated to the Denman College appeal and Jan Patrick will shortly go there for an i-pad training course, taking up her bursary award.

Foods Crafts & Skills, South Hams Area, announced that their 'Soups & Puds' lunch would be held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 3 November - £7 per head - but no need to book, just roll up.

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Facing the death of a loved one is never easy. It's particularly difficult when, after the funeral, the rest of the world seems to go back to normal. At this point we might want to shout out that it isn't normal for me. Having the opportunity to hear a name read out in church can provide a moment when we can affirm the worth of the loved one that we see no more.

The Church should always challenge itself to speak words of "Good News". Indeed the word "Gospel" comes from the Old English *gōd-spell*, meaning "good news" or "glad tidings". It can be a particular challenge when the words that are spoken are words reflecting the loss of life. Yet, through faith, we do find those words. We find words that speak of life, light and hope. So I invite you to fill out the form below and come along on October 23rd. Let us remember together all those who have died. Let us never lose heart that, wherever hope is to be found, then good news will prevail!

Daniel Hartley

<p><i>We should like to invite you to our</i> ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for the lives of our departed loved ones on Sunday October 23rd at 6.00 p.m. in Thurlestone Church</p> <p>A chance to remember departed loved ones & to give thanks for all they shared with us. During the service there will be a chance to light a candle of remembrance. We shall also read aloud the names of loved ones whose families would like us to do so. If you would like a loved one remembered by name, please complete & return the slip below.</p> <hr/> <p>Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving</p> <p>I hope to be at the service on October 23rd & should like the following name(s) read out (please print):</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Please return to: Mrs Elizabeth Webb, Old Mill Cottage, West Buckland, Devon TQ7 3AG</p>
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Church Services

SUNDAYS 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP:Oct 2/16/30, Nov. 6/20; CW: Oct 9/23, Nov 13/27)

OCT. 2ND 11.10am Harvest Thanksgiving + Lunch

OCT. 9TH 11.10am Morning Worship **6.00pm** Deanery Celebration Service - *Malborough*

OCT. 16TH 11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW)

OCT. 23ND 11.10am Bible Sunday Service **6.00pm** Annual Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service

OCT. 30TH 11.10am All Saints' Eucharist (CW) and Stewardship Service

Nov. 6TH 11.00am Benefice Operation Christmas Child Service - *South Milton*

Nov. 13TH 10.50am Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths **(please note time)**

Nov. 20TH 11.10am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Nov. 27TH 11.10am Advent Sunday Service **6.00pm** Benefice Advent Carol Service - *Woodleigh*

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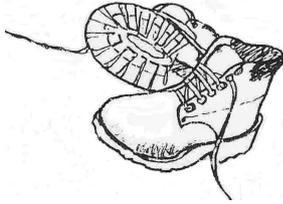
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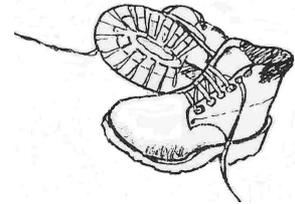
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TRAMP



1 On Tuesday 12 July 13 Trampers and 3 dogs set off from Court Park to Little Dartmouth car park. We were going to suggest driving inland via Halwell but, luckily, someone had heard that there had been an oil spill on that road. So off we set on the A379 along the coast. The Diamond Jubilee Way was created to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, and the walk is in the shape of a diamond.

The first part of the walk took us from Little Dartmouth car park through some pleasant countryside to Swannaton where we had to walk on the A379. We then turned into Jawbones Hill, passing the water tower and diverted to Jawbones Beacon Park to admire the view across Dartmouth to Britannia Naval College. We then followed the track downhill and turned right onto a path which runs parallel with Above Town Road. From this vantage point the views are wonderful, taking in up and down river views as well as The Daymark Tower near Kingswear. This was built in 1864 as an aid to navigation. More information can be found online.

After going down through steep wet woods we came to Warfleet, a place of great interest. The old Dartmouth Pottery has been converted into apartments, and there's also a lime kiln. Coffee was then called for, so we proceeded to The Castle Tearooms. From there it was all uphill, but with glorious views.

On our return the A379 was chockablock as all the traffic had to divert from the oil spill. We even saw three No. 3 buses (which run every hour) before we reached Kingsbridge. At least the weather was good to us.

Rachel Wayth

2 A small but select group of Tramps met with a bright sunny morning at Bowcombe bridge on Monday 25 July, setting off northwards along the road, and crossing over on the footbridge at the head of the creek. The horseflies were out in force as we climbed up

through the meadow, with extensive views south towards the bridge and the estuary beyond, emerging by the allotments above West Charleton Church. Climbing up to the beacon beyond the village, we reached Frogmore Creek to discover that the tide was too high to walk the foreshore, so we followed the field edges all the way to Frogmore. The Globe had just opened its doors, and so we all enjoyed a welcome refreshment stop in the pub garden, before heading back up the green lane via Duncombe Cross. A total of around 6 miles.

Annie Lukehurst

3 On 27 July seven walkers and three dogs tackled the one-way walk from Overbecks back to Thurlestone. The 10-plus mile distance seems to have put some of our number off but at least one Trumper completed the route for the first time. The day was a little overcast, as it was last year, with only one car needed for the outward trip as three walkers were going to Overbecks direct. This meant that the three dogs were sharing Ben the springer's boot and Oscar the Lab thought this didn't leave him the right amount of room to stretch out. Benji, smallest and youngest dog decided he deserved more space and wriggled past the safety grill to occupy the back seat with two surprised walkers. Fortunately it was only a brief trip before we could all emerge and start the walk after successfully linking up with the other three.

As always the views were glorious back to Salcombe and ahead to Bolberry, and we were grateful for the odd cool breeze. As a coastal walk it was, of course, difficult to get lost - although we had a breather after walking up out of Soar Mill Cove where Ben had a quick dip in the sea. With lunchtime beckoning, we took a slight detour down through Inner Hope and had a longer picnic/pub break before tackling the home straight.

It was the week before the opening of the new re-routed diversion around Lokua but we were not dogged by any mud on the right-angled circuit (which has now closed). It was rather unfortunate, however, that some

pungent muck-spreading on the adjacent field attracted the attention of the dogs - which meant another dip for all three during the remainder of the walk back along the sands and the ley. It was a really enjoyable walk as always and Benjy's longest ever.

If you like to see the coast in all its glory and can manage it, we'll see you next year!

George and Catherine Delafield

4 Friday 12 August was a brilliant day when four carloads of us parked near the high railway viaduct in north Ivybridge. We can presume that the world, plus wife and children, had gone to the beaches, leaving large swathes of woodland, meadow and moor with only Tramp for footfall.

Someone over the past three years has made a number of improvements to the path, especially in swampy ground near the Erme where there was a fairly new board-walk.

So thirteen of us (plus Ben and Bess) walked northwards through the shade of the really beautiful Erme woods, with the refreshing sound of the river never too far or faint. We passed the remnants of the swimming pool, constructed in the Second World War by American troops and nestling on the upstream side of an old and large animal pound. In the second mile the path emerged into sunny meadows and led towards Hall Farm. Here we were able to direct towards Harford a delightful and slightly lost German couple who had overtaken us in the woods. As it turned out, they were the only human contact we had outside the group during the whole walk!

We turned west and soon south on to Hanger Down, a huge open space with sheep, cattle and a few horses too. There is a prominent tree clump half way across the Down, with barbed wire round, but one old metal gate and one old wooden seat. This plus ample moss-covered tree roots was our picnic accommodation, with views of Dartmoor and the clay pits northward, and towards the Erme estuary and the sea to the south.

Moving southward again we left Hanger Down by a very overgrown "permitted" footpath to bracken-covered Henlake Down. Finally a short roadway brought us back to the cars. We hope everyone we didn't see had as wonderful a day as we had!

Peter Gornall

5 Wednesday 17th August presented itself as a good day for the walk at Lustleigh Cleave, excellent visibility, not too hot, light winds and a pretty reasonable forecast. This walk may well be considered as one that is physically challenging, geologically significant and historically interesting.

On arriving at the Trendlebere Down car park located high at the southern end of the Cleave, we were greeted by a magnificent view of the "v" shaped Cleave stretching away to the northwest, with the River Bovey below and Hunters Tor rising steeply in the distance on the eastern slopes.

It is neither the river nor the valley which gave the Cleave its name, but the great granite blocks and boulders that castellate its sides and lip. Cleave is derived from Old English *clif* (a cliff or bank). The name is also found in many minor Devon and Westcountry place names, including Clevedon in Somerset. Lustleigh Cleave shows better than anywhere else in Devon the dramatic effect on the landscape of the Sticklepath Geological Fault. Starting in Torbay, during the Tertiary period (2-60 million years ago), this massive wrench fault forms a line through the Bovey Basin, along the eastern side of Dartmoor and on to Bideford Bay on the north coast.

With the above expectations, our enthusiastic group set off down slope through Hisley Wood towards the fast flowing River Bovey. The bridle path terminated at Hisley Bridge, an ancient and beautiful footbridge across the River Bovey. The Bridge is one of many. Upstream are Clam Bridge, Horsham Steps and Hexworthy Bridge with Drakeford Bridge downstream.

After crossing the river, we followed a second bridle path that led us gently northwest up the eastern slopes of the valley through the pleasant environs of sun-lit woodlands. After a mile or so, the character and paths became more testing with outcrops of large weathered granite boulders. It was suspected that some had been organized into enclosures and /or shelters in ancient times.

A further push uphill led to the Sharpitor Nutcrackers (Logan Stone), a massive outcrop of granite, which provided panoramic views across the Cleave from North to South. Views included Haytor and Hound Tor to the Southwest and Manaton and Easdon Tor to the West. This outcrop is frequently used by

the climbing fraternity. Our group demonstrated their dexterity by viewing the Cleave from its most prominent edge, way above the river below.

The terrain now changed from woodlands to a gently rising but exposed ridge path leading to our picnic site, Hunters Tor, elevated at 320m. We were treated to full panoramic views of the lush lowlands of Lustleigh Cleave and Manaton, along with the aggressive granite highland outcrops of Haytor, Hound Tor, Rippon Tor and Hayne Down.

To the east of the tor are the remains of an Iron Age hill fort. It is thought that it was constructed, along with many others, to check the invading Romans. Local legend has it that a bloody battle between the local tribes and the Romans once took place here. Roman coinage has been found in the area.

We were now on the return leg of our journey, which started with a good downhill stretch to the River Bovey winding its way southwards through the Cleave. Our path led through Pecks Farm to the river at Foxworthy, a most delightful location complete with thatched cottages and a picturesque stone bridge.

A long and upward traverse of the eastern flanks of the Cleave returned us to the woodlands via Raven's Tor and Harten Chest, terminating with a welcome downhill stretch back to the River Bovey crossing at Woodash on the Eastern Flanks of Trendlebere Down. Our path now continued SE following the river and finally back to our cars and the comfort of casual shoes. (For future reference, this final section of the walk has been cleared of fallen trees and storm damage imposed by the severe storms during February over the past two years).

Thanks to all for turning out to make our walk so enjoyable.

Richard Swan

6 A glorious day for Tramping in the South Hams was forecast for Thursday 18 August, albeit with an easterly wind. Thirteen Tramps set off, accompanied by Ben, at the usual time bound for the start of the walk at Mothecombe Car Park (grid ref SX613476).

En route, we passed the 'Bull and Bear' gates erected by Edward Baring, Banker and director of the Bank of England, as the entry to a splendid 4 mile drive to his home,

Membland Hall, in about 1890. However, he was declared bankrupt in 1891 and the driveway was never built. The lodge by the gates indicates the architectural ebullience of the Baring Empire.

After parking at Mothecombe, we set off back up the lane to Battisborough Cross where two more examples of Baring chimney architecture were seen. Continuing in a northerly direction, we walked down narrowing lanes to Henna Mill and 5-ways Cross. Here we went west along a 'green lane' which was to be part of the 4 mile driveway – now just a reinstated track used by horses and motorbikes!

Before we turned south along Lambs Lane, some made a short detour to view a large flock of Alpacas grazing along the beautiful valley belonging to Pool Mill Farm. Lambs Lane is also a green lane and rises steeply up to the coast road for Noss Mayo. Halfway up, a 'water stop' was taken to admire the scenery across to Membland. Access to the coastal path is via a short lane from the coast road. Now the hard work started but, no matter, we were awed by the wondrous scenery and views along the coast. There was some sea mist and a little sun to enjoy.

We stopped for lunch just before Saint Anchorites Rock and sat on the soft, dry meadow sheltered from the east wind whilst enjoying good food, good company and some amazing views. From here the route back to Mothecombe is simply along the coastal path – except that it is far from simple! OK, it may be straightforward, perhaps, but the inclines either side of Bugle Hole allowed us to take rest stops with the excuse of not wanting to miss the ever changing beauty of the coast. On this section we experienced a short, sharp rain storm with drops the size of hailstones. Many of us got soaked as this was not forecast.

When we finally emerged into Meadowsfoot Beach, we stopped to admire the 'tea house' built by the Mildmay family as a place on the corner of their beach to picnic and 'take tea'. Then it was just a simple stroll back up to the car park to complete our 5.5 mile circuit. A 'really great Tramp experience' was the collective conclusion.

Mike Stickland

7 Dartmoor walks are always a joy when the weather holds good. The forecast was good and all augured well for the eleven of us who set out

in high spirits on Friday 26 August. We parked at Bel Tor Corner, expecting that we would enjoy a real Devon ice cream from the van on our return. From there we walked down the hill towards Poundsgate before going through fields and an old 'drovers lane' to Ponsworthy.

At Ponsworthy, we joined the Two Moors Way and walked along the West Webburn River valley for a mile before arriving in the hamlet of Jordan. Here we left the Two Moors Way and turned West for East Shallowford. Country lanes then took us North East to a different part of the Two Moors Way.

We stopped for our picnic lunch on a grassy bit of the moorland and had amazing views all around on this beautifully sunny day. Suitably replete, we set off again to go South over Corndon Down to Sherwell hamlet and then up a quiet lane and up the road for our ice cream. Guess what? The ice cream van was not there!

The walk was just under six miles in total but as there were no steep upward inclines we all felt that it had been a very easy walk. As ever, Dartmoor views lived up to our expectations, and a thoroughly enjoyable day had been experienced.

Mike Stickland

8 The bank holiday weather preceding the Widecombe Round walk had been glorious, but it all changed on the Wednesday morning of this walk. Nevertheless, six Trampers set off from Widecombe prepared for the stiff climb up on to Hamel Down and into a mist which quickly became quite a fog! So the promised 'glorious views' never materialised, but the colour of the heather and gorse made up for lack of visibility. The route took us past Grimspound which looked very bleak and uninviting for a refreshment stop so we walked on and found a convenient log to sit on for our lunch.

This marked the change in the weather and our walk back to the start via Honeybag Tor and Bonehill was very pleasant. The real high was the drink at the end in the Rugglestone Inn sitting outside in the sun retracing our seven and a half mile walk on the OS sheet.

Vanessa Barton

9 Our scheduled Dartmoor walk on Friday 9th September was cancelled due to the Police closing the intended starting point and general

area of our walk to accommodate the Tors cycle race finishing at Haytor. Disappointing, because the triangular walk of Haytor, Hound Tor and Saddle Tor is especially spectacular at this time of year due to the colouring of heathers, gorse and woodlands.

However, as this closure was only discovered the day before, our walkers met as planned and decided on a local favourite walk from East Soar Car Park, eastwards along the coast path to Sharpitor NT House and return via the inland path in an anti-clockwise direction.

The weather conditions provided good viewing out to sea and inland to the surrounding countryside. A breeze from the NW assisted in transporting our group over the coastal sections, especially on the steep descent to Starehole Bay where it became a little tricky.

However, our departure south from the car park to the coast path provided some stunning views out to sea. Our journey now proceeded south-eastward towards Bolt Head leaving Off Cove, Bolt Head and the two Mew Stones to our right and way below our path level.

A steep descent to Starehole Bay and then a climb to Sharp Tor now offered a bird's-eye view of the last resting place of the *Herzogin Cecilie*, the last of the famous four-masted windjammers. This fine vessel foundered on the Ham Stone at Soar Mill Cove one foggy night in April 1936, but finally sank in Starehole Cove a little later.

Geologically, the entire area is composed of Metamorphic Micaschists, providing sharp edged and dramatic profiles along the cliff face, especially obvious during the steep descent to Starehole Bay and then looking up to "The Rags" at Sharp Tor.

Our path now led us to Sharpitor House above Stink Cove, then an ascent to the inland high level path providing stunning views eastwards along the coast and NE up the Salcombe Estuary. Lunch was now becoming an urgent objective, so our pace quickened towards East Soar Farm where light liquid refreshments and serious slices of chocolate cake sat waiting.

Fully refreshed, we returned to our cars via the inland path to the NW, and to the comfort of casual shoes.

Thank you all for making a disappointing start to the day into a very enjoyable walk.

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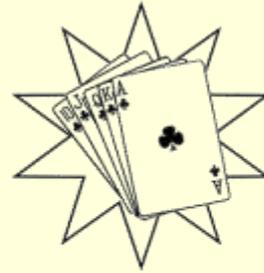
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Thurlestone Phonebox...Ring Ring

Summer, and what a fabulous summer it's been, draws to a close. Our bookshelves have been busy busy throughout and the donations tin in Sarah's shop rattling nicely.....many thanks.

The Phonebox's decorative support was obviously paramount in spurring Team GB on to Olympian record achievements and as I put pen to paper, or rather finger to keyboard, hoping for further successes in the Paralympics. You will have noticed the Olympic Gold Medals hanging inside, not exactly originals but the best the children's party shop can provide.



The Book of Thurlestone Limericks has just about sold out. When last checked there were only five left in the shop. They will now become collectables and start appearing on Antiques Roadshow. Halloween shortly upon us and the Ghouls have warned that once again they will be installing their hotline phone. Try it for a spine tingling experience.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 21st November at 6.00pm. Defibrillator Awareness Training (see separate announcement).

Monday 12th December at 4.30pm. The now traditional Carol Singing with, we hope, the added bonus of the School Choir giving us a rendering or two. More details in the next edition of Village Voice.

Be warned we may have to close your favourite library for a few days as we are expecting the decorators to give it a fresh lick of paint. Dates offered are a bit hit and miss but beggars can't be choosers.

It has been leaked that *Women's Weekly* will feature our Phonebox in one of their October numbers. Reserve a copy now for a scintillating read. Have fun and kick those autumn blues into touch.

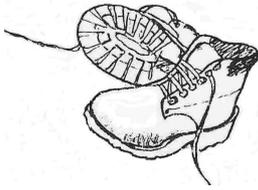
Kit Marshall

Buckland Box

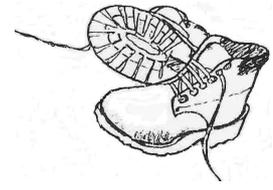
There is really very little news about the Box except that it is jogging along. Lamination of notices has prevented the snails feeding on them, although they continue to visit. I am delighted to say that the defibrillator has not been required, and that our maps of Buckland continue to be very popular.

It was disappointing to hear that, in the Neighbourhood Plan survey, only 40% of responders thought that it was worth keeping the Buckland Box as a heritage site. However, that was 40% of the responders in the parish, and we know that many people living in Thurlestone do not know where the Box is. To those of us who are lucky enough to live in Buckland, it is an important landmark when giving directions to our properties, and now it contains useful resources for those living in and visiting the village.

Anna Martin



TRAMP WALKS 2016



October, November, and December

No.	Day & Date	Length	Approximate route / location	Leaders
1	Tue 4 Oct	long	Dartmoor - Grimspound	Jenny Webb
2	Mon 10 Oct	short	Brixton Circuit	Linda Scott
3	Fri 21 Oct	long	Strete - Dartmouth	Alastair & Gill Durden
4	Wed 26 Oct	short	Cornwood	Christine Wilson
5	Fri 4 Nov	long	Beesands, Stokenham, Torr X	Alan & Alison Daily
6	Thur 10 Nov	short	Revelstoke coastal walk	George & C Delafield
7	Thur 17 Nov	long	Mount Edgecombe	John & Jane Mahood
8	Wed 23 Nov	long	Buckland & Avon Estuary	Anna & David Martin
9	Fri 16 Dec	short	Christmas Lunch walk	Mike & Vivien Stickland

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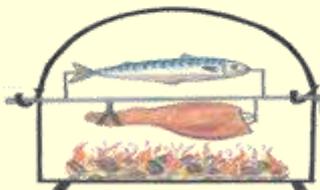


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First Lady

The Life & Wars of Clementine Churchill

By Sonia Purnell
(Aurum Press Ltd £9.99)

Although we know a lot about Winston, we know very little about Clementine Churchill. We've all seen the photographs, but what went on behind the scenes? Sonia Purnell has written a fascinating account of this lady's life. Both Clementine and Winston were neglected in childhood, but whereas he was pampered her's was a case of always making ends meet. Both were difficult characters. He always needing his comforts and his pampering - she (having suffered a violent father in early childhood) always an anxious person but one who could display a fiery temper.

Obviously both had much greater sides to their characters and, despite their differences, had a very successful marriage. Clementine did have to take occasional breaks away from Winston though, as life with him was - to put it mildly - quite stressful. As we know they were not very good parents, with only Mary the youngest growing up to have a happy life.

There really is so much to say about her that I shall have to condense it somewhat. She was a very intelligent, strong character, athletic (excellent at tennis) and very beautiful. She was constantly telling Winston that he must bear in mind the working people - she was a Liberal and didn't like the Tories much. It was she who organised countryside canteens for the munitions workers during WW1; she who encouraged Winston to ask for women's help in WW2; she who toured air raid shelters and, appalled by the conditions of the early ones, organised beds and blankets (through Beaverbrook), even ordering wide beds so that mother and baby could sleep together; she who throughout the war tempered his famous speeches so that they appealed to all the people. She did so much more, always keeping up with politics and trying to help and guide Winston, who could be even more difficult when out of office.

This is the book of an incredible woman, living through difficult times, meeting and charming difficult politicians, and through it all helping and encouraging Winston - which affected us all in the end.

Carolyn Taylor

Memories of a Country Boy's Life in Buckland

By Peter Hurrell
(Published privately)

Peter Hurrell was born and has lived his whole life in Buckland. This fascinating book about his life in Buckland also covers Bantham and Thurlestone. He was helped enormously by Milla Bassett who not only encouraged him to put 'pen to paper' but actually offered to help Peter to write his story by getting him to recount his tales while she typed them in on to her laptop. In fact, if you know Peter well and read his book you will 'hear his voice'. He recounts some delightful and interesting anecdotes of times gone by.

Peter owned a very successful building business and was on the Thurlestone Parish Council for 41 years and Chairman for 21 of those years. His love for the Parish is evident in this book, which is well illustrated by some fascinating photographs which are part of a large collection owned by him.

This book presents a story that is essential reading for historians and residents of the Parish, and is available from Thurlestone Post Office, Bantham Shop, or from Peter himself if you know where to find him.

Gillian Marshall

Arthur

The dog who crossed a jungle to find a home
By Mikael Lindnord
(Two Roads £14.99 hardback)

This is a truly, heart-warming story of a stray dog from Ecuador, befriended by Mikael Lindnord, an extreme sport enthusiast, who in November 2014, was leading a four person team, "Peak Performance", and taking part in the Adventure Racing World Championships. This was a 435 mile race, through the jungles and mountains of South America, crossing rivers and some of the toughest terrain imaginable.

The dog was offered a share of Mikael's food, when he took pity on the starving, bedraggled dog that appeared out of the jungle, whilst they were resting. The dog then attached himself to Mikael, following him through the muddy jungle trails, and even swimming alongside their kayaks.

Although they tried hard to lose him, Arthur, as he became known, didn't give up, despite having some serious, old and infected wounds. He kept up with Mikael and his fellow team mates, earning both their respect and love. He even finished the race with them!

The team decided to raise money through social media and publicity campaigns, and after much red tape and veterinary care, Arthur was allowed to go and start a new life with Mikael and his family in Sweden.

This true story was an extremely enjoyable book to read, and very difficult to put down, as you were taken on the journey with Mikael and his team. Both the 'highs' and the 'lows' left you feeling emotionally involved, and needing to know, 'what happened next?'

Alison Bone

The Horror of Love

Nancy Mitford and Gaston Palewski in London and Paris

by Lisa Hilton
(Phoenix £8.99)

Nancy Mitford (1904-73) was a glamorous, well-known, novelist and biographer from the nineteen thirties. The characters in her witty and light-hearted novels were often based on members of her own family and friends. In probably her most famous, "The Pursuit of Love", her long time lover Gaston Palewski was almost certainly the model for Fabrice de Sauveterre.

Nancy was one of the much written-about 'Mitford Girls', living in Paris post WW2 and becoming entranced with all things French, including Gaston, who became the great love of her life. He was a Free French commander who came to London in the service of General de Gaulle in the nineteen forties, going on to become one of France's most distinguished politicians and diplomats. Despite being described as "having a face like an unpeeled King Edward potato with acne-pitted skin and halitosis that could stop the traffic", he certainly wowed the ladies! He was adored by them - probably because he adored them - and was reputed to make passes at every woman who crossed his path, enjoying an astonishing degree of success.

It was Gaston who encouraged and inspired Nancy to write "The Pursuit of Love" and she who supported him loyally during the ups and downs of his political career. Their lives were lived amongst the most exciting and controversial figures of the period, surrounded

by the trappings of wealth and power. Sadly Nancy believed that one day she would marry her lover but Gaston always claimed that he could not marry her because she was a Protestant and divorced. He eventually went back on this principle, however, having always been fascinated by the aristocracy, and beautiful chateaux, by marrying a very rich Protestant divorcee, Violette de Pourtales.

Nancy kept up her witty and carefree demeanour, appearing to take the news of his defection in her stride. Gaston never lost his love for Nancy, however, and his marriage to the duchess proved to be a disaster. In a letter to her sister, Diana Mosley, Nancy exclaimed "Oh, the *horror* of love", which provided author Lisa Hilton with the title for this very revealing book.

The story of these two people illuminates not only the life of an extraordinary man, but also the work of one of the most popular and influential 20th century women writers .

Pat Macdonald

The Feast of July

By H E Bates
(Methuen Publishing Ltd £9.99)

Almost all of you will have read something by H E Bates. Maybe his tale of the roguishly endearing Larkin family, the first being *The Darling Buds of May*. Or perhaps his novels about service life, which were written under the pseudonym of 'Flying Officer X'. My favourite is *Fair Stood the Wind for France*, written in 1944.

The Feast of July was written in 1954, and is the story of Bella Ford. Aged 18, pregnant, she is abandoned by her lover, Arch Wilson. She vows to find him and, some day, kill him. Setting out somewhere in Middle England, Bates begins his lyrical descriptions of the English countryside in all its seasons. We feel the bone-hard relentless grip of winter and the heavy, hot, sultry air of summer. Half-dead from exhaustion, Bella is taken in by the Wainwrights. Though often near to starvation themselves, they nurse her back to health and she finds a degree of happiness with them. I love Bates's description of farming practices, pre-mechanisation. Life was very hard indeed.

Then, at the traditional Feast of July, the past makes a sudden reappearance; you will have to read for yourselves what happens! I love this book and have read it several times.

Deidre King

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WORK WITH PROFESSIONALS

The first of our two contributions comes from the pen of Val Palmer who, having been inspired by a morning spent judging the children's entries with husband Graham at the Thurlestone & South Milton Horticultural Show, immediately went home and found her Muse irresistible. She returned with the ink hardly dry upon the paper, and was persuaded to read her verse to the judges, much to their delight, at their lunch before the show opened to the public. We thought readers might like an opportunity to enjoy it too.



*Perfect tomatoes
Green red and yellow
Magnificent marrows
All plumpious and mellow
A table of eye-poppingly
Long runner beans
And nearby the twistiest
Carrots you've seen*

*Sausage rolls that appear
In all shapes and sizes
Some may taste good
But their looks won't win prizes!
Loaves fat and crusty
Fruit cakes with glazing
Millionaire's shortbread
(Aren't men just amazing?)*

*We mustn't forget
The handicraft classes
That offer a chance
To the non-gardening masses
All these delights
Are displayed if you go
To the T & S M
Horticultural Show.*

Our second contribution is a traditional piece of folklore about the burning qualities of wood and was sent in by Mike Barnes, clearly with thoughts of impending winter in mind.

*Beechwood fires are bright and clear if the logs are kept a year;
Chestnut only good they say if for long it's laid away;
Make a fire of elder tree, death within your house shall be;
But ash new or ash old is fit for queen with crown of gold.*

*Birch and fir logs burn too fast blaze up bright and do not last;
It is by the Irish said hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread;
Elmwood burns like churchyard mould e'en the very flames are cold;
But ash green or ash brown is fit for queen with golden crown.*

*Poplars give a bitter smoke, fills your eyes and makes you choke;
Apple will scent your room with an incense - like perfume;
Oaken logs if dry and old keep away the winter's cold;
But ash wet or ash dry a king shall warm his slippers by.*

National Trust South Hams Centre

Programme for October and November 2016

**Thursday
6 Oct**

A walk from Thurlestone Sands starting at South Milton. Meet in the car park there (GR675416) for a circular walk of about 4 miles towards Bantham. Return in time for a pub lunch.

**Tuesday
18 Oct**

Coach trip to Mapperton House & Gardens, Beaminster, Dorset. Country Life named the house 'The nation's finest manor house'. There is a café or bring a picnic

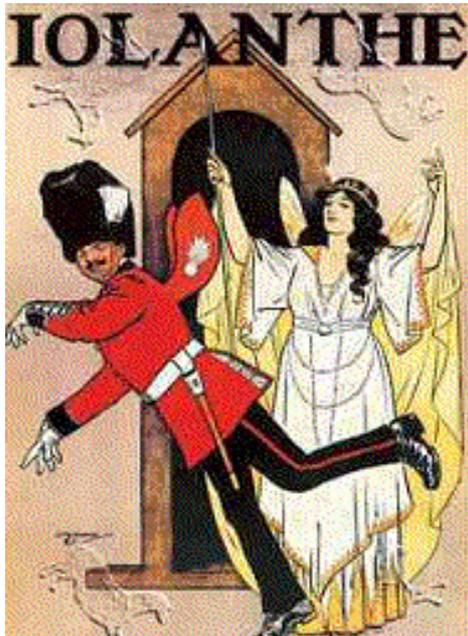
**Friday
4 Nov**

Coffee Morning at Avon Mill, Loddiswell, 10.30 am to noon. Meet for coffee upstairs and enjoy choosing cards and gifts from the Overbeck's table. Afterwards visit the garden centre's shops for tempting Christmas goodies. Entrance £3.50 includes coffee. All are welcome.

**Friday
9 Nov**

Coach trip to Tavistock & Cotehele (NT). Late morning and lunch in Tavistock, then on to Cotehele to see the famous Christmas Garland and listen to the choir performing in the Great Hall. The Barn Restaurant and shops will be open.

For information about these events, or about joining the National Trust South Hams Centre (just £5 a year), please contact Joan Johnstone on 01548 857014 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm).



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Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show

This year's Show, held on Saturday, 6th August in Thurlestone Parish Hall, attracted 339 entries of which sadly only 10 were for the children's sections - with none at all for the 11-15 year olds. The Committee would love to see more children's entries so children, if you have some suggestions for classes for next year's Show, please contact the Show Secretary on (01548) 562250 and let her know what classes you would like to see in the schedule.

The quality of grown exhibits was once again high despite a cold and wet Spring. Sally Martin starred in the handicrafts section by walking away with all three trophies and David Coward had equal success in the vegetables and fruit section. Anne Rogerson's wonderful creativity saw her win four of the five flower arrangement classes and, therefore, the Kingsbridge Garden Shop Cup. 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.

Next year's Show will be held on Saturday, 5th August 2017 in South Milton Village Hall with a closing date for entry forms of Tuesday, 1st August (6.00 pm). The schedule of classes, show rules and entry forms will be available from May 2017 onwards from Thurlestone Shop, Bantham Stores, Thurlestone Parish Hall and South Milton Village Hall and online at www.south-milton.org.uk (click on the Hort. Show tab and follow the instructions there).

Cup Winners

Stewart Goodwin Cup – J. Harrison	Oswald Junior Cup – G & E Malaperiman
Ben Horn Memorial Cup – D.Coward	Master Chef Trophy – T. Lee
Yeo Cup – D. Coward	Oswald Senior Cup - C. Adams
Fruit & Vegetable Cup – D. Coward	Doris Tyler Trophy – P. Leare
Cut Flowers & Pot Plants – T. Church	Domestic Challenge Cup – L. Gunning & M. Wright
Marshall Cup – D. Parker-Swift	Doris Jackson Trophy – S. Martin
Wray Cup – D. Parker-Swift	Handicraft Cup - S. Martin
Kingsbridge Garden Shop Cup – A. Rogerson	The Millman Cup - S. Martin
President`s Tankard – J. Turner	South Milton Resident`s Cup – T. Gilkes
Under 5`s Cup – A. Carrelli	Thurlestone Resident`s Cup – T. Church
5 - 7`s Cup – A. Brogan & E. Midgley	The Lonsdale Cup – T. Gilkes
Derrick Yeoman Cup -- E.Malaperiman	The Lynn Gunning Cup – M. Wright

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

Cut flowers and pot plants - D. Parker-Swift; children under 5 - A. Carrelli; children 5-7 years old - A. Brogan; cookery - J. Sparrow; handicrafts - S. Martin; drawings and paintings - S. Martin; flower arranging - A. Rogerson.

Shields for having won the same cup for three consecutive years:

T. Church (Cut Flowers & Pot Plants Bowl)
D. Brown (President's Tankard)
T. Church (Wray Cup)
D. Coward (Yeo Cup)

Thurlestone and South Milton Horticultural Show (continued)

Individual class winners:

Vegetables and fruit:

Oval potatoes, white - D. Coward; oval potatoes, coloured - D. Coward; round potatoes, white - D. Coward; round potatoes, coloured - T. Church; shallots, excluding hybrid but including banana shape - D. Coward; shallots, hybrid - T. Church; runner beans - D. Coward; french beans - D. Coward; onions, grown from seed - B. Newman; onions, grown from sets - T. Church; peas - D. Coward; carrots, stump - D. Coward; carrots, long or intermediate - D. Coward; beetroot - D. Coward; lettuces - D. Coward; courgettes - T. Church; tomatoes, excluding cherry cultivars - D. Coward; novelty tomatoes, excluding Beefsteak - D. Brown; cherry tomatoes - T. Gilkes; parsley - M. Wright; marrows - T. Church; leeks - T. Church; herbs - M. Wright; longest runner bean - K. Luscombe; heaviest onion - B. Newman; collection of potatoes - D. Coward; salad potatoes - T. Church; Top Tray - D. Coward; My Garden in a Basket - D. Coward; funniest misshapen vegetable - T. Gilkes.

Flowers and Pot Plants:

fuchsia heads - T. Church; ball dahlias - T. Church; decorative dahlias - M. Tregelles; cactus dahlias - T. Church; gladioli - T. Church; sweet peas - L. Anderton; pansies - T. Church; hybrid tea roses - D. Parker-Swift; rose bloom - D. Parker-Swift; floribunda rose - T. Church; hydrangeas - T. Church; annuals - T. Church; pot of flowering bulbs - E. Gilkes; foliage pot plant - D. Brown; flowering pot plant, excluding fuchsia & pelargonium - L. Darch; pot grown fuchsia - J. Turner; pot grown pelargonium - T. Church; stems of flowering shrubs - D. Brown; vase of garden flowers - J. Harrison.

Cookery:

marmalade - P. Lonsdale; raspberry jam - M. Wright; other variety of jam - M. Wright; lemon curd - J. Sparrow; chutney - M. Wright; loaf of bread made with a bread making machine - E. Gilkes; loaf of bread made in the traditional manner - E. Gilkes; sausage rolls - P. Leare; boiled fruit cake - J. Sparrow; cherry and ginger cake (women only) - P. Leare; millionaires shortbread (men only) - T. Lee; rock cakes - L. Gunning.

Handicrafts:

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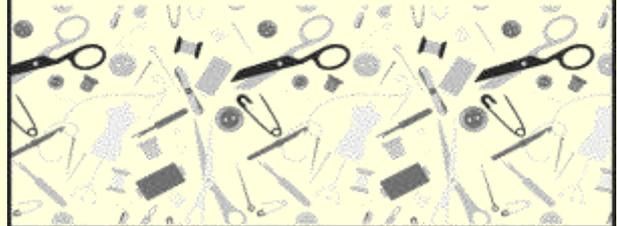
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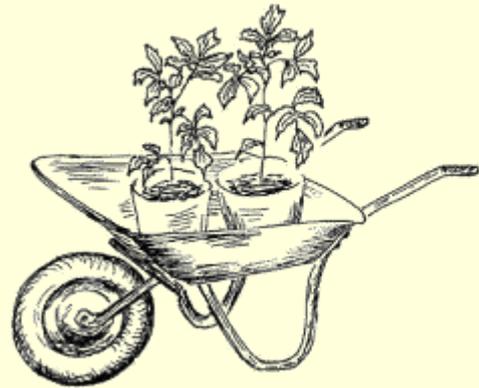
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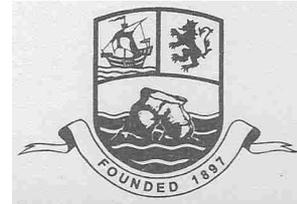
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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Well, well, well, what happened to the rather pleasant August weather? Whilst the East coast sweltered in blistering sunshine, here in the South West September began as though winter had appeared rather early causing the abandonment of the two major attractions - the Seniors' Open and the Canada Cup. Happily both events have been rearranged for the second and third of October, when it is hoped that the sun will be shining and play available.

The three ladies teams have completed all their matches now and the Sheelah Creasy team got through to the quarterfinals at Staddon where they played Bovey Tracey in August. Unfortunately they lost the match by two and a half to four and a half, but this was a great effort. Well done to the team and captain Wendy Laud. In August the Duchess and Junior cups were played with 40 entries. The winner of the Duchess cup in Division One was Mary Rawsthorn (15) net 69, from runner up Gill Hicks (13) nett 72. The Division Two winner and Junior cup winner was Sheila Fairley (26) net 66; she also got a hole in one on the 13th. Other ladies competitions have had good entry numbers and will be reported in the Lady Captain's newsletter.

The juniors had a wonderful season winning all their Devon league matches and qualified as top of their division for championship day. Unfortunately Bigbury beat them on extra holes at Stover in the morning session but they beat Tavistock in the afternoon session. They are in the semifinals of the Tamar cup in September against Yelverton. They also played Tavistock again for the League cup at Staddon and won by 3-2 matches on extra holes. Oliver Griffiths won the junior prize with 44 points on Captains prize day, which was the best score of the day. It appears that the tuition of Steve White and his team has been handsomely rewarded.

During the course of the season the seniors have held a number of matches: St Mellion - away, narrowly lost; Teignmouth - away, narrowly lost. However taking home & away, we halved. Tavistock - at home, we won. Still to play are Dainton, Yelverton and Tavistock away. Seniors Captains' away day was held at Honiton Golf Club where an 18 Hole serious competition was played, but it included some less serious events, followed by a 2-course meal and loads of prizes.

The mixed teams, under the auspices of Wendy Laud, played home match against Churston with a successful result. For the men's matches there has been mixed success, with a home loss to Bigbury in the Avon Lantern, a very good half away at Churston with a win by 4 -2 in the return match at home.

A new initiative instigated by Keith Crawford was the six-hole Stableford competition on Tuesday evenings throughout August. These were very successful with many members playing and afterwards socializing in the bar.

The Captain's prize day held on August Sunday bank holiday found many winners via the combined medal/ Stableford competition, nearest the pin on all par three holes, and the opportunity of beating Steve or Jack on the first tee. They played exceptionally well, losing only six times against the 105 members who attempted the feat. Both worked very hard and deserve our thanks for their efforts. Main prizewinners were Steve Pike who had the lowest gross score, and Simon Davey the best Stableford result in the first division. At this point I must add that I am certain Simon provided his wife, Lesley, with an extra present, as it was their 34th wedding anniversary.

It almost goes without recording that the chipping competition was won by our junior captain, George Holland. Although there was not a prize for a hole in one at the chipping it was another junior who recorded the only single, the 8 year old Noah Mulligan. All in all a happy and successful summer period for the club and with only a few remaining

seasonal matches to be played, we look forward to the more regular life on both the golf course and the tennis courts.

Alastair Proctor

LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The last two months have been hectic with competitions and team matches each week but the weather has been great for golf. The three ladies teams have completed all their matches now and the Sheelah Creasy team won 4 out of 6 matches and got through to the quarter-finals at Staddon where they played Bovey Tracey in August. Unfortunately they lost the match 2½ - 4½, but this was a great effort. Well done to the team and captain Wendy Laud.

In July, it was the ladies Fourball Team Open, with 108 ladies from 17 different golf clubs playing. The winners were the team from Parkstone in Poole, Dorset with 96 points, from Somerset's Burnam & Berrow team with 95 points.

July was the ladies Stableford with the Veterans and Venerable Vets trophies. There was a field of 45 and conditions were very windy. The winner in division one was Jenny Roberts (2) with 36 points from Elizabeth Hay (14) with 35. In division two the winner was Bernice Sweetman (22) with 38 points and she also won the Veterans trophy. Runner-up in division two was Jan Stevens (28) with 36. The winner of the Venerable Vets trophy was Janet Richardson.

In August it was the ladies medal and Allcomers cup, held on a sunny but windy day which saw the CSS go up to 74. The overall winner came from division two, Pam St Leger (22) came in with a nett 71, and a handicap reduction to 20. Runner-up in that division was Paula Orr (29) with 73. In division one the winner was Zoe Lepere (18) with nett 73, from Jenny Roberts (2) on 75.

A couple of finals of knockouts have been played, and congratulations go to Janet Richardson and Peter Hartley who won a hard fought battle to win The Royal Marine Cup on the 18th over Keith and Denise Crawford. The final of the ladies Veterans Salver was played in a four ball better ball and won by Wendy Laud and Pam St Leger

3 & 2 against Ann Best and Roberta Price.

Wednesday 24th August was the ladies American foursomes competition, the winners being Jane Mason and Sarah Hartley with 47 points, and runners-up were Sara Harkness and Jennifer Roberts with 44 points. The Cancer Relief Goblets mixed was played in August and the winners were John and Liz Savery with 42 pts, from Hamish and Pattie McPhie with 41 pts on countback from Graham and Barbara Smith. They had a large entry of 26 couples and raised £118 for the Cancer charity. Fabulous weather, and the Greensomes format was enjoyed by all.

The August EG medal and the Breakthrough brooch was won in the Bronze division by Liz Barker with an excellent nett 66, from runner-up Sally Rossiter with 68. In the silver division the winner was Victoria Gibbens with another excellent score of 66, from Sara Harkness with 69 - fantastic scoring on a bright sunny day. Victoria won the brooch on countback from Liz. A donation was sent to the Cancer charity.

In September we played a mixed match against Churston, winning 7 - 1. The Match was an American Foursomes format which all enjoy and was followed by a lovely meal. Good golf, good weather, good company - what more can we ask for? We have one more match this year - against Stover.

On Sunday 4th September the final of the Scratch Matchplay trophy took place. It was a tight fought match going down to the 18th hole. Jenny Roberts (2) was one up on Laura Tregelles (5) after 17 holes. They both had tremendous drives on the 18th and were on the green in three. Both holed out for a par which left Jenny the winner by one up.

I am looking forward to some quieter months now from October and hope the weather will be kind to us. We have the presentation evening in November when all the cups and trophies will be given out.

Yvonne Pike

JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

It has been one of the best seasons for our juniors as they have won every match in the West Devon League against Boringdon, Bigbury, and Yelverton. Thurlstone qualified

for championship day at Stover and played Bigbury in the morning session. George Holland won comfortably by 6 & 4. Ethan Bellamy, up against a Devon County player, lost on the 18th 2 down. Finn Whelan met an 11 handicapper and eventually went down by 3 & 2. Ben Woods had to give 11 shots to his opponent and after a close match they shook hands on a well-deserved half. The foursomes pairing of Charlie Evans and Toby White finally won 3 & 2, which meant the match was drawn 2½ - 2½. This meant that the match had to be decided by a sudden death playoff between the two captains, and it was the Bigbury captain who won the decisive hole. In the afternoon sessions Thurlestone beat Tavistock 3-2.

A great year for the Academy, Juniors and the team who have been continually supported by the club, Steve White and his team, parents and club members. Special thanks to the Lady Captain Yvonne and her husband Dave for attending and supporting the team on Finals day at Stover, really appreciated by the whole team.

The juniors won their quarter-final match against Borrington in the Tamar Cup and are due to play Yelverton in the semifinals on 25th September. Unfortunately they lost against Yelverton 2-1 in the Basil Steer semifinals at Torquay, but this was the first time they have reached the semifinals in that knockout competition, so well done.

In the men's midweek Stableford in August was in the school holidays seven juniors played in it. In division one they scooped the first three places, with Ethan Bellamy (13) in first place with 41 points on countback from junior captain George Holland (6) also 41, and George Messias (10) 39 points in third place. All three earned a handicap reduction of one stroke. In division two the winner was another junior Alfie Messias (27) 44 points and a handicap cut to 24, and Noah Mulligan (25) 38 points also scored well.

The juniors had a lot of success on Captains day in August. Oliver Griffiths (26) won the juniors prize with 44 points and had a handicap reduction to 23. George Holland won the chipping competition and George Messias got a two. Noah Mulligan got 38 points and had a handicap reduction to 24.

7th August saw the West Devon Junior League Adult/Junior foursomes, played at

Staddon Heights. The Thurlestone pairs Mark Chapman/Charlie Evans and Nigel Whelan/Finn Whelan scored well to match winners Staddon, but lost on countback.

On 18th September the Junior team beat Tavistock in the West Devon League Champions Cup at Staddon Heights to become West Devon champions, and now play in the Harry Truscott Cup, which will decide which Junior team becomes the champions of Devon.

Liz Line

TENNIS CLUB REPORT

Another good season for the tennis section at Thurlestone Golf Club with only two events lost to rain over 6 weeks. All the 'Cup' matches for the Holiday Programme were completed and many children and their parents benefited from the fresh air, exercise and camaraderie which tennis at Thurlestone provides.

Locally tennis has continued with mix-ins, the Club tournament knock out matches as well as the End of Season event and Presentation Evening. With a slightly smaller entry than usual due to holidays the 'End of Season' was won by Malcolm Franke and Jacqui Wallace with runners up Julie Hanham and Cathy Shea, all receiving Thurlestone village mementoes.

The Club Tournament played throughout the summer produced some close matches with the final result as follows.

- # Singles winner: *Nicky Came*
- # Singles runner up: *David Martin*
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- # Doubles runners-up: *Julie Hanham & Val Palmer*
- # Doubles plate winners: *Mike Vere & Sally Roberts*
- # Doubles plate runners-up: *Allan Duguid & Sue Duguid*

Thanks go to Vic Dyer and his team for the excellent condition of the grass courts throughout the summer.

Janet Richardson

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Eating Out Locally

Continuing our readers' accounts of their visits to local restaurants, here is John King's account of an evening at Maha-Bharat in Kingsbridge

Wikipedia describes Curry as "a dish originating in the cuisine of the Indian subcontinent. The common feature is the use of complex combinations of spices or herbs, usually including fresh or dried hot chillies".

Despite being a student in the east end of London I did not get into the curry culture until well postgraduate, and found there was plenty of variety to be discovered. Punjabi at Lahore¹ in Commercial Street is spicy but not hot; Bangladeshi is very Brick Lane and can be hot; Pakistani tends to be more meaty and Mala (North and South India) in St Katherine's Dock comes in with Mulligatawny soup, tikka and tandoori.

It is now at least a monthly treat but where? Which brings us to **Maha-Bharat** (Bengali and Indian cuisine) in Mill Street, Kingsbridge.

Booking for even a Thursday night at just the beginning of the season was necessary. The staff were smartly turned out and welcoming. We were shown to a table for two but with quite a steep step en-route with no warning. The place was crowded but even then the table seemed a little cramped. Drinks came promptly and we settled to the menu; we then found the lighting idiosyncratic. It varies in intensity and colour which I am sure must be state of art in the "Indian" restaurant genre but at my age makes reading a long menu more challenging than comfortable (remember the torch button on the phone).

The menu is lengthy but clearly set out and as always there is a full vegetarian choice. Wine is available by the glass (I rather like a full red with my curry these days) and there are bottled and draught beers.

We started with Masala Papadum which came with the usual salad (does it change?) and traditional sauces but no lime pickle to be had. Mixed Kebab followed with chicken and lamb tikka and Sheek Kebab, the latter being on the spicy side for Mrs K who is quite conservative in these matters. For main was Balti chicken Kurma (Korma in other places) with coconut sauce which was mild with good flavour. I had Balti prawn Dansak described as hot spicy and sour. It was delightfully spicy and sour, but the heat was lukewarm by my standard.

It is not overpriced, the loos are accessible with the decor worth a visit itself. There is parking on the quay or you can risk the very few spaces at the end of Mill Lane. To make a booking you can phone 01548 857072 or 856003. Open: 5.30pm until 11.30pm daily, Mon-Sat open lunch-times from 12pm to 2.00pm. The website at www.mahabharatonline.co.uk displays a list of their specialities on an on-line menu.

We enjoyed it to the extent that we decided to pop in again for lunch not long afterwards but turned back as we would have been the only diners!

John King

And "Eating Out Locally" continues with Vivien Stickland discovering what is available at the "new look" Bantham Village Store and Coffee Terrace



At first glance, Bantham Village Store is just a village shop equipped with a red letter box and telephone kiosk and adorned with gorgeous hanging baskets.

But inside, you will not only find shelves stocked with a wide range of items from bread to sand buckets; sugar to surfing gear, toys and trolleys to towels (all remarkably displayed in a compact way that is clean and clutter free) but you'll also find a licensed café with the benefit of Bantham's picturesque seascape.

On the menu to eat in, or take away are: **Breakfasts** priced from £2 (for a light bite) to £7 for the full English breakfast. Alternatively, for a fair moderate price, a bacon or sausage sandwich. **Lunches** offer homemade soup at £4.95. Jacket potatoes, and baguettes with a selection of fillings, including brie, bacon and cranberry. Pies have steak, cheese and onion fillings, and there are sausage rolls. The house lunch special is a Salcombe Smokie mackerel fillet salad. Vegetarians and kiddies are catered for... and a box of toys is provided.

We chose a table on the terrace behind the shop where, even at low tide when the scene is sandy, the view of the river estuary is simply beautiful. A brass telescope is set up to bring Bigbury, Burgh Island and beyond, clearly into view.

We arrived after a morning walk on the coastal path. The sun was warming while a wind chilled us and we kept up a brisk pace. The sounds of the sea and wind were in harmony. Now and again we saw the bobbing of a rabbit's white tail. It was pretty, but notices warn of adders in a conservation area behind a loose fence so we kept to the path. By the time we reached the shop, not far beyond the pub, we were ready for hot drinks. The service came with cheerful welcoming chat.

On the terrace the furniture is rustic from weathering and the perfect place for a view of Burgh Island and the River Avon. A splendid swivelling dining Pod can be reserved for breakfast or lunch creating a different experience. Although our table is in the open, it is sheltered from the south westerly wind and we absorb the estuary view and the folly where a foot ferry carries walkers across the river mouth. Today there are craft at moorings and, on the opposite side, a golf course tractor cuts grass as we wait for our drinks. In the undisturbed tranquillity, birds' songs are full-throated and a hungry robin comes trustingly to our table for crumbs.

The hot chocolate is rated 'The Best' you can get. The Cappuccino is excellent too. Perfect hot drinks in generous cup sizes enjoyed with fresh pastries. A once sea-worthy rowing boat and a wheelbarrow are now plant containers. A wall mural is in tune with the nautical theme and in keeping with nearby nautical flags. There's a barbecue roaster on one side and cane fencing maintains the natural look to hide plastic covered equipment. Terraces on two levels provide seating for 50, and there are four more tables indoors when it's not nice out.

Bantham Village Store and Coffee Terrace is open all year round. In the winter months beginning November, it opens later and closes earlier. Phone 560645.

Vivien Stickland



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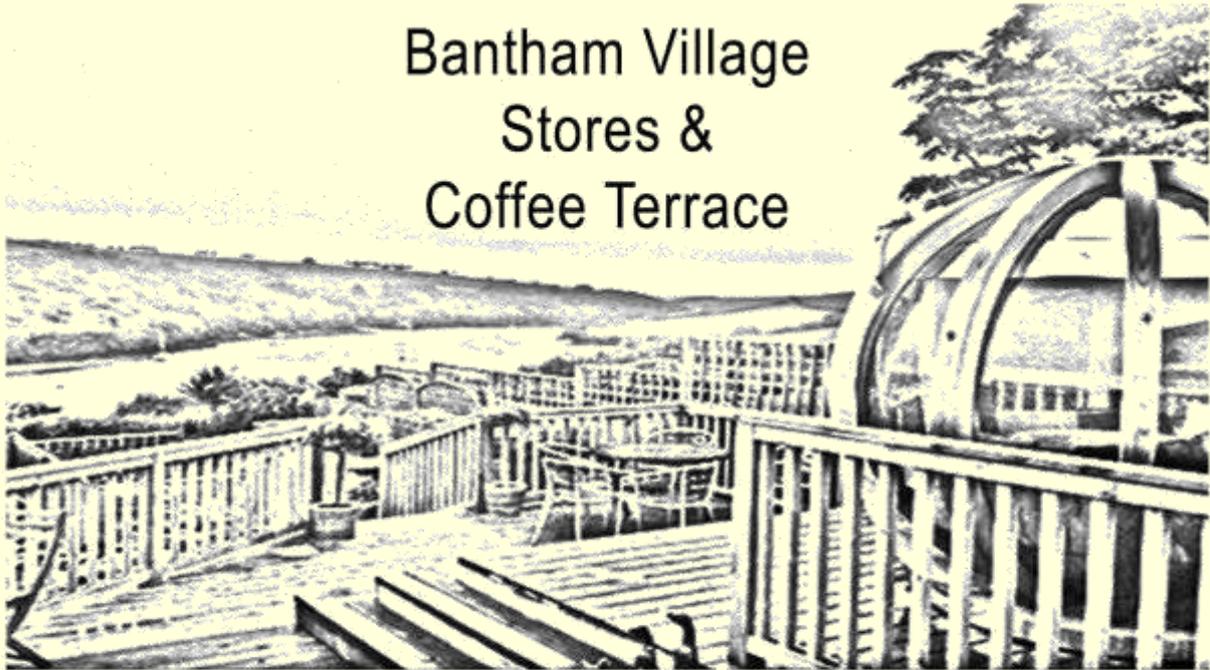
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Weather Wag

By Jan Turner

This afternoon I went on to Thurlestone Sands to walk Kerra my lovely Flatcoated Retriever. She adores a good swim chasing after a ball. There was a definite edge to the temperature, something like Autumn. But the temperature of the water was like a tepid bath. It is well known that the sea temperature is at its highest in early September, and this year the air temperature has been much higher than usual so the water is correspondingly warmer. Sadly, the beach was almost empty of people - in fact there were more dogs than people today.

This September has been unseasonably warm, for which I am very thankful. My Dad would say "Makes the winter shorter", and I suppose there is some truth in that. I feel that winter really begins when the clock goes back, which this year is on 30th October. Long may this quiet, warm and dry weather last - there will be plenty of the other later in the year, I'm sure! The farmers are all taking a last cut of silage off some of their grass fields and much of the winter sown corn is in and now germinating.

Weather observers have all been busy noting records of one sort or another, and there are several this year that will make some difference when all the workings out are done at the end of the year. So far there have been reports that:

- the first half of September was warmer on average than June, July and August.
- Several records have tumbled during these recent weeks. The hottest spot was at Gravesend in Kent = 34.4°C or 93.9°F on Tuesday 13th September, the hottest September temperature in Britain since 1911.
- It also broke the hottest day of the year recorded at Faversham in Kent = 34.1°C or 93.3°F, **and** it was the first time the hottest day of the year has been recorded in September for 25 years.

Sadly, or perhaps excitingly, the end result of such periods of heat is a thumping thunderstorm. This year is no exception with storms of great violence occurring over the east of the country. We have had some heavy showers now and again and some longer periods of rain. Saturday 4th September was the worst of these with 35mm of rain between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. I know this because I was helping to ring the bells at Thurlestone church for a wedding. It turned out to be memorable for being an almost under-water event. The journey home past the golf club was interesting, as there was more flood water in the dip than I have ever seen before, and my driver resorted to two wheels on the bank (the car being rather low slung) for a one-sided few yards!

I found a waterfall inside my front porch. I don't know where it entered the wall - have to wait till next time and keep a watch! However, we were let off very lightly compared to the east of the country. Paul Simons in *The Times* states that '*Railways were swamped, lanes were closed on the M4, M40 and M25, two houses were badly damaged by lightning strikes and a man in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, was flung backwards while he was filming lightning on his mobile phone from a garage.*'

The World Meteorological Organisation recently announced two world records for lightning. On June 20th 2007, a lightning flash was found to have shot horizontally over a distance of 200 miles, from south of Tulsa, Oklahoma, towards the Texas

border. This means that the lightning appeared far away from its parent thunderstorm - and showed that a bolt out of the blue is no urban myth. Most lightning bolts only last a few seconds but some may under exceptional conditions last for more than 5 seconds. Should you be caught out in a thunderstorm, or even hear thunder in the distance, the advice is to take shelter or make yourself as small as possible. If on a golf course or high up on the moor, for example, curl up close to the ground. If in your home-- stay there. If in a car – stay there.

Having looked up 'lightning' in a new book I have, there are some further facts that you may be interested in. Although I did not see the spectacle, there was a show of sheet lightning not long ago in the early hours of the morning that lasted for ages. There are generally four types of lightning (I have written briefly about these before). They are:

- 1) Cloud to ground, 2) Cloud to cloud, 3) Sheet lightning, 4) Ball lightning.

All of these are the result of a build-up of electrical charges within the clouds, but when seen from the ground, the lightning can take a variety of forms. So the four different types all have slightly different behaviours. Very briefly, (I quote from MET Office publication *Weather Eyewitness Companions*):

1) Cloud to ground. This lightning starts within a cloud when the potential difference reaches 3 million volts per metre (1 million volts per foot). What we see is the return flash as the leaders (invisible to us) meet the object from which the positive charge is released, e.g., a tree or large building or a person exposed on a deserted surface like the moor. Forked lightning occurs when more than one leader makes contact from the ground. When cloud to ground strikes occur, 90% are negative but occasionally they are positively charged, such as in severe storms, and they have a stronger current and a longer-lasting flash, and can be extremely destructive.

2 & 3) Cloud to cloud, and sheet lightning. This lightning occurs within the cloud formation, when electricity is discharged from one part of a cloud to another or between neighbouring clouds. It does not contact the ground. We can view it as sheet lightning which just lights up the cloud, or it can be seen flashing across the base of a thunder cloud. (Cumulonimbus) - often very dramatic to witness.

4) Ball lightning. This is very unusual and has only been seen a few thousand times. It takes the form of a brightly luminous "ball" of plasma about 8-12 inches in diameter. Most sightings seem to appear at the same time as the lightning strike, and seem to "float" slowly through the air or dart around. It may last for several minutes. Some reports that I have read have described an explosion when they eventually contact something, or they just disappear. Ball lightning has been known to enter buildings. Scientist still do not know how it is formed and relevant data is still scarce. Some experiments in Laboratories have not yet explained the phenomenon.

The forecasters say that the latter part of September will be cooler and more seasonal, but I hope that the winter months will be seasonal. Mother Nature is in command but have we dared to interfere, albeit unwittingly, in the nature of our seasons? I am quite looking forward to winter and all that it brings. We are due a cold one soon aren't we? Some dry, frosty weather would be good. What I don't want is a repeat of last year's rain and gales day after day. Our coastline needs a rest and so do the trees and coastal gardens (that sounds like a plea from the heart!).

Get the wood organised for the wood-burners and stay safe in the storms.

DIARY DATES

October

- Sunday 2 **Harvest Thanksgiving & Lunch**,
Monday 3 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Yeo Room
Tuesday 4 TRAMP, Dartmoor/Grimspound (long)|
Monday 10 TRAMP, Brixton circuit (short)
Thursday 13 WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Windsor Royal Family Scandal)
Saturday 15 Beach Clean, Gara Beach, tba
Tuesday 18 N Plan **Focus Group** (Local Economy), Parish Hall, 7pm
Friday 21 TRAMP Dartmouth Festival from Strete (long)
Wednesday 26 TRAMP Cornwood (short)
Wednesday 26 KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church, 7.30pm (Silver/Social Customs)
Thursday 37 KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church, 10.30am (Ian Pickford)

November

- Tuesday 1 N Plan **Focus Group** (Housing), Parish Hall, 7 pm
Thursday 3 Soups & Puds, Parish Hall, 12-2pm
Friday 4 TRAMP, Beesands, Stokenham, Torr X (long)
Monday 7 Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 10 TRAMP, Revelstoke coastal walk (short)
Thursday 10 WI, Parish Hall, 2.30pm (Devon, historical & hysterical)
Saturday 12 G & S **Iolanthe**, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm (see advert)
Thursday 17 TRAMP, Mount Edgcumbe (long)
Monday 21 Defibrillator Awareness, 6pm, Thurlestone Hotel (see ad)
Wednesday 23 TRAMP, Buckland & Avon Estuary (long)
Wednesday 23 KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church, 7.30pm (Antiques)
Thursday 24 KEDFAS, K'b Methodist Church, 10.30am (Mark Hill)

December

- Saturday 3 **High Society** Jazz & Dance, Parish Hall, 7.30pm (see ad)
Monday 5 Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

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