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As Summer draws to a close we can reflect on a hugely successful holiday season. Unprecedented numbers of visitors have travelled to our popular area to enjoy the delights that we are fortunate enough to have at our disposal for the whole year. There may have been minor inconveniences such as busy roads, packed car parks and restaurants fully booked whenever we fancied treating ourselves. However, the benefits to the local economy must far outweigh any downsides. Now we can look forward to a quieter period and return to our more routine timetables. Clubs are restarting as restrictions ease so why not resolve to take up a new interest to help pass the Autumn and Winter months? The Parish Hall offers several opportunities so take a look at what is available. If you enjoy fresh air and exercise, peruse the TRAMP schedule to see the variety of local walks on offer.

The Bantham Bathers were hard at work over recent months training and preparing for the huge challenge of swimming the English Channel to raise money for several charities. On 7<sup>th</sup> Sept they completed their marathon swim and our congratulations go to all of them for their resilience and bravery. Read the story of their exploits inside.

Yes, there have been many positives of late but, unfortunately, we have to bring very sad news about two well-known and well-loved members of our community.

Alison Bone was on holiday in Crete with her husband Mike when she died suddenly and very unexpectedly. Alison was a highly-valued member of the Village Voice team and we shall miss her company and her contribution tremendously. Our deepest condolences go to Mike and his family.

Al Parker was involved in Village Voice production for 27 years and was instrumental in ensuring its continuation when it was close to folding in 1994. He continued to work with the team until he moved away in 2020. We were sorry to hear that Al passed away recently at the grand age of 94. Again, we send our deepest sympathy to Al's family.

You will be able to read more about these two special people in this edition, which is dedicated to them.

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# District Councillor Report

## Not an easy year



The influx of visitors this summer has been a needed boost for businesses and the local economy, but it has not been easy with the rise in covid cases and difficulty in getting staff. The lack of residential letting accommodation in the area has been highlighted, as the focus has been on holiday letting with an increase in Airbnb.

With the number of visitors in the area we have all experienced the traffic jams in the lanes, poor and even bad parking, which has been worse than previous years, add to that the volume of litter in the area, on beaches, in bins or left around bins. To give you an idea of how bad it has been, comparing the same day on one of the summer weekend litter bin collection rounds pre-covid against this summer it went from 3.5 tonne to 12 tonne.

The District Council Localities Officers have been out keeping an eye on the beaches and village areas, keeping litter down and clearing bins if they have been overflowing and checking public toilets.

It has been helped by residents reporting in problems when you have seen them, thank you.

I cannot write this article without mentioning the failure of the residential recycling and waste collections. Many of you have had to put up with problems for a year now, starting with the round and day changes, with it gradually getting worse and now with the brown bin collection suspended. Although some residents have not had problems, many of you have, with repeated missed collections of either recycling, black and brown bins or all of them. Worse still, some assisted collections have been missed.

There is frustration with reporting the failed collections online, when they are still not collected, or it is repeated. Some have given up reporting, please do report online it is important. There is a penalty clause within the contract, meaning if bin collections are not taking place there is a penalty to FCC – if the bins are missed again there is an additional penalty. Also please let me or Judy Pearce know of any problems you have.

The District Council Officers and the Contractor FCC have been in ongoing discussions to try and rectify the situation. It is clear the Contractor appointed by the District Council has failed, the service offered by the Council falls well below the standards you rightly expect or deserve. I along with other Councillors feel enough is enough. If a solution cannot be found to deliver the service, the Council should exercise its contractual rights and look to bring the service back in house.

Several of you have contacted me to question the new recycling process. Do we need the boxes and bags, why not just have one bin for all recycling? It is a good point, having seen the present system in operation we should be open to look again and see if we can improve it for all.

We shall see what happens in the coming weeks .....

Over the last 18 months many of us have shopped using our local shops, butchers, bakers, and local farms. We should continue to do this in support of our local and rural economy. Empty supermarket shelves have shown the sense of shopping locally where we can.

**Mark Long** - District Councillor

## **NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL** **MEETINGS**

The most recent Parish Council meeting is summarised below. The detailed minutes can be seen online at [www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk](http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk)

### **Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Parish Hall**

Present: Cllrs Jack Rhymes, Jill Munn, Sue Crowther, Kit Marshall, Sian Williams, Nigel Hurrell and Charlie Mitchelmore. In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, District Cllr Mark Long, 4 members of the public

#### **Open Forum**

Residents raised the following matters: continuing problems with the SHDC waste and recycling service; 1, Avonside, Bantham planning application and potential problems with parking and scale; Bantham Estate Vineyard fencing planning application and the height and temporary definition of the proposed fencing; and the landscaping on the West Buckland Farm planning application.

#### **Matters Arising**

The cobbled road alongside All Saints' Church will be repaired in the week of 27<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Planning Matters**

Cllrs objected to Madron, Court Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3ND – application for new access

Cllrs supported the following applications: Worthy, Bantham, TQ7 3AA - replacement agricultural building with access and landscaping scheme

Units 1 & 2 Whimbrels Edge Thurlestone TQ7 3LE - application for approval of reserved matters for erection of two detached dwellings with associated driveways and landscaping

Grove Cottages West Buckland TQ7 3AG - works to trees (partially supported)

Community Housing - SHDC has now confirmed that they will not be progressing the discounted market housing scheme in Bantham because there is no

Government funding for the infrastructure costs and the price of the housing would therefore not be affordable. There will be a new housing needs survey.

#### **Parish Matters**

Climate Action Group – a plan for spring bulb planting on Memorial Green and around the phone box was discussed and more detail will be presented to the October meeting; DCC was asked to ensure the presence of traffic wardens during busy times; Airband – surveys for fibre broadband rollout begin in September; Thurlestone public toilets – it has been a very busy season and there is a problem with the drains, which will be investigated. Winter closing is from 31<sup>st</sup> October and a refurbishment will be required soon; Island View Play Area – the fencing has been repaired and an application has been made to register the land with the PC; it was decided not to replace the Holly on Memorial Green because the adjacent oak tree is growing well and may overshadow anything new but the memorial plaque will be moved to a safer location; and councillors thanked the School for making the footprint signs on the beach to encourage visitors not to leave litter.

#### **County and District Councillor's Reports**

County Cllr Gilbert reported that electoral roll numbers in Thurlestone have gone up from 689 to 714 this year, which reflects a healthy community; Thurlestone Hotel sign at Elston Cross is now reinstated; DCC has launched a free healthy food rollout; a new contractor is in place for repairing potholes and they are doing a better job - many potholes were repaired for the Tour of Britain; and results of the project to assess the viability of a 20mph speed limit throughout Devon will soon be considered.

District Cllr Mark Long gave an update about the waste service, which is being reviewed urgently.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall.

# **THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **THREE YEARS ON**

After three years in the making, the Neighbourhood Plan itself is now three years old. The plan was the culmination of many meetings, surveys and questionnaires to find out how people wanted to shape future development in the parish. Clear themes emerged. People wanted to preserve the area's natural beauty but they also wanted to address the present age imbalance, encourage local business and make the parish more sustainable for this and future generations.

Three years on, the plan is now the blueprint for guiding planning decisions in the parish up until 2034 and has statutory legal weight equivalent to that of the Plymouth and SW Devon Joint Local Plan. It is not against development but it does seek to provide the right type of development in the right location to meet the plan's objectives.

Here are some of the 29 policies that have been successfully enforced to date:

- No new build market housing has been permitted outside the settlement boundaries.
- Two new build market houses have been permitted subject to a S106 Agreement to secure principal residency.
- Replacement dwellings are restricted to a floor area or total volume of not more than 25% of that of the original dwelling.
- Extensions to dwellings are to be subordinate in scale and form to the existing dwelling.
- New commercial development has been permitted (note this is not confined to within the settlement boundaries).
- Employment premises cannot be lost without being marketed for 12 months.
- A dark skies policy has been introduced and light reducing film is required in particularly sensitive locations.
- The air ambulance night landing site has been installed.

Each time a planning application is considered by the Parish Council it is assessed in the context of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is therefore encouraging that of the 86 planning applications submitted since the plan was made, only 8 have been decided contrary to the Parish Council's recommendations and 12 applications were withdrawn, mainly because they did not comply with the plan. Of the 8 contrary decisions, the Parish Council objected mainly on residential amenity grounds but these were overruled because the grounds were not considered to justify refusal. It is also encouraging that more applicants are engaging with the Parish Council before submitting their applications in order to ensure they comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.

But there has been disappointment too. We have recently learnt that the community-led discounted market housing initiative at Bantham is unable to proceed due to lack of government funding. The objective of this initiative was to help local people who lived and worked in the parish, particularly those born and bred here, get a foot on the property ladder and help improve the year-round vitality and future sustainability of the village. Further details can be found in the Parish Council Minutes, but we understand there are other affordable housing options that do have funding which can be considered once the results of the updated housing needs survey now due are known.

**Cllr Sue Crowther**

## Alison Bone 1960-2021



Alison was born in 1960 in Barts Hospital London - within the sound of Bow Bells! She left school after taking GCSE's and trained to become a State Registered Nurse at Southend Hospital. She then moved to Harlow Hospital to train as a midwife and continued to practise there in that role - a vocation that suited her caring nature and love of children and family.

She met her husband to be, Mike, in Harlow in 1983 when they were introduced to each other by mutual friends. They married two years later in Saffron Walden where they were both living.

In 1989 they decided to move to Devon. Alison became a childminder after the birth of their two boys and later worked in a shop in Totnes selling a variety of craft items. This helped develop her love of Parchment Craft in which she became an accredited tutor. She taught many others along the way and made numerous life-long friends through the hobby.

Alison was also passionate about nature and enjoyed gardening and anything to do with animals. She and Mike always owned dogs and Alison was often seen out walking their Golden Retriever, Toby. More likely, she would have been seen having a chat to somebody - the part of dog walking that she enjoyed the most!

Alison first became involved with Village Voice soon after moving to Thurlestone in 2013. She and Mike helped with printing and collating and then Alison took on the role of Advertising Manager. She was one of the core members of the team that took over from Pat and Robin Macdonald and she became known as "The Post Box" as it was her role to contact all the contributors and gather in the articles for others to do the editing and compiling. Alison was the first point of contact for all things Village Voice.

Alison's loss will be deeply felt by all who knew her. Her cheerful demeanour, warm, sympathetic personality and listening ear made her a popular well-loved member of the local community. We shall miss her tremendously.

## Al Parker 1927-2021



Al's first introduction to the South Hams came during the war when he was evacuated from Blackheath to live in Kingsbridge with his aunt and uncle. He attended the Grammar School and formed many happy memories.

After the war, Al went on to study Physics at Queen Mary College London where he met Sheila, his future wife. They married in 1948. He was called up for National Service in the RAF during which time he taught Physics at Cranwell Airfield and discovered his vocation. He went on to become Head of Science at Banbury School as well as Chief Examiner for Physics O Level.

During this time Al and Sheila brought up two children, Richard and Jenny, who recall a happy, secure family life with parents who encouraged them in everything they did without ever making them feel under pressure to succeed.

Al's special memories of the South Hams obviously stayed with him as, in 1973, he and Sheila came to live in Thurlestone. He took up the position of Head of Physics at Kingsbridge School and, although he rose to Deputy Head and Head of Upper School, he continued to teach - such was his love of his subject and of being in the classroom.

At the end of 1994, when Kendall McDonald retired as Village Voice editor, doubts were expressed about the magazine's future. Al and Sheila called a meeting of residents in order to find a new editor and ensure the magazine's continuation. Village Voice has thrived since that day. Al continued to serve as part of the team until he moved away to Kent in 2020.

Al was full of energy and enthusiasm. He played golf regularly and to a very respectable standard. He went on many skiing trips - his last one being at the age of 82 after a quadruple heart by-pass and a replacement hip! He was charming, caring, fun-loving and a real gentleman. He is sadly missed by family, friends, neighbours and all who knew him. Village Voice gatherings have lost a very special member.

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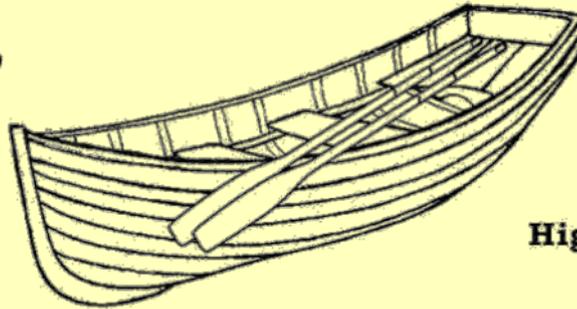
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# *Our Garden - Early Autumn*

## *by Sue Dwyer*

I am writing this article as the evenings are drawing in, the equinox is five days away so night and day are of equal length. Just after I submitted the last article on 14<sup>th</sup> July there was a NE gale on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July followed by the first named storm of the autumn, Storm Evert, from the south west. The NE gale caused a great deal of damage at the back of the main border on the west side despite the plants being staked and tied. Some of the 5-6 ft dahlias were flattened. Storm Evert almost 2 weeks later caused more damage, this time to the eastern borders. We lifted, re-staked and tied all the dahlias and 10 days later they looked fine and continue to flower in abundance. The small flower dahlias need much more dead heading than the large dinner plate varieties. After a couple of days flowering, I need to cut up to 50 dead heads off one plant, the dinner plate ones last for up to 10 days, but there are many fewer flowers.

I have said previously I enjoy growing from seed and last autumn I collected some lily seed pods, the only one left from being harvested by birds, as well as some bearded iris and agapanthus seed pods. These I put on a window sill in the utility room and I waited for them to open, then stored the seeds in air tight jars in the fridge. The seeds were sown in February in the propagator and I had good germination. I planted all three types of seedlings in a small raised bed in the sheltered vegetable garden, many agapanthuses are now about 12 inches tall as well as some irises. The lilies were planted in pots and now need to be re-potted before winter. With luck some of these plants may flower in the next couple of years.

Every year I collect cleome and Tigridia seed. This year the Tigridia did not germinate after 3 weeks in the propagator, so I placed the seed tray outside for about a month, still no sign of life but rather than throwing the tray away I placed again in the propagator, after a few days about 50 seedlings appeared which are now 6 inches high and ready to be planted out in the spring of next year to flower.

Every year I have a couple of camellias which develop an enormous number of seed pods which look like conkers. I have often planted a seed but always find the seedling dies after a couple of years. In the Burncoose Nursery website there are many videos accessible, often featuring Charles Williams who owns the nursery plus Caerhays Castle. There is one about camellia seeds so this year I am going to collect some "conkers" and allow to dry indoors, then I am going to try and germinate them in the spring and see if I have any more success. Another video on the website shows how to propagate romneya, the tree poppy, I have tried for many years without any success even when I have divided the roots and kept healthy looking plants through the winter. Charles Williams says they are extremely difficult, that is why they are expensive but the secret is to expose a root in the ground to the surface and wait for this to shoot. I am going to have a try again this spring and see if I have any more success.

I mentioned buying some Cobaea seedlings in my June article, these have duly grown to cover the 8 ft fence and grown horizontally along the top of the fence. I was so excited when I saw the flower buds about 10 days ago followed by a few opening 3 days later, however the colour was yellow not purple as expected. But 2 days later the yellow turned a pale purple and a few days later deep purple, the vine is covered in buds so I am looking forward to a magnificent display until the first frosts.

Some of my new plants have done very well and some have been disappointing. The perennial cleome has grown well to about 18 inches but the flowers, although prolific are not a patch on the large ones produced on the annual version. The Asiatic lilies were tremendous both in colour, flower size and perfume, these will be planted into the beds this autumn.

I bought 3 *Alcathaea suffutescens* Parkallee seedlings, a cross between a hollyhock and a mallow, but it does not suffer rust like the hollyhock. It has grown to over 7 ft, branching to produce a lovely display and is covered with semi-double pale pink flowers. However, this a short-lived perennial so I will take some cuttings just in case. Another new plant is a *Teucrium hircanicum* which is 18 inches tall, bushy with terminal purple racemes which have repeated over the last 8 weeks. If I did not know what it was, I would have thought this was a salvia. It is fully hardy. Another success is *Euphorbia cyparissias* 'Fens Ruby' which grows to about 12 inches giving good ground cover. The foliage is lovely, swaying in the breeze, and I feel I have to stroke this plant when I pass by as it reminds me of fur, the lime green flowers are insignificant but today I see some self-seeded small plants around the area, these I will pot up and plant next year and place elsewhere, this plant is frost hardy.

Three varieties of verbascum have also been grown, *Verbascum chaixii* Album "Wedding Candles" (as shown) and *Verbascum x hybrida* 'Southern Charm' are both about 3 ft with many dainty flowers, however *V. bombyciferum* is 5ft with grey foliage and yellow flowers which looks like a weed and this will be found a new home in someone else's garden where it may fit in better.



Looking out at the main garden the lawn is being scarified today, an annual event, but the amount of thatch piled up, the product of one year, is amazing, like the wheat harvest! We will follow this with autumn feed now and a good spiking later in the autumn when the ground is softer. Incidentally, the ideal scarifying conditions are after some rain when the ground is moist and when rain is expected. It allows the grass to recover quickly.

There is a mass of colour still in the borders, the sedum is just colouring up, sweet peas are still flowering, many roses are producing lovely blooms, *Thalictrum delavayi* 'Hewitts Double' is now just finishing but *T. delavayi* 'Album' is still in flower. The dahlias are stunning, alstroemerias are emerging for a second flowering, and red Kaffir lilies are coming out. The annual cosmos and laveteras along with cleome, which always look at its best now, give a good display. *Verbena bonariensis* are also at their best giving swaths of purple colour. Rugosa roses have a mass of bright red hips on them, yet to be eaten by the birds who love them.

So, the main activity in the borders for me at this time of year is DEAD HEADING to maintain the production of flowers from the plants, hopefully most will still be producing colour until the first frosts come. Frost is not usually a problem down here but signals when everything needs cutting back, removing or dividing. After all visible weeds are removed, the compost or soil improver is put on for the winter just before Christmas. Hardly any annual weeds come and we are winning against the perennials, basically by not putting them in the compost. However, bindweed never seems to be eliminated nor the dreaded oxalis. But both are minimal. In the greenhouse there are cuttings from salvias rooting. So, there is always work to do to keep the continuity of a garden going. But don't be put off!



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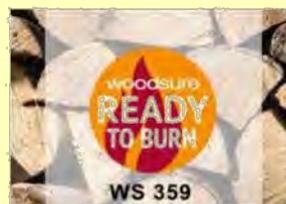
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# Pat's Workbench

I do odd jobs to help support Pat Macdonald and she has been clearing Robin's workshop and wanted to dispose of a very large, very old woodworking bench plus a load of old woodworking tools the history of which Pat has written a few words:



'My grandfather, Harry Simpson Sumner, was a MN sea captain (Clan Line) whose lifelong hobby was woodworking. During the American prohibition era his ship visited New York where he managed to swap a case of whisky for the bench. He got the bench, said to be German and which must have been over 100 years old and very heavy, on board and brought it back to England. My father inherited it and used it a lot as his hobby was also woodwork. When dad died neither my brother nor his sons wanted it, so it ended up with me'.

I suggested contacting "Kingsbridge Men's Sheds", which she did and they jumped at having this old work bench steeped in history. Pat is so very glad the bench has at last got a good home where it will be useful!

So, what is a Men's Shed?

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practise skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. Oh, and it's not just for men, women are very welcome to join in with them. They are nationwide and there is one in Kingsbridge.



**Paul Martin**

# Postbag

Dear Editors

How lucky we are to have the services of the local Hot Line. They have come to my help 3 times and Milla, the co-ordinator, gave her Sunday up to take me to Derriford. Thank you again Milla.

Shirley Chapman



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# Grey Matter

**A BOTTLE OF WINE** to the first all correct entry (or the closest to correct – if you don't have all the answers, send in your entry anyway – you never know!) drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. Please submit entries to:  
5 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB or email:  
[cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk](mailto:cgwonthenet@themed.co.uk)

See if you can work out these cryptic holiday destinations.

1. Have some island, my dear.
2. Do they attract tweeters?
3. Where Elvis had fun.
4. California follows the officer.
5. Confused Frenchman is after fortified wine.
6. Assorted kegs for the loch.
7. Seasonal roast.
8. Take the express in Morocco.
9. Enjoy yourself in Mama Mia, miss.
10. Fly down with Fred and Ginger.
11. Play your Tamla arrangement in The Med.
12. Takes the biscuit in France.
13. Be in back bedroom for a siesta.
14. Not second hand for your 21<sup>st</sup>
15. BBBB BBBB
16. Wise bedfellow
17. Arrange long leases for Gabriel & Co.
18. No - she went of her own accord!
19. Island where zealot ran amok.
20. Andy's soup containers?
21. Wander eternally.
22. Guys - the whale is after you!
23. Bring hot stew to the resort.
24. A handsome bloom.
25. A381, A303 and A34 perhaps.
26. Stew blend on amazing horse...
27. ...and one belonging to the patron saint of soldiers.
28. Royal citrus.
29. Bail out in Indonesia.
30. People trap, set by Mouse.

## **Solutions to the previous Grey Matter:**

1. Phone home 2. Edelweiss 3. Misguided 4. Boiled sweet 5. Military twostep 6. Bedtime story 7. Lancelot 8. Ten across 9. Hall of Fame 10. Rugby match 11. Histrionics 12. Double somersault 13. Wensleydale 14. Piccolo 15. Horticulture 16. Bull terrier 17. Jurassic Park 18. Candlelight 19. Chest of drawers 20. Steak and chips

*There were 3 all-correct answer last month. The winner of the coveted bottle of wine is Marion Bushell. Commiserations to Jeanette Hodges and David & Mary Horne*

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# Bantham Sailing Club 2021 Season Roundup

In 2020 Bantham Sailing Club were unable to hold any racing or events, but 2021 despite a stalled start, has been a very successful season.

Early in the season the Bantham Community Sailing group was delighted to get the boats back on the water and be out sailing in the good weather.



This year also saw the start of a dedicated Bantham Cadets division, aimed at getting local kids learning to sail in our beautiful estuary. This has proved very successful, with the kids having a great time and doing really well on the water. We have been very lucky with some new parents to the area with a lot of sailing experience. They have thrown themselves into the Bantham Cadets with enthusiasm along with Tim Hunt who tirelessly continues to run the Community Sailing Group. The parents of all the children have been super active and supportive, making it a great family time on the water, with lots of laughs on the west bank of the river.

The fleet of boats that the club own has expanded, thanks to generous donations. We now have a collection of Toppers and Lasers, as well as a Feva, an Enterprise and a Pico.

We continue to use our excellent Brig club safety boat thanks to the generosity of Wolf Rock Boat Company. The Bantham Estate continue to be very supportive of BSC, allowing the club to keep our community boats on the far side of the river, for which we are extremely grateful.

The racing season proper was due to start with the Gala weekend on July 17/18th but due to a small Covid outbreak that affected members of the club, it was decided that the right thing was to protect all club members and cancel the weekend racing with its close proximity on Bantham Quay. Luckily the weather was wonderful and many sailors were able to get out safely on their own. There was a light breeze and calm seas, so BSC sailors, went out to sea, sailed in the bay, some sailing around Burgh Island, as well as many others enjoying the river. So, despite Covid it was a wonderful 'Gala' weekend of sorts.

The Points Series Races ran all through the July/ August season, the sailing being enjoyed by everyone who took part. We had some good winds and mostly dry weather. Some of the new young sailors braved the milling boats on the start line and raced for the first time, which was great to see.

Results of the points races are not announced until our AGM at Easter but the Crews Race, which took place just before Regatta weekend at the end of August, was won by Sheila Fairley in the New Bantham Boats, Anna Martin in the Classic Bantham Boats and The Under 16's Race was won by Kit Weldon.

It was decided that BSC would also try to reorganise the 'Round the Island Race' in August. Many years ago, back in the 1960s the club used to sail this race. We know this through word of mouth and people's recollection but have no written record of the event. It was put in our timetable in 2019, but the winds were too strong then and Covid put paid to the race taking place in 2020, so finally it was planned to go ahead this year on Friday 20th August.

24 boats, a mixture of Lasers, Toppers, Bantham boats, Yawls, a Wayfarer and a Feva travelled up the river to the start line which was at the mouth of the Bantham Estuary.

Sadly, the official race had to be cancelled, this time due to lack of wind, as many of the boats would not have made it back across the Burgh Island sandbar while the water was still high enough.

However, some intrepid Bantham Sailing Club sailors decided to still have a go. Eight of the fleet managed to complete the sail around Burgh Island. A few completed even with such little wind while others had some extra help - rowing and using some engine power. It was a valiant effort by all who took part.

The first boat home was Dipper, Yawl number 134, helmed by Rupert Grant and crewed by Will Southcott.

Our youngest sailor to get round the island was 6-year-old Gabriel Hodgson who was crewing aboard wayfarer Nipe with his parents.

The event was made possible by the massive support of the Bantham Sailing Club members in both organisation and safety support boats.

Despite the poor wind it was wonderful to have got so many club boats out to sea after so long. It was a great Sailing Club team effort and bodes well for another attempt next year with our fingers crossed for a little more wind.

The final event of the racing season was the BSC Regatta that took place over the August bank holiday weekend.

We had an excellent morning's racing on the Saturday with sunshine and a challenging breeze. Forty boats of various types were competing. Sunday was a challenging sail, in a different way, as there was little wind and the racing was almost stalled at the Aunemouth buoy, but with some patience and a little lift in the breeze the racing finished.

The Regatta weekend also included a close finish, fiercely fought Rounders match on the Riverbed, a Treasure Hunt by boat on the river, our demanding Old Grey Matter test and a lovely Club Picnic on the beach at Cockleridge. We raised nearly £1,000 to support our community sailing and cadets' groups with a raffle of generous prizes donated by the local community and sailing club members.

The weekend was rounded off with a very well supported prize giving, held in the sunshine on the deck of the Bantham Village Stores, as our usual venue of Bantham Quay still has limited access.

As well as presentation of the prizes, thanks were made to all the Race Officers, Rescue Boaters and Committee Members for all their wonderful efforts, making this year so much fun, after our lost year due to Covid.

It was good to be back!

Nikki Smith  
BSC Commodore

### 2021 Regatta Winners

Josh Strauss - The Crews B Cup, fast handicap and The Dempster Laser Cup

Rupert Grant - The Bantham Yawl Cup

Felicity Hall in Fizz - The Turnbull Cup - Classic Bantham Boats

Chris Goodfellow in Kittiewake - The Aune Challenge Cup - New Bantham Boats

Clodra Watkins - The Nettleford Cup - Toppers

Felicity Hall and Clodra Watkins jointly won - The Ladies Regatta Cup

Kit Wheldon - The Nigel Wilson Trophy for best sailor under 18

Colin Snell - The Smith Plate, for most improved Community Sailor.

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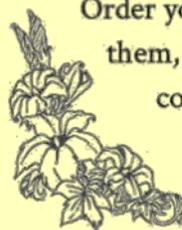
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# Farming Diary

By Natasha Baldwin

## August 2021

August brought lots of strawberries and a holiday feel, although the weather was nondescript. July's heatwave was almost a memory, I say almost as a job needed doing as a result. A job that wasn't the most popular. It involved lots of stinging nettles.... After planting, safe weed killer is sprayed in order to prevent large numbers of weeds taking up space needed for crops. The spray needs rain to soak it into the ground so when the weed – in this case the stinging nettles – tries to grow underground and germinate, the weed killer stops it in its tracks. Because of the heatwave it didn't soak in and as stinging nettles grow faster than celeriac, this meant that between the rows of the celeriac leaves were rows of stingers. So waterproofs on (glad it wasn't too hot as this job warmed us up), long rubber gloves, making sure the body was completely covered and careful not to put faces too near, we took a couple of rows each and pulled those strong, determined stingers up. If there was a thin piece of clothing or a gap, you could guarantee you'd find out with a nice, irritating sting. We had to repeat this a few times as a couple of hours was enough.

It was full pelt on the tenderstem with the wholesaler ordering 130 trays (4 2kgs bags) at a time. To be honest; I was relieved it wasn't hot. We started at 7am, which was beautiful, with the world waking up, birds singing, the sun rising and with the peace turning into activity, it didn't feel like hard work.

Cutting started on broccoli, hispi cabbage (lovely, raw in fish tacos), red cabbage and later, savoy and rainbow chard, which never fails to amaze me how beautiful and vibrant the colours are. The interesting thing about chard, is it can grow again, by itself, the following year, depending on how the field was used. Different colours dominate depending on the field. Whites, reds and greens dominated previously, but this year it looks like a pink and white striped one has the starring role. We harvested 2 fields increasing to 4 by end of September with a 5<sup>th</sup> on the horizon.

An essential job in the summer and probably the most popular amongst the workers – it involves tractor driving – is combining.

What is combining? The name derives from how the it works. The combine harvester makes it simpler, more efficient and time effective by combining 3 different harvest operations that would have been done separately years ago. They are reaping, threshing and winnowing the corn. What does this mean?

1. Reaping cuts and gathers the crop.
2. Threshing separates the edible grain from the straw it is attached to.
3. Winnowing separates the grain from the chaff by blowing air through it.

When you start combining the moisture in the crop ideally needs to be below 16%. This is why farmers may seem obsessed by the weather, particularly at this time. If it has been dry for a while, then it means the moisture is lower and the process easier. If the weather is against us, we have no choice but to cut it with a slightly higher moisture content and dryers or giant fans have to be used to dry the grain.

Drier grain means less chance of spoilage when it is stored. Some farms sell their grain on and have strict guidance and standards to adhere to, which are also met at Terawhiti, even though it is to feed our own cattle over the winter months, because we want top quality grain for them to eat. (Thankfully the rains came in the spring and the corn grew).

There is another reason as well, and this is where it gets interesting, because wet grain can be a fire hazard. To me, that seems strange, because surely if something is damp, it is less likely to catch fire. But no! In this case the opposite is true. Now for the science bit, which I find fascinating....

Combining on a sunny day means the grain will be hot as it retains heat from the sun, if it is un-aerated when stored over the months the heat will remain inside the bulk of it.

The temperature, with the moisture, influences the enzymatic and biological activities within the grain and determines the rate of spoilage.

Temperature differences can favour mould, especially with rising and falling temperatures from the air. The rising temperature of the air after a cooler spell can lead to moisture forming near the top layer and then sinking in. So far this all makes sense.

So how can this be a fire hazard? Well.....

The grain is a living cell, which means it has respiration. In the presence of oxygen, Aerobic respiration occurs. Aerobic respiration is a chemical process using oxygen and is responsible for the breakdown of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins and turning them into carbon dioxide, water, and energy. The energy released during the aerobic respiration is then used by the cells, to fuel the metabolic processes and then let out as heat. Dry grains which have been stored for a while are usually dormant and have a very low respiration. However, freshly harvested or grains with high moisture (above 16%) content have a much higher respiration. This is because the grains are still metabolically active and moulds that have developed on the surface and in the grain coats are actively respiring. The heat, which is produced by both the grain and the mould, results in an increase in grain temperature.

When the stored grain increases in temperature by generating heat, rather than drawing it from the surrounding environment, it is called self-heating. The temperature increase occurs in two stages. The 1st is known as biological heating, which normally occurs up to 55°C but can go up to 75°C and is caused by the activity of plant cells, moulds, bacteria, insects, and mites and can lead to spoilage, if the proper guidance is not adhered to. The 2nd is known as chemical heating, which occurs from above 75°C to at least 150°C. It is the chemical heating, caused by oxidation (where there is a loss of electrons from the molecule), that can cause the grain to ignite. The chemical reaction increases the temperature so much it gets to ignition point.

Looking at the pile of grain in storage which seems to just be sitting there, it is actually a hive of scientific activity, although thanks to the careful process of combining and storing, it ends up dormant and ready to be milled for the cattle.

Talking of the cattle, another job to be done is to drench them. If you think it sounds unpleasant, then I would say you are right. However, it is an essential part of their care and good health. It controls parasites they can suffer from, externally on the skin but also intestinal worms and liver fluke, shed by a mud snail onto pasture and then ingested by the cattle. This can make them very poorly.

You drench using a drenching gun via a tube leading from a pack on your back which contains the prepared medication for putting down the animals' throat. Their head has to be held to stop it going into their lungs, difficult in itself due to the size of a cow's head. To do this they are placed in a contraption called a crush which encloses loosely round their neck, keeping them still and the farmers safe. What the farmer can't be protected from is if the cow coughs, which my fellow colleague found out when he got covered in, well, I'll leave that to your imagination (it wasn't pleasant though).

## **September 2021**



The strawberries slowed down a bit, but had a last flourish in September as the weather heated up again.

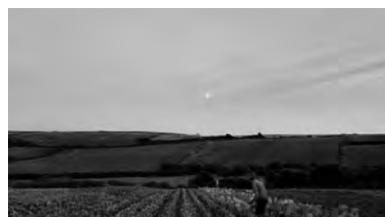
The tenderstem was still going with more de-heading. Even more exciting is the first cuts of the Cauliflower or Cauli as we call it. The veg that Terawhiti must be most known for. Those beautiful white heads of fluffiness are ready to be picked and made into delicious cauliflower cheese, paired with braised red cabbage, also from Terawhiti..... umm. I digress, I drive the others a little mad when I start talking about my recipes, usually as everyone is getting hungry and longing for lunch. I just get excited about all the lovely winter veg.

We have a field of cauli in Thurlestone this year, so don't be surprised to see the tractor going through the village with a large bin and crates, ready to be packed or filled with this glorious veg. The crates can be seen at Alans Apple, Aune Valley and Trago. The bin containing 180 cauli (15 crates) goes to the wholesaler and is returned on the next collection.

The first celeriac was also pulled up. Another wonderful veg, so versatile and lovely in a soup (it is nearly supper time as I am writing this). These were dug up with a non-pointed fork on a hot day. Let's just say there was definitely sweat that day and almost tears. The roots were cut off by my colleague, whilst I trimmed the leaves. They were then washed and netted into 10kg bags. Next time the celeriac will be dug up by a potato harvester which is a lot less sweat inducing and means you dig up a lot more celeriac in much less time.

A veg not ready to be harvested just yet, but causing a stir are the pumpkins. After the huge success last year, Terawhiti has two pumpkin weekends this year - 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> October, 10am - 4 pm. There are over 10,000 pumpkins to choose from, all sorts of sizes and colours including white and warty ones, as well as the usual orange. They don't just have to be for Halloween, they taste great too - yes there is a running theme here, I love to eat winter veg. Dogs and dressing up is welcome. Wellies are essential, as is cash and maybe a bag for the boot of the car, for those that prefer to keep their cars mud free. With prices starting from 50p, it is the perfect day out, especially if you indulge in a Rose Farm hog roast as well.

As September went by I was in the field one evening as the birdsong ringing out for the dusk chorus started to quieten, and after the sun set earlier on what was a beautiful, autumnal day. A peace fell across the land, the moon started to shine and the feeling of stillness enveloped, it was a perfect time to reflect.....



My reflection was for the life of someone that, although I did not know as well as many of you, was a good friend to my parents and my contact at the Village Voice. Alison Bone. Alison, I know you enjoyed reading my columns and your support was always appreciated. It felt very poignant to be stopping to remember you on that beautiful evening, as I know you were one of the biggest advocates for this column. You would also buy your Christmas trees from us. We, at Terawhiti are all very sorry to hear of your passing and send our condolences to Mike and all those that have been affected by this tragic news. It was an honour to have known you. May you Rest in Peace.

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# BOOKSHELF

## ‘Sweet Sweet Revenge Ltd.’ by Jonas Jonasson

If after reading the first few pages of this book you think it is just plain silly, then stop reading. This book is not for you. You just have to go along with this author. It is loopy, funny, improbable and a riot of a read, all told completely deadpan.

Victor Alderheim is not a nice man. He has tricked his much younger wife, Jenny, out of her inheritance of an art gallery and drives his son, Kevin (by a prostitute and unknown to Jenny) out into the Kenyan savanna, dumps him and leaves him to die. Unfortunately for Victor, Kevin is rescued by a Maasai medicine man who regards him as his son and teaches him all the skills of a Maasai warrior at which Kevin excels. However one of the rituals Kevin must go through is circumcision without anaesthetic at which he rebels and scurries back to Stockholm. There he bumps into Jenny, now the ex-wife of Victor. As they discuss their situation, and particularly their financial situation, over a coffee and bun, they see opposite the cafe an office called Sweet Sweet Revenge Ltd. This is run by a very skilled ex-advertising man, Hugo, who is bored with advertising and sees an opportunity with people seeking revenge.

Meanwhile, the Maasai medicine man is determined to find Victor and leaves his homeland for Stockholm. (I did say it was all improbable!). This of course leads to much confusion and misunderstanding as he deals with passports, credit cards, etc.

Needless to say it all gets sorted and ends very happily for them all – except Victor of course.

The book is perhaps a little too long, but there are plenty of laughs, or just smiles, along the way. If you enjoyed ‘The Hundred-Year-Old Man who climbed out of the window and disappeared’ by the same author you will enjoy this.

**Carolyn Taylor**

### **Nothing But the Truth**

Exchanges heard during court cases.

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July 15th

Q: What year?

A: Every year

Q: You were shot in the fracas?

A: No. I was shot midway between the navel and the fracas

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up?

A: Where am I Cathy

Q: Why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan

Q: Have you or your daughter ever been involved in voodoo or the occult?

A: We both do

Q: Voodoo?

A: We do

Q: You do?

A: Yes voodoo

Q: What gear were you in when the crash occurred?

A: Tracksuit bottoms and Reeboks

Q: What is your brother-in-law’s first name?

A: I can’t remember

Q: You can’t remember?

A: I’m too excited. (To brother-in-law) Nathan for goodness’ sake tell them your name

Q: Were your red and blue lights flashing when you stopped her?

A: Yes

Q: What did she say?

A: What disco am I at?

Q: Could you see him?

A: I could see his head

Q: And where was his head?

A: Just above his shoulders

Q: How old is your son?

A: 38 or 35 – I can’t remember

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: 43 years

Q: Gary - all your responses must be oral - Ok? What school did you go to?

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# Parish Hall News

by Alison Daily (Secretary)



## Events

Now we are well and truly into autumn our thoughts turn to the coming year during which we would really like to restart putting on events for your entertainment, something that has been sadly lacking these past couple of years. The entertainment industry, and particularly performing artists, have been badly hit by the lack of opportunities to showcase their talents. With this in mind we plan to stage a concert by a regular favourite to hopefully entice people back to the hall. On Saturday 15th January a concert will be held by popular violinist Tim Kliphaus, we are sure Tim will be happy to perform regardless of whether there is a full house or a select few, look out for more information in the next issue.

People often mention they would like to see something different and the committee is no exception in this regard. Therefore, if there's anything you would like us to put on or you have been to an event somewhere else you think parishioners would like, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate this.

## Facebook

Another area we are lacking in is knowledge of social media and the benefits it can bring to a venue such as ours. To remedy this, we want to set up a Facebook page but need someone with the expertise who is willing to do this for us as well as manage and vet any content. Is this something you can help with, so we can reach a wider and more diverse audience than we do currently? If you are interested let any of the committee know - you would be greatly appreciated.

## Clubs and Classes

Most of the regular classes and clubs have now returned plus a couple of new ones, Mini First Aid, which is for first aid on children and The Daisy Foundation who provide Antenatal workshops. Further details on these and all other classes and timetables can be found on the Hall page of the Parish website:

<https://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/welcome-to-the-parish-hall.html>

To give you more insight into some of the classes at the hall I shall be inviting one of their members to do a little write up telling you about themselves to see if it will whet your appetite enough to join them. We are starting with a sewing group, who always look as if they are enjoying themselves: -

I haven't been a member of the sewing group from the start but having spoken to Judith Le Grice, we think it started at least 10 years ago. It began as an offshoot of WI although you didn't need to be a WI member to join and Joannie Booth was its original organiser. I believe you could take anything along to work on and Joannie would give occasional demonstrations such as patchwork and Roman blinds. Eventually Joannie handed over the running of the group to Judith and more recently Judith handed over to Sally Martin who takes the money and, more importantly, brings the biscuits. We still bring along anything we want to work on and you'll find a wide variety of stitching taking place each week. Recently we've had knitting, patchwork, tapestry, box covering, finger puppet making and raised embroidery.

For some time now we thought we should change the name from “The Sewing Group” which sounds very boring to something that would catch the eye and raise a laugh or titter. We’ve decided to call ourselves “Stitch and Bitch”. Controversial I know but very tongue in cheek as we are not bitchy at all. We’re a group of friends sharing an interest. We do talk as we sew but it’s amazing the number of topics, we can cover in two hours. Anything from local events, world events, family happenings. Sometimes one of us has something upsetting going on in our life and the group is a place to talk about it and get support from the rest of us. And the change of name appears to have worked already as Sally told me we are expecting 3 or 4 new members when we start up again.

Now there’s not a stitcher I know who doesn’t have a piece of unfinished work stashed away in a drawer somewhere. So why not dig it out and come and join us. You’ll kill 3 birds with one stone. Make new friends, get the long-forgotten project finished and make room in the drawer for the next unfinished piece of work.

We meet in the Yeo Room at the Parish Hall on Monday mornings starting 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-12.30, cost £2. Anyone is welcome, even if you just want a cup of coffee and a chat.

**Diane Martin**

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## Halcyon Days

Val Brown asks if anyone remembers cows and the milking parlour where the Thurlestone Post Office /Shop now stand. During the summer holidays in the mid-fifties, I used to work for farmer Jack Broad and at around six in the morning, normally with a slightly fuzzy head left over from the four times a week dances at the Thurlestone and Links hotels, we would round up the 20 or so cows (Devon Reds) take them to the milking parlour behind where the shop is now and milk by hand. The milk was then put through a cooler straight into glass bottles. None of this was pasteurised, the locals called it circumcised! Nonsense then. We would then deliver it round the village, mainly on foot. Several houses, notably the Jeffries in the main street, Staniers on Yarmer and my parents, left teapots out with the remains of their early morning cuppa brew to which we were welcome to help ourselves. Once finished we would fill sacks of coal, stored in the building where the shop is now and deliver that in the ancient van. Then on to general farm work, cleaning the milking area and yard and out into the fields. Kept me fit if nothing else.



Like Andy Pendrick, with my very dear, but sadly much-lamented friend Tim, in the early fifties the Pill Box was our H-Q from which we were prepared to defend the shores of England against all-comers including aliens. In fact, we used it mainly to puff fags nicked from our parents. The highlight was our attempt to fry an egg over a candle, not necessarily 5 star but we declared it the best ever. Yes, it’s a shame the Pill Box is now upside down on Leasfoot.

**Kit Marshall**

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## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF FITNESS**

I am writing on the day when so many local roads are – marvellously – closed for the Devon leg of the Tour of Britain cycle race. Last night we had the news that British Paralympians tallied the second highest number of medals. Before that our Olympians brought huge credit to these islands coming fourth in the medal table.

Think of the training undertaken by every one of those cyclists to race 115 miles of Devon terrain in 4½ hours. Think of the concentration at the moment when Tom Daley begins his dive. Think of the teamwork and mutual understanding of the runners of the 4 x 100 metres relay in just 37.5 seconds. And how does Sarah Storey keep winning those gold medals, 17 of them over 29 years?

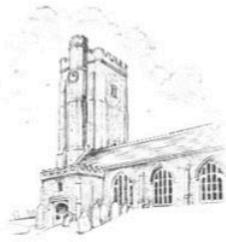
There are many virtues in the top levels of sport. Few, may be, can be as fit as those athletes, as alert, as in control, as sensitive to the teamwork of their companions. Yet surely there is more than a parable here: there is an example of achievement which can be aspired to in many, but much quieter and less publicised, ways in our own community. That is when our spiritual, mental and physical selves are truly geared up to the service of others.

St Paul knew that several or most of his Corinthian readers (I Corinthians 9: 24 & 25) would have seen the Isthmian Games, held in alternate years with athletes from all over Greece, and Romans too allowed to compete. Apart from physical fitness for achieving the task, Paul is looking for tip-top self-control and a steady aim. He is looking for faithful people who can draw alongside absolutely anyone, so that delivering the good news of the one redeemed family of humanity in Jesus Christ will not miss anyone out.

We are looking to “build back better” after what we hope is the worst of the pandemic. In the world of Jesus Christ, that building work takes fitness. For many that will be mental and spiritual when the physical is difficult. But all of it, including especially Biblical understanding and prayer, counts towards the prize of bringing the good news and its practical outreach to those who are in most need.

***Every Blessing!***

<p><b>Baby &amp; Toddler GROUP</b> accompanied by parents/carers</p>	<p><b>If you have a child under 4 years old, we should be pleased to welcome you on THURSDAYS 9.30 - 11.30 A.M. CHURCH MEETING ROOM</b></p> <p><i>A chance for parents/carers to chat, while the children socialise</i></p> <p>If you are interested, please contact Liz Webb as soon as possible (560090/mewebbsite@btinternet.com)</p>	
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# All Saints' Diary

**CHURCHWARDENS:** Liz Webb (560090) & Graham Worrall (562016)

Everyone is welcome at all services.

**Church Services** at Thurlestone Church,  
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## Sundays

### ALTERNATE SUNDAYS

**OCTOBER 3RD**

**OCTOBER 17TH**

**NOVEMBER 5TH, 19TH**

**OCT. 10TH, 24TH, NOV. 26TH**

**OCTOBER 31ST**

**NOVEMBER 12TH**



**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP: 2nd; CW: 4th)

**11.10am** Harvest Eucharist (CW)

**11.10am** Stewardship Sunday Eucharist (CW)

**11.10am** Parish Eucharist (CW)

**11.10am** Morning Worship

**11.00am** Benefice Eucharist (CW) *(Note time)*

**10.50am** Remembrance Service *(Note time)*  
followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial

## Weekdays

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**10.00am** Holy Communion (BCP) (said)

*We are hoping to restart the monthly service at Bantham in the New Year*

*Variations & more information on Church Notice Boards & [www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/church-services](http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/church-services)*

Now that restrictions have been lifted, we have been able to start to return to some form of normality which includes no longer having to book a place and the return of congregational singing. However, we are asking people to follow this advice:

1. We continue to advise people that face coverings should be worn in Church. This is particularly important with the return of singing and on Remembrance Sunday, which will be the first occasion since Covid when the church is likely to be full;
2. Social distancing is no longer required, but we encourage the full use of the Church space. Please sit in a place where the service booklet has been put out;
3. Hand sanitisers will continue to be used and provided;
4. At Holy Communion:
  - a. Before receiving communion, we encourage hand sanitising. There will be sanitiser provided on the choir stalls;
  - b. We will continue to use intinction (wafer with wine on it);
  - c. People will come up individually to receive the wafer without kneeling and then return to their places through the Lady Chapel.

## Coffee-Time

### CHURCH MEETING ROOM WEDNESDAYS

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Many of our volunteers are now no longer able to assist us.  
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1 tsp cumin seeds  
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
200g purple sprouting broccoli  
100g pumpkin seeds  
Extra virgin olive oil for drizzling  
400g feta cheese



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan)
2. Peel and cut the squash into wedges or large chunks, then toss in the olive oil, chilli flakes, cumin seeds, salt and pepper.
3. Transfer to a tin and roast in the oven for approx. 35-40 mins or until slightly golden and cooked.
4. Meanwhile blanch the broccoli in salted boiling water for approx. 4 mins or until al dente. Once cooked toss with the roasted squash and pumpkin seeds.
5. Serve with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and the feta crumbled over the top.

Tip - this can be served as a side dish with grilled meats or oily fish, also as a main with rice or quinoa. Goat's cheese can be substituted for the feta.

## Nutty Plums

Serves 6

### Ingredients

700g plums, halved and stoned  
125g light soft brown sugar  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
75g each plain flour and wholemeal plain flour  
125g butter, diced  
50g walnuts, roughly chopped  
50g jumbo porridge oats



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan). Put the plums into a pan with 2tbsp water, 25g sugar and the cinnamon. Simmer gently for 5 mins until softened. Tip fruit mixture into an ovenproof dish.
2. Sift both flours into a large bowl, adding the bran that's left in the sieve. Rub in the butter. Stir in the remaining sugar, walnuts and porridge oats. Sprinkle on top of the fruit, then bake for 20-30 mins until the fruit is bubbling and soft and the topping is golden.



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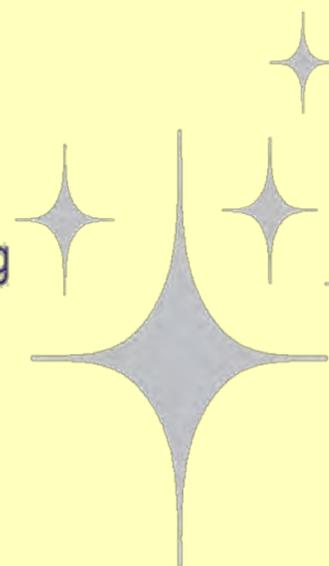
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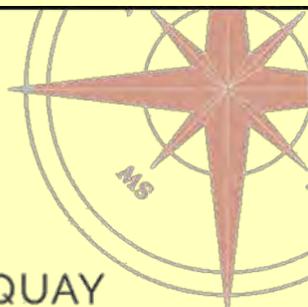
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## CODEWORD

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

Can you crack the code and solve the crossword?

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	P	9	10	11	12	13	
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## Sudoku - Fiendish

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## Sudoku - Hard

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There were 8 correct entries last month. First out of the hat to win the coveted bottle of wine is Judith Le Grice. Commiserations to Neill Irwin, Pauline Lonsdale, Vera Pailthorpe, Susan Penwell, Dave Gibby, David & Mary Horne and Lindy Price.

# VILLAGE NEWS ROUND-UP

## 100th Birthday

On 10<sup>th</sup> November Rosemary Mackay will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Rosemary played a major role in producing the magazine during Pat and Robin's editorship, not only printing and collating but providing her house in which to do so. When she gave up the production side she continued to deliver the magazine with her dog Heidi until she 'retired' in 2019. We all wish her a very happy birthday and hope she has a lovely day.

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Saturday at

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The trustees at Kingsbridge Foodbank thank you again for all your support.

## Singing Group

The Thurlestone Singing Group - led by Alastair Durden - has resumed meeting indoors every other Thursday from 5.00 to 6.00pm. They get together in the Church Meeting Room, and in October this will be on Thursday, October 28th and alternate Thursdays thereafter (November 11th and 25th). As Christmas approaches, they'll be preparing to sing at the Church Carol Service. They would be delighted to see new members; all abilities and ages are welcome! Just turn up on any of these dates.



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## THE BANTHAM BATHERS' CHANNEL SWIM

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During the first week in September, we spoke several times to our skipper. Due to the poor conditions of the previous five weeks, there had been no Channel swims. This cast a huge and very real shadow of doubt over whether our swim would actually take place at all. We were told our swim was on, off, delayed, possibly next week, possibly next year etc. We found ourselves on what is known by hopeful Channel swimmers as "The Dover Coaster"!!!

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September we got the "It's possible for 6am Tuesday" call..... but it would be with a different skipper. Things were looking possible. Our bags were packed and we all left from Devon on the morning of Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>. After a long, long drive we eventually arrived at our hotel just outside Dover. As we sat down to a calming glass of something cool, we received a text "The swim before yours has failed halfway across. Conditions are good. Can you be ready to go at 11pm tonight?" In three hours' time!! With excitement and nerves bubbling we headed to the port.

The swim itself was everything we had dreamed it would be and more. Terrifying, magical, funny, long, exhausting, humbling and, above all, beautiful.

However...nothing could have prepared us for those night swims. Nothing could have prepared us for the beauty and joy of the sun rising. Nothing could have prepared us for the currents and huge Spring tides in the Channel. Nothing could have prepared us for the loneliness of swimming solo when we had trained as a team. Nothing could have prepared us for the desperation of the packed migrant rafts. Nothing could have prepared us for the elation when we saw the French coastline..... we got closer and closer..... then the tide turned and the wind picked up and the coastline got further away. We were told to swim for our lives and we did. We had trained hard, were lucky with the conditions and, as they say, "it was our time" We arrived in France after 15 hours and 27 minutes. We were given a wonderful welcome by our French neighbours who all gathered, cheered and took photos.

One final swim took us back to our boat "Gallivant" and our amazing crew Lance, Tim, Tanya and Mia, all from the Channel Swimming and Piloting Federation. Their support was incredible from start to finish. Within minutes we had popped the first of several corks. We were exhausted, elated and, as it turned out, rather thirsty!!

The enormity of what we had taken on (and achieved) gave us so much more than just the swimming. There have been tears and many fears along the way but, above all, we shall remember an abundance of laughter and friendship. What a huge privilege it was and who knows what our next adventure will be?.....

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our incredible sponsors. The Wolf Rock Boat Company (Brig), Thurlestone Hotel, Catch of the Day, Plymouth Tree Services, Belton Farm, Aspidistra, Coworth Homes, Brakspear, Savilles and Procura. Thank you all!

We have been overwhelmed by the love and support we have received from family, friends and those that have simply heard of our adventure. As we write, we have raised just under £16,000 for our four chosen charities-we are so grateful to everyone. If you too would like to sponsor us the links are as follows:

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The Bantham Bathers - Jo Colin, Milly Dack, Emily Davies, Lisa Hammond, Elisa Hesse and Clare McIntosh xxxxxx



## The Choir Returns!

September 2021 and the time has finally arrived for the choir to resume singing after such a long absence.

We are pleased to welcome Matthew Searles, Assistant Musical Director of the Music at Buckfast Abbey, as our new Musical Director.

He already has an exciting programme of music planned, leading up to our Christmas Concerts on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Kingsbridge Methodist Church, and December 15<sup>th</sup> at Salcombe Parish Church.

Our Summer Concert in 2022 will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, at Buckfast Abbey and will feature Great British Anthems, under the title "Rejoice in the Lamb".

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# Thurlestone Phonebox.....Ring Ring

Post lock-down made for an exciting summer for your Phonebox Library. Streams of erudite parishioners and residents alike took advantage of the re-opening of the bookshelves and leaving with us, sometimes rather over-enthusiastically, the thought provoking products of their own lock-down readings.

Footfall has been heavy, with walkers, beachgoers, parents laden with buckets, shrimping nets and children in various stages of hysteria.

Wheelfall has also been particularly heavy with a plethora of the new Range Rover model which apparently has no reverse gear.

Joyful peals of wedding bells have returned, one blissful bride delighting the onlookers by processing through the village in a fairy-tale white carriage drawn by a magnificent white steed.

But the highlight has surely been the success achieved as a direct result of the Phonebox backing of our Olympic and Paralympic teams. Bedecked with Olympiad bunting, flags and even photos of some of our national heroes, we have spurred them on to the greatest Olympics ever. Well done Team GB.

Autumn soon upon us but beware the Phonebox at Halloween.....its ominously close to the graveyard!  
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# THURLESTONE BAY BIRDS

By Mike Passman

With a very large increase in the number of staycation visitors this year and the need to still be very careful due to Covid-19 regulations my birding activities have not been at their usual level.

However there have still been some interesting sightings in particular of *BALEARIC SHEARWATERS* feeding in the Bay.



Balearic Shearwater

Until 2020 annual sightings of this *SHEARWATER* had been less than 50 - they breed in the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean with a total population estimate of between 10.000 and 30.000 birds.

After breeding they disperse, to moult their flight feathers, into the Atlantic waters off Portugal, Spain, France and increasingly the South West of the UK- probably due to climate change producing more food drifting north in the warmer seas. In July 2020 a total of 376 were logged offshore with a maximum daily count of 100 on 10th.

This year there were no sightings at all until 3 flew South East on 1st September. With light easterly winds and calm seas, rafts of birds were found feeding on the sea with 300 on 2nd, 100 on 8th and 110 on 9th - on the latter day between 17.00 and 18.00 a total of 500 birds were watched - this is probably a Devon Day record. Next morning there were still in excess of 300 - which by the 13th had dropped to 20.

With Autumn arriving we will be watching the departure to warmer areas of our many summer visitors. One of the last to arrive and first to depart are *SWIFTS*. This year numbers built up to a maximum of 165 over the cereal crop fields on 9th July. By the end of August all the birds which bred in the north were flying through on their way back to Africa.

Swifts are one of the most unusual birds as the only time they will land is to breed - usually in roofs. From taking its first flight the young birds will not land again until they are mature enough to breed - they sleep on the wing!

Have you noticed on your walks around our beaches *BLACK HEADED GULLS* have returned from their breeding grounds at the end of July? Judging by the numbers of juveniles in the flocks, they have had a good breeding year, with up to 100 in flocks of over 1000.

The post breeding passage of Waders starts from mid July. Unfortunately, this year that coincided with the increase in visitors. A few years ago we would record flocks in excess of 200 for each compared with this years maximum number of *DUNLIN 32*, *RINGED PLOVER 12*, *SANDERLING 3*.

Many of you may have noticed the water level for South Huish Marsh has not dropped this summer. Unfortunately with the main outflow pipe being completely fractured the only remaining water escape has been blocked. Despite the efforts of the National Trust who are responsible for the outflow pipes, including hiring a JCB digger, the pipe remains blocked. As a consequence the areas of mud around the fringes of the Marsh used by Waders to feed are unavailable this year. Only a new replacement pipe will salve this continuing problem.

The small pool next to the overflow carpark produced one of the rare rest birds of the - a pristine juvenile *PECTORAL SANDPIPER* - an American migrant. The last sighting on the Marsh was in 2018.

During recent weeks up to 25 *WHEATEAR*, *YELLOW WAGTAIL* and a visitor from Eastern Europe - a juvenile *ROSE COLOURED STARLING* have been reported around the Marsh with small numbers of *TEAL* back on the water along with an unseasonal male *PINTAIL*. *Duck numbers will increase over the next few weeks particularly with the arrival of our winter flock of WIGEON.*

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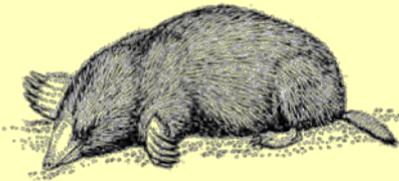
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# Thurlestone Golf Club

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When Head PGA Professional, Steve White arrived in 2012 there were only 6 Juniors at the Club! Today the Club proudly now has 60 Junior members, and have Juniors representing Devon County Teams at every age group as well as playing in National Events.

The Club has worked hard at creating a clear pathway through its Junior Academy starting Junior golfers from as young as 5 years old. The Club proudly now has the largest Junior Academy programme in Devon.

The Junior Academy runs every Saturday within school term time and is open to ALL children. The children are then taught in small groups based on their age and ability by 3 fully qualified PGA Professionals. The lessons are over 5 consecutive weeks with the 6th week run as a Golf Access Event.

Golf Access is an exciting new format designed to help Golf Clubs encourage new participants to play golf for the first time, with the opportunity to learn the game on the golf course, rather than solely on the driving range or practice ground.

There are 9 different bands / levels for golfers to work through in Golf Access and a participant can progress to the next level as soon as they attain the band score or better. The participant can only move one level at a time after posting a score. All participants will start with the maroon coloured band.

When each level has been obtained, junior participants are presented with a coloured wrist band and certificate as recognition of achieving the corresponding level. Adult participants are presented with a coloured poker chip ball marker for every level attained.

The Club wholeheartedly supports the Junior section and as such has noticed that parents are wishing to get involved too and so a similar pathway has now been developed by the Club for adult beginners.

The Club has already invested in putting shorter Blue tees on the first 9 holes to shorten the length of the course to help all beginners enjoy playing the game whilst they improve.

The Club is now looking at further developing another set of tees to help encourage adults who have progressed from the Blue tees or to help some players who simply don't hit the ball very far so that they can continue to enjoy the game.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting into golf then please contact our Head Professional, Steve White on [pro@thurlestonegolfclub.co.uk](mailto:pro@thurlestonegolfclub.co.uk) or call 01548 560715 he would love to hear from you and we look forward to welcoming you to Thurlestone Golf Club.

**Simon Bawden**

## Quiz Nights

The weekly quiz nights have returned to the golf club on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6. Cost £2 per person. Food and bar.

# Thurlestone Village Moths

## August and September 2021

Having only purchased my first moth trap during the first lockdown period in May 2020 identifying the various types of moth has certainly kept my brain and eyesight very active.

There are occasions where one particular day will be long remembered, whilst there have been some very memorable early mornings this year nothing compares to the surprised look on my face when I removed the trap covering on Sunday 12th September.

There in front of me in full splendour was what is known as the "holy grail amongst moth enthusiasts" - a pristine **CLIFDEN NONPAREIL** - 45mm in size of just pure beauty.



CLIFDEN NONPAREIL

This moth became extinct in the UK in the early 1960s, in recent years any sightings were deemed to be from Northern Europe - usually between late August and early October.

One of the largest UK moths it has a grey body, but when it opens its wings it reveals a stunning black hind wing with a bright blue strip running across the back with a white fringe at the base.

It certainly became one of the most photographed moths this year - if you look up my [thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk](http://thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk) website, click on the heading 2021 moth photos, you will be able to see it in all its glory.

Whilst the **CLIFDEN NON PAREIL** (translation is - beyond compare) is the outstanding record of the year the moths have certainly been visiting my Thurlestone Garden. Up to the 13th September I have recorded 326 different species from over 10,700 individual moths logged.

This summer has seen an influx of European moths with increases particularly noted during the warmer nights and southerly or southeasterly breezes - particularly **JERSEY TIGER, PEARLY UNDWING, SILVER Y, SCARCE BORDERED STRAW, RUSTY DOT PEARL, DARK SWORD GRASS.**

Of particular interest this year have been the **THORN** and **WAINSCOT** family. Amongst the **THORNS** my favourite is **CANARY SHOULDERED THORN** - in flight from late July until early October the head (thorax) and main part of its body are a bright canary yellow. Along with **DUSTY THORN** and **EARLY THORN** I have seen over 30 in the last 10 weeks.

**WAINSCOT** family of moths favour damp wetland areas so living adjacent to Thurlestone Marsh results in some good numbers from early August - this year 13 different species have been recorded including those deemed scarce in Devon - **BROWN-VEINED, DEVONSHIRE, L-ALBUM, BULRUSH, SHORE** and **SOUTHERN**. On Tuesday 15 September I opened the trap to find a large **CONVOLVULUS HAWK MOTH**, another of the scarce European immigrant moths. To have both European moths in the space of 2 days is just remarkable.

Reports of my daily catches - all moths are returned unharmed into my garden by lunchtime - are provided on the [thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk](http://thurlestonebaybirds.co.uk) website together with photos of the more unusual ones.

**Mike Passman**



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# A Brief History of Dartmoor Letter Boxing

By Mike Hodges

(Reading this will help you understand the report in Tramp)

Dartmoor Letter Boxing started well before the advent of the global positioning systems (GPS), portable GPS devices and GPS capable sports watches enabled "Geocaching", the sport of using a GPS device to locate messages hidden in containers.

William Crossing in his "A Guide to Dartmoor" writes that, "in 1854 a little cairn was built at Cranmere Pool (middle of North Dartmoor) by the late Mr James Perrott, of Chagford, who was known as a Dartmoor guide. In the cairn he placed a bottle for the reception of gentleman's visitor cards. A visitor's book was added in 1905 by Mr Scott Tucker of Plymouth. By 1908 over 1700 signatures were being added a year to the book". From this, hikers on the moors began to leave a letter or postcard inside a box along the trail, hence the name "letterboxing". The next person to discover the site would collect the letters and postcards and post them. In 1938 a plaque and letterbox in William Crossing's memory were placed at Ducks Pool (Middle of South Dartmoor). The first Dartmoor letterboxes were so remote and well-hidden that only the most determined walkers would find them, allowing weeks to pass before the letter made its way home. Until the 1970s there were no more than a dozen such sites around the moor, usually in the most inaccessible locations. Rubber stamps, often depicting some aspect of the location, were added to the boxes allowing postcards addressed and with suitable postage stamp to be impressed with the picture on the rubber stamp and left in the box. The next visitor to the box would then take the postcard to the nearest post office letter box. In 1976 a souvenir guide with the six figure grid references of 14 letter boxes was published, which included some history about the boxes, and spaces to collect the stamps. Finding most of these boxes on walks with my father, and impressing the guide with the rubber stamps is how I got introduced to letterboxing. During the 1980s the number of letter boxes on Dartmoor grew rapidly and an informal club "Dartmoor 100 Club" started publishing a catalogue for those who had already found 100 letterboxes without the guide. In the catalogue each Letterbox was given a number, and a clue often including compass bearings from features (e.g., a Tor or a building) in the vicinity of the box along with pacing. Many children including our own have learned to map read and use a compass searching for Letterboxes on Dartmoor. More recently local Devon charities have put out a number of stamps on circular walks and made clues available in return for a donation to the charity. It was such a charity walk which the Thurlestone Tramp group followed on 29th July.

Four of the 14 Letter Box Stamps from the 1976 Guide collected by Mike Hodges with his father in 1977.



To retrieve the Cuckoo Rock stamp, one first had to climb the Cuckoo Rock, see below, which is situated North East of Burrator Reservoir.

# Tramp Reports for July and August



## Wistman's Wood and Dartmoor Walk. July 15th. Neil Mackay

Eleven walkers and one dog set off across Dartmoor from Two Bridges Car Park on a clear and mild day and headed along the pathway leading to the wood – about ¾ mile away.

On reaching Wistman's Wood, we saw a magical looking group of mainly oak trees and granite boulders ("clatter") covered in lichen and moss covering an area of about 3.5 hectares or 8.6 acres – in stark contrast to the undulating hills of traditional Dartmoor filled with gorse, heather and fern.

Copses of scrub extend beyond the main body of the wood, suggesting that it originally extended over the entirety of the clatter deposits on the hillside. In the present day, the clatter outside the main wood is covered in bracken, bilberry, and occasional gorse.

Wistman's Wood is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall and has been managed since 1961 under a nature reserve agreement with the Nature Conservancy Council, English Nature and Natural England. Cattle and sheep have free access where the terrain permits, outside of a small fenced enclosure.

On one of the large boulders known as the 'Buller Stone', the following is carved "By permission of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Wentworth Buller, on September 16th 1866, cut down a tree near this spot; it measured nine inches in diameter and appeared to be about one hundred and sixty-eight years old".

After the woods, we proceeded over the moors to Longaford Tor and Higher White Tor where we had a break. If a tor could talk then the one with the best story has to be Longaford Tor, sitting proudly on a moorland ridge the granite

pyramid overlooks extensive vistas. The actual tor itself sits majestically at a height of 507m (1,663ft) and consists of two outcrops of granite, in a cartographical context it displays the unusual feature of having grown in height. In 1890 the Ordnance surveyors recorded the height of the tor at 1,595 feet (487m) but later revised their calculations and increased it by 69 feet (20m). This brings to mind the 1995 film called, 'The Englishman who went up a hill, but came down a mountain', in which some Welsh villagers wanted the surveyors to increase the height of their local hill in order to classify it as a mountain.

After this it was even terrain to get back to the Two Bridges carpark where lunch in the Two Bridges Restaurant or a picnic lunch was enjoyed before heading home.

## Bolberry to Hope Cove and back. July 23rd 2021. Liz Coates.

A select group of 7 happy Trampers, plus Peggy the dog, set off from the car park at Oceans Restaurant on Bolberry Down. We headed inland, down the hill, through Bolberry village and then up the hill on the other side, turning left at Sweetheart's Lane. We carried on up to Higher Barton and then on through the fields, heading off along the ridge towards Hope Cove with beautiful views over Galmpton and beyond.

Dropping down into Hope Cove, we stopped to look inside St Clements, the beautifully kept "Chapel of Ease" (a church built to accommodate those living at a distance from the Parish Church i.e., Galmpton. There are two unusual stained-glass windows in the chapel, the east window with St Clement, the Patron Saint of tanners and fishermen, looking

down the whole church. He is shown with a large anchor as the poor man was sentenced to death by drowning tied to an anchor. The west window shows St Peter, the patron saint of fishermen, holding the keys to heaven and his boat. Around his feet there is a lobster pot, a lobster and a crab as fishing for these crustaceans was a prominent part of the Hope economy for many years.

We then turned left into Inner Hope and started up the coastal path towards Bolt Tail. After climbing about 200 yards, we stopped at the bench in memory of Christine Hammer, a long-time member of the Tramp group who sadly died suddenly about 9 years ago. Emerging from the woods into the open, we climbed upwards and onwards towards Bolt Tail, then turning back on the cliff path towards the start of our walk. We finished with a snack lunch at the Oceans Restaurant. Another good morning's walk with friends.

**Dartmoor Letter Box Walk. Barn Hill and Pew Tor 29th July.**  
**Mike & Sian Hodges**

A small group ventured onto Dartmoor to take in lovely views, a gentle contoured walk, and indulge in some Dartmoor Letterboxing following a charity letterbox walk in aid of Children's Hospice South West.

The walk started at Barn Hill car park (to the west of Princetown) traversed south following the route of a disused leat to the East of Whitchurch Common, Feather Tor and Pew Tor. Good visibility giving excellent views of Cox Tor, Great Staple Tor and Great Mis Tor to the North, and Kings Tor (whose quarries contributed granite to many London buildings) to the East. Progress was gentle as members of the group used multiple compass bearings and pacing to locate the Letterboxes, enclosed in plastic pill boxes hidden in holes and covered by stones. Lunch was taken at Pew Tor with good views across to Sharpitor (above Burrator Reservoir

which supplies water to Plymouth). We returned traversing to the west of Feather Tor affording views deep into Cornwall with Brent Tor Church clearly visible on its stack to the North West.

In all 8 letterboxes were found each containing a rubber stamp depicting a wild bird found on and around the moor, and in the process, we raised over £30 for the Children Hospice South West.

We hope to organise another letterbox walk in 2021. An impression of one of the stamps we found is reproduced opposite to whet your appetite.



**Chillington area walk. August 3rd.**  
**8 miles. Claudette Uff.**

A small group of six jolly walkers set off through Chillington woods in ideal walking conditions. We then headed towards Deer bridge and picked up the Slapton Trail, leading through Slapton Ley. We lunched at Torcross with various birds, plenty of seats, ice-creams and a pint.

Finishing off, we returned back to Chillington village hall, via Stokenham Church yard and along various footpaths. We would certainly like to do this relatively level walk again with a bit of variation.

**Plymouth Sound. 11th August.**  
**Christine Wilson**

I was joined by eleven friends from Thurlestone at the Jennycliff car park at the Sound.

Out on the water was an amazing 5 masted yacht called the 'Golden Horizon'. This is the largest square-rigged cruising ship in the world.

We followed the coast path to Bovisand café (sadly closed!) but we had a welcome rest sharing each other's refreshments.

Then we walked up through the wooded valley on Bovisand Lane and then along the road past Staddon Heights Golf Club and back along the coast path again.

The yacht was still there but when the Brittany Ferry came by it didn't look so big!

A few of us had a snack at the cafe afterwards before departing home.

**Dartmoor walk from Cross Furzes along Abbot's Way and past Avon Reservoir and Huntingdon Warren. August 28th. Alastair Durden.**

In writing a review of this walk, I am reminded of the hymn "Father, hear the prayer we offer", which contains the lines 'Not forever in green pastures do we ask our way to be; but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly. Not forever by still waters would we idly rest and stay....'. Well, our walk took us through green pastures, along rugged pathways (though fortunately not steep!), and by still waters. To go from the beginning: - having found, albeit with difficulty, somewhere to park three cars off the road, 11 of us and a dog started the walk along the Abbots Way, which in former times was reputedly used by the monks of the three abbeys on the immediate perimeter of the moor, i.e., Buckfast, Tavistock and Buckland, when visiting each other. The Abbots Way took us through woodland, across a little stream on a clapper bridge, through green pastures on to the open moor, and down to near the still waters of the Avon Reservoir, where we had a quick coffee break, moving on before we were tempted to idly rest and stay! The path became increasingly rugged; a well-defined path but very rocky, though fortunately not steep! The Abbots Way takes walkers past Huntingdon Cross, a granite cross which is one of four such erected in the mid-16th century at the order of the Royal Commissioners charged with determining the boundaries of the Manor of Brent.

At this point, having stopped for a picnic lunch, we crossed the Western Wella Brook on a relatively new clapper bridge erected in 2018 by a local Ramblers group, then turned off the Abbots Way to follow this stream uphill. The stream itself forms the boundary between the Forest of Dartmoor on the west, and Dean Moor and Buckfastleigh Moor on the east. This was not easy going, as there is no well-defined path here, merely a sheep track. To the west, we passed the extensive Huntingdon Warren which covers around 500 acres, and consists of enclosures, ruined buildings, and the artificial rabbit burrows referred to on the map as 'pillow mounds'. On the other side of the stream, we saw a ruined stone building associated with the local tin mines, probably housing a water wheel which operated the pumps necessary to keep the mine clear of water. Further on, we found – with some difficulty! – the well-marked track which linked Huntingdon Warren with the outside world, and, crossing the stream on a clapper bridge, followed this track uphill then down to Lud Gate – one of the many gates giving access on to the moor. Beyond this, we had to negotiate a very rugged pathway, a stony track which led us past Hayford Hall where we were once again on tarmac and soon back to our parked cars.

This walk – six miles or perhaps a little more - is not without its challenges, but is very varied and has wonderful views, particularly over to the east where one can just see Widecombe Church and even as far as the coast and the Teign estuary. We were blessed with good walking weather – some sunshine and a breeze to keep us from getting too hot. This was a walk new to Tramp, but definitely worth doing!





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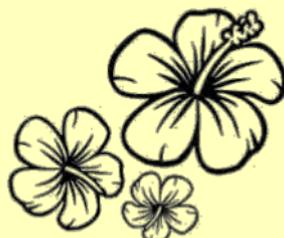
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Inside the inn, tempting though it may be, don't take the first door on the right. That's the pool room, and games are for another day. If you're there to eat, you can expect food from a kitchen where flavour is paramount.

Once you've passed the pool room, you'll find this Devon restaurant pub has four dining rooms. From the hall, take a step down into the Nelson room - a cosy nook for personalised dining. Like the snug, which leads from the Nelson room, log fires and overhead beams add warmth and character where there are ten covers. There are a couple more steps down for the pub room and conservatory, each having twenty covers. Out from the conservatory, there are alfresco opportunities in a garden where some tables are under cover - look for the pizza oven near a banana tree.

Inside, don't expect high ceilings, updated finishes or waitresses with white pinnies. What you can expect is good food planned and prepared by a master of flavour whose experiences are from such diverse places as Australia, Thailand, Indonesia and Europe.

You will, necessarily, have booked and, after the friendly reception at the bar - a greeting that's so naturally welcoming, you could wonder if they remember you from before - you may want to choose a drink before going to your table? Beers and ciders are on tap from barrels on wall shelves rather than the more usual place under the bar where your elbows are resting.

For dinner, we had salmon with mash and green vegetables in season. It was beautifully cooked and presented with a sauce that merged with other flavours on the plate. We also had mussels which were in a herby wine sauce, again with flavours to enjoy with each mouthful, as were starters - one from pulled duck and another with mackerel. Words for the taste experiences are impossible to find. They have to be tasted to be appreciated. Dinner menus change frequently. They adjust to seasonal produce and, the chef's creativity means boredom would set in if he stayed with one selection.

Whether there for dinner in the Nelson Room, or lunch in the conservatory, there are differing experiences to be had. Lunch specials include the familiar sausage & mash, fish & chips and burgers & chips but, at Journeys End, these standard dishes have added pleasing touches. Choices on the lunch a la carte menu include: crispy duck, curry... and more.

Conservatory windows give an outlook to exotic plants like fig and banana trees in a garden that's brightened by the scarlet brilliance of geraniums. That's where we enjoyed lunches of fish and chips; and buttermilk chicken burger with chips. Ladies, with their elderly mother at the neighbouring table, critically scored their lunches out of ten. Sausage & mash was strictly awarded 7.5 by mum and mussels peaked at 9.5 by her daughters.

While staff shortages are affecting the hospitality business, Journeys End has benefitted from school leavers helping out as waitresses while waiting for university terms to begin.

Call for a booking, they are being snapped up, tel: 01548 810205

**Vivien Stickland**

# WEATHER WAG



Today, 14<sup>th</sup> September, is yet another lovely day, sunny, dry, no wind, there was even a little shower or two in the night to water the plants and freshen things up. The beach is well stocked with folks enjoying these last days of warmth and sunshine. As usual, the children are all back at school now that the sun is shining. However, there is nothing as horrid as welcoming year 11 in pouring rain. KCC is a wide-open campus so they are bound to get wet. Still, this year it is fine and sunny, so all will be well. Let's hope they all settle in well to a rather strange mobile lifestyle.

The 'Wrong Kind of Snow' by Woodward and Penn makes the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept the chapter dealing with fire. The heading is 'Burned: London was, but is no more'. Thinking about the fires in California recently, the spectacle is fantastic but the effect on the landscape and people is a disaster. Back to London; John Evelyn describes the fire in 1666 as a resemblance of Sodom saying that the noise and crackling and thunder of impetuous flames, the shrieking of women and children resembled 'the last day'. There had been no respite from the east wind, the fire had been burning since Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and flames could be seen from Oxford. Melted lead from the roof of St. Paul's Cathedral poured down Ludgate Hill. Burning embers rained on Kensington. The destruction was immense, over 1300 houses, 87 churches, 50 livery halls, the Royal Exchange, the Guildhall, Newgate Jail, 4 bridges and 100,000 homeless people.

Unlike the Great Fire in 1212 or the Blitz, there were no casualties and, due to an east wind which dictated the course of the fire, people were able to escape. The up side of this event is an interesting list: Insurance was instituted, Buildings were made of brick and stone, St Paul's and 51 city churches were re-built, the Plague was eradicated, Streets were re-planned and made wider, although the Grid System suggested was rejected and used instead to lay out the plan for Philadelphia, USA, and the original Medieval street-plan in London was retained to this day.

Back to the weather that we're having since I last wrote: mixed I suppose I should say. Much of August was quite acceptable as the month goes, 23 mm rain and the Bank Holiday weekend was superb (for a change!). There were certainly some lovely spells of weather for our visitors to enjoy. My garden was full most days with folks, they went off to the beach with their bathers and returned looking refreshed and happy; just as it should be. So far this month September (as I write) there's been 28mm of rain which fell on just three days. So another lovely Autumn season begins. I have been amazed at the rate of growth in the hedges and plants in general this year. The ground was warm, the rains light apart from the little storm we had on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Lots of blocked drains and mini flooding on the roads resulted from this night's rainfall. Nothing like some of the disasters which some areas of the world have seen: roads washed away, whole villages destroyed; thank goodness for good old South Devon.

Looking ahead at October's calendar; 10<sup>th</sup> is, in Cornwall, the critical date or 'Old Style Michaelmas' Day when rents are due to be paid. Ralph Whitlock in his little book - March Winds and April Showers, quotes lots of rhymes about the weather. I will leave you with just two that took my eye: 'Grey mists at dawn, the day will be warm'. And 'Dew at night, next day will be bright'. Keep watching the weather, a clear sky with wisps of cloud on the horizon over the Bay you may even glimpse the elusive 'Green Flash'.

**Jan Turner**

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When the Covid restrictions were relaxed in late July we were at long last able to have our first face to face meeting since March 2020. This meeting by necessity had to be our 2021 Annual Meeting but once the formalities were over, we settled down to the real business of the day which was a wonderful cream tea with scones made by Joan Booth and our first opportunity to have a really good natter. It was a delight to see so many members enjoying themselves. It was a challenge for the committee to organise a meeting where our members felt safe so soon after the relaxation of the Covid restrictions but we have found that holding this meeting sitting at tables actually encouraged conversation to last longer whilst enabling social distancing to happen quite naturally and we will continue to do this.

In August we held what should have been our Summer Garden Lunch but the weather was against us and it had to be held inside. Liz Candy was our host and she and her family, who were visiting, did an amazing job setting up everything for us. As usual the Committee had provided the buffet lunch and we were able to sit and chat with fellow members. There has been so much to catch up on and plans to make for the future.

In December 2020 we gave our members a Christmas Meeting in a Bag and one of the items inside was a packet of sunflower seeds and notice of a competition to be held in 2021, something for us to look forward to. We had two competitions and these were judged by Diane Martin in mid-August. The tallest sunflower was grown by Judith Le Grice and the sunflower with the largest flower head was grown by Sally Martin. They were awarded garden vouchers for their efforts.

The topic for our September meeting was English Paper Piecing Patchwork presented by one of our members, Joan Booth. Joan is well known in the world of quilt makers and particularly Quay Quilters in Kingsbridge. She gave us a short history of this type of patchwork and had some wonderful examples to show us. Members were then able to take part in a hands on workshop using kits made up by Joan. Those members who did not wish to take part stayed to chat and observe. We were delighted that two visitors joined us and hope that others will come along to future meetings and **give us a try.**

## Future meetings:-

**14 October**

### **Marilyn Bishop - Music Hall with some audience participation**

The Music Halls were a major entertainment in the 19th and up to the mid 20th centuries. They were very influential in motivating young men to enlist in a war which was expected to be over by Christmas and proved not to be the Lovely War but the most awful of wars. Songs are included in the talk and audience participation is encouraged in the true Music Hall tradition. Marilyn's meetings have always been popular, well researched and very interesting.

**11 November**

### **Alice Foster - A Christmas Floral Demonstration**

Alice was a WI Floristry Demonstrator and her previous demonstration for entries to the Horticultural Society Show was well received. She will be giving us ideas for Christmas which can be so difficult to achieve at that time of the year with so little in the garden.

**10 December**

### **Our Christmas Lunch to be held at the Golf Club**

(Please note that this is a FRIDAY)

**Sally Martin**

# DIARY DATES

## October

- Friday 1-3 Salcombe Live Festival - Live Music, Comedy and Entertainment in venues across the town
- Saturday 2 Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
- Monday 4 Parish Council Meeting, Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
- Thursday 7 TRAMP - TBA - Jill Miller
- Saturday 9-10 Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm
- Wednesday 13 TRAMP - Cremyl Ferry and Mount Edgecombe - Eric and Liz Candy
- Thursday 14 WI 2pm for 2.30pm start Thurlestone Parish Hall - Marilyn Bishop - Music Hall with some Audience Participation
- Saturday 16 Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
- Saturday 16-31 South Hams Arts Forum Arts Trail
- Saturday 16-17 Pumpkin Patch Days at Terawhiti Farm - Harvest your own pumpkin straight from the pumpkin patch 10am - 4pm
- Tuesday 19 Kingsbridge Probus Club 10.30am at Mill Club Kingsbridge - Roger Avery – Climbing Dartmoor Tors
- Wednesday 20 Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm
- Friday 22 TRAMP - Strete to Dartmouth Food Festival - Alastair and Jill Durden
- Friday 22-24 Dartmouth Food Festival
- Monday 25-29 Devon Schools' Half Term
- Monday 25 TRAMP - Hembury Woods, Dartmoor - Jenny Webb
- Wednesday 27 Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall 2.30pm. "Courtly Life in Mantua: Hunchbacks, Dwarfs and Giants" with Dan Evans.
- Sunday 31 British Summer Time (BST) ends at 2am. Clocks go backwards one hour (to GMT)

## November

- Monday 1 TRAMP - Kingston and Ringmore - Tony Burn
- Monday 1 Parish Council Meeting, Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm
- Saturday 6 Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday 10 Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 11 WI 2pm for 2.30pm start Thurlestone Parish Hall - Alice Foster - A Christmas Floral Demonstration
- Tuesday 16 Kingsbridge Probus Club 10.30am at Mill Club, Kingsbridge - Paul Young – The Battle of Gettysburg
- Wednesday 17 TRAMP - Bolberry Down - Eastern Circular - Annie and Harry
- Saturday 20 Kingsbridge Farmers' Market 9am to 1pm
- Monday 22 TRAMP - Little Modbury - Robin Hart
- Wednesday 24 Kingsbridge Arts Society Methodist Hall 2.30pm. "From Russia with Love" 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russian Art with Brian Healey
- Monday 29 TRAMP - Soar to Overbecks Circular - Jeremy Tucker

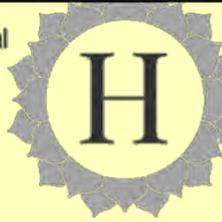
## December

- Wednesday 1 Barclays Bank Mobile Unit at Quay House Car Park 10am to 2pm
- Saturday 4 Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas 10am to 5pm

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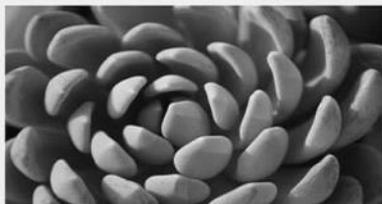
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# CONTACT INFORMATION

## CLUBS & GROUPS

<b>ART CLASS</b> (Tues 11am - 1pm)	Contact	Marianne Smith	531413
<b>AUNE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION</b>	Chairman	Stuart Watts	810373
<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b>	Contact	Sian Hodges	07784893405
<b>BANTHAM SAILING CLUB</b>	Secretary	Nikki Smith	560275
<b>BANTHAM SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB</b>	Clubhouse		560447
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> (Wed 6.15pm)	Contact	Lisa White	560505
<b>BUCKLAND PHONE BOX</b>	Contact	Anna Martin	560796
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING</b>	Contact	Sue Richards	07810751083
<b>FITNESS YOGA WITH SUZI</b> Mon 6pm - 7pm	Contact	Suzi Griffiths	07557334802
<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Thurs 1.30pm-3.30pm	Contact	Angela Luckhurst	521595
<b>FRIENDS OF THURLESTONE CHURCH</b>	Contact	Phil Millard	560843
<b>HORTICULTURAL SHOW</b> (annual)	Contact	Tom Gilkes	560973
<b>LINE DANCING</b> (Wed 2pm)	Contact	Sue Bain	07989817898
<b>PARISH OF THURLESTONE SOC (POTS)</b>	Chairman	Chris White	560505
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> (Thurs 7.30pm)	Contact	Paul Ferguson	07866802800
<b>THURLESTONE GOLF CLUB</b>	Office & General Enquiries		560405
<b>TENNIS SECTION</b> (at Golf Club)	Book via Pro Shop		560715
<b>THURLESTONE PHONE BOX</b>	Contact	Kit Marshall	560214
<b>TRAMP</b> (Thurlestone Ramblers)	Contact	Mike Stickland	560763
<b>WI</b> (2nd Thurs in month 2.30pm not Aug or Dec)	Contact	Sally Martin	561356
<b>YOGA</b> (Tues 9am)	Contact	Sarah Scott	07879627939

## HEALTH CENTRES

Norton Brook Medical Centre, Cookworthy Road, Kingsbridge TQ7 1AE	853551
Redfern Health Centre, Shadycombe Road, Salcombe TQ8 8DJ	842284
Minor Injuries Unit (NOT 24 Hrs) South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge TQ7 1XT	852349
Non-emergency NHS Direct	111

## POLICE

Emergency 999      Non-emergency 101

## RUBBISH COLLECTION - Wednesdays

Recycling Boxes 1 and 2, Reusable White Sack, and Food Waste Caddy - EVERY WEEK  
Black/Grey Bin (non-recyclable landfill) alternate Wednesdays from 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Brown Bin (garden waste) alternate Wednesdays from 13<sup>th</sup> October - currently suspended

## RECYCLING CENTRE - Torr Quarry Site, Totnes Road, Kingsbridge TQ9 7QQ T:0345 1551010

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Mon - Fri 9.00am to 5.00pm, Sat - Sun 10.00am to 6.00pm (1st April - 30th September)  
Mon - Fri 9.00am to 4.30pm, Sat - Sun 10.00am to 4.30pm (1st October - 31st March)

## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Kingsbridge T: 853195, Salcombe T: 843927, Totnes T: 01803-411183, Dartmouth T:01803-834224

## LIBRARIES

Kingsbridge - Ilbert Road, Kingsbridge TQ7 1EB T: 852315 (closed all day Thur, Sat and Sun pm)  
Mobile library visits Thurlestone Parish Hall Car Park Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November 3.10pm to 4.00pm

## TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

Local Bus Service - Tally Ho! Service No. 162 - Destinations from Thurlestone (Bus stop by Church) are:- Kingsbridge, South Milton, Malborough, Galmpton and Hope Cove.  
For timetable contact Tally Ho! on 01548 853081 or see [www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/162-timetable](http://www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/162-timetable)  
For other Bus, Rail and Coach information contact Traveline South West T: 0871 2002233 (7.00am - 10.00pm)  
Taxi Companies - Taxi-Mike (0771 4512516) - see advert in this magazine

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COUNCIL** Meetings take place on 1st Monday of every month except August

Chairman	Andrew Rhymes	560564
Vice-chairman	Jill Munn	560732
Parish Clerk	Helen Nathanson	07813 689717
Members	Sue Crowther	560098
	Nigel Hurrell	560691
	Kit Marshall	560214
	Charlie Mitchelmore	560602 (and Tree Warden)
	Sian Williams	560339
District Councillors	Mark Long	843828
	Judy Pearce	561370
County Councillor	Rufus Gilbert	856659

**PARISH HALL** (see Thurlestone Parish Website for more details)

Telephone (Payphone in foyer) 562189

Chairman: Vacant

Bookings: Diane Martin email: via Parish Website or directly on [tphbookings@gmail.com](mailto:tphbookings@gmail.com)  
or telephone 560070 Mon to Sat 9.30am - 5.30pm

**PARISH WEBSITE** ([www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk](http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk)) Mike Bone 288436 Paul Martin 560070

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH** See All Saints' Diary pages earlier in magazine  
Church Meeting Room Telephone 561246

**ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL** Executive Head Miss Lesa Garside 560494

**THURLESTONE POST OFFICE & STORES** Contact Sarah Tyers 561917

<b>Shop Opening Hours</b>	Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri	8.00am - 5.00pm
Subject to change	Wednesday	8.00am - 2.00pm
	Saturday	8.00am - 2.00pm
	Sunday and Bank Holidays	8.30am - 2.00pm

<b>Post Office Hours</b>	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9.00am - 4.00pm
Subject to change	Wed	9.00am - 1.00pm
	Sat	9.30am - 12.30pm
	Sun	Closed

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

**BANTHAM VILLAGE STORES & COFFEE SHOP** Contact Kelly Seymour 560645

<b>Opening Hours</b>	Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun	9.00am - 2.30pm
	Closed Tuesday and Wednesday	

**PUBS** The Village Inn (Thurlestone) - 563525 The Sloop Inn (Bantham) - 560489

**MILK DELIVERY** Dartmouth Dairy (R Bruckner & Son) 01803-832801

### PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

- Thurlestone Parish Hall
  - Thurlestone Hotel (Garage)
  - Golf Club (Tennis Pav Wall)
  - Sloop Inn Bantham (Lobby)
  - Bantham Quay
  - Buckland Phone Box
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