

SOUTH HUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this summer issue of the newsletter. As the new editor, I would like to thank Jan Carter for her dedication and work for the last 22 years! That is no mean feat and certainly not the only contribution Jan makes to our wonderful community. I looked back at the first newsletter Jan edited in October 2001, it was two pages of A4. So Jan has helped develop the document into a highly readable source of community news and useful diary of events, plus local contacts. Another development is that the newsletter is now online. Of course, a printed copy will continue to be delivered to residents of South Huish but I am sure we all know people who visit on a regular basis or have homes here that they frequently come to. Please help spread the word about the online version which is available at www.southhuish-pc.org.uk Do please let me know if there are any changes you would like to see and send me news items for future issues. My email is juliebeaconcottage@outlook.com

Hope Cove Weekend

Here at HCW HQ we are busy planning a fabulous August Bank Holiday Weekend for all the family. Whether you are HCW regulars or relative newcomers to our 3 days of fun and games, we can't wait to see you! HCW, in its present format, started in the early 1970's and there are at least 3 of us on the committee who have wonderful memories of the HCW festivities over 4 decades and a fair few photographs to prove it! There have been a few changes over the years for all sorts of reasons including Health and Safety regulations!

Some older folk will remember the wonderful spectacle of the "Crabbers Race" across the bay with a series of fishing boats arriving from Salcombe to Plymouth, decked out with bunting for the occasion and the infamous "Bang and Go Back" race (a favourite of our current Harbour Master!), not to mention the Raft Race.

Many will remember sounds of the fairground organ outside the Hope and Anchor car park. The Churn Race, Pram Race and the Waiters and Waitresses Race would always draw a crowd outside the pub, as would the colourful stalls.

At one stage, the Tug of War would take place early on a Sunday evening in the New Road field now used for extra car parking. Teams from many of the local pubs would turn up and battle for glory. The motto has always been "Family Fun For All". Sandcastle Competitions, Fancy Dress Competitions, Family Sports Competitions, Tug of War competitions and various water borne activities from Harbour Beach etc are still wonderfully popular and we have organised a packed programme of events around the tides. Although we have decided not to run the Raft Race this year we are planning on organising an Open Swim. In the Square outside The Cove and the Hope and Anchor you will find a variety of stalls selling locally produced goods, various food outlets and the opportunity to enter the Treasure Hunt and Rock Pool competition and, of course our Raffle Ticket stall. We also hope to have a couple of family friendly competitive activities in the Square and live music from the stage over the weekend together with our much-loved Country Dancing and Fireworks on the Saturday night.

We don't charge for most events. There are a few exceptions eg the Joggers Race/ Sailing Race and the Open Swim. However, as the committee is facing rising costs to produce HCW we are always grateful for the donations and sponsorship from businesses and individuals that we receive. We have also established a Go Fund Me page to help raise the cost of paying for the Fireworks. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/hcw-fundraiser>

Every little helps! As usual there will also be SumUp machines and collecting tins being walked around the village all through August Bank Holiday. The surplus cash raised will, as usual, be distributed between local charities including the Hope Cove Lifeboat, without which we would not be able to run our water-based competitions.

Finally, we couldn't run HCW without our wonderful volunteers, some of whom actually come on holiday to Hope Cove specifically to be able to volunteer at HCW!

We always welcome new volunteers as well as our returning volunteers.

If you would like to get involved please email us at hopecovesecretary@gmail.com and please come to our Volunteers Meeting at the Cottage Hotel at 11am on Sunday 20th August. Looking forward to HCW 2023 and hoping for a fun filled Sunny weekend!

Sam Kemp, Chair HCW committee

Changes to Hope Cove Post Office and Shop

Sadly, the Post Office situated within the Hope Cove shop is no longer operating. The shop is to be renamed Store and will continue to sell stamps as well as daily staples, such as fresh bread and milk, plus drinks and snacks. The shops new phone number is 01548 288250

Community/Bowling Lunch in September



This lunch will be held at the Cottage Hotel on September 21st from 12.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to this sociable local event. Look forward to seeing you!

Short Mat Bowls at Hope and Galmpton Village Hall is held on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm . This is a fun afternoon of Short Mat bowls. Tea and biscuits are served at half time. If you've never played, why not come along and see what it's all about? Hope to see you there.

Juliet Thompson

The Kingsbridge Estuary u3a



On 22nd September we have a u3a open meeting to display the wealth of activities enjoyed by our various groups. Please come and see what we get up to and maybe think of joining in. 10am till noon, Malborough Village Hall

Babysitting

Please contact Ella: 07742 453298. I'm a local 18 year old and have experience of looking after babies through to early teens.

Hope Cove Life Boat



The major event for the crew during the last couple of months was that one of our crew had his wedding on the beach! The ceremony was conducted on Inner Hope Slipway and just completed before the inevitable intervention of the tide! The reception was held on harbour beach and very much enjoyed by all. We all wish the happy couple a long and happy marriage.

We have also been very busy with 'shouts', during the end of May, this was nearly one per day, and on one occasion we had recovered the boat to the boathouse and were just about to wash down and put it away when we were paged again and relaunched. Most of this was due to strong offshore winds in Bigbury Bay resulting in a lot of inexperienced paddleboarders and kayakers getting blown out to sea. There are major concerns across the whole of the UK's Sea Search and Rescue organisations about the increase in these situations. The problem seems to be the affordability of paddleboards and other inflatables, enabling people with no sea experience, to put themselves in harms way.

We also welcomed a new trustee to the team, Nigel Rossiter, whose family have been coming here for well over a hundred years. He brings many useful skills to our small band and as a result picked up quite a few actions during his first trustee meeting.

The golf day at Thurlestone was very successful and this year the weather was kinder to the 22 teams, who all

made it round the course and raised well over £5000.00 for our funds. The clothing sales start again on the 23rd July in the usual location by Rays Hut on Harbour beach, this produces a steady stream of income for us. You will also see some QR codes by our collection boxes and noticeboards around the village to enable the current generation (who are cashless) to contribute towards our operation.

Another innovation this year is the 'Cocktails on the Beach', where every Tuesday you can enjoy a cocktail by the Inner Hope Slipway and watch the crew training. A percentage of the monies taken will go towards our funds.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency carried out an inspection on Tuesday 18th July to ensure that we comply with all the regulations to run a lifeboat. This covers all aspects of our operation. The major part of this is to meet the requirements of the Rescue Boat Code which is a very substantial tome covering the specifications of the boat and other equipment, training, maintenance, standard operating procedures and the usual health and safety issues. This is a very extensive inspection and we have to meet the standards set to continue to be called by the emergency services to attend people in distress. The feedback was that we are doing a very good job and all the crew know what to do and operate in a cool calm manner to achieve the results. This is very impressive from a small team of 28 people made up of crew and trustees.

If you would like to be part of this team we are looking for volunteers with a cross section of skills, some of the roles are shore based and do not involve going to sea in a fast rib. Please contact either Dave Clarke 01548 561825 or me 01548 561948 and we will show you what we do and where you could possibly fit in.

Steve Baguley, **Chairman and Liaison Director Hope Cove Life Boat** www.hopcovelifeboat.org

Hope Cove Harbour Breakwater Project



Much progress has been made since last Autumn, and it is fair to say that we have come a long way since the early stages of this venture which started in 2017, when we gave ourselves between 5 to 10 years to complete. It would be nice to think that our ambitions could come to fruition in time to mark the centenary of the original building of the Breakwater, which will be 2025/26. Recent progress has involved several parties, including government agencies, our MP, local businesses and local marine engineering specialists, TDA. The latter were commissioned by the Hope Cove Harbour Commissioners to produce a Business Case Study for the Breakwater project. This study was very thorough, taking into account topics such as climate change, the impact on marine life, employment, tourism, potential dangers of flooding, disruption to the village and the visual impact of any changes. The study concluded the longevity of the current Breakwater was between 30 and 40 years! Four recommendations for future works were made. These ranged in cost from between 1.5 million pounds to nearly 5 million pounds.

Later in June 2023 after careful consideration and consultation, the Commissioners have opted for a model that involves the construction of offshore rock armor coupled with integral strengthening of the existing Breakwater. It was felt that this option would have the least impact on the village during construction. It would also allow South West Water easier access to their outfall pipe should work be necessary. It could encourage the development of marine life, the visual impact would be softer, and there would be the option of doing work in planned stages as opposed to completing in "one foul swoop".

Anthony Mangnall MP and local Government Officials are now working on our behalf to try and secure funding streams to finance the project, and once these are known, the raising of matched funding, will begin in earnest. Nothing is expected to be definite for around 12 months. When there is clarity, Planning and Marine License applications will be submitted. So, whilst there is still much to do, there is definite light at the end of the tunnel and the mood of all involved is buoyant, optimistic, positive, and dare one say it, fueled with confidence!

Later in the year/early 2024 there will be a public meeting to share information of a more detailed nature.

Graham Phillips

KATS (Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society) present - *And Then There Were None* By Agatha Christie



August 1939. Ten strangers are lured to a mansion on a remote island off the Devon coast. As a storm approaches and cuts them off from the mainland, one by one, each of them is murdered. They soon realise that ... "None of us will leave this island...."

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE remains the biggest selling crime novel of all time. Christie's play is based on this, her iconic novel. More of a thriller than a who-dunnit, the play is a dark and chilling psychological drama with a complex plot and fascinating characters.

The talented cast and creative team at KATS are excited by the challenge of presenting this enduringly popular genre. With atmospheric original music and dramatic sound and lighting effects, KATS production holds plenty of promise.

KATS are definitely maintaining their long-standing reputation for presenting top quality local entertainment. Their production of 9-5 The Musical in March 2022 won the NODA award for the Best small Musical and the comedy drama Calendar Girls and the musical My Fair lady in march this year, both played to full house and enjoyed huge critical acclaim.

My Fair Lady had a waiting list for ticket returns, so KATS are advising audiences to book early for AND THEN THERE WERE NONE.

Wednesday 4th- Saturday 7th October 2023

At 7.30pm Malborough Village Hall

TICKETS available from July 1st

Visit kats-kingsbridge.co.uk Or call 07584 905810

Raked Seating. Licensed Bar. Parking. Disabled Access.

MAD Kids

The junior theatre section of the Malborough Amateur Dramatic Group will be performing their annual summer show 2nd - 5th August inclusive at Malborough Village Hall, 7.30 pm. This year's production is Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and will be spectacular with lively music and dancing, lavish costumes, plus the car itself on stage! Tickets are available now online by going to the MAD website www.madpanto.co.uk or from Malborough Post Office.

Friends of the Redfern Centre



There will be a FORC committee meeting on Thursday 14th September starting at 7.30 pm in the Annexe of Malborough Village Hall. All patients registered at the Redfern Centre, Salcombe are welcome to attend. For further details contact the Secretary Jan Carter on 560086.

C of E Services in South Huish - Holy Trinity and St Clement's



6th of August 2:30 pm outside service at St Andrews South Huish.

13th August 10am Eucharist at St Clement's Hope cove.

20th of August no service at Holy Trinity but parish service at Malborough

27th August 11:30am Hope Cove weekend service Outer Hope

3rd September 10 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity Galmpton

10th September 10 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity Galmpton

17th September 10 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity Galmpton

24th September 10 am service of the word at Holy Trinity Galmpton

Methodist Church Services



The Methodist Church services continue at 6pm for the remainder of the summer. Our next event is the Silver Band Service in the Square, Inner Hope or in the chapel itself if raining. The following Sunday 30th July is a Taize service of quiet meditation and music, lead by Trevor Becker. Our charity fund raising this year is for the Devon Air Ambulance. We have recently produced a little booklet by Nettie Green about the history of the chapel and our history exhibition will be on display at the back of the chapel.

History Group The History Group meet every first Friday of the month to discuss the local history. As part of those



endeavours we have now generated six publications comprising "Hope Cove , Galmpton and South Huish—The story of a Devon parish" now accompanied by a miscellany of observations in and around the locality in "Hope Cove Uncovered". In addition we now have a full set of booklets on the four churches in the parish namely The Methodist Chapel—Inner Hope, St Clement's Outer Hope, Holy Trinity Galmpton and the very attractive ruined church of St Andrew's.

We will be holding an exhibition of local history featuring "A Celebration of Local History" in in the Fishermen's Reading Room, Bank Holiday weekend from 11.00am to 5.00 pm, come and find out more about the story of this beautiful area . In the meantime we are gathering any memories recorded by locals in the past—If you or any one you know has memories of the parish do encourage them to write them down for posterity! To contact us either call Phil Worth 561415 or Maz Morris on 561338 or Tom Windle 562021

The Green Galmpton update.

The green will be cut and raked up soon; where the Yellow Rattle has done well, it has cleared the stronger grasses and has shown the biggest improvement. Overall, the rewilding is going well the number of plant species has quadrupled since we started, we were really pleased recently to see purple Knap weed and Viper's Bug-loss, both good for bees. There is a list of species on the Parish Noticeboard near the green. If there is an entomologist in the parish who would survey the green that would be an enormous help.mm

Suzy's step classes

Thanks to everyone who supported Suzy's 'winter-spring' step classes at Galmpton and Hope village Hall. Hopefully we will be returning in the Autumn once the clocks go back.

If you feel in need of a replacement Wednesday evening workout, or looking for something different then head over to South Milton Beach 6.30 pm. J.active are holding weekly Wednesday summer classes on the beach, BEACH PLEASE! A Tabata circuit followed with optional dip in the sea.

Book on line <https://jactivefit.mypthub.net/public-calendar/>

South Huish Parish Council – Draft Minutes of meeting on 12th July 2023



Present: Cllr Jan Carter, Cllr Jo Hocking (in the Chair), Cllr Darren James, Cllr Steve Pearson, Cllr Alan Rundle, Cllr Tom Windle

In attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk), DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Ward Cllr Sam Dennis, Ward Cllr Mark Long

Parishioners/guests: 16 Apologies: Cllr Anne Rossiter

OPEN FORUM:

Thanks were given to Sean and Josh Hassall for the work to the benches by the slipway. The Beachcomber sinkhole has not been repaired. SWW said they were going to reinforce the cover to ensure that it would not sink again.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL. As of today, the cabinet has reluctantly confirmed that the mobile library service will be stopped at the end of the year. An article covering how to complain about primary care has been added to the South Huish Parish Council website. Scams continue to increase and are progressively worse. The amount of money being lost runs into billions of pounds with the elderly being the most affected. A question was raised regarding potholes. Cllr Gilbert advised that issues need to be reported online, it was noted that there is also a procedure on the Devon County Council website for obtaining compensation if your vehicle is damaged. Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS. Cllr Mark Long and Cllr Samantha Dennis have been nominated to serve for the next four years on the Salcombe Harbour Board with Cllr Mark Long taking the role of Salcombe Harbour Board Chairman. The new administration at the District Council Executive Committee have outlined the approach to be taken in setting the priorities for the new Council for the next four years. There will be a Town & Parish Council forum online 6pm, 26th July, this will be the start of conversations with focus being on the next four-year plan, it is hoped representatives from each parish will attend. The Executive agreed to give a sizeable grant of £40k to support the work of Sustainable South Hams. Plus, it was agreed to form a new council advisory panel for climate matters. Please see <https://www.sussh.org/> for full information. Cllr Dennis has been speaking with a number of parishioners in the Ward regarding the increased cost of taxi fares. There is a maximum fare set by South Hams District Council (<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9087/Hackney-Carriage-Fares-2022>) and it has recently come to light that some taxis have exceeded this. If anyone has been charged more than the maximum amounts stated, please contact Cllr Dennis.

Immediately after the last meeting Cllr Dennis met with SHDC Officer Rob Sekula to look to mitigate danger at the cliff edge as well as additional signage. The faded signage regarding shipwrecks will be replaced and moved to a more appropriate location away from the edge of the cliff. In future contractors will be asked not to cut up to the cliff edge as this will have the advantages of creating a bigger boundary between walkers and the cliff edge as well as being proven to increase the amount of flora and fauna around the area.

To report Missed Bins, Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged/Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank,

etc...<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

CLERK'S REPORT: Memorial Bench Replacement and Assistance. A review of all benches in the parish is taking place, if you, or someone you know, has a memorial bench in the parish please ask them to contact the Parish Clerk. All benches will be separately listed on the Asset Register which will also contain photos. If the bench is a memorial the contact details of the family will be retained to ensure associated repair/maintenance costs can be met. If these details are not provided or known by South Huish Parish Council, we reserve the right to maintain/repair or replace the bench as per our policy.

PLANNING DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT. LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. No Decision Yet.
2. 0737/23/VAR, Tarqua, Hope Cove. Conditional Approval.
3. 0739/23/FUL, Parking Area, Elm Cottages, 18/5. Refused.

4. 1415/23/HHO, 25 Weymouth Park (8/6) Conditional Approval.
5. 1595/23/VAR, Lantern Lodge Hotel, 6/7. No Decision Yet.
6. 1535/23/HHO, The Nutshell 29/6. No Decision Yet.
7. 1315/23/HHO, Sea Horses, Hope Cove, 22/6. Withdrawn.
8. 39 Weymouth Park, Appellant: Mrs S Harley, Secretary of State Appeal.
9. 2098/22/VAR, Cove Lodge, Land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park, Secretary of State Appeal.
10. 3951/21/FUL, Land at SX690 402, Galmpton, Secretary of State Appeal
11. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.

ENFORCEMENT: Cllr Long advised that he has asked the leader of planning for a review of all aspects of Enforcement. Please note that the Enforcement Lists are confidential and issues concerning Enforcement cannot be discussed at a public meeting. South Hams District Council are responsible for the enforcement of all planning breaches, the Parish Council have no authority to deal with issues of this nature.

Please will all parishioners continue to report full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

2023 Meeting Dates: SHPC meeting will take place on 9th August, time TBC, 13th Sept, 11th Oct, 8th Nov.

Due to limited space, these minutes have been heavily edited. The full version of these minutes can be found on the parish noticeboards and the parish council website www.southhuish-pc.org.uk

New signs at cliff edges

Whilst the cliffs around Hope Cove may look very solid, in many places they are undercut leaving a grassy shelf on their outward side. What causes this is erosion of the 'weathered' rock just below the top surface. At the very top the roots of grasses and weeds bind and hold the edge together creating the illusion of firm ground. The Parish Council have commissioned notices to remind everyone of the unforeseen risks. Please be warned the cliff edges are not stable and the undercut edges can give way at any time.

Car Parking Fines/Parking Charge Notices

Did you know, everyone can appeal against fines/charges even when it's a private car park?

Please see the links below for more information: POPLA (Parking on Private Land Appeals) popla.co.uk or IAS (Independent Appeals Service) theias.org

SMASH (Sustainable Malborough and South Huish)

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart" – Elizabeth Andrew

Small communities like South Huish and Malborough parishes are often reliant on volunteers for lots of activities that go on. Beach cleans, litter picks to bigger roles such as committee roles with SMASH and, of course, our fantastic Parish Councils. We would be lost without them and I'm sure that we all want to say a very big 'thank you!' to all of those who take on a volunteer role, whatever it is.

SMASH, a sub-committee of Malborough Parish Council, was set up to look at all things sustainable in South Huish and Malborough parishes and many of you have helped with activities such as tree planting, beach cleans and litter picks. We are looking to expand our volunteer base to keep our group going and to continue to help with lots of further activities to make our villages look great and to foster good community spirit by continuing to

work together. Firstly, we would love someone to come forward who would be willing to act as a volunteer co-ordinator – to build up a list of willing volunteers and co-ordinate them for SMASH activities. It would also be great to hear from people who would be willing to volunteer at events and activities. We are also very keen to have some more people on SMASH committee – we only meet once a month for an hour or so and if you are interested in sustainability, green energy, improving green spaces for biodiversity and helping in your community, you are just what we are looking for. If you would be interested in any of these roles, please contact Kathy Harrod, Malborough's Parish Clerk – 07704 941150 or Email: malboroughparishclerk@gmail.com

Community Compost questionnaire outcome – thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire – there are still some at Malborough Post Office. If you haven't filled one out yet, please do. We had around 30 completed questionnaires returned, 100% said that a community compost scheme was a good idea; 81% would use one; 55% would volunteer at a scheme; 63% would come along to a compost roadshow. Next steps will be to look for a potential site and to consult with the parish to ensure it is in the right place. We are looking at a small scheme for garden waste only. We will now talk to SHDC about possible sites and about freeing up the monies put aside by them for community schemes. We are working with Devon Community Composting Network and Sustainable South Hams. SMASH has also put in a bid for funding from the Co-op Local Causes Fund.

Events for the diary:

Saturday 23rd September – beach clean – please check SMASH FB page for details nearer the time

October – date TBC – Home composting roadshow – more details to follow in the next newsletter

Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

'The roots to grow, the wings to fly. All within the love of God'

Becky, from Youth for Christ, with help from Father Daniel and Trevor, took our June monthly service in church.

Our last day of term before we broke up for May half-term was spent in glorious sunshine as we celebrated in school, the 150th birthday of Malborough with South Huish C of E Primary School. It was fantastic to have so many former staff, pupils, members of the public, parents, Grandparents, and carers join us in our celebrations. The year 6 children showed people around the school, and they found it fascinating and exciting hearing stories about how much the school had changed and the history they could share. The children performed their Maypole dances and Country dancing and Kingsbridge Silver Band joined us and played all afternoon. The children also sang a wonderful rendition of 'Happy Birthday'. The afternoon finished off with cream teas and birthday cake.

Here are a few highlights from the last term:

- Key Stage 2 children spent a wonderful day at Buckfast Abbey to take part in their 'Take 5 well-being Festival'.

The year 6 children enjoyed their last sailing session with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing, they have had a wonderful time and are all feeling like very competent young sailors!

- The school took part in Malborough's Scarecrow trail.

Key Stage 2 children spent a day in Exeter visiting Exeter Cathedral and St Nicholas Priory

- The South Hams Federation organised a swimming gala this week and Malborough children swam their hearts out and came 4th

The year 5 children enjoyed their residential which started at The Box Museum in Plymouth with a tour, then made their way over to the National Marine Aquarium, for dinner followed by a twilight tour of the Aquarium and then sleeping underneath the sharks, the children all agreed it was brilliant experience.

- Class 3 have been looking at the environment changes around Malborough. The children looked at the buildings that have been built and considered if the buildings were worth the impact on the habitats of living creatures.

Gardening Club have been cleaning around the school, weeding, and sweeping and making sure their school looks well cared for. Eco Club joined forces with the SMASH group and have repainted the feet to go back onto Hope Cove Beach

- Key Stage 1 children had a wonderful day at Paignton Zoo, they had a very exciting and busy day learning about the animals at the Zoo. Class 1 have been learning all about mini beasts and the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

Class 4 spent the day at Blackpool Sands learning about life-saving skills. They also had a day taking part in activities to support their mental health. They spent a morning on Kingsbridge Estuary canoeing with Singing Paddles.

- Year 6 children spent three days on their residential, their leavers service is on Friday 21 July at 2pm, everyone is most welcome to join us in this sad but happy celebration as we say goodbye to our lovely year 6 children.

We return to school on Tuesday 5 September and our first monthly service will be our Harvest Festival service on Wednesday 20 September at 9.15am.

Wishing everyone a very happy, safe summer holidays.

Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors for The South Hams Federation

Wednesday writers online

The 2023 series of online ZOOM sessions continues and everyone is welcome to join: new and experienced writers. Sessions start at 10am and continue (with writing and comfort breaks) until 12.30pm or thereabouts. We're usually finished by 12.45pm and always by 1pm. Full details of each workshop, costs and how to pay at: <https://www.scrivenervirgin.com/wednesday-writers-online/>

Any questions? Please ring Anne on 07721 695044 or email anne/rainbow@btinternet.com

Hope Cove Writer's retreat at the Cottage Hotel 2-5 November 2023

Join Anne Rainbow for 72 hours of writerly escapism in beautiful surroundings, discussing the writing process, and gaining a greater understanding of how other writers write. There will be opportunities to share your writing and listen to that of others, giving and receiving helpful feedback. Most importantly, you'll meet new writers and forge friendships that can help your writing to progress.

Full details at <https://www.scrivenervirgin.com/hope-cove-writers-workshop-weekend/> and be sure to book your accommodation NOW to avoid disappointment.

Any questions? Please ring Anne on 07721 695044 or email anne/rainbow@btinternet.com

SHAF Arts Trail: 14-29 October 2023

Stephen Thomas is one of 75 artists taking part in this year's SHAF (South Hams Arts Forum) Arts Trail. Brochures will be available soon listing all those taking part and the venues. Arts Trail visitors are welcome to see Stephen in his new studio and to view his gallery of artworks: sea/landscapes in acrylic/oil/watercolour of Salcombe and nearby holiday destinations. Opening hours during the Arts Trail (14-29 Oct): by appointment on Mon/Tue/Wed; 1-4pm on Thurs; and 11am-4pm Fri/Sat/Sun. Address: Fields End, 5 Leonards Close, Thurlestone, Devon TQ7 3LE. Parking on the drive (not on the road). For more details ring/text 07721 695044 or email Stephen@salcombe-art.com.

Prawle Point Coastwatch



As summer marches on we are gradually getting busier up at the lookout. We've had problems with some of our equipment, (the result of being in a precarious position on top of the cliff), but these are gradually being resolved. We have two new webcams and a new weather station thanks to generous donations from members of the public and to our facilities team who installed them.

We've had several requests by Falmouth Coastguard to look for and report on vessels in trouble or missing. These include a single manned vessel fouled in fishing gear, an unmanned SU Paddleboard floating below Gara Rock, a kayak en route from Salcombe to Hope Cove, two vessels with fouled props and a yacht with engine failure. In each case we monitor the vessel, report to FCG on the weather conditions and any other vessels in the area who could assist. We also had a coordinated rescue incident involving the Salcombe lifeboat and the Coastguard helicopter going to the aid of a yacht. A paramedic was winched onto the lifeboat from the helicopter just below the lookout.

We also monitor walkers, cows, sheep, dogs etc in the fields and coastal paths and we had a report of a sighting of a cow on the beach below Gara Rock Hotel. We reported this to the appropriate farmer.

We're proud to report that our own head of fundraising, Robert Thornton, has been appointed Head of Fundraising (stations) for the Management Executive of the NCI (National Coastwatch Institution).

We are looking for volunteers!!!

If you have just moved into the area, are recently retired, or looking to fill your spare time with a very rewarding voluntary role then why not volunteer as a watchkeeper? Our next training period starts in the Autumn and you don't need any initial qualifications. If you are interested please visit our website and click on the volunteer section.

Our website is www.nci-prawlepoint.org.uk. We broadcast the local conditions every two hours from 09.45am on VHF Channel 65 during daylight hours. Call us on Channel 65 for AIS and radio checks. Lookout telephone 01548 511259.

Diary of events – August & September 2023

Mobile library August 23rd September 20th

20 August	HCW Volunteers Meeting at the Cottage Hotel	11am
2nd -5th August	MAD Kids Chitty Chitty Bang bang, Malborough Village Hall	7.30pm
9th August	South Huish Parish Council meeting	TBC
13 September	South Huish Parish Council meeting	7pm
14th September	FORC committee meeting, Annex, Malborough Village Hall	7.30pm
20th September	Harvest Festival, Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School	9.15am
21st September	Community bowling lunch Cottage Hotel	12.30pm
22nd September	u3a Open Meeting, Malborough Village Hall	10am-noon
23rd September	Beach clean – please check SMASH FB page for details	

Following the August bank holiday refuse collection will be a day later than your usual date.

For October/November dairy:

October – date TBC – Home composting roadshow – more details to follow in the next newsletter

KATS present AND THEN THERE WERE NONE Wednesday 4th- Saturday 7th October 2023

SHAF Arts Trail: 14-29 October 2023

HOPE COVE WRITERS' RETREAT at the Cottage Hotel 2-5 November 2023

Deadline for October/November issue – 25th September

Nature Notes

STOP PRESS! Absolutely delighted to have a large green woodpecker visit our curtilage here at Nature Notes International headquarters. We proudly boasted of our observation only to be met with a chorus of residents claiming woodpecker sightings all the way from Galampton to Inner Hope via Weymouth Park (a variety too-green ones and greater spotted ones). Other reports of slightly unusual birds comprise kestrels, buzzards, swifts (that like to dive-bomb the buzzards), and owls—but not in their bodily form. The owls have been heard screeching and have deposited pellets in and around our domain. In common with several other species owls are unable to digest all of the little furry animals that they catch and eat. Their solution is to regurgitate the inedible bones in the form of pellets that can be found littering the ground. We think they are barn owl pellets but they may be tawny owl. Dissecting the pellets can reveal the source of their favourite meals. Voles, mice and even baby chicks are often on the menu. Sparrows are in abundance this year and several have taken advantage of the specially constructed eaves at NNI's headquarters to raise several broods. Enough on birds!

Oh glow worms are back according to TG, such a thrill to hear of them. We think one of the best places to view them is along Beacon Lane.

TG has also come up with some interesting observations one of which is that he recommends we do not ignore the little beasties trouble is that in a recent symposium held in NNI's lecture theatre it was lamented how few animals appear to be observed regularly, apart from birds and insects. We are not keen on lists but in this case we will make an exception. Known to occur locally in no particular order, there have been deer, hares, rabbits, badgers and foxes (rarely seen but most commonly observed as road kill), rats are pretty common but slightly secretive, bats, equally secretive, mice common or garden variety and field versions, hedgehogs, voles, moles, weasels and stoats (usually playing chicken while crossing the road). Also seen are snakes (adders / grass), and slowworms. Cucumber spiders—yes there really are cucumber spiders, have been spotted by TG! In fact apparently there are over 650 species of spiders in the UK and many are difficult to identify.

Perhaps it is time to undertake a parish wide inventory of our biodiversity.

NNI does have a couple of night cameras (as used on Springwatch) which might catch portraits of the elusive. TG also made another rather weak suggestion that we have a species of the month.

I thought you thought this was a really great idea—Ed.

Well it is, ok we can always give it a whirl - Author

You mean you didn't think of it? - Ed

Look I'm a bit busy at the moment trying to think up a suitable species—Author

How about squids?—Ed.

Oh yeah—you see a lot of them around here - mostly on the veranda at the Cottage Hotel... Author

Actually that is not a bad idea! - Author]

In our new and exciting column featuring a species of the bi-month we have chosen cuttlefish. Strictly speaking the cuttlefish bone is not a complete animal but merely the 'backbone' of squids. It is the cuttlefish bone that one sees most commonly washed up on the shore—usually to the great delight of grandchildren. Squids are mol-

luscs remotely related to snails and rather more closely to octopuses. They are delicious cooked. They are invertebrates—that is they do not have a backbone. Don't ask what the cuttlefish bone is! Squids and their cousins, the octopuses are considered fairly 'intelligent' capable of solving simple problems. The same cannot be said of snails or bivalve molluscs. Many of you will remember Paul the octopus that predicted the outcome of the football world cup matches by picking a mussel from one of two boxes representing the competitors. Paul correctly predicted 12 of 14 matches. These creatures have a long history with the earliest examples ranging back 300 million years ago. Fine very large fossil examples can be found along the Jurassic coast in Dorset. These are not squids but very close relatives called ammonites—or as we professionals say 'curlywhorly' fossils. Ammonites have pretty much died out but there is one last example—a Nautilus.

And for the young lady who wrote in to enquire about vetch, a climbing member of the pea family with lovely purple flowers—thank you for letting us know that sheep love it. Vetch is not to be confused with 'fetch' and the purple colour people go when their dog will not return with the ball. Any complaints—email tom@ariadnebc.co.uk or phone 01548-562021

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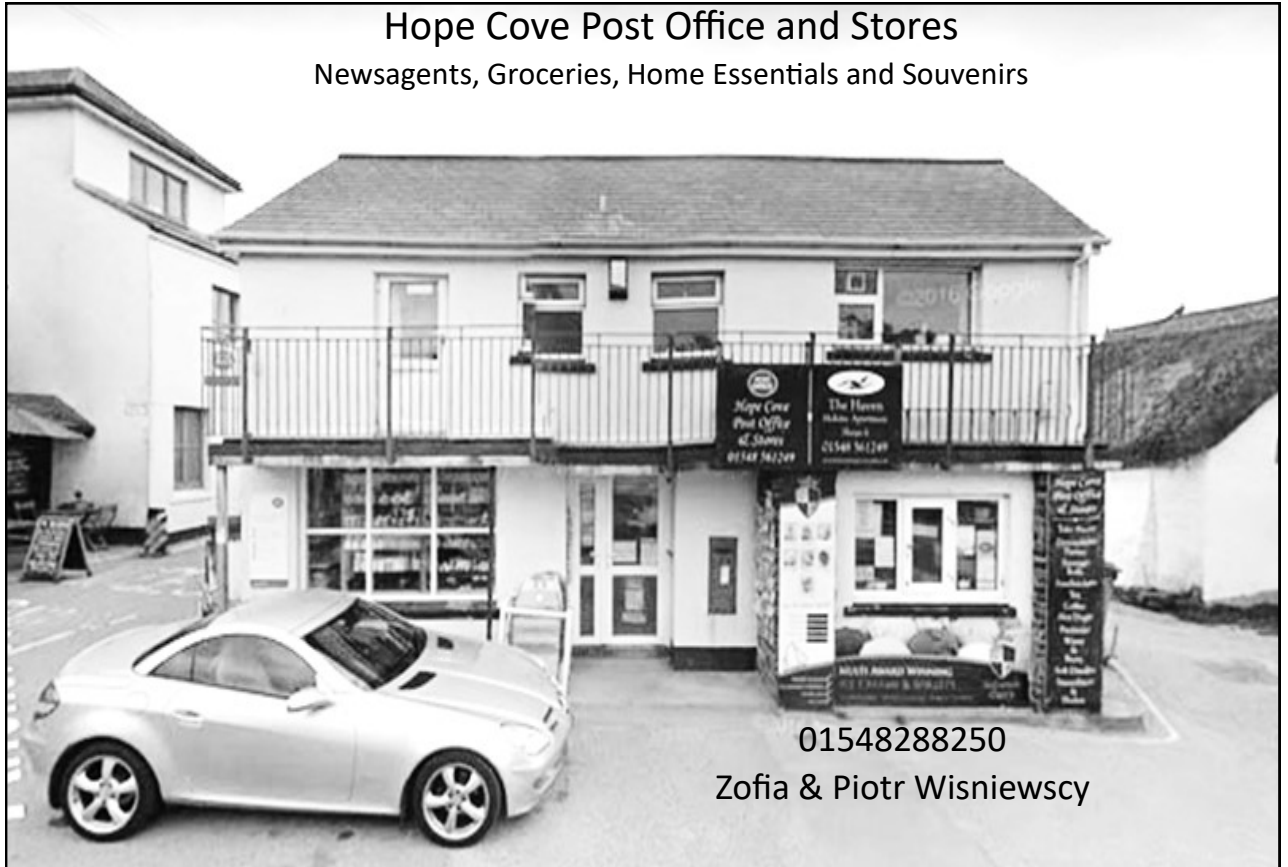
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The Summer holidays are finally here! Enjoy the lovely views and sun sets from our lounges and terraces. We are open s for Breakfast, Morning Coffees, drinks from the Bar, Cream Teas, Lunch, or Dinner.

We still have a few vacancies for rooms so if you have any friends or family who wish to visit. Please enquire with reception or call 01548 561555.

This July, we welcomed the Friends of Redfern Health Centre to the hotel for their annual Cream Tea. We are pleased to once again support this popular local charity event. And the Salcombe Larks serenaded us on the terrace. We will be serving our usual 3 course Sunday lunch for £29.50 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment. Bar lunches available Monday - Saturday 12.00pm – 2.00pm and Cream Teas all day, every day up to 6.00pm

Why not enjoy a full afternoon tea, sandwiches, cakes, a scone with jam & cream with tea or coffee for £16.50 per person (24hrs notice required).

We are all looking forward to a fun-filled Hope Cove Weekend this August Bank Holiday. Come and watch the fireworks from our terrace. The perfect viewpoint.