

SOUTH HUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



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Galampton and South Huish

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Well winter has certainly arrived in our part of the world with storms, very high tides and gale force winds! But we have Christmas to look forward to and as usual there is a lot going on in Hope Cove and the surrounding villages. Regular annual events include Christmas Carols in the Reading Room and at The Hope and Anchor, plus more informal get togethers including the Christmas and New Years Day swim, for those brave enough! We also look forward to seeing our wonderful Lobster Pots Christmas tree next to Harbour Beach. A donation box will be nearby for people to make their appreciation known.

Congratulations on the new look Hope Cove Life Boat website, see below. Those involved with the Lifeboat know how much work goes into running this service. Now is the time to offer your services if you have marketing, communications, social media expertise, etc. please do get in touch.

On another subject, a big thank you to the history group who have organised and installed a number of beautiful wooden signs on some of the oldest paths and lanes around Hope Cove and Galmpton. They look splendid!

Hope Cove Life Boat



We are coming into our quieter time now the village and beach are less busy. We have had a full year with 30 shouts to date. We are one of the busier stations in the South West and as such we are held in high regard by the Coastguard for our level of service and response times. This is the time of year when we do all our annual checks and replacement of flares, lifejackets and safety equipment. We also have the boat inspected, as required by the Rescue Boat Code. We have just taken delivery of some replacement dry suits for the crew to make sure they are well protected when at sea. We will spend some time during this period working on our launch vehicle which is suffering from regular immersion in the sea, as the salt water and electro-mechanics do not mix. I do not believe that we will suffer from "a rapid unscheduled disassembly" but just hope it will not fail when above its wheels in the sea!

The crew are as usual still training regularly on Tuesday evenings and will start to launch at weekends to keep them all up to speed with the boat and our patch.

We are launching a new look website to keep everyone up to date with our news about crew and the lifeboat. This will also include the new online shop in response to a growing demand. The shop will have some new merchandise - perfect for Christmas gifts. Spread the word and visit hopecovelifelifeboat.org to see the new site. (The site will go live from December 1st)

This is part of an important campaign to raise much needed funds to secure the

future operating the lifeboat. We do get great support from locals and visitors, but looking to the future we need to be confident that we are in a position to renew the boat and our launch vehicle when required, to ensure we can operate safely for the long term.

To help with that we are recruiting a new Hope Cove Life Boat Fundraising crew. We're looking for volunteers who can help us – specifically we're very keen to hear from people who have marketing skills or experience – graphic design, communications, business development, digital marketing, social media. To find out more, or if you think you can help, please contact us at volunteering@hopecovelifelifeboat.org.

We always welcome volunteers as we have many roles to fill, some that do not require going out in the boat, for example we need people to look after and make sure the crews kit is fit for purpose, people

with skills to look after the tractor unit, people to help on the summer stall and other diverse roles to free up the crew to focus on their role of saving lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the crew and trustees for their commitment and the amount of time they give to train and respond to shouts. They put in hundreds of hours to make sure that people who place themselves in danger can be saved and I am sure that their families are extremely grateful that we are here.

Thanks as well to the people that support us by running events and functions to raise funds for us, and we are also very grateful for a recent large anonymous donation which all go to help to keep us going.

Stephen Baguley, Chairman, Hope Cove Lifeboat

The Cove – a winning team!

It's been a hectic few months for Team Cove, with a busy summer followed by lots of different events including Pop Up Theme Nights, Comedy, Art, Yoga, Pig Racing... the list goes on. Keep your eyes peeled for further fun over the next couple of months.

We have also been busy winning awards with our fantastic team picking up Taste of the West GOLD, Food and Drink Devon GOLD and a prestigious SILVER in the South Devon Tourism Awards. Open EVERY day, we look forward to seeing you and thanks again for all your support this year **Shelley Robinson-Major**
01548 561376

Hope Cove Weekend AGM

Hope Cove Weekend Committee held their AGM on 22nd November at The Cottage Hotel. While reflecting on the success of HCW 2023 the Committee made a decision to retain some funds to help plan and run HCW 2024 but agreed to set aside some of the money raised in 2023 to be divided between Hope Cove Lifeboat, Friends of the Harbour Wall, St Clements Church, Malborough Village Hall and the PTFA at Malborough School.

In 2024 we will be celebrating 50 years of HCW family fun for all. However, it was noted that it cost in excess of £10,000 to put on the event and that more fund raising will be needed to cover the costs involved. The Committee also accepted the resignation of Hazel Hassall who has cheerfully served the Committee for 20 years and now plans on taking a well-earned rest!

So, we are now looking in earnest for new and enthusiastic Committee members to join us. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm at the Hope and Anchor and on a monthly basis from January to August 2024.

Please contact Christine or Sandra on

hopecovese secretary@gmail.com if you are interested.

The MAD Group Pantomime

The MAD Group's pantomime production will be Robinson Crusoe & the Pirates and will be performed at Malborough Village Hall from Weds. 24th - Sat. 27th January 2024 inclusive at 7.30 pm with a matinee as well on the Saturday. Tickets go on sale on 4th December either on line - go onto the MAD Group website

www.madpanto.co.uk and follow the link for ticket sales, or from Malborough Post Office. Prices are the same as last year i.e. £12 adults, £6 children. It will be a colourful production full of fun and rousing songs.

MAD Group Table Top Sale

MAD Group are holding a festive Table Top Sale on the morning of Saturday 16 December from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at Malborough Village Hall. There will be refreshments available (including bacon baps and selection of cakes) and some of the members of MAD Kids will be entertaining with Christmas carols. So go along to find those last minute Christmas presents and get into the Christmas spirit.

Hope Methodist Chapel – Inner Hope



Our little chapel, nestled in the heart of the old village continues to be a source of comfort and renewal to the many walkers and passers-by who are exploring the coast path and village. Our weekly winter services are now at 5pm and in the summer from mid-March at 6pm, which seems to work well for holiday makers and passing visitors. One of our members, Nettie Green, has produced a lovely booklet detailing the churches history, available for a small donation.

The dedicated local congregation is ably supported by musicians Trevor Becker and Jane Brannan and led by our lay Minister Rachel Mitchell also various visiting preachers. Rachel leads our circuit of three churches, Kingsbridge, Chillington and ourselves. The individual churches have their own character and mission by virtue of their locale. However, we meet up for various events which may be found on the local website www.southdevonmethodistchurches.org.uk. We also look to work with other local churches.

Each year a charity is chosen as a main fund-raising focus. Last year Devon Air Ambulance was chosen and we raised money from coffee mornings and the outdoor service, from which we also supported the Silver band. The three churches together have raised £4000 for Devon Air Ambulance and a cheque for this amount will be presented to them at our Circuit Service in Kingsbridge on the 26th November. The new charity for 2024 is the Leprosy Mission.

The chapel is used as 'base camp' by the Venture Playgroup one day a week. It is also a good venue for craft courses, weddings and musical events as the furniture is all moveable. Enquire as below.

Rachel Mitchell Rachel.southdevon@gmail.com 01548 852 073 & Sue Morgan 01548 560237

Forthcoming events:

10th December at 5pm: Carol Service, followed by seasonal refreshments

24th December at 5pm: Family Christmas Eve Service

25th December at 10am: Circuit Family Christmas celebration. at Kingsbridge Methodist church

31st December at 5pm: New Years Eve Service

7th January at 10am: Epiphany Service led by the Seaside Parish team – no evening service.



C of E services

Holy Trinity Galmpton continues to be closed and so local services will be conducted at St. Clements;

3rd of December 10am Service of the Word

10th December 10am Eucharist

17th December 10am Eucharist

19th December Tuesday 6:30pm 9 Lessons and Carols

24th December 11pm Midnight Mass

25th December 10am Christmas day service

31st December—no service.

The Cottage Hotel

The Cottage Hotel is looking forward to Christmas! The decorations are nearly up and we are serving the Festive menu for lunch and for dinner, booking essential. Two courses with coffee for £25.00, three courses with coffee for £29.00.

There are only three more Sunday Lunches of 2023. 3rd December, 10th December and our last Sunday Lunch this year will be on the 17th. Our traditional 3 Course Sunday Lunch will return from Sunday 18th February 2024.

On Thursday 14th December, the Salcombe Larks return to entertain us with their upbeat choral style. From 5.30pm in the Main Lounge.

We have a full programme of events over Christmas and New Year for our residents and non-residents alike. Please see our website – www.hopecove.com - for details.

On Christmas Eve we will be serving our Grand Buffet Dinner, commencing with a Champagne Cocktail, after dinner the Kingsmen Barber Shop Choir will serenade us with festive carols and Christmas songs. Spaces still available for non-residents with cocktails and canapes served from 7.15pm. Dinner from 7.45pm. £40.00 per person.

We still have a few spaces left for our New Year's Eve Gala Dinner. Enjoy dinner from 7.30pm and dancing in the Cove Room to the Nick White Disco from 9.30pm. Ring in the New Year with a glass of Champagne at midnight. Carriages at 1.00am. £78.00 per person to include the dinner, dancing and Champagne. Please enquire with the Hotel Reception on 01548 561555.

Why not join us on New Year's Day. We will be serving our traditional Bucks Fizz Brunch from 12.15. Spaces still available. £29.50 per person (children half price). Enjoy a dip in the sea or a cliff top walk then come back to listen to Benny 'Guitar' Carr, entertaining us with his own style of the Blues.

The hotel closes for our annual maintenance/staff holiday break on the 2nd January. We will be re-opening to guests on the 11th February with bar lunches resuming on Monday 12th from 12.00pm.

William, Sarah and all the Cottage Hotel Team wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Wednesday Writers Online



New and experienced writers are welcome to attend our creative writing workshops.

Zoom 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.

For the 2024 dates visit <https://www.scrivenervirgin.com/wednesday-writers-online/>

Topics for the first four Zoom sessions will be announced soon.

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

Hope Cove Writers' Retreat

At the Cottage Hotel 29 February – 3 March 2024

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. Enjoy opportunities to share your writing and listen to that of others, giving and receiving helpful feedback. Most importantly, 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

Community/Bowling Lunches



The Christmas lunch will be held at The Cottage Hotel on Thursday 14th December.

All are welcome to come and enjoy meeting old and new friends while enjoying a delicious lunch. As it is a Christmas Lunch we shall as usual have a Secret Santa and ask that anyone attending bring a gift to put in Santa's sack to be shared out after the meal. There will be no lunch in January but we start again in February.

Short Mat Bowls At Hope and Galampton Village Hall are on Wednesdays at 2.30 pm .

Cost per person £2 to include tea and biscuits at half time. We don't take it too seriously and have lots of fun, so why not come along and see what it's all about. Hope to see you there.

Musicians Needed

Are there any musicians locally who would like to accompany the carol singing in the Reading Room on the 19th December at 7pm and at the Hope and Anchor on 22nd December. If you would be able to do this please contact Nigel on 01548 561445.

Fibre broadband project in Hope Cove

If you are interested in Fibre Broadband being made available in Hope Cove please email [Airband, marketing@airband.co.uk](mailto:airband_marketing@airband.co.uk), some people have already registered their interest but not enough to get the project going at this stage

What the History Group has been up to in 2023



In the early spring we started planning for a cream tea at the Cottage to thank all those who have contributed to our knowledge of local history. We had an excellent turn out, including two people travelling from Cornwall bringing photographs and memories to share. We were able to photograph maps and documents. We assisted one of our members with information and photographs for the book she compiled for the 150th anniversary of Malborough School.

Several of us went along to the school open day and other celebrations, some having attended the school themselves. They were great events. In June we started planning for our annual History Exhibition held every Hope Cove Weekend. Every member contributed. We had displays on The Kissing Gate, behind the scenes stories of the of films made in Hope Cove; famous people associated with the village; 2 panels of personal memories of people who lived here; fishing boats, names registrations and owners; anniversaries; the history of the cottages and families of Inner Hope; Malborough school and the children of Hope and Galmpton; footpaths; the Life boat, and the wreck of the Jebba; one of our group provided music, another with qualifications in design staged the displays, all of which led to a very successful exhibition.

Some of our displays dealt with issues on which we are still working, namely finding a permanent home for, what we believe to be the original gaff from the first life boat in 1874.

After approaches from visitors and locals who missed the traditional Kissing Gate on the path up to Bolt Tail, we have asked the National Trust to replace the Kissing Gate which was removed and replaced with an ordinary gate to make access "easier for all". We have sent them a petition plus information about the route through the Square up the Donkey Path which would give greater access and accessibility for all, and which is The National Trust's stated aim.

In the Spring we started negotiations with the Parish Council to allow us to put up names of old footpaths and Lanes; members researched, studied maps, took photographs and with the Parish Council approval one of the group has so far made, and with another member erected at least a dozen signs which can be seen all around the parish.

In addition we are adding to the list another member found for us, of Hope Cove fishing boats from the early 1900's and a very detailed one we were given by a friend of the group on more recent decades, we are still looking for early photographs and registration numbers.

We have secured a model of HMS Ramillies which sank off Bolt Tail in 1760. The Cottage Hotel have offered to display the model but we will also display it at our next exhibition. We will also gather more information, and add this to our History Blog.

We also intend to file and catalogue all the photographs, cuttings, and information the group has collected over many years.

Our latest idea is to link the Hope Cove Regatta which started in the early 1900's with research on the early fishing boats with the start of Hope Cove weekend. Watch this space..... If you would like to join us, the next meeting, our AGM, will be on Friday 12th January at 2.15 pm at the Fisherman's Reading Room.

The National Trust



The stormy autumn has meant some damage along the coastline with trees down and erosion on the paths due to the amount of rainfall, which has been keeping us busy. The track at South Milton Sands has suffered with the wet weather and we plan to repair and remove the potholes in early December. We will also pile a lot of sand back onto the end of the boardwalk opposite the toilet block where it has been washed away.

Two bike racks have been installed at South Milton sands opposite the café, these are wooden posts so don't look like conventional racks, but are designed as a secure point which accommodate bike locks.

The programme of annual winter scrub clearance work will continue across the sites, some is carried out by the Rangers and volunteers, but the majority will be with the mechanical 'Roboflail' which can safely access the steep coastal slopes. This is to create a mosaic of scrub and grasslands, reducing large blocks of scrub which have much more limited value for wildlife.

The winter farmland birds have started to come onto the stubble fields at Bolberry and Southdown Farm with big flocks of Skylark, Finches, Stock Dove, Starling and Linnet feeding on the seeds and arable plants in these fields.

For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Emma Reece on 01548 562344 or email emma.reece@nationaltrust.org.uk

Kingsbridge Energy Fair

Heat Pumps, Battery Storage, Solar PV were all explained at the Kingsbridge Energy Fair. Over 200 people attended the event to learn more about renewable energy and reducing fuel bills. There were experts in the various technologies on hand giving talks and manning information stalls. Mole Energy and Eco Trades had two of the stands and gave informative talks.

The day was kicked off with a very supportive speech from Julian Brazil, Leader of SHDC. The talks were about some of the technical details of the various systems, and this was followed by some members of the Kingsbridge Area Sustainability Group (KASG) relating their personal experiences with fitting some of these products in their own home. How much energy they had saved and what were the advantages and disadvantages of their individual set up.

There was some interesting information on Thermal Imaging Cameras and their usefulness in the right hands to identify heat loss areas and engage more people to think about making their homes more efficient. KASG is a collaborative collection of sustainability groups including Malborough, South Milton, Thurlestone, East Allington, West Buckland and of course Kingsbridge.

Many myths were exploded around Heat Pumps in particular. One contributor had fitted a very simple Air to Air Heat Pump (a reverse Air Con unit) for less than £2,500 which greatly reduced their energy usage and made the home much more comfortable. All five of the people who talked briefly of their personal experiences were very pleased with their Heat Pumps of varying types with generally very successful outcomes. No problems about noise and great improvements to their home comfort at reduced long-term energy bills which offset the initial outlay. The very tight budget was funded with help from District councillors (our own Cllrs Samantha Dennis and Mark Long were among the supporters) and Kingsbridge

Town Council. Rufus Gilbert also chipped in as did Kingsbridge Climate Action.

There were some great comments from many of those who came along. Some of them came in on the spur of the moment on seeing the flags and signs. So we achieved our goal of appealing to the general public and helping them through the potential minefield of deciding what would work for them if they wanted to do their bit for the environment while reducing their own annual energy consumption. There was help at hand for people on low incomes or vulnerabilities to find grants and carry out simple energy saving measures. South Dartmoor Community Energy had Home Energy Advisors and there was a Retrofit Assessor to help with more complex Whole House Retrofit solutions. Lendology were there to offer advice on taking out a loan for improvements at very good rates. We all enjoyed the brilliant refreshments served up by Janey and Jim from Feast Kitchen who also supported the event. Grateful thanks to everyone who made it such a successful day. Tony Lyle (SMASH) Retrofit Assessor tony@sussh.org

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 8th November 2023

Present: Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Darren James Cllr Anne Rossiter Cllr Tom Windle Cllr Alan Rundle In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Parishioners/guests: 13 Apologies: Cllr Mark Long Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Jo Hocking. Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

REPORT IT: 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

Email Cllr Samantha Dennis: samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

South Hams District Council will be sending out canvassers to all properties within the council area who are required but have not yet returned a Canvass Form with regard to Electoral Registration. This is an annual process. The Canvassers will be trying to make contact with those households who have not supplied information that we have requested under Electoral Registration legislation.

Devon aligned service for waste collections - the final changes are now being made, all residents will have the same service. There will be an impact on most people either in the way they present their waste or residents will find their collection date may change.

A number of consultations are on the SHDC website, including the Corporate Strategy, Council Tax and dog control orders.

A number of different grants are currently available including one to support village halls – the grants are between £2k and £10k and need to be match funded.

CLERKS REPORT

Galmpton Road Closure 17th January between 08.00 and 17.00hrs. Diversions will be in place.

Devon County Council is investigating flooding issues at The Lanterns

South Huish Parish Council continue to receive complaints about fines issued by the operators of the privately-owned car park. Issues with the car park are outside the remit of the Parish Council, there is nothing that we can do to assist people who receive these fines. We strongly recommend that car park users check their tickets to ensure that the correct registration number has printed on the ticket, furthermore users should keep hold of their tickets for some months after their visit as evidence of payment.

PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

A) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 3296/23/FUL, Cottage Hotel, Refurbishment of existing staff accommodation 30/11 **Support.**
2. 3297/23/FUL, Cottage Hotel, Refurbishment of existing staff accommodation 23/11 **Support.**
3. 3556/23/HHO, Raglands, Grand View Rd, alterations to dwelling to include new balcony, replacement cladding to South elevation and replacement balustrading to decking above garage (Retrospective) 29/11 **Support.**
4. 3537/23/HHO, Poppins, Galmpton, new rear extension, enlargement of existing rear dormer with external alterations to existing dwelling (Resubmission of 2519/23/HHO) 30/11 **Support.**

A question was raised regarding the management plan and getting materials to the rear of the property. Natural stone should be conditioned.

5. 3567/23/FUL, Land at SX677 403, Weymouth Park, Erection of two storey dwelling house containing residential annexe (Retrospective) 30/11. **Support.**

Due to the increase in glazing a request will be made for low emissivity glass, the annexe should remain ancillary to the main building and the height should not increase.

6. To note Planning Inspectorate Appeal: 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge, Hope Cove

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. [No Decision Yet.](#)
2. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, Appellant: Mrs S Harley, Secretary of State Appeal.
3. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.
4. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HH, Secretary of State Appeal
5. 2821/23/CLP, 46 Weymouth Park. **Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified.**
6. 2822/23/FUL, Hope Barton Barns, 26/10 . **No Decision Yet.**

7. 2943/23/HHO, Little Orchard House, Thurlestone Sands, 19/10. **Conditional Approval.**

8. 3047/23/FUL, The Linhay, South Huish Farm, 19/10. **Conditional Approval.**

9. 2883/23/CLE, Alston Gate, Malborough, 16/10 . **No Decision Yet.**

10. 2844/23/HHO, Well Cottage, Galmpton, 26/10. **No Decision Yet.**

11. 3093/23/VAR, Little Shear, 26/10. **No Decision Yet.**

12. 3044/23/ARC, Oakdene, Galmpton, 18/10. **Discharge of Conditions - SPLIT DECISION**

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.

BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED

Response to the public space protection order in respect of dogs: Councillors **RESOLVED** to request that no changes are made to the existing orders. Noted that all dogs should be kept on a lead at all times and the signage at Mouthwell needs clarity. A letter will be sent to the National Trust regarding dogs on leads while on National Trust land.

Next Meeting Dates: 10th Jan, 14th Feb, 13th Mar, 10th Apr, 8th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov.

Parking Project Meetings: Postponed until further notice.

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

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) www.popla.co.uk or

IAS (Independent Appeals Service) www.theias.org

Prawle Point Coastwatch

This was certainly a month of storms with Storm Ciaran predicted to cause havoc and potential damage.



Fortunately, in spite of the Amber Wind Warning our immediate area was not hit too badly. However it was decided reluctantly to close the lookout on Thursday 2nd November as it was deemed too dangerous for our watch keepers to climb up the cliff to the lookout. This does not happen very often. In view of the lack of incidents we had during this time it seems that most people heeded the warnings of the Met Office and stayed away from the coast.

A real highlight this month was our two visits to Falmouth to visit HMCG. We met David Furness, Maritime Operations Officer, HM Coastguard Operations, who gave us a fascinating insight into the work of the MRCC and the main branches of their responsibilities. He was keen to hear how we operate at Prawle Point and would like to carry out a joint exercise with ourselves and Salcombe Lifeboat Station in the future. We were taken into the operations room where David explained the very complex systems they use and the extent of their role in Maritime Operations.

On 26th October a member of the public came into the lookout to report an inflatable dinghy tied to rocks on the beach between N. Langerstone Point and Sharpers Head. We reported it to the Coastguard and hopefully it was reunited with its owner.

On 10th November a yacht, 4 miles south of Prawle Point, with equipment failure, issued a PAN PAN. They were not in immediate danger but we contacted FCG to report the vessel visual and agreed to report progress every 30 minutes. After 1 hour 45 mins we reported that the vessel was now in the lee of Bolt Head and was making its way into harbour. 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. Dee White

Diary of Events – December & January

10th December	Carol Service, plus refreshments Hope Methodist Chapel – Inner Hope	5pm
13th December	Mobile library Hope Cove 12.30, Galmpton	1.30pm
14th December	Community Bowling Christmas lunch, The Cottage Hotel	12.30
16 December	MAD Group Table Top Sale Malborough Village Hall	10.00 am – 1.00
19th December	Carol singing, Fishermans' Reading Room	7pm
24th December	Family Christmas Eve Service Hope Methodist Chapel – Inner Hope	5pm
25th December	Circuit Family Christmas celebration Kingsbridge Methodist church	10am
31st December	New Years Eve Service Hope Methodist Chapel – Inner Hope	5pm
7th January	Epiphany Service led by the Seaside Parish team No evening service. Hope Methodist Chapel – Inner Hope	10am
10th January	South Huish Parish Council Galmpton Village Hall	7pm

12th January	The History Group AGM	2.15pm
Fisherman's Reading Room		
24th - Sat. 27th Jan	MAD Robinson Crusoe & the Pirates	7.30pm

Carol singing with Phil Worth— check your local lamppost for time and date.

Christmas refuse collection

Collections will run as normal in the week commencing 18 December 2023

All recycling is now collected on Mondays, and black bins collected fortnightly, also on a Monday.

The garden waste service will be suspended for four weeks, from Sunday 17 December 2023 due to re-sume on Monday 15 January 2024.

Christmas refuse collection dates:

Wed 27 Dec instead of Monday 25

Wed 3 Jan instead of Monday 1st January

Tue 9 Jan instead of Monday 8th

Collections will return to normal in the week beginning Monday 15 January 2024

Future dates for your diary

Hope Cove Writers' Retreat

At the Cottage Hotel 29 February – 3 March 2024

Deadline for February-March Newsletter 23rd February 2024

Nature Notes

If you are experiencing power cuts it might be that the massive flock of starlings have brought down a power cable. For those of you who live on the north side of the valley and on occasions look north you will most probably have seen the flocks of starlings perching on wires. There must be up to two hundred individuals all neatly lined up in a row. If that were not enough they are frequently joined by flocks of pigeons and rooks!

Every now and then the starlings take to the sky forming a cloud or as we intellectuals say a 'murmuration'. They only fly around for a while before settling back down on the power lines. Absolutely fascinating! Starlings are not the only ones to 'murmurate' many holiday makers murmurate on Mouthwell and Harbour beaches during the summer season.

Now a point of controversy has been brought to our attention in that 'SD' (not a 'J' this time) claims that she may have seen a mink in her garden. NNI have never heard of any local mink and have suggested it

might be either a stoat or a weasel which are not uncommon. Mink are much larger and usually frequent watery places. If it is a mink then it is most probably derived from an escapee or released population. This is not impossible but NNI are doubtful. Has anyone else spotted a mink locally? Of course it might be a ferret... Please send any comments or records of mink sightings to NNI enclosing a cheque for £50 in order to facilitate printing.

Although somewhat beyond the parish boundary we are thrilled to hear of the return of blue whales to the Indian ocean. Having been nearly driven to extinction these—our largest earthly creatures are making a come back in and around the Seychelles. There is no better place to make a come back. NNI are looking for sponsorship to allow our team of experts to study these magnificent creatures. Our hope is that from our five star facilities on Mahe we will be able to record whale songs and communications. Indeed some early 'translations' of whale utterings have been interpreted as complaints of towels being left on beaches by northern Europeans. Further work will be needed to clarify the soundings.

Returning to the bird front a Jay was spotted flying around the parish. Unusual but not unheard of. Jays are members of the crow family and are most closely related to magpies. The collective noun for jays is 'a jabber of jays'. Jaywalking has nothing to do with the birds—although they do have a funny walk in common with many passerines (crows to you and me).

Sadly we have to report the loss of our chief executive who never recovered from sitting in the sunshine during the summer observing the micro-life that inhabits the garden furniture. His obsession was reported earlier this year. After various attempts to wean him off his addiction we were forced to admit him to a closed order monastery where he has been given the task of counting the bacteria in a cubic centimetre of good quality of top soil. Rough estimates are 10 billion. It is unlikely he will return in the near future. Applications to take up the CEO roll should be sent to NNI's headquarters accompanied by a selfie and a short botanical poem.

Any complaints—email tom@ariadnebc.co.uk or phone 01548-562021

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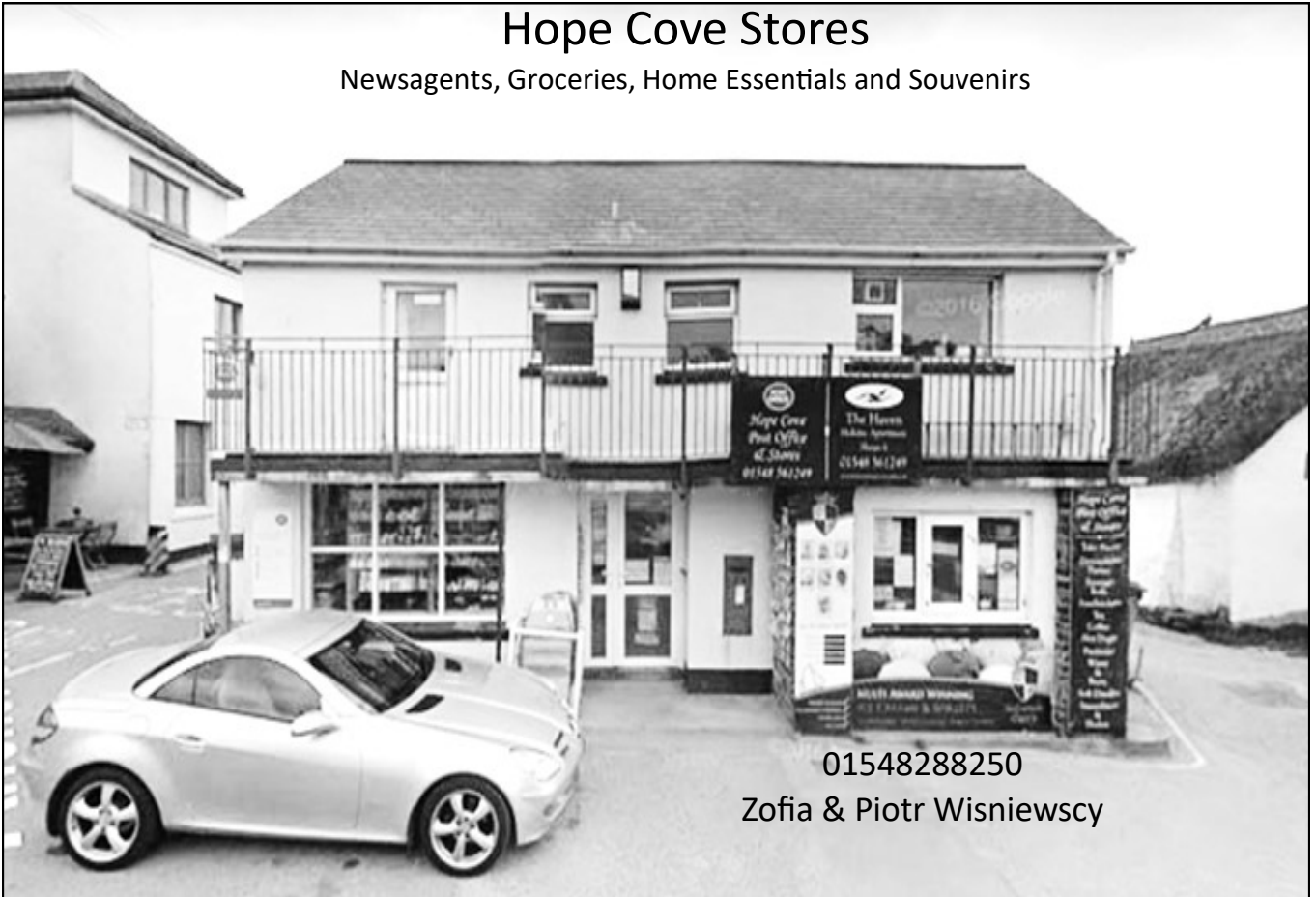
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