

# SOUTH HUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

**October—November 2023**

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*Welcome to this edition of the Parish Newsletter. I hope you all had a good summer despite some inclement weather! It was fantastic to see so many people at Hope Cove Weekend and a big thank you to all the organisers and the volunteers who helped make it such a great event. It is easy to underestimate how much work goes into running an event on that scale and ensuring everything goes to plan. No doubt after pausing for breath the committee will be starting to think about planning next year and I know they are always looking for new members! Other successful events over the last few months included the Friends of Redfern Centre Cream Tea, the annual Reading Room fundraiser, Macmillan Coffee Morning and various activities to support St Clements church. It's great that so many local people and visitors support these causes and it gives us all the chance to enjoy each others company! Finally, I am sure many people reading this newsletter would like to join me in wishing Shan & Glyn Spencer a very happy retirement. Not only has The Old Inn served fabulous meals and great Sunday lunches for a number of years, Shann and Glyn have also supported many local causes during their time running the pub. Good luck and thank you!*

## **Hope Cove Weekend**

Well what a wonderful Hope Cove Weekend 2023! Not even the less than perfect weather could dampen the spirits of all those who took part in the activities or cheered on the participants.

The weekend got off to a flying start with music in the Square on Friday night and a well-attended Joggers Race on Bolberry Down on Saturday morning.

We managed to run all our usual programme of events on the beach from Yoga and Sandcastle Competitions and Dog Fancy Dress to Tug of War and Crazy Sports. This year we organised a Children's Joggers Race across the beach too. Swimming races and Kayak and Paddle Board Races etc took place as usual with much vocal encouragement by families and friends .

Our other new event, an Open Water Swim, was rearranged to take account of the sea conditions but was a fabulous success. The Fancy Dress competition which had to be moved to the Square due to the windy weather, was highly entertaining due to the sheer inventiveness of entrants of all ages. We also received lots of positive feedback about the games and sideshows and stalls around the Square as well as the bands that performed over the weekend and the spectacular fireworks on Saturday night.

Hope Cove Weekend Committee would like to extend our thanks to all our wonderfully enthusiastic volunteers this year who made HCW 2023 run so smoothly! We are also grateful to all the local businesses and locals and holiday makers alike who gave generously by way of donations and sponsorship. This enabled us to cover our costs and to set aside a sum to be divided between local charities and community concerns. We have already had some applications but if you would like to nominate a local cause that would benefit from a donation please email [hopecovese secretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecovese secretary@gmail.com) giving a brief outline of how a cash donation would be used to benefit the charity or the local community by Wednesday 8th November.

These will be discussed after our AGM at The Cottage Hotel on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm

We are only a small committee of 8 people. Our dedication to delivering our much loved family fun weekend at August Bank Holiday is key to its continued success. Next year we are going to be celebrating 50 years of HCW! So we could do with a few more committee members please! We meet once a month from January to start planning the event and tasks are allocated between committee members to share the

load.

So if you would like to apply please email Christine and Sandra at [hopecovesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecovesecretary@gmail.com)



### **Hope Cove Life Boat**

We have just come to the end of our busiest period of the year, with an average of one 'shout' per week over the last couple of months, mostly due to the influx of visitors. The majority of calls were to Stand Up Paddle boards where people are not aware of the effects of wind and tide. They find themselves a long way off shore not making any progress to return, as they are on a falling tide with offshore wind pushing them out.

We believe that the ready availability and drop in price of SUPs has meant a lot of people take up the hobby but there is little or no guidance from manufacturers about safety.

We would recommend that the first thing people do is check the weather conditions and tides, wear buoyancy aids and carry phone/radio in a waterproof case. One of the side effects of the popularity of SUPs is that on several occasions we have rescued people who have lost a board. This then means an extensive search by the lifeboats. This is because if the board is not found we then get reports of missing people when the board is spotted with no one on it. We have also been tasked to a report of a kayak with no occupants. After a wide search, the kayak was recovered and showed all the signs of not being used for some considerable time. We surmised that it had been washed down one of the local rivers due to the recent very high spring tide and a surge due to rainfall. We also took a couple of calls to boats with engine failures and once located we towed them back in.

It has been a good time for donations to help our funding. One was from the South Hams Hash House Harriers who all turned up at the Life Boat Station to present their cheque whilst on their run. Thank you all very much! We also had a very generous donation from an individual who saw on social media that we had a trolley jack failure when turning the boat round after a shout. Thank you very much for the speedy contribution. The other major cheque was from Kate Rhymes aka "Trixi" who ran a cocktail bar during the summer months on the plinth by the slipway on Tuesday evenings while we launched the boat for our regular training evening. This was supported by lots of people who could watch us in action while enjoying one of her delicious mixes. Thank you very much to Kate and her small team for all the work they put in and their generosity.

The regular weekly stall selling clothing etc was busy on the Harbour beach slip with a very high level of sales, this was manned by crew and their family and friends and makes us a steady income throughout the years. Thanks to them for their efforts.

I should also like to thank Becci Hay who is donating the proceeds from the sale of her amazing sunset picture 'A Sky full of Hope' which you can find on the Hope Cove Facebook page.

We have just signed off and filed the accounts for 2022 with the Charity Commission and doing some very simplistic sums, dividing total spend by the number of 'shouts' we worked out that the cost per 'shout' for that year was over £1,500.00.

Our next major spend will be to replace the launch 'tractor' unit which is suffering from severe salt water corrosion despite being given a thorough wash down after every launch. A small team of crew and trustees are currently exploring various solutions to try and come up with a more durable piece of equipment

that is within our budget.

We have just taken delivery of a £500.00 cradle stretcher to use on the boat if we have to pick up casualties from the beach or water. This was seen as a requirement after some incidents where we ended up having to borrow from the coastguards or the ambulance service. The crew are now training with it to ensure that they are familiar with techniques required to ensure the safety of the casualty.

You may have seen a lot of coastguards around Hope Cove a couple of weeks ago, this was part of a joint training exercise organised as part of our regular crew training and all parties agreed they benefitted from understanding how each team operates. This will be repeated in the future as we do have regular contact with other local teams.

### **Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove**

We have enjoyed a busy end to the summer season, with the fantastic weather for early September! Now the nights are drawing in we are making plans for the winter season. Our festive menus will be served from mid-November until Christmas and we will be looking forward to welcoming local guests to stay with our popular 'locals accommodation offer' during this period too.

The Salcombe Larks have performed at the hotel several times this summer, early evening, on the terrace and in the lounge. Their uplifting popular songs have been appreciated and generous donations collected for the Hope Cove lifeboat and the Breakwater Charity boxes. We are hoping the Larks will be able to visit during the winter too, dates to be confirmed.

We have A Murder Mystery Weekend planned Friday 27th & Saturday 28th October, accommodation for the weekend is now fully booked, however we do have a few spaces for dinner only, where you can enjoy the entertainment and the sluthing. Please contact hotel reception for further details.

Anne Rainbow is organising a writers retreat, 2nd – 5th November 2023, please contact Anne for details, 07721 695044 you can attend residential at the hotel or day-time only.

We are still serving lunches and afternoon teas on the terrace (when the weather is suitable) or the bar lounge and restaurant, which also enjoy the views too.

Our October 2-course Bar Lunch Menu @ £21.50 per person:

(served Monday-Saturday inclusive from 12 noon – 2pm (last orders))

Starters:

Soup, served with Crusty Bread

Pan-Fried Scallops, Butternut Squash Puree, Salsa Verde

Calves' Liver, Stilton Bruschetta

Red Onion, Cheddar Cheese and Thyme Tart, Beetroot Salad (v)

(or choose a dessert)

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Main Courses—(All served with a Selection of Vegetables & Potatoes)

Lamb Rump, Smoked Bacon, Roast Garlic, Lentil Stew

Chicken Supreme, Coq-Au-Vin Sauce

Sea Bream, Broad Beans, Oyster Mushrooms, Fish Broth and Dill

(v) Vegetarian dish of the day

our usual bar menu, and other menus which can be found on our website

<https://www.hopecove.com/public/hotel/food-and-drink>

### **Community/Bowling Lunches**

The lunches are held at The Cottage Hotel and everyone is welcome to come along, meet some new people or enjoy the company of old friends. Look forward to seeing you !

The October lunch is on Thursday 26th from 12.30pm. The November lunch is on November 23rd from 12.30pm.

Short Mat Bowls at Hope and Galmpton Village Hall is held on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm. Cost £2 per person to include tea and biscuits at half time. This is a fun afternoon and if you've never played, why not come along and see what it's all about. You might enjoy it!! Hope to see you there.

### **Annual Reading Room fundraiser**

The Venture Playgroup continues to be based at the Reading Room. I am sure we have all enjoyed seeing the children with the Rope Bus around the village.

This summer saw the Reading Room BBQ well supported as usual. It was advertised as Beers Bubbles and Burgers. This year we had some new and old games. Splat the Rat, by Robin Reeves, Corn Hole by Stephen Ramsden, Duck Racing care of Ken and Carol Riley. But one of the funniest games was the human fruit machine with silly hats and real fruit. Expertly done by Prue Norton, Ben Moorman and Dave Harvey. Lots of hilarity. Of course, the same team behind the scenes, cooking, serving drinks and thanks go to them. All in all what a wonderful team!

Altogether we made in the region of £1400. Looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Thank you for your support.

*Jill Beavis*

### **Friends of St Clements Church**

As many of you know, this summer has a new charity in town! An application for Friends of St Clements Church has been submitted. This will enable us to raise funds for the upkeep and running of the church. Now we all know how long these bodies take to reply, so watch this space. However, we could not wait to start the fundraising. There were two services at St Clements, both of which were well attended. There was also a meeting in the church of people who would be happy to help in any way. Again, a good number appeared and a dog!

Fundraising started. A form to donate £10 per month has been circulated around the village which will help enormously. So, if you know of anyone who could spare that amount please let me know and I can

send them a form.

We then went on to the Pimm's, Pints and Potatoes event. This was a great success. Everyone had fun. We had to bring it forward a few hours due to the weather, but it stayed dry. We raised £1,300. A big thanks to Lidstone Potatoes, Salcombe Brewery and Ian Pedrick for the commercial potato baker.

And going forward, The Salcombe Community Gospel Choir have a concert on 21st October in aid of St Clements. Tickets are £12 each. The bar is open from 6.15 and the concert starts at 7 pm.

There will be a bottle raffle and if anyone would like to donate a raffle prize just leave them at the shop or drop round to mine.

Watch this space for more events. If anyone would like to help just let me know.

*Jill*

*Beavis j.beavis23@btinternet.com*

### **Holy Trinity Galmpton**

**The church** is currently closed due to a fall of ceiling plaster. A notice outside the church details service times and location for the coming months.



### **FORC Cream Tea**

The Friends of the Redfern Centre held a Cream Tea at the Cottage Hotel recently to raise funds for the health centre. This event has returned after a three year break due to the pandemic and drew 120 people, the biggest attendance ever, to enjoy excellent cream teas. The raffle had a large number of superb prizes, all generously donated and the games, cake and book stalls also did a busy trade. The afternoon made a total profit of around £1,440 which is a record amount.

Mrs Sue Sharp, the Redfern Centre's Practice Manager, thanked everyone on the FORC committee for their continued efforts; the Cottage Hotel for their generous support and everyone who helped out before and on the day and, of course, those who attended. The money raised will go in entirety to purchasing extra equipment and facilities for the benefit of patients at the Redfern Centre and also enabling them to receive certain treatments and procedures at the surgery instead of having to travel to Derriford Hospital. It will be greatly appreciated.

For many years FORC has also run a patient transport service using volunteer drivers for anyone who is unable to travel to the surgery for their appointment. A car will collect them from home, wait whilst they attend their appointment and take them back home again – a small donation to FORC is suggested for this service. Anyone who is registered at the Redfern Centre who would like transport should ring one of the car co-ordinators, either Terry Andrew on 843842 or Sue Dobson on 842784 who will be very happy to help and organise a driver.

The FORC AGM will be held on Thursday 23 November 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Annexe of Malborough Village Hall. Everyone welcome. For further information contact the Secretary, Jan Carter on 560086 or email [tides.view@btinternet.com](mailto:tides.view@btinternet.com)



### **Kingsbridge Estuary u3a**

As summer comes to an end, members of the u3a begin to look forward to getting together in their groups again to enjoy their shared activities, interests and hob-

bies. Towards the end of each month we all join up at Malborough Village Hall to discuss matters of collective interest and hear a talk by a guest speaker on a topic we can all enjoy.

On October 27th we shall be hosting Alex Leger who will tell us about his hair-raising experiences as a film maker for the BBC over 36 years in five continents. It should be fascinating and entertaining.

On November 24th we look forward to hearing historian Kathryn Kelly speak about Trinity House lighthouse keepers and her experiences in journalism.

We start at 10am and visitors are most welcome.

### **Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) Sept 2023**

We begin this Autumn term with the good news from the end of the summer that we raised over £2000 last summer term. We had a wonderful Birthday Bash at The Old Inn raising over £1600! Our thanks to everyone who attended, Glyn and Shan and a very generous donation of £250 from the Estuary Lodge, thank you very much to them.

Our School, is a book written by our wonderful Jan Clarke. Jan took on the job of archivist for the 150th Birthday of the school this year and absolutely ran with it. This astonishing book and the wonderful displays that could be seen at all the birthday events are the result. She has even found pictures of the builders of the school 150 years ago! We can't thank her enough. There are still a few copies available if anyone wants one. The school and the PTFA will be forever in her debt and all the people who helped her, for the wonderful record of school life of the past 150 years she has given us.

Onto the new school year and we have just held our AGM. Tracey and I remain as vice Chair and Chair but we are now happily joined by Sophie Pedrick who has joined us as parent vice chair, and Kate Venter as staff rep, two very cheerful and welcome additions. Jan has agreed to stay in an artistic role so we have dubbed her our Creative Director! Not many PTFAs are lucky enough to have one of those!

It is still the sesquicentennial year so we have one more celebration for that planned. A Barn dance at Malborough Village Hall on November 25th, music by Rumpus, probably best known to many as Nigel Sture with band, and Ken Hudson as caller. Food from Janey at Feast kitchen.

Please see the poster and we would love to see you there, tickets are already being reserved so please contact us soon. We are all really looking forward to this one.

Christmas is already booked and planned! Oh yes it is! More details soon.

I'd like to end by joining what is the sadness of the whole village at hearing of the retirement of Glyn and Shan from the Old Inn. Glyn and Shan have been unerringly generous in their support for the school and we will miss them very much. The best of wishes and good luck from all of us to them. Hope to see many of you at the Barn Dance

Lisa Mooney, Chair, Tracey Clapp, Vice Chair, Sophie Pedrick, Vice Chair

### **South West Water will lift all hosepipe restrictions**

These will be lifted across Devon and Cornwall from September 25

The company promised to review the restrictions in Colliford and Roadford water supply zones and says - thanks to the collaboration of customers - water resources are in a much more stable position following the peak summer demand. Roadford Reservoir is at 53 per cent storage, up 10 per cent from this time last year, while Colliford Reservoir is at 52% storage, up 28% from last year.

### **Wednesday Writers Online**

The topics for this term are Writing Erotica (4 October), Memoir (1 November) and Perfecting the Short Story (29 November).

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.

Everyone is welcome: new and experienced writers.

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](mailto:anne/rainbow@btinternet.com)

### **Hope Cove Writers' 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](mailto: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 are now available, listing all those taking part and the 35 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](mailto:Stephen@salcombe-art.com).

Anne Rainbow

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

A huge thank you to all who came to support our coffee morning on Friday 8th September, slightly earlier this year, at The Reading Room.

We had lots of delicious cakes on offer from our team of fantastic helpers, a bumper raffle and Guess the weight of the Cake won by Edwina.

We raised £390 for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your generous support. Carol Riley



## Hope Cove Beach Yoga

Hope Cove Beach Yoga with Donna, has come to a close for 2023, however it will return again in Spring 2024.

Donna offer's weekly classes, suitable for all levels, on Harbour Beach between Easter and September (weather permitting), and 10% of the ticket price is donated to the Hope Cove Harbour Commissioner's Fund!

### ***You may ask "Why Yoga on a Beach"?***

Yoga on the beach:

- Enhances your connection with nature.
- Improves strength, balance & flexibility.
- Eases physical pain & prevent injury.
- Increases relaxation & improves sleep quality.
- Manages stress & improves energy levels.
- Makes us feel good!

Please visit Donna's website to find out more – Dates for 2024 will be live later this year –

[www.simplysoulful.co.uk](http://www.simplysoulful.co.uk)

***"This morning's yoga class was perfect in every way - the setting, ambiance and of course the yoga it-self. Feel uplifted, calm and so happy. Thank you Donna" (K.P)***

Donna McCheyne

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### **Road, Lanes, and Footpath Names**

For some months, members of the History Group have been researching and verifying old local names, and now with permission of the Parish Council we are putting up beautiful wooden signs made by one of our members Robin Reeves. The oldest verified name recorded on the 1790 Tithe Map, is Perrotts Hill. Look out for names including The Donkey Path, and New Road. More will be added in coming months. Maz Morris

Present: Cllr Darren James Cllr Steve Pearson Cllr Anne Rossiter (in the Chair) Cllr Alan Rundle Cllr Tom Windle In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert (part meeting) Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Parishioners/guests: 20 Apologies: Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking Ward Cllr Mark Long Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

OPEN FORUM: A request has been made for the Parish to offer a good citizen award for local people who deserve recognition for their input to the community.

A query was raised regarding the state of Little Shear and the immediate surrounding area. With this being in the heart of the AONB, a question was put, can anything be done to improve the outlook? Cllr Dennis will provide a response.

Hope Cove Weekend worked exceptionally well and the temporary car park raised £1,400.

The Harbour Master, Sean and his team were thanked by all for their hard work improving the harbour and surrounding area.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL: Enforcement have been operating in the area and have received fewer complaints this year than in previous years.

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](mailto:samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk)

Email Cllr Mark Long: [cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk)

A letter is being issued to all those who currently pay business rates asking for proof that they have commercial contracts in place. Neighbourhood Plans in the Ward will be due for review approximately five years after being made.

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>.

PLANNING, DECISIONS & ENFORCEMENT

LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

1. 2519/23/HHO, Poppins, Galmpton, application for new rear extension, enlargement of existing rear dormer, changes to front dormer cladding, roof material changes, adjustment of southern terrace levels, stonework to front wall & adjustment of driveway levels, new windows & doors. 21/9. Support.
2. 2516/23/FUL, 2 Elm Cottages, Burleigh Lane, Extension to existing parking area (resubmission of 1987/22/FUL) 21/9. Support.
3. Secretary of State Appeal: Sea Thrift, Hope Cove, Kingsbridge. TQ7 3HH, Application reference:

3910/22/FUL, Appeal reference: APP/K1128/W/23/3320867. 20/9. No further comment will be made, however, information recently received from the applicant will be forwarded.

#### SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. No Decision Yet.
2. 1595/23/VAR, Lantern Lodge Hotel, 6/7. No Decision Yet.
3. 1535/23/HHO, The Nutshell 29/6. Conditional Approval.
4. 2886/22/HHO, 39 Weymouth Park, Appellant: Mrs S Harley, Secretary of State Appeal.
5. 2098/22/VAR, Cove Lodge, Land adjacent to 39 Weymouth Park, Secretary of State Appeal.
6. 3951/21/FUL, Land at SX690 402, Galmpton, Secretary of State Appeal. Appeal Dismissed.
7. Sand Pebbles, 4031/21/FUL, Secretary of State Appeal.

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-197](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach-197)

#### BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

Discussion re street lighting and speed limits in the Parish and how to raise speed awareness. The children at Malborough & South Huish Primary school will be asked to create 20 is plenty signage.

It was resolved to move the Galmpton defibrillator from The Old Parsonage as it is difficult to find and regularly blocked by bins/vehicles. The new site will be in the old BT Phone Box at 'The Exchange'.

It was resolved to remove the old noticeboard opposite the Reading Room. The posts will be left in situ to prevent parking issues, the map will be cleaned up if possible and added to one of the other noticeboards. Parish Parking Project: A meeting with Devon County Council Highways has been arranged for 14th September, once a response has been received we will arrange the next Parking Project meeting.

2023 Meeting Dates: 11th Oct, 8th Nov.

2023 Parking Project: 27th Sept to be confirmed, 22nd 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](http://www.southhuish-pc.org.uk)

#### Hope Cove Swim Club

The club has had a phenomenal year, with the good weather and ambient sea temperatures allowing pleasurable swimming on a daily basis. Attendance has been excellent and members heard at the recent AGM about how much the Club has progressed this year. All sections of membership are now FULL, i.e. Country Membership, Disabled Membership and Full membership. There is a waiting list of 114. Whilst there are demands for the creation of a Junior Membership section ( i.e. those under 65 years of age ) this has been resisted. This has caused slight resentment in some quarters, but, this is something we

have to live with, if, quite rightly, we are going to abide by our principles.

The catering section has excelled itself this year and all members were extremely complimentary following the recent Annual Dinner. Fund raising has reached a new peak, and in addition to donating to a host of needy charities there has still been enough to finance projects closer to home. Our Safeguarding Officer was able to attend the National Conference, a prominent visiting speaker thrilled all members with an illuminating lecture on diversity, but most of all, there is enough in the kitty to commence building changing facilities for club members on the beach. Although they will be small, it is hoped that there will be room for a small bar sponsored by local Salcombe Brewery to provide free drinks for members following their daily dip.

Looking ahead, plans for the 2024 'Limpopo Challenge' are well advanced and several national publications are keen to produce articles about us in addition to a major T.V. Station talking to us at length about a possible documentary. All hush hush at the moment, but watch this space.

A.Lonsborough Publicity Officer (**Editor's note:** All comments/queries on this item to [graham\\_phillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graham_phillips@hotmail.co.uk) please!!)

## The National Trust



We have had a successful Archaeological dig on the Bolt Tail Iron Age Promontory Fort as part of the Coastal Heritage Project. The partnership work with Historic England and the South Devon AONB team saw a week of excavations on the headland to further understand how this site was used historically, which will then feed into our management of this area to ensure the important features are protected. The volunteers worked throughout a range of weather conditions with professional archaeologists to excavate two trenches.

We also held an event as part of the Heritage Open Days on Saturday 16th in the Reading Rooms in Hope Cove with displays about the dig and guided walks with the Historic Environment Team from Devon County Council. Despite the wet weather this was really well attended and visitors really enjoyed learning about the site and the work of the project. We are waiting on the official report, but some finds were WW11 rifle shell cases, worked flints, signs of interconnecting walls from the Iron Age period and some medieval pottery. We will continue excavations on some other areas around the fort next year.

The wildflowers sown into Bolberry Down have taken well and will help increase the diversity of this meadow, some will take two years to flower so there should be even more next year.

Ranger Ricky and the volunteers have been replacing the rotten cleft chestnut fencing around the picnic benches at South Milton Sands and the rope around the café area so this is all looking very smart. We are also currently working on a bike rack to be installed opposite the café.

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](mailto:emma.reece@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## Scam Alert

Another email scam to look out for. This one tells you that you have won a million dollars in the latest 'WhatsApp Lottery' and is signed off "WhatsApp Administration". It asks you to click on the link to fill in further personal details so they can make the payment. So obviously a scam which, hopefully, people will not fall for but if you're on WhatsApp, as so many people are these days, you could possibly be fooled. You can report a suspicious email to the National Cyber Security Centre by forwarding it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and you will receive an immediate acknowledgement. They will analyse the content of the suspicious email and seek to block the address it came from so it can no longer send emails. As of May this year they had received in excess of 20,995,000 reports with the removal of more than 129,000 scams. However, if you think you may have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, you should report it to Action Fraud on [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)



### Prawle Point Coastwatch

We're pleased to report that we have 9 potential trainee watchkeepers who will be learning the ropes during the winter.

We've had a fair number of incidents this month. On 20th a yacht reported being fouled on fishing pots just South of Start Point. Falmouth Coastguard tasked Salcombe AWLB. As we had visual of the casualty we monitored it and contacted our neighbouring station, Froward Point. A local fishing boat managed to free the pots and the yacht was able to make way under sail into Dartmouth.

The next two days we heard PAN PANs on Ch16. One was from a local sea angling charter with 12 persons reporting engine failure. We had visual 2.2nm SW of the lookout, confirmed its position and state with FCG and maintained a monitoring watch until a local fishing boat responded and towed the casualty into Salcombe. The next was a yacht with engine failure 1nm SE of Start Point with 3 persons on board. We had visual and watched as a motor cruiser established a tow towards Salcombe. The cruiser had problems with coms and telephoned the lookout to request weather information, radio check and the channel number for Salcombe Harbour. We monitored the rescue until the boat was safely over the Bar.

On September 3rd a motor vessel reported engine failure off Bolt Head. The skipper was awaiting assistance from a fishing boat but we were provided information to FCG about the casualty's position. The vessel proceeded safely into Salcombe Harbour.

On September 17th we were telephoned by FCG. They were concerned about a Catamaran rounding Bolt Head very close to the shore, in a Force 8. We monitored the vessel and reported their safe crossing of the Bar to the coastguard.

Our monthly meeting was a fascinating talk by our very own Peter Sandover on his work with the Visually Impaired. He regularly takes his own yacht for a cruise with both sighted and blind crew. This year they sailed from Falmouth with 2 more sighted crew, including another of our watch-keepers, and 2 blind crew. The blind sailors are encouraged to get involved with every aspect of sailing and spend a lot of time helming the yacht very successfully.

## Diary of events – October & November 2023

October 4-7 <sup>th</sup>	KATS: And Then There Were None Malborough Village Hall	7:30
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	South Huish Parish Council	7pm
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	
21st October	The Salcombe Community Gospel Choir Concert	6.15pm
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Community/Bowling Lunch Cottage Hotel	12.30
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	u3A Alex Leger from the BBC Malborough Hall	10am- noon
October 27th –28th	Murder Mystery Weekend, Cottage Hotel	
October 28th	Quiz for the Hope Cove Lifeboat, Malborough Hall	7pm
November 8th	South Huish Parish Council Galmpton Village Hall	7pm
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile library	
November 23rd	Community/Bowling Lunch Cottage Hotel	12:30
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends Of Redfurn Health Centre AGM Malborough Hall	7:30
November 24th	u3A historian Kathryn Kelly	10am – noon
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Barn Dance, Malborough Village Hall	7pm

### **Deadline for December-January Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Looking forward** The Alvington Singers celebrate the Christmas Season with music and carols At St. Edmund's Church Kingsbridge on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 pm Tickets £12.50 to include delicious refreshments

### **Nature Notes**

Well, well so many interesting things and so little space! Our reader will be thrilled to hear that NNI have opened a new office in Weymouth Park! Our local representative whom we will call 'J' for security reasons spotted hares in the fields behind her house; hares used to be not uncommon in Galmpton but in recent times they seem to have moved west. Also spotted on several occasions were geese—probably flying between the wetlands at Thurlestone and Hope Barton. Jan also saw a Hoopoe as indeed did J of Galmpton. I suspect it was the same one. Hoopoes are an occasional visitor; one was spotted last year by BG. This beautiful brightly coloured bird has an intriguing history venerated by the ancient Egyptians and cursed by many other cultures as being foul. We've been here before. BG also spotted some deer, again not uncommon but not often seen in such open ground. Roe deer we believe.

But the scoop of the month was the participation by J of Lower Galmpton in the great bat survey. Apparently this survey is conducted every year and this year yielded a bumper harvest of bat varieties. We are not a fan of lists, as all that it indicates is that one has nothing interesting to write about, but in this case we will make an exception and name a few of the 15 varieties in alphabetical order:- Barbastelle, Brandt's,

Brown long-eared, Common Pipistrelle, Duabenton, Grey long eared, Lesser horse shoe, Natterer's , Noctule, Serotine, Soprano pipistrelle, whiskered—enough! You have to smile—those bat Duabenton, Grey long eared, Lesser horse shoe, Natterer's , Noctule, Serotine, Soprano pipistrelle, whiskered—enough! You have to smile—those bat people must eat out on the inventiveness of the names. I mean would you name your daughter Barbastelle or Noctule? Apparently there are 18 varieties / species of bats in England - so to record 15 here seems very exciting. Mind you three of the ones recorded were low confidence. Also recorded by the same equipment were bush crickets, a hazel dormouse, and various birds and moths. Not bad eh?

Speaking of moths SB of Inner Hope spotted a Humming Bird Hawk Moth; again not unknown but a very distinctive moth with a very long proboscis that allows it to gather nectar from the deepest of flowers. Proboscis—we love that word but seldom get a chance to use it.

J of Galmpton Green alerted the NNI team to a festival of red admiral butterflies which were feeding ravenously on flowering ivy. They were accompanied by numerous bees. What a sight and sound.

Other notable butterflies espied recently along with the red admirals were painted ladies and commas. Very beautiful, but we are missing the peacocks and tortoiseshells. Did you know many of these butterflies are migrants flying here from France and Spain? None arrive in small boats.

Well done Jan, Jayne, Judith and Julia! You do not have to be a 'J' to contribute to Nature Notes...

Any complaints—email [tom@ariadnebc.co.uk](mailto:tom@ariadnebc.co.uk) or phone 01548-562021

PS—the swallows have gone—safe journey—and come back!

**Emergency Contact Numbers:**

<b>Police, Fire, Ambulance or Coastguard</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Police Enquiry Centre</b>	<b>101</b>
Water Supply and Sewage	0344 346 1010
Electricity Supply (general enquiry)	0800 096 3080
Electricity power cuts	105
South Hams District Council	01803 861234
Devon County Council (main switchboard)	0345 155 1015
Neighbourhood Watch	To be advised
Highways issues report to:	<a href="http://new.devon.gov.uk/roadtransport/report-a-problem">new.devon.gov.uk/roadtransport/report -a-problem</a>

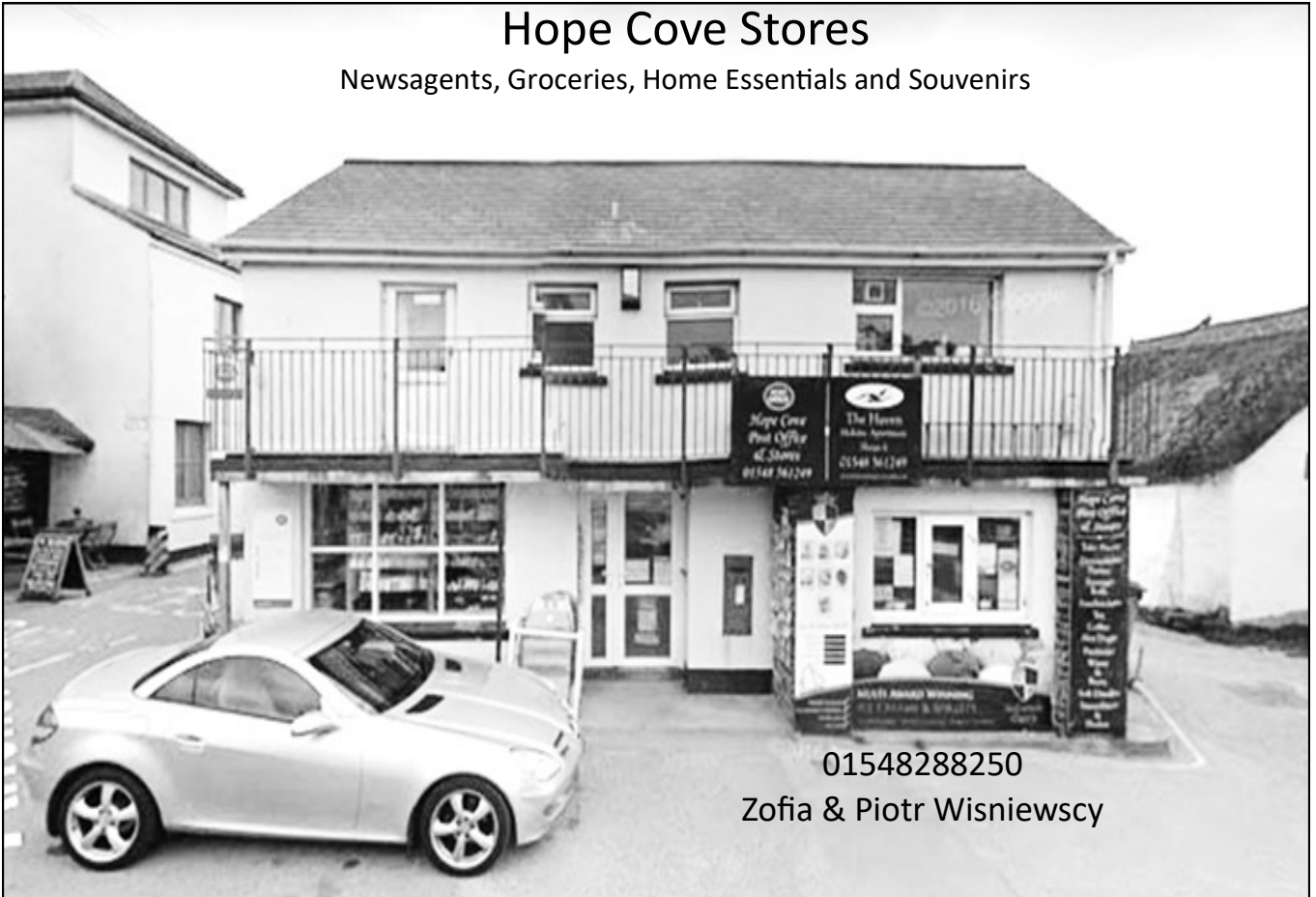
**Other useful contacts:**

Action Fraud		03454 040506
Police – Salcombe Harbour Office		843791
Redfern Health Centre, Salcombe		842284
Redfern Car Co-ordinator	Terry Andrew	843842
“	“	Sue Dobson
		842784
Norton Brook Medical Centre, Kingsbridge		853551
Norton Brook Car Co-ordinator		856490
County Councillor	Rufus Gilbert	856659
District Councillor	Samantha Dennis	01803 861 284
District Councillor	Mark Long	843828
Parish Clerk	Kathy Harrod	Mob 07704 941150
Parish Councillors	Jo Hocking (Chairman)	561275
“	Anne Rossiter (Vice Chair)	561210
“	Jan Carter	560086
“	Darren James	562632
“	Alan Rundle	560117
“	Steve Pearson	561597
“	Tom Windle	562021
Footpath Officer	Richard Pollard	561526
Tree Warden	Jamie Rundle via parish clerk	07704 941150
Chairman to the Harbour Commissioners	Dave Clarke	561825
Harbourmasters	Sean Hassall	07970859992
“	Alastair Watson	07967 661521
Village Hall Bookings	Ann Pedrick	561296
Bowling	Ann Pedrick	“
Reading Room Bookings	David Morgan	560237
Hope History Group	Phil Worth	561415
Line Dancing	Lindy Sinnott	843944
Hope Cove Weekend	Sandra Keith	<a href="mailto:hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com">hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com</a>
South Huish Churches	Parish office	842626
Hope Cove Methodist Church	Sue & David Morgan	560237
Methodist church minister	Rachel Mitchell	852073



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