

# **SOUTH HUISH PARISH**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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*Welcome to the Spring edition of the newsletter! Having just returned from the Outer Hebrides where the landscape is so different to most places in the UK, I am reminded what a beautiful part of the world we live in. Of course, it helps when the sun is shining, the birds are singing and we head towards longer days. (I am writing to the sound of thunder and pelting rain!)*

*As spring and summer arrive (we hope) more activities start to take place outside and our community swells with visitors. By the time you read this newsletter the Lifeboat will have had it's first Open Day of the season. Open days are an opportunity to attract new volunteers to help with the running of our independent lifeboat. There are many ways to get involved from behind the scenes or to becoming a trained member of the crew. If you are interested please go to the website and get in touch. [hopecovelifebot.org](http://hopecovelifebot.org)*

*Other activities to look forward to include an Open Day on Saturday 27th April on Bolt Tail. As part of the Coastal Heritage Project in partnership with Historic England and the South Devon Natural Landscapes team, the investigations of the Bolt Tail Iron Age Promontory Fort continue. The team leading the dig will be available on the day to show people any finds and explain more about the work*

*In this edition of the newsletter we spotlight Hope Cove Gallery, truly a treasure in Hope Cove! Have a wonderful April and May.*



#### **Spotlight on Hope Cove Gallery**

*Continuing our series of articles on people and places of interest in South Huish, I had the pleasure of chatting to Allie Alpass, owner of Hope Cove Gallery.*

How fortunate are we? A tiny seaside village with it's own gallery and shop that has something for everybody and every budget. I am particularly fond of my egg cups! Apparently, (and some locals will remember) the gallery space used to be a small grocer back in the 70's/80's. For many years it housed staff upstairs who worked at the cottage hotel.

The Gallery was founded in 2007 by local artist Jonathan Woolfenden and Mangetout deli owner Chris Povey. Allie Alpass, the current owner took over running the shop in 2010 and became owner in 2014. Allie is an artist herself, and the shop supports nearly 30 local and Devon based artists. Allie explains "I have been very lucky to watch artists come and go through the gallery and I have since taught myself a variety of painting skills to produce as much artwork as possible. Now nearly half of the work in the Gallery is my own. I have a good repertoire of work from watercolour jellyfish and bold textured Lobsters to abstract pictures of local scenes. I'll collect shells and sea glass to make collages, handmade clay cards and jewellery. The variety of art keeps me motivated and inspired. My work is my play!"

Local fine art photographer Becci Hey joined the team 5 years ago and now has a permanent exhibition at the Gallery. Her evocative sunset images are widely regarded. She too turns her hand to other mediums, and has a beautiful range of velvet blankets and bags with her designs.

"Hope Cove speaks for itself", Allie explained, "it translates beautifully into different mediums and we have been able to turn it into a brand that we can use to show off our magical part of the world."

"Art galleries can be expensive, pretentious places, and for the every-day person who enjoys art, that isn't a world we inhabit. At Hope Cove Gallery we have something for everyone. Visitors want a moment to remind

them of their holiday and that is what we try and provide. Art should be accessible to everyone so we have tried really hard to keep our prices down.”

Allie continued: “We want to be inclusive for everyone who comes through our doors, whether that’s someone coming off the beach with their pocket money, or someone who has spotted a stunning statement piece through our window, we can cater to everyone. “

The Gallery was recognised in 2018 receiving an award from Muddy Stilettoes for Devon’s best art gallery as voted by the public.

I asked Allie what are her current favourite pieces in the shop and she told me at moment they are the wide variety of glassware, fused glass is incredibly popular. “I also adore pottery. Our local potter Faye Wyatt creates mugs, jugs and bowls inspired by sea colours.”

Allie feels the best bits about her job are chatting to customers. She explained “I’ve had some of the most profound conversations in the shop, tears, laughter, dancing! But also, it’s a happy creative space where people seem to feel uplifted and comfortable. I also get to make whatever I like so that can’t be bad!!! (As long as it sells!)”

Allie’s background is mixed, having worked in marketing and hospitality and before that nursing. She told me “I was planning on becoming an art therapist once upon a time. I have a caring nature and find psychotherapy fascinating.

My passion is the sea, I can’t wait until swimming season starts again. My husband has a little boat so we can pop lobster pots out in the bay and enjoy escaping to secluded beaches with my five-year-old daughter Coral. (Editor: beautiful name!). I love being in nature and spending time with friends and family. Travelling when we can and cooking. Any opportunity to be creative.”

Most of the artists on display in Hope Cove Gallery are from South Hams, with one or two further afield. They have paintings, photographs, ceramics, textiles, glassware, woodwork and jewellery - including jewellery made from sea glass picked up right outside on the beach, plus woodturning pieces from a wood-turner who lives *in* Hope Cove. You couldn’t get more local if you tried.

If you can’t get into the gallery in person here’s a link to their online shop <https://www.hopcovgallery.com/>



### **Hope Cove (Independent) Lifeboat**

This is our quietest time of year in terms of 'shouts' to rescue people, but the team have been busy doing maintenance and making sure our kit is all ready for the coming season. We have had some new dry suits made to ensure our crew are safe and dry when out on the boat. You may have noticed recently that whilst we have been training at the weekend and launching whenever possible, we’ve been mostly gated by the dreadful weather we have all experienced over the last few months. We have to get the lifejackets certified and tested each year which involved them being sent away in batches to be processed but we always have sufficient onsite for full crew if we get called.

We hosted a visit from the 6th Kingsbridge Scouts on the 11th March where we showed them the boat and our kit and they joined in some training exercises. This involved getting kitted up against the clock and then placing a casualty on a stretcher and carrying it to safety. They asked lots of questions and showed great interest in our operation, the evening was enjoyed by all involved, maybe some recruits for the future?

You may have noticed that we have also recently taken delivery of a dumper which is to replace our current tractor/dumper unit which is suffering from its regular exposure to the effects of the sea, despite being given a thorough hose down and clean after every launch. The replacement dumper took some time to find and is second-hand but a good solid piece of kit to use as a base to be modified to fit our requirements. We are in the process of getting quotes from local engineering companies to undertake the work required to modify and waterproof it as

much as is viable, ready for this unit to replace the one currently in service as soon as possible.

We had a recent visit from 5 members of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) watch team from Falmouth who are the people that call us out for rescues. They came to get to know us, look at our operation and our equipment and where we operate. They discussed our area and the hot spots for casualties and our launching and recovery procedures especially for bad weather and our response times. Several of them have been on duty during some of our shouts and could now understand the area and how we respond and they said they appreciated the service we deliver. They were also visiting the RNLI stations at Plymouth and Salcombe as well as the local Coast Guard teams.

By the time this is published we will also have attended the Search and Rescue (SAR) Liaison Meeting at the Newquay SAR base where we meet representatives of the other SAR units for this region, this includes MCA staff, RNLI staff and other SAR units. The key message from the last meeting was that we are all struggling for recruits to develop and continue our teams for the future, understandably in our small village population, but very concerning when the RNLI in Plymouth struggle for crew given the size of the population of that city.

We are always looking for recruits for all sorts of roles, not necessarily as crew but a wide variety of 'backroom' roles are needed to keep us afloat, please contact us if you are interested or would like to know more, either via our website [hopecovelifebot.org](http://hopecovelifebot.org) or via Facebook or at crew training on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the boat-house or me directly at [steve@baguleys.com](mailto:steve@baguleys.com) Steve Baguley

### **Hope Cove Weekend 50th Anniversary**

At HCW HQ we are working hard to deliver a wonderful weekend at August Bank Holiday to celebrate our 50th year. Plenty of fun and games for all the family on Harbour Beach and in the Square together with lots of interesting stalls to mooch around. There will be the usual live music on the Stage from Friday through to Monday with the much-loved Fireworks taking place on Saturday night. We are hoping to produce a commemorative programme with photos and memories from years gone by so if you have some photos or memories you would like to share please email them to Christine [hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com)

So many people return to HCW year after year to enjoy the family friendly festivities, some even plan their holidays around volunteering over the weekend! We welcome new faces too! So if you would like to lend a hand to help marshall the Joggers Race on Bolberry Down or help at beach based events e.g. Family Sports and Swimming races etc that would be fantastic. Helping hands and smiley faces are always needed at our Information Point in the Square and to help with the traditional games in the Square as well. We always need volunteers to take round collecting tins/ sum up machines as we depend on donations to keep HCW going with any surplus being divided between local charities and worthy local causes. Last year we managed to make donations to Hope Cove Lifeboat, Friends of Hope Cove Harbour, St Clement's Church, Malborough Village Hall and Malborough Primary School.

Please contact Christine via email [hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecoveseecretary@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. There will be a volunteers meeting at the Cottage Hotel on Sunday 18th August at 1030am for those who can attend. More details will follow in due course. Roll on August Bank Holiday 2024!

Christine



### **Short Mat Bowls**

Hope and Galmpton Village Hall. Short Mat Bowls are played on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. Cost per person £2 to include tea and biscuits or sometimes cake!!! We play to enjoy ourselves and don't take it all too seriously, we would welcome any new players, even if you just want to try and see if you like it.

Juliet Thompson

## Community/ Bowling Lunches

These lunches are for anyone local who'd like to meet up for good food and company once a month. They are held at The Cottage Hotel and the next ones are on April 25th at 12.30 and May 23rd also at 12.30. Playing bowls is not a condition of being able to join in the lunches!!  
Juliet Thompson



### Hope Methodist Chapel

Throughout Lent we have been joining with our Anglican friends in Hope and Galmpton to consider what forgiveness is all about. Forgiveness is central to our faith and an important part of the Easter message too. Lent has been a time when many of our members have taken holidays so we have not had the chapel open in the week as much as usual. We are however pleased to say that the normal chapel opening times (Tuesday - Sunday) will resume from the Easter weekend onwards. We know many of you enjoy spending time in our peaceful chapel through the week and hope that you will continue to find blessing here.

Now we are looking forward to the Easter season starting with our celebrations on Easter Day. All are welcome to this and all our services.

Spring Concert - 12th April at 6.30pm

We are also very much looking forward to a musical concert given by the Salcombe Larks and Jazz group, at our little chapel in Inner Hope Square. This will be a celebration of music and song and we would love to see you all there. The concert will be on Friday April 12th at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments during the interval and all donations will be given to the Leprosy Mission, which is our charity this year.

Our normal Sunday services continue at 6pm on Sundays and we welcome all especially as the holiday season is beginning and more visitors find us.  
Rachel Mitchell (Mrs) Lay Minister - South Devon Methodist Circuit

### London Marathon 21<sup>st</sup> April

My name is Darren James, and I am a parish councillor in South Huish. On Sunday, April 21st, I will be running my first-ever London Marathon in aid of a cause I'm deeply passionate about: Prostate Cancer UK. With prostate cancer affecting 1 in 8 men, please help me raise awareness and much-needed funding for this incredible men's health charity.

How to sponsor: head to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/london-marathon-2024-46875](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/london-marathon-2024-46875)  
I also have a sponsor form at The Barn, Galmpton TQ7 3EY

### The Cottage Hotel

The Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove is looking forward to some spring weather, we hope!

Enjoy the hotel terrace and panoramic views and some sunsets. We are open as usual for breakfast from 8.00 am, morning coffee, snack lunch or 2 course lunches, and on Sunday our traditional Sunday lunch, afternoon teas and cream teas and Dinner in the evening. Or just come for a drink at the bar, local beers, cider or a cocktail.

Whatever the reason we look forward to welcoming you.

P.S. New for April 2024!

Pop up Water colour sessions with Lucy Penny At The Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HJ

10.30am -3.30pm Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Contact: [lucypennyartworks@gmail.com](mailto:lucypennyartworks@gmail.com)

Website: [Lucypennyartworks.co.uk](http://Lucypennyartworks.co.uk)

P.P.S. Special 'Awesome April Breaks' available throughout April, if you have any family or friends needing accommodation please enquire at reception for availability and prices on 01548 561555.

### **SMASH – Sustainable Malborough and South Huish**

In the last newsletter, I was bemoaning the wet weather and hoping it would pass, but here we are, still being rained on. I am a bit excited because, despite the weather, along with our immediate neighbour, we are putting down wildflower turf on our small patch of front garden. We're really hoping that it takes well and provides much needed colour and somewhere for all the birds and beasties to enjoy. So maybe the wet weather is helpful right now as it will naturally water it in as it beds into place. Fingers crossed!

On Saturday 2nd March SMASH hosted a Home Compost Roadshow at Malborough. Although attendance was less than we had hoped, it was a brilliantly informative day with the incredibly knowledgeable Ben Bryant and Stuart Saunders from Sustainable South Hams (SusSH). We looked at how best to build a compost heap and other methods including wormeries and Bokashi Bins. We were all amazed, looking through a microscope at a quarter millimetre of compost, how much life was there. It just confirmed for us the importance of good, healthy soil in our gardens. We are still progressing on a Community Compost Scheme for the three villages of Hope Cove, Galmpton and Malborough. As soon as we have something to report, you'll all be the first to know. We are in discussions about a site with landowners and these things, inevitably, take a bit of time. SusSH have lots of great free events and activities and you can find out more from – [www.sussh.org](http://www.sussh.org) and sign up for their newsletter.

We had a SMASH meeting on the 19th March at the Old Inn – thank you to Ray and Jo for allowing us to host it there. SMASH is looking for more people to join, particularly from Hope Cove and Galmpton, (where it is underrepresented), who are interested in environmental activities around the two parishes. If you are interested, please look out for our next meeting which will be publicised on the SMASH CEB Facebook page. In particular, SMASH needs a co-ordinator – someone to co-ordinate and arrange the meetings, help to plan out events and keep in touch with the Parish Councils. If you would be interested, please contact Tony Lyle or message on the SMASH CEB Facebook page.

#### Up-coming events

Beach cleans – Soar Mill Cove and Hope Cove – Sunday 9th June - meet at 11am – further details on SMASH CEB Facebook page nearer the time



#### **The National Trust**

As part of the Coastal Heritage Project in partnership with Historic England and the South Devon Natural Landscapes team we are continuing the investigations of the Bolt Tail Iron Age Promontory Fort on Bolt Tail.

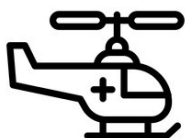
During the week of 22nd April we will be working with the fantastic volunteer team to investigate the rampart structure and carry out some more test pit digs in the fort. These are to further inform the archaeologists about the site and to start planning out remedial work to reduce erosion on some areas of the Fort. There will be an Open Day on Saturday 27th April on the site, where the team leading the dig will be available to show people any finds and explain more about the work - further details to follow.

We are holding a Drop in Session to raise awareness about the work on the farms at East Soar, Bolt Tail and Southdown Farm – changes that will be starting this year through Environmental Stewardship grants to increase the farms value for wildlife, as well as improving access for visitors through the area. We will also have information about our work with Historic England to manage and protect the many Scheduled Ancient Monuments

through these farms. We will be joined by the South Devon Natural Landscapes team who will be sharing information about their work locally. This will be between 4.30 and 6.30pm on Thursday 9th May at Malborough Village Hall – Annex we look forward to seeing you there.

On the evening of 16th May there is a Farm Walk at Southdown Farm to look at the changes on the farm for the benefit of wildlife including new hedgerows, wetland areas and wildflower meadow restoration. This is a booking only event, for further information and to book please visit Events at East Soar ([nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)) (events will be listed in the next few weeks)

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)



### **Devon Air Ambulance – Volunteers Needed**

The Devon Air Ambulance service is free of charge and available to all who reside or visit Devon! We are completely independent of government or lottery funding, so we rely on the goodwill of the residents of Devon to support us through fundraising and volunteering to help keep both our helicopters flying.

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local Kingsbridge Devon Air Ambulance shop? We have a host of tasks which need to be completed to make our shop a success. You don't have to have any previous retail experience as we offer a full induction, training and friendly support.

Volunteering is hugely rewarding and allows you to connect to your community and support others by raising important funds. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the people of Devon and help save lives! Volunteering is a great way to meet people, develop new skills and enhance your CV. This is a flexible role to fit with your lifestyle and around other commitments.

So, why not pop into our shop on Bridge Street or head over to our website to find out more! <https://www.daat.org/volunteer-kingsbridge-shop> or contact our Volunteer Engagement Officer, Charlotte Fleetwood on 01392 466 666 or email [volunteer@daat.org](mailto:volunteer@daat.org)



### **Kingsbridge Estuary u3a**

April 5<sup>th</sup> In pursuit of the Improbable

Formerly a vet, Stephen changed career to pursue a lifelong passion for wildlife photography, filming and conservation. He has made a number of TV appearances, featured in the national press and won major awards for his photography which concentrates on interesting and challenging wildlife subjects. He has an understanding of the natural history and behaviour of his subjects which include pine martens, a "smart" mouse, hornets and a tawny owl.

April 26th My Life as a Micro-artist

We are due to have a most amazing and unusual presentation, thought provoking, and highly entertaining from Graham. He is internationally renowned and is considered to be the most talented micro-artist alive. You may have heard of the Lord's Prayer being engraved on the head of a pin and the smallest portrait of the late Queen (on a gold disc inside the eye of a needle) just some Graham's amazing work. How does he do it?... Do come and find out.

All meetings are at Malborough Village Hall at 10am



## 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 and full details, visit <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)

**TALKING SHOP (ONLINE):** 3.30-6pm on Wednesday 29 May.

Another opportunity for writers (published and unpublished) to catch up on progress or otherwise, and to share publishing opportunities we've discovered. For the May meeting, our guest speaker, Angela Linney, who has recently signed up with Troubadour to publish her novel, has been keeping a diary of her journey to share with us.

For more information, join our FB group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rpetalkingshop>

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 14-17 November 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/>.

Any questions? Please ring Anne on 07721 695044 or email [anne/rainbow@btinternet.com](mailto:anne/rainbow@btinternet.com)

Anne Rainbow

## **SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Present:** Cllr Jan Carter Cllr Jo Hocking (Chairman) Cllr Darren James Cllr Anne Rossiter Cllr Tom Windle In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) Ward Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 9 NT Ranger Emma Reece Apologies: DCC. Cllr Rufus Gilbert Ward Cllr Sam Dennis Cllr Steve Pearson Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies given.

### PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM:

- Galmpton to Beacon Lane has been largely flooded since November, the floods are hiding dangerous potholes and no buddle holes are being cleared roadside. The parishioner will contact Devon Highways.
- A request was made to Cllr Long for the number of properties that are registered with the number of properties that are registered as second homes for the increased levels of council tax. Cllr Long advised that this increased level of council tax will not be charged until 2025 and the information is therefore not available.
- National Trust Ranger, Emma Reece introduced herself. The National Trust are working with tenants on the Bolberry Fields, the Councillors will be invited on a site visit and there will also be sessions for the public to explain the changes for wildlife and access in the area.

**REPORT IT:** Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, ena-



bling 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)

1. South Hams Composting Pilots: With the support of South Hams District Council, Sustainable South Hams is conducting a series of compost pilots in the region.
2. Full council will approve the plan for the coming year tomorrow, this includes an increase in council tax of 2.99%. They will also approve a premium (up to 200% council tax) for second homes, this will be imposed from April 2025. It is the intention of District Council that all of the premium raised from this will be spent on affordable and social housing.
3. The Councils Overview & Scrutiny Committee met last week, this meeting saw the General Manager of Fusion Leisure attending to answer questions on some of the issues regarding cleanliness/maintenance. They have not met a number of standards and have a programme over the coming year to increase cleanliness/maintenance levels and to increase employment levels to bring the four centres back to standard. South Hams District Council will be meeting with them every six months.

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

Missed Bins, Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged/Full Dog Bin or Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs,

#### VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATES:

South Hams District Council has confirmed that South Huish Parish Council may co-opt a new Councillor. Three expressions of interest were received, the Councillors RESOLVED to invite Rachel King to join the council

#### CLERKS REPORT

- Beach Feet update: The Kingsbridge Men's Shed have very kindly created five beach feet out of marine plywood. The feet are now with the local school for painting.
- P3 Footpaths, documentation has now been finalised and sent to Devon County Council by our footpaths officer.
- Car Park Complaints, another complaint has been received and it has been noted that there are further complaints on social media. We have highlighted these issues and the long-term implications for Hope Cove to local MP, Anthony Mangnall.
- We await sight of the Devon County Council parish led road improvement information.
- MP Anthony Mangnall is due to hold an open surgery in the parish on 10th April.

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

1. 0469/24/HHO, Paradies, Bolberry Road, TQ7 3HT, proposed extension & alterations to existing dwelling, removal of two existing outbuildings & construction of new home office / studio outbuilding, formation of new parking area for three cars, stepped access path & associated drainage & landscaping. 12/3. OBJECT

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

1. 3368/22/FUL, Sand Pebbles Hotel. No Decision Yet.
2. 4031/21/FUL, Sand Pebbles, Secretary of State Appeal. Dismissed (Refused)
3. 3847/22/FUL, Land to East of Thornlea View, Secretary of State Appeal. No Decision Yet.
4. 3910/22/FUL, Sea Thrift, Hope Cove, TQ7 3HH, Secretary of State Appeal. No Decision Yet.
5. 3093/23/VAR, Little Shear, 26/10. No Decision Yet.
6. 3559/22/FUL, Atlantic Lodge, Hope Cove, Secretary of State Appeal. No Decision Yet.
7. 4239/23/FUL, Field West Of White Cross At Sx702396, 9/2 No Decision Yet.
8. 4208/23/HHO, 4 Channel View Drive, 8/2 No Decision Yet.
9. 4079/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, 25/1 Withdrawn.
10. 4085/23/LBC, The Beachcomber, 25/1 No Decision Yet.
11. 4084/23/FUL, The Beachcomber. No Decision Yet.
12. 3928/23/HHO, Eldoret, Galmpton. 8/2. No Decision Yet.
13. 4253/23/CLE, Alston Gate, Malborough. No Decision Yet.
14. 3850/23/HHO, 5 Channel View Drive. Conditional Approval.

**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 report full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted, via [www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach)

BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

- a) It was RESOLVED to confirm support for a potential composting site in either Malborough or South Huish Parish.
- b) To discuss a possible beacon event for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day 6th June. The major concern is the potential fire risk at that time of year. It was agreed to defer this until March to speak to the Harbour Master about options.
- c) A discussion regarding replacement memorial benches was deferred to March.
- d) It was RESOLVED to turn two of the primary school posters into signage to be used in the parish.

Proposed Meetings: 13th Mar, 10th Apr, 8th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th 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)

#### **Prawle Point Coastwatch April 2024**

What a wet, soggy Spring it has been so far. Not the weather to tempt boaters out onto the water, or walkers onto the Coastal Path. Hopefully, with Easter arriving at last, things will improve. Remember that if you are passing our lookout, you can call in and have your SWCP passport stamped, have a chat with the watchkeepers and look round the lookout. AND don't forget your camera.

In January we had a welcome addition to the lookout – a brand new window. And the best thing was – we found a local firm to install it for us – no easy job carrying it up the cliff! It's wonderful to now have a clearer view of the boats on the horizon.

In February our last new recruit qualified as a fully-fledged watchkeeper. We have seven new ones this year and it has made such a difference to our ability to keep the lookout open every day. Congratulations to them all.

This means that we are looking towards our next training season which begins in the Autumn and it is not too early to sign up. If you think you might be interested you can come up to the Lookout and get the flavour of what it all means by doing an Observation Watch. Just contact us at [prawlepoint@nci.org.uk](mailto:prawlepoint@nci.org.uk).

No prior knowledge is needed as all training is provided.

We've just published a new leaflet, PQ News March 2024, which you can pick from the lookout or from any of our watchkeepers.

The lookout is manned every day from 9am and we are now open until 8pm every evening during the summer. Our website is [www.nci-prawlepoint.org.uk](http://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**

10 <sup>th</sup> April	MP Anthony Mangnall Open Surgery Home and Galmpton Village Hall	6pm-7pm
10th Apr	SOUTH HUIISH PARISH COUNCIL Galmpton Village Hall	7pm
12th April	Spring Concert, Salcombe Larks and Jazz group Methodist Church	6.30pm
April 25th	Community/ Bowling Lunch Cottage Hotel	12.30
27th April	National Trust Open Day, Bolt Tail Iron Age Promontory Fort	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	SOUTH HUIISH PARISH COUNCIL Galmpton Village Hall	7pm
9th May	Drop in about East Soar, Bolt Tail and Southdown Farm Malborough Village Hall – Annex	4.30pm - 6.30pm
16th May	Farm Walk, Southdown Farm Booking only event, for further information and to book please visit (nationaltrust.org.uk)	Events at East Soar

## **Rubbish Collection holiday dates**

Easter

Usual collection Friday 5 April

Will be Saturday 6 April

Early Spring Bank Holiday

Usual collection Monday 6th May

Will be Tuesday 7th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Usual collection Monday 27th May

Will be Tuesday 28th May

## **Future diary events**

SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL future meetings, 12th Jun, 10th Jul, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov

Beach cleans – Soar Mill Cove and Hope Cove – Sunday 9th June - meet at 11am – further details on SMASH CEB Facebook page nearer the time

Defibrillator Training 2024: South Milton on 14th June and Malborough on 24th June

HOPE COVE WRITERS' RETREAT at the Cottage Hotel 14-17 November 2024

**Copy deadline for the June/July issue: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

## **Nature Notes**

So far it has been a pretty miserable year weather wise. This might explain the unusual sighting of an otter scrambling around the Cottage Hotel balcony. Otters are not regular visitors to the Cottage but not entirely unknown in the district particularly around the rivers. And that might explain the curious incident. The rivers, streams and ponds have been severely tested with all of the rain we have been having. It seems quite plausible that the very fast flowing watercourses may have washed the otter out of its usual environment into turbulent waters—possibly out to sea. Hopefully it will have overcome any difficulties and resumed its normal routine. Must have been a fantastic sight—they are so incredibly appealing.

Providing both comedy and tragedy at NNI headquarters have been a clutch of pheasants. Initially a couple of hens discovered the bird feeders and spent many hours eating the shower of sunflower hearts dropped by the goldfinches and their friends. As soon as our CEO went out the ladies scurried away. Not to be put off by their timidity our intrepid colleague persisted in throwing some seeds toward the shy ladies. Well it was only a matter of a few days before one of the ladies started to chase our chief around the garden. Then a couple of further hens and a cock started to join in on the high jinks. Pure comedy! The tragedy came as one morning we found a dead mutilated cock pheasant on the neatly manicured upper lawn! Quelle tragédie as we French speakers are prone to say! Almost certainly the work of a fox. We have had reports of foxes locally and there is 'fox' pooh on our superbly manicured lower lawn. A fine example of nature being red in tooth and claw! Please do not embarrass me—the quote is not original but from Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem 'In Memoriam A.H.H.' where you will also find the line 'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all'.

Not an easy poem to read!

If you have any fascinating stories or observations relating to nature and would like to share them—please feel free to email or phone NNI headquarters at [tom@ariadnebc.co.uk](mailto:tom@ariadnebc.co.uk) Tel: 01548562021.

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Alvington Singers	7.30pm
	Buckfast Abbey	
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Community/ Bowling Lunch	12.30
	Cottage Hotel	
29 May	TALKING SHOP (ONLINE), guest speaker, Angela Linney	3.30-6pm

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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/roadandtransport/report-a-problem">new.devon.gov.uk/roadandtransport/report-a-problem</a>	
Other useful contacts:		
Action Fraud		03454 040506
Police – Salcombe Harbour Office		843791
Redfern Health Centre, Salcombe		842284
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“ “	Sue Dobson	842784
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“	Darren James	562632
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South Huish C of E Churches	Parish office	842626
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**Alvington Singers**

Harriet Oakley *director*

Robert Pecksmith *organ*

**Saturday 18th May 2024**

**at 19:30**

**Tickets £15**

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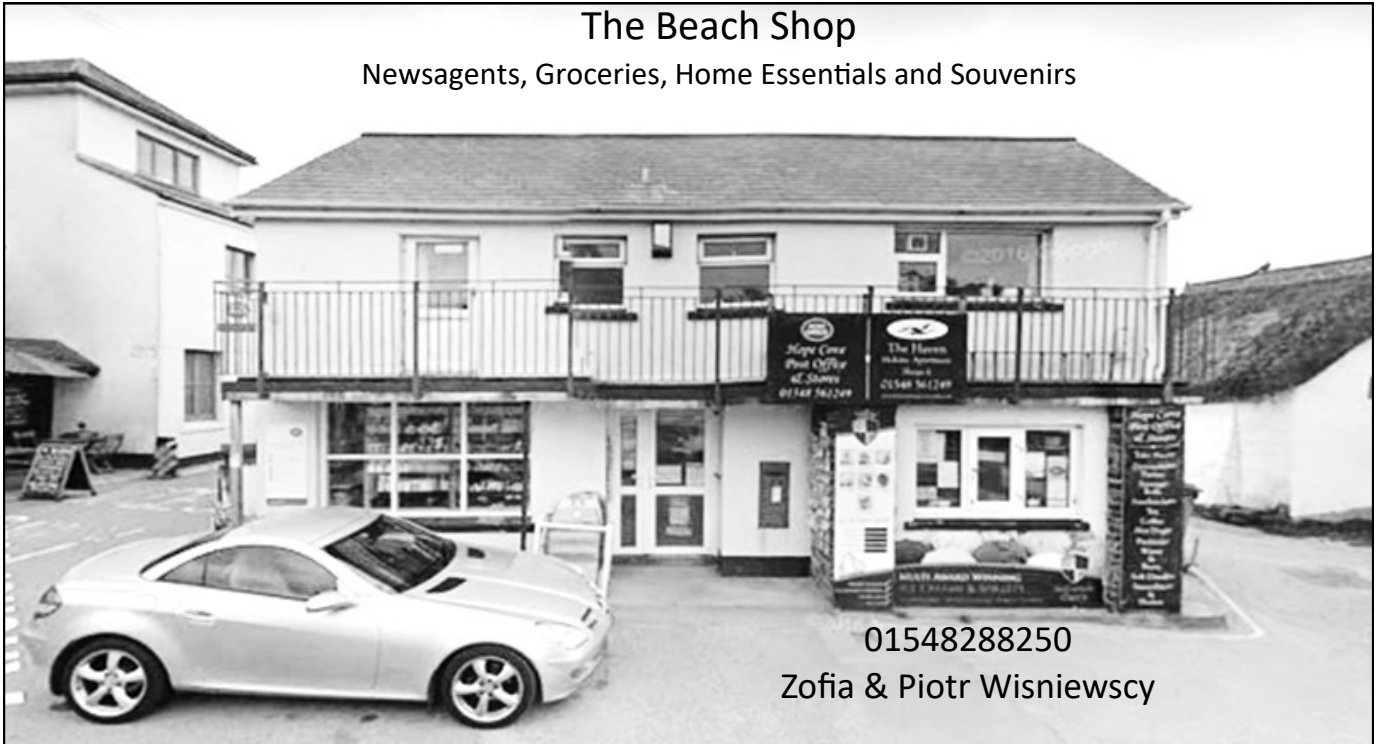
Alvington Singers performs an eclectic programme with composers ranging from Purcell and Victoria to Casals, Gjeilo and Stroepe, as well as their title piece *Toward the Unknown Region* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.





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